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Christmas Calm Cloaks Community Churches Plan Yule Services

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Martin County residents are busy preparing for Christmas, and are making last-minute preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

In churches and schools special programs and parties have been held or will be held in the next day or two.

School children will be dismissed Friday, December 20, for a long Christmas-New Year holiday period. At Stanton, Courtney, Grady and Flower Grove schools, classes will turn out Friday afternoon and students will not return to school until Thursday, January 2.

Before students are dismissed, class parties and programs will be held. At Stanton High School students will attend an assembly program.

Plans have been made for the business houses and offices to be closed for Christmas. City employees will have a two-day holiday. City hall will close on Monday afternoon and remain closed until Thursday morning. The city employees will have off December 24 and 25.

All county offices will be closed on December 24, 25 and 26, in observance of Christmas.

The post office will be closed Christmas Day. The windows will be closed during this period and there will be no rural mail delivery, but mail will be put up in the boxes in the post office.

Most of the churches have already had special Christmas programs, or will have programs this weekend.

The bank will close at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, Christmas Eve, and will remain closed all day Wednesday, Christmas Day.

Various organizations, churches and individuals have been busy preparing baskets and gifts for the less fortunate members of the community.

County residents have been completing plans for out-of-town visits to homes of friends or relatives, or making plans for out-of-town guests in their homes. The college students will begin arriving in town Friday for the extended holiday season.

And so, Martin County is again nearly ready for Christmas Day.

Dairy Mart Slates Grand Opening

Bill's Dairy Mart, located on the Lamesa Highway, is slating their grand opening Saturday, December 21, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Dairy Mart is owned and operated by Bill and Billie Collier.

Mr. and Mrs. Collier moved to Stanton from Dallas, where Mr. Collier was employed as controller for a national firm. The Colliers have three children. Lesa, age 10, is in the fifth grade. They have a son, Jerry, age nine, who is in the fourth grade, and a son, Jimmy, age three.

Mrs. Collier is a sister to Mrs. Bill Hicks of this city. Mrs. Hicks works at the place of business during the noon hour.

The Dairy Mart is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and Saturday, and from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Sundays.

The Dairy Mart has purchased a grand opening announce elsewhere in this issue of The Stanton Reporter.

Lighting Contest To Be Judged Friday Night

Judging of the residential lighting contest and the merchants window displays in Stanton will be Friday evening.

The various homes entered in the contest are to be judged between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Friday, and first, second and third place prizes will be awarded.

The downtown store windows that are decorated will be judged at the same time. Certificates will be presented to the first, second and third place winners.

There are nine entries in the contest, according to Mrs. Mauryne Varnadore, manager of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

The contest is being sponsored by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

Deadline for entries was Monday, December 16. The contest is for any type of outdoor lighting and decorations.

Judging will be based on originality, attractiveness and suitability to the theme.

Drama Club Postpones Friday's Play

The Stanton High School Drama Club has postponed the play, "The Glass Menagerie," scheduled for Friday night, December 20, according to Chuck Worley, instructor.

Mr. Worley stated, "Due to the bad weather and the rush of the holiday season, we feel it will benefit everyone to postpone the play until a later date."

The play has tentatively been rescheduled for January 11. Tickets that have been sold in advance for the play on December 20, will be good at the rescheduled date.

The tickets are on sale in advance for \$1.00 for adults, 75 cents for students, and 25 cents for children in the first through sixth grades. All pre-school children will be admitted free. Tickets at the door for adults will be \$1.25.

The play is written by Tennessee Williams. The characters are Cindy Britton, Linda Caffey, Gary Clinton, and Ronnie Driggers.

County Schools To Dismiss For Holidays

Martin County schools will dismiss Friday, December 20, and will resume classwork on January 2, 1964, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

School will be dismissed at the Stanton High School, Stanton Elementary and Stanton Junior High at 2:30 p.m. The students in the elementary and junior high school will hold their parties and will exchange gifts.

The high school students will have a short assembly program. The high school students will not exchange gifts this year, but will bring food and toys to needy families, if they wish.

Courtney schools will dismiss Friday, December 20, and will resume classwork on January 2, 1964, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.



MERRY CHRISTMAS—Santa Claus made his annual visit to Martin County last Friday to get first hand information from the children concerning their Christmas desires. Here the merry fellow is pictured bestowing greetings in Stanton from the Martin County Sheriff's Posse chuck wagon, driven by Ohmer Kelly. Kelly is president of the Old Settlers Reunion organization and since Santa Claus is indeed an old settler, it was appropriate that Ohmer escort him to town.

Austral Oil Testing Perforations Section At No. 2 J. E. Mabee Site

By JAMES C. WATSON
Austral Oil Company, Inc., of Houston and Cactus Drilling Corporation of Midland No. 2 J. E. Mabee, Martin County operation 20½ miles north and slightly west of Midland, is testing a perforated section at 12,988-13,027 feet—probably the Fusselman.

That horizon had been treated with 30,000 gallons of acid and at last report, a considerable quantity of the fluid was yet to be recovered before a test could be made of the producing ability of the section.

No. 2 Mabee is a north offset to the same operator's No. 1 Mabee, opener and lone producer in the Rucben (Fusselman and Ellenburger) field, and 583 feet from north and 2,173 feet from west lines of section 19, block 39, G&M-MB&A survey.

It earlier had tested the Ellenburger through perforations have not been listed and failed to develop any shows for commercial production from that formation which has now been plugged off. The location is 14½ miles southwest of Tarzan and adjacent to San Andres production in the Mabee pool.

Guy Mabee of Midland No. 1-B J. E. Mabee Estate, 20 miles north and slightly west of Midland in Martin County, was waiting on new drillpipe at 13,430 feet.

While attempting to take a drillstem test at that depth, in the Ellenburger, the operation dropped the string of drillpipe and apparently several joints were kinked. Operators report that new drillpipe is being shipped from Houston.

The 13,600-foot Ellenburger project is 2,193 feet from east and 1,794 feet from north lines of section 19, block 39, T-2-N, G&M-MB&A survey.

John L. Cox of Midland No. 2-B Keaton, northeast outpost to the Spraberry Trend Area in Martin County, was building

a pumping unit at total depth 7,650 feet.

It is 1,980 feet from south and west lines of section 23, block 35, T-1-N, T&P survey, and 11 miles northeast of Stanton.

Cox 3-C Keaton, also an offset to the Spraberry Trend Area, 11 miles northeast of Stanton, was drilling below 3,300 feet on a 7,700-foot contract.

CC Members To Elect New Directors

Martin County Chamber of Commerce members are to name three new directors this month.

Candidates for the places are James Jones, F. O. Rhodes, Jack Ireton, Carlos Brantley, Stanley Reid, and H. S. Blocker.

The three directors will be elected to three-year terms each. Candidates were nominated at a meeting of the directors Martin County Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber office.

Ballots were mailed to members Monday and ballots should be returned to the Chamber of Commerce office by 5 p.m. December 23.

Retiring directors are Bob Cox, Poy Pickett, and Cecil Bridges. They served as the nominating committee.

Methodist Men Met Monday Night

The Methodist Men met Monday night at the First Methodist Church. Cecil Bridges, president, was in charge of the meeting. (Continued on page 4)

District FFA Leadership Contest Held

Stanton Future Farmers of America chapter, entered four teams in the District Leadership Contest at Coahoma last week.

The FFA Quiz Team, consisting of Mark Bentley, Kevin Fryar, Bobby Hamm, and Larry Duke, won the first place banner and represented the El Rancho District in area competition.

The Junior and Senior skills teams both won second place awards in the district contest. The farm radio team placed fourth.

The Stanton basketball team placed second in the tournament, which is staged each year in conjunction with the leadership contest.

The highlight of the day was the FFA District banquet, at which time the FFA sweethearts were presented. Miss Linda Franklin represented the Stanton chapter at the banquet. Miss Cherrie Smith of Odessa, was named the district sweetheart.

The speaker for the banquet was Benny Mays, state FFA president for 1963-64. Mays spoke on "Leadership Opportunities in the FFA and School Life."

VARIETY

By NEAL ESTES

A MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our friends!

A few poetic lines from the aged Beggar's rhyme has always impressed your writer as a kind of special spirit exhilarated at Christmas time. So we quote: "Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, Please to put a penny in the old man's hat; If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do, If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you!"

Just a few more days and Christmas will have gone into the record books. But we will have another issue of the paper for circulation and distribution before the big day rolls around. So if you did not have time to arrange for a Christmas advertising message to your friends and customers you will still have time for the next paper. If you prefer a message of greetings for a happy and prosperous New Year it can be prepared for publication in our first January issue.

MR. and MRS. HORACE BLOCKER, MR. and MRS. WELAND ATCHISON, MR. and MRS. ELMER LONG, MR. and MRS. HENRY LOUDER and LINDA, MR. and MRS. O. C. TURNER, MR. and MRS. ALTON TURNER, and MR. and MRS. BOB COSTEY, and many others used the columns of the newspaper this year to send Christmas greetings to their friends, neighbors, loved ones, and customers. Read these messages in this issue.

MISS BETTY ALSUP, daughter of MR. and Mrs. G. W. ALSUP, is a director in HIGH SKY GIRLS RANCH, INC., Midland. The ranch needs your help. They are having a fund raising campaign now and need to get the information circulated. The girls depend entirely on contributions and would appreciate one from any man, woman, child, or group from Martin County. Send your check or money to HIGH SKY GIRLS RANCH, INC., Midland, Texas. Add today to your personal happiness by sending a contribution to the ranch.



The Meaning Of Christmas

"Glory to God in the highest," is the spontaneous, exultant song of the angels that escaped the windows of heaven and stirred the shepherd on the Judean hills, just a stone's cast outside Bethlehem, on that memorable night when Christ was born. When God sent his son into the world, angels discovered a dimension in God they had never known before. They knew of His power and wisdom and love. But now, in the sending of His Son, they saw the spirit of self-denial in God, the spirit of self-sacrifice. When they saw God give up His only and well-beloved Son, possibly with the foreknowledge of the anguishing cross experience before them, they saw something of God they had never seen before. One does not wonder, therefore, that when all the heavenly hosts joined together to cheer Christ on in His work of redemption that they sang so loud that the shepherds heard it: "Glory to God in the highest." At this Christmas season, the editor of this newspaper sends to you tidings of great joy. During this holy month of gifts and decorations and expressions of unselfishness, upon behalf of the staff of The Stanton Reporter I wish for each you, our friends, and readers a very Merry Christmas—a Merry Christmas to all!

P-TA Met Tuesday At Junior High

Stanton Parents-Teachers Association met Tuesday, December 10, at the junior high study hall. Mrs. Bob Johnson, vice president, presided over the business meeting.

A committee was appointed to judge the door decorations at the high school.

Mrs. Evelyn Lankford's fourth grade presented a Christmas program. All members of the class took part on the program. Skits were given, poems were read, and the group sang Christmas songs.

Mrs. Lankford's class also won the room count prize. Refreshments were served by the social committee, Mrs. J. W. Graham, and Mrs. Floyd Walker. Coffee and Christmas cookies were served from a holiday decorated table.

Approximately 45 attended the meeting.

Santa Letters To Be Mailed To North Pole

All of the letters to Santa Claus that The Stanton Reporter receives after this week's paper is printed will be forwarded on to Santa's headquarters in the North Pole.

All of the children who mail their letters too late to have them in the paper can be assured that Santa will receive the letters anyway.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Gay Icing Trims A Cake Tree

Tree trimming time is occasion enough for this Tree Cake. And it's easier to do than the satin bow on a special present.

You start with a rectangular cake of your choice — one of your own recipes, or a prepared cake mix — baked three inches thick or in two layers to make a 3-inch-thick finished product.

If, for example, your cake is 9x12 inches, cut off a slice 9x2 inches from the short side. Cut this in half, (4½x2 inches). Slice the remaining 9x10 portion diagonally, and

arrange the diagonal pieces back to back along their 10-inch sides to make a triangle.

Now, at the bottom center, place the 4½x2-inch pieces to form the 4x4½-inch tree base section. With a knife, cut out branch indentations along the

sides of the triangle.

Cover the assembled tree with a generous amount of lightly tinted green frosting, using your favorite butter frosting. With a toothpick, sketch in "Merry Christmas" lettering and outline it in cake decorating gel in tubes, such as Cake-Mate Gel. Add branches using the plastic writing tip on tubed green icing.

Fashion the poinsettia on the base using the interchangeable plastic leaf tip on a tube of red icing, or your own icing in decorating tube. The flower's center is a short squeeze of yellow icing, using a star tip.

Green decorating gel may be added to the branches, or green icing may be used as it is used for top and bottom borders. Other icing decorations may be added as your imagination pleases.

Christmas Tree, Santa Claus Have Strangest Backgrounds

Most traditions are children of strange ancestry, and the two most popular Christmas customs — Santa Claus and the Christmas tree—may have the strangest heritage of them all.

Does it come as a surprise that the lighted tree is entirely Christian in origin while the jolly figure sometimes called St. Nick was born of pagan parents?

The source for this Christmas lore is the Rev. Francis X. Weiser, S. J. of Weston College, Mass. He is one of the nation's foremost authorities on the subject, and also gives the derivation of the Christmas tree.

In medieval days a favorite pre-Christmas pageant was the "Paradise Play," depicting the fall of Adam and Eve, the promise of a Savior and the ensuing birth of Christ.

A fir tree hung with apples represented the Garden of Eden, and the symbol soon found its way into homes on the feast day of Adam and Eve, December 24.

For years the feast of St. Nicholas, Dec. 6, was observed in Europe by giving gifts to children. He is their patron saint, and the custom still is practiced in some idea of a nocturnal visitor coming to their homes, too.

Germans also had the custom of erecting in their homes during Advent a candle-decked wooden pyramid topped by a star, signifying the "light of the world" which shone from the stable at Bethlehem.

During the 16th century they began combining the two symbols, usually adding beneath the tree the Christmas crib which formerly stood at the foot of the pyramid.

Few historical facts are known about the saint. He was bishop of Myra in Asia Minor and died about the year 350. He was an orphan, and a generally accepted legend is he often helped poor children by slipping coins through their windows at night.

Trees began appearing in American homes after the first big wave of German immigration in about 1700.

Repair pingpong and tennis racquet. Trucks, wagons, sleds, and blocks will look new again with a coat of bright paint. Old cigar boxes are just the thing for making doll furniture. And colored wash cloths, cut to fit, make fancy-looking rugs for a doll house.

Later, when the English founded the colony of New York in the same territory, their children liked the idea of a nocturnal visitor coming to their homes, too.

That old teddy-bear will be just as lovable as ever when he has a new pair of shoe-button eyes, and it takes only a minute to sew them in place.

Revamp an old doll. If her wig is stringy, give it a good curl with the curling iron. Then make her a brand new wardrobe. Some little girl will think she is the most beautiful doll in the world.

But the idea of a bishop was disagreeable to the New Yorkers, many of whom were Presbyterians. Also, they did not celebrate feasts of saints.

In the withered pages of Germanic folklore, familiar to these Anglo-Saxons, was the pagan god Thor.

Repairs are often found in wild animals such as skunks and in domestic ones like dogs and cats. The disease, a virus infection spread in the saliva of infected animals, can be guarded against by vaccinating pets.

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Other new toys are patterned after old inventions which have extreme importance today. These include the electric light, the telephone, and the first steam turbine engine, among others.

For youngsters who might become highway engineers, there is a road-building set featuring a miniature mobile crane.

Make Old Toys Look Like New

Also available is an airlines lift truck that raises itself off the truck chassis to load and unload aircraft. New among electric trains is one with cars that toss out bales of hay.

More outdoor sports have been adapted for indoor use in this year's Christmas toys. The Olympic games are included among these.

By salvaging and making useful again discarded toys of your children, you will gladden the heart of some eager youngster whose stocking will not be too full on Christmas morning.

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Merry Christmas

When Santa unloads his gift-laden pack at your home, we know that you'll find our many good wishes tucked into your every happy treasure! Tho' we can't personally greet each of you at this time — we extend to all of our friends this warm-hearted wish that your Christmas Holiday will bless you with all of life's good things!

J. A. Wilson Dry Goods

The Spirit of Christmas

In all the hustle-bustle of our happy Holiday preparations, let us never forget the true spirit of Christmas, so beautifully expressed in those carols of beloved memory. Let us dedicate ourselves to the ideal of which the Angel sang: "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."

Stanton Variety

Thanks From All Of Us To All Of You.



Science Toys Big Favorites For Christmas

Science has given a new glamor to the Christmas toy output for this year. Science toys provide education as well as news types of play activity for girls as well as boys.

Models of missiles and nuclear submarines are accompanied by manuals explaining the operation of real missiles and submarines.

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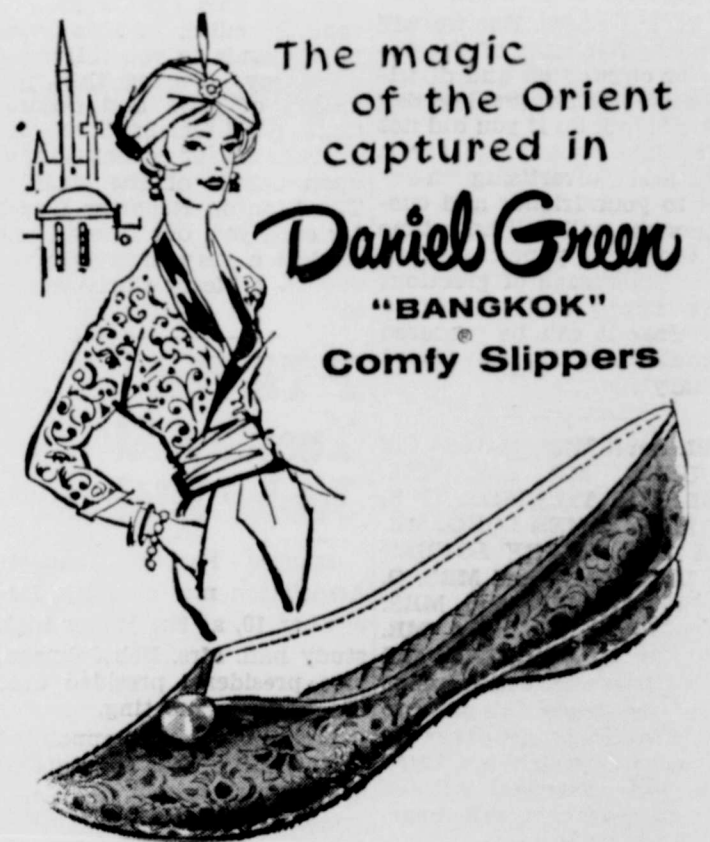
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Mrs. Nell White and Myrtle Lynn.

It is indeed nice to know that we have a hospital in Stanton with doctors and nurses and attendants who are interested in the welfare of patients all the way. I want to thank the entire staff of the local hospital for the manner in which they cared for my husband during his illness. I especially want to thank Mr. B. F. White, Mr. Philip White and Mr. Floyd Smith and other friends for their never failing thoughtfulness and consideration.
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REAL ESTATE M

Acreage For Sale M-1

FOR SALE: 320 acres, 100 acres in cultivation, 1/4 minerals. \$150.00 an acre, located 12 miles south of Stanton on pavement. Call MU 2-1900, Midland, Louie Koonce tn

Farms & Ranches M-2

FOR SALE: S. P. Reed farm, one mile north and east of Stanton, 325 acres. Cotton allotment, two six inch irrigation wells, no minerals. Write or call D. I. Reed, 4308 Larchmont Avenue, Dallas, telephone Lakeside 8-7975. 12-12-19

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 320 acres, 5 miles east of Lenorah, \$235.00 an acre. 480 acres, two miles east of Lenorah, \$215.00 an acre. 160 acres joining Lenorah, \$165.00 an acre. Will sell all or any part. 29% down, 6% interest on notes. James A. Bullard, Route 4, Hereford, Texas. Phone, Code 806, AV 9-4459. tn

Houses for Sale M-4

FOR SALE: Three bedroom residence. Nice location on paved street. New FHA Commitment. Low down payment. Call SK 6-3762. tn-ch

Two bedroom house for sale. Call W. T. Wells, SK 6-3602. tn-ch

FOR SALE: 507 Carroll Street. The latest in modern living. See this better built home now. Electric builtins. AI brick. Fenced yard. \$15,700. Small down payment. Call SK 6-3481. Will build to please.

M-FOUR

FOR SALE: Two bedroom house. Good location. Near School. June Graham.

M-FOUR

FOR SALE: Three bedroom house, two bath, carpeted, three car carport, concrete cellar, Large lot. June Graham, 608 West School Street.

Methodist - - -

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The Rev. W. A. Appling, pastor of the St. Luke's Methodist Church in Midland, was the speaker.

Dinner was served to those attending.

County - - -

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miss at 2:45 p.m. The first through the sixth grades will have their annual parties on Friday afternoon. The seventh and eighth grade students had their party Tuesday night, December 17.

Classes will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. at Grady. Christmas parties will be held at Grady on the afternoon of December 20.

Classes will resume at the usual class time on Thursday, January 2.

Chamber Chatter

By MAURYNE VARNADORE

Santa arrived in Stanton on time last Friday at 2:45 p.m., amid snow and sleet. It really was his kind of weather, and he was happy to see and talk to the children who braved the weather to visit with him. The Sheriff's Posse brought him into town on their chuck wagon, and helped give out the candy and fruit to about 1,000 children. Many thanks to Bob Deavenport, chairman of the Christmas Committee, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Sheriff's Posse, and all who helped make our Christmas program a success. Of course, we want to thank the children most of all because without them it would not have been any fun at all.

Christmas is a wonderful time of year. Would that we could have the same spirit all year long that we have during the holiday season. When we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, in our hearts we are living the promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Calendar Reminder — The dates for the Eleventh Annual Agriculture Chemicals Conference are February 12-14, 1964, Texas Technological College, Lubbock. Registration and industry's reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., February 12, Holiday Inn (Parkway.) More details of the program will be available in January.

Judging for the Home Lighting Contest will be between the hours of 7-9 p.m. Friday, December 20. Get your name in before that date so as to get in on the prizes being awarded. It would be nice if everyone would leave the lights on at night during the holidays so the town will have a more festive look. It is so pretty to drive around at night and see the colorful decorations. They give a feeling of warmth and friendliness that is pleasing to everyone.

Ballots are coming in at a fast pace in the directors election. The deadline for the voting is December 23, so if you have not sent in your ballot, do so in order to be counted.

Here is a Christmas poem you might like:
Pity the heart that can't grow young
Again when Christmas songs are sung.
That shuts its doors—if such there be—
When lights shine out on a Christmas tree.
Grieve for the one with pulses still
When a candle beams from a window sill.
For the gloomy cynic who thrills no more
At a holly wreath on a dwelling door.
For who in the whole world

42 Club Meets At Blocker Home

The Stanton 42 Club met for their annual Christmas dinner Friday night, December 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Blocker.

The home was gaily decorated in the traditional Christmas theme. Dinner was served to those attending. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkston, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Eiland, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. Evelyn Woodard, Mrs. J. R. Sale, and the host couple, Mr. and Mrs. Blocker.

Valley View Club Holds Yuletide Party

The Valley View Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, December 12, at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Mrs. O. D. Green for their annual Christmas party. A salad luncheon was served at noon.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Marvin Lamb, president, was in charge of a short business meeting.

Mrs. Delmar Hamm was in charge of the games, which the group participated in. Mrs. Roy Koonce led the group in singing Christmas carols.

The club members exchanged Christmas gifts. Those present were: Mrs. Eddie Butler, Mrs. George Cathey, Mrs. O. D. Green, Mrs. Delmar Hamm, Mrs. M. T. Hursh, Mrs. Roy Koonce, Mrs. Marvin Lamb, Mrs. J. T. Mims, Mrs. L. C. Morris, Mrs. Ray Kemper, and the county agent, Mrs. James Eiland.

The club will not meet again until January 9, 1964.

can numb His soul when the glories of Christmas come: The joy, the laughter, the happy cries— And Christmas morning in children's eyes!
—CC—
Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

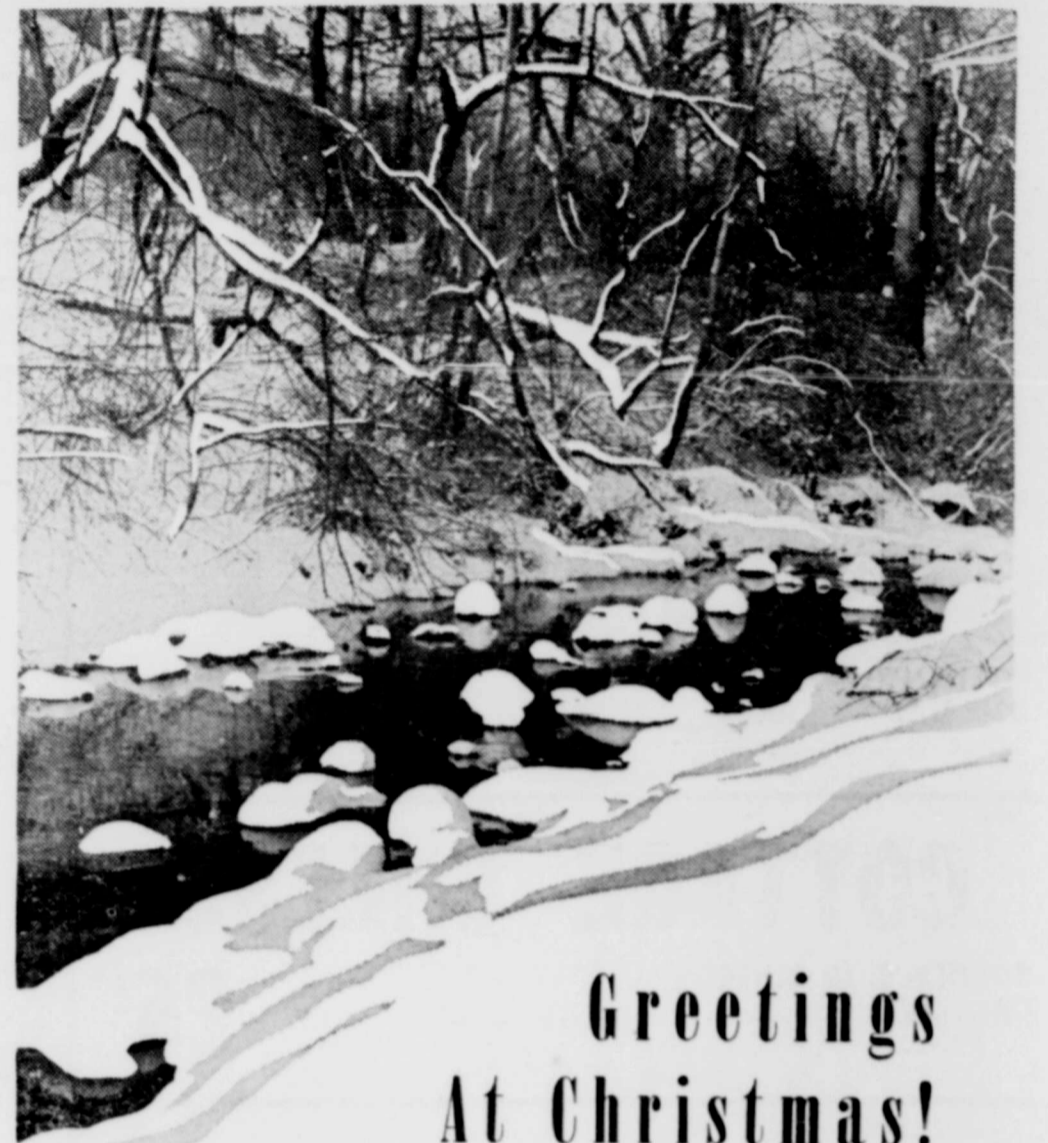
Read the classified ads!

Mrs. Duke Hostess To Club Party.

Mrs. Lowell Duke was hostess to the Courtney Morning Home Demonstration Club's Christmas party Thursday.

The group met for a salad luncheon and Christmas party in the afternoon. The group exchanged gifts. They also revealed secret pals and drew for the new pals.

Those attending were: Mrs. Atchison, Mrs. Eldon Welch, Mrs. Billy Mims, Mrs. Bernell Howard and Mrs. Duke. The next club meeting will be in January at the home of Mrs. Gene Atchison.



Greetings At Christmas!

Before this year is over, we want to thank our many customers for their continuing faith in us, and wish you all a very Joyous Holiday! . . .

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ELMER AND IRENE LONG

100 S. St. Mary Street

Santa's Here!

We're popping up now to say "Thank You" . . . and to extend to you our best wishes for a wonderful, **CHRISTMAS!**

MR. AND MRS. WEILAND ATCHISON AND SONS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The time for joy, the time for peace;
The time for pleasures that never cease.
We wish you all at this time of year
A plentiful measure of Yuletide cheer!

STANTON CHEMICAL & SEED COMPANY

To all of you, whose friendship and loyalty have made this such a happy season for us, we send our warmest Holiday Greetings...and a sincere wish that the New Year may prove memorable for the many joys that it will bring to you and yours.

Greetings

Blocker Oil Company

Mr. And Mrs. Horace Blocker

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas



TO BE MARRIED—Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Shain of Midland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Edwenna, to Rufus Charles Tom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Tom of Stanton. The couple will be married at 8 p.m. January 24 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton. The bride-elect attended Stanton High School and is employed by The Midland National Bank. Mr. Tom is a graduate of Tarleton State College and is engaged in farming.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a pop corn machine, and a snow cone machine. And I want a Coke machine, and a Chatty baby.
Love,
Terry Ramos.

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a little doll and some dishes too. I would like to have a little bed, too, for the doll and some clothes.
Barbie dolls like that have clothes and a little car, and a little bicycle, too. I would like to have a table with six chairs, too.
Love,
Rosa Barba R.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am eight years old. I want two sets. One of them is American Patroland, is costs \$9.99 for 411 pieces. The other is Custer's Last Stand, and it costs \$6.98, and it has 187 pieces. In all the things that I want cost \$17.27.
Love,
Preston Springer.

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Joe Cortez. I am in the third grade, and I want an electric train, an electric car, and a bike.
Love,

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a western jacket. And I'd like some tracks and cars for race set. I'd like a set of special carpenter tools. And I'd like a BB .45 automatic pistol.
Love,
Robert Hildreth.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an electric train, and a transistor radio for Christmas. I hope that other children get lots of toys.
I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. There are 22 children in my room.
I am making a little Santa Claus at school. I go to Grady School. My little brother

wants a new toy.
Thank you for all the toys I get.

Love,
Mervin Pugh.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a baby doll that cries mama, a big stove, a big ice box, and a pair of cow-girl boots.
I've been a real good little girl and I'm almost four years old. I have a good little brother, Bryan Thomas, 5 months. Please bring him some toys too.

We love you,
Lesia Bess and
Bryan Thomas
Angel.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy three years old. I try to be good. This Christmas would you please bring me a train, some guns, a road set, a Ken doll, some nuts and candy. We will leave you some cookies and milk.

Thank you.
Love,
Robert Cox.

Dear Santa:
I am a boy six years old, and in the first grade. I have been a pretty good boy.

I want a Civil War gun, a Tiger Joe, some nuts and fruit, and anything else that you think I might need.

We will leave some cookies and milk. Thank you.

Love,
Morgan Cox.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am nine years old. I want a transistor radio. I want a Jeep and a canon ball. I want a bicycle and a BB gun, and a machine gun.

Love,
Jimmy Rivas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I like you. Please bring me a Tammy doll and some candy.

I love you.
Love,
Gilda Volle.

Courtney School
December 16, 1963

Dear Santa:
I want a D. J. punching bag, and a doll with a dress and coat.

Love,
Jackie Jane.

Box 387
Stanton, Texas
December 16, 1963

Dear Santa:
I have tried to be a good boy this year. Thanks for all the nice toys you brought me last year. I would like to have an electric train, a filling station and car wash, tool belt with real flashlight, and a camouflage army set. I have a little brother named, Lanny, who is two years old. He wants a little red car he can ride in, a telephone that talks back, some dishes and puzzles.

You can come down my chimney and I'll leave some cookies and milk on the table for you.

I love you,
Gary Hanson.

Burley Polk has returned from Viet Nam. He and his wife, the former Mary Beth Ory, have two children, Mel Allen, four, and Rae Beth, one. Polk is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Polk.

John Roy Curry is a patient in the local hospital.

Harry Haislip is a patient in the local hospital.

Boys Win, Girls Lose To Forsan

The Stanton High School boys defeated the Forsan boys and the local girls were defeated by the Forsan team in games played at Forsan December 10.

Donnie Thompson led the Stanton boys to victory, scoring 17 points. The final score was Stanton 62, Forsan 57. Donnie Gooch had 27 for Forsan.

Mary Stuard led Stanton with 20 points in the girls game. Final score was Stanton 44, Forsan 60. Jodie Dodd tallied 27 for the Forsan girls.

Young Farmers Met Recently At Flower Grove

The Young Farmers chapter of Flower Grove met in their monthly meeting recently. The program was on Income tax. Herman Caskey was the speaker.

On January 6, 7, 8 and 9 there will be a course in welding, sponsored by the Young Farmers. It will be held in the Flower Grove agriculture building. All who are interested in welding is welcome to attend.

Members present were: Benny Foster, R. E. Hill, Jerry Cave, Leon Cave, Joe Mullens, Bobby Hanson, and Mr. Barnett. Others present were: Murry Cook, and Jack Cave.

Bethany Class Has Social

The Bethany Sunday School Class of the First Baptist met for a Christmas party Thursday at the home of Mrs. Harry Billington.

The home was decorated with traditional Christmas decorations.

Mrs. Lila Flanagan presented the devotional and gave each one present a small book, "The Legion of a Rose."

Two games were played, and the class members exchanged gifts. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those present were: Mrs. Vivian Tippet, Mrs. Hattie Estes, Mrs. Lillie Harvard, Mrs. Lila Flanagan, Mrs. L. C. Stovall, Mrs. W. E. Towery, Mrs. Matt Clements, Mrs. D. B. Keaton, Mrs. Oma Womack, Mrs. T. W. Haynie, and the hostess, Mrs. Billington.

Baptist Church Activities

The Homemakers Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Thursday night in the home of Mrs. L. D. Stripling for their annual Christmas party, an event which included an artistic display of holiday decorations.

Mrs. Virgil Brothers led in prayer. Mrs. Paul K. Jones led the group in a Christmas song and game. The Christmas story, "No Room in the Inn," was told by Mrs. W. H. Yater.

The group exchanged gifts from the Christmas tree. Mrs. R. C. Louder, president of the class, passed out the gifts.

Miniature Bibles were given as party favor. Refreshments also featured the holiday motif.

Those present were: Mrs. N. L. Riggan, Mrs. O. O. Dickinson, Mrs. Virgil Brothers, Mrs. Ruth Holloway, Mrs. Paul K. Jones, Mrs. W. T. Wells, Mrs. J. T. Davis, Mrs. R. C. Louder, Mrs. W. H. Yater, and the hostess, Mrs. Stripling.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, and stressing the annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign mission work, was held last week at Baptist churches.

The First Baptist Church WMU circles met at the church each morning at 10:00 a.m. for programs. Mrs. J. C. Sale read the calendar of prayer each day. Mrs. W. H. Uhlman was soloist, and Mrs. Beryl Clinton played the piano.

The theme for the week was "Crown Him Lord of All." The song was "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

The members of the Tarzan Women's Missionary Union also met each morning for a program and prayer. Mrs. L. R. Graves was in charge of the program.

Methodist Church Activities

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, met Monday afternoon at the church parlor for study and their Christmas social.

The group continued their study of the "Christian and Its Money," led by Mrs. J. W. Graham. Parts were given by Mrs. Edmund Morrow and Mrs. Cecil Bridges. A question and answer period and group discussion was conducted.

Mrs. M. L. Gibson dismissed the group with the reading of the prayer calendar.

Mrs. Bob Cox was hostess for the meeting. Christmas refreshments were served.

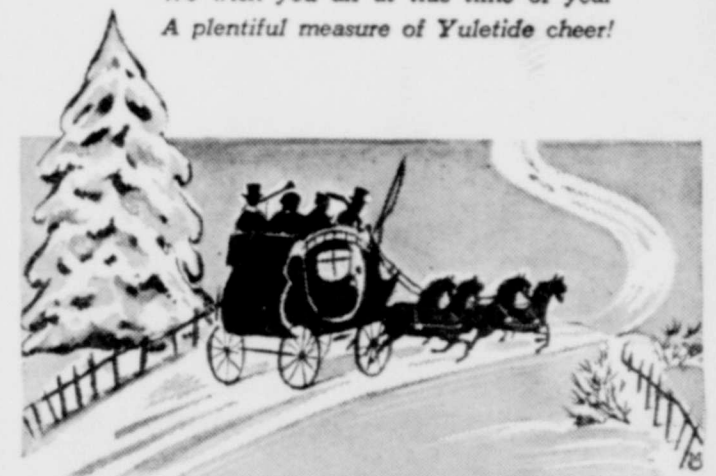
Those attending were: Mrs. Cecil Bridges, Mrs. James Biggs, Mrs. Bob Cox, Mrs. Evelyn Woodard, Mrs. C. R. LeMond, Miss Ima Kelly, Mrs. Edmund Morrow, Mrs. Joe Stewart, Mrs. M. L. Gibson, Mrs. J. W. Graham, Mrs. Jess Burns, Mrs. O. B. Bryan, and Mrs. A. J. Stallings.

Wichita, Kan., Democrat: "In one part of ancient Greece, it long was the custom, when a man proposed a law in the popular assembly, he did so on a platform with a rope around his neck. If the law passed, they removed the rope. If it failed, they removed the platform. If this system were instituted in our Congress, it would, no doubt, cut down on the number of bills introduced each session."



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The time for pleasures that never cease.
We wish you all at this time of year
A plentiful measure of Yuletide cheer!



LOUDER ELECTRIC

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Louder and Linda



H. C. BURNAM

Real Estate and Insurance



Season's Greetings

It has been a great privilege for us to have successfully operated our business in Stanton the past year and on this first anniversary we want to thank the people who have demonstrated their many acts of friendship. We want to send a very warm and sincere Christmas message to our patrons at this time of the year and thanks again for your friendship.

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Skyline 6-2249

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So from each and every one of us at Pioneer, Best Wishes for good health—and the happiest Christmas you've ever had!

Pioneer Natural Gas Company

FUEL FOR A GROWING EMPIRE



The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa: I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie and Ken and clothes for them and Barbie's dreamhouse. I also want a camera and a Jumpin' Jimmy. Would you please bring me a Give-A-Show projector.
Love,
Doyle Jo Doggett.

Box 1006
Stanton, Texas, 79782

Santa Claus
North Pole, 99701

Dear Santa: I am one year old. I want for Christmas a wagon, truck and a small gun. I want you to send me a letter. I have been a good little boy.
Love,
Rodney Jay Morris.

Dear Santa: I would like very much to have a baby doll that can talk.
Please do not forget my little brother, Russell, who would like a tractor his size. And my baby sister, Ronda, would like a nice soft baby doll.
And most of all, please don't forget all other little children.
Love,
Terrie Parum.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy. I go to school at Flower Grove. I would like a Paladin set, and a pair of Cheyenne gloves. I have been a good boy.
I love you, Santa.
Bobby Deatherage.
P. S. — Please don't bring me corn cobs and ashes.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a pretty good girl. I would like to have a set of table and chairs, and some dishes, a purse with lipstick and makeup, a doll with doll clothes.
My brother, Calvin, wants a fire engine, a gun, a western hat, a monkey, and a tv radio.
Beverly and Calvin Turner.
December 11, 1963

Dear Santa Claus: I am eight years old. I would like a Barbie sports car, and Ken's hot rod, and Ken's clothes, and Barbie's too.
I love you.
Love,
Suzanna Brown.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll. I want some dishes. I want a jump rope.
Thank you.
Love,
Ernestina Vela.

Dear Santa: How are you? I hope you are fine.
For Christmas I want a BB gun, and a battlewagon.
Thank you.
Love,
David Pribyla.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring Duffy a Softee baby with clothes, a bunting, a name bracelet with the name Linda on it, a suitcase and dress up outfit. Bring L. J. a gun and holster set with a badge, a cowboy suit, and hat and an army set.
Bring Brenda a Softee baby with clothes, a buggy and a gun. Wade wants a train, gun and holster set with a badge. Bring Sheila a baby and bed and some clothes for her baby and a few other little toys.
Santa, if you don't have what we want, please bring us a surprise.
And Santa, don't forget the other boys and girls.
Love,
Duffy, L. J., Brenda Wade and Sheila Land,
Box 448, Stanton.

Dear Santa: I go to school at Flower Grove. I would like a tricycle and a Ken doll and a little red wagon if you can bring it. I have been a good boy. I help my mother start the school bus on cold mornings.
I love you,
Mike Roman.
P. S.—Please bring me some fire crackers if you have any.
December 14, 1963

Dear Santa: I am 6 years old. I would like to have a smoke gun, a big station wagon car, and some games.
Thank you!
Love,
Bryon Hill.
December 11, 1963

Dear Santa Claus: I am nine years old, and in the third grade. I want all of the children to have a Merry Christmas.
I want a nurse cart and a Slinky. Then I want a Bible, and a book about a horse.
Love,
Pam Roper.

Dear Santa Claus: I am eight years old. I want a guitar and an electric train. I want a gun too.
I will see you in Stanton.
I want a gas station. I want a 24 inch bicycle. I want a transistor radio.
Love,
Roger.

Dear Santa Claus: I am eight years old. My name is Eloisa Garza. I would like something for Christmas.
I would like a Chatty baby doll, and a cotton candy machine, and I like to have a red bicycle.
Dear Santa, I thank you for everything.
Love,
Eloisa Garza.

Read the classified ads!



To our many customers and friends —
May this Christmas be bright and gay
And filled with many, many blessings!
JAMES JONES HARDWARE
100 N. St. Peter

Dear Santa: I have been a good little girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie and Ken doll and clothes for them. Also, I would like to have a Barbie doll house and some dishes. I am nearly five years old.
Please bring the other little girls and boys some toys.
Dinah Doggett.
Box 1006
Stanton, Texas
79782.

Dear Santa: My name is Dale, and I was four years old December 4. I have been a pretty good boy all year.
I don't want very much for Christmas, just a pair of skates, and a gun. Hope to see you soon.
Love,
Dale Hollandsworth,
Star Route,
Stanton, Texas.

Dear Santa: I am almost 4 years old. I would like a pair of boots, a gun, and a car or truck.
Thank you!
Love,
Bruce Hill.

Dear Santa Claus: I am five years old. Please bring me a race car and a play circus.
Thank you.
Love,
Baxter Brown.

If fire should strike your house tonight, would you suffer a serious financial loss? Not if your insurance is in line with today's values. Better check your coverage against replacement costs. Get the facts.

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Santa Claus
North Pole, 99701

Dear Santa: I have been a good girl and wish you would bring me these things: a band for my watch and I need my watch fixed, too. I would also like you to bring me some books and records.
Love,
Rhonda Morris,
Box 1006
Stanton, Texas
79782.

Box 106
Stanton, Texas, 79782

Santa Claus
North Pole, 99701

Dear Santa: I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby doll, bicycle and clothes. I am six years old. Don't forget the needy children.
Love,
Paula Morris.
P. S. — Don't forget my baby sister.



Season's Greetings

As shepherds watched their flocks...
a Star shone brightly in the hush of a
Holy Night... a Babe was born
in a manger... and a new spirit of
Peace and Good Will came into the world.
May that spirit abide
with you and your
family now and always.

Henson's Grocery
BOB And DORIS COSTEY

Christmas is Here

What a bright and shining day is Christmas! Children, agog with wonder, see their dreams come gloriously true. Grown-ups recapture the magic of life's happiest hours as Time wings swiftly back o'er the years. To all, we wish a Christmas rich in fulfillment of their dearest hearts' desires.

Tri-City Dr Pepper Bottling Co., Inc.
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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas



GREETINGS TO ALL!

We extend the Season's Greetings and our Best Wishes...

Stanton Cleaners
BOB LATIMER
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Quartet Of Fruit In Salad

Four popular favorites — halved Tokay grapes, pineapple tidbits, orange sections and sliced bananas — get together with a creamy ginger-flavored dressing for delicious Fruit Quartet Salad.

It's an excellent accompaniment for poultry or baked ham. Served with hot cheese rolls coffee or tea, it would also make ideal luncheon or bridge party fare.

FRUIT QUARTET SALAD
1½ cups Tokay grapes
1 can (8¾-ounce) pineapple tidbits
1 cup orange or grapefruit sections
2 bananas
¼ cup whipping cream
Dash salt
1 tablespoon powdered sugar
¼ cup mayonnaise

Article Gives Tips On Yule Tension Control

Christmas is a joyous and festive holiday. Yet, to do all the things that have come to be a part of Christmas the average person spends more time, energy and money than in any other period of the year.

Result: Strains and tensions arise that are not normally experienced. To find out how this problem of tension-filled holidays can be avoided, a few suggestions are given.

1 to 2 teaspoons preserved ginger
Lettuce
Halve and seed Tokays. Drain pineapple and oranges. Peel and slice bananas. Mix fruits lightly in bowl. Whip cream with salt and powdered sugar; fold in mayonnaise and ginger. Fold dressing into fruits. Mound on eight lettuce-lined plates. Makes eight servings.

Christmas is more than gift-giving and card sending. Don't get caught up in the commercial aspect of Christmas and overlook its spiritual aspects.

Don't engage in excesses — financial or physical. Be sensible about the money and energy you spend preparing for Christmas. If you know your limits, you will not be confronted with debts you can't afford or depressing fatigue at the end of the holidays.

Get pleasure from your giving. If your gift-giving was not satisfactory last year, try a new kind of giving this year; perhaps with greater emphasis on sharing and giving to help less fortunate people enjoy the holidays.

And above all, accept only what Christmas can really give. Don't encourage your children to think that Christ-

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a big desk. I want you to bring the poor children something.
I want a sewing machine.
Love,

Debbie Lucore.
* * * * *
Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for the toys last Christmas.

I would like a BB gun, and a BB pistol. My brother would like a train set.
And for my little sister a

dog.
Thank you Santa Claus.
Love,
Junior Urias.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tall doll and a cool aide machine.
I love you, Snata Claus.
Mirta Rivas.



Merry Christmas

May the joyous spirit of Christmas come to dwell in your home during this glorious season and remain to brighten your life throughout the New Year...

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WINNIE HARDEGREE, Office Manager
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ANNOUNCING

The Open House for Stanton's latest food catering center — THE DAIRY MART — Saturday, December 21 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free malt with hamburger or basket orders. Free coffee. We are featuring food for the entire family and will appreciate all of our friends being with us especially during our formal Open House celebration.

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With each family order of three or more through January 4.

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We specialize in BROIL-A-BURGERS with DAIRY MART'S nationally famous sauces. We also specialize and feature steak, shrimp, and chicken in the basket. Complete fountain service — and orders to go. We offer inside and outside service. Park, relax, and remain in your car to enjoy your food or take advantage of our comfortable inside accommodations.

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The Launching Pad

By NEAL ESTES

CHRISTMAS is a time for old friends, and many of them are on the bookshelf, those well loved friends that make the holiday season complete. Once again the time is here to renew our acquaintance with familiar pages, to recapture from them the spirit of Christmas years ago . . . and to realize that in so doing that though times may change, the pattern of Christmas does not. This reassuring constancy of Christmas, its very sameness year after year, century after century, is indeed something to be treasured. At once we know which of these friends to turn to first . . . surely to DICKENS and the PICKWICK PAPERS, and Christmas at Dingley Dell. The Pickwickians are described as well wrapped in great coats, shawls and comforters as they journey in the coach down to Dingley Dell where "the candles burnt bright, the fire blazed and crackled on the hearth, and merry voices and light hearted laughter rang through the room." Of course there was a fine dinner, and music and dancing and MR. PICKWICK was kissed under the mistletoe and MR. WARDEL told a ghost story. In "Old Christmas" by WASHINGTON IRVING is a delightful account of a Christmas visit to the Yorkshire Manor house which he calls Bracebridge Hall, and the excitement of these Eve-of-Christmas journeys, gift-giving and all the festive moments that goes with Christmas. No doubt the most-read story is the beloved "Night Before Christmas" by CLEMENT C. MOORE. It starts "Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house, not even a creature was stirring—not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there."

MANY thousands of copies of the editorial, "The Image of Dallas," written by CARL ESTES and published in the papers owned and edited by the East Texas editor, industrialist, and personal friend of LYNDON JOHNSON, and then republished in The Dallas Times Herald, are being widely distributed over the nation. The demand was so great that a special printing of several thousand original copies was soon exhausted. In the meantime, the Lone Star Steel Company, the Red Ball Motor Freight Company, and the Texas Daily Press League and a number of other large firms have had thousands of copies distributed. The steel company already has used 25,000 reprints and the motor freight company 12,000. CARL ESTES is the eldest brother of your writer

Burley Polk Returns From Viet Nam

Army Capt. Burley R. Polk is among the 1,000 American military personnel who have received orders to return home from duties in the Republic of Viet Nam. The movement of the personnel began December 3.

Capt. Polk served as provost marshal with the U. S. Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG), Viet Nam. MAAG, Viet Nam, is an Army-Navy-Marine Air Force organization which advises the Armed Forces of the Republic of Viet Nam on training, use of equipment, and tactical operations. The 27-year-old captain entered the Army in November, 1959, and arrived overseas on this tour of duty last March.

He is married to the former Mary Beth Ory. They have two children, Mel Allen, four, and Rae Beth, one.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Polk of Stanton, he is a 1955 graduate of Stanton High School, and a 1959 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

and naturally, we are proud of the further recognition of his editorial ability. "The Image of Dallas" editorial was possibly the best article our big brother ever composed, and we have been reading articles authored by the COLONEL, and he is a real one, not just a titled one, since we worked as a cub reporter in one of his newspapers back in northeast Texas. At that time we were on the payroll for sixteen dollars a week and nobody knew better than CARL that we were not worth more. As a matter-of-fact, he got so startled and disappointed about one story that we wrote he wouldn't speak to us for three months. Of course, brotherhood, love, and better understanding changed his mind and when we left his organization to find our own place in the field of journalism he was our top supporter and has continued to be through the years.

Miss Claudeen Nowlin Honored With Bridal Shower Thurs.

Miss Claudeen Nowlin, bride-elect of Nolan Sorrels, was honored with a bridal shower Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Carlos Brantley.

The guests were received by Miss Nowlin, her mother, Mrs. N. I. Sorrels, and Mrs. Carlos Brantley.

The serving table was decorated in the honoree's chosen colors of red and white. A Christmas theme was carried out the home decorations. The table was laid with a white linen cloth. The centerpiece was Santa Claus and his reindeer, with a bag full of gifts.

Cranberry punch and white cookies with red trim were served. Red and white mint favors were also served.

Those serving in the house-party were Nancy and Shirley Graves, Connie Gillum, and Nancy Hampton.

Approximately 30 registered between 7 and 9 p.m. The gifts were on display.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Lois Powell, Mrs. Leon Graves, Mrs. Alton Turner, Mrs. Clement

Standefer, Mrs. Jack Cowen, Mrs. Verbin Graves, Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. S. J. Foreman, Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Jessie Morrell, Mrs. Carlos Brantley, Mrs. J. C. Sale, Mrs. Dan Foreman, and Mrs. Clyde Miller.

Out of town guests registered from Midland and Borger.

KKK Club Meets With Mrs. Baker

The Koffee Kup Kraft Demonstration Club met Thursday morning at the home of Mrs. Laymon Baker for their Christmas party.

Mrs. Vernon McQuerry presided over a short business meeting at which time officers were elected. Those chosen to serve are: Mrs. McQuerry, president; Mrs. John Calvin Jones, vice president; Mrs. Darrell Payne, secretary; Mrs. James Doyle, treasurer; Mrs. Eugene Byrd, reporter; Mrs. Stanley Barnes, council delegate; Mrs. Dale Snell, alternate, and Mrs. Homer Lee Hull, recreation and finance.

Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Baker were named to the contact committee.

The group exchanged Christmas gifts. Secret pals were revealed and new pals were drawn.

Santa Claus had a visit to the meeting for the children. He brought each child a gift. Games were played.

Christmas cake, cookies and candy were served, with punch and coffee.

Cheerleaders For 1964-65 Elected

The 1964-65 Stanton High School cheerleaders were elected at the school last week.

Those chosen are Betty Glaspie, Euvonne Welch, Brenda Dyson, Beverly Tucker, and Marva Cox.

This will be second year for Betty Glaspie and Euvonne Welch, and the first for the other three girls.

The head cheerleader will be elected at the beginning of the 1964 school term by the pep squad. The officers of the pep squad will also be elected at this time.

The cheerleaders will begin practicing their yells later this year. The girls attend a cheerleaders school each summer.

The cheerleaders were elected by the student body.



Tim Bristow left, of Stanton, and Miss Dena Robertson of Stanton, were named the outstanding 4-H Club members of Martin County at the annual Gold Star banquet last Saturday at Fort Stockton. Presentation of the award certificates was made by Sen. Frank Owen III, center of El Paso. Parents of the Martin County winners are Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bristow and Mr. and Mrs. O. Robertson. The banquet, sponsored by Texas Electric Service Company and other investor-owned electric companies serving the area, drew more than 400 club members, parents and guests from the 25-county Extension Service District which includes much of West Texas.

RLDS Church To Present Cantata

The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints will present a Christmas cantata on Saturday night, December 21. The event

is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. The cantata, "Son of God," was written by John F. Wilson. Mrs. William Miller of Big Spring, will be in charge of the music. Bobby Hamm of Lenorah, will be the organists. Soloists will be Thadd Koonce, Mrs. Fred Church, Mrs. Carl Leonard, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Koonce. The program will end with the entire group singing "Joy to the World."

The public is cordially invited to attend the Christmas program.

The next meeting will be January 8 at the home of Mrs. Nolan Simpson.

4-H Club Met Monday

The Stanton Fifth Grade 4-H Club met Monday afternoon at the school house. Bill Pardue, president was in charge of the meeting.

Bob Johnson, county extension agent, presented a program on safety. He gave the club several safety reminders. He also told the boys to find all the hazards they could at their home.

Larry Adams, secretary, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. The club meets once a month.

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O, Holy Night



As you celebrate the Birthday of Him, who was born in Bethlehem upon the Holy Night of long ago, may the true spirit of Christmas surround you and your loved ones, lifting your hearts anew with its glorious promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

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O come, all ye faithful...

Joyful and triumphant, the message of Christmas echoes once more throughout the world, lifting every heart with its glorious promise. May the infinite blessings of the Day surround you and your family and abide with you throughout the years to come.

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Give Professional Touch To Wrapping Gift Boxes

Ribbons and designs on gift packages are wonderful "icing on the cake" . . . but they look best when the paper is smoothly and attractively wrapped around the box.

Here are the steps a professional use in wrapping packages:

Place the paper face down on the table. Put the box, upside down if possible, on the paper. Place it so the design will show to the best advantage when the package is wrapped and tied.

If the box cannot be turned upside down, cut the paper about 1/2" wider than is needed and turn the raw edge under. Arrange so that the overlap will come under the ribbon or trim you plan to use.

Cut the paper wide enough to go around the box and

overlap 1 1/2 in. (less for a very small box), and long enough to extend a little more than half the depth of the box at the ends. This extending length will have to vary slightly according to the shape of the box and should be a trifle more for a deep box than for a shallow one. Don't scribble. Bring the paper up over the sides, overlapping as near the center of the box as possible, and fasten with a gummed seal or with tape.

Finish one end at a time. Fold the sides in smoothly. Fold the top, which is to be the bottom of the package, down first, then bring up the fold that is on the table up over all the folds, securing with tape or sticker.

Turn the box over. You are now ready to add your own special trims.

Young Folks Can Help Make Jaunty, Puffed Rice Snowman

Puffed rice, coconut and marshmallows are the "snow" for a delightful snowman decoration. Youngsters can help make him.

To make the Jaunty Snowman you'll need 9 cups puffed rice (1, 4 1/2 oz. package), 1/4 cup butter or margarine, 32 large marshmallows, flaked or shredded coconut, white confectioners' sugar frosting.

Heat puffed rice in shallow pan in moderate oven (350 F.) 10 minutes. Pour into large greased bowl.

Melt butter and marshmallows over very low heat (may use double boiler). Stir to blend. Pour over puffed rice, stirring until kernels are evenly coated. With greased hands, shape into three balls

for the "body" and two small ovals for the "arms." Immediately roll each part in coconut.

Assemble, using confectioners' sugar frosting to attach balls and toothpicks to attach "arms." Use raisins for eyes, sundrop for nose, red candied cherry for mouth and red cinnamon candies for buttons. Make a top hat from red construction paper, trim with holly. Makes one large snowman.

Brownsville, Pa., Telegraph: "The three-power treaty still permits underground testing. What worries some senators is that Russia will manage to engage in underhanded testing."

Never Fail Squares Of Fruit Cake

One sign of a good cook is pride in her fruit cake. Often she will give her fruit cake to valued friends as a token of special friendship.

But, brides and beginning cooks can now take heart.

No-fail fruit cake squares, easy, even for the inexperienced, have been developed. This cake is not solid as the regular cake but is brimming with glace fruit and nuts.

Its unique ingredient of egg-nog helps to bring out the rich flavor of the fruit and nuts. Now even the brides may rate the compliment "that this is better than Mother used to bake."

FRUIT CAKE SQUARES

- 1/2 pound glace mixed fruit
- 1/4 pound glace red and green pineapple
- 1/4 pound pecan pieces
- 1/4 pound walnut pieces
- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup egg-nog

Combine fruits and nuts. Add the 1 cup flour; mix lightly. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time, mixing well. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with egg-nog; mix until well blended. Stir in fruit and nut mixture. Turn into well greased and lightly floured 13x9x2-inch pan. Bake at 300 F. for 1 hour 45 minutes or until done. Cool. Cut into squares. Make 24 servings.

Mrs. Annie Odell, a aunt of Stanley Reid, is a patient in a Big Spring hospital.

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CHRISTMAS TREE LEGENDS

The trimmed Christmas tree, as we know it today, is little more than a century and a half old, yet legends trace the origin of the tree back to earliest times.

One legend concerns an early Christmas missionary, St. Wilfred, who once came upon a band of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

According to the story, St. Wilfred had the tree cut down and almost immediately, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of new faith and there after the Druids set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmas, surrounding them with feasting and laughter and love.

There is also the story of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt. With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, it was still necessary that Mary rest awhile so they sought shelter in the low trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. Today, if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmas time, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was really an apple tree. And, although the fir tree has long since replaced its predecessor for Christmas use, the tinsel bangles we use on the tree are said representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.

He So Loved . . .

He Taught The World To Love

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . .

How meaningful are these words today, nearly two thousand years after the humble beginning of that One Great Life at Bethlehem. How holy and purposeful was this life upon earth that it comes to us again and again in the spirit of Christmas to remind that the real joy and the rich goodness of life lie not in riches and good, or self attainment, but in thoughtful and unselfish service and love.

For He so loved the world

that He taught the world to love. Through one, great and wonderful life upon earth, He set down for all mankind and for all time the supreme example of the good life. In His every deed and action He portrayed the qualities of love and faith and kindness.

These qualities — and more — are all a part of the Christmas. But, by His example, they are qualities that should abound in our lives throughout the year.

In thankfulness to God, for all His goodness and love, we should keep the Christmas in its true and joyful meaning,

On Cards—

"Peace On Earth" Is Most Popular

"Peace on earth," the message of the angels of Bethlehem, is more popular this year than ever before as a theme for Christmas cards.

"I think it must have something to do with concern over world tensions," said Stephen Q. Shannon, executive director for the Greeting Card Association which studies such trends.

"And if there's no let up in the cold war," he said, "it wouldn't surprise me if the trend assumed major proportions."

Already assuming major proportions is the popularity of cards with a religious motif. This year more than 750 million cards — about 30 percent of the total — stress the religious significance of Christmas. The trend has been growing steadily the past decade.

Shannon observes there is added emphasis this year on the idea of continuing peace, rather than just a repetition of the familiar "On earth, peace to men of good will."

Many cards, for example, have some variation of, "May the peace of Christmas remain with you forever." One says, "Peace on earth is here to stay if we live Christmas every day."

The latter example is typical of the spirit but not the meter inside this year's religious cards. Unlike most of the

spiritual occasion of the birth of Christ. And if we can truly keep the Christmas, then perhaps we can keep the spirit of Christ within our hearts throughout the year.

nonreligious type, the religious messages generally avoid song-couplets in preference for simple, meaningful phrases.

"May the blessings of Christmas be with you today and always" says one. Other examples:

"May the spirit of Christmas bring joy to you and yours."

"May the beauty of Christmas be an inspiration to you throughout the year."

All except one of the this year's top 10 favorites were in last year's top 10 but not in the same order. The one exception is church windows, which dropped from ninth place last year to 11th this year.

Here are this year's 10 favorite religious designs in order of their popularity, with the way they ranked last year.

Madonnas, 1; manger scenes 5; cherubs 6; churches 4; holy family 3; wise men 2; shepherds 7; children 15; angels, 10.

The association put the remaining nine in this order: church windows, miscellaneous, choirs, illuminated script, Bibles and rosaries, church bells, classical art, religious text and star and cross.

While many reproductions of classical art works are of the ever popular madonnas, they generally are higher priced, which may help explain their position close to the bottom of the list.

Greeting card companies have gone to great lengths this year to make their reproductions as close to the

Wild Rice Companion To Turkey

A casserole of wild rice is a glorious accompaniment for the traditional Christmas turkey. Wild rice has long been a gourmet companion for fowl, whether it be pheasant or turkey.

To prepare this epicurean version of wild rice, wash and soak 2 cups of wild rice. If possible, let it soak overnight. Boil the rice in 1 quart of salted water until almost tender. Drain the rice. Place it in a casserole.

1 1/4 quart porcelain enameled casserole with a gay Fiesta design is ideal for this festive dish because it can go from the oven to the table and is fancy enough for the party.

WILD RICE 'N' MUSHROOM SAUCE

Add one cup of turkey stock to the rice in the bake and serve dish. The stock can be made by boiling the turkey giblets and neck in water. Bake covered in 350 F. oven for one hour. About 1/2 hour before serving, mix one can of condensed mushroom soup with one cup of sour cream. Spoon the mixture over the wild rice and bake uncovered for 1/2 hour longer. Serve hot in casserole. This gourmet edition of Wild Rice 'N' Mushroom sauce serves eight.

originals as possible. One company imported its classics from Italy where they were reproduced in excellent color on delicate silk. Another put out a "fine arts collection" of 50 Renaissance masterpieces reproduced by a Swiss printing house using special paper and table, or somebody in the family inks.

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Celebration Of Christmas Was Once Illegal In U. S.

Celebration of Christmas — the most widely observed religious holiday of the modern world — was at one time illegal in early American history.

Colonial New England did not celebrate Christmas, according to researchers at Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia, because the stern Puritan colonist believed that such activities were wholly pagan and forbade them by law. Christmas came to the American colonies while it was the subject of strenuous controversy in England. English Puritans condemned it as a "popish" and the secular celebration as a "wanton Bacchanalian feast."

Opposition of the English Puritans to festivals culminated in an act of Parliament in 1647 which abolished the observance of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide. This was echoed in the American colonies in 1659 when Puritans enacted a law in the general court of Massachusetts to punish those who "kept Christmas."

The law read "Whoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing of labor, feasting, or in any

other way . . . shall be subject to a fine of five shillings."

The law was repealed in 1681 but many of the Puritans were not reconciled to this action. Secular reveling at Christmas had often interfered with religious devotions and offended the Puritans' moral sense. This intensified their sectarian hostility to the religious observance of Christmas — an attitude they maintained for the better part of two centuries in parts of New England.

The fun-loving Dutch colonists of New Amsterdam, however, celebrated Christmas as their chief holiday. They brought the old customs from their homeland, especially the Christmas stocking and observance of the feast day of St. Nicholas.

In the Southern colonies, the planters celebrated the yuletide with feasting, singing, and dancing. On many plantations slaves were given a holiday as long as the great yule log burned.

The latter half of the eighteenth century saw a swing of attention to the realm of economics and politics and religious controversies became of less importance. The fact that English and Hessian

troops celebrated Christmas during the Revolutionary War may have added a patriotic note to the denominational controversy.

General Washington crossed the Delaware River on the night of December 25, 1776, to surprise and defeat the Hessian troop stationed at Trenton, N. J. In the opinion of one writer, Washington's bold venture succeeded because the Hessians were enjoying their customary Christmas revels and failed to maintain the usual watch and patrols.

In the twentieth century, all denominations have embraced Christmas widely both as a religious and as a social celebration. Today, men, women and children in every Christian land crowd into churches to give their thanks. More than one fourth of the world's population — about 800 million people profess some form of Christian faith.

The splendor and beauty of Christmas observances is very different from the humble stable in Bethlehem where Christ was born, but the message He brought to the world is the same — "Glory be to God in the highest; and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Treasure Chimney Of Cookies Makes Attractive Decoration

Looks good enough to eat, and it is! That's the beauty of this delightful new Christmas decoration that will add special fun to the holidays. Assorted cookies, butter frosting mix, and a jolly toy Santa are all you need for a Treasure Chimney.

Treasure Chimney

- 2 1-pound boxes sugar honey graham crackers
- 2 7-ounce packages butter frosting mix
- 5 8-ounce packages fig bars or 3 1-pound packages Assorted cookies
- Small Santa

To make the form around which the chimney is built, tape together side by side two 1-pound boxes of graham crackers, after removing the paper wrapping from each. Leave crackers in the boxes until the chimney is completed.

Prepare one of the packages of frosting mix as package directs. Spread one side of the taped boxes with frosting. Arrange fig bars, flat with bottom sides down, over the

frosting to resemble bricks. Press firmly into frosting so that it pushes up around edges to look like mortar. Let frosting dry completely (several hours) on this side.

Repeat process on other three sides of form. When all "bricks" are cemented firmly, stand chimney on end. Cut away cardboard ends of graham cracker boxes at top, and remove about a third of the crackers. Prepare second packages of frosting mix. Drizzle it down corner edges and top of chimney to resemble snow and icicles. Fill chimney with cookies, top with Santa.

Seat belts are a year around protection for sudden stops or in case of a traffic accident. The Texas Safety Association reports that the occupant of a car who can remain in his seat in an emergency situation stands a better chance of survival than if he is thrown forward or out.

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Lighting Decorations Accent The Hospitable Spirit Of Christmas

As traditional as Christmas itself is the "light" touch on holiday decorations. And to all those in favor of saying "Merry Christmas" with light are dedicated the following hints from Miss Mrytle Fashbender, director of home lighting for Westinghouse.

The success of decorating with light does not call for lavish and costly displays. On the contrary, the more one's personality is reflected in holiday decorations, the more sincerely they express the Christmas spirit.

Whether you make your own decorations, or buy ready-to-install designs that come complete with electric lights and cord set, start with a plan. Study the architecture of the house, the landscaping and the interior design and furnishings. Then accent with lighted decorations at night those features of which you are proudest by day.

Windows, especially picture windows, are a "natural" to decorate. So are the front

door, chimney, fireplace mantel and buffet table. Shrubbery, flower boxes or an evergreen tree on the lawn can be effectively, yet inexpensively, decorated with strings of lights.

Choosing between the assorted colors in which Christmas lights are available is a matter of personal taste. All the colors are symbolic of the season. Red signifies cheer. Green suggest wintery evergreens. Red, yellow and white are reminiscent of a frosty, starlit Christmas sky.

Light bulbs will last from Christmas to Christmas if carefully packed. But when it comes time to replenish the supply, you'll find that they've increased in number and variety.

Among the newcomers are lights designed with a lively swirling pattern in five brilliant color combinations, globe-shaped bulbs in five different tints that resemble polished tree ornaments when unlighted, a "petite" bulb, also

in five colors, for indoor use only.

For unusually effective outdoor lighting schemes, the projector lamp bulb is a necessity, even when outdoor strings of lights are utilized. For, without flood-lighting or spot-lighting, the color and detail of a design disappear when the winter sun goes down.

The projector's indoor-only counterpart — the reflector bulb — is gaining in popularity, too, either for flood-lighting the Christmas tree or in creating silhouettes and shadow effects.

Saranac, Mich., Advertiser: "I always take a good long look at the guy who suggests we raise our taxes for this or that. Generally he leaves me wondering if perhaps he might not be paying his fair share!"

There are many insecticides that can be used on beef cattle but only a few that are safe for dairy cattle.

Tissue Tree Easy Holiday Decoration

A popular Christmas decoration is the miniature tree made out of paper tissue. It can be made in any pastel color, decorated with glitter in bright colors (red or white).

Here are the instructions for making the tree.

Materials needed are three feet of 12-inch chicken wire, one large box of paper tissues, a package of pipe cleaners, a bottle of glitter dust and a bottle of colorless nail polish.

Form a cone by rolling the chicken wire from end to end. The diameter of the base should be about six inches for best effect.

You will need 35 to 50 flowers, depending upon how tightly they are placed on the wire base.

To fasten flowers to the base, place one at top of cone and twist pipe cleaner ends inside of cone. Continue placing flowers around cone, working down until bottom is reached. Arrange flowers close together so wire does not show through.

Mince Pies Are Tradition

No Christmas dinner would be complete without mince pies. While they have long been a part of our Christmas tradition, they originally had a deep symbolic significance.

Patterned after the manger in which Christ was born, they were oblong in shape. The crust, baked a golden brown, represented the gold brought by the Three Wise Men.

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Legend Of Poinsettia Is Told

America's favorite Christmas flower, the Poinsettia, is surrounded by legend.

It is named for Joel R. Poinsett of South Carolina.

The story is told that a poor child wished to give a gift to the Virgin and was heart broken because she had nothing of value or beauty to present.

As she approached the Mother of Jesus, in desperation she plucked some of the scrawny flowers at her feet. As she did so, the flowers were transmuted into the scarlet brilliance of the poinsettia.

Holiday Sparkle

Home Christmas decorations take on a sparkling air when done in silver or gold. Spray a large sheet of construction paper and let it dry. Then trace and cut stars, trees, deer or Santas to use as ornaments, mirror and window decorations or place cards during the season.

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Yule Tradition

In the earliest day of Yule fires, the new log was always lit with the charred remains of the log from the previous year. Thus good luck was carried over to the new.

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Flickering Glow Of Las Luminarias Is Traditional Christmas Rite

The flickering golden glow of Las Luminarias, the little fires, once again is a part of the centuries-old tradition in New Mexico's celebration of the birth of Christ.

The present day use of luminarias evolved from the state's Spanish heritage.

As New Mexico has changed, so have the luminarias, which today are sand-filled paper sacks containing a candle.

The lighting of the luminarias generally is an eagerly awaited one-day event, which comes on Christmas Eve.

Folk tales have it that the luminarias were the tiny, lonely fire of shepherds the angels visited to tell of the birth of Christ.

Experts on New Mexico history have found this sequence in the evolution of the little fires of Christmas.

First, there were the pinon sticks, pitch-filled, which were laid in a pile and lighted to begin a novena (nine-day devotion) to the Virgin Mary.

Nine days before Christmas, one pinon pile was lighted; the next night two; then three; and then one added each night until nine were burning on Christmas Eve.

Spanish women among the early white settlers of New Mexico are believed to have followed the tradition of the little fires.

But during times of fiesta they wanted lanterns rather than fire to brighten their patios.

Luxury goods were beginning to find their way into the Spanish frontier about time, wrapped in the silk-like paper of China and the Philippines. Although too fragile to hang like a lantern, the paper could be made into beautiful shapes.

The women put a candle in-

side, piled sand around the paper and set the lanterns on the walls and parapets of their flat-roofed homes.

Then came the American traders, bringing with them brown paper sacks of merchandise. The material for the little fires.

The modern luminaria is made of a brown paper sack with up to four inches of sand in the bottom. The top of the sack is folded down for a couple of inches to give a firm double layer that will not whip around in the wind.

A short, fat candle that will burn for about 15 hours is placed on the sand in the center of the sack.

There is little danger of fire since the candle is shielded by the sack anchored by sand and strengthened by the double fold.

The flat-roofed Pueblo style architecture common in New Mexico is perfect for using luminarias in decorating. The sacks are placed on the horizontal parapets to outline the walls of the home. Homeowners also border their walks and driveways with the little fires.

Gift Giving At Christmas

Santa Claus is inseparably associated with the spirit of gift-giving in America, but in other lands, various gift-bearers are just as eagerly awaited.

Commemorating the arrival of the Magi on Epiphany, the Wise Men leave presents for good boys and girls as they pass through Spain during their annual journey to Bethlehem.

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Christmas Date Set Officially In 4th Century

The history of the Christmas observance is one that has intrigued clerical and lay scholars for countless years.

Researchers have found that as far back as the fourth century, the Christmas festival was already an established custom dating back to earlier eras.

The word Christmas began as "Christ's Mass" or as in old English "Christes Masee" or the Mass of Christ, following the custom of the church in observing the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births.

It was not until St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, set out to affirm one day for a universal observance that Christ's Mass was changed from its previous celebration in the spring (as we now observe Easter).

The good Bishop was granted permission by Pope Junilius I to appoint a group of theologians to determine as accurately as possible, the exact date of Christ's nativity.

Too many years had elapsed for absolute accuracy, and after discovering various contradictions of calendars, astronomical and astronomical calculations, the date for the celebration of Christ's Mass was set by the Church for December 25.

So it is that since the year 354 A. D., this date has been observed as the date of the Saviour's birth.

Members of the Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches celebrate this on January 6.

To this day, the festival of Christmas still occurs on many different dates throughout the world.

December 6 is the day when Christmas is observed in most Western European countries

Prepare Your Holiday Wax

With a little practice you can wax eloquent as a candle-maker. The result? Candles for giving, candles for the burning.

Prepared waxes on the market make candlemaking simple, but you can also mix your own combination of paraffin and bees wax of steric wax.

Melt the wax in a double boiler. To achieve colors desired, add oil paints or wax crayons a little at a time. White, red and green are the popular Christmas candles, but in recent years the trend is to pastels.

Soak wick four hours in water, salt and borax, dip it in wax, and then hang up to dry. This insures longer burning qualities.

Wicked Candles
Milk cartons are popular molds for square candles. These require about 1 1/4 lbs. of wax, but must be supported with masking tape or other material wound around the center of the carton so that it will not give when the wax is poured.

Leave enough wick so that it can be trimmed to the proper length after the candle has hardened in the refrigerator or other cold spot.

If glasses or other containers are used, wipe them with vegetable oil before pouring the wax. This gives them an attractive sheen.

Initially Yours
Candles may be left in glass molds, however. Lovely Yuletide effects may be achieved by putting designs on the glass. Use glitter dust, red and green sequins, beads, to make a pretty wreath on a brandy snifter or other glass. Initials, Christmas greetings

and marks the beginning of a long, happy holiday season.

Christmas Cookie Baking Time Just Around Corner

Jingle bells—the Christmas season has begun. Now is the time to plan those very special cookies you will wrap beautifully and present to selected friends and relatives.

Santa's Strawberry Blondes And Chocolate-Scotch Patties

2 1/2 cup shortening
2 1/4 cups (1 pound) firmly packed brown sugar
2 3/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour

2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped nuts
1 6-ounce package (1 cup) butterscotch flavored morsels

1 6-ounce package (1 cup) semisweet chocolate morsels

Basic Dough
Cream shortening and brown sugar; beat in eggs, one at a time. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Blend into cream mixture.

Stir in nuts. Divide dough into two equal parts (about 2 1/4 cups each).

Santa's Strawberry Blondes
Stir butterscotch morsels into one part of basic dough;

turn into greased 9x9x2-inch pan; smooth the surface. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) 30 minutes. When almost cool, cut into 1 1/2-inch squares. When thoroughly cool, spoon strawberry frosting into cake decorator with star tip; make rosette on each square. Makes 3 dozen squares.

Choco-Scotch Patties
Stir chocolate morsels into second part of basic dough; drop from teaspoon 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 13 minutes. Cool on rack. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

Strawberry Frosting
2 tablespoons quick strawberry milk-flavoring mix
1 tablespoon milk
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar, divided
2 tablespoons softened butter or margarine

Dissolve strawberry milk-flavoring mix in milk. Beat 1/4 cup of the sugar with the butter. Beat in the milk mixture alternately with the remaining sugar.

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Happy Holiday Front Door Fun To Make

You can create a "happy holiday" front door with a little imagination and weather-proof oil cloth.

For example, cross wide red bands against a white door to give a "gift package" effect. Or shape self-adhering oil cloth into bows, and decorate them with sprigs of holly.

Remember to wash the door with hot soap or detergent suds before you decorate, as not even the most artistic design can enhance a dingy surface. And wash the door again later to erase all traces of your holiday decoration.

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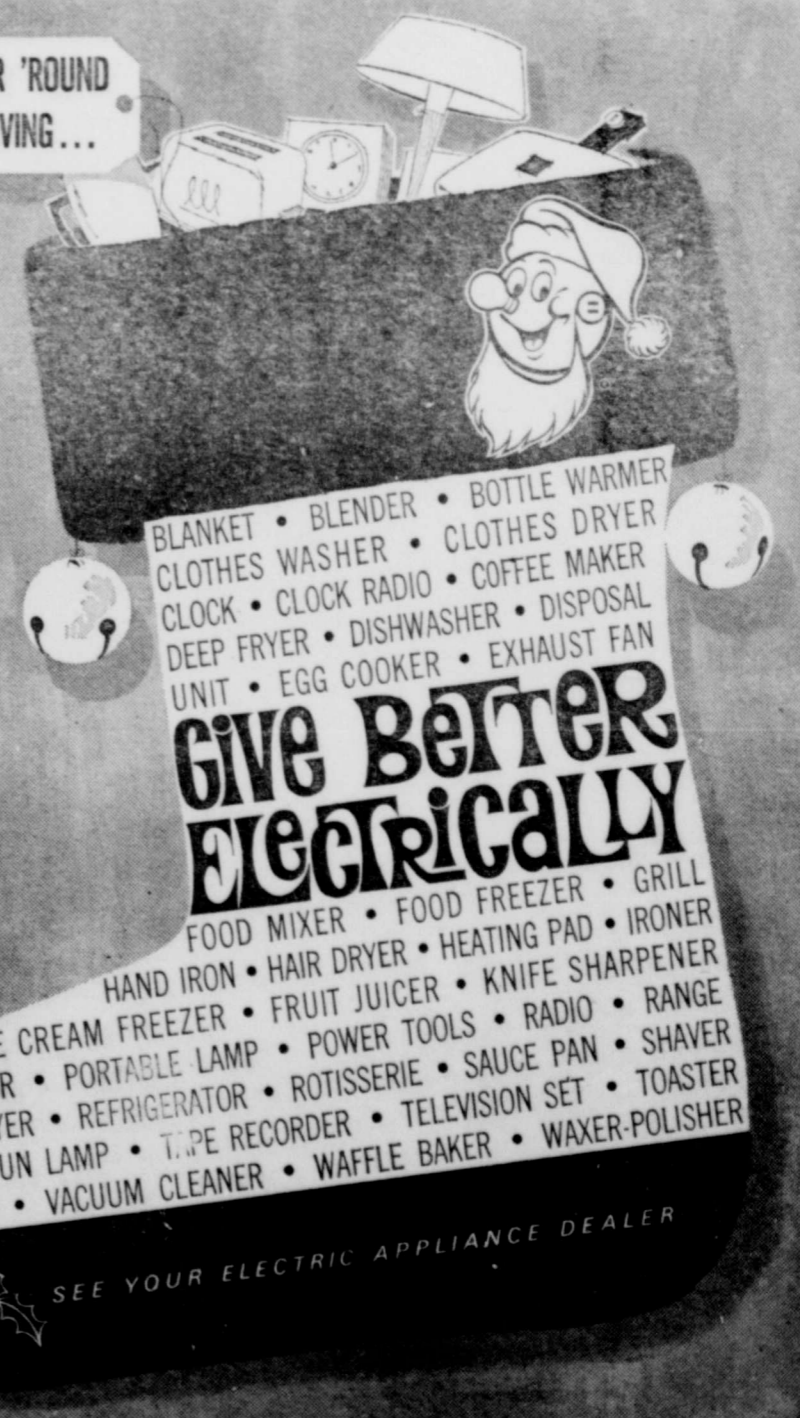
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SOMETHING NEW

Orange Sherbet Brightens Eggnog For Yuletide Party

Anytime is eggnog time, but especially around the holidays we begin to make plans to informally entertain our many friends. You may have a treasured recipe for eggnog that you have served often. Make plans to add variety to your refreshments this year!

Don't look any further for an eggnog recipe! Try something new. Here is just the recipe for Orange Nog — delicious, refreshing too. Another feature about Orange Nog — it is easy to make and no cooking is involved. Just beat the eggs, ice cream and milk together, then scoop orange sherbet on top and it is ready to serve.

A perfect accompaniment with this creamy rich Orange Nog is your favorite Christmas fruit or nut bread.

Orange Nog

4 eggs
1 quart vanilla ice cream, slightly softened
1 quart chilled milk
1 tablespoon grated or shredded orange rind
1 pint orange sherbet

Beat together eggs, ice cream, milk and orange rind until smooth and frothy. Pour into chilled serving bowl. Top with scoops of orange sherbet. Garnish with additional orange rind, if desired. Makes two quarts nog.

Carve Holiday Bird In Six Easy Steps

Whether you dream of being a chessboard strategist, crack shot of the hunt or "master carver" of the family circle, you needn't be resigned to the costly mistakes of apprenticeship — if you learn the rules before-hand!

The turkey carving "king," at least, can surely be saved some embarrassing moments if for the forthcoming holidays he is expertly primed with carving instructions. Strangely enough, the first vital lesson in the art of carving begins before the bird even goes from pan to platter to table. Immediately upon coming from the oven, allow Mr. Turkey to "set" undisturbed 15-20 minutes. . . this permits the meat to firm up just enough for easier- and prettier-carving.

Then when the bird comes to the table the carver pro-

ceeds as follows:

1. Place the turkey with legs to right of carver.
2. Bend back a leg with left hand and cut away from body.
3. Sever thigh from drumstick; slice drumstick meat by cutting downward.
4. With fork astride breast, cut down sharply on joint which joins wing to body.
5. Where wing was, cut thin slices of white meat working up to breast bone.
6. Repeat same carving instructions on other side of turkey.

Hats, shoes, undergarments — even furniture upholstery — may soon be made of a single piece of cotton fabric that has been permanently molded into shape. The new process which makes this possible comes from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

JUST CUT 'N' STICK

Do-It-Yourself Holiday Door



Giant holly candles glow with holiday spirit on this front door as Santa's helper adds the final touch. A few rolls of weatherproof adhesive covering and a pair of scissors are all that's needed to create the design. The candle holder is made of strips of red adhesive covering. Windows or door panels, covered with green, become the candles, and green holly leaf cutouts, provide trimming for the knocker and the candle holder base.

Gift Centerpiece For Christmas

A Christmas tree decoration that could double as a centerpiece or handsomely conceal a gift is one made from wrapping paper and ribbon.

Choose one of the flocked papers, in red, white or gold, cut a half circle with a 30-inch radius. Twist it into a cone shape, wide enough to fit over

a milk glass or cased glass compote.

Tape cone together, cutting away any rough edges. About four inches from the bottom, mark six points equally spaced around the cone. From each of these, stretch a gold ribbon to the top of the cone and tape in place. Carefully punch a hole in each marked point, then insert ties of a previously made ribbon bow, and tape to inside. Use two ribbon bows for the top point.

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LEGEND

Candles have long had their place in legends and in the observance of the holiday of Christmas.

In Ireland on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

The use of candles for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation but according to an old legend the "Christ Child Candle" is burned in the window to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Children's Task

During the early days of our country, animal fats were relatively scarce. The branches of the bayberry shrub were covered with wax-giving berries and children were given the task of gathering the berries when candles had to be made so that the animal fats could be conserved.

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve of Christmas Day would have long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:

"To learn your luck for the year they say,
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas Day.
If the flame burns bright and the light
shines clear,
Good luck will be yours throughout the
year."

Fingers Of All Ages Reach For These Tasty Cookies

There's nothing more heart-warming than a gift of homemade goodies at Christmas time. Two of the most delicious and easiest to make in large quantities, are crisp "Double Peanut Drops" and no-bake "Jiffy Fruitcake Squares." Because of the rich flavor of peanut butter, these two very different cookies appeal to all ages. Here's how to make them.

Double Peanut Drops

One-quarter cup peanut butter
1/2 cup butter or other shortening
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2/3 cup crushed peanut brittle
1 cup sifted flour

Cream peanut butter with shortening. Beat sugar in gradually. All vanilla and peanut brittle. Gradually stir in flour. (Mixture will be crumbly.) Measure heaping teaspoons and, with fingers, shape into round flat cookies. Bake in 325 degrees F. oven for 15 minutes. Makes 45 cookies.

Jiffy Fruitcake

Fifteen oz. raisins, 1 lb. pitted dates, 1/4 cup crunchy peanut butter, 2 tbs mixed diced candied fruit.

Grind raisins and dates together. Add peanut butter and mix thoroughly. Add candied fruit and mix well.

Line two 8x8x2-inch pans with wax paper and press half of mixture into each. Chill in refrigerator 36 hours before cutting into squares. Makes

Gifts Take On Sparkle In Colorful Wrapping

It's going to be a year of beauty, vibrant color and fabulous design under the Christmas tree.

This year, elegance and tradition combine with the best of modern design to bring a variety in Christmas wrappings the like of which we've never seen before.

There's something for everyone, whether taste runs to the traditional, quaint, or the glamorous and sophisticated.

Gifts in all their glowing glory will joyfully reflect the tree lights. Delightful groups of Hummel-like children, heartwarming animals like a sly little sloth and gamboling cocker spaniel, joyous birds in flight, will join the parade of the loveliest Christmas gift wraps.

a bold design for large ones. Solids can be used for all sizes, but vary with width of ribbon according to size.

Ruth Class Holds Annual Holiday Party

The Ruth Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas party Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Irvin Myrick.

The home was decorated in the traditional holiday theme. The serving table was laid with a Christmas cloth and had small individual gifts as centerpieces.

Mrs. Myrick presented the Christmas devotional. She read from the Bible, taking her scriptures from Luke 2:7-14 and Matthew 2:1-10. The group sang "Joy to the World" and "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem." Mrs. Walter Graves played the piano and Mrs. D. E. Ory voiced the prayer.

Games were played. The group had a Christmas tree and exchanged gifts. They also gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Pictures were made of the group.

The class brought canned food, which was put in a box to give to a needy family.

Refreshments of dips, chips, Christmas cake and cookies, spiced tea and coffee were served by the hostess.

Those attending were: Mrs. Chalmers Wren, Mrs. Ivan White, Mrs. D. E. Ory, Mrs. Philip White, Mrs. Jess Angel, Mrs. C. S. Bevers, Mrs. Glen Petree, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Bertha Stewart, Mrs. Bill Polk, Mrs. Walter Graves, and Mrs. Myrick.

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Letters To Santa Claus

GRADY SCHOOL SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa: Bring me a doll and some toys.

Love, Juanita.

Dear Santa: Bring me a gun, a truck, some nuts, and candy. Please don't forget all the other children. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Billy Jay Howard

Dear Santa: Please bring me a dump truck, a fire truck, and an army set.

Love, Terry Welch.

Dear Santa: I want a gun, a fire engine, and a train. I have been a good boy, Santa.

Love, Joe Benny.

Dear Santa: I want a watch, a bike, a Barbie doll, a Dream House, and some Barbie clothes.

Love, Linda Woody.

Dear Santa: Bring me some books, a truck, a cowboy hat and a BB gun.

With love, Steve Juarez.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a bike, and an army tank. Thank you, Joe Moreno.

Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a Barbie doll suitcase with clothes, and some china dishes.

Love, Jackie Haggard.

Dear Santa: I want a Barbie dream house and a Barbie doll. Thank you very much, Santa.

Love, Blanche Pierce.

Dear Santa: May I have a Tiny Tears doll please? I also want a Barbie doll house.

Love, Gina Bass.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a large construction set, and a BB gun.

Love, J. T. Springer.

Dear Santa: I want a gun, some spurs, a cowboy suit, and a toy horse.

Love, Craig Ringener.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a Ken doll and clothes for it. I want a nurse buggy, too.

Love, Janie Roper.

Dear Santa: I want two Jeeps and an airplane. Thank you, Santa. With love, Jerry Holloway.

FIRST GRADE COURTNEY SCHOOL

Courtney School December 10, 1963

Dear Santa: I am already good, so I would like to have a two gun holster and a rifle.

Love, Johnny Rangel.

Dear Santa: Hi! How are you? Please bring me a bike and a rifle. I will be careful with them.

Love, Larry Creech.

Dear Santa: Please, Santa, bring me something. I would like a Tammy doll and a bike and that's all.

Love, Ramona Jurado.

Dear Santa: I am good at home and at school, so please bring me a doll that laughs and cries.

Love, Lois Howard.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a Barbie doll, a Barbie dream house, and some doll clothes.

With love, Becky Gutierrez.

Dear Santa: I am good at home and at school, so please bring me a doll that laughs and cries.

Love, Lois Howard.

Dear Santa: I will try to mind Mother till Christmas. Would you please bring me a Charming Chitty. Please bring me some doll clothes for Charming Chitty. Also bring me an Etch-o-Sketch. Thank you.

Love, Cheryl Jean Bradshaw.

SECOND GRADE COURTNEY SCHOOL

Courtney School December 10, 1963

Dear Santa: I will try to mind Mother till Christmas. Would you please bring me a Charming Chitty. Please bring me some doll clothes for Charming Chitty. Also bring me an Etch-o-Sketch. Thank you.

Love, Cheryl Jean Bradshaw.

Courtney School December 10, 1963

Dear Santa: I have been nice all year at school. I want some toys for my brothers and sisters. I will be good to everyone at school.

I would like some toys for myself, too, if you have plenty.

Love, Rojilio Gutierrez.

Dear Santa: I will be nice. I would like you to bring me a Midge doll and a chalk board so I can practice my arithmetic problems.

Love, Rosalind Welch.

Dear Santa: I like you, Santa, and I am trying to be a good girl. Bring me a Tiny Tears, and I will be very good to her.

Love, Pam Hazlewood.

Dear Santa: I love you. I will be good. Will you bring me a watch and an ice cream maker, and a Barbie doll. The watch can be a boy's or a girl's watch.

Love, LaNell Williams.

Courtney School December 10, 1963

Dear Santa: Please, would you bring me a gun? If you can do this, I'd be happy.

Love, Guy Stewart.

Dear Santa: I have been a good girl at home and at school. Will you please bring me a bike and an ice cream maker?

Love, Linda Creech.

Dear Santa: I have been a good girl. Come and see me for Christmas. I have tried real hard in school. And please bring me a Barbie doll.

Love, Brenda Creech.

Dear Santa: I will try to be good. I am good now.

Would you bring me a gun and holster, a boy watch, cowboy hat, and a BB gun?

Love, Benton Posey.

Dear Santa: I am trying to be nice at school.

I would like a cowboy suit and a pair of boots, a hat and some guns, and a baseball glove.

Love, Tommy Flippo.

Dear Santa: I am trying to be nice at home and at school. Would you please bring me a doll that laughs and cries.

Love, Maria Jurado.

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old. I want a wrecker truck for Christmas, and my big sister, Lana, who is seven years old, wants a double-deck doll bed and some Ken clothes.

Please bring our little brother, Bill, who is two, something nice.

Love, Scott McKaskle, Star Route, Stanton, 79782.

Dear Santa: I want a Ken, transistor radio, and a camera. I have been a good girl this year.

There will be something for you to have. I am nine years old.

Love, Tereyn Hazlewood.

Dear Santa: My sisters would like a baby bed, thumbelena, and a set of dishes. I would like a Barbie, Ken, and a Barbie dream house, and typewriter.

We have been good.

Love, Barbara, Tammy, Charlotte Trimble.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a truck and a musical toy. Come see me at my grandparents.

I've been pretty good.

Love, Keith Schlosser.

GRADY SCHOOL

Dear Santa: Please bring me a Barbie Doll, a Dream House, and a drum.

Thank you, Santa. Love, Lynnette Haggard.

Dear Santa: Bring me a doll and some dishes.

Love, Sandy De La Roso.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl. I go to school at Grady. I want a doll and some doll clothes.

Love, Rosie Gonzales.

Dear Santa: Bring me a gun, fire engine an airplane, and some nuts and candy.

Love, John De La Roso.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a BB gun, and a camera.

Thank you Santa. Love, Tony Sawyer.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and a car.

Love, Mary Helen.

Dear Santa: I want an army suit and an Indian suit.

Thank you, Santa. Love, Ronnie Mims.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll. I am a good little girl.

Love, Hermi Cruz.

Dear Santa: I want a bicycle and a lasso.

Love, Pedro Briseno.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a BB gun and some shells.

Thank you, Santa. Love, Morris Sanchez.

Dear Santa: I am writing this letter to you because I want you to send me a bicycle for Christmas. I hope you send me the bicycle, Santa Claus. I'm drawing pictures of you Santa.

I'm saving a piggy bank for Christmas. I want the size 26 bicycle, its an English bike, to go to the store to buy the things my mother needs.

I am 11 years old, I'll be 12 June 3. Christmas is my favorite holiday. I'm in the fifth grade. I'm learning new things. I'm trying real hard.

Love, Domingo Paddia.

Dear Santa Claus: I am writing these few lines to tell you I have written you because I have been doing my homework.

Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a bicycle for Christmas, and I want you to know it is cooler out here than in North Pole, and I want you to know that I have a piggy bank and have \$3.00 in the bank.

I think this is all for this year. Good by Santa Claus.

Love, Ray Maldonado.

Dear Santa Claus: I am writing these few lines to tell you I want you to bring me a bicycle for Christmas.

I think this is all for this year.

From, Manuel Marquez.

Dear Santa Claus: I am just writing this letter for you to send me a bike for Christmas.

I am nine years old and I am in the fourth grade. I want the bike size 24.

From, Danny S.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a spank me I cry doll and you turn her over, she says here. You tickle her and she laughs. I want a ring with a red birthstone in it.

Love, Nancy Beth Pribyla.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a pretty good boy except for fighting my big brother. I will try to do better if you will remember me on Christmas.

I want some boxing gloves and an army tank. Also a Pop-the-Bear gun.

Have a merry Christmas. Love, Terry Kelly.

Santa Claus North Pole, 99701

Dear Santa: I am Jackie I am four years old. I want for Christmas a gun, basketball, football and a big army tank. I want you to send me a letter back.

Jackie Morris.

Christmas Greetings

The spirit of Christmas warms every heart, brightens every eye, lightens every care... It moves us to express our deep appreciation of the friendship and loyalty of our customers, and to wish for all a rich abundance of the Season's happiness

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GREETINGS

The scene is set for Christmas—every heart aglow with a spirit that makes this the happiest of Holidays. To all our cherished friends we extend this sincerest of greetings—May Christmas fill your heart and home with all its brightest cheer and may good health accompany you throughout the coming year.

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

First Christmas Card May Date From 1839

When were the first Christmas cards sent? Christmas greetings were exchanged as long ago as 1839, according to Rust Craft Publishers, Dedham, Mass., who recently purchased what is believed to be the oldest known Christmas card in existence for its antique greeting card collection.

Made of delicate paper lace and measuring four by two and three-quarter inches, the card reads: "A Merry Christmas to You" on the front. On

the back, in fading but still legible script is written: "A Happy Christmas to My Mother Dear, 1839."

The card was discovered by a New Haven, Conn., rare book dealer between the pages of an old Bible received in a shipment of books from England. It was made by the London firm of Windsor and Pearce whose existence at that time has been verified by the Guildhall Library in London.

For a number of years it was believed that the first Christmas greeting cards were sent in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole, an Englishman. Cole commissioned a famous English artist, J. C. Horsley to do a design for him and on it he had printed "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

He had 1,000 cards printed showing a friendly family gathering in progress with the older members of the family holding up their wine glasses in a toast to the person to whom the card was intended.

This aroused some criticism even though panels to the left and right showed the charitable acts of "clothing the poor" and "feeding the hungry." Puritans frowned on the central theme of the card and others criticized the card for showing children at the same table with wine drinkers.

Despite the criticism, however, Cole was acclaimed for starting the custom of sending Christmas greetings and he was eventually knighted for it.

A collection of skating prints and drawings presented to the British museum in 1931 revealed a Christmas card which was dated 1842, predating the Cole-Horsley card by one year. It was a painting by a 16-year-old artist named William Maw Egley. The museum officially recognized the card as the first and turned an uninterested ear to the Horsley group who claimed that the date after the artist's name was not clearly 1842 and could easily be 1843 or 1849.

Frozen Foods Star Holiday Entertaining

The Yuletide season, more than any other, abounds with "open house" invitations which should make the rounds to share in the holiday spirit.

The hostess is called upon to set the pace for the merry-making and provide the refreshment. As your turn comes, why not plan something novel — a "supper of miracles"? With frozen condensed soups and frozen individual dessert pies, you can turn simple fare into elegant proportions with a touch of imagination. This is what you do.

In years past, what ordinarily would have been a time-consuming task now becomes a minute chore as you take 5-ounce mince and pumpkin pies from the freezer and bake them about 30 minutes. Cool. Before serving, place a tiny Christmas decoration on the golden-crust mince pies — a pair of tinkly bells, a colored ball, etc. Group the pies around a brightly glowing candle on a gold or silver tray for a small conversation piece and delicious dessert.

As each frost-nipped guest finds his way to the buffet table, greet him with a bowl of piping hot chowder. Made from 2 frozen condensed soups, bright yellow corn and a touch of green parsley, this is a chowder which finds itself at home in your best tureen. Here is the recipe:

Yule Chowder

- 10 1/2-oz. can frozen condensed cream of potato soup
 - 10-oz. can frozen condensed cream of shrimp soup
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 cup water
 - 1/2 cup cooked whole kernel corn
 - 1 tbs. chopped parsley
 - 4 drops Tabasco
- In saucepan, combine all ingredients; heat. Stir now and then. Makes 4 to 5 generous servings.

Hogs need adequate amounts of water during the winter or they will limit their intake of feed.

Christmas Tree Shoppers Informed On How To Select An Evergreen

Everyone's busy getting ready to observe the year's climactic event — shopping, packing, entertaining, mailing packages and greeting cards of good will, planning surprises, and participating in activities of the church and community.

But Christmas really won't be here, at least in the eyes of eager children, until the light-spangled Yuletide tree is in place, towering over gaily wrapped gifts.

Fragrant Christmas trees, still fresh from the forest, brings nostalgic memories of Christmases past, for most of us.

Future generations will have similar memories, though few will recall the happy occasion of selecting the family tree from the "back 40," and the exhilarating hazards of wax candles amid the inflammable boughs, those days are gone.

Shapely Specimens

But folks who have the job of raising Christmas trees are providing plenty of shapely specimens, many gracefully graded for quality by USDA's

Agricultural Marketing Service. Wholesale prices vary greatly, depending on quality and species selected and distance from growing areas.

There are three main grade classifications. U. S. Premium designates the very finest. Other grades are U. S. No. 1 or U. S. Choice, and U. S. No. 2 or U. S. Standard.

Use of these standards is voluntary with folks in the trade, so you may or may not notice the grade designation on the tree you buy.

Typical Characteristics

But if you buy a U. S. Premium tree, AMS graders will have determined that it possesses characteristics typical of the species. It will be fresh, clean, healthy, well-trimmed, of not less than medium density. And it will have a normal taper, with each of the four faces free from damage by any cause.

A tree grader U. S. No. 1 or U. S. Choice also is a high quality tree. It will have at least three faces free from damage. Specifications for U. S. No. 2 or U. S. Standard trees will be fresh, fairly clean,

well trimmed, of light or better density, candle-stick, normal or flaring taper, and with two adjacent faces free from damage by any cause.

Graded On Freshness

Freshness means much in grading Christmas trees. You want a tree that has pliable needles, generally firmly attached. Ordinarily, the "handle" length should be about one-twelfth of the tree's height.

Growing and selling Christmas trees is an important industry in this country. In 1960, domestic production was estimated at about 31 million. In addition 11 million were imported, mostly from Canada. The total provides enough for one tree for every household in the nation.

Bulk of the trees produced are balsam fir, black spruce, Douglas fir, red cedar, Scotch pine and white spruce, although all evergreen species do the job nicely.

Timber-based economic activities account for about five percent of the nation's gross

Ornaments For Christmas Of Shining Aluminum Foil

It's easy to make shining colorful Christmas ornaments by folding aluminum foil like a fan.

To make a fan double fold standard foil to make a strip four inches wide by 2 inches long. Use two or more contrasting color and design Christmas tapes and tape them to the foil along the folded edge. Pleat the foil, tape the cut end of the foil together and open out the fan. Tie on a little sprig of flowers and ribbon from old hat trimmings.

To make a pinwheel double fold standard foil to make a strip 5x12 inches.

Use two or more contrasting color and design tapes and tape them to foil along both the folded edge of the foil and also at the cut edge. Pleat the foil.

Fold a small piece of tape in half and secure around the center of the pleated strip. Now open out the join ends so that they meet, taping

them together to form a pinwheel.

An angel also can be made. To form an angel double fold standard aluminum foil to make a strip 7x12 inches. Use two or more contrasting color and design tapes and tape to foil along the folded edge. On cut end, measure down three inches on each side and cut diagonally up toward the center. This will form a triangle at the top. Place tape along this triangle edge. Pleat the whole length of foil. Cut down center pleat from point three inches.

For the angel's head, insert pipe cleaner in small Christmas ball; attach a round foil halo. Place pipe cleaner between pleats with Christmas ball at base of opening in foil. Pinch foil together around Christmas ball and secure with tape. Open out the wings and skirt. Use a small piece of wire or ribbon to attach to tree.

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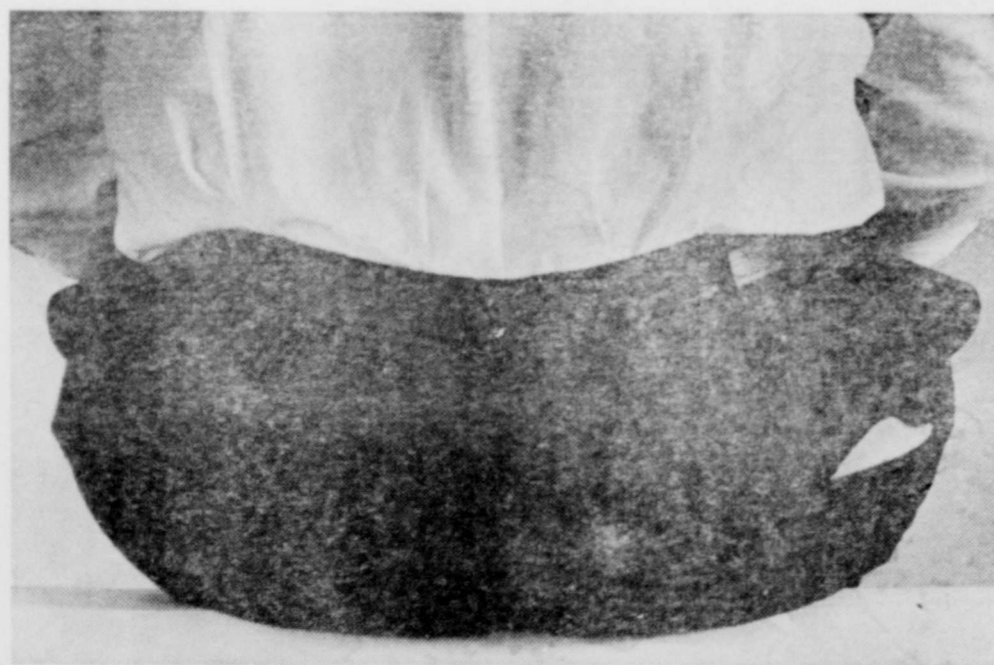
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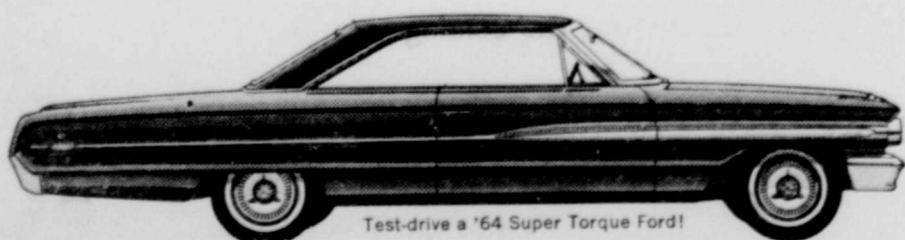
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GOOD FOR DRESSING ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Spicy Sausage With Turkey

Be prepared for second helpings of stuffing when you roast your Christmas turkey. Regardless of how many side dishes accompany the meaty gobbler, a really savory stuffing ranks with the turkey itself in family popularity.

Remember, too, to combine stuffing ingredients just before the bird is to be roasted. Get together the dry ingredients, such as bread cubes and seasonings, ahead of time. Then add any liquid or perishable ingredients when you are ready to fill the turkey.

If you wish to try a stuffing recipe this year that has delicate spiciness yet is light and fluffy, make this pork sausage dressing.

PORK SAUSAGE LINK STUFFING FOR TURKEY

- 1 pound pork sausage links
- 12 cups white bread cubes (about 1½ loaves)
- ¼ cup minced onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon sage
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley

Cut the partially cooked sausage links in thin slices. Then add to remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour three or four tablespoons of sausage drippings or melted butter over mixture. Spoon lightly into cavity and neck of turkey, leaving room for expansion.

Any leftover or additional stuffing may be spread in a pan or casserole dish with a little extra moisture added to it, then baked the last 30 minutes of roasting. This makes a somewhat dry, crisp stuffing, preferred by many. Makes enough for a 10-to-12 pound bird.

Research scientists with the U. S. Department of Agriculture have developed a new way to process jelled applesauce. The sauce holds its firmness at temperatures up to 120 degrees Fahrenheit, and can be served on the same plate with other foods, even warm foods, without spreading. Molded desserts or attractive salads can be made by heating the jelled applesauce to liquefy it and pouring it into a mold dish over pieces of fruit, berries, vegetables, nuts, raisins or meat.

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Civil War Song Is Still Popular Yule Favorite

An enchanting, joyful little Christmas song written for some Ohio children in a time of sadness and tragedy of the Civil War, it still a top favorite of the Yule season.

The song, "Up On the Housetops," was written by Benjamin Hanby, a minister, in the Winter of 1864. First entitled "Santa Claus" when it emerged from the Chicago publishing house of George F. Root in 1866, the tune had humble beginnings.

Hanby presented it to a singing class that Winter. And for all the years since its little has preserved some of the traditional joy of the Christmas season.

The song was sort of a labor of love for Hanby. As a minister in the United Brethren Church, he believed music was a vital part of religion. He had argued the point so strongly he lost one pastorate at Lewisburg, Ohio. Elders had balked at his mild progressiveness. Strict followers of the church creed opposed installation of an organ in the church. It was sinful, they ruled.

So strong was Hanby's belief that music and religion belonged together, he rented a storeroom in New Paris, Ohio, moved in an organ, blackboard and some crude benches. Children came one week for a songfest, after which Bible readings and prayer sessions were held.

Like most ministers, Hanby had little money. Hence, when he needed a "fresh" song for his weekly class, he would write one. That's how "Up on the Housetops" had its origin.

Root's Chicago music house burned to the ground and with it all records of Hanby's song. People continued to sing "Up on the Housetops" but the song usually carried the credit "author unknown." After Hanby's death in March, 1867, his family gained proper credit for their husband and father.

"Oh, oh, oh, who wouldn't go!" "Oh, oh, oh, who wouldn't go!" "Up on the housetops, click click, click" "Down through the chimney with good Saint Nick."

Hanby taught this portion of the song first, and then the children learned four verses. New Paris fairly rocked in song as the children went home. The song "Santa Claus" was firmly established locally. Root's publication brought national acceptance.

Hanby wrote 68 songs during his lifetime of 33 years, including "My Darling Nellie Gray" and the hymn, "Who Is He in Yonder Stall?"

Hanby's home at Westerville, Ohio, has been restored.

Let Santa Get Child Started

Why not let Santa start your tiny tot on the road to good grooming?

The secret lies in making cleanliness seem like a game. Add grown-ups' grooming tools to the toys and candy in the Christmas stocking. They'll delight a child who likes to imitate parents but wants things of "his very own."

Personalized washcloths, towels and colorful cakes of deodorant soap can make washing a treat. This is a good time for youngsters to learn the benefits of soap, whose germicidal ingredients help protect against infections in the scrapes and cuts to which small fry are prone.

Many other small items make suitable stocking gifts. A color-coordinated toothbrush, comb, natural-bristle hairbrush and nail brush are fun and easy for a child to identify. But be sure the bristles are not too stiff for tender young skin and gums. For a little girl, you might add a bath powder mitt and, of course, the prettiest possible shower cap.

As a tiny miss grows, she likes something a little more sophisticated. A first-grader might like a manicure set (no-color polish), hand lotion and junior-grade scents. Shampoo, bobby pins or clips and rollers will give the near-teen a head start in learning to care for her hair.

To a small child, the sight of a bulging Christmas stocking is irresistible. And what better way should there be to rouse interest in grooming?

About Mistletoe

There's more to mistletoe than the excuse to invite a kiss from a pretty girl.

The white-berried plant actually is a parasite, often killing off trees that play it host. In recent years Australian foresters resorted to flame throwers to kill off the plant in some wooded areas. The popular promoter of Yuletide romance has a bad habit of sapping the water and mineral salts from the trees, straving them to death.

The mistletoe does serve one useful function in the outdoors, however, as it provides a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins, and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree-damaging parasite. After eating the berries, the birds clean their beak on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree — young branches or buds — and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves of the guest plant.

Thus the mistletoe plays dual characters and at least according to one superstition, can change from one character to another in the twinkling of an eye. For instance, if the Yuletide mistletoe bough isn't removed from a house by Candlemass Eve (February 1), each leaf will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

Hints For Making Holiday Candy

To make sure homemade candies for the holidays turn out well, follow these suggestions:

Always use a heavy saucepan that holds about three times as much as the recipe calls for to keep candy from running over.

Stir until sugar is dissolved before allowing mixture to boil. Always stir with a wooden spoon.

Sugar crystals will be washed down if the pan is covered for the first three minutes of the boiling period.

Let candy get almost cold before beating.

Use a candy thermometer in making your candy.

Candy cools faster on a marble slab.

Young Fry Work For Safe Yule

Carelessness could turn a holiday wreath of happiness into one of grief.

Joining a nationwide campaign against such tragedies are four million youngsters, members of the Junior Fire Marshal Christmas safety program.

Here are the rules the 8 to 10-year-old Junior Fire Marshals practice and preach:

1. Use gasoline powered airplane models out of doors, away from flame.

2. Exercise care in using chemistry sets, paying particular attention to directions in mixing chemicals.

3. Check with fire department officials regarding safety of missile sets before using.

4. Periodically check plugs in electrical toys for frayed wiring. Never set them up or use them under Christmas tree.

For tree safety: Stand tree in water or bucket of wet sand away from radiator, fireplace and doors. Use only fire resistant decorations, checking lights for frayed wire, loose sockets.

Turn off lights when leaving house. When needles begin to fall, take the tree out of the house.

The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness has a word of warning to parents buying toys: Avoid playthings with sharp edges; watch out for inflammable toys or costumes, mechanical toys with exposed springs or gears, or poorly-constructed playthings.

Read the classified ads!

Know What Toys To Buy For Certain Ages

The toy you give with joy in mind may instead cause frustration, tears, even injury unless you chose it to suit the child's stage of mental development.

So claims Dr. Emma Sheehy, professor emerita of child development at Teachers College, Columbia University.

"Play is the serious business of childhood," says the doctor who heads the Toy Guidance Council's advisory committee. "The right toys at the right age level are a child's major role in his development."

The first requisite for playing Santa Claus to the youngster on your gift list is to double check their ages.

Toys For Infants

A baby puts everything in its mouth. Toys should be safe to suck, easily cleaned, and without loose parts that might be swallowed. He is developing his sense of touch, like to feel different textures. Toys to squeeze, bite, shake and hear.

One To Two

The toddler has gained control over his hands and fingers. He enjoys nests of blocks, simple take apart toys, push and pulls, floor trains.

When the child has learned to walk, toys on wheels or rockers stimulate further muscular development. Shortly before the second birthday children develop a joy in rhythmic sounds. They like toy musical instruments and picture books with bright pictures.

This age group has gained

proficiency in using muscles. The two-year-old will build a block tower and place pegs expertly in holes. He loves to screw and unscrew simple things; likes toys he can manipulate. The two-year-old usually prefers to play by himself, loves to imitate grownups by using miniature house-keeping equipment, and doctor and nurse sets. Western costumes, rocking horses and holsters have appeal at this age.

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Four To Six

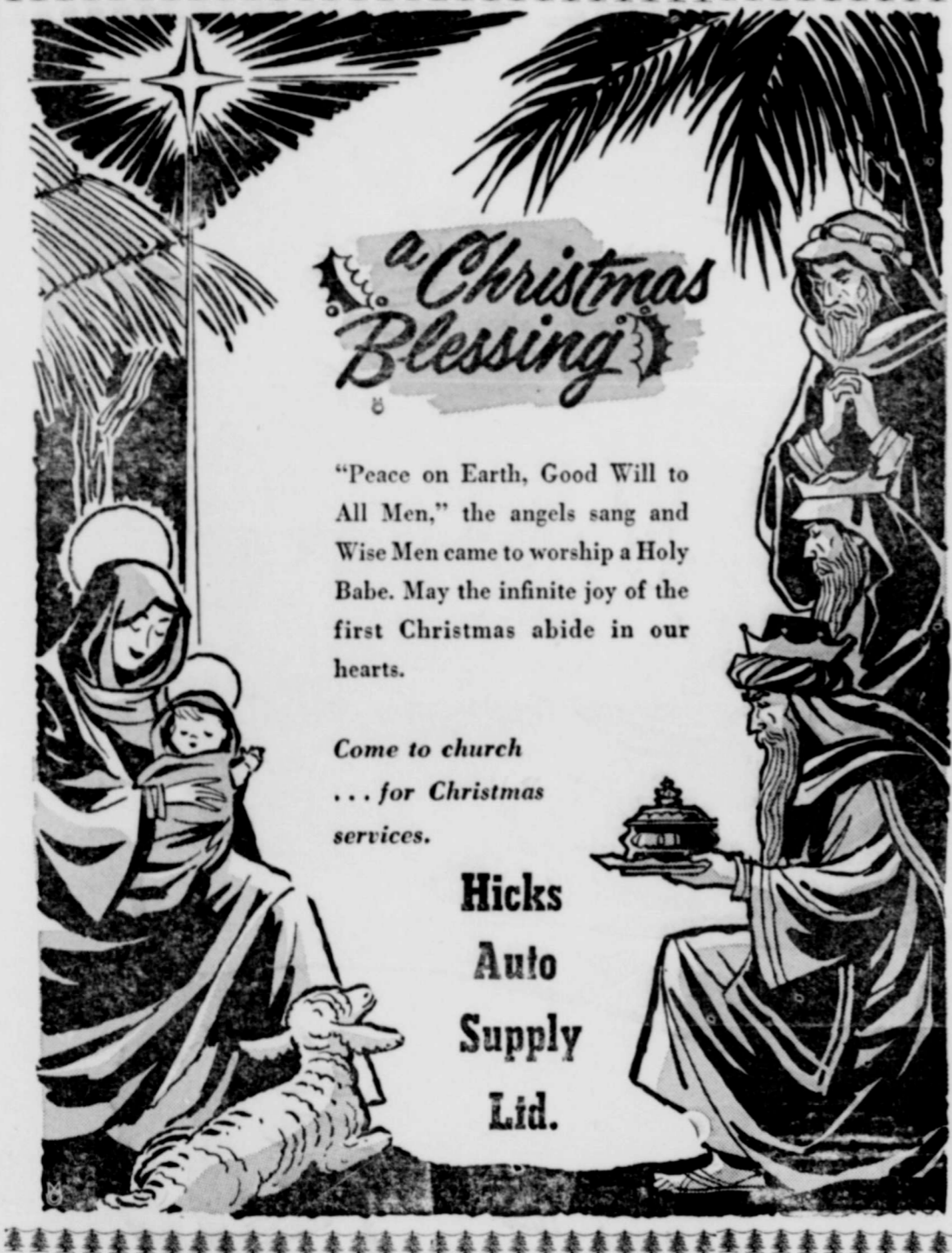
Interest in playing together begins. Simple games are popular. Kitchen equipment, furniture and miniature tools have great appeal. Creative play activities are of interest such as finger paint, crayons, and paper dolls.

Roller skates, a coaster wagon, a sidewalk bike or scooter will be welcomed.

Six To Eight

Boys show a tendency to play with other boys; girls with girls. Dramatic and imitative is favored now; electric trains, miniature racing cars, simple scientific toys, carpentry and model building all are popular. A wide variety of crafts is now within the scope of interest. More elaborate doll accessories are highly prized. Both boys and girls enjoy playing board games.

Jan House has been a patient in the Medical Arts Hospital in Big Spring.



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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

What, indeed, is Christmas?

Ask a child and he may tell you that it is a time of snow and bright lights, and Santa Claus and presents under the tree. Ask a hundred grown-ups and you may get a hundred slightly related answers, for Christmas is many things to many people.

But, for all of us, the happiest memories of childhood are those associated with the celebration of this great holiday. How easy it is to vividly call up scenes of long ago when a happy family gathered by the warm glow of an open fireside; to close the eyes to see again the snow-covered fields and to hear again the crunching sound of heavy boots plodding through the snow and visualize the little white church on the hill. In the silence of darkened room one can easily revisit that little church, breathe again the aroma of evergreens and burning candles and sense anew the presence that is so obvious in the quiet and solemn stillness.

These are the things about Christmas that have not changed and will not change with the modes and mannerisms of new generations. These are the things which reflect the spirit of Christmas. It is in the spirit of love and goodness, of close communion with God and with mankind and with it all is mixed a sense of awe at the wonderful miracle brought into being on that first Christmas night at Bethlehem so long ago.

This is the spirit of Christmas, and so it shall remain until the end of time.

ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Now it is again the season of the year that we call Christmas, the most joyful and most universally celebrated of all our holidays.

The observance of Christmas may differ among nations and people, which stretch from the lands of snow and ice to the sunny Southern hemisphere, but in every corner of the world the true meaning of the holiday is ever the same.

As our world has changed through the centuries since the first Christmas, so have we taken the customs of Christmas and adjusted them to our changing environment. The origin of many of these customs have been lost in the passing of time to the extent that today many burn candles in the window and adorn firesides and home with holly and mistletoe without a passing thought as to why we use candles rather than kerosene lamps and holly or mistletoe in preference to other winter greenery. It is custom, and we believe in following customs, in one fashion or another.

Customs have their place in the scene of things, so let us keep them and, if need be, give them new meanings of our own. Yet, with it all, let us remember that customs and traditions are only a part of the observance of Christmas. We do not keep the Christmas merely because we observe the customs.

Let us keep Christmas in our hearts. Let us remember that it is a religious holiday, a time of joy and peace and faith and hope. More particularly, it is a time to be humbly grateful for mankind's greatest birthright—the hope of eternal salvation. Such was God's gift to the world that night at Bethlehem.

With the spirit of Christmas in our hearts we shall find deep and significant meanings in the customs and traditions we associate with this great holiday.

Christmas Cleanup Can Also Be Fun

The job of "undocking" the halls of their boughs of holly can be almost as much fun as putting them up if the whole family helps.

The tired tree is the main item to be dismantled. By using an assembly line technique, you'll be surprised at the speed with which the tree and ornaments can be whisked away.

Let the tallest member of the family hand down the ornaments one at a time to one of the older youngsters who wipes each one off with a sudsy sponge before handing it on to the next helper. He dries the ornament, wraps it in tissue, and packs it away in a partitioned box. This box goes at the bottom of the big carton used for storing the tree decorations. The tinsel goes next, the star or angel for the top of the tree, and the lights last.

Next year, all you'll have to do is open the carton and trim the new tree by starting with the items on the top of the box working down. What's more everything will be shining clean and ready for use.

Put a sheet on the floor and lay the old tree in it for carrying through the house without leaving a trail of dry needles. And if you find your carpet littered with tiny bits of fluff from the cotton batting at the tree base, vacuum up the last bits with one of the little rough rubber sponges used on suede shoes.

Carry another carton or basket to the living room to gather other bits of greenery from the mantel, doorway, and mirror without scattering needles or dried holly berries on the floor.

Remove the ribbon from artificial wreaths and dip quickly in warm soap or detergent suds, rinse, then dry.

Mrs. J. A. Wilson and Mrs. Arthur Wilson were in Andrews Thursday attending funeral services for Mrs. Thurston McKinney.

Mrs. N. I. Sorrels of Borger, is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graves visited recently in Stephenville with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baugh.

thoroughly before storing for next Christmas. The ribbon can be pressed face down under a piece of waxed paper to regain its original crispness.

After the decorations have been stored away, check to see if they have left any sticky pitch spots. A sudsy cloth will remove them easily before they collect grime. Wax drippings from candles can be scraped off carefully from wooden surfaces with a wooden mixing spoon or other blunt object with a dry cloth.

If you find blobs of candle wax on your best tablecloth, scrape away as much as possible, then place the spots between white blotters and press with a warm iron, changing the blotters as they become soiled. If there is still a faint stain, sponge with carbon tetrachloride or another grease solvent and launder the cloth in hot suds.

To remove cranberry spot

or coffee stains from a white cloth, stretch the spots over a bowl, then pour boiling water on them from a height of two or three feet. To avoid scalding your fingers, use a rubber band or string to secure the cloth around the bowl before you start pouring.

Stains caused by dinner wines and cream sauces can be sponged out with warm soap or detergent suds, then rinsed thoroughly. And the sooner you get after the spots, the easier they are to remove.

Meat juice stains should be soaked in cold water, then sponged with warm suds. Gravy spots should be sponged with cold or lukewarm water immediately after the table is cleared before they have time to "set." Lipstick marks can be removed from napkins by rubbing them first with glycerine, then washing in warm suds.

Christmas Carol Symbol Of Joy

What is a Christmas carol? How did the custom of caroling start? What is the symbol of light at the Christmas season?

Children all over the world once again are asking these questions as this season approaches.

The word "carol" once meant to dance in a ring. The carol began the era of "modern music," which has always been based on the dance, as a spontaneous musical expression of folklore.

As puritanism, which had suppressed the drama and the dance, began disappearing in the 14th and 15th Centuries, the newly acquired right to self-expression by the people took the form of the fresh and buoyant poem-song which later became the carol.

A brilliant light at Christmas-time is symbolic of the "Star in the East," of course. The Wise men following its steady guidance, made their pilgrimage to Bethlehem.

In many towns and cities carolers still lift their voices

Almonds, Cream Sauce With Leftover Turkey

What to do with leftover turkey after the holiday when the kitchen budget is a bit on the depleted side? Well, that's easily answered with Deviled Turkey Almondine.

Toasted slivered almonds, sliced celery, chopped onion and a zippy cream sauce do wonders for chopped cooked turkey in this post-holiday main dish. To dress up almost any recipe, you can always count on popular almonds.

DEVILED TURKEY ALMONDINE

2 tablespoon chopped onion
1 cup thinly sliced celery
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
3 tablespoons flour
¼ teaspoon dry mustard

1½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon paprika
¼ teaspoon black pepper
1½ cups milk
½ teaspoon Worcestershire

2 cups chopped cooked turkey
2 tablespoons chili sauce
¾ cups toasted slivered almonds

Cook onion and celery slowly in butter about five minutes. Blend in flour, mustard, salt, paprika and pepper. Add milk; cook and stir until thickened. Add Worcestershire and turkey; heat thoroughly. Stir in chili sauce. Turn into shallow rosettes or baking shells and top with almonds. Bake in 350 F. (moderate) oven about 20 minutes. Makes six servings.

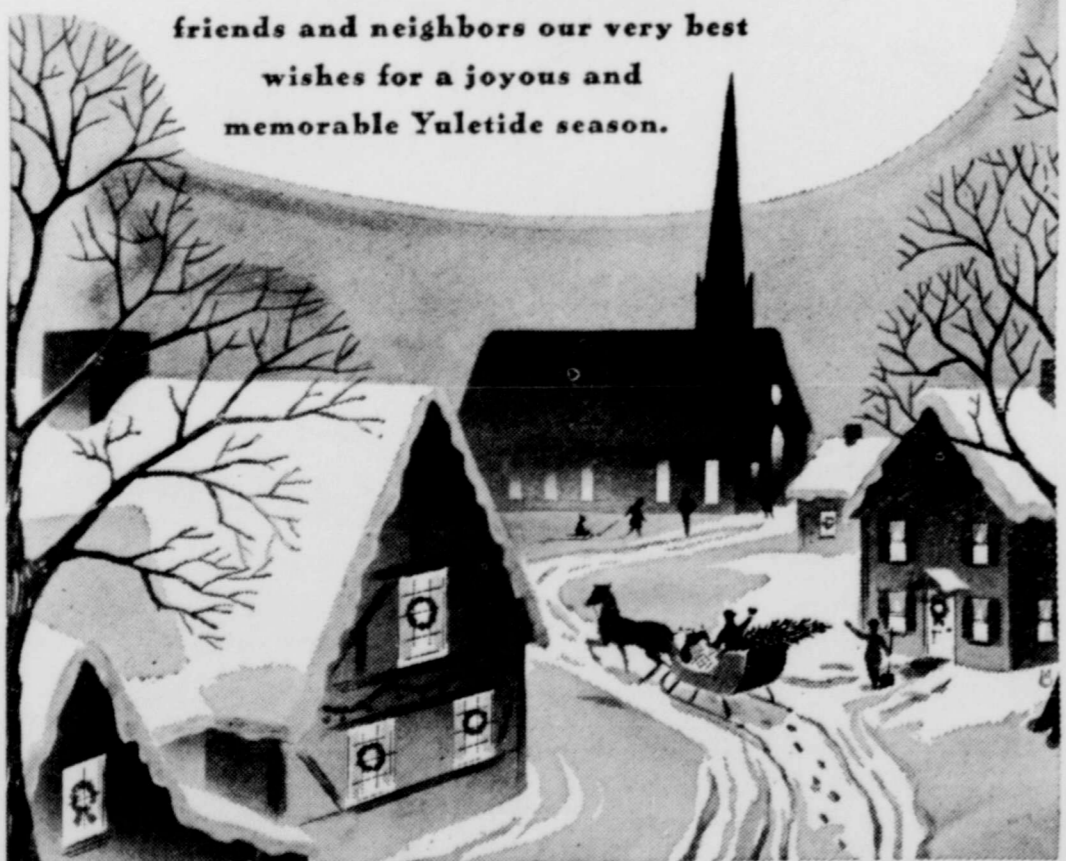
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