

Pioneer Kent County Man Dies in Sleep

Funeral for H. W. Davis, 72, of Clairemont is set for 3:00 p. m. Tuesday, following death in his sleep during Sunday night. This was discovered early Monday morning when Mrs. Davis went to arouse him.

Service will be held from Clairemont Baptist Church by Rev. J. B. Chick, pastor North Side Baptist Church and Rev. Allen Cartwright, pastor of Caps Baptist Church.

Mr. Davis, a former county judge of Kent County was a prominent rancher and landowner of Kent County. He was born Jan. 26, 1893 in Missouri and came to Kent County in 1914 from Arkansas. He was married to Miss Eva Sims in 1917 at Snyder, and was a member of Clairemont Baptist Church.

Survivors include the wife, one son, Manuel of Clairemont, a sister, Mrs. Walter Gage of Fort Smith, Arkansas; two brothers, Leonard and Earl of Tyler an a granddaughter, Manuelita Davis of Clairemont.

Rotan Kelvinator Dealer Is Named

Bill and Gene's TV & Radio Shop has been named Kelvinator dealer in Rotan. This firm has expanded its operation and now has a splendid store, showing a nice stock of radios, TV and appliances.

They have the new Kelvinators in their showroom, and invite the public to see their display.

D. J. SMITH HAS SURGERY

D. J. Smith had major surgery at Scott & White Hospital, Temple, Monday. Reports at press time Monday night were very good as his trouble was corrected and all reports negative.

He is in room 638.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a birthstone ring and a transistor radio. Please don't forget my brothers, John and Dale. And please don't forget to fill our stockings. Thank you.

Sincerely, Melanie Cox

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I want a play typewriter, a super ball, and a tether ball.

Sincerely yours, Gayle Posey

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a Gilbert chemistry set number five. I want a BB gun. I want slinky. I want secret sam.

Sincerely yours, Robert Maurice Callan

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a bicycle and a BB gun and a pony with the saddle and everything. And I wish you a happy Christmas.

Sincerely yours, Adolfo Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like for you to bring me a bicycle and a little dog for Christmas. Please bring my mother a beautiful dress.

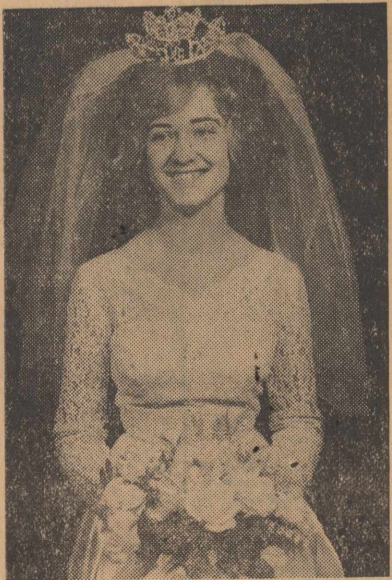
Thank you, Odemia Velez

Dear Santa:

My name is Bliss Shelton and I am 3 years old. I live in Detroit, Michigan. Since I am spending Christmas with my Me-Me and Papa in Roby and Rotan, will you please bring my Texas toys to their house. My Mommy and Daddy are with me so please dont forget them.

I love you, Bliss Shelton.

Donham-Hedden Wedding Vows Said



Carroll Ann Donham became the bride of Gavaun Hedden Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in wedding ceremony at First Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Hudnall pastor reading the vows.

The young couple will make their home at 881 Grape, Abilene.

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Christmas

We want to send our sincere

THANK YOU

At this Joyous Season, we find ourselves

thinking of old friends... those who have

meant so much to us through the years...

and those who have become our friends

since Christmastide last passed this way.



EVERY GOOD WISH FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THE ROTAN ADVANCE

Last Issue of Advance For 1965

This is the last issue of the Advance for 1965. We will follow the custom of many years in taking next week as vacation.

Daily paper subscriptions will be handled the following week, starting January 3.

We appreciate your cooperation, as this is the only way we can get a week off during the year.

The office will be closed during the week.

THANK YOU

Mere words cannot express my appreciation to you dear people of Rotan for the many evidences of your concern—so much kindness, so many remembrances—gifts to the Church, School, Fire Department, Masonic Lodge, and other organizations too numerous to name. Thank you for the food, flowers and other expressions of sympathy.

Very special thanks to Bob Williams and others who, through loyalty to Shed and in the interest of the community, made it possible to keep the Pharmacy in operation. May God bless each of you.

Garda Ragsdale

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a Johnny Eagle or a machine gun which ever you can bring, a cement mixer truck or a tow truck and a torture track for both of us. My name is Dwayne. I would like a drum. My name is Bill. I want a machine gun, guitar, sissors. Please bring us some candy, nuts and fruit. Please remember the other boys and girls. Thank you we love you.

Dwayne and Bill Woodruff
P. S. We have moved since last year. We live at 1006 E. 6th St. We will leave the front door unlocked.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a BB gun, a car set, a football, and a basketball and bat. Now I would like to have a TV for my mother. I will have some cocoa and cookies. And Merry Christmas to you.

Sincerely yours, Kenneth Ray Bradley

Service Tuesday For Miss Mary Howard

Funeral service for Mary E. Howard is scheduled for 2:00 p. m. Tuesday, following her death in Fisher County Nursing Home, Sunday at 11:30 p. m.

Service will be held from Weathersbee Chapel by Rev. Billy Hudnall pastor of First Baptist Church and Rev. Parrish, pastor of Rotan Four-square Church.

Miss Howard was born June 18, 1899 in the Dowell community, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Howard. The family moved to Rotan later. She had lived in Rotan most of her life, and was member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors are three sisters, Mrs. Imogene Lane of Lubbock, Misses Hattie Belle Howard and Sybil Howard, both of Rotan and one brother, Joe, also of Rotan.

Dear Santa,

We are three little boys. We want two shot guns, tool chest, football helmet, and a construction set. Bring our little brother Lance a teddy bear and some blocks.

Thanks you, Jay, Brian and Lance Greenway

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Connie Hyer and I am 5 years old. I have been a good little girl most of the time. I would like a walking-talking doll and new dress. Please Santa remember all the other little boys and girls. I love you.

Connie Hyer

P. S. Please bring Mama a pair of white boots and a new set of false teeth.

Dear Santa:

Thank you for a nice Christmas last year. I hope you remember my parents. Bring me to Nanaw and Poppa's. If you have enough, I would like a doll and carriage. Don't forget Kayla and Bernie. Happy New Year.

Dee Dee Moran

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a Bike for Christmas and I would like a Johnny eagle gun for Christmas. Good-by

Your friend, Rudy

Second Grade Presents Storyland Parade

A Storyland Parade was presented by the boys and girls of Mr. Witherspoon's second grade room at Primary School's December Assembly. Each child was costumed as a favorite storybook character with Stephen Le Bleu and Susan Woods as commentators.

Three different media were utilized in relating stories to the audience. Kim Gray, using a flannel board and cut-out characters, gave his interpretation of an old childhood favorite, "The Gingerbread Boy." An old tale of Spanish origin, "Why the Chimes Rang," was narrated by Wendi Morrow. And a dramatization of "The Christmas Story" was presented by a group of boys and girls with Dan Burk as reader.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 5 years old and I help my mother. Please bring me a twirlers dress, a ballerina dress, and a bride's dress. Please remember my sister, Diane, who is 17 months old and my brother William.

Thank you, Lynda Cleveland

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me tickles for Christmas. I also want skipper for Christmas. I want a doll that you can curl her hair for Christmas.

Your friend, Debbie

Dear Santa Claus:

I have tried to be a good boy. I would like a watch and GI Joe equipment. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

Your friend, Brent Jones

Dear Santa:

I want a desk and tape recorder. I want a new saddle and a new riding suit. My sister wants a pair of boots. Merry Christmas and a Happy new year.

Love, Betty Middleton

Merry Christmas Santa

Dear Santa Claus:

Please send me a doll named Mary Popping. I would like a doll named Tressy and Cricket. One more thing bring me a doll named Baby Boo.

Your friend, Janice Fowler

Former Resident Dies in California

Mrs. T. S. Morrow, 81, passed away at 7:30 p. m., Dec. 10 in a Rest Home in Sacramento, Calif., after a lengthy illness. She was a former resident of Jones and Fisher counties and sister of the late W. L. Morrow. She had lived in Sacramento for many years.

Funeral was held at Sunset Lawn cemetery near Rio Linda California Dec. 12. John Carter of San Diego, and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carter and great-nephew of Mrs. Morrow officiated.

Survivors include one brother, T. P., 85 years old, of Sacramento and one sister, Mrs. E. M. Harris, 90, of Cushing, Okla., and a large number of nieces and nehevs.

Alathean Class Has Christmas Party

Alathean Sunday School class of First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas party in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. J. R. Strayhorn, class president. The program, with Mrs. Ruth Denton, program chairman, in charge, was presented by Mrs. J. A. Brown and Miss Josie Baird, the class teacher.

This was followed with an exchange of gifts from the tree.

Those in attendance were, Mmes. L. C. J. Cross, W. W. Cave, Ed Darden, Ruth McCall, Lee Hefner, Hub Taggart, C. E. Leon, C. E. Whitfield, C. J. Dalton, H. F. Grindstaff, Herman Wallace, Myrtle Chism, Joe Taggart, Amos Bostick, J. H. Thompson, A. B. Harrell, Bernice Stockton, Ruth Denton, J. A. Brown, C. C. Roach, Miss Josie Baird and the hostess, Mrs. J. R. Strayhorn.

Dear Santa:

I want a toy ball to play with. I want a toy cow to play with. I want a toy car to play with.

Jackie

Aumada

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a racing set and a camera. Then I would like a color TV set for the family.

Sincerely yours, Bobby Rodgers

Many Homes Are Christmas Decorated

An unusual number of homes have beautiful lighted displays about town this Christmas season. The Jaycees have caused some of this interest in having a contest for the residential section.

These are to be judged Thursday night and everyone is urged to leave their lights on later than usual Thursday evening for the judges to pass on each one.

You will enjoy a tour around town and at several points nearby to see the elaborate systems that are causing much interest this year.

Service Held For Mrs. Gertrude Fields

Mrs. Gertrude Fields, long-time resident of Rotan died in Calalan Hospital, Saturday at 8:30 a. m.

Funeral service was held from Weathersbee Chapel, Monday at 2 p. m. by Rev. R. M. Castle. Burial was in Belview cemetery with grandsons as pallbearers.

Mrs. Fields was born Feb. 22, 1892 in Austin. She married Stanley E. Fields in Austin. He died in 1962. The couple came to Rotan in 1925 and she was a member of Little Zion Baptist Church, Eastern Star and Court fo Calantile.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Eugene Powell Sr. of Rotan; 2 brothers, Norman and Willie Cashmere of Austin; 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

NEWTONS MAKE NICE DONATION TO CHEER FUND

In lieu of Christmas cards to their friends this year, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Newton made a nice contribution to Christmas Cheer Fund of Rotan Fire Department.

This is a splendid move by the Newtons and in this way they are helping in a practical manner, a number of worthy families and many children.

CANCER SOCIETY TO MEET

Fisher County Unit of American Cancer Society will meet Wednesday January 5, 12:00 noon at Silver Spur in Roby.

All members urged to attend.

Dear Kanta Saus,

Please bring me a Choo-Choo track with trains on it. I want a bill fold just like Kay's and a watch just like Daddys. I like books too. I have tried to be a good little girl. Please be nice to all good little girls and boys.

Love, Jo Ann Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. (Clint) Carter returned to their home in Santa Fe, N. M. December 10 after several days visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carter and friends. Clint got in several days quail hunting while here.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a Skipper with blond hair and a pair of toy high heel and a surprise.

Love, Kathy Stanford



SEASON'S BLESSINGS
Holy Christmas
to all in 1965.

Marvin and Ruth Fisher
First Methodist Church

MERRIEST CHRISTMAS SEASON 1965



Accept our wishes for an old fashioned Christmas, filled with joy and good cheer.

FISHER COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Johnny Corley. I live at 705 MacArthur. My father is E. L. Corley. He drives a truck for Brazos Transport. My mother's name is Clara. She works at home.

I would like very much to have a bicycle for Christmas. I have tried very hard to be a good boy. I have two big brothers Teddy and James. They would like to have a car race set. My little sisters name is Becky. She is four years old. She wants a Skipper doll. She is good and sweet. She is mostly a Daddy girl.

Thank you, Johnny Corley, age 8

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little four year old girl and I have been good. I want a little red bicycle and a Baby Boo Dool. I want training wheels on my bicycle.

I love you, Carolyn Weems

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been waiting for Christmas a long time. I have been a good boy and I helped my mother decorate our Christmas tree. And what I want is just a little bit. So I want trick track and a guitar and a pop gun nad a GI Joe for Christmas.

Sincerely yours, Jerry Clary

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like to have Johnny West with Thunderbolt. I would like to have Petite Poodle. Be sure to give Linda and Buddy what they want.

Sincerely yours, Gail Jones

Dear Santa Claus:

I've been a good boy this year. I want a bunch of things for Christmas. I hope I will get them all for Christmas.

Lovely yours, Steve Malaer

Dear Santa:

I am a little seven year old boy. I have been trying to be very good all year. I would like for you to bring me a Secret Sam, a football suit, and a GI Joe. Will you please remember all the other children.

Yours truly, Tim Allen

Dear Santa Claus:

I am 9 years old and in the fourth grade. Would you please bring me a bicycle. Bring my brothers and sister something too. We have all been pretty good kids this year.

Sincerely yours, Cindy Lou Helms

Dear Santa Claus:

I like Christmas and for Christmas I want a doll. I have been a good girl. I hope you take toys to other people and I am happy with what they give me and at school I work hard for Christmas. We decorate our room I made a stocking and a Christmas tree.

Love, your friend, Terry Yanez

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like for you to bring me a watch and record player for Christmas. My big brother would like a BB gun. My little brother would like a dump truck. Mother would like a new iron. Daddy would like a TV.

Sincerely yours, Linda Dickson

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a pretty good girl this year. I want a Tressy with makeup and hair coloring, and a Baby-Boo and bby buggy. How's Mrs. Claus and all the reindeers, especially Rudoff?

Sincerely yours, Renee Berry

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you feeling? I would like a Racing Car Set and a Sports Illustrated order. You must be a very nice man to give us these toys if you do. My brother wants some GI Joe things. A man from UNCLE gun is another thing he wants. Don't forget the needy.

Sincerely yours, Bruce Jones

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good girl. I want a baby first step and clothes for her, a stroller, and a projector set. And my dog has been good he wants a squeaky bone and a ball.

Love, Laura Womack

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a good girl and I go to school. I am in the third grade. I study hard in my arithmetic and on Science and Language. And I like for Christmas a wakeing doll and a piano and baby boo and some dishes. I want all that I said for Christmas and I wnt for you to give some other people some toys for Christmas.

Your friend, Estello Yanez

Dear Santa Claus:

I wish I could have a real guitar, a stallion bike, a watch and football suit. I would also like horse, saddle and bridle.

Truly yours, Koen Dea

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a doll and a set of clothes. And I would like a game. My sister would like a new ring, a new dress, and a new hair dryer. And I do not know what my other family wants. But I will get them something.

Love, Leah Ross

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy eight years old in the third grade. I have been good, I think. I would like to have a BB gun, a hen and rooster, a race car set, a football suit with a white jersey and red pants. I would like to have a globe too. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Sincerely yours, Cecil Wayne Womack

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a gas station and a machinents gun set. I would also a GI Joe and his equipment. I like a box of little army men.

Love, Steve Webb

Dear Santa:

I have been a good girl. I would like you to bring me a basket for my bicycle, a Betty Beauty Parlor set, a six-finger set, and I would like the set with a face that you can color and the hair that you can color, too, and also grows.

Linda Vann, box 412, Rotan

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been good in school. I wish I could pass to fifth grade, and I have to study every night. I want a piano for Christmas and a bicycle. And my brother wants a car for Christmas. I think he will get it because my brother works in hospital, and my sister want a record player.

Sincerely yours, Margarita, Barrentos Guzman

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been wishing for a Tessy doll and a watch for Christmas, a girl bicycle, and a set of play dishes. I think this is all for this year good-bye Santa Claus.

Sincerely yours, Ramona Martinez

Dear Santa:

I have tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me an electric football game and a Varoom dump truck. My little brother, Mike still wants a BB gun. Thank you.

Love, Monte Morrow



Our wish is that He who brought joy to the world will bring joy and hope into your homes and hearts during this season.

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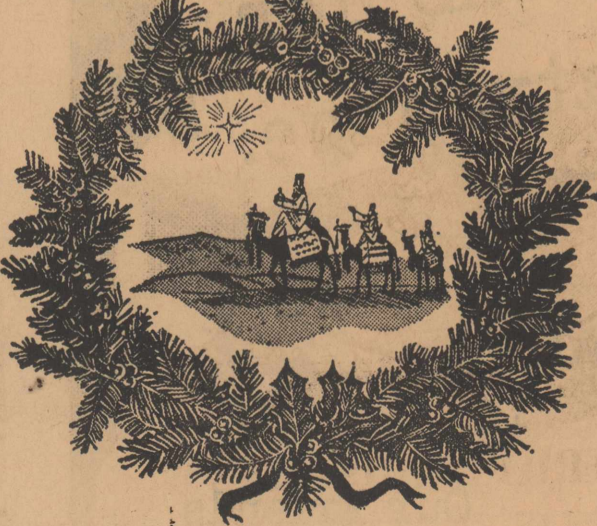
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Christmas Cheer

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Dear Santa Claus:

For Christmas I would a Tessy doll piano, bicycle and a watch my brother would like a BB gun. My little brother would like a truck, car. I think I have been a good girl for my mother and father. I can't wait till Christmas comes. My father would like a car and my mother would like a set of dishes. I wish I had a set of dishes. I hope I have been good so that I can get these things.

Yours truly, Susan Romero

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a Baby Boo and Tammy clothes. My brother wants an army gun for his GI Joe and a army jeep, horse and a gun holster, army men and GI Joe suit for him. Good-bye for now.

Sincerely yours, Patricia Donahoe

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a pretty good boy this year. I hoe. Will you please bring me a pin-ball machine and a tent. My sister would like you to bring her a stuffed snake and a few clothes. Susan want a few new clothes. Mother wants a new TV. I will leave you some cookies and a cup of coffee by the tree. Don't forget the other boys and girls. I hope you all have a Happy Christmas.

Sincerely yours, Barry Allen

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm a good boy and I want you to come to my house. I want you to bring me a BB gun for Christmas. I like to go to school everyday and I like to do my work too. I wish you come to my house. And to all of the houses. I wish you give them a present.

Yours truly, David Flores

Dear Santa Claus:

For Christmas I want a bag to put some clotr of my oil. And I want an other kind of bag to put things in. Like my pencil or other things. And I also want a doll.

Friendly yours, Diana Martinez.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll for Chris and I want a little tea set for my little doll and a little table to play with my doll and my tea set.

Sincerely yours, Lula Bell

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a trecey doll for Christmas. My brother wants trick track for Christmas. I hope you give all the other kids presents too. I hope you put candy in my sock. I am waiting for Christmas to come. I want a susie cute doll too.

Love, Pamela Jean Ogden

Dear Santa:

I want a typewriter.
Valarie Tankersley

Dear Santa Claus:

For Christmas I want a Johnny Seven OMA. A Secret Sam, a BB pistol, a Crime Buster, a Rock Set, a Johnny Eagle Red River outfit, a BB gun. That is all I gues.

Sincerely yours, Joey Vann

Dear Santa:

I would like a surfboard and a soniaster. Also a slinky.
Keith Callan

Dear Santa:

I won't a new bycicle for Christmas. I want a new saddle, a new bridle and a new saddle blanket. I would like some new boots too.

Sincerely yours, Cyd McClure

I want a Boo Doll. I love you so much and if you bring me the Boo Doll I love you more.

Love, Guadalupe Martinez

Dear Santa Claus:

I try to be good but I talk to much in class. And for Christmas I want a little piano. But my little sisters wants dolls for Christmas. My mother wants an ironing board. My father wants a fishing rod.

Sincerely yours, Christina Benavides

Dear Santa Claus:

I am good to my Mom and Dad. But I don't try in chool as I should. But I'll try. I want a typewriter for Christmas.

Sincerely yours, Kathryn Sepeda

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like for you to bring me a doll, a secret Sam, a ring. And Santa Claus please don't forget the other children in this world.

Sincerely yours, Kelley Sue Tidwell

Dear Santa Claus:

I want an Organ for Christmas and I want a doll for Christmas. My sister want a big doll for Christmas. My brother wants a train for Christmas. My other sister wants a watch for Christmas.

Truly yours, Enequina Rodriguez

1966 Greetings of the Season



WE WISH ALL OUR FRIENDS
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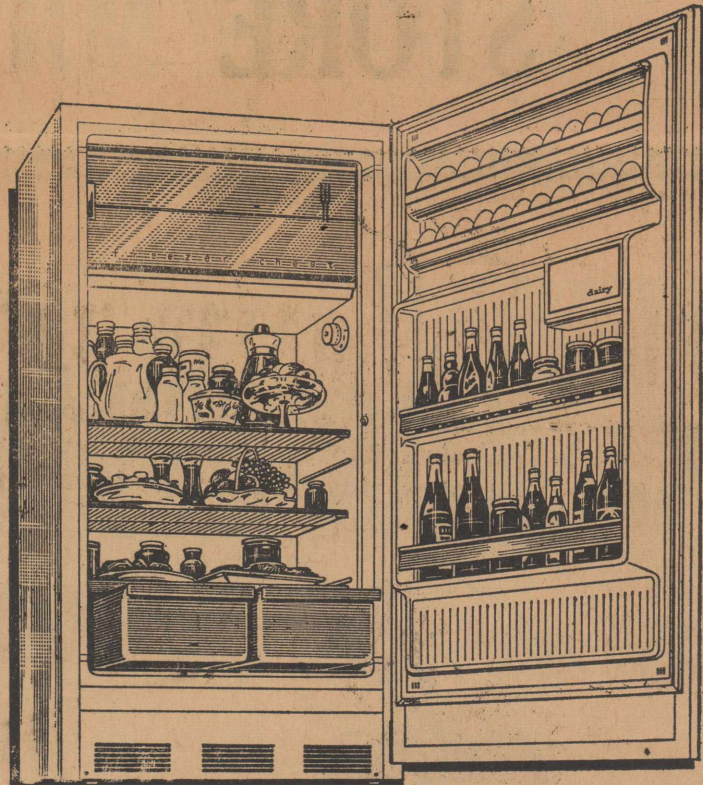
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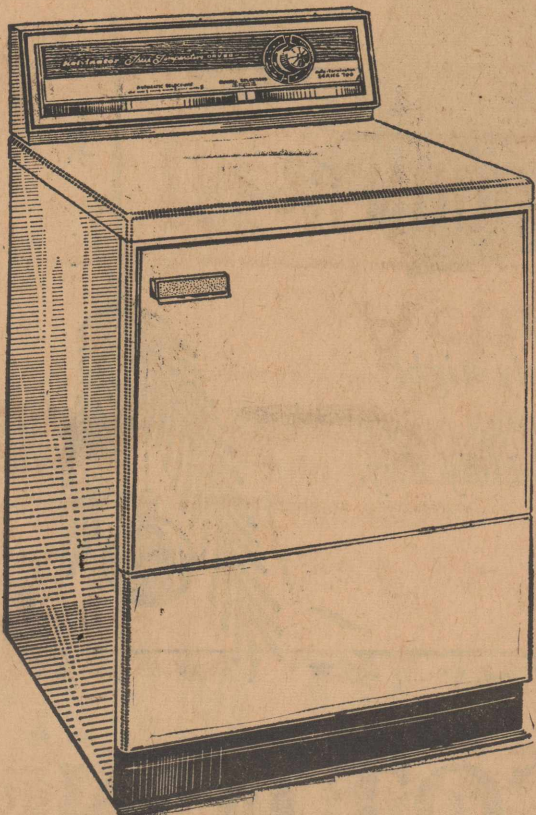
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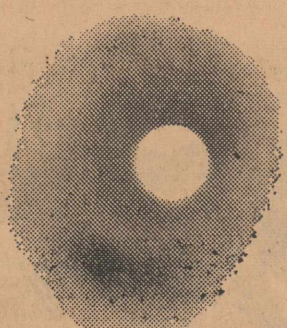
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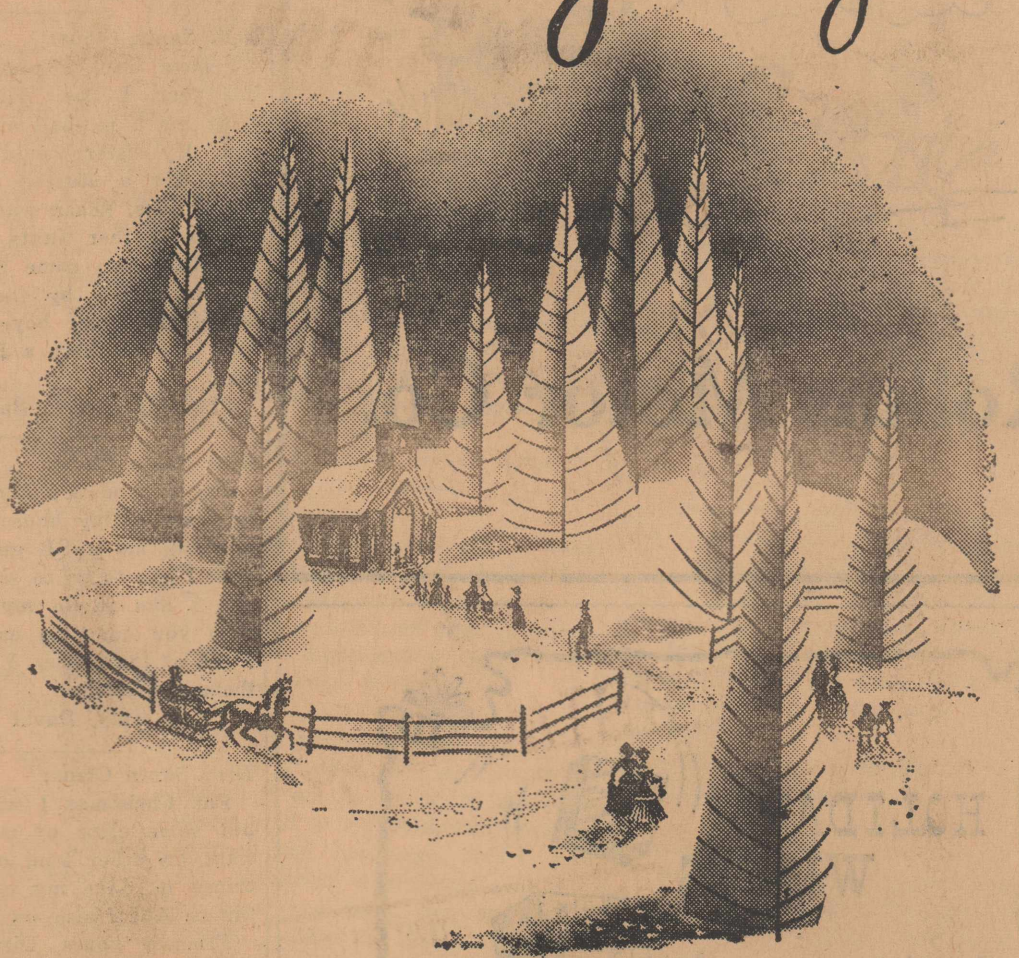
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you have extended us in the past
will return to you many
fold to bring you happiness during this
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Season's Greetings



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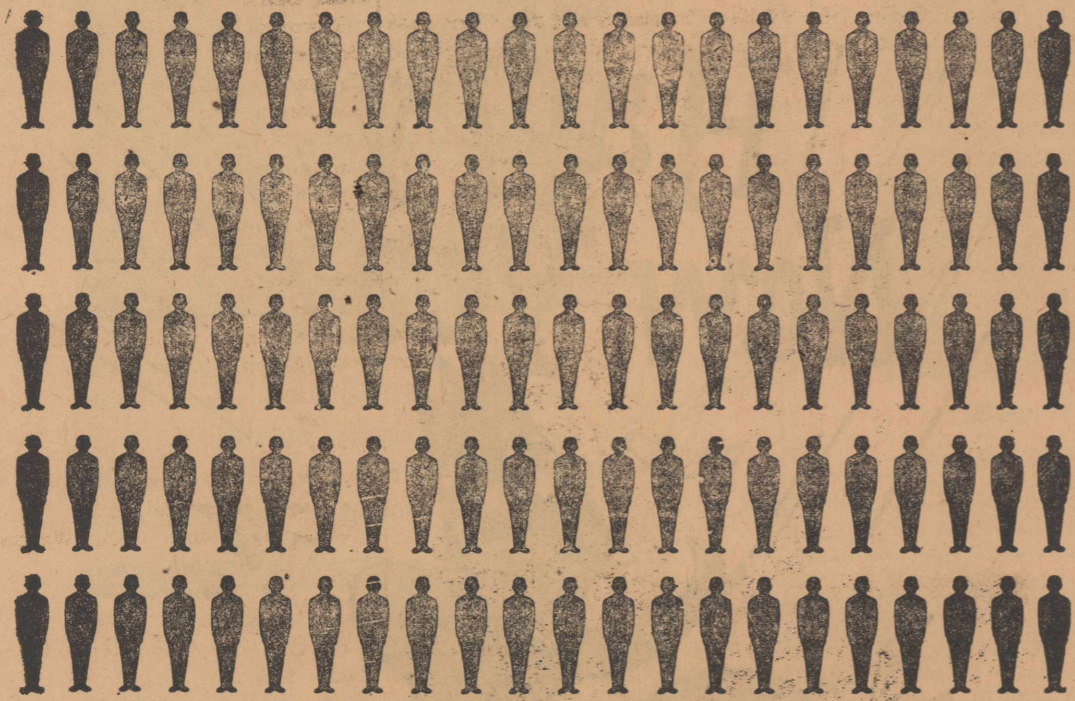
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OPERATION "DEATHWATCH"
DEC. 24 thru JAN. 2 ESTIMATE - 110 MOTORCIDES



"OPERATION DEATHWATCH-1965"—The Department of Public Safety estimates that 110 persons will die in traffic accidents during the 10-day Christmas-New Year's holiday period from December 24 through January 2. Three times daily during the period the death totals will be tabulated and released from DPS headquarters in Austin. Each time a life is lost, a corresponding figure will be marked off the "Deathboards", shown above, to bring attention to the dangers of holiday travel. An appeal is made to every motorist and pedestrian to prove the above estimate too high.

Dear Santa Claus:
 I want a gun to play with and I want a bat and a ball.
 Leopoldo

Dear Santa:
 I want a horse and a bazooka. And I want a camera.
 Lanny Foster

Dear Santa:
 I want a football, a baseball, and bat.
 Bill Luna

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a good girl. And for Christmas I would like to have a walking doll and a Boo doll. Oh, I been waiting for Christmas for a long time so that you would bring me the walking doll and Boo doll. Oh I am in the third grade. I am in Mr. Miers room. I hope I pass to fourth grade. If I do, my father would be glad I did. And if you bring me what I want I'll be very happy.
 Your friend, Yolanda Martinez

Dear Santa Claus:
 I was a good girl. I want a Baby Boo doll for Christmas. I wish you could bring a little doll for my sister. Bring a toy GI Joe set to my brother. My mother wants a set of dishes for Christmas. Bring my father a 66 car. I want a watch for Christmas too. Thank you.
 Sincerely yours, Mary Claire Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a good and I want you to come to my house and bring me a BB gun for Christmas. I like to go to school every day and I liked to do my work too. I wish you'd come to my house and to all of the houses give them present. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
 Sincerely yours, Joe Angel Sepeda

Dear Santa:
 I would like a cotton candy machine, a red river rifle, a Tric Trac, Bonanza Saddle Set, Gun Rack, Mr. Potato Head, Hands Down Game, and a pair of house shoes.
 Love, James Goodwin

Dear Santa Claus:
 Will you please bring me a baby first step doll and a bike. I would like a play projector with 16 color slides. I want a Barbie, a Skipper, a Scooder, a Ricky, an Allen and Ken, with bendable legs.
 Your friend, Marie Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus:
 I want a doll named Baby Boo. I also want you to bring me Barbie and her friend. I saw you in town last Friday noon. You look pretty in red and white. And the cap you had, you gave everyone candy they wear gay and happy.
 Your friend, Elva Quintanilla

Dear Santa Claus:
 I have been good. I do what my mother tell me. This is what I want for Christmas. A Baby Boo and a table and dishes. Merry
 Your friend, Mary Jane Garcia

Dear Santa Claus:
 I have been a good girl. I am 9 years old. I would like a bicycle, a doll, a bracelet, and candies, please.
 Your friend, Dollie Martiez

CHRISTMAS SLANG

There is but one real meaning for the word Christmas, yet it has from time to time taken on peculiar slang uses. "Christmas" is sometimes used to describe a sparkling article of clothing or jewelry. In World War II, fliers used the word "christmas" to describe a shower of metallic foil dropped by an airplane to jam enemy radar systems. And a "Christmas tree" in the slang of drillers and wildcaters refers to the derrick of an oil or gas well.

WELCOME JINGLE

In days of yore, guests opening the front door would be greeted by the merry jingle of sleigh bells. You can buy them on a strap that can be hung from the door, on a flexible metal support that vibrates as soon as the door is opened. To extend a hearty welcome, paint your door for the holidays, then spray the strap or metal of your bells with a quick-drying enamel that contrasts with your door. You'll have attractiveness with sound effects that spell out a real welcome.

FRAGRANT HOLIDAY

Almost as traditional as holly and mistletoe during the yuletide season are perfumes. Fragrant woods and spices were burned as offerings to the gods by the early pagans; perfumes were used in the religious rites performed by priests; kings and emperors were anointed with fragrant oils at their coronation; and of course the best examples are the gifts of frankincense and myrrh brought to the Christ Child by the Wise Men. Today, perfumes rank high on milady's "want" list.

Dear Santa Claus:
 I would like a doll with pretty dresses and a pretty bag for the doll's dresses. I have been a good girl. I take care of my baby sister every afternoon.
 Your friend, Lupe Garcia

We want you to come to Rotan, and give us some toys. I want you to come and see us. I wish you could come to our school. I wish you could bring me a Secret Sam and a BB gun, also.
 Your friend, Joe Aleniz

Dear Santa Claus:
 For Christmas I want a set of dishes. I have been a good girl to my mother and father. Will you please bring me a set of dishes? Good luck to you.
 Sincerely yours, Juanita Ortiz

Dear Santa Claus:
 For Christmas I would like a K. R. 6 hotrod, a watch and a BB gun. I would also like a snare drum and a deer rifle. Merry Christmas.
 Yours truly, Joe Murphree

Dear Santa Claus:
 I have been a good boy this year. I made a straight report card. I want a Zero, Mr. Sonic Blaster and a Secret Sam. Please bring me some Crazy Farm and Silly putty. Also I want a Six Finger.
 Sincerely yours, Larry Toliver

Beware Holiday Hazards Surround Home

Christmas is the time to be jolly — but sad statistics show that it is also the time for an alarming increase in home accidents. To keep your holidays safe as well as happy, here are some hazards to look out for:

•**TOYS** — Air rifles, archery sets, dart games, hunting knives and chemistry sets make wonderful Christmas gifts — but they can be crippling weapons in the hands of children too young to understand the hazards involved. Even older children should have adult supervision when playing with equipment of this type.

Babies and toddlers invariably follow the rule, "from hand to mouth." When selecting their Christmas toys, therefore, carefully avoid small objects, marbles, coins or beads, balloons, plastic bags, whistles with removable mouthpieces and pull-toys with removable parts. According to the National Safety Council, more than 600 children under five years old die each year as a result of suffocation from the ingestion of these small objects.

Parents also should see to it that Christmas toys are sturdy and well-made. Cheaply constructed or breakable toys will come apart or break under strenuous play, inviting cuts, infection and sometimes even deadly wounds. A simple test for toy sturdiness is to bend it slightly yourself first. If you can bend it easily you can bet that your four-year-old will be able to destroy it.



May this happy Holiday Season bring
 to you and yours merry-making happiness
 and every full measure of contentment.

All these things we wish for you,
 remembering as we do all your past favors
 and kindnesses to us, and recalling too,
 what a pleasure your friendship has been.

D. J. SMITH & COMPANY

TAX DISCOUNT NOTICE

THE SAME DISCOUNT WILL APPLY THIS YEAR AS LAST ON EARLY PAYMENT OF COUNTY AND STATE TAXES

The following will apply:

1% DECEMBER 1 to DECEMBER 31

First and Last Days Inclusive

Robert Buck

Tax Assessor-Collector

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a little Mustang for Christmas, and GI Joe set. I would like a tool's set and a BB gun, also.
Your friend, Alfred Diaz

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Kip Underhill. I am nine years old. Please bring me a ring and a bicycle. I haven't extremely good, I haven't been extremely bad, I've just been in-between. Thank you very much.
Your friend, Kip Underhill

Dear Santa:

I have tried to be a nice girl. Please bring me a tool set, a Johnnie Express, a tire changing set. Please remember all the boys and girls.
I love you, Betty Karsh

Dear Santa:

Please bring me Baby Boo, the easy bake oven, the 123-pc Chef food mix set and the electric mixer.
Phyllis Surratt

Dear Santa Claus:

How have you been this past year? I do hope I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like to have a power Shop, a New Possible Tressy, a Vac-U-Maker with Creeply Crawlers. Do not forget the the other boys and girls and I will make you some cookies and milk.
Sincerely yours, Suzanna Hunsaker

I want a pretty little dog and he is all pink. He is a play dog and he is very pretty. And for Christmas I want a doll and she is pretty too. And we have a Christmas tree all ready and pretty for you to come and put my pretty little dog and my pretty little doll. And I want a tressy doll. For Christmas her hair grows.
Good-by, Jeannie Ortego

Dear Santa Claus:

I want play gun for Christmas. I also want a play tractor.
Your friend, Michael Wynn

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a Baby Boo. Also a Barbie and a Barbie Dream House. Please bring me some stuffed animals and some skates. Merry Christmas to you.
Your friend, Charlotte Browning

Dear Santa:

I am writing you a letter about what I want for Christmas. I would like a bicycle, BB gun, and new shoes.
Your friend, Fernando Sandeval

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a air of boots for Christmas and I want Johnny Seven OMA. I want Secret Sam and I want Crimebuster too. And a big army gun. And a Walky Talky.
Sincerely yours, Earl Leach

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a little mustang for Christmas, and GI Joe set. I would like a tool set and a BB gun, also.
Your friend, Ted Ramiz

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

Happy New Year



All of us send you best wishes for the New Year. May you prosper and have great happiness.

MIDWEST ELECTRIC CO-OPERATIVE

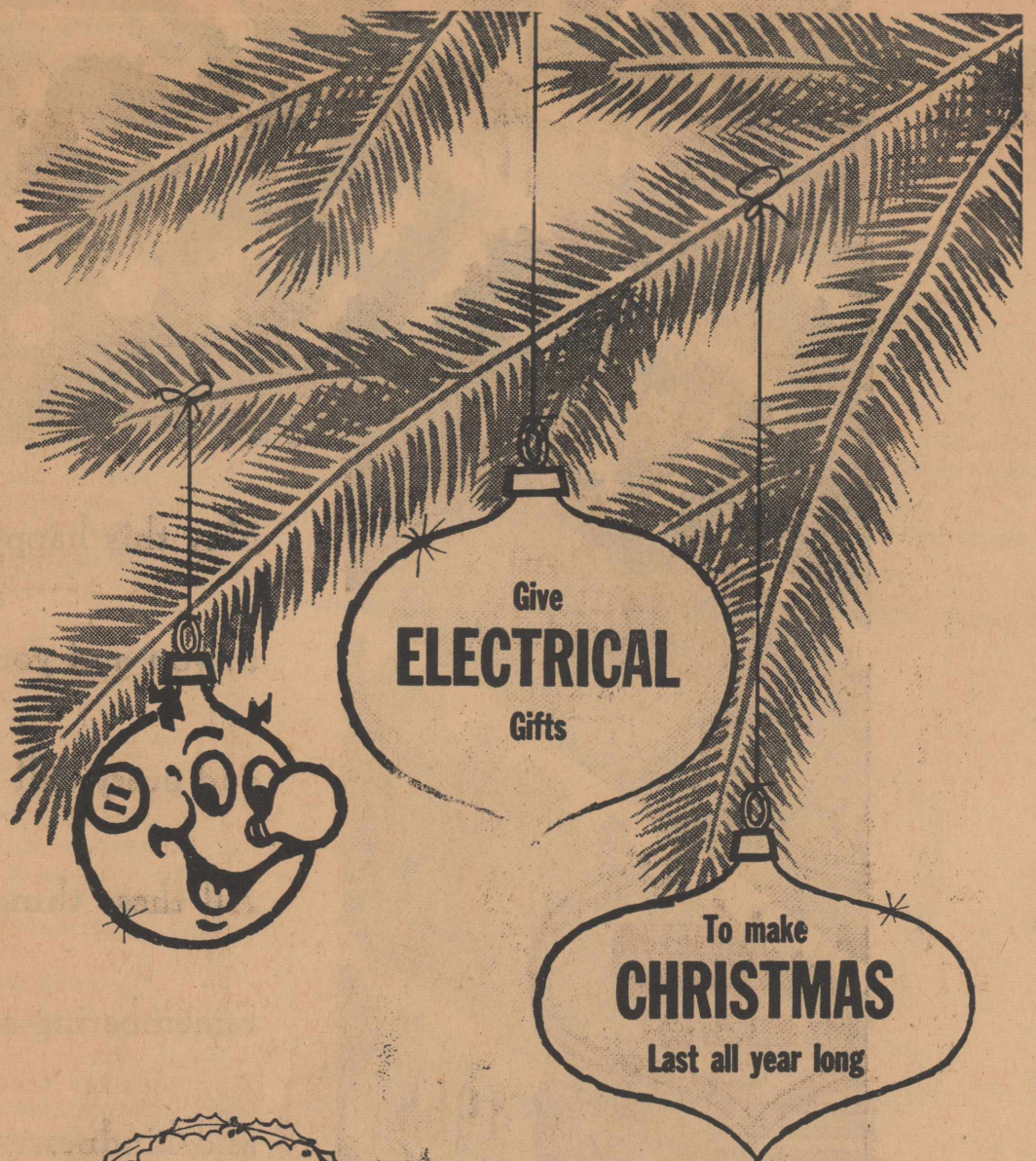
CHRISTMAS

Greetings



To you who helped to make our year so very pleasant, our warm wishes for a Merry Christmas ... and the sincere hope that we may continue to enjoy your fine friendship in times to come.

R. L. YOUNG INSURANCE



Give
ELECTRICAL
Gifts

To make
CHRISTMAS
Last all year long

All of us
here at WTU
wish all of you
a very
Merry
Christmas

Important names on your Christmas gift list will welcome an electrical gift for many reasons. For its usefulness, for its time-saving convenience, and because all the family benefits. What's more, an electrical gift makes Christmas last all year long! You can choose an appropriate electrical gift for every name on your list, because today you have a choice of more than 166 different ones! So give electrical gifts this Christmas. See your favorite electrical appliance dealer or WTU for a wonderful array of wonderful gifts.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES
AN INVESTOR OWNED  **ELECTRIC COMPANY**



Along about this time of the year we like to take a moment or two just to tell you how greatly we appreciate your fine friendships and loyalty and to wish you every good thing in life during the days to come.

Rockwell Bros. & Co.

Lumbermen

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hurst and James Mann



Christmas Carol

The wonderful spirit that pervaded the manger is ours to share again.

Mrs. Ruby Lang
Chester Hartsfield
Vergie Tankersley
Jerry Dycus

Larry Floyd
Vera Decker
D. J. Miller

Manager—Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Barnes & Employees
LANCE THEATER



Merry Christmas, Says Mrs. America

Mrs. Alice Buehner of Salt Lake City, 34 year old mother of six children, who was chosen the nation's No. 1 homemaker at the Mrs. America Pageant in San Diego, California, displays proudly her suggestion for a wonderful holiday gift for friends and relatives.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a racing car set for Christmas, And I want an electric football set too. I would like to have a chemistry set with the chemistry. I would like a portable television and a portable radio, and a football with a suit.

Love, Gary Helms

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a talking doll and play dishes. And for my sister a talking doll too. My brother wants a car. My big brother wants a watch. My sister wants a watch too. Thank you, and Merry Christmas to you.

Your friend, Rosemary Martinez

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a new pair of shoes, a new dress, and some toys. Please.

Your friend, Beck Kerns

HERB GIFT

If you grow your own herbs, you can make an unusual gift by wrapping small amounts of dried herbs in cheese cloth squares. Each square should provide enough seasoning for one use—such as a pot of soup or for salad dressing.

NO-D RIP CANDLES

Christmas candles are attractive and decorative—but they do drip. This problem can be alleviated by storing the candles in the refrigerator for 24 hours before using. This will prevent dripping and they will burn more evenly.

MECHANICAL TOYS

The first crude mechanical toys appeared as early as 1000 A.D. They were first equipped with clockwork in 1672 by the toy-makers of Nuremberg, Germany, already famous for their dolls. A French sailor who had fought the losing battle of Trafalgar with Napoleon was the unlikely pioneer of mass-produced clockwork toys.

OUTDOOR THEME

If you want your outdoor decorations to sparkle, begin with a plan. Keep your plan simple, accenting and decorating a single feature—a tree, chimney, or door. Use your imagination to camouflage floodlights. Pine bough, tiny figures, or snow banded behind the lights hide them well. Don't overdecorate with lights strung haphazardly from tree to tree, or gate to gate.

Dear Santa Claus:

For Christmas I would like to have a football, a radio, a watch, a Ricky, A Siper and a Skoder. Then I would like to have ring and a necklace. Most of all I would like to have a saddle and a bride.

Yours truly, Dianna Acker

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a 10 year old guitar. And I want it to have 5 strings on it. And also I want a snap shot. But I am only 9 years old.

Sincerely yours, Donnie Aldridge

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a argome for Christmas and a walking doll for Christmas. I want a bicycle for Christmas and I want a walkie talkie for Christmas.

Sincerely yours, Elvina Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus:

I am writing you these few lines to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a bicycle and a BB gun. I want a pair of roller skates, too.

Sincerely yours, Jesse Almanza

Dear Santa:

My sister and I want Merry and Jerry for Christmas. They are twin dolls. My brother want a Geology Set. My little sister wants a bicycle.

Your friend, Annette Weems

Dear Santa:

I'd like a surfboard and a sonic-blaster.

From Rrady Lawrence Jennings

Dear Santa:

May I have a GI Joe and a GI Joe Jeep and a bicycle. I have been a good boy. And don't forget my big brother, Obie.

I love you, Nathan Kelley



THOMPSON BUTANE COMPANY



1965

DYCUS CLEANERS



Christmas Greetings 1965

Our sincere thanks and heartfelt good wishes to all.

Landes' Furniture



To your treasury of Christmas Greetings, we hope you'll add our simple but heartfelt

Greetings

DAIRY DREAM



1965

BILL SIMMONS TEXACO

The Christmas Story



We know very little about the wise men who journeyed toward a new star and a new King . . . but of one thing we are sure . . . they came with Faith. They did not question or hesitate but followed the star until, at last, they laid their precious gifts before Him in worship.

Like those wise men of the first Christmas, may we too, come with Faith. May we too, bring our most precious gifts of Love and Reverence and Faith to Him.

To all our good friends, old and new, we offer this sincere wish: May you enjoy a Christmas of Reverence and Joy. May every moment be lit by the star-bright miracle of Faith.

H. L. DAVIS & CO.



Songs of Joy

During these days of Christmas all the world is filled with the songs of joyous praise for the newborn King who brings the promise of Peace and Eternal Life to all mankind.

May your Christmas be one of harmony and happy moments.

**Hogsett Chevrolet
Company**

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a birthstone ring and a bracelet. My little sister, Tina, would like to have a bicycle and a doll. My big sister Lou would like a radio.

Love, Kathy McCombs

Dear Santa:

Will you please bring me Buddy Charlie, Johnny Express, Action Sailor Suit for GI Joe and Johnny Hero. I have tried to be a good boy.

Love, Dan Burk

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a Baby Boo, a teddy bear, roller skates, a Barbie game, a model car, a paint set. Also do bring clothes for Barbie and Ken, and some pink curtains.

Your friend, Jaye Neice Hendon

Dear Santa Claus:

I am 9 years old. I am in the third grade. I am a good girl. Will you please bring me a Tressy that you can put make-up on and color her hair too. And I would like to have a Tressy dress that is a red skirt and a white blouse with a red and white head scarf. And my two sisters would like to have the same Tressy I want to have.

Remember the other boys and girls, too.

Love, Teresa Ann Coan

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a BB gun, a bicycle, and a football. On Christmas night I will be ready. Do not care to knock, come right on in.

Sincerely yours, Robert Kerns

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll and a stroller, a necklace and bracelet with a pretty little pearl inside it. I have been good.

Sincerely yours, Connie Mahaffey

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a nice boy this year. So would you please bring me a Lieutenant gun set, and a BB un. And Santa please bring my little brother a vacuum cleaner.

Love, Kimmy Gray

Dear Santa:

I am eight years old and in the second grade. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Baby Boo doll and some wigs.

Your friend, Wendi Morrow

Dear Santa Claus:

There's a few things I want for Christmas. I want a bendable Barbie and something to put in my room. I think that's all I want. Christmas is a fun time. Do you like Christmas? I do very much. I hope you liked my letter. Good night.

Love, Debra Lynn

Dear Santa:

Please bring my little sister a doll, and I would like to have a farm set.

Love, Dwayne Watkins

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a watch, a bicycle and an organ for Christmas. And I want anybody to have a Happ New Years.

Sincerely yours, Susie Garcia

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been good and please bring me a piano and a Barbie doll and some candy.

Your friend, Ina Jean Kerns

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a watch for Christmas and a Barbie doll that bends her legs.

Your friend, Celia Adams

CHRISTMAS TOPS

Christmas meant a new supply of rattles and tops for little ones of the Middle Ages. In the 12th and 13th centuries, little girls who requested dolls for Christmas usually had to settle for crude clay ones. Little boys of that era got toy horses and knights as gifts.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Clark Tractor &
Implement
& Clark Beauty Shop**



HOLIDAY CHEER

1965

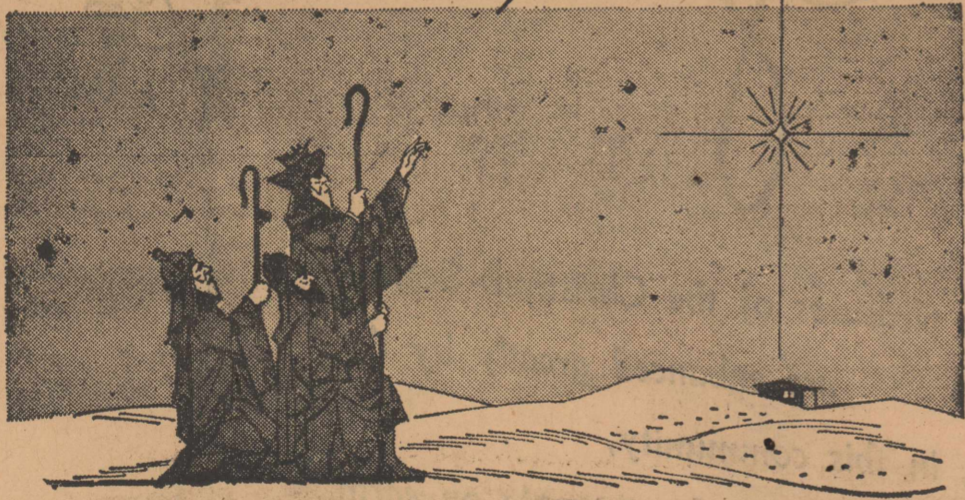


May the true spirit of giving enter each home this season.



ROTAN GIN COMPANY

... on earth peace, and



good will toward men...



"... and, lo, the star which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was." St. Matthew Chap. 2

WEATHERSBEE FUNERAL HOME

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good boy and I want something for Christmas. I want you to bring me a BB gun with bullets. And for my brother bring him a truck with horses and cows. And for my sister I want you to bring her a walking doll.
Your lovely friend, Jonny Flores

Dear Santa:

I am seven years old. Please bring a Tressy doll and an Eesy bake oven, and a Beauty Vanity. Thank you Santa.

Pamela Sue Cleveland

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a ball and a bat. I want a little car and boat to play with gun.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like for you to bring me a doll that has some clothes. I am a good girl. I wash dishes for my mother and help her clean the house. I love you, Ilda Miranda

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll for Christmas. My little brother wants a raddy. My 2 little brother want a truck and my little sister wants a doll.
Sincerely yours, Mary Daniel

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 7 years old. I would like for you to bring me a Daniel Boone rifle and lots of candy.
Love, Bryan Cave

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a racing set and a fishing rod, and a bow and arrow, a pool table, a six shooter, and a football. I hope you can get all of these things. But I want the pool table more than the other things.
Sincerely yours, Ricky Montez

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like you to bring me a Gilbert Power Shot, a BB pistol, a bicycle, and G I Joe Soldier for Christmas, a Trick Track car, a magic marker, some pins, and a belt. Thank you.
Sincerely yours, Ray Garza

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good girl. I would like a Samantha doll. And a Misty doll. And barbie hair coloring set and a play frying pan and a crosater 101. And clothes for my Tressy, Skipper and Midge. And I want sme clay.
Your friend, Cynthia Kay Scott

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good girl. And for Christmas I want a pair of roller skates.
Your friend, Mary

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy this year. Will you please bring me a car racing set, and a BB gun and a time bome.
Jackie Cadenhead

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I would like to have a Baby Boo and a Glamor Misty. I would also like to have a watch and a ring. But most of all I want a bicycle.
Yours truly, Betty Landes

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a .007 gun and a Johnny Express for Christmas. Please remember all children every where.
Your friend, Darrell Neeley

Dear Santa:

I want a Johnny West and, Thunderbolt, and a Stallion Bicycle. Please bring the other children some toys.
Love Brian Harrison

Dear Santa:

I would like you to bring me a doll and a farmer in the dellradio. Then I would like you to bring me some apples, oranges, and candy.
Your friend, Gina Gruben

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a BB gun for Christmas and I want a bow-and-arrow. And a bicycle. I do not want nothing else.
Sincerely yours, Louis Yanez

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a good girl in school. I wish I could have Baby Boo for Christmas. And my brother would a BB gun for Christmas I would some day. My little sister said that you were very funny. Good-bye.
Sincerely yours, Frances Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus:

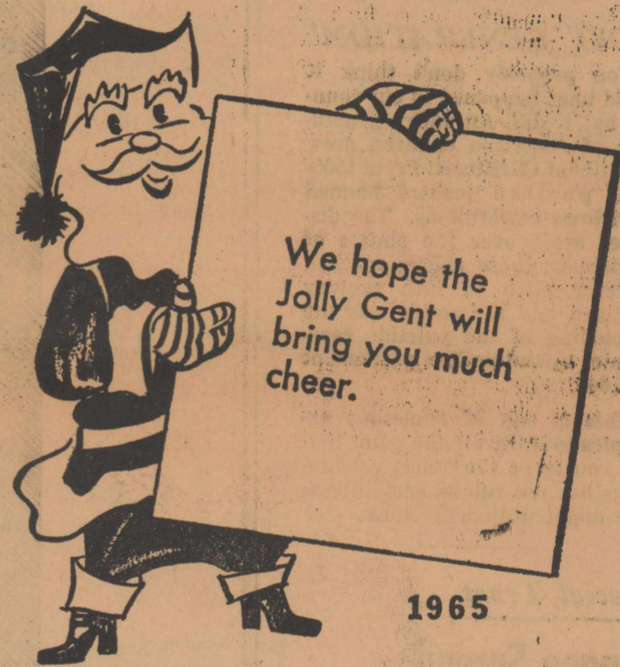
I have been very good and I would like to have a midge with legs that bend. And I would like to have a view master and a movie projector and bounce ball and silly puddy. And Bring other boys and girls what they want.
Your friend, Barbara Jean

Greetings



Rotan Flower Shop

Season's Greetings



Dee's Shoe Shop

GREETINGS



As we celebrate again the birth of Christ, may His spirit of peace and love renew our faith and bring us joy.

8 till Late Grocery



Along about this time of the year we like to take a moment or two just to tell you how greatly we appreciate your fine friendships and loyalty and to wish you every good thing in life during the days to come.

POST OFFICE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Phillips and Family
Miss Hattie Belle Howard
Mr. and Mrs. Louie C. Hayes and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Byrle Martin and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byerly and Family
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Smith and Family
Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Warren

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a gun to play with and I want a football.
Ramon

Dear Santa:
I have been a nice girl. I would like to have a Science Set for Christmas and a TV set too.
Sincerely yours, Roxie Cleveland

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Big Brusey, electric train and a bicycle. I have been a really good boy.
Your friend, Larry

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy and for Christmas I want a western Special Locomotive.
Thank you, Danny Rodrigues

Dear Santa Claus:
For Christmas I want a GI Joe Walkie Talkie and a GI Joe too. A Crimebuster Pistol and a big Army Trek.
Sincerely Yours, Eramos Garcia

Dear Santa Claus:
Soon Christmas is coming to Rotan. Please bring me some candy and toys. Bring me some fruit, too.
Your friend, Ruben Garza

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a basketball set. I have been a good boy and I have something for you. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
Sincerely yours, Junior Ortiz

Dear Santa:
I want a BB gun for Christmas and a bike and a big ball.
Jose



THE MISTLETOE KISS... Frigga, the goddess of love, is credited with transforming mistletoe into a symbol of love when she granted the favor of a kiss beneath a mistletoe branch. The tradition has been with us for some time—and seems destined to continue forever.



HEAD QUARTER-MILLION TEXAS MASONS
These four top officers were elected to head the Grand Lodge of Texas at its annual communication in Waco. Leading the Masonic Fraternity will be (left to right): H. W. Fullingim of Odessa as Grand Master; Deputy Grand Master J. D. Tomme, Jr., a Fort Worth dentist; Grand Senior Warden J. W. Chandler, a Houston businessman and Texas Highway Patrol Major J. Guy Smith of Dallas, who is the new Grand Junior Warden. Over 4,000 Masons from 972 Texas Lodges attended the Waco meeting.

WELCOME WINDOW

Let your picture window welcome guests to your home. Place a candle, a wreath or a spray of evergreen in the window, remembering at the same time that too much of any of these will spoil the effectiveness of your window. The children might enjoy trying a stained-glass effect with easily-washed-off colorings and artificial snow sprays. A real treat for children is working with luminous paints; they enjoy admiring their handiwork on those snowy, blowy nights.

'LOST' GENERATION'

You probably don't think it could have happened in our country but it did. An entire generation of American children grew up without Christmas! From 1659-1681 puritan leaders banned Christmas celebrations. The disputes arose over the abuses of Christmas; these abuses reached a fever pitch in 17th century England and the result was the forbidding of the yuletide ceremonies by the puritan parliament in 1644.

This is one of numerous examples to illustrate the point that the course of Christmas celebrations has not run as smoothly as one might ordinarily think.

Special Treat

Canape Spread Features Sardines

Looking for something scrumptious to serve with the egg nog during the busy holiday season—something that'll help you out in, and out of, the kitchen?

There's a little silvery fish swimming in the sea off the coast of Maine who can add much to your Christmas festivities. He's really a little herring but is known as a Maine Sardine.

Maine sardines were a familiar food to the American sea-coast Indian before the first colonial settlers came to this country. They used rough weirs made of brushwood and twine to trap the tiny young herring — one of the same techniques which is used today. The Indians ate the herring as fresh fish, but they probably also smoked or salted them for their winter food.

MAINE CANAPE SPREAD
2 cans (4 oz. ea.) Maine sardines
4 tablespoons butter (soft)
1 teaspoon Worcester Sauce
2 teaspoons chili sauce

Drain Maine Sardines. Combine soft butter, Worcestershire sauce, chili sauce, and spread on toast fingers. Top with a sardine. Makes about 12 hors d'oeuvres. For a fancy holiday party arrangement that looks every bit like a Christmas tree, here's what you do: Place half of a gouda cheese at one end of an oval platter to form the tree base. Then on a large skewer the length of the platter, alternate Spanish olives, cheddar cheese, gherkins and radishes to form a decorative tree trunk. Top the skewer with a Christmas star made of cheese. Then spread the Maine sardine canapes around the edge of the platter to make the tree branches, and fill in with thin lemon wedges. Surround the platter with the traditional egg nog, and your holiday buffet will be complete.

Buy, Rent, Sell
with Classified

Season's Greetings

The pleasures of the Christmas Season are enhanced greatly by the knowledge that, here, in this community, are the finest people on earth. We are grateful for the privilege of serving you and we trust we may continue to merit your thoughtfulness. Merry Christmas to you, our loyal friends.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK



**BEST
WISHES
FOR
THE
HOLIDAYS**

During the past year it has been a sincere pleasure to have the privilege of serving you...and we are deeply grateful for your confidence in us.

*Hope this Christmas
is your merriest one!*

**Rotan Seed Delinting
Co. Inc.**

Dear Santa Claus:

Santa Claus do you know what I want for Christmas, I want a Tammy, Ken, Allen, Baby Boo, and cat. Will you bring me the toy that I want for Christmas.
Sincerely yours, Linda G. Hooper

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas and a doll that can walk. And Please bring my big sister a watch to wear on her hand she always wanted a watch to wear on her hand. Please bring her one.
Sincerely yours, Mary Carrillo

**Holiday Observance
Aided Washington**

An important step was taken towards colonial freedom when George Washington used his knowledge of Christmas celebrations as an aid in planning his attack on the Hessian soldiers under the employ of George III.

At that time (1776) many if not all puritan settlers in the new world disapproved of Christmas festivities. Not true for the mercenary Hessians fighting for King George against the colonists. They made the fatal mistake of observing Christmas just as they had done at home. The result was, much of the credit due to Washington's knowledge of Christmas customs throughout the world, that on December 25-6, 1776, American troops crossed the Delaware, attacked and put to rout the surprised Hessians who were obviously sleeping off the effects of their holiday "cheer."

DICKENS

Holiday observance had reached a disturbing low in the middle 19th century. When Charles Dickens published his now immortal "Christmas Carol", though, he helped tremendously to revive Christmas spirit throughout the world but especially in the United States and England.

FRUIT CAKES

Fruit cakes can be kept almost indefinitely if they're properly wrapped and stored. Simply sprinkling orange juice over the cake periodically keeps it from drying out and adds a touch of flavor as well.

**Tax Discount
Notice**

**THE SAME DISCOUNT WILL APPLY
THIS YEAR AS LAST ON EARLY
PAYMENT OF CITY TAXES**

The following will apply:

1% DEC. 1 thru DEC. 31

First and Last Days Inclusive

City of Rotan

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me an organ and a baby first step doll. I want some more clothes for my Barbie doll, too. And please bring me a bicycle.
Your friend, Fred Odom

Dear Santa Claus:

Would you bring me a Baby Boo? I will be good til Christmas. I hope you are having a nice time and not working too hard. I wish you a Merry Christmas, too.
Your friend, Cindy White

Dear Santa:

I have been wishing for a bicycle, BB gun, toy train, baseball and a bat for Christmas. Well I guess this is all for today, Santa.
Your friend, Ruben Martinez

Dear Santa Claus:

I'd. I would like a watch and paint set for Christmas. Don't forget to give my sisters gifts and the other boys and girls around the world.
With love, Brenda Wallace

Dear Santa Claus:

I am seven years old. I have tried to be a nice boy. For Christmas I would like to have a football suit and a guitar. Please remember all the other boys and girls too.
Yours truly, Mac Rains

HOLE IN HEAD

According to the makers of Tinkertoy, a popular modern gift, Greek and Roman children of early Christian times were often given puppet-dolls. These dolls were cunningly made, with jointed, movable wooden limbs—and a hole in the head. A string passed through this hole, and connected to the arms and legs, turned the doll into a marionette.

WRAP WITH FLAIR

You can't tell a book by it's cover, but a pretty cover makes you open the book. A gaily-wrapped package with fanciful ribbons can add glamour to any gift. There are many inexpensive materials on the market or, if you're not a do-it-yourselfer, your favorite store will do a masterful job at a nominal price.

We take the opportunity offered by this

Holiday Season to express to you the feelings

of good will and appreciation with which

we regard our association. We have enjoyed

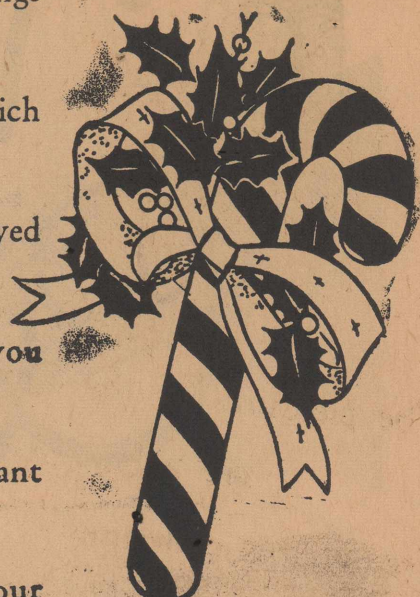
very much the pleasure of serving you

during the past year and hope our pleasant

relationship can long continue. It is our

earnest wish that all that is good shall be

yours this Yuletide season.



*Season's
Greetings*

**DARDEN DEPT.
STORE**

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GREETINGS

AT CHRISTMAS

The Holiday Spirit lights new friendships and rekindles old ones

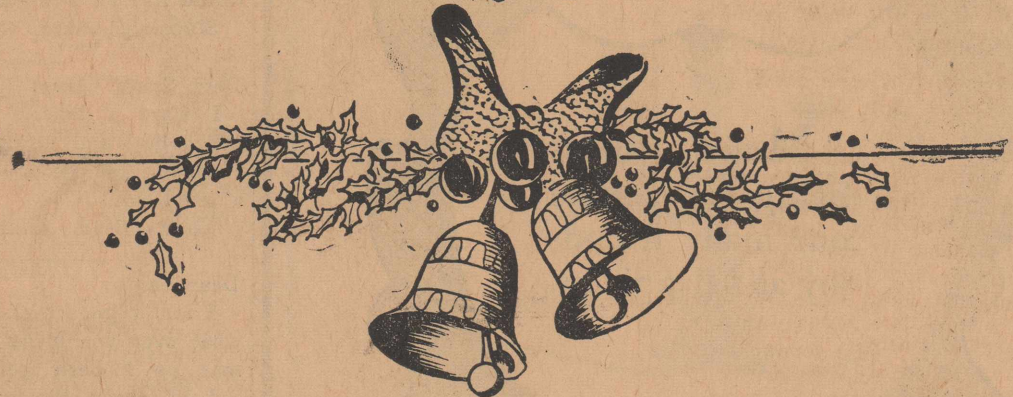
year after year. At this season we like to pause to remember

our friends. The business you have given us is sincerely

appreciated, and we hope you are pleased with the way we

have served you. We want you to think of us as a friendly

firm. May your Christmas be happy.



**E. N. C. Discount
THE NAYFAS**

GREETINGS

Let us rejoice
and give praise for all
the wonders of this day.



MARTIN'S GROCERY



1965 **Season's
Greetings**

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May Christmas
bring to each of
our many friends
joy and happiness.

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Rotan Motor Co.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy eight years old. For Christmas I would like a football. Please make the jersey green and the pants green. I would like you to fill my sock with lots of goodies. Also I would like to have an Etch a Sketch. I think I have been good. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. I will leave you some hot chocolate in the kitchen. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Marcus Reid Cave

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you doing? Do you remember you come to Rotan and gave us candy. For Christmas I'd like to have a Tressy doll and a watch. My brothers want a car and a truck, tractor. Mother wants a set of dishes. I will be glad when you come for Christmas.

Sincerely yours, Connie Jo Conner

Dear Santa:

Thanks you very much for visiting me last year. Would you please bring me a toy organ and a doll this year?

Your friend, Vickie Floyd

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like you to bring me a music box with a key to lock it, and a bicycle, a doll. Well I guess that is all I want but wait till Christmas I'll have lots more.

Sincerely yours, Placida Ortiz

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a BB gun for my Christmas present. I have been a good boy.

Merry Christmas to you, Ruben Ortiz

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you? I would like a Road Race Set, please. My little sister wants a Baby Boo. My other sister wants a Scoobadoo. Is it cold up there? Are you getting ready for your trip? We've got our Christmas tree up. It won't be long before Christmas. Will it? Well guess I better go.

Remember all the little children and take care.

Sincerely yours, Mike Cade

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been very good so you ought to by me a present. Here is what I want. I want a Barbie that bends her legs. And I want silly peuppy to and I want a nurse uniform and a nurse kit. And I do believe this is all I want this Christmas.

Your friend, Darla Akers

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been good this year. And my sister and brother have been good too. My eight year old sister Annette and I would like to have twin dolls named Merry and Jerr. And the things that come with them. My four year old sister Carolyn would like to have Baby Boo and a little bicycle. My brother Ruble, would like a geology set. I hope you are fine.

Sincerely yours, Catherine Weems

Dear Santa Claus:

I am nine years old and in the fourth grade. Would you please bring me a bicycle and a speedometer and a dart board. Please bring my brother and sister something too.

Sincerely yours, Clay Helms

Dear Santa:

I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, a doll buggy, and a transistor radio.

Good-bye, Tammy Strickland

Dear Santa Claus:

Would you please bring me a road racing set and a remote control tractor. I think I have been a good boy. My little sister would like a Baby Boo and a bike and Baby First Step. My big brother would like an automatic twenty-two.

Sincerely yours, Scot McKinney

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a bicycle for Christmas and a bow and arrow shoot at tree. I am a truck for my brother. He is a good boy.

Your friend, Andrew Rodriguez

Dear Santa:

I am a good girl. I will be glad what ever you bring me for Christmas as I been going to Sunday School every Sunday. So I guess this is all from.

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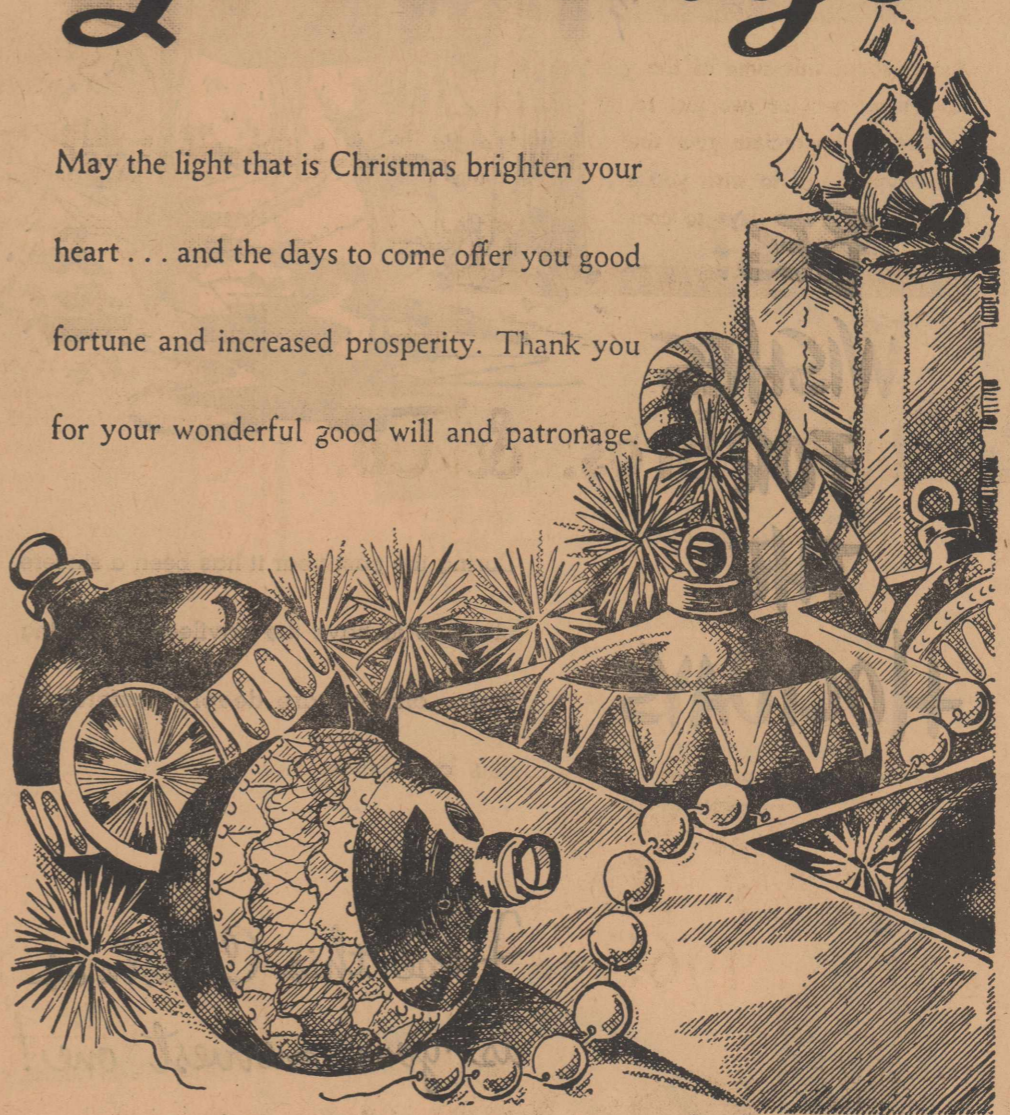
Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good boy this year. I made a straight A report card too. For Christmas I want a Zero. M. Sonic Blaster and a Secret Sam. Please bring me some Crazy Foam and Silly Putty. I also want a Six finger. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas too.

Sincerely yours, Larry Toliver

Warm and Sincere Holiday Greetings

May the light that is Christmas brighten your heart . . . and the days to come offer you good fortune and increased prosperity. Thank you for your wonderful good will and patronage.



Cotton Storage Company



Merry Christmas



This Holiday season—may it be filled with high hopes and a spirit of confidence.

We extend heartfelt greetings and good wishes to all our friends in this area. And, come what may, we renew our pledge to continue to serve you to the best of our ability in the months to come.

*and the best of
everything*

To Our Friends
Everywhere

Farmers Gin Company