

Merry Christmas to All

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BY NORMAN FISHER

THIS EDITION OF the Baird Star carries two items which have long been traditions here -- seasons greetings from Baird businessmen to their patrons, and letters to Santa Claus from the children.

But since we hesitated to put our letter to Santa in among those from the first and second graders, this seems like the next best spot.

So here goes. Dear Santa, please bring...

To the Baird Bearettes, another banner basketball season.

To the City of Baird, some much-needed water and street improvements during 1965.

To Baird businessmen, the kind of 1965 all the experts predict it will be.

To voters in Baird, approving thoughts about the expected municipal improvements bond issue.

To Coach Townsend, a bevy of big, strong football players to replace his graduation losses.

To Baird newcomers, a wider variety of good homes to buy or rent.

To Callahan County, a sure cure for its financial difficulties.

And to readers of this column, the best, most enjoyable holiday season ever.

SOMEWHERE IN THIS Christmas edition is a letter from a young reader who has obviously been brought up to observe the niceties.

"I think you, Santa, are a very nice man," he begins his opening sentence. "And now let us get to the gifts," he adds in a more practical vein.

And speaking of letters to Santa, we see the impact of advertising on the younger set. Not too many years ago the kids asked for a doll or a gun.

Now the children usually specify the manufacturer and trade name of the exact gift they want most. For an example, read almost any letter printed in this edition.

AMID ALL THE BUSTLE which the Christmas season brings, we wonder how long it has been since the average family has sat down to read the story of the first Christmas.

May we suggest that, as a special Christmas gift to yourself and your family, that sometime Christmas eve or Christmas day the whole group sit down to hear the story from the Scriptures.

Somehow, after that, we're sure the bustle and clatter of the holidays will be more bearable.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS next week in Baird will be:

Miss Myrtle Gunn, Dec. 27; Franklyn Alexander, Dec. 28; Jerry Barron, Terry Barron, Judy Lee Barron, Mrs. W. J. Cook, Alvis Dill, Thomas Robbins, Dec. 29; Eric Lovell and Jimmy Ault, Dec. 30; and Mrs. E. C. Fulton and Isadore Grimes Dec. 31. We also have a belated birthday greeting for Cheryl Ann McIntosh, who became eight years old Dec. 22.

And there, with apologies to those whose birthdays come after, our list ends until we can come by a new birthday calendar.



HIGH SCHOOL ROYALTY -- Baird High School's new king and queen, Bruce Bell and Mary Corn, are amidst others who participated in the annual coronation program recently. Others pictured are Kerry White and Gary Franke, Vickey Jones and Lloyd Ray Hughes, and Kathy Townsend and Dyer Windham. Crownbearers at left are Virginia Ann Lewis and Robert Swinson, and trainbearers at right are Dana Jennings (who was hiding from the camera) and Cy Clark.

Baird Teams Split Cage Tussles With Cisco; Girls to Duncanville

The Baird Bears split a basketball doubleheader with the Cisco Lobos Tuesday night to wind up their pre-Christmas basketball play.

The Bears will not see action again until January, while the Bearettes will face Tulla next Wednesday in the first round of a tournament at Duncanville.

Cisco defeated the Bears, 51-48, Tuesday night after Baird girls won the opener, 37-28.

The split with Cisco followed district games Monday and last Thursday nights when the Bears won one and lost one while the Bearettes stacked up two more victories.

Vickey Jones was high for Baird against Cisco with 17, followed by Yvonne Shelnutt with 11 and Sally Green with 9. Richie Crow led the Baird boys against the Lobos with 14 and Wally Harris had 10.

Baird girls posted top-sided victories in their two most recent outings. They pasted Ranger by 93-24 Monday night to go with a 64-33 decision at Eastland last Thursday.

Vickie Jones pumped in 28 points for the Baird girls against the Ranger fems while Jane Lewis had 11 for the losers.

Miss Jones had an even bigger night Thursday against Eastland by boring through 40 points for the Bearettes. Marsha Treadwell had 18 for Eastland.

The Bears won a thriller from Ranger Monday night, 54-52, after taking their first district loss Thursday from Eastland, 73-50.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE DUE FRIDAY; SOME BUSINESSES CLOSE SATURDAY

Baird will be almost completely closed Friday in observance of Christmas day, with only a few necessary service firms remaining open for business. A number of firms will also remain closed Saturday to give employees an extended Christmas holiday.

This edition of the Baird Star was published a day early. The newspaper office will close at noon Thursday and remain closed until Monday to give employees a long holiday.

New Year's Edition Next week's edition will also be printed a day early because of the New Year's holiday.

Ranger led after one quarter, 12-10, but Baird had a 24-22 edge at halftime. Ranger led at the three-quarter mark, 42-35, and it took a last-second basket by Tommy Barton to give Baird the victory.

Barton had 13 points for the night while Wally Harris had 18. Johnny McGee was tops for the Bulldogs with 19.

Barton was the high-pointer for Baird in the Bears' loss to Eastland last week. He hit 16 and Harris had 10.

Terry Treadwell bucketed 30 points for Eastland.

HOSPITAL NEWS...

NOW IN HOSPITAL

The following persons were listed as patients Tuesday by Callahan County Hospital:

Homer Moon, Rowden Bob Norrell, Baird Mrs. A. W. Gibson, Baird Boyd Luttrell, Baird Mrs. Annie Batley, Baird Webb Bruton, Baird Mrs. Lacy Meridith, Baird

DISMISSALS

The following persons have been dismissed as patients during the past week by Callahan County Hospital:

Eddie Petty, Baird Mrs. John Jordan, Ovalo Mrs. Doris McKennon, Baird Mrs. Hugh Ross Jr., Baird Mrs. Cecil Mings, Clyde Christine Silba, Baird Mrs. John Cook, Putnam

County Officials Due Oath-Taking Jan. 1

Formal swearing-in ceremonies have been set for Jan. 1 by County Judge Byron Richardson for seven county officials elected during the past year.

To take the oaths of their respective offices that day will be Albert Lovell, tax assessor-collector; James Paul Shanks, county attorney; Homer Price, sheriff; F. P. Shackelford, Precinct 3 commissioner; Roscoe Shelnutt, Precinct 1 commissioner; Glenn Curtis, Precinct 1 constable; C. F. McNeel Jr., Precinct 6 constable; and R. B. Cunningham, Precinct 8 constable.

COUNTY RECORDS

NEW VEHICLES

The following new vehicles have been registered in Callahan County during the past week:

G. O. Sudberry, Baird Pontiac sedan Clyde Ind. School District, International bus A. R. Hundsnuicher, Baird, Chevrolet pickup

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses have been issued in Callahan County during the past week:

Gene Bush, Cross Plains and Mickey Vernell Freeman, Cross Plains

A. P. Johnson, Ablene and Mrs. Addie Gertrude Mitchell, Ablene

Robert Nelson Coker, Ablene and Sherron Jeanette Reeves, Ablene

Billy Joe Craner, Seminole and Peggie Jean Deese Thomas, Ablene.

City Council Calls Jan. 19 Bond Vote

A \$100,000 general obligation bond election was called for the City of Baird for Jan. 19 by the city council Tuesday night.

Two separate issues will be on the ballot -- \$68,000 for water system improvements and \$32,000 for street improvements.

The ballot will be divided into two propositions. Proposition 1 will read "For the issuance of waterworks system bonds," and "Against the issuance of waterworks system bonds."

Proposition 2 will read "For the issuance of street improvement bonds," and "Against the issuance of street improvement bonds."

All qualified voters living in Baird who have property rendered for city taxes will be eligible to vote in the Jan. 19 election.

Calling of the election did not come as a surprise to most observers. The matter has been discussed for several months by the council and interested residents.

Petitions asking that the council call the election have been circulated in Baird, and had been fairly successful in obtaining signatures. The petitions were not presented at Tuesday night's meeting, however.

No Tax Increase City officials, after completing a study on the matter, have assured Baird residents that approval of both bond issues would not mean a tax increase. Present income would be able to meet the new obligations without the need of additional sources of income.

Several needs have been cited for reasons behind the \$68,000 in bonds to improve the water system. Among foremost needs is additional overhead storage which would increase both the amount of water available and the water pressure, especially in the west side of Baird.

Engineers say the added overhead storage is necessary if the city's chronic summertime water pressure drops are to be cured.

More Lines Also included in the water system program would be additional lines to distribute the increased water supply, and replacement of some existing lines with larger ones to provide more water in growing areas.

In some sections of the city, water mains are now too small to meet the growing demands.

Most-needed item included in proposed street improvements would be seal-coating of much of Baird's existing pavement. If some of the present streets do not receive attention soon, the pavement will deteriorate rapidly, engineers say.

Merchandise Prizes Given Away At Special Plaza Theater Event

Twenty-nine area residents received merchandise gifts donated by Baird merchants Monday night at a special Plaza Theater program.

Receiving the gifts were George Fuqua, set of spark plugs from Jones-Franke Pontiac; Bill Nutt, \$5 gift certificate from Work's Dry Goods; Don Franke, \$5 gift certificate from City Drug; Alice

Crutchfield, \$5 gift certificate from Modern Tailors; Bonnie Elizalda, two plate lunches from Fanny's Cafe; Ethel Seelig, 10 gallons of gasoline from Smitty's Premier.

Also Becky Jo Lewis, \$5 gift certificate from Lawrence Drug; Gary Franke, turkey from Black's Food Store; Marnece Hardy, badminton set from Thompson Variety; Roger Elizalda, hose or shirt from McElroy's; Suzette Freeland, \$5 gift certificate from White Auto Store; Paul Stanley, two plate lunches from Wilma's Cafe.

And Andrew Mendez, \$5 gift certificate from Caldwell Furniture; Sheri Robbins, wash and lubrication from Dunlap Texaco; Kenneth Robbins, \$5 gift certificate from Reeves Lumber Co.; Richard Windham, 10 lbs. of sugar from Thompson Food Store; Tommie Sue Pruitt, 10 gallons of gasoline from Jennings Humble; Mrs. Floyd Wood, \$5 gift certificate from Miller's Food Store.

Also Robert Martin, car wash from Check Chevrolet; David Sutphen, \$3 gift certificate from Boydston Hardware; Judy Tollett, year's subscription to the Baird Star; Larry Newton, oil change at Reese Texaco; Jimmy Smith, five quarts of oil from Sutphen & Wristen; Mrs. Felix Mitchell, \$1 gift certificate from Hatley's Dairyland.

And Ruby Berry, \$5 in passes from Plaza Theater; Robert Helton, 10 gallons of gasoline from Jones Premier; Jackie Winters, 10 gallons of gasoline from McGowan Texaco; and Butch Smith, gallon of Prestone from Hughes 66 Station.

W. C. Lofton, 62, Services Sunday

Funeral for William Carroll Lofton, 62, were at 4 p. m. Sunday in Godfrey Funeral Home chapel in Baird with the Rev. Darrell Robinson of Big Spring officiating.

Graveside Masonic rites were held in Ross Cemetery by Baird Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Lofton, who lived in Callahan County all his life, died at 11:45 a. m. Friday in a Big Spring hospital following a six-month illness.

Mr. Lofton was born Feb. 22, 1902. He married Hazel Bryson Sept. 23, 1923 at Oplin. He was a retired employe of the T&P Railway, a member of the Baptist Church, and of the Baird Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Carl Ford of Big Spring; two granddaughters; one brother, N. O. Lofton of Eunice, N. M.; four sisters, Mrs. Annie Smith of Goldsboro, Mrs. Cornelia Poindecker of Winters, Mrs. Emma Ruth Bradley of Artesia, N. M., and Mrs. Goldie Lee Henderson of Roswell, N. M.; two half-brothers, Sam Lofton of Post and Pat Lofton of Pylon; one half-sister, Mrs. Ethel Ray of Ablene.

Ex-County Resident Is Charged in Pecos

A former Callahan County resident has been charged with embezzling almost \$65,000 from the First National Bank of Pecos.

He is Jim B. Coats, 44. He was vice president of the Pecos bank until resigning last Aug. 4 to devote his time to farming interest.

Coats became a teller at the bank in 1954, and was made a vice president some five years later. He and his wife, the former Letha Doris Eager of Clyde, moved to Pecos some 15 years ago from Baird.

Visiting the R. L. Sutphens over the weekend were their son Bob and family from Orange. Also visiting Sunday were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Bostick of Ablene.

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

This Christmas won't be as merry for Steve and Cinda Rhoton of Baird as it should be.

Their family pet, a German Shepherd dog, was discovered Monday morning to be seriously ill and near death -- the apparent victim of poison. And, although the animal now appears to have a good chance of recovery, the incident has dampened the Christmas spirit at the Rhoton home.

The Baird Star regrets to report that this is not the only instance of poisoned animals we have learned of here in recent days. There have, indeed, been others.

We deplore the act, whether on purpose or through carelessness, of leaving poison where it can be picked up by domesticated animals.

Such an irresponsible act can lead to much more tragic consequences than the death of a child's pet. For poison, left in a heavily populated area, which can be found by animals, is also left where it can be found by children.

To have a child pick up poison left for an animal is almost unthinkable. But it could happen, if whoever is responsible for putting out the poison does not stop at once.

We urge this practice be stopped now -- before it is too late.

Farm Bureau Directors Appoint Committee Members for New Year

Hadden Payne, newly elected president of Callahan County Farm Bureau, presided at the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors Thursday night Dec. 17.

Ed Cumble of Bronte, Area 7 Fieldman of Texas Farm Bureau spoke to the group of duties of the various committees and how to have a better local organization.

Other members present were Sterling Odom, first vice president; Wendell Smith, second vice president; Robbie Hicks,

John Armor, Lowell Johnson, Hilton Tarrant, Damon Jones and W. J. Hannaford.

Also attending were J. C. Claborn of Cross Plains, member of the policy executive committee; Rufus Miller, service agent; and Mrs. Harris, office secretary.

Committees appointed for the coming year include, membership, Sterling Odom, chairman; Byron Richardson, W. J. Hannaford and G. V. Cunningham. Smith, chairman, Byron Richardson and Lowell Johnson.

Policy-execution (national): Byron Richardson, chairman, Douglas Fry and J. C. Claborn. Service committee, chairman, Rufus Miller, John Armor, Damon Jones and Robbie Hicks. Young peoples committee, chairman, Mrs. Lowell Johnson and Mrs. John Armor.

Public information, Mrs. Lorene Harris and Rufus Miller.

New members this month include Mrs. Adria Baulch and Pat Garner of Baird, Robert Windham of Clyde and Meril Franke of Cross Plains.

Garden Club Has Christmas Meet

Baird Garden Club met Dec. 15 in the Presbyterian Church.

The business meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lee Ivey. Mrs. Jerry Abernathy gave the invocation. Mrs. Ace Hickman gave a speech on "Poinsettias, American Christmas Symbol." "Legends for Christmas" was given by Mrs. Dee Young.

Mrs. Felix Mitchell presented a flower arrangement of Jacob's Coat, English Ivy and Chrysanthemums.

Several Christmas carols were sung, led by Mrs. Ivey, with Mrs. J. R. Latimer at the piano. The annual Christmas tree was held. All members of the club were presented flower holders, gifts of Jerry Loper and City Drug.

Mrs. George Crutchfield, Mrs. D. J. Anderson and Mrs. Ben Ross served refreshments to Mmes. Jerry Abernathy, C. Z. Anderson, Marvin Davis, P. E. Dungan, Ace Hickman, Lee Ivey, J. R. Latimer, E. H. Leache, J. T. Loper, John McGowan, F. E. Mitchell, Jesse Parks, W. V. Walls, T. E. Warren, Clyde White and Dee Young.

Next meeting will be Jan. 5.

Baird B&PW Club Has Christmas Meeting

Baird Business and Professional Women's Club met Dec. 17, for a Christmas party at Wilma's Cafe.

Jessie Odom, president, presided and Jean Evans gave the invocation.

The club voted to give \$2 to the tuberculosis fund and to give \$5 to the Mary O. Lillystrom Scholarship Fund.

Gifts were exchanged from a Christmas tree and Christmas carols were sung.

Present were Vada Bennett, Rubye Berry, Mollie Brightwell, Corrie Davis, Bess Driskill, Jean Evans, Isadore Grimes, Lynk Lawrence, Mae Lewis, Beatrice McElroy, Floy McMullen, Jessie Odom, Margaret Young, Helen Brown and Buelah Hickman.

The club adjourned to meet Feb. 18 at Wilma's Cafe.

Fleming Gets Award After Taking Study

C. O. Fleming, county veterans service officer, has received a certificate for completing studies at the Texas Veterans Service Officers School, which was held in San Antonio Sept. 7-10.

The school was conducted by the Veterans Affairs Commission of Texas in cooperation with the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of World War I and other organizations.

Pop Whitakers Host Yule Party at Home

Mr. and Mrs. Pop Whitaker of Baird hosted a Christmas party for friends Saturday night in their home.

Special honorees were S. L. McElroy and Mother (Mrs. Mollie) Brandon. A total of 46 guests attended from Eliasville, Breckenridge, Abilene, Clyde and Baird.

The Whitakers also honored the school cafeteria staff at a party Tuesday night at their home. Special honoree was Mrs. Bruce.

Joe Monroes to Mark Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Monroe of Rt. 3, Clovis, N. M., will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 27 with an open house at Clovis Woman's Club Clubhouse there.

The Monroes were married at Oplin and are former Callahan County residents.

Wednesday Club Has Yule Fete

Mrs. Sam Gilliland was hostess to the Wednesday Club on Dec. 16 for the annual Christmas meeting. Following the invocation by Mrs. L. B. Lewis, members answered roll call with "My best Christmas."

The president, Mrs. Lewis, announced that the club had received a citation from General Federation of Women's Clubs and Sears-Roebuck Foundation for the Community Improvement Plan, featuring the Callahan County Library and Pioneer Museum.

For the afternoon program Mrs. N. M. George spoke on "Thanksgiving for Christmas"; Mrs. I. E. Warren gave "The Lights Speak"; and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield's subject was "The Story of the Carol."

Members sang Christmas carols, and gifts were distributed from a decorated Christmas tree.

In addition to those on the program, others present were Miss Isadore Grimes and Mmes. Ace Hickman, Clyde White, D. F. Short, Lee Ivey, W. A. Fetterly, Frank Cunningham, W. P. Brightwell, V. E. Hill, A. E. Dyer Sr., Dee Young and R. D. Williams.

The club will meet next on Jan. 13 in the home of Miss Grimes.

Mrs. Bailey, 66, Services Monday

Services for Mrs. Mollie Odesa Bailey, 66, of Abilene were at 2 p. m. Monday in North Funeral Home chapel there with the Rev. T. Jerald Cates of Abilene officiating.

Burial was in the Clyde Cemetery.

Mrs. Bailey died at 6 a. m. Saturday in Big Spring following an illness of several months.

A native of Farmersville, she was born March 16, 1898. Mrs. Bailey and her first husband, the late Paul Lovell Sr., moved to Abilene in 1946 from Baird. He died in 1950. She married Adolphus Bailey in 1952 at Abilene.

Survivors are her husband; two sons, Paul Lovell and Marvin Lovell, both of Abilene; four daughters, Mrs. W. B. Corn of Ajo, Ariz., Mrs. George Lopez and Mrs. Carroll Carter of Abilene and Mrs. B. J. Von Walde of Fort Worth; one brother, Mack Graham of Memphis; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Christian and Mrs. Clarence L. McCann, both of Stamford; and 14 grandchildren.

Mr., Mrs. Christison Are Parents of Twins

Twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Christison of Clyde Dec. 18 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

The boy, named Jerry Glenn, weighed 7 lbs., 11 ozs., at birth and the girl, Terry Lynn weighed 6 lbs. and 7 1/2 ozs.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hagar of Clyde and paternal grandmother is Wilma Carlyle of Baird.

ADMIRAL NEWS

By Ann Smith

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Porter returned from a four week trip to California. They visited relatives and friends in Hobbs, N. M., and also in Manhattan Beach, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Santa Monica, Santa Barbara, and Redlands, Calif. Among friends they visited was Scott Finch, an old resident of the Admiral community. They also visited in Buckeye, Phoenix and Wilcox, Ariz. Mr. Porter's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Russell, are leaving soon for Johannesburg, South Africa and this was the purpose of the Porter's trip. They report a wonderful visit and trip.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard of Cottonwood visited the Wendell Smiths Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cauthen visited in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tidwell and children. We decorated the Christmas tree Wednesday night before prayer meeting.

Bro. Clyde Somers, Beverly Rucker and Ann Smith visited a few minutes Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Black and Bobby.

Sorry to hear that Les Walker is in Veterans Hospital in Big Spring, but glad to hear that he is feeling better. Hope he will be out and at home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Black visited the Jimmy Cauthens Saturday night.

Joe Smith ate lunch with the Wendell Smiths Monday.

Bro. Clyde Somers and Beverly Rucker had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Rob Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones went to Abilene Sunday and got Louise Kilpatrick, who will visit with them during the holidays.

Joe Smith went to Westbrook Sunday and had dinner with the J. B. Harrises. Also having dinner there were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Lowe of Sand Springs.

We had our Christmas program at the church Sunday Sunday night. Mrs. Jon Hardwick and Mrs. Jennings of Baird helped Mr. and Mrs. Bill Skinner put on the program. After Santa Claus came and the gifts were passed out, we had refreshments of cookies, coffee and hot chocolate. About 30 attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Walker visited the Wendell Smiths Monday night.

Hell's Half Acre is a series of rough elevations about 21 miles southeast of Marathon, Texas.

Letters to Santa

DEAR SANTA: I am seven years old. I have been a good boy.

Please bring me an army set, a football game and house shoes. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

Thank you,
Jay Ringhoffer

DEAR SANTA: I am seven years old. I want a light luggage carrier, a vr-room motor and a basket for my bicycle. I also want a camera.

Love,
Jerry Dale Brown

DEAR SANTA: Will you bring me a Slinky toy and a BB gun. That is all I want. But I wish you would bring Mrs. Vestal some glasses so she can see my dotted "I"s and periods.

Bring Buddy a walky-talky and a Slinky toy and bring Mary Jo a Miss Barbie and a Slinky.

Love,
Ellamae Evans

DEAR SANTA: My name is Randy Weed. I live in Baird, Texas and I have been a good boy.

I want a Rock-em, Sock-em robot for Christmas. Please don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Your friend,
Randy Weed

DEAR SANTA: I would like a transistor radio and a little vanity. I have been a nice girl.

Please remember all the other boys and girls.

Love,
Kay Clark

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: I have been a good boy. Will you please bring me a rifle, a truck with a trailer and a coat.

Remember the other boys and girls also.

Thank you,
Don Kelly

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Please bring me a doll house, a doll with two dress for her, some fruit and candy.

Please remember my sister and brother.

Thank you very much,
Doris Tillet
642 Eugenia St., Baird

DEAR SANTA: I am seven years old. I want a ride track racing set and a battle wagon, vr-room motor, a camera and a monster lab.

Love,
Lynn Godfrey

Dear Santa: I love you and your helpers. Santa Claus, please bring me Bonnie Bright and Barbie for Christmas. I would like a color TV set. And a bird for Christmas. I would like a bicycle for Christmas. And I would like a hair dryer for my mother and a new camera for my father, and a Chatty sister and Chatty brother for my sister.

Love,
Bonnie Elzalda

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a Skipper doll and clothes, Jeans, leotards, knee-socks and a billfold.

Please remember all the other girls and boys.

Love,
Sonia Walker

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good girl. I keep my room clean and some times help with the dishes.

I would like a radio and some clothes. Thank you very much.

With love,
Doris Correll

Dear Santa: Bring me a Marine G.I. Joe, an erector 5-in-1 set, a Va-room dump truck and some G. I. Joe outfits.

My little sister wants a Skipperm and a Tiny Thumbalina.

Your friend,
David Smauley

Dear Santa: Merry Christmas, Santa. This is for you.

I want a BB gun and a rifle for Christmas. I will put up a stocking. Anything you put in I will like it Santa Claus. And don't forget by three brothers.

And for my father, bring a pan and my mother, too.

Love,
Rudy Gonzales

Dear Santa: On Christmas, Santa is coming to all the children's homes and I hope they get what they want.

I want a G.I. Joe and a Daniel Boone coat. Donna wants a Midge and Ken. Rena wants clothes for her Midge, Barbie and Ken and clothes for herself. Mother and father want a new TV.

With love,
Mike Black

Dear Santa: I hope that you will be able to leave my brothers and me some nice presents. We hope that you have a nice Christmas too. Don't forget my friends, too.

Me, myself, I want a football and a football coat, and a stocking full of candy.

Love,
Timothy Meyer

Dear Santa: I love you. You are a good Santa. Will you get me a dog? Santa will you bring me a bed for my dog?

With love,
Robert

Dear Santa: Will you bring me a coonskin hat and a deer knife for Christmas?

Don't forget the other children in the world.

With love,
Byron Hatchett

DEAR SANTA: I have been a nice girl. I would like for you to bring me a Midge, Skipper, watch balanced baton, house shoes and a Slinky. My sister wants the same things I do.

Please bring my brother some trucks.

Love,
Karen Cauthen

Dear Santa Claus: What I want for Christmas is an airgun and an army set and a transistor radio. Ricky wants a bicycle. Cindy wants a Thumbelina and Chris wants a Va-room tricycle. David wants a tricycle. Daddy wants a shoe-shine kit and mother wants a new car. Our class wants a new sink.

Please don't forget the other boys and girls.

Your friend,
Andy Vestal

MIDNIGHT MASS CHRISTMAS

Midnight mass is scheduled for 12 midnight Christmas at St. Joachim Catholic Church in Clyde. A second mass is scheduled for 8:30 a. m. Christmas Day. Confessions will be heard from 5 to 6 p. m. Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McIntosh, John and Monica, of Houston visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McIntosh and aunt Mrs. G. G. Bowen of Wichita Falls, also a guest in the McIntosh home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilbreath

Season's Sights, Sounds Proclaim It's A Joyful, Peaceful Time

It's Christmas, time to greet a friend, wrap a gift, help the needy. It's Christmas time, time to sing a carol, light a candle, trim a tree. It's Christmas, time to send a card, surprise a neighbor, delight a child. It's Christmas, time to welcome visitors, spread the festive board, gather the family together for everything good from food to fellowship.

Most of all, it's Christmas, time to say a prayer, count our many blessings, rejoice. It's Christmas, time to celebrate anew the very first Christmas of all, the Birthday of Christ.

It's Christmas, and throughout this community the sights and sounds of a joyful, festive season appear. All through the town, twinkling lights, fragrant

flowers and greens and a myriad of decorations show to every beholder the glad spirit of Christmas. Bells ring out and voices sing out, proclaiming the wonderful news.

Christmas is here. And because Christmas is here, steps are lighter, smiles are brighter, hearts are merrier.

On the way to Christmas, there may have been hours when everything seemed just too hectic — too many plans to make, too much to do, too little time. But as the great day arrives, there is time to pause, to see and to treasure the glow and the glory of Christmas. Then it is clear that every moment of preparation, every personal effort to make Christmas more complete was indeed well worth it.

Youngsters Told Where Santa Is 'Right At Home'

Along with "Why is the sky blue?" and "Why can't I see the wind?" the favorite question of children everywhere is very often "Where does Santa Claus live when Christmas is all over?"

Parents faced with this puzzler needn't get involved in explanations of just what and

where is the North Pole. They can answer, with a straight face and map to back them up, "Why Santa Claus, Indiana, of course."

Or how about Bells, Tennessee; Evergreen, Alabama; Holly, Washington; or Noel, Missouri, as suitable quarters for Santa?

These are just a sample of the many towns and villages all over the country that are named in the spirit of Christmas, in the hope of preserving the good will

and cheer of this happy season all year.

There's only one disadvantage to living in one of these towns. Local parents, faced with the question, "Where does Santa live?" certainly can't say, "Why, right here in Christmas, Arizona, son," or the next logical question would be, much to Dad's consternation, "Yippee! Why don't we go visit him?"

Greetings

AND BEST WISHES



We extend our greetings and warmest wishes for a very merry Christmas to you and your dear ones.

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Beauty Bar

MADGE — LIZ

Closed Dec. 24, 25, 26



MERRY Christmas
May your day be bright with the joys of Christmas.

Baird Radio & TV
THE DUTTONS

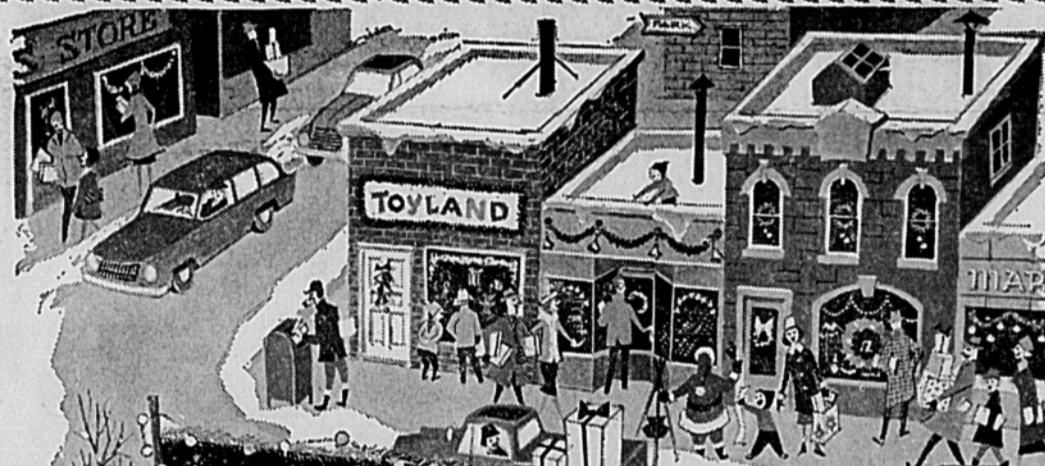
Baird



Greetings

Warm and cheery as the fire on the hearth are our wishes for you this happy Christmas Day.

Hereford Packing Co.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

it's Christmas ... and we'd like to extend our sincere wishes to one and all for an old-fashioned holiday filled with joy and cheer. May the special happiness of the holiday season be reflected throughout the days to come.

DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

Bob Norrell
Fred Cutbirth
Frank Windham
Fleming James
Howard E. Farmer
Randall C. Jackson
Reaves Hickman
Fred Goble
James Eubanks

EMPLOYEES

Viva Peek
Lucy Curtis
Alene Hodson
Eulless Corn
Sue Underwood
Robert M. Barnhill
Burma Warren
Mary Payne
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GREETINGS

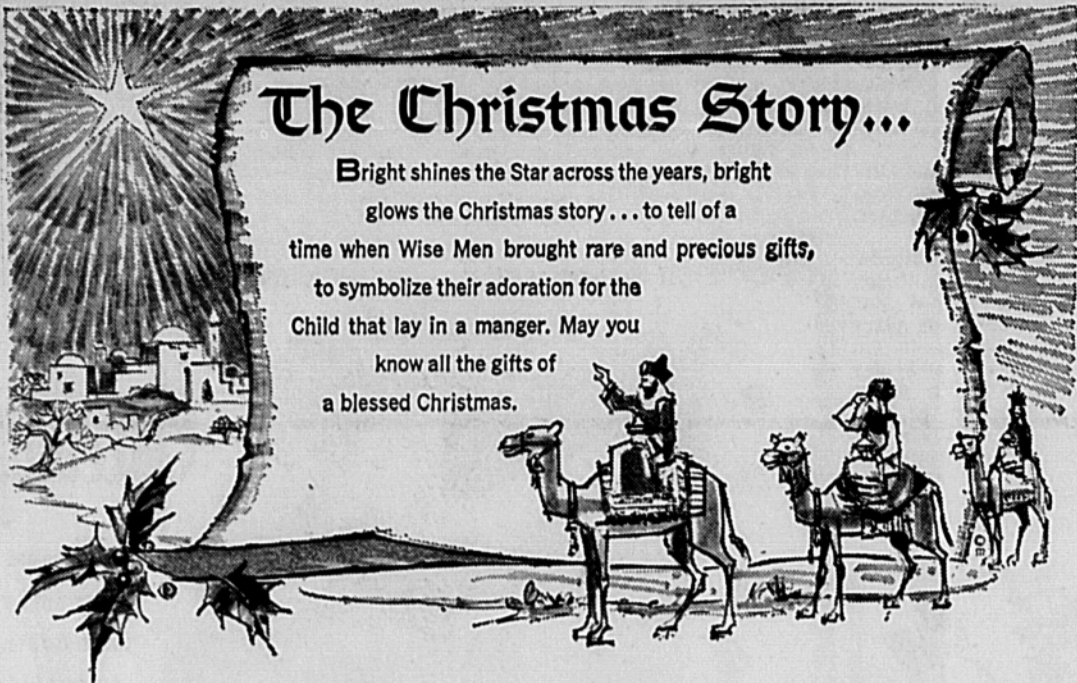
Glad tidings to all and our warmest wishes for the happiest of holidays. Please accept our sincerest thanks for your friendliness and patronage this past year. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

MILLER'S FOOD STORE

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD

The Christmas Story...

Bright shines the Star across the years, bright
glows the Christmas story... to tell of a
time when Wise Men brought rare and precious gifts,
to symbolize their adoration for the
Child that lay in a manger. May you
know all the gifts of
a blessed Christmas.



WARREN'S MODERN TAILORS

Letters To Santa...

DEAR SANTA:

I have been a good girl.
I would like for you to bring me a skipper, midges house shoes, watch, Slinky and a balanced baton.
My brother's name is Larry. He wants you to bring him some boots and a wrecker and truck.
Love,
Sharon Cauthen

DEAR SANTA:

I would like to have a car-racing set, and a mouse trap game.
I would like to have a view-master too.
I would like to have a spy detector game and electric football game.
I would like a camera most of all.
Yours truly,
Eva Black

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Would you bring me a ring a bride doll, a gun set and a boat, and please don't forget the other boys and girls.
Love,
Cheryl McIntosh.
DEAR SANTA:
I have been a good girl.
I want a Tressy doll.
Sharene Richardson.



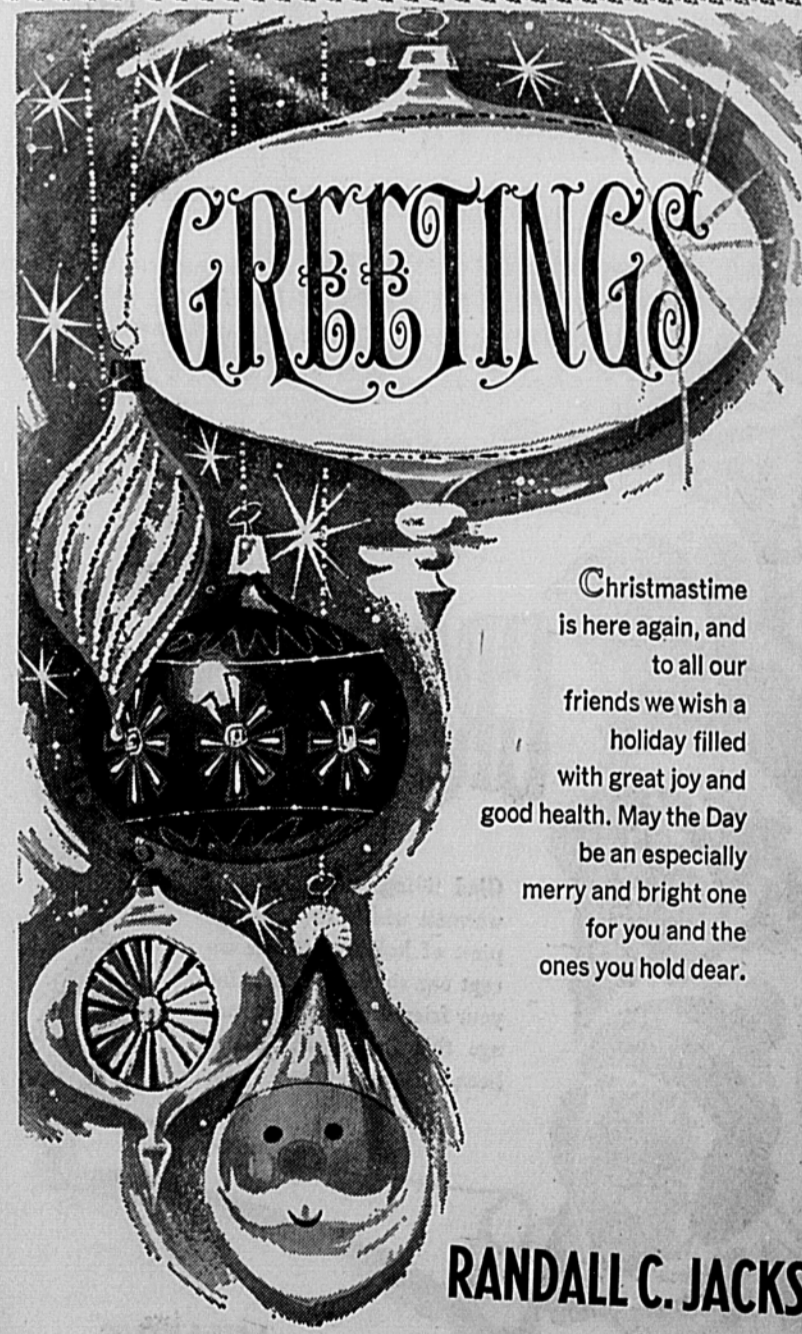
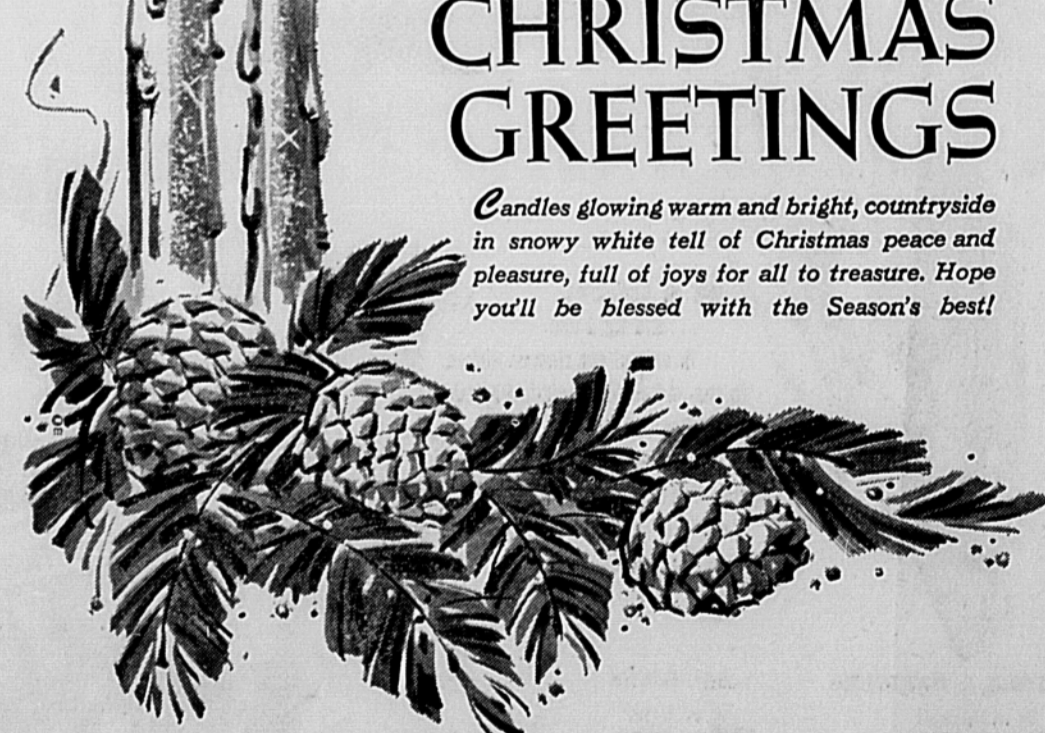
We're taking a
tip from Santa and
extending our very
warmest wishes for a
merry Yuletide to our
many good friends
and patrons.

Boydston Hardware



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Candles glowing warm and bright, countryside in snowy white tell of Christmas peace and pleasure, full of joys for all to treasure. Hope you'll be blessed with the Season's best!



Christmastime is here again, and to all our friends we wish a holiday filled with great joy and good health. May the Day be an especially merry and bright one for you and the ones you hold dear.

RANDALL C. JACKSON & J. RUPERT JACKSON Jr.

HOME TELEPHONE & ELECTRIC CO.

DEAR SANTA:

I want a Johnny Reb, a V-room bike, a farm set, a cavalry set, a stand-up army set and a Mighty Moe.

Thank you very much,
Jimmy Myers

DEAR SANTA:

I want a BB gun and I want a cowboy hat and I want a book and I want a rifle and I want a truck trailer.

Love,
Rudy

Traditional Recipes Featured Plum Pudding As Favorite Finale of Christmas Feast

For centuries, plum pudding has provided a flaming finale to the traditional Christmas feast.

Early in the 18th century, English cooks used the following quaintly worded recipe in making their holiday dessert:

"Take a quarter of a Peck of Flower and dry it, three Pounds of Currans, wash'd and picked clean, set them before a Fire to dry, half a Pound of Raisins of the Sun, wash'd and stoned and shred small, half a Pound of blanch'd Almonds, beat very fine with Rose-Water, a Pound of Butter melted with a Pint of Cream, but not put in hot, a Pint of Ale-Yeast, a Pennyworth of Saffron steep'd in a Pint of Sack, ten or twelve eggs, but half the White of them, a quarter of an ounce of Cloves and Mame, one large Nutmeg grated, a few Caraway-Seeds, Citron, Canded Orange and Lemon Peel slic'd; you must make it thin, or there must be more Butter and Cream; You may perfume it with Amber-greece ty'd in a Muslin Bag, and steep'd in the Sack all Night.

"If you ice it, take a Pound of Double-refin'd Sugar sifted; then put some of the Sugar, and beat it up with the White of an Egg, and beat it was a Whisk, and a little Orange flower-fater, but do not over-wet it, then throw in all Sugar by Degrees, then beat it all an Hour; the Cake will take so long a baking; then draw it, and wait it over with a Brush, and put it in again for half a quarter of an Hour."

A 19th century recipe for plum pudding suggests that

just before serving, the holiday hostess turn it out of the bowl and put on top of it a few squares of cut sugar. Then she should pour on a little brandy set it afire and proudly present it to her guests.

The author of this same Victorian recipe cautiously urges that "only a little be given to the young people, as it might affect them."

Today, plum pudding, from Mother's modern kitchen or the neighborhood bakery, still retain its position among the traditional Christmastime treats.

Holy Tree Blooms Every Christmas

Every Christmas, the phenomenon of the blossoming Holy Thorn Tree occurs in England and Washington, D. C.

Faithfully on December 25th, a tree called the Holy Thorn or Glastonbury Thorn blooms in the ancient English town of Glastonbury. Sometime during the same month, an off-shoot of the same tree bursts into bloom in Washington's Cathedral of the Close.

According to legend, two days before Christmas 63 years after

the birth of Christ, St. Joseph of Arimathea neared Glastonbury, carrying with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper.

While pausing to rest at the

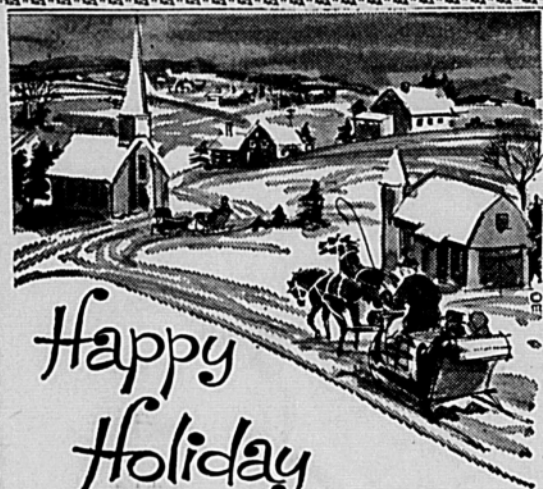
top of a hill, he fell asleep on the ground, where he took root. The next Christmas Eve, it turned into a tree covered with blossoms.



Cheerful Greetings

To our loyal patrons we express our sincerest appreciation.

Thompson Grocery



Happy Holiday

The holiday season is here . . . and in the midst of all the merry-making, we'd like to extend best wishes and greetings to our friends.

Peek's Fashion Cleaners



Christmas Blessings

Blessed be the Day of Christ's birth, and may this Christmas season bring us all lasting joy and peace.

Hughes Phillips 66 Service

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hughes and Lloyd Ray

Seeking Log Was Whole Family Affair

The traditional Yule log survives today more in art, song and story than as an actual "blazing Yule." After all, not every home has a fireplace nowadays, and even when a fireplace exists, its proportions are usually far from sufficient to accommodate the Yule logs of yesteryear.

During ancient times in England, however it was a solemn family ritual to select the log, dry it and burn it according to custom. Logs from fruit-bearing trees were preferred.

The whole family went along to select the log, as this was thought to bring good luck for the coming year, and to frighten away any witches.

If the log burned out quickly or did not burn brightly, it meant bad luck ahead.

On Christmas morning, the children of the household beat upon the log and called for gifts to come forth. They were scolded by their parents, sent outside and, after a time, called in to open the gifts, which had been set near the log.

Letters To Santa . . .

DEAR SANTA:

I am a 4-year-old boy. I want a cattle trailer, cowboy boots, and a whole bunch of toys.

Please bring my sisters something for Christmas.

Love,
Tommy Faircloth
Route 1,
Baird, Texas

DEAR SANTA:

This is what I would like to have for Christmas.

A toy ray gun, an electric train, a record player. And that is what I would like to have.

Love,
Greg Fisher



Thank you for letting us serve you — best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday.

Dunlap Texaco Station



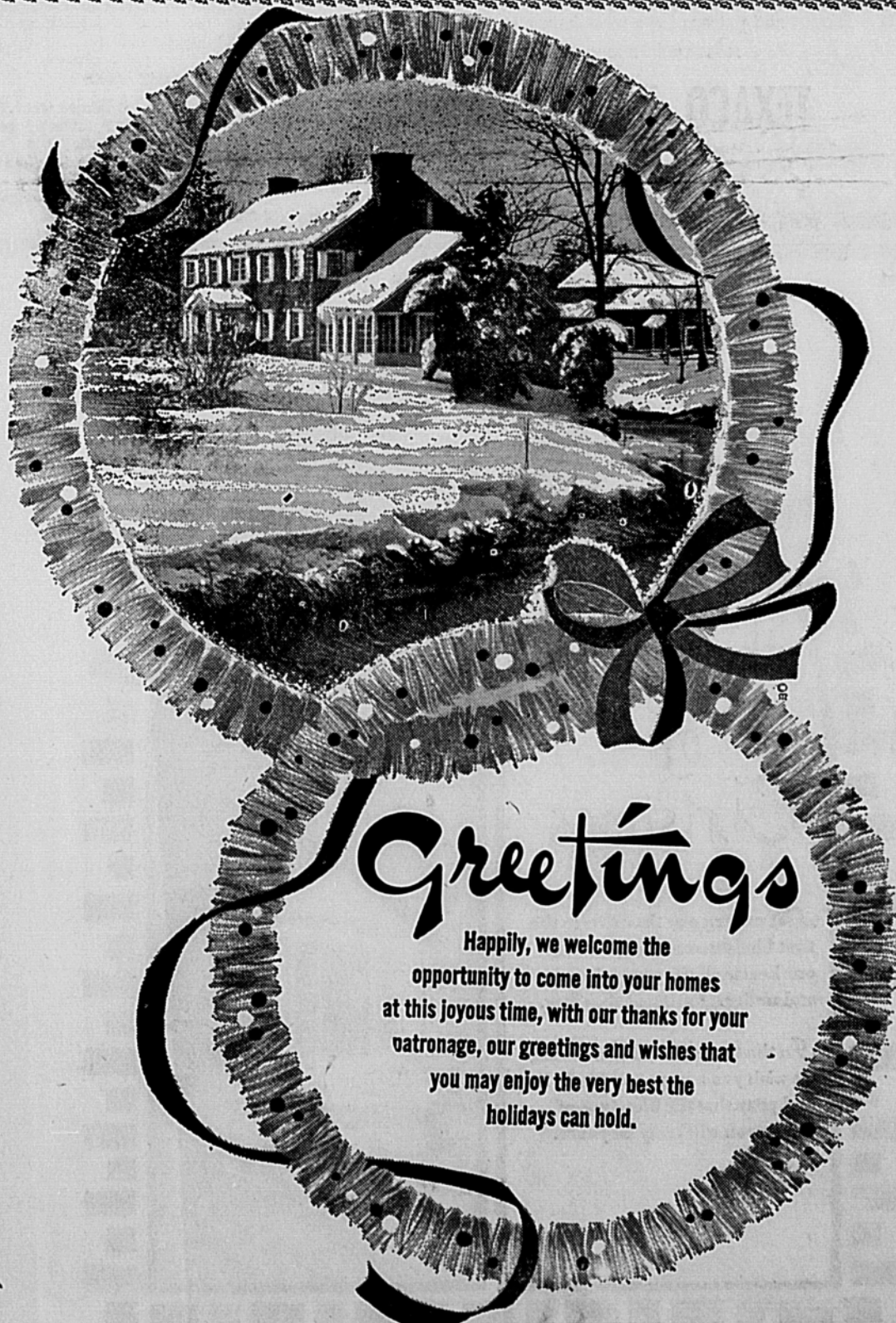
With all Good Wishes for Christmas

The scene is set for gladness and cheer . . . so we send our brightest wishes with a happy "Thank you" for allowing us to serve you.

Margie's Beauty Shop

MARGIE - LEOTIS - LOIS

We Will Be Closed December 25, 26, 27, 28



Greetings

Happily, we welcome the opportunity to come into your homes at this joyous time, with our thanks for your patronage, our greetings and wishes that you may enjoy the very best the holidays can hold.

NOEL NOEL

The first Noel . . . a child was born. Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude for the many blessings of Christmas. May your holiday be rich in spiritual joys.

Federal Land Bank

BAIRD MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT





Merry Christmas

Up hill, down dale we go to spread glad tidings of joy and festivity! It would take ten coaches to hold all the good wishes we have to give our good friends and patrons for a most happy and hearty holiday season and many, many more still to come!

TEXACO, INCORPORATED

Emil Ringhoffer, Consignee

Message of Christmas Read and Studied

"And lo, the Star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was." Matthew 2:9.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:16.

From two who became His disciples come the words that tell the story of that Holy Night, the first Christmas. Matthew, the tax collector wrote of the Star that shone in the east, and of wise men who followed it to find and worship Him.

Luke the physician wrote of shepherds watching in the fields and herald angels singing in the heavens.

At church services during this Christmas season the words of the tax collector and physician will be read and studied once again, with ever-deepening meaning.

And as the story is told anew, it is also reflected in the many observances of Christmas, both in churches and in homes.

The joyous sound of carols harks back to the first of all carols, the words of the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The glow of candles symbolizes the birth of Christ as the Light of the World, and it also mirrors the eternal gleam of the Star of Bethlehem.

The spirit of giving takes guidance from the gifts of the Wise Men, who brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him.

Above all, at Christmas, mankind experiences once again the reverence, wonder and rejoicing of the wise men, of whom Matthew says,

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him."

TALLEST TREE

Tallest Christmas tree? In the U. S. the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Ind. "tree" — the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. At Christmas, the 246-structure is decorated with electric candles and stars.

Most Families Prefer 'Personal' Decoration

Candles, apples, colored papers — these were among the early tree ornaments.

Later, individual countries developed their own tree-decorating ideas. Straw windmills and birdcages appeared on Lithuanian trees, while the Poles devised ornaments from feathers and ribbons.

Tree decorations contributed by Scandinavian countries were as various as fish nets and miniature flags.

The modern array of tree ornaments is vast and imaginative, but even so many families like to add their own personal, "old-fashioned" touch to the tree, with decorations such as paper chains and strings of popcorn and cranberries.



Merry Christmas

Our heartiest good wishes for a happy and joyous Yuletide go to you and yours.

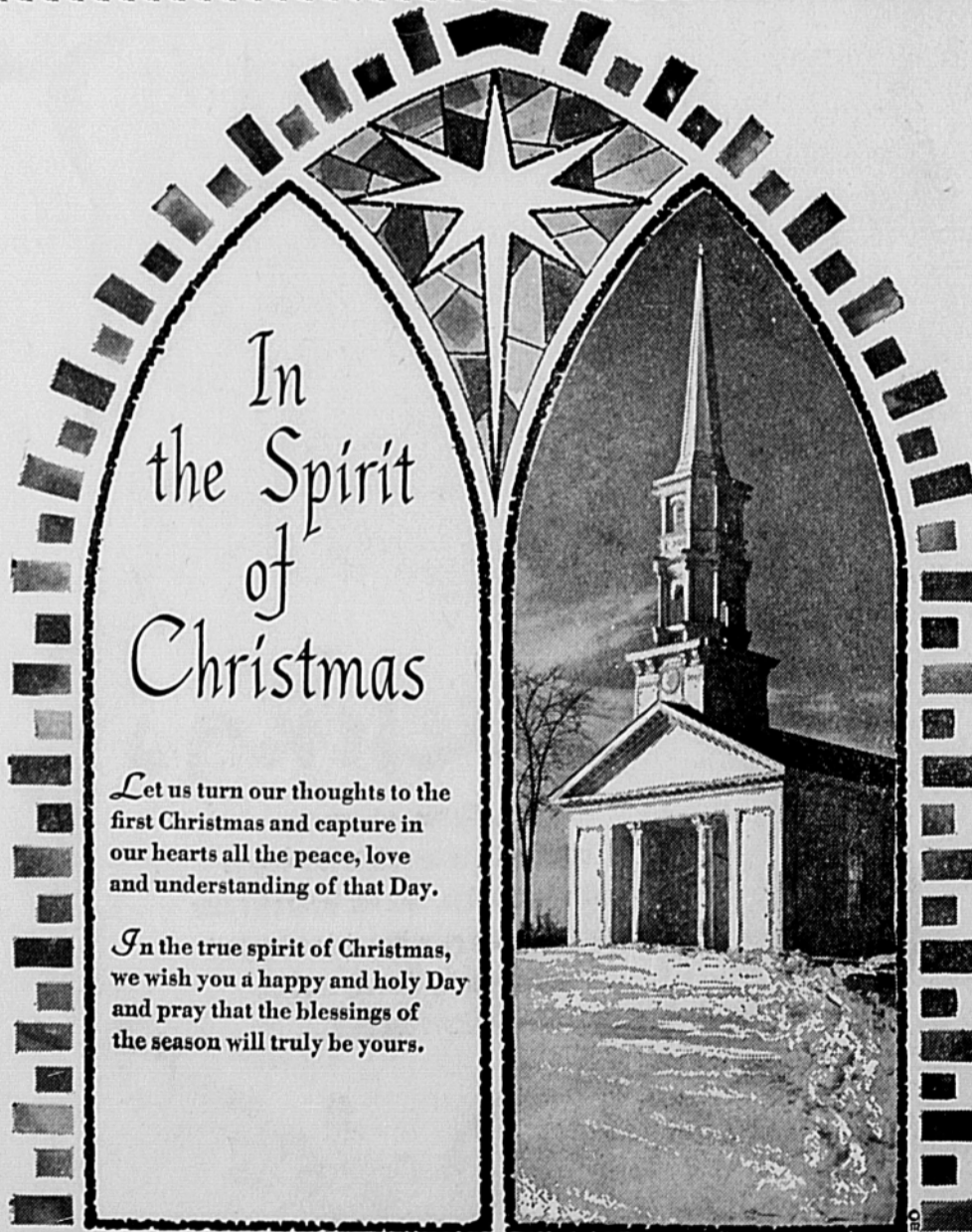
EARL BLAKLEY
Dirt Contractor



Our good wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday to all our friends. We thank you for your most kind support.

Greetings for Christmas

**Jerry Loper Farm & Home Supply
City Drug**



In the Spirit of Christmas

Let us turn our thoughts to the first Christmas and capture in our hearts all the peace, love and understanding of that Day.

In the true spirit of Christmas, we wish you a happy and holy Day and pray that the blessings of the season will truly be yours.



TO WISH YOU A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

Let us remember, as we celebrate His birth, that our duty to mankind is ever growing in a world that gropes for peace and understanding. With trust in Him... and with the spirit of love, we must renew our faith and dedicate our efforts to accomplish that ideal.

**Godfrey
Funeral Home**

Callaha County Farmers Cooperative, Inc.

Baird

Cross Plains

Clyde



Sincere Christmas Wishes

Hope your Day is wreathed with happiness and your holiday season is one of joy and good cheer. Merry Christmas!

Lawrence Drug

Candles Glow At Christmas Time

Many traditional candle customs brighten today's Christmas celebrations.

From Ireland comes the custom of putting a lighted candle in the window on Christmas Eve to light the Holy Family's way. The candles denote a house where the Holy Family would have been welcomed, not turned away as they were at the inns in Bethlehem.

In Germany, too, candles are placed in windows to provide a glowing welcome for the Virgin Mary and a host of angels who the Germans believe pass over the countryside each Christmas.

In many countries, such as Germany, beautifully decorated candles are an important part of Christmas celebrations. Enhanced with religious and other figures, they add an artistic and reverent touch to holiday festivities.

Similarly, many still celebrate the medieval custom of lighting a giant Christmas candle that burns brightly until Twelfth Night.

Candles Were Earliest Christmas Tree Lights

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, is credited by some legend collectors with decorating the first lighted Christmas tree. He lit candles and placed them on the boughs of an evergreen — a custom that would be frowned on today, when fire safety is the rule in Christmas decorating.

By lighting the candles and decking the tree, he hoped to show his family some small reflection of the glory and inspiration of the heavens on the first Holy Night.

White House Guides Yule Traditions

Many of the cherished traditions which make Christmas merrier in the United States had their start in the White House.

George Washington, first President of the United States, surrounded himself with family and grandchildren at cheerful Christmas parties, and set the theme of a "merry Christmas" for his country. Washington also furthered the use of American holly as a decoration by growing the glossy-leaved tree on his estate at Mount Vernon.

Andrew Jackson was fond of giving large, colorful parties for young and old on Christmas Day. Frozen ices, a novelty at that time, were served, and there was a small, frosted pine tree, surrounded by toys.

Franklin Pierce introduced the modern Christmas tree to the White House in 1856.

Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, told reporters he planned an "old fashioned Christmas" including a Christmas tree, for his family, and urged others to join him in observing the custom.

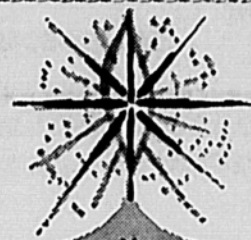
Conservation-minded Theodore Roosevelt once refused to allow a Christmas tree in the White House. His son, Archie, smuggled one in, however, and the President finally relented.

First lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.

IN HOLLAND

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph would cause no excitement in the Netherlands, where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas' sleigh.

The great horse is named Slepner, and the Dutch children fill their wooden shoes with hay for him. This gives him energy to get St. Nick to every house.



Joy

May the peace and happiness of the Yuletide Season be yours



Sam & Stella Gilliland



Greetings

Our holiday would not be complete if we didn't announce our greetings and thanks to all our friends and patrons.

Wilma's Cafe



Holiday Greetings

We're grateful to be spending Christmas among all our friends and neighbors... as a measure of our gratitude, may we extend our very best wishes to you for a happy, healthy and festive season.

Baird Chamber of Commerce



Our wish for you... the pick of Santa's pack, and the best of everything else for your Christmas celebration. It's our sincere hope that this holiday season will be an especially happy and memorable time for you, your family and friends.

Hardwick Insurance Agency



Greetings

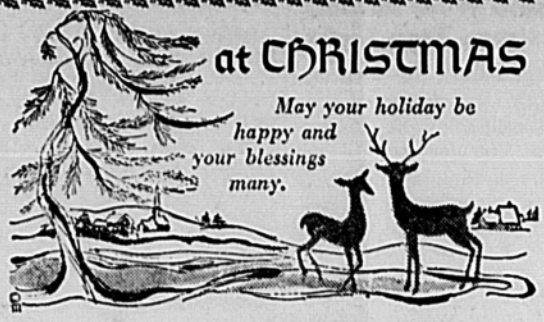
Christmas is a feeling... a spirit of well-being and cheer that pervades the very air in this wonderful season. We offer you our sincere wishes for the happiest of Christmases for you and yours.

McELROY'S



Christmas greetings
Carol joyfully...
Christmas is here. All the best to you and yours.

LAWRENCE PASTRY SHOP



at CHRISTMAS
May your holiday be happy and your blessings many.

JONES EQUIPMENT CO.
SMOKEY EDWARDS, Rep.

Letters To Santa...

DEAR SANTA:
I am seven years old and my sister is three.
We would like a Charming Chatty and a Barbie doll and some clothes for Christmas.
Love,
Teresa and Lisa Price

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a bicycle and boots, and a Skipper doll. Please bring something for my two big brothers. I have been a nice girl.
Please remember all the other boys and girls.
I love you,
Teresa Parks

DEAR SANTA:
I am seven years old and in the 2nd grade.
I want a Bugs Bunny.
Love,
Pat Earp

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want an electric racing set, an airplane, bb-gun and a racing car.
Love,
Charles Fitzgerald



May the Spirit of Christmas

fill your heart with the greatest joy and peace. Merry Christmas, everyone.

Reese Texaco Station



Silent Night, holy night...

Hope your Holiday begins and ends on the happiest of notes, with joy and peace for you, your family and friends. Merry Christmas!

A&P Grocery



Merry Christmas

Here comes Santa with a sleighful of merriest Christmas wishes for our many kind friends and all those they hold dear. We hope your holiday will be an especially joyous one, holding a wealth of happy hours. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to serve you, and we thank you for your most kind patronage.

YOUR BAIRD AUTOMOBILE DEALERS

Jones-Franke Pontiac Rockey Motor Co. Check Chevrolet Co.



Greetings

Here's to a holiday merry and bright, with bells ringing, carol singing, greetings and treatings, gifts and gladness galore.

And here's to you! We sincerely wish you the season's best, and gratefully express our appreciation for your friendly patronage.

Bowman Lumber Co.

CLYDE, TEXAS



Christmas Greetings

As we greet the Christmas season, it is with deepest gratitude that we thank our friends for their kind support during the past year.

Hatley's Dairyland
HIWAY 80 WEST

Letters To Santa ...

DEAR SANTA:
I want a bicycle and a guitar for Christmas, and I want a truck with a trailer house on it. Thank you very much,
Jerry Wilson

DEAR SANTA:
I am eight years old. I want a Ken doll, a Barbie case, a Barbie house and a telephone that you can talk over.
Love,
Debbie Alexander

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I think you, Santa, are a very nice man, and now let us get to the gifts.
Barry wants a stuffed monkey. Linda wants a Ken, Barbie and Skipper, chalk board and one gun holster. David, that is me. I want a saw, hammer and nails, mouse trap game, two gun holster and a rifle, battle of Viking and Knights.
Please bring something for everyone in the whole world. I hope you will.
Your friend,
David Williams

DEAR SANTA:
I have been a good boy. I want a slinky toy and a car racing set. I want a rock-em, sock-em and a big bruiser. Please bring me a dart board and a truck.
Remember all the other boys and girls.
Love,
Randy Harris
2nd Grade

DEAR SANTA:
I am six years old, but I will have a birthday before Christmas.
I would like to have a Barbie doll and a Barbie case. I have been good this year and I promise to be good next year.
Love,
Terry Price



A Friendly

wish to you for the Yuletide, hoping you and yours have a Merry Christmas!

Thompson's Variety



CHRISTMAS CHEER

Here's hoping Santa's reindeer delivery comes through with your special wishes, including all of the joy and cheer that goes with Christmas.

Smitty's Premier Station



Christmastime, and once again we pause to wish good friends all the special joys and blessings of the season. May your Day bring an abundance of happiness and peace.

Texas Electromation

THE ADAMS FAMILY
Clyde, Texas

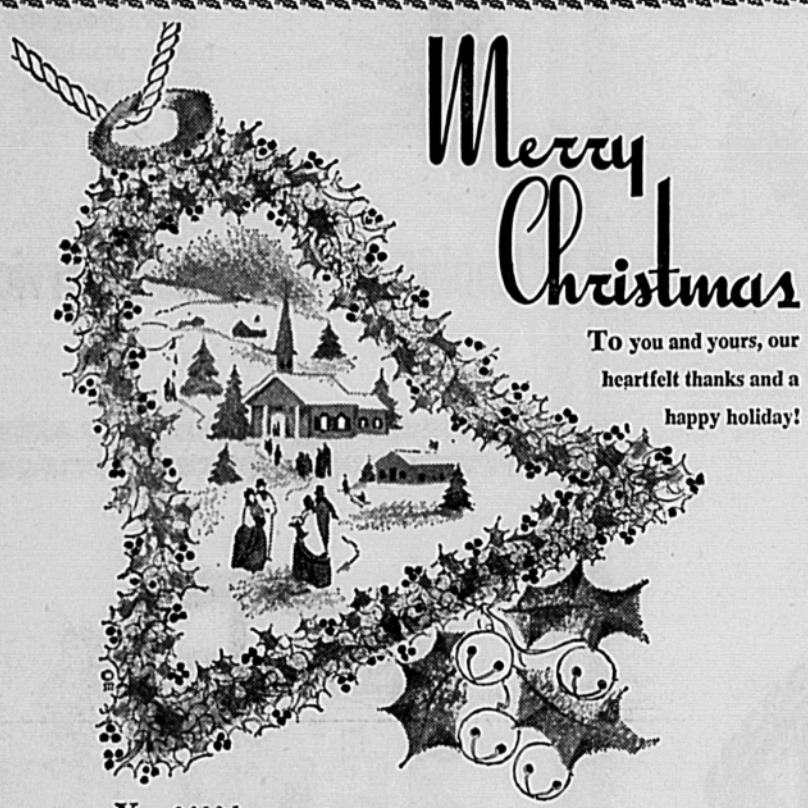


Rejoice

May the glad tidings of Christmas be with you.

LUTTRELL GULF STATION

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Luttrell

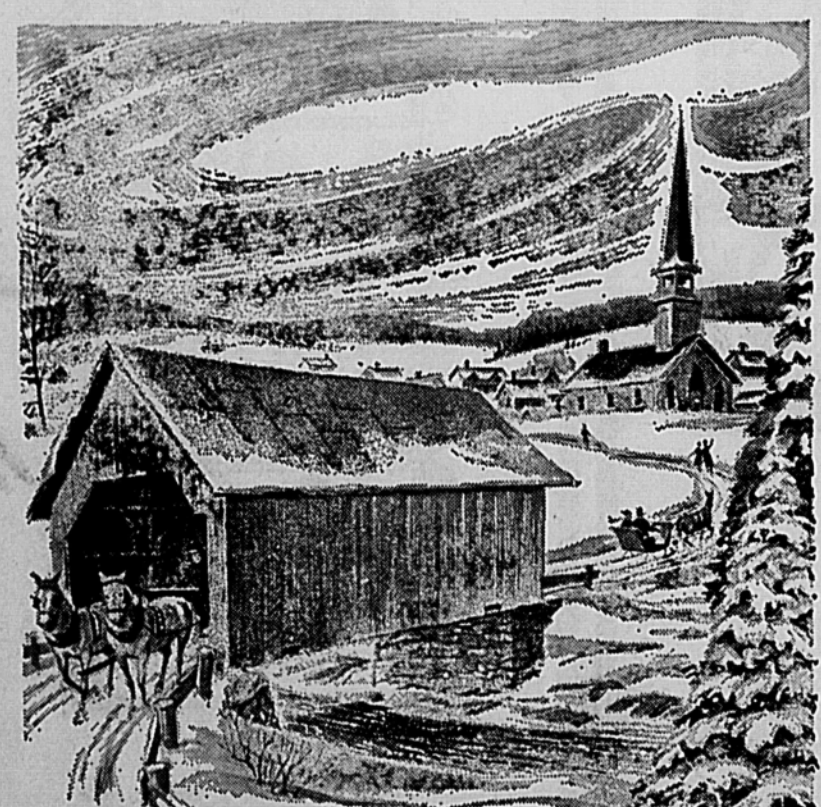


Merry Christmas

To you and yours, our heartfelt thanks and a happy holiday!

Your faithful patronage has made our Christmas brighter.

McGowen's Texaco Station



GREETINGS

Here's wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas, filled with all the joys of fellowship and good cheer, and a holiday season brightened by many merry moments for your entire family.

Reeves Lumber Co.



GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

Bells ring out merrily for all our loyal friends and patrons. May we wish you the same generous measure of happiness you've given us over the years with your valued patronage.

Russell-Surles Abstract Co.

Farris and Vada Bennett

O. HOLY NIGHT...



Reverent Dignity
Every service we conduct is planned with devoted care. In your time of sorrow we are always ready to serve you, comfort you and sustain you.
GODFREY FUNERAL HOME
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PIRESTONE TIRES
We Are Always On The Job TO SERVE YOU
OPEN SUNDAYS
McGowen's Texaco Station
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HOLIDAY
 of the United States to
 recognition to Christmas
 a legal holiday was Ala-
 in 1836.

FROSTED AND FRINGED
 Christmas cards of 1870 were
 frosted and fringed with heavy
 silk. The folder-type card, so

much in evidence today, was
 not popular during the 19th
 century, when single cards were
 more frequently seen.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The sounds and scents of Christmas fill the air with joy and merriment. May your Day be filled with these pleasures.

BLONDY'S DRIVE-IN
DALE & FANNIE'S DAIRY BAR

Legends Surround Use Of Tree at Christmas

Why a tree at Christmas? One early legend says that all the trees burst into bloom on the night Christ was born.

Folk tales of ancient times tell of a huge tree in a forest, lighted with many candles, some of which were straight and some bent. At the top was an Infant with a halo.

The tree was meant to represent humanity, the candles, people good and bad; and the Infant, the Baby Jesus.

Another explanation links today's Christmas tree to ancient feasts of the winter equinox, when trees were adorned with trinkets.

St. Boniface, an English missionary to Germany, is said to have told converts that the fir should be their holy tree, replacing the oak, sacred in Druid tree worship, and thus beginning the custom of a decorated fir.

Many are the legends, but one thing is certain. Nowadays Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the tree.

Each Christmas Seems Most Memorable Ever

No two Christmases are ever alike — but this one, surely, must be the most memorable of all. Each year it seems so, and each year its true. Every Christmas is more delightful than the last, if only because it is enriched by one more memory of Christmas past.

Memories and traditions mount up to make the Christmas customs of today. Most such customs began so long ago that their exact and accurate origin is hidden in the mists of time, and several theories may be put forward to explain why and how each custom developed.

Happily, the wealth of legend and lore woven about Christmas is pleasing rather than confusing. Especially at this season, a touch of the magical and mystical is more to be welcomed than a deluge of precise factual detail, and one of the special charms of Christmas customs is the hint of mystery surrounding them.

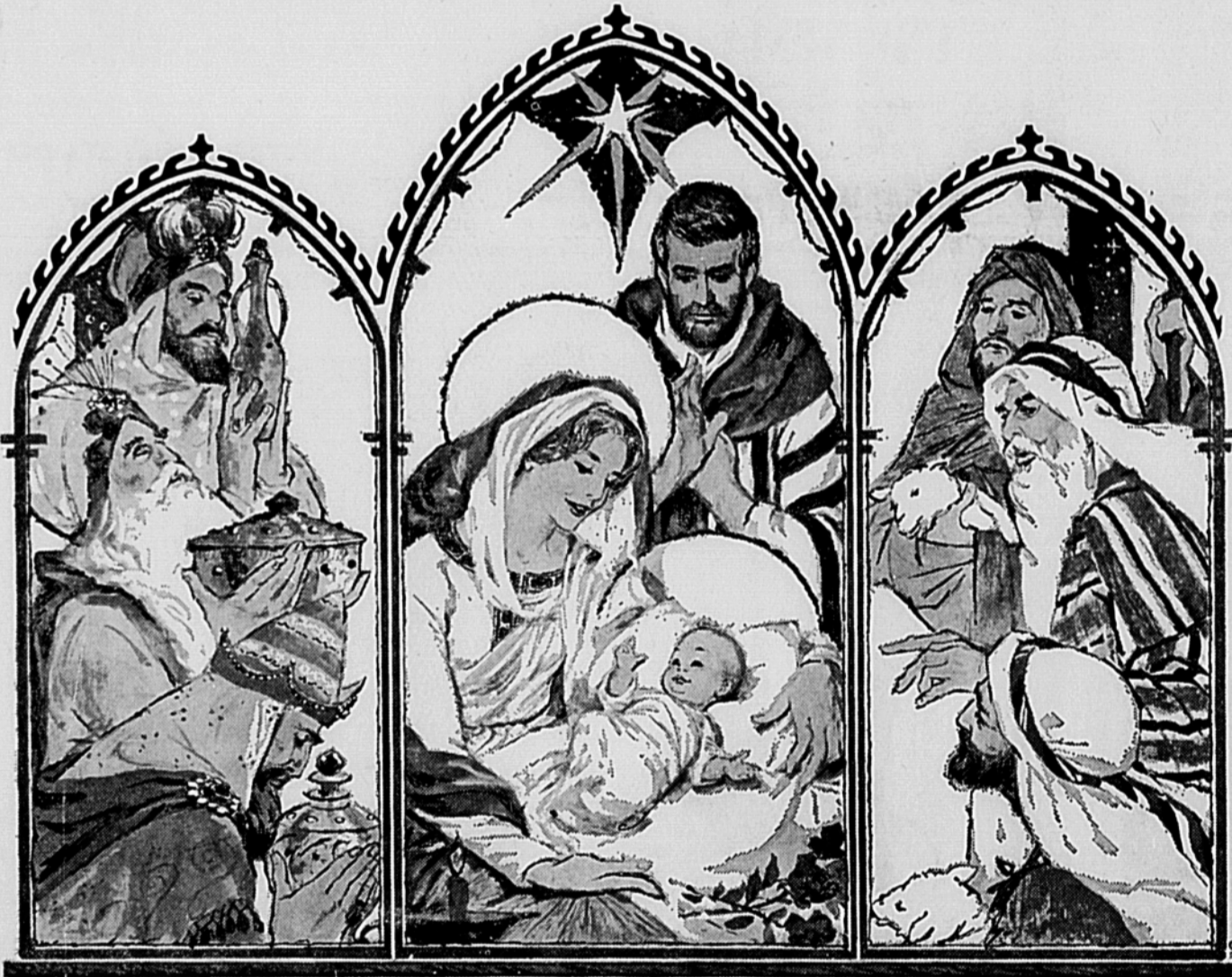


Peace

As we journey along the road of life, may the light of the Christmas star hearten and inspire us, strengthening our resolve to do all we can to achieve lasting peace on earth.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



"Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." To humble shepherds keeping watch over their flocks in starlit fields, the triumphant message of the herald angels burst forth in fullest glory. And for the Wise Men from afar, the brilliant light of a Star shone in the heavens, guiding them on their way. Then to the sacred manger, shepherds and Wise Men came, to worship and rejoice. Each year, as we hear the Christmas story and welcome anew the Christ Child in our hearts, we find a new meaning for life, a new hope for the future. For Christmas is not an ancient tale of bygone time. Christmas lives. Christmas is now. Christmas is ever wondrous, ever radiant with joy and promise. May all its blessings be yours.

'Rabbit' Jones Premier Service

West Hiway 80



When the Holiday Season rolls 'round, it gives us real satisfaction to be able to say "Merry Christmas" and "Many Thanks" to all our friends. Hope your Day is a happy one!

Turner Butane

NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

The Putnam football and pep squad banquet was held Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Victor Hotel in Cisco. Gifts were presented to the coach, Mr. Don Jobe by the football team, and to Mrs. Clyde Brown by the pep squad.

Gerald Williams, coach of the Ranger Junior College was guest speaker. His subject was "The Importance of Sports in Education." Approximately 50 attended.

The 4-H Club of Putnam High School had their Christmas party and tree Tuesday.

SCHOOL NEWS

First and Second Grade
We are looking forward to our holiday season. We are happy to have Terry Myers back with us. His grandfather died. We were so sad and they have our sincere sympathy. Jimmy Jones went with Richard Wagley to Abilene Saturday. Evelyn Wagley told our class

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about their family having a new puppy. They enjoy him but they must handle him with care. Sheri Price spent Saturday in Abilene. She visited her cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Allen of Midland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet Sunday. Ralph Mitchell and three sons of Houston came in Sunday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet.

Mr. and Mrs. Zulus Mehaffey of Lake Leon were Monday visitors with her sisters, Betty, Ruth and Mabel Mobley. Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Carrico and daughter, Carlie, of Baird were Sunday visitors with his mother Mabel Carrico and Betty and Ruth Mobley. Clifford Smith of Dallas spent Wednesday and Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Speegle and family of Ft. Davis were Thursday visitors with his sister, Mrs. Vernon Donaway and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lee Ramsey and daughter Lisa of El Paso are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Donaway and Jack Ramsey. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle of Gorman and Mrs. Teresa Mosley of Virginia were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Donaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hedrick and son of San Diego, Calif., are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hedrick.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank were business visitors in Baird Wednesday.

Dr. Royce Pruet of Abilene was a Sunday visitor with Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Pruet.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Pruet and family of Clyde were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pruet.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Rutherford and Laverne visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Speegle and Mrs. Clara Gilbert in Cisco Sunday. They talked to their daughter, Mrs. Betty Speegle and family, who are stationed in England, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Overton of Sweetwater are spending the holidays with Mr. Tom Butler and his relatives in Glenrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hayes, Mrs. Artie Bolick and son of Abilene were Sunday visitors with their Cook relatives here. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ellis of Atwell, Fred Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Ellis of Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Everett of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Buel Everett of Big Spring.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Drue Sprawls Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard O'Brien of Olden, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sprawls, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sprawls of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Holder of Stanton and Mrs. Muri Reed of Cisco.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa:
I hope I have been good. Remember all the boys and girls. I want a BB gun with a scope and a Slinky.
Love,
Jerry Nettles

Dear Santa:
I want a Slinky. I also want a Commando set. I want some clothes, please.
Roger Reynolds.

Dear Santa:
I want a Slinky. I also want a Shrinkin Violette. I do want a dressing table. Please remember my mother and daddy.
Laura wants a rocking chair. I want a Skipper or an Allendoll, please.
Love,
Laura and Ginger Mills

Dear Santa:
I want a Buffet set and a Skipper doll.
Brenda Chapman

Dear Santa:
I hope I have been good. Remember all the boys and girls. I want a guitar.
Raymond Threet

Dear Santa:
My name is Kathy. I want a Miss Barbie. My mother has the sore throat. I will leave a cookie for you.
Love,
Kathy Hurley

Dear Santa:
I hope I have been good. Remember all the boys and girls. I want an electric pinball machine and a Bazooka.
Love,
Jackie Ray Bentley

Dear Santa:
I want a Skipper doll.
Betty Threet

Dear Santa:
I want a Slinky and a pair of skates and a bride doll and some dishes too. I want a bicycle.

I hope I have been good. Remember all the boys and girls. I want a dressing table. I guess I have to close now. I'll be seeing you, good-bye.
Love,
Patricia Meador

Dear Santa:
Santa, I want a Shrinkin Violette. I hope you get some rest. Why don't you stop by the First and Second grade room in Putnam, Texas. We made Rudolph in our room.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Sheri Price

Dear Santa:
I hope I have been good. I want a Jack-in-the-Box. Remember all the boys and girls.
Love,
Nancy Kay Wagley

Dear Santa:
I want a doll.
Love,
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Hi neighbor! My, wasn't last week a whizzer of a cold spell? Was the kind of weather you wore long-handles and I happened to have some and they felt pretty good. Thursday was an awful day, had to go over to Cisco to shop some. I went to see Fay and Emmett Wood a bit too, didn't do much shopping. did a lot of looking. Friday night, Burette and Johnny Mae Ramsey and I went over to Cisco to see the Woods again. Sleeted and rained on us all the way over, but we made it.

Lynn Tatom of Sweetwater visited Saturday with Mark and Ollie Burnam. Think he is out of school for the holidays.

Visited a while the other evening with the Travis Chapmans, Jewell Shirley and wife and son were there too. Tim Ferguson and Ivan Hurley were there and the boys were having a great time.

Mrs. Joe Hurley had her tonsils removed one day last week in Abilene.

Bro. John May and wife and son, Scott Fall, Burette and Johnny Mae a Ramsey and I had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Nichols. Was a delicious dinner and we had a real nice time.

After church services Sunday night, the people of the Baptist church met in the home of Mark and Ollie Burnam for a fellowship. We had a sing-song, a lot of us were off-key and had husky voices but we really enjoyed it and had a nice time. Refreshments were served. No, we didn't have Santa Claus. About twenty of us there.

Ollie and Mark Burnam had dinner Sunday with Mrs. Mary Ramsey.

We are sorry to hear Mrs. Will Jobe is sick and in the hospital at Cisco. We hope she soon gets better.

Guess I better get this in the mail. Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see you next week.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I want a Ken Midge and Skipper, a Barbie case and a Chatty Cathy.
Shella McPherson

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I want a doctor set and a Thumblina doll. Get Mrs. Talley some glasses so she can see my number work better.
Cindy Vestal

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I want a Barbie doll and some clothes.
Linda Blankenship

Dear Santa Claus:
I am waiting for Christmas to come. I want some Barbie clothes and a Charming Chatty doll, and a Shrinkin Violette doll and a poodle and wigs. I hope you have them for me.
Your friend,
Terri Burleson

Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for what you gave me for last Christmas. This Christmas I want a new bike and some doll clothes.
Your friend,
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Love,
Danny Henry

Dear Santa:
I hope I have been good. Please bring me a baby doll. I hope my brothers have been good, too.
Love,
Evelyn Wagley

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a horse and trailer and a Vroom motor and a Mr. Ed puppet. I have been very good this year.
Your friend,
Larry Newton

Dear Santa Claus:
Thank you for the toy. I thank you for the fruit. I want a movie and a pretty doll. I also want a pair of high heels.
With love,
Cynthia

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Vroom, dump truck and a Johnny Seven and gun.
With love,
Craig Franke

Dear Santa:
I want a Penny Brite doll, and a Penny Brite bedroom suite and a Barbie Fashion Shop. My little brother wants a tractor for Christmas. Don't forget the other children.
Your friend,
C. Ursula Walker

Dear Santa:
I want a big baby doll with clothes and doll stroller and a Slinky and I want an Alan. My brother wants a G.I. Joe with tents and clothes. My little sister wants a doll, too. Bring mama, daddy and big brother something they like. And my little sister and I want some pajamas with feet in them. But don't forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Cheryl Ann Greenway

Dear Santa:
I want a Pat-A-Burp doll and a Barbie bed. My little brother wants army set and an army tent and a G.I. Joe. Now don't forget.
Love,
Marsha Talley

Dear Santa:
On Christmas day, I would like for you to bring my father a Mason ring. Will you bring my mother an electric hair dryer? Please bring my sisters a stuffed skunk and bring my brother a stuffed tiger and bring me a Daniel Boone suit.
Your friend,
Junior Myers

Dear Santa:
Will you bring me a Skipper and some luggage for my dolls? Our teacher's name is Mrs. Vestal. She is a very nice teacher. Don't forget the other boys and girls. We hope they have a Merry Christmas too.
With love,
Kathy Jones

Dear Santa:
Will you bring me a Skipper, Slinky, puppet, Vac-U-Form? My mother and daddy said that we could not have too many toys. Lynn said she wanted a puppet and a doll. Sherry said she wanted a doll and doll bottle. And last of all comes Debbie and she said she wanted a talking doll and a bottle. My mother and daddy, well I don't know what they want.
Your friend,
Vanissa Favor

NOTICE OF ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Water District Office in the City of Baird, Callahan County, Texas, on the 12th day of January 1965, for the purpose of electing three Directors of Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.
The officers of said election are:

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talking horse.
Thank you,
Vicki Bradley

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 5 years old. Will you please bring me a BB gun, record player and bring my little sister a doll and a doll bed?
Don't forget all the little boys and girls.

Love,
Tom Walker

Dear Santa:
I want a Penny Bright Doll.
Love,
Sherri Ruth Bible

Dear Santa:
I hope I have been good. Remember all the boys and girls. I want a Penny Bright Doll.
Love,
Laura Branch

Dear Santa:
I would like the following things - pool table, guitar, pellet gun 22 caliber plus pellets, a gasoline motor airplane and gas.

Thank you,
Kenny Bradley

Dear Santa:
Bring a basketball and some Tammy clothes, and Tammy's little sisters and clothes for her too. And I want a Barbie.
My little brother wants a toy airplane and a toy train, and a toy gun for Christmas.

Love,
Sheila Saunders

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