



Merry Christmas



Weather

	HIGH	LOW	PREC.
December 24	38	30	
December 23	55	26	
December 22	47	21	
December 21	55	17	
Total precip. to date 15.41"			

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Mobile Home Ordinance Gets Response

***** C Of C Lists Coming Event

Plans are well underway for the annual Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture banquet which will be held on January 22, 1976. Miss Shirley Cothran, Miss America, 1975 will be guest speaker and Dr. Charles Lewis will serve as master of ceremonies. Nine ounce KC strips will be served for the meal.

Other plans in the offing sponsored by your local Chamber of Commerce will be a circus for April of 1976. The Chamber has signed a contract with Franzen Brothers' Circus and proceeds will go to the fund for the 1976 July 4th celebration.

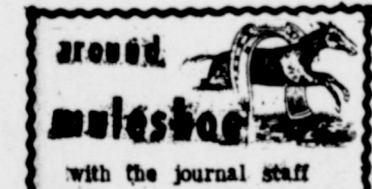
The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce will attend the monthly Chamber Breakfast in Lubbock to receive a Friendship award.

The Bicentennial coin has been ordered and should be in some time in January according to Tommy Black, Chamber manager.

Gordon Wilson reported that the last Chamber Early Bird Breakfast, held on November 20 at 6:30 a.m. at the Corral Restaurant was a success with around 48 people in attendance. The program was given by Dr. Jerry Gleason and was concerning the proposed Civic Center. By-Laws and amendments were presented at this time by President Kenneth Henry, voted on and approved.

The Chamber wishes to express their appreciation to the Bailey County Electric, City of Muleshoe and Southwestern Public Service Company for their help with the Christmas tree decorations and the Street Lighting.

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Rodney Steve Turnbow was recently named to the Vice-President's Honor Roll at the Mid-Continent Campus of Texas State Technical Institute, according to Lovell A. Pillow, General Manager of the Amarillo Campus. Membership to the Vice-President's Honor Roll is attained by maintaining a 3.5 grade average.

Rodney is majoring in Construction Technology and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turnbow of Box 46, Lariat, Texas and he is a 1975 graduate of Muleshoe High School.

Katherine Kay Schuster, senior at Howard Payne University, has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Miss Schuster is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schuster of Muleshoe. She is a 1972 graduate of Muleshoe High School.

A speech and hearing therapy major, Miss Schuster is a member of Mu Sigma Theta, honorary society for handswomen; Student Foundation and dorm council. She is drum majorette for the HPU Swingin' Stinger band and plays in the musical orchestra.

Jurrell Ottwell, of Muleshoe, suffered a heart attack early Tuesday morning. His condition is listed as stable at West Plains Memorial Hospital. Ottwell became ill around 4 a.m. Tuesday.

Donald Rempe of Muleshoe is in Goodland, Kansas to attend his brother's funeral. Herbert Rempe will be buried at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, in Goodland.

It was announced today that the Lazbuddie Tax office will be open on December 31, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.



THE BIG MOMENT ARRIVES... Hooray! "Now we can open our packages," exclaimed young Kimberly and Skipper Carnes, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carnes of Muleshoe. Kimberly is

six and attends kindergarten while Skipper is four years old. Their father is assistant manager of C.R. Anthony's and Mrs. Carnes (Judy) is the receptionist at West Plains Memorial Hospital.

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS IN BICENTENNIAL AMERICA

THE BEGINNING — On December 25, 1492, the history of Christmas started in the New World, when Columbus' ship, the Santa Maria, was abandoned off the coast of Haiti.

In Virginia in the year 1613 a record by an expedition of Captain John Smith reads: "The extreme winds, rays, frost and snow caused us to keep Christmas among the salvages where we were never more merry, nor fed on more plenty of good Oysters, Fish, Flesh, Wilde fowl and good bread, nor never had better fires in England."

Settlers in Virginia brought many customs from England, the burning of the Yule log, ringing bells, lavish dining, dancing, games and Christmas carols. Churches and homes were decorated colorfully, and parties and balls were memorable.

The Pilgrim Fathers arrived in Plymouth some 7 years later, bringing with them their strong distaste for Christmas. Thanksgiving day, with its feasting and neighborly celebrations with friendly Indians, was more like Christmas.

In 1659, the General Court of Massachusetts enacted the law by which "anyone who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting, or any other way, any such days as Christmas day, shall pay for every such offense 5 shillings." However, the Puritans did not have their way for long and the anti-Christmas law was repealed in 1681.

HAPPIER CHRISTMASSES — The chief winter celebration of the jolly Dutch in New Amsterdam was on December 6, St. Nicholas' Day. Significantly enough, it was a figurehead of this very saint that graced their ship, the Goede Vrouw, that brought them to America in 1630.

On St. Nicholas feast day the Dutch carried his statue down the street, with children joining in... the promise of presents bright in their eyes.

Gradually, however, the increasing number of English in this area brought about the adaptation of many of the old customs; with the arrival of the first German dissenters in 1700, we find a tremendous increase in the observance of Christmas. It is with the Germans that the universal

customs of Kriss Kringel or Santa Claus, and the Christmas tree originate. The rapid growth of our country brought about less religious antagonism. The intermingling of people of different religious and national backgrounds also helped.

One of the more important historical events that took place on Christmas was the crossing of the Delaware by George Washington and his troops, in 1776, when they defeated the Hessians at Trenton, New Jersey. The Americans routed the redcoats who were sleeping off

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Corn Acreage Expected To Increase On Plains

LUBBOCK — With the 1975 bumper corn crop harvested, some Texas High Plains producers are looking forward to next year's plantings with an eye to increasing their acreages. A Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist says despite the odds against a repeat of this year's record crop, corn acreage will increase.

"Everything fell into place for corn producers on the High Plains last season," says Marvin Sartin, area Extension Service farm management econo-

mist. "Rainfall was about right, which saved irrigation costs and boosted yields. Prices were good, and harvesting weather was excellent."

"We expect the upward trend in corn production to continue, but on a more modest scale than in the past."

"This season, we had about one million acres in corn production in a 42-county area. This compares to 700,000 acres in 1974, most of which was grown for grain and the other for silage. In 1965, we had only

50,000 acres in corn, and practically all of it for silage."

Sartin says the 42-county High Plains corn producing area in 1973 had 60 percent of the acreage and 80 percent of total corn grain production in Texas. With practically all the 42-county area under irrigation, yields of 130 bushels per acre outlasted the remainder of the Texas acreage, most of which is grown without irrigation, averaging 45 bushels per acre.

Some unfavorable factors, though may cause farmers to

steer away from corn in favor of sorghum, Sartin believes.

"For one thing, producers with marginal resources such as water may expect higher corn yields than their resources can produce. In many situations where low yields can be expected if rainfall is not extremely timely, a 6,000-pound sorghum crop would be favored under presently assumed input prices."

"Costs of pumping and availability of sufficient irrigation

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***** Half Inch Of Snow Covers Muleshoe

It looks like that dream of a "White Christmas" may come true, if Wednesday's weather is any indication of what is in store for the area on Christmas Day. The Muleshoe area received about a half inch of snow that stayed on the ground, said weatherman Jeff Peeler of the city. Total precipitation from Tuesday nights storm measured .11 of an inch bringing the total to date at 15.41 inches.

Yesterday's high was 38 degrees reaching a low of 30 during the night.

This winter's first snow of any strength began to fall at mid-afternoon Tuesday and forecasts call for a 20 percent chance of precipitation today (Wednesday). Heavy snow warnings were posted for Texas mountain areas and travelers advisories were issued for western sections of the South Plains.

Plainview received five inches of snow, slopping streets and highways with weather-related accidents resulting.

Lubbock received two inches of snow, keeping police busy investigating 40 accidents.

The Lubbock forecast called for an accumulation of one to three inches of snow before dawn Wednesday. Skies were expected to clear from the west late Wednesday.

Farmer's Tax Guides Here

Bailey County Extension Agent says the Farmer's Tax Guides have been received in his office. They are free and available to anyone who needs one. You may come by the office and pick one up or call the office and one will be mailed to you.

The Guides are designed to assist and help the farmers prepare their 1975 Federal Income Tax Returns. Many examples are printed in the Guide which should assist producers on different tax laws that would apply to the farming situation.

Police Report

Two local juveniles were apprehended in Amarillo last Thursday, December 18, in connection with the burglary of the Watson home at Progress. Several guns were reported stolen from this residence.

Another local man was apprehended Monday in connection with the burglary of Texas Sesame.

Cotton Prices Decline

Grower prices were \$5.00 to \$7.50 per bale lower during the week ending December 19, according to Paul R. Dickson, in Charge of the Lubbock Cotton Classing Office. Farmers sold mixed new crop lots of mostly grades 41 and 42, staples 29 and 30, mikes 3.0 through 4.9 for about 42.75 cents per pound.

Mixed lots of mostly grades 41, 32 and 42; staples 30 through 33, mikes 2.7 through 3.2 brought 40.50 to 41.50 cents.

The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service reported trading was slow and growers offered new crop cotton in moderate volume.

Demand was light to very light, Dickson said.

Prices paid growers for cottonseed ranged from 75-110 dollars per ton, mostly 75 to 85 dollars.

Grades 42 and 52 were the predominate grades classed this week. Grade 42 accounted for 40 percent and grade 52, 28 percent. Bark reductions were assigned to 38 percent of the samples classed.

Staples 29, 30 and 31 were the predominate lengths. Staple 29 amounted to 22 percent; staple 30, 38 percent; and staple 31, 21 percent.

Mike readings 3.5 through 4.9 amounted to four percent of the total. Mike group 3.3 through

3.4 accounted for five percent; 3.0 through 3.2 range 20 percent; mike 2.7 through 2.9, 39 percent; and 2.6 and below, 32 percent.

Pressley tests indicated breaking strengths at Lubbock averaged 85,000 pounds per square inch.

Both dairy and beef heifers, should be vaccinated between the ages of two and six months, preferably as soon after two months as possible, points out Spencer Tanksly, county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

He cites three advantages of early vaccination: (1) the animals are protected against the disease at an earlier age; (2) they are much less apt to show residual titers when tested later; and (3) under present regulations "officially vaccinated" heifers can move without requiring the Bang's test until they reach 24 months for beef and 20 months for dairy breeds.

Heifers more than six months old that are not "officially vaccinated" must be tested prior to

movement or sale for breeding purposes, emphasizes Tanksly.

The strain 19 brucella abortus vaccine should be administered by a veterinarian or a state or federal animal health official. Vaccinated animals are permanently identified with a tattoo or brand and are reported to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). Copies of vaccination records are provided to the owner and are also maintained by the TAHC for proof of "official vaccination."

Bull calves or adult animals of either sex should not be vaccinated, notes Tanksly.

Males may react by becoming sterile, and older females may suffer residual reactions which are difficult to differentiate from the disease when a blood test is taken.

Tanksly reminds producers to castrate all bull calves to facilitate marketing and to buy only "officially vaccinated" replacement heifers from known brucellosis-free herds.

***** City Gives More Consideration

"More work needs to be done on the proposed Mobile Home Ordinance," was the decision of City Dads when they met Tuesday, December 23 at City Hall for their regular City Council meeting.

Much discussion was held and it was finally decided the ordinance should be written in two separate sections with no cross reference, separating the regulations for mobile homes parked within a mobile home park. This decision was made because it was felt by the Council that it could be more easily read and understood by the people.

Fred Payne, owner of a local mobile home park was present and commented on the portion of the proposed ordinance that would pertain to mobile home park owners. He discussed the distance recommended between mobile homes, in reference to fire hazards. Payne said he feels mobile homes in Muleshoe is a going thing due to the high cost of building permanent residential structures.

Payne also referred to the portion regarding ground cover and beautification of a mobile home park as noted in the proposed ordinance. He told the council how he had tried to get ground cover started at his park but people would drive over it, making it hard to get anything started. He also told of planting trees which were destroyed by vandalism.

Payne pointed out that most of the mobile homes parked in his park were there on a permanent basis. He also discussed the problem of off-street parking and providing hard surfaced parking space. Payne told the council he had tried to provide recreation equipment at his park but it was also torn up.

Payne's main point was the fact that the City of Muleshoe not be too hard on Mobile Home Park owners because they are going to provide a service that is badly needed by the community. He said he is in favor of the City doing something about the situation but suggested that

instead of the City appearing to be too hard on the mobile home park owner, he should be welcomed with open arms - "he needs the city's cooperation, not criticism," Payne stated.

Councilman Max King recommended the City have two separate ordinances or two separate sections, one for mobile homes placed outside a mobile home park and one for those parked in a mobile home park. He made a motion to this effect and the motion carried.

King stated that the main issue or stand the council needs to decide upon is whether or not there should be no mobile homes within the city unless parked in a mobile home park or whether the regulations would be written so that they would not pose too great a hardship on those parked outside a park.

King said he feels the way the proposed ordinance is written concerning spacing is awfully restrictive considering the housing situation the city now faces.

He pointed out that in many instances there is a need for someone to place a mobile home on the back of their property in order to care for some elderly person.

Mayor Alex Williams stated his main concern was for the safety of mobile home residents and the tie-down regulations.

It was the consensus of opinion that when making the required inspections as possible should be made in one trip and that the city should charge as little as they can. None of the councilmen had any arguments with the safety aspects in the ordinance.

Councilman Kenneth Henry says he thinks the City shouldn't say, "We don't want mobile homes, but I feel we should say we want them under certain standards."

King said he feels there is a need for an ordinance so that when a persons comes in and parks his trailer, it is going to be there, going to be safe with proper water, gas and sewer

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Calf Vaccination For Brucellosis

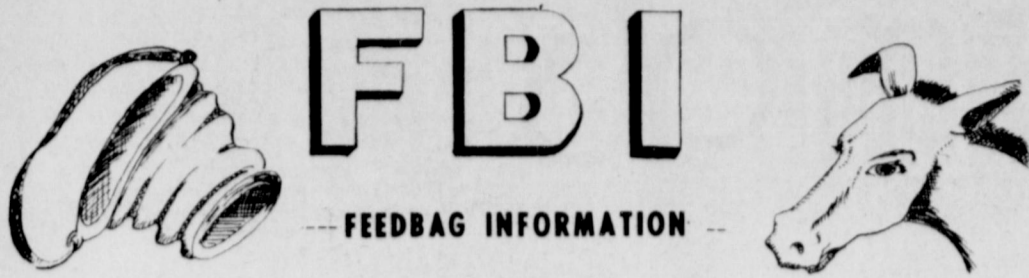
With the continued increase in brucellosis (Bang's disease) in Texas and several other states, cattlemen are advised to vaccinate all heifer calves with the official strain 19 brucella abortus vaccine.

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At Muleshoe Junior High



'A' Team Discovers Win And Loss

On December 8, the 8th grade "A" team won a victory over Olton by a score of 28-12. High pointer was Zeke Pecina with 10 points. Next was James Atwood with 6 and right behind him was Mike Northcutt with 5 points. Terry Burton scored 4 and Mark Northcutt scored 3 points.

What Is Christmas Poll Taken

This week a poll was taken from the M.J.H.S. student body. The topic was WHAT IS CHRISTMAS TO YOU? The results were pretty much the same. Lots of people said that it was getting presents, some said it was getting out of school. Two or three people said they liked seeing their relatives. Eating a

"A" team and lost with a matter of seconds left in the ball game by a score of 23-22. High pointer was Sam Whalin.

On the 11, 12 and 13 of December, the Muleshoe 8th grade "A" and "B" teams had a tournament here in Muleshoe. Teams competing in the tournament were "A" and "B" team Mules, Friona, Lazbuddie, Farwell, Dimmitt, Littlefield, and

lot was another answer. A lot of the teachers said taking a long rest. Others said it was giving and receiving, sharing, having fun, love.

But over all we saw that the whole Muleshoe Junior High was in high Christmas spirits. The Journalism Staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Morton. The "A" team played Farwell first and won a victory of 29-25.

The "B" team played Morton first and lost by a score of 44-15. Next, on the 12, the "B" team played Lazbuddie and lost so the "B" team was out of the tournament.

The "A" team played Littlefield and lost by a score of 26-25. Littlefield scored two points in the last five seconds of the game and won. Therefore, Muleshoe now had a chance for 3rd place. They played Dimmitt for 3rd place on Saturday, the 13, and won by a score of 31-21.

On Monday, the 15, the "A" and "B" teams played another regular game with Morton. The "B" team lost by a score of 28-26.

The "A" team won by a score of 31-23.

'B' Team Girls Make Comeback

After two games lost, the "B" team girls made a comeback and won two games. Last week the girls played Morton there. The Mulettes hustled and won the game by a score of 28-18.

The high pointer of the game was Tammy Williams with 11 points followed by Lorena Martinez with 7, Agnes Lopez with 6 and Gloria Castorena 4.

The guards played a good defensive game and kept them from scoring more than 18 points.



SANDY DUNBAR
Miss MJHS

'A' Team Girls Defeat Morton

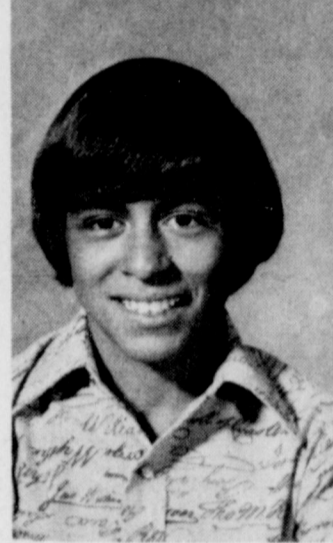
December 15, 1975, the Mulettes played Morton. The game started about 5:30.

The final score of the game was 46 to 18 in favor of the Mulettes. The high pointer was Shelly Dunham with 30 points. Becky Turner and Jo Ronda Rhodes each had 8 points. All of the Mulettes guards played a terrific defensive game and kept the Morton forwards from scoring very high.

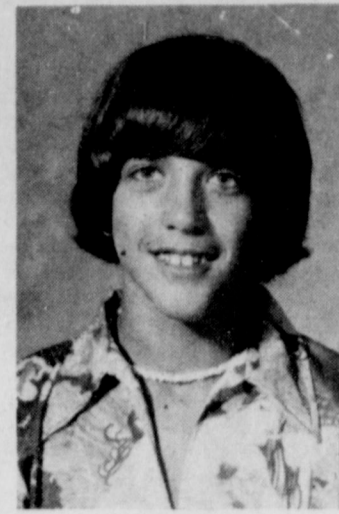
Their next game will be against the Dimmitt Bobbies at Dimmitt on January 5, 1976.



LAURI BURGESS
Miss MJHS



LUPE ROSALES
6th Grade Class Favorite



MIKE NORTHCUTT
Mr. MJHS



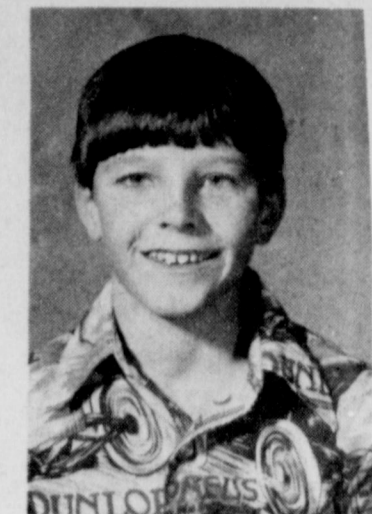
JAN WHITT
6th Grade Class Favorite



JO RONDA RHODES
8th Grade Class Favorite



LESLIE WAGNON
7th Grade Class Favorite



CODY CRITTENDON
8th Grade Class Favorite



CLIFFORD WATSON
7th Grade Class Favorite

Wagnon, Balderas Share Recipes

PICKLED JALAPENO PEPPERS

It is a Mexican tradition that we can hot peppers each year. So I made up a recipe one year for these peppers, and it is quite good but hot!

-Mrs. Manuel (Janie) Balderas

3/4 cup Crisco oil
4 quarts Jalapenos (washed and dried)
3 cups sliced carrots
3 cups sliced onions
8 cloves garlic
2 Tablespoons oregano (wild Marjoram)

1 quart water
1/2 quart vinegar
Salt to taste (about 1/3 cup)
Put oil and peppers in large pan on low heat. Stir until peppers begin to turn color. Add carrots and onions and stir about 5 or 10 minutes longer. Turn off heat.
Bring water and salt to a rolling boil and add vinegar. Add this to peppers and add garlic and oregano. Stir to mix and boil about 10 or 15 minutes more. Put in jars and seal.

PRUNE CAKE
This is another recipe, shared by Mrs. Marvin Wilterding, and it was acquired in the 1920's from her mother, the late Mrs. J.J. Head. This recipe also probably came from Mills County, Texas.

-Leslie Wagnon-
Mix ingredients in order given:
3/4 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 cup prunes (unsweetened -- cooked and cut into small pieces)
3 Tablespoons sour cream
3 eggs

Sift together:
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cloves
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice

Mix liquid and dry ingredients together. Bake in 3 layers at 350 degrees.

FILLING
1 cup sugar
1 cup prunes (unsweetened -- cooked and cut)
1/2 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1/2 cup nuts, if desired
Mix and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Spread between layers, top and sides of cake.

MJHS Elects Class Favorites

Last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Muleshoe Junior High elected their class favorites. They do this every year at about the middle part of school. This is a great honor to have and these students are proud of it.

The 6th grade class favorites are: Lupe Rosales and Jan Whitt. The 7th grade favorites are: Clifford Watson and Leslie Wagnon. The 8th grade favorites are: Cody Crittendon and Jo Ronda Rhodes.

On the same days, the students were picking the Mr. and Miss M.J.H.S. The honor must go to 8th grade students. The winners were: Mr. M.J.H.S. - Mike Northcutt, and for Miss M.J.H.S., there was a tie between Sandy Dunbar and Lauri Burgess. These two will share the honor.

Students See Movie

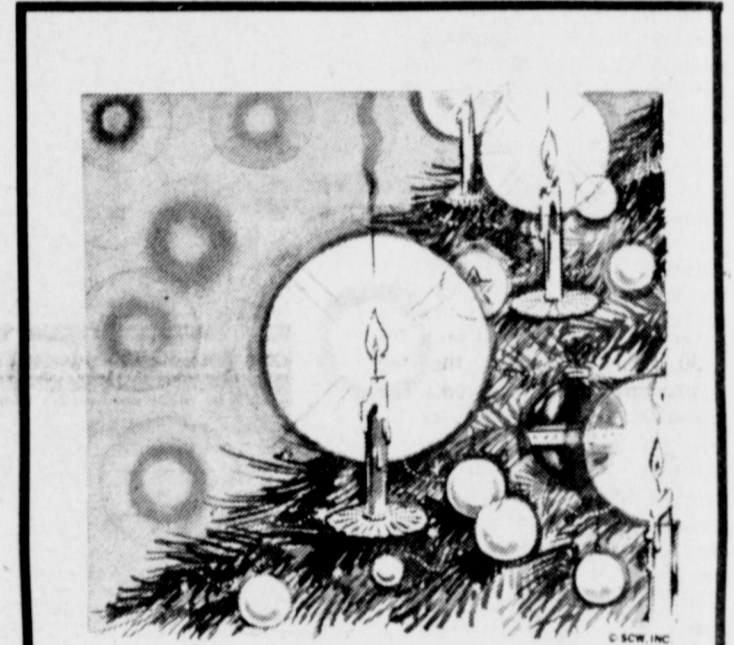
The students of Muleshoe Junior High saw their first movie of the year, Tuesday, December 16. It lasted from 1 p.m. to about 3 p.m. The movie was "The Cowboys" starring John Wayne. The admission price was 50 cents per student. For those who did not wish to go to the movie Mrs. Page held a study hall in room 6.

The proceeds from this movie went to the Junior High Student Council.

Christmas Concert A Success

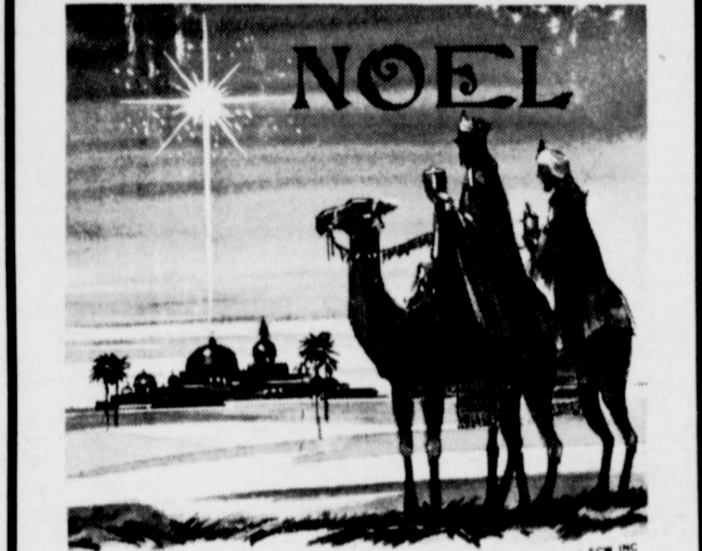
On Thursday, December 18, 1975, the Muleshoe Junior High Band, under the direction of Martha Anthis, and the Mighty "M" Band, under the direction of Tony Clines, entertained a large crowd with their annual Christmas Concert. The Junior High Band performed the following selections: "The Star Spangled Banner", "Green-sleeves", selections from "Nut-cracker Suite", "Jonathan Livingston Seagull Medley", "The Little Drummer Boy", and "The Swinging Kudu". Sandy Dunbar and Cody Crittendon were named as this year's Band Favorites.

Congratulations on an outstanding performance.



We hope your home and heart will be filled with laughter, joy and good will this glad Holiday season--

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Merry Christmas

Heartfelt wishes for a glowing Yuletide overflowing with good cheer and happy days. We are thinking of you, our dear friends, and hoping your holidays will be filled with many delights.
Special thanks to all.
Barry & Young Equip.

JOY

and our best wishes for a cheerful CHRISTMAS
District Clerk
NELDA HERRIOTT

Let the joyful songs of Christmas ring out for all to hear and peace and good will abound throughout the world this year.
Bratcher Motor Supply

Mobile....

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Councilman Clarence Christian said he feels there should be a provision in the ordinance that would provide for "special situations", referring to homes placed on the back of a lot to house an elderly person who needs care.

King indicated he felt there should be more work done on the space requirements before he is satisfied with the ordinance.

City Manager Dave Marr stated the ordinance offers the same kind of protection as would a Zoning Ordinance, pointing out that the proposed ordinance was written in response to complaints received by his office from citizens who have mobile homes parked next to them.

At this point King remarked, "I don't say we don't need some regulation, but I feel these are a little bit too restrictive and they need a little bit of flexibility."

Mayor Williams suggested that there be more work done on the ordinance and that council members who have comments get with the City Manager and voice them.

In other business, a franchise agreement with Southwestern Public Service was tabled until they could get an attorney to go over it. Jeff Peeler, SWPS was present to answer any questions and make comments concerning the agreement.

Also present for the meeting was Frank Ellis, owner of Singleton-Ellis Funeral Home to discuss the ambulance subsidy. Ellis pointed out that he was going to need to replace one ambulance within the next calendar year. Since SPAG did not go ahead and pursue HEW funds for an emergency plan by which the City could receive a new ambulance, it will now be up to the city and county to replace any equipment needed.

Ellis stated that he is presently utilizing one of his funeral vehicles as an ambulance and it would not be long before it will be worn out at this rate.

The Ambulance Subsidy proposal would allow for an increase in cost.

It was noted by one of the councilmen that most people did not realize that regulations set by the federal government are very restrictive and must be met by anyone running an ambulance service.

A motion was made and approved that the increase in the subsidy be granted for a period of one year, subject to the County's participation on a 70-30 basis and that the fee structure be considered. The contract would require an increase in the City's contribution from \$36000 annually to \$54,000 annually or from \$300 monthly to \$450 monthly.

It was learned at the meeting that Ray Griffith is planning to expand the storage capacity of

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Recognition was given the E.O. Bakers for giving the Christmas tree which the Chamber erected at the Mule Memorial site. They had the tree growing in their yard for the past 23 years and it was blown down during the big wind storm of a few Saturday's ago.

Also in conjunction with the Christmas holidays, appreciation was expressed to Terry Field, Frank Ellis, Kem Bales and Paul Harbin for their cooperation with the Santa Hut, as well as to Mat Phleps and George Washington.

It was noted that "Llano Estacado did it again." They conducted another successful Christmas Parade.

The Chamber is still working with the Law Enforcement officers on "Operation Identification". Anyone wishing to use one of the markers to mark their valuables may come by the Chamber office and check one out.

his elevator. The city has an eight inch main that may have to be relocated or terminated. The councilmen decided to turn the matter over to the city manager and city engineer to take care of at their discretion.

A slide presentation was made of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, in order to meet the public meeting criteria of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

It was noted that the ground storage reservoir is leaking and the contractor was notified to take care of the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The Story...

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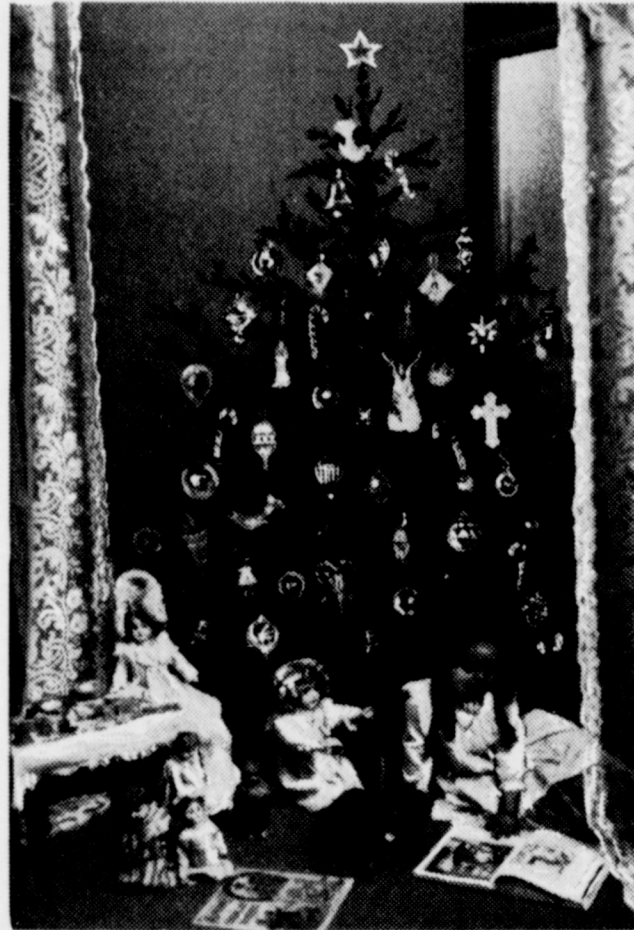
the effects of the holiday!

Sunday Schools, which had their beginning in the first half of the nineteenth century, helped to promote the acceptance of many folk customs, most importantly, Santa Claus and the use of the Christmas tree. Charles Dickens, in his beautiful classic, did much to popularize this colorful holiday, but it was some time before Christmas came to be celebrated as we know it now.

THE HOLIDAY ON THE MOVING FRONTIER — The advancing of the frontier westward took with it this welcome holiday. Turkey shoots, which provided fowl for the table, were very popular. Festivities were often wild and noisy.

Traditional Christmases were celebrated in the west, and in 1846, a German visitor to Texas writes about seeing a richly decorated and illuminated Christmas tree, in a territory held by Indians a short time before.

Firecrackers and the shooting of guns were a part of the southern Christmas that traveled as far north as southwest Pennsylvania. National groups who settled outside the thirteen colonies carried with them the old customs of their former homes. In New Orleans, the wanderings of the Three Kings was symbolized by the French réveillons, gifts



HOME INTERIOR SCENE, Loomis, California. Christmas about 1919. Possibly the home of the photographer. Photograph courtesy of The Oakland Museum, Oakland, Calif.

Corn...

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water will have to be carefully considered because corn requires about 25 acre inches of water for full production in an average season. Last year producers grew bumper crops with the benefits of unusually timely rainfall. Unlike sorghum and wheat, corn does not perform well under limited irrigation.

"The availability and price of fertilizer will also enter into the picture," he adds, "especially since a 150-bushel corn crop requires about 200 pounds of nitrogen per acre."

Dr. Frank C. Petr, area Extension Service agronomist at Amarillo, gives several reasons for the popularity of corn on the High Plains in addition to current favorable market prices. "Corn is well adapted to the soils and climate of the High Plains and responds abundantly to proper irrigation, fertilizer and management inputs," he says. "And much of the equipment required for corn production with the exception of the corn harvesting head is also used for production of grain sorghum, making it possible for producers to grow both crops using virtually the same equipment."

Petr says there are relatively few production hazards that are devastating to the crop.

Hail, for instance, generally damages only a small percentage of the total crop. Heavy hail damage at critical growth stages, when the growing point is above ground level until pollination is complete, can destroy a crop, resulting in replanting. Hail occurring after the seed has been set is less damaging since the corn plant may be nearly defoliated at that stage and still produce a respectable yield.

Another hazard is the corn borer insect pest. Eating its way to the base of corn stalks, he weakens the plant causing it to fall. Fortunately, Southwestern corn borer infestations have only minor effects on total grain yields, says Petr. Farmers can partially control the insect by a well-timed spray program or by discing corn stubble to destroy overwintering larvae.

Sartin says the economic haz-

ard probably play the greatest role in dictating corn planting intentions. Inflation drives up variable input costs such as seed, fertilizer, insecticide, herbicide, labor, harvesting, hauling and grain drying. Fixed costs, such as tractors and machines, labor and land rental also are way up.

For a 130-bushel corn yield and 6,000 pounds of sorghum, Sartin figures the variable costs per

acre total about \$189 for corn and \$140 for sorghum. This amounts to \$2.60 per 100-weight of grain for corn compared to \$2.33 for sorghum. But because of increased yields and higher prices assumed for corn, income above variable costs is about \$136 for corn and \$115 for sorghum.

The competitiveness of these two crops, Sartin says, depends on the individual resource situa-

tion on each farm.

Ultimately, the type of farming operation and available local resources will dictate how much corn is grown as opposed to sorghum. But Petr and Sartin both agree that modest expansion of corn production will continue on the High Plains until the predicted depletion of underground water makes it necessary to turn to more drought-tolerant crops.

were for New Year's day.

In the southwest, Christmas celebrations were greatly influenced by the Spanish. Los Pastores, an old miracle play, with the eternal struggle of Good and Evil as its theme, was staged and has been revived on and off, through more recent years.

Christmas was recognized legally, first in Alabama in 1836, and by 1890 all states and territories acknowledged it as well. Christmas is the only annual religious holiday to receive this secular and official sanction.

ENTER SANTA CLAUS — In America, Santa Claus is known by three names—St. Nicholas, Kris Kringle, and Santa Claus. St. Nicholas first appeared in the first half of the fourth century in Asia Minor, as Bishop of Myra. Many miracles are attributed to him and there are many legends that attest to his generosity. He was the protector of sailors aboard Dutch ships, as well as the patron saint of young people. The first Dutch church built in New York City was named for him.

Sinterklaas, as he was known to the Dutch, eventually became Santa Claus...his original red and white vestments became our modern red and white Santa costume.

The Germans and Swiss who settled in Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century believed in the Christ child, who brought gifts to children on Christmas eve.



"MERRY OLD SANTA." Illustration from Christmas Drawings for the Human Race by Thomas Nast, 1890. Courtesy of The New-York Historical Society, New York.

Food Prices Up Consumption Down

COLLEGE STATION — Americans are eating less, and it's a good bet that high food prices have something to do with that fact.

"Overall, retail food prices will probably be up about 9 percent this year," points out Dr. Russell McDonald, an economist in marketing for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Of course, that increase is considerably less than in 1974 when retail food prices rose about 12 percent."

During the remainder of 1975, McDonald sees slightly lower prices for beef, poultry, fresh fruits and potatoes. However, consumers will see higher prices for most other foods, with pork, eggs, dairy products and fish leading the way.

Turning to the food consumption issue, the economist points out that Americans will eat 1.5

percent less food in 1975 than last year and that this will be the lowest level in seven years.

"Most of the drop in consumption is showing up in animal-related food products," notes the Texas A&M University System economist. "This is due to the fact that prices for fed beef, pork and poultry have been higher. Supplies of these products were restricted due to last year's drought and high-priced feed crops."

What can consumers expect during the first half of 1976? "Food prices will likely average about 7 percent more than this year," estimates McDonald, "due to a strengthening in domestic demand and increased marketing costs."

Whether or not per capita food consumption will continue to decline in 1976 remains to be seen.



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MRS. DAVID LEE SAYLOR

Secret Pals Revealed At Club Party

The Muleshoe Hobby Club met Thursday, December 18, at the Muleshoe State Bank Community Room, for their Christmas party. Mrs. Ethel Julian served as hostess, assisted by Mrs. C.E. Briscoe and Mrs. Ruth Williams.

Refreshments were furnished by the guests which included all kinds of Christmas treats. Secret pals were revealed and exchange gifts were drawn.

There were sixteen members attending and two former members, Mrs. Myrtle Wells from Sudan and Mrs. Gerrie Kirk

from Brownwood. Everyone certainly was delighted in having them back for a visit.

The club missed another faithful member, Mrs. Bub Shafer, who was at the bedside of her brother who passed away in Amarillo. They also had a nice card from another member, Barbara Burton. Mrs. Burton said she is now in a nursing home in Lubbock, but hopes to get back to Muleshoe when there is an opening.

The officers were presented a nice gift from the club. The next

meeting comes on New Year's, so they will not have their first meeting until January 15. They will meet in the R.E.A. building for this one meeting.

The new officers will take over their duties for the next two years. The club hopes those who intend to join the club will be there, so they can get in on the drawing for secret pals. Mrs. Ruth Bass will be hostess at this meeting. The Hobby Club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, says reporter, Allie Barbour.

Miss Marilyn Black Bride Elect Of Saylor

Marilyn Kay Black and David Lee Saylor were joined in marriage, December 20, 1975, at 7:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church. Reverend Glenn Harlin performed the double-ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fields Black and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leslie Saylor, both of Muleshoe are the parents of the wedded couple.

The candlelit wedding was accented with the alter arrangement of long stemmed red roses, ginger, pink carnations, gypsophylla and cedars. The alter was enhanced by spiral tree and cathedral candelabra on which were arrangements of Noble fir, blue spruce cedars, pine and English Holly. Pink hand dipped candles were used throughout. Arrangements of firs, cedars and pine were used in the windows with hurricane lamps accented with English Holly, berries and cedar set amidst boughs of fir.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a classic style gown of candleglow silk and Brussels lace combined with pure silk satin. The moulded bodice featured a high Egyptian yoked neckline of alternating rows of pearls and lace. Long tapered sleeves of lace ended in scalloped cuffs with button and loop closure at the wrists. The full circular skirt was done in horizontal rows of lace sweeping to fullness in the back, forming her chapel length train.

The entire hemline and train was encircled in a deep border of the silk satin. The silhouette was completed by her matching mantilla style veil which was caught to a lace Juliet cap. A scalloped border of lace edged the veiling and was bordered in alternating rows of pearl beading and lace scallops reaching beyond her train.

Her attendants were gowned alike in wine color jersey, complementing the bridal theme. The dresses had full flowing skirts and softly draped bodices featuring decollete necklines. Large cape collars fell over brief wedding bell sleeves.

The bride wore her dress and veil for something new, a small Bible, which was a gift to her late grandfather Waggoner by her parents. The Bible has been used by her family at every wedding. Something blue was the traditional garter and she wore pearl earrings belonging to Mrs. Lindal Murray for something borrowed.

Serving as maid of honor was

D'Anne Clark of Muleshoe. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Clifford L. Black, Mrs. Stephen R. Black, Mrs. Stanley E. Black, all sisters-in-law of the bride and all of Muleshoe. The maid of honor and the bridesmaids all wore identical dresses. Each one carried Scandinavian bouquets of miniature cranberry roses with English Holly, holly berries and gypsophylla, with pink velvet tubing highlighting the bouquets.

Marilyn's attendants wore Greek garden gowns of Claret Quiana. The gowns featured moulded bodices with V necklines. Graceful capulets encircled the V-neckline. Deep shirring accented the empire waistline with a self fabric rose accent.

From the shirred empire waistline fell graceful full circular skirts which swept to a brush-train in the back. They all wore silver slippers.

Candlelighters were Sheila Stokes, cousin of the bride, from Lamesa and Scott Saylor of Muleshoe, brother of the groom. Lana Stokes served as flowergirl. She is also a cousin of the bride.

John Saylor served his brother a best man. Perry Stockard of Muleshoe and Grady Free, cousin of the groom, also of Muleshoe, served as groom served as groomsmen. Ushers were Rusty Whitt, Troy Scott, and Tim Black, cousin of the bride, all of Muleshoe. Cooper Black, of Muleshoe, nephew of the bride served as ring bearer.

Mrs. Mickey Sowder, organist and pianist, Shannon Sowder played the music selections, "The First Time", "Annie's Song", and "The Lord's Prayer", with soloist Debbie Kerr accompanying.

A reception followed the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church. The fellowship hall was decorated with fern stands of poinsettias and from the ceiling to the floor stood a Christmas tree, decorated with traditional Christmas ornaments and red lights. The five-tiered cake of ivory was surrounded with garlands of English holly and gypsophylla. The top of the cake was accented with gypsophylla and holly berries. A silver candelabra with epernettes of holly, pink carnations and cedar highlighted the brides table. Silver appointments completed the bride's table.

The groom's table was antique

Xi Omicron Xi Entertain

Xi Omicron Xi Beta Sigma Phi members and their husbands had a progressive dinner, Tuesday night. The homes where the various courses of the meal were served, were decorated for Christmas. The members assisted in hostess duties at each of the homes.

Horsed'oeuvres were served in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe King. The guests then progressed to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Pummill where dinner was served.

Following the main course, dessert was served in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Smith. Secret pal gifts were exchanged by members, and the husbands also had a gift exchange.

Attending the Christmas dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Max King, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jinks, Mr. and Mrs. Joe King, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rempe, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Pummill, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Poyner, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bessire, Dr. and Mrs. David Hamblen, Mrs. Doyce Turner and Mrs. Spencer Tanksley.

walnut, with a white lace cloth and cranberry runner. An arrangement of red roses and ginger in a handcut crystal vase accented the table. Silver appointments were used to serve coffee and chocolate cake.

The bride wore a three piece persimmon suit, a printed blouse and rust accessories as her going away outfit. Her going away corsage was of ecru cymbidium orchids.

The rehearsal party was held at the XIT Steakhouse. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Orval Evans of Odonnell; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stokes, Lana and Shila of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Free, of Big Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Menzor,

Sherri and Anita, of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Reed and Tommi, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fullerton, Brent, and Louise Fullerton, of Mesa, Arizona; Mrs. George Runyan and Mr. and Mrs. Melton Welch, both of Earch; Mrs. Orbin Chandler of Lubbock; Vicki Chandler and Bryan; and Kris and Terry Byrd of Albuquerque, N.M.

The couple will be home at Farwell after December 31. The bride is a Senior at Muleshoe High School, where she will continue her studies. The groom graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1974 and is farming in the West Camp Community.



MISS PAM LOYD

Bridal Shower Fetes Miss Pam Loyd

Miss Pam Loyd, bride-elect of Perry Stockard, was honored with a wedding shower, Sunday afternoon December the twenty-first in the home of Mrs. Don Harmon, 1903 West Ave. G.

Special guests attending were Mrs. Bill Loyd and Mrs. Mae Loyd, Mother and Grandmother of the honoree and Mrs. Jim Shaw, her aunt of Big Springs. Also Mrs. S.P. Stockard, mother of the prospective groom; and his aunt Mrs. Paul Galyon of Friona, attended.

Other out-of-town guests included Mrs. Bob Blundell, Mrs. Buster Graham, Mrs. Willis Cornohan, Mrs. Buddy Hanna, Mrs. Paul Cobb and Mrs. Glen Harlan, Glenda and Jan, all of Plains.

Christmas punch, coffee and petit fours were served from silver appointments set on a table covered with a green felt cloth. The centerpiece was a series of red tapers entwined with fresh holly. Presiding at the serving table were Miss Kathy Shaw, cousin of the honoree from Nashville, Tennessee and Miss Brenda St.Clair of Muleshoe.

Registering the guests were Mrs. Jimmy Evans, sister of the bride-elect from Post and Miss Rhonda Stevenson of Muleshoe.

Gifts of an electric Farberware Pot-pouri and Town House Stainless cookware were presented to the bride-to-be by the following hostesses: Mrs. Ernest Kerr, Mrs. Frank Ellis, Mrs. James Crane, Mrs. Robert Hooten, Mrs. D.O. Burelsmith, Mrs. Paul Scott, Mrs. Joe Mack Wagnon, Mrs. W.G. Wagnon, Mrs. J.A. Nickels, Mrs. Jimmie Crawford, Mrs. E.T. Ford, Mrs. O.H. Hawkins, Mrs. Ed Nickels, Mrs. Wayne Williams, Mrs. Donald Harrison, Mrs. Chester Yerby, Mrs. Bobby G. Free, Mrs. Roy D. Whitt, Mrs. C.L. Saylor and Mrs. Don Harmon.

There's a vast difference between the person of importance and the person who wants to appear important.



Jodi Nichole

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Morris of Portales, N.M. are the proud parents of a new baby girl born December 18, 1975, at 8:30 p.m. in the West Plains Memorial Hospital in Muleshoe. The baby weighed six pounds, two ounces and was named Jodi Nichole. The couple have two sons.

Mist Davenport

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davenport of Muleshoe are the proud parents of a new baby girl born December 18, 1975, at 10:12 a.m. in the Littlefield hospital. She weighed six pounds and 15 ounces and was named Misty Shay. She is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Meissner and Marvin Davenport, all of Muleshoe.

Eric Harvey

Mr. and Mrs. Epifanio Perez Jr., of Friona are the proud parents of a new baby boy born December 18, 1975, at 5:35 p.m. in the West Plains Memorial Hospital in Muleshoe. The baby weighed four pounds, nine ounces and was named Eric Harvey. The couple have one other son.

Kristopher Lynn

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Clovis are the proud parents of a new baby boy born December 14, 1975, at 10:28 a.m. in Clovis Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, six and a half ounces and was named Kristopher Lynn. He is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coats of Morton and Mr. and Mrs. David Moreland, of Clovis. Paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Coats of Morton. His maternal great grandmother is Mrs. Alma Altman, of Enochs.

West Plains Hospital Hospital Briefs

ADMISSIONS

December 19 - Vicki Griffin.
December 20 - Gayle Brent Walker, Ralph Torres Jr., Roy Carpenter, Mary Rosas and Joeli Young.

December 21 - Ronny Russell and Mrs. Cecil Davis.
December 22 - Billy Russell and Mrs. Harlan Reese.

DISMISSALS

December 19 - Burl Ford.
December 20 - Mrs. Gary Morris and daughter, Mrs. Epifanio Perez and son and Gary Pipes.

December 21 - Brent Walker.
December 22 - Ralph Torres, Callie McCool and Joeli Young.
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MRS. GERALD BARA AND DAUGHTER

Stork Shower Honors Mrs. Bara And Daughter

Mrs. Gerald Bara was honored with a baby shower, Friday, December 5, 1975, at the Muleshoe State Bank Community Room.

Special guests were an aunt, Mrs. Jacinto Bara, her grandmothers, Esther Lucero and Mrs. Pete Lucero.

Mrs. Tony Jaramillo registered the guests and Mrs. Felipa Garcia served.

The hostess gift was a baby chest and the hostesses were Mrs. Steven Flores, Mrs. Danny

Bara, Mrs. Jesus Carrion, Mrs. Joe Rodriguez, Mrs. Luis Mata, Mrs. Jesse Leal, Mrs. Joe Elizarraraz, Mrs. Jesse Cassanova, Mrs. Isidro Costilla, Mrs. Gilbert Castorena, Mrs. Celso Gonzales, Mrs. Raul Trevino, Mrs. Santos Solis, Mrs. Tony Jaramillo, Mrs. Jesse Castorena, Mrs. Elena Hernandez, Mrs. Felipa Garcia, Mrs. Antonia Guzman, Miss Lawana Lee, Miss Brenda Lee and Mrs. Gilbert Bara.

Redwines Held Holiday Reunion

The winter reunion for the Redwine family was held on Sunday, December 21, at the Littlefield Community Center. Amid smiles and good food, a lot of remembering and visiting was done. The reunion began when all of Mrs. Minnie Redwines' children gathered from across the state of Texas. There are 12 living children and they all attended with 79 grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending, also.

The devotional was given by Bobby Redwine of Muleshoe. After a buffet meal, picture taking sessions were held, then a few goodbyes to those who had to leave. The reunion was concluded with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Redwine of Lazbuddie showing their films of the Holy Land, which they visited recently.

Traveling the greatest distance was Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Redwine of Port Arthur and all of their children and grandchildren, totaling 14. This was the first time in about 10 years that some have gotten to attend. A motor home provided their transportation and it was a great thrill for all the family. The one with the most family attending was Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Redwine of Muleshoe, with 17 of their family attending.

The oldest member attending was of course, Mrs. Minnie Redwine and the youngest members attending was little Miss Tiffany Nicole Redwine, one month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Redwine of Lubbock.

A total of 97 were present 92 family and five guests. Attending from Muleshoe were Mrs. Minnie Redwine, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Downing and Twila, Mrs. Marcia Henry, Bobby, Mike, Kristi and Kacy, Mrs. Robert Hunt and Tori, Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Redwine, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Redwine, Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Redwine and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Redwine and Jason, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Redwine and Gayla.

Those attending from Lubbock were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ashmore, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Redwine, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Redwine and Tiffany and Mrs. Billy Boatman, Sherry and Shelly.

Lazbuddie attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Glover, Susan, Sharon and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Redwine and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Redwine, Janet and Carolyn; from Amarillo, Mrs. Bobby Morris; from

Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Findley and Christ; from Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Brooks; and from Roswell were Mrs. Lewis Bal, Eddie, Theresa, Tammie, Michael and pat.

Attending from Port Arthur were Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Redwine and Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. David Redwine and Jana, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Redwine and Marcus and Mrs. Brenda Baker and Amber; from Nederland, Mrs. Jimmy Underwood, Ronnie and Jim; from Clovis, N.M., Mrs. Oral Gully; from Farnsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McMahan and Danny, Charles Redwine and Brad.

Others attending from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McCurry, Danny and Eddie, from Littlefield; Mrs. Selma Redwine, from Hereford; Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Redwine, and Master Denver Redwine both from Hub; and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chandler of College Station.

Guests included Doug Crawford, of Muleshoe; Grady Walker of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Sneed, of Sunray.

Students Presents Guest

Mrs. Sam McKinstry and her music students gave a Christmas party in the McKinstry Studio Friday, from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. The pupils played Christmas music for a full house of parents and friends.

The following students participating were Janna Briggs and Susan Glover of Lazbuddie; Virginia Garcia and her sister, Beatrice, (with bells); Christina Isaac, Lupe Rejino, Sandy Payne, Angela Mathews, and Billy Jo Brantley, of Lazbuddie; Polly Harrison, Laura Leal, Deena Burris, Amanda Rejino, Sergio Leal and Sharon Glover.

Special guest pianist, Treena (Bryant) Mathews, a former music student of Mrs. McKinstry's played favorite Christmas numbers. Treena and Angela Mathews did a special duet number, "Christmas Festival," by Buttschardt.

After the program, there was an exchange of gifts among the students. Refreshments of punch and Christmas cookies were served by hostesses, Mrs. Jerry Don Glover, Mrs. Jimmy Briggs, Mrs. C.C. Mathews and Mrs. Frank Wuerlein.



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS . . . The Goodwill Center held their Christmas party for the children, Tuesday, December 22, at the center. All of the children received stuffed stockings and refreshments were served to everyone attending. Their roommothers and mothers prepared the party for the young at heart.

Goodwill Center Celebrates Christmas

The children of the Goodwill Center had their Christmas party, Tuesday, December 23. The party was prepared for the children by the roommothers, Mrs. Ann Gutierrez and Mrs. Pecina.

Refreshments of punch, cake and cookies were served to the children. They exchanged gifts and were told the story about our Savior's birth. Mrs. Ann Gutierrez, then led the children in a game of musical chairs. The winner was Jo Ann Gutierrez.

The roommothers would like to take time to express their appreciation mothers that helped prepare for the party. Those serving were Mrs. Patsy Bara, Mrs. Elipido Acosta, Mrs. Betty Rejino, Mrs. Ann Gutierrez and Mrs. Pecina. Before the children left, a Christmas stocking stuffed with holiday treats were presented to each one.



ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR . . . Back row, l to r are Mrs. John Fuston, Cindy Hamblen, Mrs. David Hamblen, Mrs. Pat Bobo, Mrs. Frank Ellis and Mrs. M.J. Gibson. Front row, l to r are Mrs. Keith Taylor, Miss Debbie Kerr and Kelly Hamblen.

WHO KNOWS?

1. Into what body of water does the Danube River empty?
2. What is the meaning of the word Ohio?
3. What is the area of the District of Columbia?
4. Who was the first Secretary of Transportation?
5. What is the motto of the state of Iowa?

Answers To Who Knows

1. The Black Sea.
2. It is an Iroquois name meaning great.
3. Seventy square miles.
4. Alan S. Boyd
5. "Our Liberties We Prize Our Rights We Will Maintain."

Methodist Choirs Perform In Program

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, under the pastoralship of Rev. H.F. Dunn, presented a program entitled "A Celebration of the Birth of Christ With Scripture, music and manger scene."

The live manger scene was presented with Karen Head as Mary and Robert Shafer as Joseph. The three wisemen were Bill Kinard, Larry Hooten and Dan McVicker. Shepherds were Larry Combs, Dan Ellis, Jimmy Wedel and the shepherd boy was Jeffrey Combs.

The Celebration began with an Organ Prelude by Elaine Dam-

ron. Fred Payne made some announcements and offered the prayer.

Our Liturgists then read several passages from the Bible, with music following each reading. The "Angels", the grade school Hand Bell Choir, performed first with a selection entitled Christmas Music.

Members of the Angels are Mary Kathryn Flowers, Sandy Payne, Tracy Hutton, Kim Bray, Kelly Sue Hamblen and Susie Hyde. The Liturgists were J.W. Coppedge, Bill Durham, Jack Hysinger and Norman Head.

Although other music was sung by the Chancel Choir, a solo, "What Child Is This," by Debbie Kerr and accompanied by Bob Tanner on the guitar.

The youth Hand Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir performed "Joy To The World." Youth Hand Bell Choir members are Sandra Hughes, Leslie Cowan, Jan Whitt and Stacy Campbell.

Dr. Hamblen chanted the Gloria in Excelsis. The program closed with prayer time at the altar while the Chancel Hand Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir performed Silent Night. Members of the Chancel Hand Bell Choir are Joan Fusten,

Treva Taylor, Debbie Kerr, Wenona Gibson, Inez Bobo, Sally Ellis, Susie Hamblen and Cindy Hamblen.

Chancel Choir members are Donna Green, Betty Cowan, Wenona Gibson, Inez Bobo, Debbie Kerr, John David Hamblen, Gil Lamb, Betty Murray, Lucy Martin, Jo Jinks and Cindy Hamblen, Flutist.

Special Lighting was achieved by Harold Cowan, J.E. McVicker and Doug Cowan. The Christmas committee was Mrs. Maurine Hooten, Norman Head, Keith Taylor, and Bob Tanner.



SANTA VISITS NURSING HOME . . . L to r is Miss Windy Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Corky Green, listening hesitantly to Santa as he whispers Christmas wishes in her ear. Windy is the granddaughter of Mrs. Nora Gaston, resident of the Muleshoe Nursing Home. Santa Claus was rolled Mrs. Travis Lambert. There were approximately 75 people attended the Christmas party at the nursing home.

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MRS. GERALD BARA AND DAUGHTER

Stork Shower Honors Mrs. Bara And Daughter

Mrs. Gerald Bara was honored with a baby shower, Friday, December 5, 1975, at the Muleshoe State Bank Community Room.

Special guests were an aunt, Mrs. Jacinto Bara, her grandmothers, Esther Lucero and Mrs. Pete Lucero.

Mrs. Tony Jaramillo registered the guests and Mrs. Felipa Garcia served.

The hostess gift was a baby chest and the hostesses were Mrs. Steven Flores, Mrs. Danny

Bara, Mrs. Jesus Carrion, Mrs. Joe Rodriguez, Mrs. Luis Mata, Mrs. Jesse Leal, Mrs. Joe Elizarraraz, Mrs. Jesse Cassanova, Mrs. Isidro Costilla, Mrs. Gilbert Castorena, Mrs. Celso Gonzales, Mrs. Raul Trevino, Mrs. Santos Solis, Mrs. Tony Jaramillo, Mrs. Jesse Castorena, Mrs. Elena Hernandez, Mrs. Felipa Garcia, Mrs. Antonia Guzman, Miss Lawana Lee, Miss Brenda Lee and Mrs. Gilbert Bara.

Redwines Held Holiday Reunion

The winter reunion for the Redwine family was held on Friday, December 21, at the Littlefield Community Center. Amid smiles and good food, a lot of remembering and visiting was done. The reunion began when all of Mrs. Minnie Redwines' children gathered from across the state of Texas. There are 12 living children and they all attended with 79 grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending, also.

The devotional was given by Bobby Redwine of Muleshoe. After a buffet meal, picture taking sessions were held, then a few goodbyes to those who had to leave. The reunion was concluded with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Redwine of Lubbock showing their films of the Holy Land, which they visited recently.

Traveling the greatest distance was Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Redwine of Port Arthur and all of their children and grandchildren, totaling 14. This was the first time in about 10 years that some have gotten to attend. A motor home provided their transportation and it was a great thrill for all the family. The one with the most family attending was Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Redwine of Muleshoe, with 17 of their family attending.

The oldest member attending was of course, Mrs. Minnie Redwine and the youngest members attending was little Miss Tiffani Nicole Redwine, one month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Redwine of Lubbock.

A total of 97 were present 92 family and five guests. Attending from Muleshoe were Mrs. Minnie Redwine, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Downing and Twila, Mrs. Marcia Henry, Bobby, Mike, Kristi and Kacy, Mrs. Robert Hunt and Tori, Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Redwine, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Redwine, Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Redwine and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Redwine and Jason, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Redwine and Gayla.

Those attending from Lubbock were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ashmore, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Redwine, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Redwine and Tiffani and Mrs. Billy Boatman, Sherry and Shelly.

Lazbuddie attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Glover, Susan, Sharon and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Redwine and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Redwine, Janet and Carolyn; from Amarillo, Mrs. Bobby Morris; from

Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Findley and Christ; from Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Brooks; and from Roswell were Mrs. Lewis Bal, Eddie, Theresa, Tammie, Michael and pat.

Attending from Port Arthur were Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Redwine and Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. David Redwine and Jana, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Redwine and Marcus and Mrs. Brenda Baker and Amber; from Nederland, Mrs. Jimmy Underwood, Ronnie and Jim; from Clovis, N.M., Mrs. Oral Gulley; from Farnsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McMahan and Danny, Charles Redwine and Brad.

Others attending from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McCurry, Danny and Eddie, from Littlefield; Mrs. Selma Redwine, from Hereford; Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Redwine, and Master Denver Redwine both from Hub; and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chandler of College Station.

Guests included Doug Crawford, of Muleshoe; Grady Walker of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Snead, of Sunray.

Students Presents Guest

Mrs. Sam McKinstry and her music students gave a Christmas party in the McKinstry Studio Friday, from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. The pupils played Christmas music for a full house of parents and friends.

The following students participating were Janna Briggs and Susan Glover of Lubbock; Virginia Garcia and her sister, Beatrice, (with bells); Christina Isaac, Lupe Rejino, Sandy Payne, Angela Mathews, and Billy Jo Brantley, of Lubbock; Polly Harrison, Laura Leal, Deena Burris, Amanda Rejino, Sergio Leal and Sharon Glover.

Special guest pianist, Treena (Bryant) Mathews, a former music student of Mrs. McKinstry's played favorite Christmas numbers. Treena and Angela Mathews did a special duet number, "Christmas Festival," by Buttschardt.

After the program, there was an exchange of gifts among the students. Refreshments of punch and Christmas cookies were served by hostesses, Mrs. Jerry Don Glover, Mrs. Jimmy Briggs, Mrs. C.C. Mathews and Mrs. Frank Wuerflein.



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS . . . The Goodwill Center held their Christmas party for the children, Tuesday, December 22, at the center. All of the children received stuffed stockings and refreshments were served to everyone attending. Their roommothers and mothers prepared the party for the young at heart.

Goodwill Center Celebrates Christmas

The children of the Goodwill Center had their Christmas party, Tuesday, December 23. The party was prepared for the children by the roommothers, Mrs. Ann Gutierrez and Mrs. Pecina.

Refreshments of punch, cake and cookies were served to the children. They exchanged gifts and were told the story about our Savior's birth. Mrs. Ann Gutierrez, then led the children in a game of musical chairs. The winner was Jo Ann Gutierrez.

The roommothers would like to take time to express their appreciation mothers that helped prepare for the party. Those serving were Mrs. Patsy Bara, Mrs. Elipido Acosta, Mrs. Betty Rejino, Mrs. Ann Gutierrez and Mrs. Pecina. Before the children left, a Christmas stocking stuffed with holiday treats were presented to each one.



ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR . . . Back row, l to r are Mrs. John Fuston, Cindy Hamblen, Mrs. David Hamblen, Mrs. Pat Bobo, Mrs. Frank Ellis and Mrs. M.J. Gibson. Front row, l to r are Mrs. Keith Taylor, Miss Debbie Kerr and Kelly Hamblen.

WHO KNOWS?

1. Into what body of water does the Danube River empty?
2. What is the meaning of the word Ohio?
3. What is the area of the District of Columbia?
4. Who was the first Secretary of Transportation?
5. What is the motto of the state of Iowa?

Answers To Who Knows

1. The Black Sea.
2. It is an Iroquois name meaning great.
3. Seventy square miles.
4. Alan S. Boyd
5. "Our Liberties We Prize Our Rights We Will Maintain."

Methodist Choirs Perform In Program

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, under the pastoralship of Rev. H.F. Dunn, presented a program entitled "A Celebration of the Birth of Christ With Scripture, music and manger scene.

The live manger scene was presented with Karen Head as Mary and Robert Shafer as Joseph. The three wisemen were Bill Kinard, Larry Hooten and Dan McVicker. Shepherds were Larry Combs, Dan Ellis, Jimmy Wedel and the shepherd boy was Jeffrey Combs.

The Celebration began with an Organ Prelude by Elaine Dam-

ron. Fred Payne made some announcements and offered the prayer.

Our Littergists then read several passages from the Bible, with music following each reading. The "Angels", the grade school Hand Bell Choir, performed first with a selection entitled "Christmas Music.

Members of the Angels are Mary Kathryn Flowers, Sandy Payne, Tracy Hutton, Kim Bray, Kelly Sue Hamblen and Susie Hyde. The Littergists were J.W. Coppedge, Bill Durham, Jack Hysinger and Norman Head.

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SANTA VISITS NURSING HOME . . . L to r is Miss Windy Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Corky Green, listening hesitantly to Santa as he whispers Christmas wishes in her ear. Windy is the granddaughter of Mrs. Nora Gaston, resident of the Muleshoe Nursing Home. Santa Claus was rolled Mrs. Travis Lambert. There were approximately 75 people attended the Christmas party at the nursing home.

FROSTING

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 6 Tbsp. evaporated milk, undiluted
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups powdered sugar

Combine all ingredients and beat until fluffy.



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Courthouse News

MARRIAGE LICENSES
 David Lee Saylor, Farwell, Texas and Marilyn Kay Black, Muleshoe.
 Don Julian Lenau, Muleshoe and Rhonda June Treider, Lubbock.
 Joseph Phillip Dionne, Clovis and Kathleen E. Hinricks, Clovis.

William Robert Kiser, Tampa, Florida and Della Geraldine Gray, Muleshoe.

Ray Garcia, Jr., Muleshoe and Susanna Duran Flores, Muleshoe.

WARANTEE DEEDS
 Claude Faubus to Tuby Faubus Lot 11, Block 4, of Lenau Subdivision.

Marguerite M. Wright Partain to Luther R. Hall et ux, all of Lot 176 and the Northwesterly 24' of Lot 175, Richland Hills Addition.

Gary Delton Freeman et ux to Hector S. Flores, all of Lot 8, Block 3, Wagon Addition.

Mattie Mae Richardson to Donald J. Cox, et ux, the south 117 acres of the East half of Section 20 in Leagues 143 and 144, Hansford County School lands.

Lee R. Pool, et ux to Bernerdo Salcido, a tract out of Section 54, Block Y, Subdivision No. 2, Johnson in Bailey County.

Max Self, et ux to Emery B. Selman et al, that portion of the Southeast quarter of Section 14, Block Y, W.D. and F.W. Johnson Subdivision, containing 84 acres of land, more or less.

Lester Ray Haney, et ux to Wendell Speck, all of Lots 2 and 3 Block 4, Harvey Addition.

C.W. Sanders et ux to L.F. Bruns, et ux all of Lot 1 and the Northeast 30' of Lot 2, all in Block 3, Lakeside Addition.

Lawrence O. Shankles, et ux to Cynthia Lora Crawford, et al the Southeast quarter of Section 5, Block Y, W.D. and F.W. Johnson Subdivision, save and except 2.05 acres, Harvey L. Bass et ux, to H.C. Willborn, all of the half interest in all of the westerly 85' of Lot 6, Block 1, Warren Addition No. 3.

C.L. Dean and Lola Pearl McLaughlin, Estates to Dale Newson, et ux, all of Labor 5, League 178, Motley County, School Land, save and except one acre 310' x 140' and a 16 acre tract.

Albert Jackson et al to Jim Norman, et ux all of Lot 40, Block 2, Northwest Addition.

C.O. Dain, to Wayland Burney, et ux the northeastern quarter of Section 87, Block B, Melvin, Blum, and Blum Survey, located in Bailey County.

Plainview Production Credit Association to Lloyd R. Williams, et ux, a 65.20 acre tract out of the eastern part of the Northern half of Section 3, Block Y, W.D. and F.W. Johnson's Subdivision in parmer and Bailey County.

A.K. (Pete) Robinson, et ux to Edwin R. Cox, all of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 37, original town of Muleshoe.

Golden Gleams
 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.

-Psalms 107:1.

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.

-St. Ambrose.

Some people always sigh in thanking God.

-E.B. Browning.

Joyous Greetings

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U.S. Trade Team, Spanish Buyers Discuss Sorghum

LUBBOCK -- A top official of the Spanish Feed Manufacturers Association, during a discussion last May on U.S. No. 2 yellow sorghum, remarked to a Grain Sorghum Producers Association executive that "If I can be assured of what you say about the value of grain sorghum I would buy up to one million tons a year."

That question of feeding value pointed up the need to eliminate confusion between brown-seeded, high-tannin sorghum from some countries and No. 2 yellow sorghum exported from the United States. In turn, the remark set the stage for a three-week, nine country seminar tour recently completed by a five-man team representing the U.S. Feed Grains Council, Grain Sorghum Producers Association and the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board.

Team members were Elbert Harp, GSPA-TGSPB executive director; Jack King, GSPA-TGSPB research director; Dr. Lloyd Rooney, cereal chemist from Texas A&M University;

John Baumgardner, animal science professor from Texas Tech University and Dr. Halvor Kolshus, European director of the USFGC.

In Madrid and Barcelona, as in the other 16 seminars presented in Europe and the Soviet Union, team members used slide presentations to illustrate development of sorghum hybrids, the chemical analysis of the sorghum kernel, the nutritional feeding value of sorghum and the price relationship between corn and sorghum.

The team explained that U.S. No. 2 yellow sorghum eliminates the tannin problem and suggested buyers request that their sorghum purchases come from the United States. They also demonstrated a simple bleach test which makes it possible to determine the presence of tannin.

Harp explained that the meeting with feed manufacturers, feed mill managers and nutritionists in Spain was "one of the most exciting as far as the

response and the attitude of the people. They have had so much poor quality sorghum, that is, sorghum is high tannic acid content, that they were reluctant to accept anyone's word about the difference in U.S. sorghum. But after the seminar, they assured us they would be considering buying more sorghum direct from the United States and possibly direct from the local elevators in the U.S."

Sorghum should become increasingly important in Spain as demonstration feeding projects sponsored by the U.S. Feed Grains Council continuously point up the need for high energy grain. Extensive research has proven that the nutritional value of sorghum is equal to or higher than corn and sorghum is usually cheaper.

The seminars were a part of GSPA-TGSPB's continuing market development program, which operates overseas through the U.S. Feed Grains Council.



LOOSES SHIRTTAIL. ... You have heard of someone losing his shirt, but did you know that when a pilot makes his first solo flight he loses his shirttail? This is what happened to Joe King Monday afternoon as he landed the Cessna 172 at the Muleshoe Flying Service. King has been taking flying lessons about a week and when he landed Monday, Willie James and Buck Johnson, with scissors sharpened, were waiting to congratulate him. They promptly whacked his shirttail off, as is the custom.

Serious Crime Up 11 Percent

Serious crime in the United States for the first nine months of 1975 rose 11 percent over the same period a year ago, Attorney General Edward H. Levi announced today.

This increase compares with a 16 percent increase recorded in the first nine months of 1974 over a similar period in 1973.

Mr. Levi said the current increase in crime is not as large as in past periods which is "encouraging."

Serious crime for all 1974, for example, was 18 percent higher than in 1973 and, during the first six months of 1975, rose 13 percent over the same period a year ago.

"But it must be remembered," Mr. Levi said, "the figures show an increase, and the crime rate remains at an intolerable level."

Today's figures were contained in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports released by FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley. They are based on the crime experiences of city, county, and state law enforcement agencies throughout the nation.

The violent crimes of murder, forcible rape, robbery and ag-

gravated assault increased eight percent in this nine-month period. Robbery rose 11 percent, aggravated assault seven percent, murder three percent, and forcible rape two percent, according to Mr. Kelley.

Larceny-theft had a reported increase of 13 percent, with burglary up 10 percent and motor vehicle theft two percent higher. These property crimes as a group increased 11 percent in the nine-month period this year.

Cities with 100,000 or more population reported a nine percent increase in the volume of Crime Index offenses. Suburban and rural area communities both reported a 12 percent rise.

Geographically, the Southern States recorded a 13 percent rise, the North Central States a 10 percent increase, the Northeastern States were up 11 percent, and the Western States rose eight percent in the first nine months of 1975 over the same period in 1974.

If everyone thought alike this would be a stagnant world.

Fat Stock Show Will Stage Sales

FORT WORTH -- The 1976 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will host a record number of livestock auction sales during its 10-day run January 30 through February 8, reports W.R. Watt Jr., general manager.

"We anticipate that a large number of quality animals will pass through the sale rings at this year's show," Watt said. "Last year's auction series grossed more than \$1.8 million with seven cattle sales, the Quarter Horse sale and sales for champion steers, barrows and lambs."

Nine breeding cattle auctions are planned this year along with three registered horse sales and the champion steers, barrows

and lambs auctions. Beginning the schedule of sales will be the Stock Show Paint Horse Sale at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 29 in Arena Barn 8 on the show grounds. This sale is managed by Bob Walton of Fort Worth and is new to the show.

Showing in pens of 20 at 8 a.m. Sunday, February 1, then selling at 1 p.m. in Sale Barn 6 will be commercial Herford females, sponsored by the Texas Hereford Association. These cattle will be coming from some of the outstanding commercial herds of the Southwest, giving buyers a rare opportunity to purchase top quality replacement cattle.

Two auctions are set Monday,

February 2. The Texas Angus Association will sponsor a show at 8:30 a.m. for judging of 40 performance tested Angus bulls. The sale is set at 12:30 p.m. in Sale Barn 6. Feed test information will be available sale day. At 6:30 p.m. in the Cattle Sale arena the Texas Polled Hereford Association will sponsor its annual Southwest Select Sale.

At 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, in the Cattle Sale Arena, the American Chianina Association will sponsor its Third Annual Natal Chianina Sale. The sale will feature percentage Chianina females and fullblood Chianina from throughout the country.

Wednesday, February 4, Bob Walton of Fort Worth will manage another horse sale. The '76 Select Palomino Sale is scheduled at 7 p.m. in Arena Barn 8, another new sale.

Featured in a sale Thursday, February 5, will be Brahman cattle. Brahman, a new sale this year, will be sponsored by the Central Texas Brahman Association and sell at 7 p.m. in Sale Barn 6. Offerings will include herd bull prospects, top commercial bulls and females of replacement quality.

Maine-Anjou cattle will show at 2 p.m. February 5 to place sale cattle. The sale, sponsored by the Texas Main-Anjou Association will begin at 1 p.m. Friday, February 6, in the Cattle Sale Arena. At 6 p.m. that day, the Texas and Oklahoma Limousin Association will sponsor a Limousin Cattle Sale in Sale Barn 6.

The "Bluebonnet Show Window Sale" is scheduled at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 7, in Sale Barn 6 under sponsorship of the Bluebonnet Charolais Breeders Association. Simmental cattle will go on the block at 5 p.m. in Arena Barn 8, sponsored by the Texas Simmental Association.

Final sale of the 1976 Stock Show will be the 20th annual

Quarter Horse Sale, set at 1 p.m. Sunday, February 8, managed by the John Carlisle Sales Management Company of Amarillo. The auction will be held in Arena Barn 8.

Another major event during the Stock Show will be the annual Sale of Champion Steers, set at 9 a.m. in Sale Barn 6. Walter Britten of Bryan will be auctioneer. Champion barrows and lambs will be sold at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 7, in their respective show barns on the show grounds.

The public will be welcomed as observers or buyers at all Stock Show auctions, Watt said. "Stock Show sales are often once-a-year buying opportunities as some breeders and ranchers do not offer cattle at any other time," he said.

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Stevenson Rites Held

Funeral services for C.R. Stevenson, Sr., 68, who died Friday, were held Monday, December 22 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Dumas with Rev. Joe Gilmore, pastor officiating. Burial was in the Dumas Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Stevenson was a retired owner and operator of a tree and pest control service. He was a long-time Dumas resident and a native of Plainview. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his widow, Clyde; two sons, Norman of Dumas and D.R. Stevenson, Jr., both of Dumas; six sisters, Mrs. Zella White of New Haul, Calif., Mrs. Bub Schaefer of Muleshoe, Mrs. Jonnie Belle Wright of Pampa, Mrs. Clay Crossland of Pampa, Mrs. Ernestine Wallace of Amarillo and Mrs. Oleta

Wyller of Borger; two brothers, Murl of Muleshoe and Leroy of Torrance, Calif.; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

News Of Our Servicemen

Sgt. Sandefer
DENVER -- Air Force Staff Sergeant Roger A. Sandefer, brother of Walter Sandefer, 512 S.W. Second, Morton, Tex., has arrived for duty at Lowry AFB, Colo.

Sergeant Sandefer, a missile systems maintenance specialist with a unit of the Air Training Command, previously served at Udorn Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

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Elida Garcia *****
Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things you gave me last year. I hope you have a good Christmas Eve this year. Guess were I am going if

you don't now. I am going to Mexico to see my grandmother to see if she's all right. I wish I could be here to see what I can buy for my family for Christmas. I hope I have a good christmas Eve myself.
Your pal,
Chrlie Mata *****
Dear Santa,
How are you. I hop your all write. I have bine good all year.

I thank you for the prizes you gave me lat year. But this year I want a new bike for Christmas and a little raker and some games to for Christmas to.
Love,
Timmy *****
Dear Santa,
I would like a train for Christmas and my sistor would like a play disk for Christmas.
Your pal,
Rene Valle *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you very much. I want you to come to my house and I want you to have a good time and I want you have a good christmas time I want you to bring me a orgun and a popcorn maker and I want some clothes for my Barbie
Love,
Becky Lopez *****
Dear Santa Claus,
I want some skates a hola hop, batana and some clothes and a

new damasion puppy and I want a girl.
Your friend,
Tonya Gray *****
Dear Santa,
Thanks for the presents you gave me last Christmas? Will you bring me my watch? Please bring my family something to. Pearlle Sandra Chries Vivian Julius Debra. My mother is Pearlle. Pleas let me see Rudolf, O.K.

Love,
Melonie Briscoe *****
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a evil Kenevel for Christmas.
Your pal,
Martin Pacheco, *****
Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you will have a helper. I went a Didl and Ring. I have being good but some time I am not good but I will this time. I

had a nice yers.
Your friend,
Isabel Posadas *****
Dear Santa,
Woud you pleeze bring me trempolean? And woud you bring me a pigy bank to keep my jely beans in?
Thank you
Charli Hawkings *****
Dear Santu,
I want a talking dog and Frosy

the snoman, and a bottle that never runs out a milk, a tiperiter, cany cain, and a neckace fer mi teacher. Thank you Santa
Susan Harries *****
Dear Santu,
Wil you pleez bring me a lazeadzee doll for Kristmas, and won of santus rainerd that can fli, and a car that has wings and flis.
Thank you,
Susan Harries *****

Dear Santa,
I'm 6 old and I liv at ave. F. Wood you bing me a hooly hooby Boll for e my Birtdy this cristas.
Dale Algttutes *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 9 years old. I bin hopn mi father at home, after win I hape mi father, I and play with mi toys. I wich you can geve me a play car and a place car.
Love,
Abelino Flores *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm 8 years old. I hope you are good. Please bring me a barbie doll, and a bless you baby tender love doll.
Love,
Sonya Denise Edwards *****

Dear Santa,
I want a Evil Kneivel chopper. And a bike. And a spin welder, and a top hat magic set. And some clothes. Are you doing OD? I'm doing just fine.
Love,
John Isaac *****

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, and a trampoline. That's what I want for Christmas. I've been helping my mother to. And I want clothes.
Love,
Esther *****

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby thataway and a Jewel magic and a candy land game, and a tape recorder and some records, and a baton and a Barbie doll. And that all.
Good by Love,
Tamara *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I wanta a Trampoline and a 10 sped and a T.V. and a B.B. gun.
Love,
Ramon Solis *****

Dear Santa,
I saw you in T.V. it was a good show. I want sum racing cars.
Love,
Alex *****

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. Will you bring me a evel kneivel and stunt cicycle. And bring me two star trek communicators. Bring me two walky talkys and a T.V. magic set and a bicycle and a trampoline.
Love,
Mark *****

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas most of all. can you bring a trompoline and a T.V. for me and my brother. and the trompoline for or family.
Love,
Chris Hopkins *****

Dear Santa,
I don't know want but the only thing I can think of is a Shirly Temple doll. I'm glad that I got a Knit Magic and a Light Bright for Christmas last year. I can't remember what els I got but I'm proud of the Light Bright. My favorite thing is the Knit Magic. But I like the Light Bright To. Your friend,
Melissa Wilbanks
4th grade *****

Dear Santa,
I would like a typewrite for Christmas. I would like a watch for Christmas. And I thank you for the present you gave me last yer. I would like a T.V. set of my own. And I would like this for Christmas and there are two things I would like of my own this is one of them a record player, and this is the other one I want a stereo. And that is what I really want for Christmas. And I will see you next year. Good-by.
Love, Elizabeth
I am in 4th grade *****

Dear Santa Claus,
I want trampoline, I want mini bike and a XL 50. I want a set of T.V. magic cards. I want STP set. I want mash up car set. I want spin welder both of the cars it his has been the best time of the year.
I love you,
Chuck *****

Dear Santa Claus,
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Love,
Laura Olivias *****



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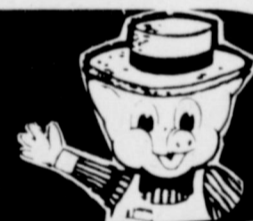
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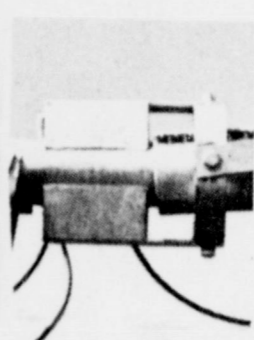

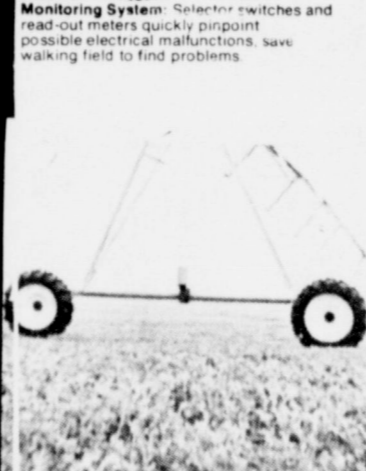

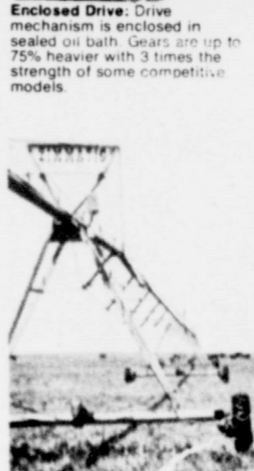


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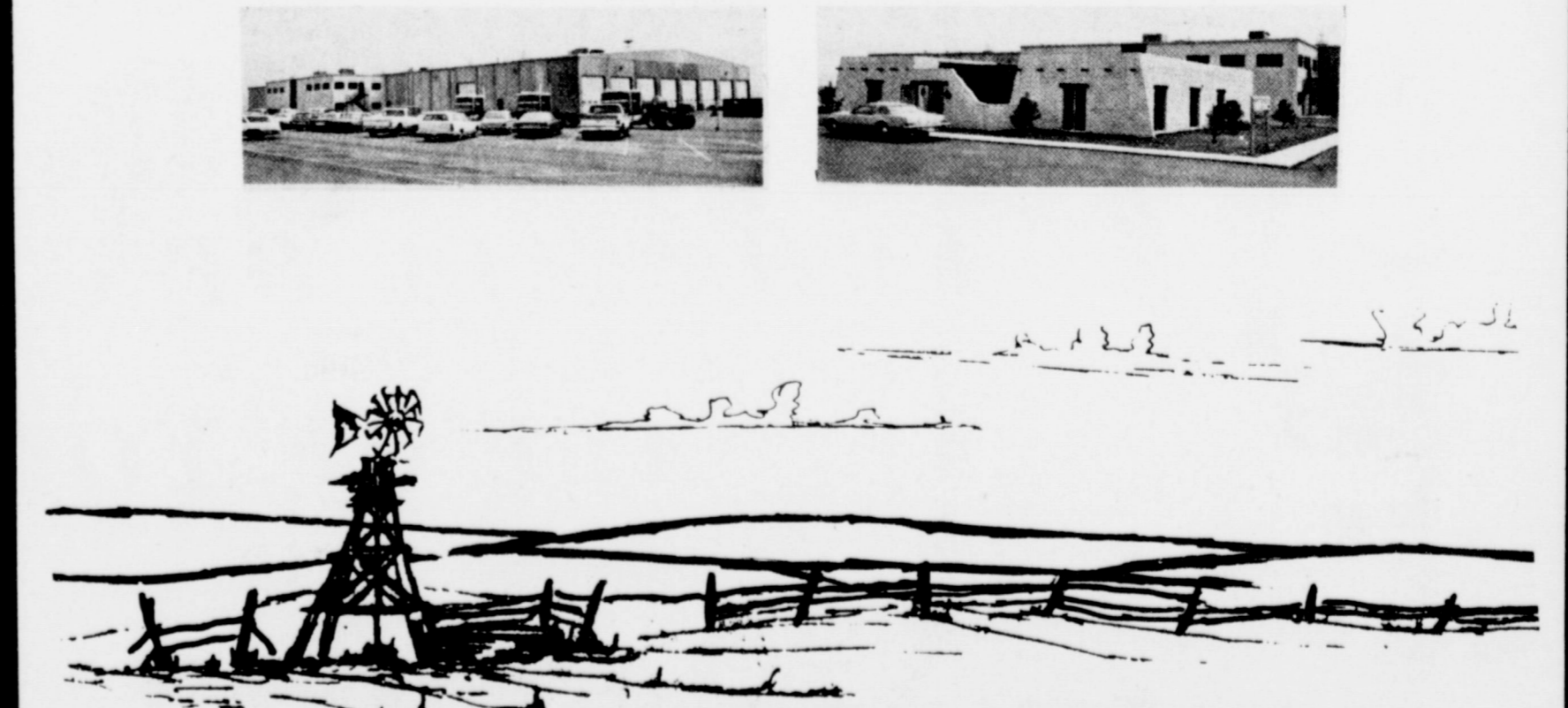
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Number Of Officers Killed Each Year Is Appaling

Once more, a tragic number of families across the land will enter the holiday season mourning their loss of a slain law enforcement officer. Cut down by criminal action, these officers join the lengthy roll of others who have made the supreme sacrifice serving a public plagued by rampant lawlessness. This deplorable loss of life within our ranks continues to call for our grave concern and represents a most critical challenge to our profession.

Without question, we must renew our efforts to counter this succession of brutal slayings and other violent assaults against police officers.

The hazards of death and serious injury overshadow the

entire law enforcement community, and the incidence of abusive and violent behavior toward officers is both widespread and frequent. Data compiled by the FBI reveal that in 1974, police assaults occurred at the rate of 15 attacks per 100 officers. Of these assaults, 6 resulted in injury to the victim officers—39 percent of whom sustained injuries of a serious nature.

Experience has clearly shown that the menace of criminal attack is not confined to any particular area not to any specific form of law enforcement activity. Last June, for example, two Special Agents of the FBI were ambushed and murdered during a fugitive investigation

in rural South Dakota. Three months later, in the heart of New York City, two policemen were shot down while conducting a routine automobile inspection, thus raising to six the number of officers slain in that city since the beginning of the year.

The appalling number of law enforcement officers murdered in recent years must surely shroud this Nation with a grim and shameful distinction in the eyes of the world.

While parallels between countries in respect to crime conditions must be drawn with great caution, a comparison of our disgraceful chronicle of police killings with the records of many other nations provides some striking contrasts.

During the 3-year period 1972-74, 372 law enforcement officers, representing all levels of government, were feloniously slain in the United States.

Over the same span of time, only three officers throughout England, Wales, and Scotland fell victim to deadly criminal acts. Although Italy recorded a substantial number (76) of such fatalities, its losses, together with those of the other Western European nations of France, West Germany, Spain, Sweden, and Norway, amounted to little more than a third of our grisly total for the 3 years. It is interesting to note, too, that in 1974 was more than half as great as our own, recorded only 13 police killings.

It is, of course, earnestly hoped that our extensive experience with police assaults, fatal and otherwise has taught us some basic lessons in law enforce-

ment survival. As a profession, we have paid a terrible price for this instructive knowledge; yet far too many of us continue to ignore, at our great peril, the lessons to be learned.

With distressing frequency, our fellow officers suffer the tragic consequences of handling in a careless manner so-called routine assignments, despite amply documented evidence that these situations can be deadly. In 1973 and 1974, more officers were killed responding to disturbance calls than in any other type of activity. In 1973 and 1974, more officers were killed responding to disturbance calls than in any other type of

Ecology Factor Spells End for Yule Bonfires

Twelfth-night, the night before the feast of the Epiphany, marks the end of the Christmas season. In past times, it has been the practice of celebrants to observe the end of the holiday season by burning

their Christmas trees in one great bonfire. But the ecology movement has apparently finished off any remnants of this old custom here in this country.

In one midwestern city, where the burning of Christmas trees had been an annual community event for many years, complaints from pollution-conscious citizens has forced the abandonment of the tradition. So much pressure was brought to bear on the local pollution control agency by environment-minded residents that harrided officials were forced to reject a request for an open-fire permit from would-be Twelfth Night celebrants.

activity. We know, too, that arrest attempts have claimed a high number of police lives; yet, in too many instances, officers still approach these potentially dangerous situations in a less-than-alert fashion.

There is obviously much that can be learned and utilized to safeguard ourselves from crim-

inal violence. Additional research and study in this critical area are clearly needed. We must, moreover, endeavor to translate the knowledge developed into improved training and operational procedures.

Territorial Maps Application Due

John Bell, General Counsel for the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), stated today that cities, river authorities and water districts in the state which fail to file territorial maps and applications for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity with the PUC could jeopardize their constitutional rights to serve their present areas or expand into new areas.

According to the Public Utility Regulatory Act, which established the PUC, all political subdivisions, including municipalities, river authorities and water districts engaged in water or sewer operations -- either within or outside of their city limits or boundaries -- are required to file maps showing the territory they are presently serving. These territorial maps are to be filed with the Commission on or before December 31, 1975.

In addition, applications for the Certificates of Convenience and Necessity are required by law to be filed with the PUC on or before March 1, 1976. They are to be granted on the basis of territory served by the utilities as of September 1, 1975.

In addition, we must seek to apply more imaginatively science and technology toward the physical protection of our personnel. Greater efforts must be made to inspire in the individual officer--recruit and veteran alike--a deep and positive commitment to survival safety.

Perhaps we can never totally remove the danger of physical injury from the practice of law enforcement in this Nation. Yet we can strive in many obvious and promising ways to reduce this risk to an absolute minimum, consistent with our role in a free and just society.

Bell further stated that this is the only original jurisdiction the Commission has over political subdivisions engaged in water and sewer operations, for the regulatory act specifically excludes political subdivisions engaged in selling or re-selling potable water and sewer operations from rate jurisdiction by the PUC.

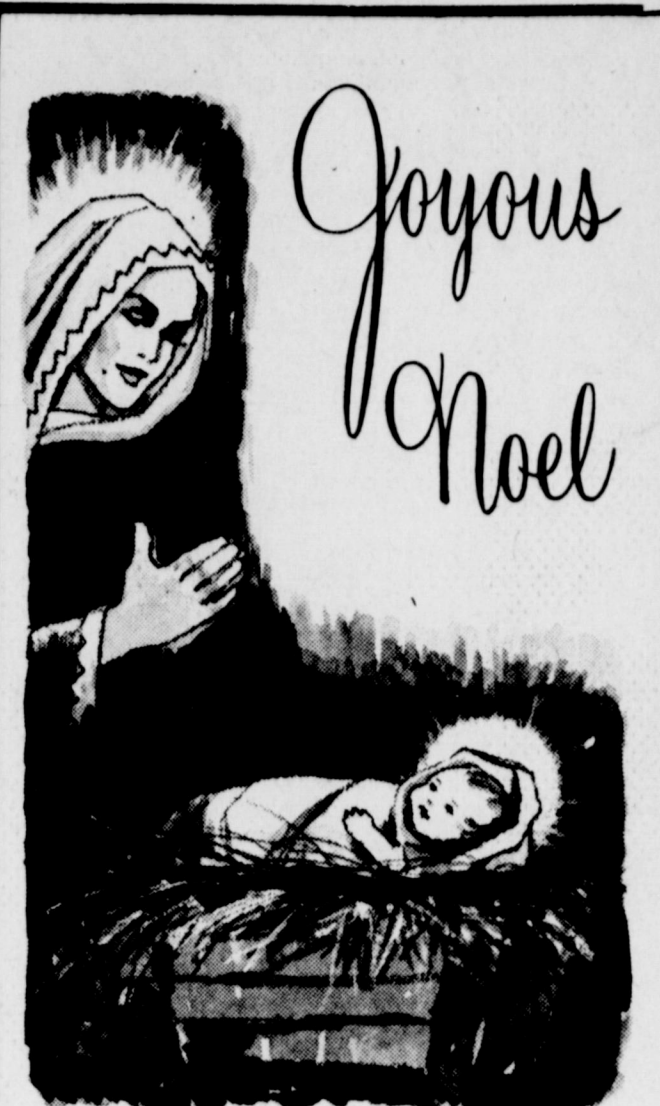
He commented, "From the small number of political subdivisions which have filed maps to date, it is my impression that they are unaware that they should file maps and obtain the certificates. I would hate to see any political subdivision fail to make the filings on time, and thus lose its rights under the law."

Mistletoe for Luck

Today, mistletoe is hung in doorways at holiday time. Kissing beneath it brings good luck to those fortunate enough to meet there.

In ancient times, it was believed that mistletoe had more control over luck, good and bad. A bit of mistletoe hung over a doorway was said to ward off evil.

Let us, then, look to the new year ahead with a firm resolve to make it a safer year for law enforcement--a year that will begin a steady decline in police killings and assaults.



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Santa Not Always Plump and Jolly!

Whoever heard of a skinny Santa? At one time, Santa was described as slim and tall, believe it or not. Today we are accustomed to thinking of Santa in terms of Clement Clarke Moore's "plump and jolly old elf," described in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," that we take it for granted that Santa has always looked that way.

But until Moore wrote his now-famous poem, there were differing notions as to Santa's appearance. He was described as slim and tall in some accounts, short and fat in others. No

doubt many thought of him as being dignified, for he was known as St. Nicholas at that time.

But then Moore wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas," which appeared in print for the first time in the *Sentinel* of Troy, New York, just before Christmas in 1823. At that time it was published anonymously. By 1837, after having been printed every year in the *Sentinel*, it had been attributed to Moore.

The amusing and endearing description of Santa — "a little old driver, so lively and quick . . . his eyes how

they twinkled! his dimples how merry! his cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry —" captivated the imaginations of readers and later, an engraving of Santa accompanied the poem to further establish him in the public's mind as a fat and jolly type.

With the passage of time,

Moore's poem has become a traditional part of the Christmas scene. And every youngster, as the holiday season approaches, pictures

Santa as "chubby and plump — a right jolly old elf," calling out as he takes off in his sleigh, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"



St. Francis said to have assembled 1st crib scene

Much is made of the Nativity Scene in Christian homes at Christmas-time. Over the centuries worshippers have expressed their devotion by creating the figures of Joseph, the Virgin Mary, the Christ-Child in His rudely fashioned crib, and the beasts of the field which according to legend surrounded the Holy Birth inside the manger.

Great artists have carved the figures from fine woods, sculpted them of precious metal and other materials, which have become treasured works for the world to admire.

St. Francis of Assisi had much to do with our modern Christmas traditions.

For one thing he is said to have assembled, in AD 1224, the first Nativity

scene, using live people, live oxen and live donkeys. Franciscan churches still continue to make of this an illuminating seasonal custom.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 12th and Los Angeles Sts., in Los Angeles, California has done so for many years.

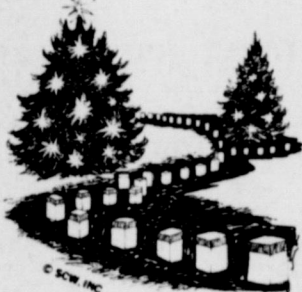
St. Francis also popularized the tradition of Christmas caroling, it is said. When villagers came to see his Nativity arrangement, he led them in "joyous caroling."

Now, of course, such caroling is done by roving groups of singers from countless churches and other organizations each Christmas, but the idea is the same — to express in song one's gratitude at the joyous occasion of Christmas.

Traditions Light Up New Mexico's Celebration

Christmas in New Mexico is filled with tradition, gaiety, and candle lanterns. The candle lanterns are part of New Mexico's history and they illuminate the state's holiday festivities in a very special way.

When the Spanish first settled in New Mexico, way back in 1598, they brought with them the custom of lighting lanterns and bonfires for festive occasions.



Mountain villagers began setting bonfires and placing homemade lanterns along pathways at Christmas-time . . . to light the way for Mary and Joseph and the Christ Child. The bonfires, or *luminarias* as they are called by New Mexicans, were made of pine and juniper branches and they stood from 2 to

4 feet high. The lanterns were called *farolitos*. As time went on, the *farolitos* became candles placed in sand, in paper sacks. These candle lanterns are now placed by doorways, along pathways and walls on Christmas Eve in modern times, lovely and glowing reminders of the old traditions.

Every Christmas Eve, thousands of visitors travel to Albuquerque to see the neighborhoods that are lighted with *luminarias*, as they are now called, modern versions of the old *farolitos*.

You can still find bonfires blazing at Christmas-time in the mountain villages of Northern New Mexico but by and large the candle lanterns have replaced the old *luminarias*.

Christmas Gesture

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894), author of "Treasure Island" and "Kidnapped," was born on November 13 but "gave" his birthday to a girl born on Christmas Day. Stevenson made a gift of his birthdate to a child named Annie H. Ide, to let her have "two joyous celebrations a year, with a proper birthday and a Merry Christmas."

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Christmas Inspires Interesting Customs

Charming customs add to the beauty and meaningfulness of Christmas in Bulgaria. The *kravai*, a large round cake decorated with pastry birds, flowers, and a cross, is brought out with the appearance of the first star on Christmas Eve. The cake is lighted with a candle, and incense is burned while prayers are offered. Then the father and mother of the household break off a piece of cake for good luck.

On Christmas Day, the Yule log is brought in by the father, while other members of the family sprinkle him with corn. This is to insure good health for all and a bountiful crop. The corn is also placed in a stocking and sprinkled upon the doorstep to insure a happy new year. The Yule log is then lit and the children of the family make wishes as they strike the log.

After church services, Bulgarian children receive their gifts from Grandpa Koleda, the equivalent of our Santa Claus. The parents in turn receive gifts from their youngsters on



the last day of the year.

In Rumania, on the day before Christmas, young boys visit neighboring homes to sing a Christmas greeting, *Colinde*. They are rewarded with apples, cakes, and coins by the listeners. The singing visits begin at dawn and last until after sunset . . . one can imagine some rather stuffed little boys at the end of the day!

In an ancient Rumanian custom, villagers gather at a river bank clad in biblical costumes, to sing Christmas carols. A young boy is selected to break the ice that has formed upon the river and a wooden cross is thrown into the water. A scramble then ensues, for the rescuer of the cross is assured of good fortune

in the coming year, according to the custom.

Just as in other parts of the world, feasting is an important part of the holidays in Rumania. Roast pig is the center of attraction of the holiday table. It is served with *turta*. The latter is a cake made of layers of thin dough, shaped to form leaves, and symbolic of the infant Jesus' swaddling clothes.

Yugoslavia also has some interesting customs with which to celebrate Christmas. On the day before Christmas, the men in Yugoslavian families rise early to look for a Yule log, the *Budnyak*. This is no simple task, for many strict customs must be observed in bringing in the log. It must fall toward the east at the moment of sunrise and its branches must not touch another tree, as that would mean bad luck in the year ahead.

When the log is brought in, the men are greeted with singing and food. Later, fire is made and the family gathers around the log to await the arrival of the *polaznik*, a village lad. He must be the first to enter the house on Christmas morning. As he enters, he throws a handful of grain at each member of the family, asking a blessing as he does. The log is then struck so that many sparks will fly into the air, this means many sheep and other livestock for the household.

The *polaznik* next throws some wine on the log, leaving a coin at one end. This assures the family of prosperity in the coming year. After the ritual of the log is completed, the *polaznik* is feted by the grateful family for the rest of the day.

In Mexico, colorful customs add to the festive atmosphere of the holiday season. The most popular custom, as far as the children are concerned, is the tradition of the *pinata*. This is an earthenware bowl, decorated to resemble animals usually, and filled with fruit, candy, nuts, and

children breaks open the earthenware bowl and its contents spill out for the delighted youngsters.

Customs may vary from country to country, yet they all have one common denominator . . . a joyfulness of heart, in celebration of that most wonderful of seasons . . . Christmas.

Handel's "Messiah" Is A Beloved Tradition Of Christmas Season

Each Christmas season finds music-lovers enraptured by performances of George Frideric Handel's oratorio, "Messiah".

Since its first performance in 1742, "Messiah" has been thrilling listeners and adding to the significance of religious holidays.

The libretto is generally attributed to Charles Jennens, a wealthy patron of the arts. The libretto is a compilation of passages from the Old Testament and the New Testament.

At Christmastime, certain sections of the work are usually deleted and emphasis is placed on the Nativity portion of the libretto.

"Messiah" begins impressively with stately meas-

ures that become a vigorous fugue passage, giving way to the recitative for tenor voice, "Comfort Ye." A lovely aria, "Every Valley Shall be Exalted," is followed by a stirring chorus of praise, "And the Glory of the Lord." A recitative for bass proclaims: "Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: Yet once a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth." The aria, "But who may abide the day of His coming?" is then followed by a chorus, "And He shall purify the sons of Levi."

Now the narrative centers on the birth of Jesus . . . a recitative for alto, "Behold! A virgin shall conceive" is followed by the joyful aria, "O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion." The chorus joins in the familiar melody to emphasize the joyous quality of Handel's music.



"For behold, darkness shall cover the earth," continues the narrative in a bass recitative, and the air, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." Now the chorus sings in jubilation, "For unto us a Child is born," with majestic emphasis on

His flock like a shepherd," is followed by the chorus, "His yoke is easy," ending in majestic chords.

The second part of "Messiah" contains what may be the most famous choral music of all time, the Hallelujah Chorus. No one who has heard this stirring chorus can ever forget it. A serenely beautiful aria, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," begins the third part of this magnificent work. This section contains yet another great chorus, "Worthy is the Lamb." The choir sings, "Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto Him" in a joyful fugue. The oratorio is then concluded with the words, "Amen" . . . voices soar in glorious sound, as Handel's monumental work comes to its conclusion.

The listener, moved by the story of the "Messiah" and its enduringly beautiful music is left with a vision . . . perhaps that same vision that Handel spoke of, after he had finished his greatest work.

"I did think I did see all Heaven before me," the inspired Handel exclaimed, "and the great God Himself."

around the world at Christmastime . . .

In Ireland, on Christmas Eve candles are lighted and placed in every window of the house; doors are left ajar. No couple with a baby seeking shelter will be homeless. The candlelight shines forth all night long; only those named Mary can snuff the candles out.

In Belgium Christmas is a time of gifts and joy. The children leave tidbits in their shoes for Santa's reindeer, then hang up their stockings. In the morning the tidbits are gone; toys are in the shoes.

The old cathedral in Antwerp calls the faithful to worship with its resounding bells. Hundreds of singing children carrying emblems and streamers throng the streets, along with priests

and dignitaries in gold-embroidered robes.

In Finland the people prepare for Christmas many weeks in advance. Traditionally, suspended from

the ceiling, is a straw framework decorated with paper stars, when lighted from below by the glow of the firelight and the tree candles, the effect is striking and mysterious. Straw is piled upon the floor, and as with the earliest Christmas, a manger-bed is prepared for the children.

In Greece, when the country is not under military law, December 25th is a happy day for the people. Families get together, parties are planned, and there is much merrymaking.

Greek mothers usually make their famous fried cakes. Greek grandmothers gather the children around and tell them the old folk legends.

One is about the Karkantari, monsters who wander about on the 12 days after Christmas and try to make mischief. A priest dips a cross entwined with sprigs of basil into a copper vessel of Holy Water and then sprinkles the rooms of the house; this is supposed to make the mischief-makers disappear.

Rather than be caught up in the many meaningless chores of Christmas, why not let some of them go undone and concentrate your efforts on the true meaning of Christmas.



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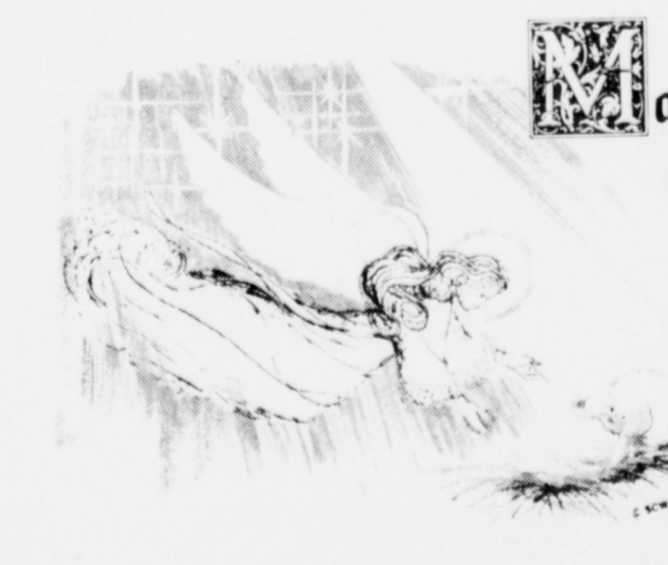
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Howard Watson



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Father Tim Schwertner

The Madonna and Child in Painting

The Madonna and Child have long been a source of inspiration to artists. The period that produced the greatest works of art of the Madonna and Child was the Renaissance, though there is evidence of painting of the Madonna long before.

The number of Madonna pictures increased after the Council of Ephesus, in 431 A.D., when the Virgin Mary and Child became symbols of the accepted Christian faith. The oldest paintings were found in the catacombs of the early Christians, built between the First and Fifth Centuries, as places of worship. As persecution of the Christians under Roman emperors became more intense, they took to the catacombs as places of prayer and refuge. In the catacomb of Saint Calixtus, in Rome, one of the earliest pictures of the Holy Family was found.

Renaissance means the rebirth of the art of classic antiquity. Although dates of this period vary from country to country, it is generally agreed that it began in the late 1200's and lasted into the early 1500's. It was a time in which new styles developed in painting, sculpture and architecture. The society in which the

artist lived greatly influenced his art.

Some of the greatest pieces of religious art were

produced in this period. Paintings of the Madonna were fewer after the 1600's, but the really important paintings were produced before then.

Fra Filippo Lippi represented a sentimental trend in painting of the Renaissance. His "Madonna Adoring the Child" includes a deep forest background in his painting that shows the youthful mother kneeling before the Child. There is a feeling of light and delicacy in his stirring work "Madonna and Child Enthroned."

Some of the greatest paintings of the Madonna were done by Raphael in the late Renaissance. In his short but brilliant life, he

did many paintings much admired by those who painted after him. Though his drawing was based on the study of models, his Saints and Madonnas are idealized representations. Among his Madonna paintings are "The Madonna of The Chair," "The Alba Madonna," and his "Sistine Madonna," originally painted as an altar-piece for the

Church of San Sisto. This masterpiece shows the Virgin Mary supported on clouds with the infant Jesus in her arms. Pope Sixtus II kneels in prayer on one side, Saint Barbara on the other. His "Niccolini-Cowper Madonna" shown above, hangs in the National Gallery in

Washington, D.C.

Special mention goes to Andrea del Sarto, called the "perfect painter" by Florentines of the High Renaissance. He produced masterpieces like "The Holy Family," extremely satisfying and popular works of art.

One of the greatest painters of all time, Titian, a leading painter of the Venetian school, affirmed his joy of life in his "Assumption of the Virgin."

Giovanni Bellini, Giorgione, Alesso Baldovinetti, are among the many painters of the Madonna.

The Madonna and Child has been and will continue to be an inspiration to all in the arts, in life.

Yule Elf

In Sweden the Yultomten is their gnome of Christmas, also known as Nisse. He is an elf or sprite.



MADONNA ADORING THE CHILD WITH THE INFANT SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST AND AN ANGEL BY LORENZO DI CREDI. TEMPERA ON WOOD, DIAMETER 36 INCHES. COURTESY OF THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, ROGERS FUND, 1909.

Legend, Lore Of Holiday Takes Varied Forms

The belief that Santa has a reindeer-drawn sleigh and enters homes through the chimney may have come from Scandinavia. An old Norse legend about the goddess Hertha said that she rode on a reindeer's back. Her appearance in the fireplace in mid-winter was thought to bring good luck to the home.

"Silent Night, Holy Night" was written in 1818 by a village priest in Hallein, Austria. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the words, to an accompaniment created by his organist, Franz Gruber. Legend has it that the church organ was out of order — damaged by mice — and so "Silent Night" was first sung to a guitar accompaniment.

Who invented that popular holiday beverage, eggnog? It has been part of the festivities for so many years that nobody really knows its origin.

One possibility is that eggnog came from the Old English hot drink, sack-possot, which was also made of eggs, milk, nutmeg and sugar.

Among the earliest Christmas tree ornaments were some that resembled the sun, stars and moon, or animals.

Using signs of nature as decorations can be traced back to the feasts of the winter equinox, when sun-worshipping pagans hung similar trinkets on trees.

"The cattle were lowing," says the carol, "Away in a Manger," and Nativity paintings often show the animals of the manger.

Appropriately, tradition says that cattle and other domestic animals should have a special feast on Christmas Eve. It's legendary, too, that cattle are given the power of speech for a few moments at this time.

Mistletoe, said to hold a license for kissing, was renowned in ancient times for many mystical powers. Because of its pagan associations, it was long forbidden in churches. A German legend held that, if a sprig of mistletoe was carried into an old house, the ghosts of the house would appear and answer questions.

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THE NICCOLINI-COWPER MADONNA BY RAPHAEL. 31 3/4" x 22 3/4" WOOD. ANDREW MELLON COLLECTION. PHOTOGRAPH BY COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Legend of the Lamb

There is a beautiful legend concerning one of the creatures in the stable where the Infant Jesus was born. It seems that there was a little lamb sharing the Blessed Child's first abode. As the animals all gazed in silent adoration upon the Holy Babe, this little lamb felt badly because it had no gift to offer the Newborn King.

Suddenly the lamb noticed how thin the Babe's blanket was... surely the Infant must be cold! The

straw upon which He rested offered very little warmth. The little lamb knew then that there was indeed something it could offer to this Holy Child. Quickly, the lamb nestled by the Child, sheltering Him from the cold.

Warmed by the animal's shaggy coat, the Christ Child smiled and touched the little lamb. According to the legend, the lamb's coat was suddenly transformed into soft, curly wool. And that is why, the legend says, all sheep now bear a warm and woolly coat... as a symbol of a special gift offered by that little lamb on the first Christmas night.

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you the Joys of the Season.

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 Christmas is: The season of song and celebration, the season of little children and love and laughter, and the season of worship and rejoicing.
 Christmas is: For fellowship and feasting, for family and friends, for home and happiness. But Christmas, too, is for remembering the stranger within the gates, for cheering the lonely, comforting the sorrowful, befriending the needy.
 Christmas is: For everyone — for those of Christian faith who celebrate the Day as a holy time of highest importance, and for those of other faiths, who love and observe the Yuletide as a holiday dedicated to good will and good cheer.
 Best of all, Christmas is: Here! Throughout this community, plans and preparations reach their peak. Every joyous surprise is at the point of revelation. The tree lights go on, the carols ring out, the gaily-wrapped gifts are delivered. With gleeful smiles, the children welcome Santa's bounty, while the grown-ups greet one another, and talk and laugh and even shed a happy tear or two, rejoicing in the deep and tender meaning of the Christmas spirit.
 If there was a bit of hustle — and even some hassle — about the getting-ready process, all is now forgotten in the glow and glory of Christmas. The quickened pace of modern living seems to make it almost impossible to prepare for the holiday without setting, at times, a somewhat hectic pace.

Be that as it may, the glad, true spirit of the season inspires this Christmas planning, and Christmas realities, in all their wonder and warmth, more than make up for the pre-holiday hurry and scurry.

It's Traditional

The tree may be aluminum instead of spruce or fir. Santa may arrive by helicopter instead of reindeer-drawn sleigh. And the children's gifts will probably reflect the space age and the wonders of electronics.
 No matter. However modern the celebration of Christmas may seem to be, its spirit is still old-fashioned, and though customs may appear in contemporary guise, they are still the cherished traditions from the past.

These treasured customs are the heart of Christmas, growing dearer year by year, as memories of "what we did last Christmas" add to every family's own special, traditional way of celebrating Christmas.

Naming Santa

Santa Claus is a tradition — a pleasant one, indeed. And, traditionally, he owes his name to a gift-giver of the past.

St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop who became the patron saint of children, was noted for his generosity. His Dutch name was "Sinter Niklass," which gradually changed to Santa Claus.

Even today, Santa is also known as "St. Nick."

Sending Greetings

"We wish you a merry Christmas."

"Feast of Lights" in Merrie Old England

Over 1400 years ago, the Council of Tours decreed that the celebration of Christmas should continue on for twelve days through Epiphany, which falls on January 6th. This day, also known as "The Feast of Lights," is still observed by many churches.

It became customary, through the centuries, for the reigning King of England to open Twelfth Night revels by throwing dice. In the 17th century, Charles II played for high stakes, winning 150 pounds one year and losing 100 pounds the

Perhaps the most enduring of holiday traditions is that of exchanging greetings. Christmas cards are a relatively new part of a holiday that has been celebrated for centuries. In fact, this year marks only the 95th anniversary of Christmas cards in America.

But the custom of greeting friends and neighbors and wishing them good cheer is as old as the holiday season itself.

Today brings a special kind of "Christmas card." This edition of this newspaper is a community greeting card, with special greetings from businessmen of the community who offer their good wishes and their appreciation to all.

Where Tree Grew

The first Christmas tree was a palm from Egypt. Or it was a huge tree in a forest, symbolic of mankind. Or it was the Paradise Tree of medieval miracle plays.

Though holiday legend and lore offers many an explanation for the origin of the Christmas tree, nobody knows for sure exactly when and where the first decorated tree appeared.

And who cares? It's fun to hear the legends of the past, with all their mystery and magic, but the thing that matters most is that the tradition of the tree is here, adding joy to Christmas.

next, both tremendous sums for that period.

Festivities included choosing a King and Queen of the feast. Slices of a plum cake containing a bean and a pea were served and the man who got the bean and the woman who got the pea were crowned King and Queen. With toasts to the royal pair, the party got in to full swing. Revels wound up with mistletoe. Before sunrise, all the Christmas greens had to be taken down because of the prevailing superstition that a goblin would appear for each leaf that was not removed in time.

Holiday Reading

Christmas Day: No attendance at the office. I gave the day to relaxation, and, with a view to make an experiment upon the taste of the younger part of our present family, after breakfast I read aloud Pope's *Messiah*, a poem suited to the day, and of which my own admiration was great at an earlier age than that of my son Charles, the youngest person now in my family. Not one of them, excepting George, appeared to take the slightest interest in it; nor is there one of them who has any relish for literature. . . .

— John Quincy Adams (Dec. 25, 1820)



NATIVITY SCENE, Group of cookies with colorful frosting decoration by Mae Gerhard.

Photo courtesy of Museum of Contemporary Crafts of The American Crafts Council

Christmas Cookery: Old and New Traditions In the Baker's Art

The first Christmas trees, which originated in Germany, were decorated with apples, symbolizing Adam's fall, and round wafers, representing the Sacred Host, which signified redemption.

Later, the apples and wafers were replaced by Christmas cookies, which became more and more elaborate through the years.

Fancy Christmas cookies were introduced to America in the 18th century by the early German settlers, who counted their old cookie molds, made of clay, tin or wood, among their most treasured heirlooms.

Industrious Pennsylvania Dutch housewives baked them by the washbasketful in such varying shapes as fish, rabbits, men smoking pipes, horseback riders, hatchet-bearing Indians, stars, dolls, and of course all the characters and animals associated with the nativity scene. There were even some reindeer which were over a foot long.

Until the early part of this century, Pennsylvania Dutch Christmas trees were decorated almost entirely with these edible ornaments and it was part of the celebration to eat from the tree all through the Christmas season, so that it was practically bare by Twelfth Night. This custom is still followed in Europe.

Outstanding cookie specimens were proudly displayed and used to decorate the windows. Cookies were tucked into Christmas baskets for the poor and it was customary to include several dozen cookies when returning molds that had been borrowed.

Many cookies were handed out to the Belsnickles, those costumed visitors, like mummers, who went from house to house checking up on the children's behavior during the year. It is said that some of the Belsnickles were so terrifying that children were known to confess to hitherto unsuspected misdoings.

After World War I, as American women began to emerge from the kitchen to go out in the business world and follow more modern pursuits, the practice of making elaborate cookies and breads was largely abandoned.

However, a few years ago, The Museum of Contemporary Crafts in New York City put on an exhibit called "The Baker's Art," which traveled to many cities throughout the country. This apparently helped set off a nationwide revival of interest in decorative baking.

Some of the most exciting pieces in this exhibition were submitted by Mae Gerhard, a teacher at The Hussian School of Art in Philadelphia.

Miss Gerhard, who learned this traditional art from her Pennsylvania Dutch mother, created a beautiful gingerbread creche of more than two dozen pieces from five to six inches tall, all decorated in brilliant Byzantine colors. She has also made large and elaborate working puppets based on Christmas subjects, using a firmer but inedible dough.

The Glastonbury Thorn

Each Christmas, the small tree or shrub we know as the glastonbury thorn produces small clusters of white flowers. Except for the spring season, Christmastime is the only time of year that these flowers bloom.

celebrants no longer attribute any special powers to this unusual hawthorn.

the glastonbury thorn still holds appeal for those who

know its legend at Christmastime.

There is an ancient legend to explain this interesting circumstance. The legend says that when Joseph of Arimathea ended a long pilgrimage in England, he drove his walking stick into the soil of Glastonbury. The staff budded and bore lovely white blossoms, and thereafter bloomed again each year at Christmas.

Because of this belief, the thorns came to be regarded as holy and pilgrimages were made at Christmastime in olden days to touch the thorns, as it was believed that they could heal the mind and body and purify evil.

Although modern-day

Greeks Have Unique Religious Ceremony to Celebrate Christmas

On Christmas Eve, children of Greek families go from house to house singing carols to the accompaniment of tiny clay drums and tinkling steel triangles. They are rewarded with gifts of figs, walnuts, almonds and sometimes money.

Afterwards there is a Christmas Eve service, which begins at 4 a.m. and ends shortly before dawn. The family then begins feasting with "Christposomo," (bread of Christ), a simple cake studded with nuts, and "Kourabies," small cakes dusted with powdered sugar.

The Christmas dinner must include "cheridon," roast pig. In rural households, these are fattened for the feast from midsummer on. If a family cannot afford to buy a pig, usually relatives or neighbors provide one.

There are no Christmas trees and no Christmas presents. St. Basil's Day or New Year's Day is the time for exchanging gifts. St. Basil, "Hagios Vasilias," one of the four fathers of the Orthodox church, is the Santa Claus of Greek children.

Blessing of the Waters

Since Greece has always been a maritime nation, it is not surprising that the blessing of the waters is an impressive part of the Christmas celebration. This

takes place on Epiphany Day.

At high noon on that day, the Archbishop or highest ranking priest leads a procession from the church to the waterfront. Dressed in magnificent vestments, he holds aloft before him a crucifix of gold or ebony with a silver image of the Saviour. Acolytes and lesser clergy, also clad in rich vestments, accompany him, chanting as they march. The congregation follows in their wake.

The procession halts at the water's edge. The Priest intones a prayer and then, after tying a scarf around the cross, hurls it into the water. From the shore and from boats, men and boys dive after it. The one who succeeds in bringing it up receives a special blessing from the priest and usually a gift of money from the onlookers.

In America, this ceremony of blessing the waters is likely to be celebrated wherever there is a sizable Greek settlement. At Tarpon Springs, Florida, where many Greeks are engaged in the sponge fisheries, and at Asbury Park, New Jersey, it is an annual event.

The Church of St. Nicholas in New York City has held this ceremony for many years at Battery Park, where the swimmers must plunge into the icy waters of New York harbor after the cross.

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WHITE'S CASHWAY GROCERY

Santa's White Beard, Red Suit Come from Cartoonist

Who gave Santa his red suit, broad girth, white beard, ruddy cheeks and nose, fur-trimmed hat, and coat? Surprisingly enough, the donor was a political cartoonist.

The artist's name was Thomas Nast, cartoonist for *Harper's Illustrated Weekly*, who also created the now-famous symbols of the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey.

The figure of Santa that Nast drew in 1863, and perhaps earlier, has proved to be the definitive one, and even today the figure as drawn by Nast appears occasionally on Christmas greetings.

"Nast's image of Santa was extraordinary," says Mrs. Jeannette Lee, director of design at Hallmark.

"He gave Santa many of the qualities that have endeared him to children ever since, and we wouldn't dream

of tampering very much with them today."

Nast first credited Santa with keeping books on good and bad children, having a Christmas toy workshop and reading letters sent to him by children.

Perhaps it was the now-famous poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," by Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, that inspired Nast's illustration of Santa. In this children's classic of 1823, the right jolly old elf, who looked like a peddler with a pack on his back, was first described in print.

Nast followed Dr. Moore's description of Santa in several particulars, but many of his concepts were original.

At the time of Nast's Santa Claus drawings the nation was at Civil War, and families were separated. In a note to cheer both soldiers and their waiting families Nast drew "Santa Claus in Camp," for *Harper's Weekly*.

This earliest Santa was different from any artist's creations up till then. He was shown wearing stars and stripes of the Union and distributing gifts to soldiers. Actually, this Santa might have been meant as a representation of Uncle Sam also.

A later, equally moving Nast illustration featured a soldier's Christmas homecoming.

Born in 1840 in the tiny hamlet of Landau, Bavaria, Nast probably pictured Santa as the long-imagined Saint Nicholas of his childhood.

Albert Bigelow Paine, a friend and admirer of Nast, said the artist often revealed to him his love of the Santa illustrations. He later wrote in his biography of the car-

toonist:

"His own childhood in far-off Bavaria has been measured by the yearly visits of . . . St. Nicholas . . . and the girlhood of the woman who was to become his wife (Sarah Edwards of New York) was intimately associated with brilliant and joyous celebrations.

"Nast's children later recalled there was always a multitude of paper dolls—marvelously big and elaborate, a race long since become extinct.

"And these artistic father—more than half a child himself at the Christmas season—arranged in processions and cavalcades, gay pageants that marched in and about those larger presents that could not be crowded into the row of stockings that hung by the family fireplace.

"It was a time of splendor and rejoicing—the festive blossoming of the winter season—and it was a beautiful and sturdy family that made Merry Christmas riot in the spacious New York home."

In Nast's day, the idea of some sort of Santa was not new to this country. He was introduced to North America by the early Dutch settlers and his name was St. Nicholas. The annual visit of this kind man, who was thought to have been a fourth-century bishop, was his feast day, December 6th.

By 1809, Washington Irving was describing Santa as a small Dutch citizen who looked much like Father Knickerbocker. Irving wondered how the poor old man could get to all the homes in a growing America on his horse, so he invented the famous reindeer-drawn sleigh.



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"HELLO, LITTLE ONE" WAS TITLE FOR this famed drawing of Santa, by Thomas Nast from *Harper's Weekly*. Nast, a noted 19th century political cartoonist, was the first to illustrate Santa as a bearded, red-nosed jolly old man whose rotund figure was clothed in a fur-trimmed red suit, according to researchers for Hallmark.

Holiday Fun Prompts Lively Party Ideas

Christmas gatherings just naturally turn into parties—friends and relatives drop in with holiday greetings, and all of a sudden it's a party!

Party games designed specially for the season can spur on the fun.

For groups large or small, parties planned or impromptu, the following entertaining ideas are suggested.

One way to "break the ice," especially when all of the guests are not well acquainted with each other, is to play a guessing game. A Christmas Personality game can be played by pinning a name such as "Rudolph," "Santa" or "Christmas Angel" on the backs of several guests. Then each tries to guess his name by hints others give.

Another way to start a party is to start the guests out, thinking! Have a little contest and see who can spell the most words with the letters in "Christmas."

Musical Candy Cane

A lively combination version of Musical Chairs and Hot Potato makes use of some unbreakable symbol of Christmas festivities—a small package, one of the sturdier tree ornaments, a big candy cane.

One person who is not playing puts on a Christmas record. Everyone sits in a close circle and passes the object around. When the music suddenly stops, the person who

has the object in his hand is out. This continues until the circle is reduced to one—the winner!

Pin the Star

Children never tire of exciting party games, while the adults may need a rest. One game that is loads of fun for kids to play and adults to watch is a seasonal version of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." This one is "Pin the Star on the Christmas Tree."

It's easy to cut a large shape of a Christmas Tree out of green construction paper and tape it to a wall or door, making sure it is low enough for the littlest guest to reach the top.

Each child gets a paper star with tape on the back and takes his turn being blindfolded and spun around. The one who can place his star closest to the top of the tree wins.

Christmas Tree

A Christmas Tree game that everyone can play is a guessing game. In "Christmas Tree" the person who is "it" leaves the room while the other players decide on a secret word. It must be a verb, or a word showing action, such as run, eat or swim.

When "it" comes back, he tries to guess the word by asking questions using "Christmas Tree" in place of the word. He may ask, "Do children Christmas Tree?"

Scholars Study Source of Star Shining in East

"There shall come forth a Star"—Numbers 24:17. In this Old Testament prophecy by Balaam, was a real star meant, or does "Star" refer to a great person?

For centuries, Biblical scholars have considered this question. Many believe that the prophecy led the wise men to watch for and follow the "star in the east," of which St. Matthew wrote in his story of the Nativity.

The star itself is the source of many theories. Perhaps the best of all is that it was

a miraculous appearance and as such needs no explanation.

However, astronomers through the ages have sought to connect the star seen by the wise men with other reported celestial objects—a comet, perhaps, or an especially brilliant star that only appears at long intervals.

Still another theory suggests that the star may have been a configuration or grouping of planets. In 1604, the German astronomer Johannes Kepler theorized that Jupiter, Saturn and Mars

might have occurred in such a configuration at about the time of Christ's birth.

The fact that the star and the visit of the wise men were described only by St. Matthew has led to still another question. Did only the wise men see the star?

That they were so privileged is sometimes explained by the legend that the wise men were astrologers whose special interest helped them to notice the unusual brilliance of the three planets grouped together.



Although times have changed, one thing never changes: the feeling of good cheer and friendship during the Yuletide season. We wish you a merry Christmas!

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Does He see now the silent tree
Awaiting some tomorrow?
But loving fingers take
His hand
With playfulness, caressing,
He stretches infant arms to her,
As if in some new blessing
The mother laughs with sweet delight
At this endearing game
And speaks it for the first time:
His wondrous, holy Name.

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Then As Now, Carols Were Holiday Tradition

Back in the 1890's, every well-furnished home had a piano and one of the favorite pastimes was to gather around the family piano to sing the popular tunes of the day. At Christmastime, the joyous singing of Christmas carols was an important part of the holiday scene, adding to the festive mood of everyone from Papa down to little sister.

Today's fashions have changed significantly and the color TV set may now occupy the place of honor in most American homes but you'll still find Christmas carols a well-loved tradition in family observances of the Yuletide season.

The sounds of favorite carols are more apt to emanate from a stereo set than from a player piano but they're the same songs that young ladies and their

beaux sang at the turn of the century, with a few modern additions. However, the traditional singing of carols has not completely died out here — many church groups make a practice of caroling in local hospitals and institutions, and some carolers still go from home to home in true holiday fashion.

Many churches feature an evening of beloved Christmas music during the holiday season, and of course TV and radio stations offer many programs of traditional and new carols.

Folks from the Nineties might be amazed at the Christmas customs of today but they'd be right at home when it comes to America's favorite holiday music in 1975 — Christmas carols.

Harte Story Tells of Western Christmas

A poor mountain cabin housing a group of rugged characters forms an unlikely setting for an excellent Christmas story by Bret Harte, famed for his writings about the Gold Rush days. Set in 1862, in the Sacramento Valley, "How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar" is considered one of Harte's best stories.

The story centers around a little boy, Johnny, who is ill in bed on Christmas Eve. His home is a poor cabin at Simpson's Bar, a cluster of similar cabins huddled around a little store, situated on Table Mountain.

Little Johnny is wise beyond his years due to his rough-and-tumble environment but when he hears about Santa Claus, he is mystified. So when Johnny's father comes home with some drinking companions, Johnny asks his father a very natural question. Just who is "Sandy Claws?"

His father brushes the question aside but one of the other men, Dick Bullen, is moved by the boy's ignorance. He borrows a mare, Jovita, and sets out to find some Christmas presents for the youngster.

Unfortunately for Dick Bullen, it's not a propitious time to run errands. It's been raining heavily, and the river has overflowed its banks, while the creek is impassable. He reaches his destination, the town of

little-known narrative

A Christmas Tree

by Charles Dickens

The tree was brilliantly lighted by a multitude of little tapers, and everywhere sparkled and glittered with bright objects.

There were rosy-cheeked dolls hiding behind the green leaves and there were real watches (with moveable hands at least and an endless capacity of being wound up) dangling from innumerable twigs.

There were French-polished tables, chairs, bedspreads, wardrobes, eight-day clocks and various other articles of domestic furniture (wonderfully made, in tin, at Wolverhampton) perched among the boughs, as if in preparation for some fairy housekeeping.

There were jolly, broad-faced little men, much more agreeable in appearance than many real men — and no wonder for their heads took off and showed them to be full of sugar plums.

There were fiddles and drums, tambourines, books, work boxes, paint-boxes, sweetmeat boxes, peep-show boxes and all kinds of boxes.

There were trinkets for the elder girls far brighter than any grown-up gold and jewels. There were baskets and pincushions in all devices. There were guns, swords, and banners, with witches standing in enchanted rings of pasteboard to tell fortunes.

There were teetotums, humming tops, needlecases, pen-wipers, smelling bottles, conversation cards, bouquet holders. There was real fruit, made artificially dazzling with gold leaf, imitation apples, pears, and walnuts crammed with surprises. In short, there was everything and more.

This motley collection of odd objects, clustering on the tree like magic fruit, and flashing back the bright looks directed towards it from every side, made a lively realization of the fancies of childhood, and set me to thinking how all the trees that grow and all the things that come into existence on the earth, have their wild adornments at that well-remembered time, Christmas.

Decorating with Cards Can Be Yule Project

When children need a change from the toys on Christmas day, a promising project could be to let them see what they can do with the family greeting cards.

Here are some suggestions from Jeannette Lee, art director for Hallmark.

Tape or staple cards to lengths of ribbon and hang them on walls or doors.

Make a Christmas wreath by attaching cards to a circle of cardboard.

"Frame" cards with construction paper. Decorate a screen with cards.

Play Delights

A hybrid Spanish-Indian play, called "Los Pastores," introduced by Spanish monks, may still take place in the backyards of San Antonio, Tex., at Christmastime. With no props, curtains and a cast of amateurs, it yearly delights with its spiritual innovations.

It runs from Christmas to Candlemas, in homes located in out-of-way places so only the initiated can find it. The object is to prevent the merely curious observer from watching this spiritual miracle play.

Turtleville, where he wakens some disgruntled shopkeepers to do his last-minute shopping.

The return trip is even harder for poor Dick.

When he gets to the creek, he finds it has become a river. Undaunted, Dick discards his coat and boots and saddle and rides the mare bareback through the rushing waters.

It is dawn before he reaches the mountain cab-

in at last, when he arrives he is half-naked and exhausted. But he has carried his cargo of toys to their destination and he tells Johnny's father to place the gifts in Johnny's stocking.

"Tell him Sandy Claws has come," he says, and so ends a marvelous story written in the best tradition of Bret Harte.

SCARLET SLING: Season chilled tomato juice with dashes of Worcestershire, Tabasco, lemon juice and celery salt. Insert a celery stick stirrer.

Dear Santa:

Dear Santa, Please bring a car and a truck and a tractor and another car and a box of toys.

Love, Salvalor Olivarez

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Evel Knevel and a bicycle and a big truck and I want a tractor and a trailer for my tractor. I want a dump truck, I want a coloring book.

Good Bye, Sergio Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus, Hi Santa Claus,

I want a race car for Christmas and a captain Marvel set and a bridge for my train and a truck that gets cows and I want a capsule with a man in it. I want a dump truck and a truck that picks pigs up.

Love, Arturo Murillo

Dear Mr. Claus (Santa),

For Christmas I would thoroughly enjoy a new pick up (any color or any brand, I am not picky like some people you know). Also I could use a raise at work. I would settle for \$1000 a month. And to prove I am not selfish I would like Charles Roy to have his Christmas wish come true so we can switch rides to work and take turns falling asleep at the wheel.

Mr. Claus, sir, if you will give me these items, I will be happy as a lark until my birthday on Feb. 3. Mom can take it from there.

Sincerely yours, Tom Tilton

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a bicycle for Christmas and I want some clothes, too. I want to thank you for all the toys you brought me and my brothers and sisters.

We have been good children. We always help mother an father with the work. So Santa, don't forget to come see us.

Aida Garcia

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a motorcycle and a six million dollar man, (toy).

Alan Finney

Dear Santa, Hope you aren't too tired from making toys and letting kids set on your lap. I came to your shop and talked to you, but I wanted to write to you too. I have been a pretty nice girl but I will try to be better next year.

I would like to have a 'Baby That Away' and my sister Kim and I want an organ together. Santa I wanted to tell you my Grandpa and Grandma (George Y. Mitchell) have just moved to Muleshoe so don't forget them. My big brother Danny wants a car but Daddy Kindhearted says you can't get it in your bag. I just had my 4th birthday.

Love you Santa, Kendra Wilson

Dear Santa Claus,

Would you please send the nurses at West Plains Medical Center a new Lift to lift our patients on, please. We really need one also some Disposable Catheter Trap.

We would sure appreciate it, and Santa be good to all our Doctors too. For they are really great.

We love you, The Nurses at the Hospital

Dear Santa,

I would like alot of things but mainly a Spanish record and a fortune teller so as I can know everything that is going on.

Merry Christmas, Jerry Christmas, Jay Sherlock

Dear Santa,

I want a fur coat, a baby that away, a slinky, a cash register, and a baton. I love you, Jessie Holmes

Dear Santa,

I want a baton, an Etch A Sketch, a tape recorder, a record player, and a chalkboard. Don't forget my brother and sisters.

Love, Jackie

Dear Santa,

My name is Jayna Harris. I want a barbie dream boat, and a hula-hoop too.

Jayna Karol Harris

Dear Santa,

Please, please bring me a sense of humor for Christmas this year.

Thank you, Jimmy Mills

Holiday Blends Many Customs

"Anybody found feasting or observing Christmas day in any way shall pay a fine of five shillings."

And so, throughout New England Pilgrim settlers had to treat Christmas as just another working day. Governor Bradford noted that "no man rested all day" on December 25, 1620, say the editors of Encyclopedia Americana.

Today, in the United States and Canada, Christmas celebrations are a colorful blend of customs from many lands. The main features of the holiday festivities are much the same everywhere—Santa Claus, Christmas trees, gifts, greetings, feasting, family visits, carol singing.

Each of these customs has its own history, and for the student of holiday lore and legend, the fascination lies in the variety of traditions brought by settlers from other lands and assimilated into what is now a truly American, or truly Canadian Christmas.

Displaying Tree

The custom of the Community Christmas Tree began in the early 1900's with the people of Pasadena, Calif., who decorated a tall evergreen on Mount Wilson with lights and tinsel.

Madison Square in New York and the Common in Boston were the scene of trees set up in 1912. In 1914 Independence Square in Philadelphia had its first holiday tree.

Around each of these trees choirs gathered and sang carols.

The custom of lighting the National Community Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C. began in 1923 when the University of Vermont sent a large tree to President Calvin Coolidge.

Add Special Touch

In Quebec, customs from France lend their special touch to a Canadian Christmas.

France gave Canada the "creche," gatherings after midnight Mass with family and friends, savory pork pies

called "tourtières," collecting gifts from door to door for the less privileged persons of the community.

After mass on Christmas Eve, the people of Quebec gather at homes of loved ones to participate in a night-long feast called "réveillon."



Wishing you all the joys and blessings of this holy

Yuletide Season

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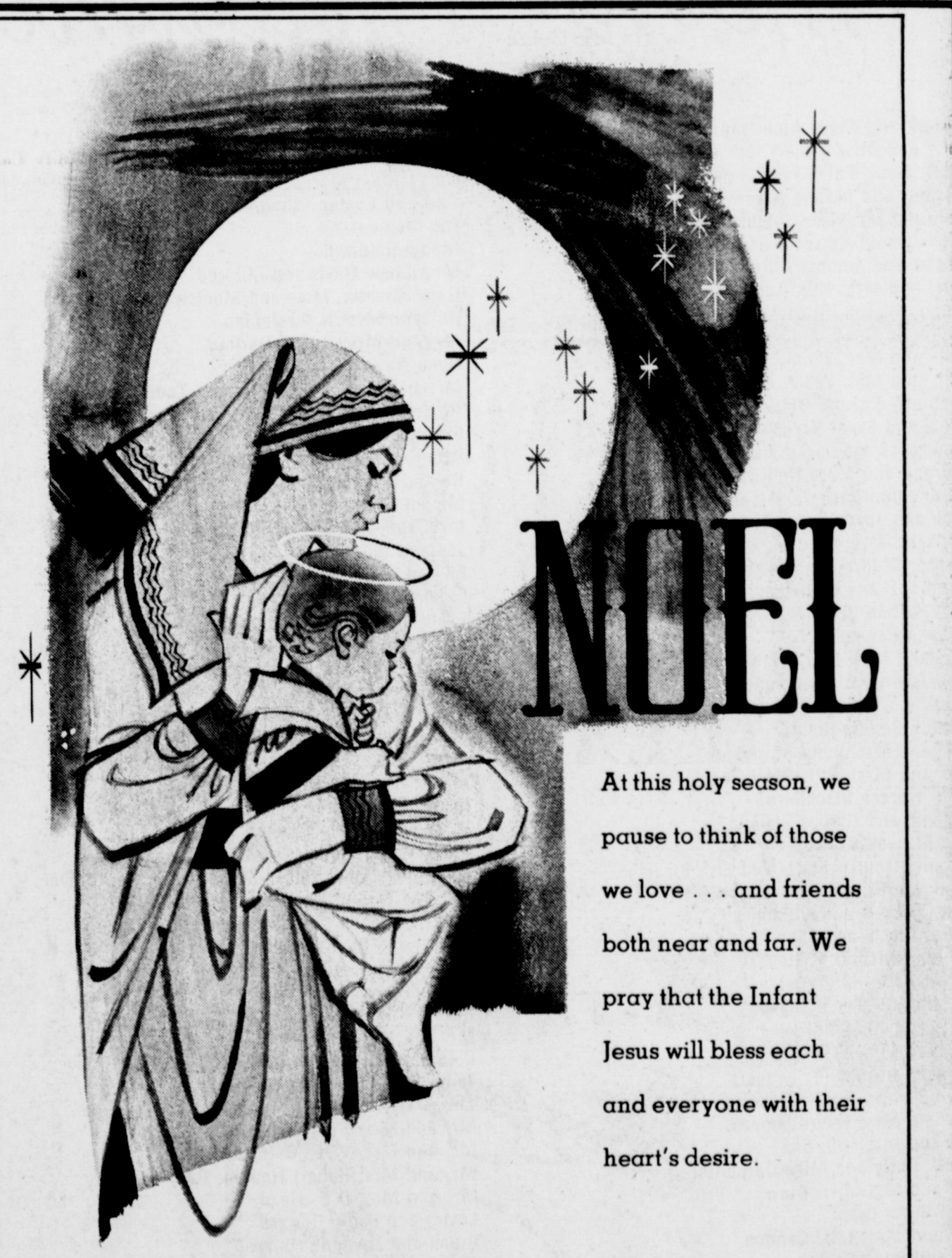


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THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN AMERICA

Would you believe that about four billion Christmas cards are sent every Christmas? No wonder the post office hires extra help each year! It does sound like an insurmountable job! But what a lovely way to wish friends and family well and to renew old friendships. But do you know that exchanging Christmas cards is a comparatively recent custom?

Although there are several claims as to who originated the sending of Christmas cards, there is evidence this lovely custom began in England in the early 1800's. It is generally acknowledged that Louis Prang, a native German who settled in Boston, introduced them in America in about 1875.

His early cards, produced by a process of color lithography, were models of expert craftsmanship. They featured flower designs such as daisies and roses, and were quite unlike Christmas cards of today. By 1881, Prang was turning out about 5 million cards a year, and as time went by he offered more typical Christmas scenes, including the visit of Santa Claus, Madonna and Child, and blazing fires.

In 1880 or 1881 Prang sponsored an open competition for Christmas card designs, offering prizes that came to about \$3,000. More than 600 entries were received and were exhibited in galleries. Noted personalities of that time acted as judges.

The superior quality and workmanship of the Prang cards added to their popularity. However, with an increasing demand for cards, inferior, artistic, cheaper cards came flooding in from Europe, and Prang found it hard to compete. He stopped producing his beautiful cards, but they are still highly valued and sought after by collectors.

Now we have cards available to fit our every mood, and one would be hard pressed to imagine the number of artists and verse writers who make up the creative forces of this vast industry. Sending and receiving Christmas cards is one of the delights of the holiday.

Wreaths Got Pagan Start

During this holiday season, a wide variety of colorful wreaths deck the doorways of homes in this community.

The use of wreaths at holiday time stems from the customs of Advent season — the four Sundays before Christmas. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are made of evergreens, trimmed with ribbons, and hold four candles to be lit during the Sundays of Advent.

The wreath, which has no beginning or end, represents eternity, and the evergreens symbolize growth and life, according to the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.

Like many other Christian holiday customs, the Advent wreath originated in pagan ceremonies.

During the dark days of the winter solstice, the worshippers of northern Europe sought to please their absent god, the sun, and persuade him to return, by using a wheel trimmed with greenery.

The wreath was made of an actual wheel, taken from a cart and wrapped in greens. Lights, too, were added.

There is no doubt that this heartwarming custom will continue and so we say "thanks" to Mr. Prang,

Today's Christmas Traditions Derive from Ancient, Recent Times

Christmas as a formal observance has been celebrated by Christians since the third century. The word itself means Christ's Mass, connoting the religious rites that commemorate the birth of Christ.

Originally, Christmas Day was celebrated on both January 6 and December 25. During the fifth century, the Western world adopted December 25 as Christmas, with Eastern churches following suit later on.

Because December 25 was already a feast day in honor of the pagan sun god Mithra, Christians chose that date to honor Jesus as "The Light of the World."

In many ways, Christmas has served to replace the pagan customs of ancient times. For instance, in Germany, the winter solstice was observed on December 21 by pagans, and many customs of the pre-Christian celebration were transferred to the Christian holiday. Dramatic enactments of the birth of Jesus, Christmas carols, and the "manger songs" of medieval times were incorporated into the holiday celebration as time went on, replacing the old pagan customs.

The Christmas tree itself is believed to be derived from the use of palm trees in the worship of the Egyptian goddess Isis. During the winter solstice a palm tree with twelve shoots, representing the months of the year, was carried to celebrate the completion of one year and the beginning of another. The palm tree was replaced with a fir tree as the observance extended to northern climates.

The Yule log came into use around the 16th century and again, this custom has its origins in pagan times. At the time of the solstice, a sacred fire would be lit from a brand kept from the previous year's log. It is thought that the custom was brought to England by the Vikings. In later times, the Yule log would be brought in with much ceremony on Christmas Eve to light the holiday fire.

The Christmas stocking is originally an Italian custom. Tradition has it that La Befana, a wandering witch, comes on the feast of Epiphany to fill the

wherever he may be, for adding great spirit to Christmas in America!

stockings of good children with gifts, and those of naughty children with ashes. La Befana's name is actually a corruption of the word, Epiphany, the feast that commemorates the bringing of gifts to the Infant Jesus by the Three Wise Men.

The exchanging of gifts dates back to early medieval times, and is probably inspired by the gifts of the Wise Men.

Christmas cards, however, are a fairly recent tradition. The use of cards dates back only to the latter half of the 19th century. They were an inevitable outcome of the practice of writing to distant friends and relatives at Christmas-time, a custom which came into greater favor with the increasing efficiency of postal systems.

In Guatemala

An ancient custom in Guatemala is to "light the road to Bethlehem" by placing lanterns in windows and doorways for nine nights before Christmas.



CHRISTMAS CARD from about the 1800's. Color lithography by Raphael Ruck and Sons. Photograph courtesy of The Oakland Museum.

What Are the Facts About Christmas?

Everybody thinks that space travel is something very new, but an elderly gentleman in a rather unique "space-suit" set the pace years ago. His name: Santa Claus.

Now is the season when he's taking off again, for it's Christmas.

How much do you know about Christmas and Santa Claus? Here are some questions, developed with the help of the editors of the Encyclopedia International, to test your knowledge. The answers are at the bottom.

1. The first known Christmas card was designed in 1843 by an Englishman named:
 - (A) Charles Dickens
 - (B) Sir Henry Cole
 - (C) John Calcott Horsley

2. The first Christian Nativity feast, celebrating the birth of Christ, occurred in the fourth century on:
 - (A) January 6
 - (B) July 4
 - (C) December 25

3. Christmas did not become a legal holiday in the U.S. until:
 - (A) The Puritans arrived in New England
 - (B) 1856
 - (C) Santa's Helpers Union went on strike.

Answers are at the bottom.

1. (C) is correct. Artist Horsley designed the first known Christmas greeting card for his friend, Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman. Charles Dickens had his share in Christmas 1843, too. His book, "A Christmas Carol," was published that year.

2. (A) is correct. At first, January 6, the Epiphany, was observed as the feast of Jesus' baptism, with a secondary emphasis on His birth. It was not until the 5th century A.D. that Christmas was generally celebrated on December 25.

3. (B) is correct. New England states outlawed the celebration of Christmas until the middle of the 19th century.

Twelfth Night

Christmas goes out in fine style — with Twelfth Night. It is a finish worthy of the time. Christmas Day was the morning of the season; New Year's Day the middle of it or noon; Twelfth Night is the night,

brilliant with the innumerable planets of Twelfth-cakes.

— Leigh Hunt (1784-1859)

In Panama

Children in Panama participate in midnight mass on

Christmas Eve by caroling to an accompaniment of castanets and tamborines.

Yule Log

The yule log has long been an important part of Christmas. In Lithuania the word for Christmas means "log evening."



Holiday Cheer

May the sounds of the season be joyous for you!

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