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Farm News

USDA ANNOUNCES 1985 WOOL AND MOHAIR SUPPORT PRICES

Support prices for wool and mohair for 1985 marketings are \$1.73 per pound for shorn wool and \$4.65 per pound for mohair, according to Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block. For 1984, the support prices were \$1.65 for wool and \$5.169 for mohair.

As in the past years, shorn wool payments will be based on a percentage of each producer's returns from sales. Mohair payments will be calculated in a manner similar to wool.

Producers who have sold wool, unshorn lambs or mohair need to file their sales documents now. The final date to file 1985 documents is January 31, 1986.

FINAL DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

By the time you receive this letter I hope we have received your final wheat deficiency payment drafts. We have had many phone calls and inquiries about the possibility of getting your checks in time for taxes and other expenses. Our office staff will make every effort possible to get all producer payments issued as rapidly as possible. The final wheat deficiency rate has been calculated at \$1.08 per bushel.

PAYMENT LIMITATION FOR 1986

The payment limitation for wheat, feed grain and cotton, is a program requirement. We will need information such as the sources of labor, equipment, management, capital and financing for your farming operation. Thanks in advance for your assistance on this matter.

NON-GRAZING MONTHS

The Donley County ASC Committee has determined that the 5 months of non-grazing for ACR land will be from May 15th through October 14th. During that time period any land designated as ACR cannot be grazed.

ASC COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

James Potts was elected to a three year term on the ASC County Committee in the recent election. Dale Robinson and Bubba Newhouse were elected first and second alternate. Holdover Committeemen are Don Thornberry and Earl Shields.

Farmer committees are in charge of local administration of national farm programs. At least one committee member and two alternates are elected each year. The farmer receiving the largest number of votes is elected to a 3-year term; second and third largest, 1-year terms as alternates.

Planned Parenthood Clinic to be held Dec. 30

Planned Parenthood Clinic will be held on Monday, December 30 from 1 to 4 that afternoon. Every other Monday clinic will be held for annual exams. Next clinic will be January 13, 1986.

The hours for Planned Parenthood Office will be 12 noon to 5 on Mondays through Thursdays. Fridays when needed.

For more information call 874-3613.

"What's Cookin' in Donley County" cookbooks are here

What's Cookin' in Donley County, the cookbooks published by the Donley County Extension Homemakers Council and sponsored by the Extension Homemakers Clubs in Donley have arrived in time for Christmas!!!

These books may be picked up at the Extension Office in the Old Courthouse between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon, and there will be someone in the office on Saturday, December 21, 1985, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Charitable contributions for non-itemizers

Taxpayers have until December 31 to make charitable contributions to claim the deduction on their 1985 tax return.

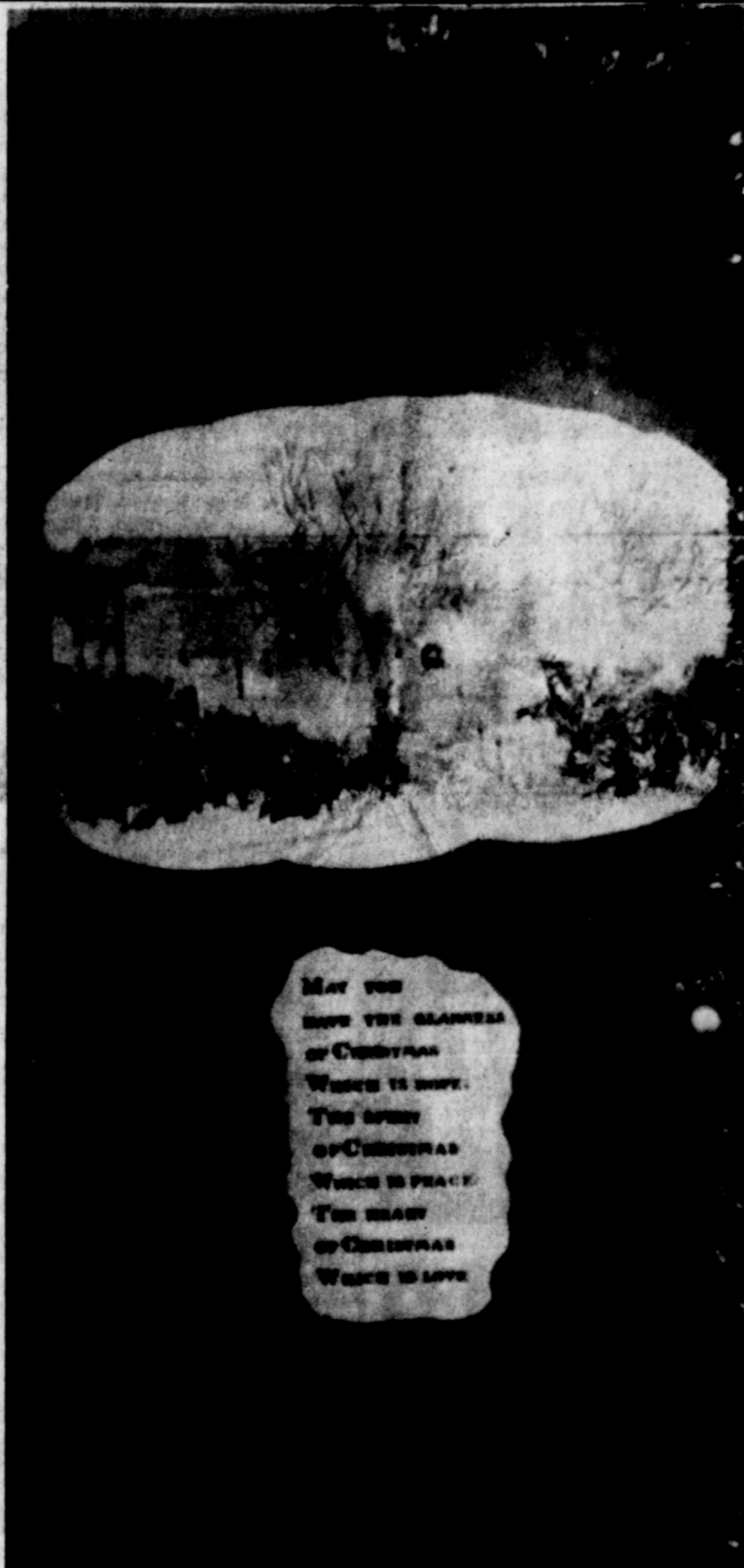
The IRS notes that even those who

do not itemize their deductions can claim a special deduction for such donations. Those who do not itemize may claim a deduction of up to one half of what they actually gave to qualified charitable organizations such as churches, United Way, and non-profit schools and hospitals.

If you contributed to a charitable organization and received a benefit from it, such as magazines sold by a school or a charitable function dinner you may only deduct the amount that exceeds the benefit value.

Clarendon Press was late last week

Thursday, December 19th Clarendon Press papers were late due to the Ox Bow Printing Plant equipment failure. The Clarendon Press did not receive their papers until Thursday morning instead of the usual Wednesday morning.



HALL DECORATIONS at Clarendon School. Taken at "Walk Through" night.

Red Cross asking for emergency disaster fund donations

Red Cross Chapters around the country are asking everyone to support the emergency disaster fund campaign. The money raised will go to meet commitments already made to aid disaster victims and to help meet the further disaster needs which we will face.

When disaster strikes, Government and the American Red Cross work together to help its victims. The Federal Government responds when the capability of state and local governments cannot immediately meet the needs of victims and the U.S. President declares that the area affected is a disaster area.

On its part, the Red Cross is able to respond immediately because its local chapters blanket nearly every community in the country. Red Cross staff and volunteers are concerned with providing emergency assistance to those affected. Temporary shelter, food clothing, medical assistance and other aid is available through Red Cross almost immediately. Understandably, the Federal government takes longer to activate its programs of assistance. It deals in

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Funeral services held December 21 for Daniel Burl Burnett

Funeral services for Daniel Burl Burnett, age 61, were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 21, 1985 in Robertson Chapel of Memories with Rev. Gary Pinion, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in Citizens Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors.

Mr. Burnett died at 8:20 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 1985 in Heritage Convalescent Center in Amarillo following a lengthy illness. He was born May 19, 1924 in Seymour, Texas and had been a resident of Amarillo for the past eight years. He was a retired carpet

installer and a Veteran of World War II. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter, Kathy Burnett of Norfolk, Virginia; one son, Danny Burnett of Ventura, California; two sisters, Mrs. Lottie Hill of Clarendon, Mrs. Carol Hewett of Amarillo; three brothers, John Burnett of Odessa, J.B. Burnett of Los Banos, California, Joe Burnett of Amarillo; and several grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Albert Urquhart, T.W. Barnes, Jerry Stewart, Ron Hines, Roger Urquhart, and Al Ganns.

The family requests that memorials be to the Harrington Cancer Center, c/o First Bank & Trust of Clarendon.

Final late night shopping held Dec. 19

The final late night shopping evening was held Thursday, December 19. Drawing winners were: Bronco T-shirt, Greene Dry Goods Co., Jan Cole, \$55 Belt Buckle, Greene Dry Goods Co., Eddie Eads; \$5.00 gift certificates, Treasure Chest, Neita Ellis, Wanda Dromgoole, Debbie Hollan, Joyce Keown, Patsy Leffew, Lewis Ellerbrook, Betsy Ellerbrook, Jan Cole, Chad Ellis; Frances Denny Gift Set, Bivens Pharmacy, Debbie Hollan, Rosco Reindeer, Edwin Campbell, 1 pound box of candy, Mindy Olsen, Frieda Siddle, Honey Bear, Neva Spier,

Edwin Campbell; 2 clocks, Osburn Furniture, Jerry Hawkins; \$50.00 gift certificate, The Nook, Jewell Judd; Free movie rental, Stavenhagen Furniture, Jan Cole; 3 free movie rentals, Video Review, Jewell Judd; popcorn popper, Henson's, Jewell Judd.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all businesses for their participation in the late night shopping activities. Thanks also is extended to everyone who showed up, rain, shine, sleet and snow, for the activities. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Christmas shopping can be double headache

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday said Christmas shopping can be a double headache for shoppers who are uncertain about taxes on various holiday purchases.

To avoid confusion this holiday season, Bullock has issued guidelines on taxing such items as Christmas trees, gift wrapping services, whole smoked hams or turkeys and gift certificates.

Christmas tree sales by non-profit organizations like Optimist Clubs are subject to sales tax. While such organizations may be exempt from paying sales tax on certain items purchased for their use, they are still responsible for collecting tax on sales of taxable items, Bullock said.

Retailers can buy wrapping material tax-free, but the fee that retailers charge customers to wrap gifts is taxable. When gift wrap is done by someone other than the

retailer, the service charge is not taxable. However, the gift wrapping service may pay sales tax when buying gift wrap material.

Bullock said the sale of whole smoked turkeys and hams is not taxable unless the seller maintains the meat in a heated state. Charges for custom smoking or cooking a customer's ham or turkey are not taxable.

Charges made for the sale of a gift certificate are not taxable. However, customers redeeming gift certificates must pay sales tax on merchandise purchased with the certificate, he said.

As cash registers ring in the busy Christmas season, the telephones of the State Comptroller's office will start ringing with special tax questions on seasonal sales. Bullock said Texans can call toll-free 1-800-252-5555 to avoid holiday tax mix-ups.

Federal Tax Calendar

Closing the books on the 1985 tax year involves important dates for taxpayers, particularly employers, financial institutions, and those who pay estimated taxes. The following should be noted, the IRS advises.

January 15 - Final 1985 estimated tax payment due.

January 31 - Employers and financial institutions issue W-2 and 1099 statements.

January 31 - Tax return filing date for those electing not to make a separate final 1985 estimated tax payment.

March 3 - Tax return filing date for farmers and commercial fishermen

electing not to make a final 1985 estimated tax payment.

April 15 - Tax return filing deadline.

The IRS advises the deadline is extended to the next business day and whenever any filing date falls on a weekend or federal holiday.

Clarendon Press closed all week

The Clarendon Press will be closed Monday thru Friday. J.C. and Helen Woody and Ricci Tunnell would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Day	Date	HI	Low	Precep
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday				
Sunday				
Total Precip. for Month		.62		
Total Precip. for Year		32.50		

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Cheery best wishes for a warm and happy holiday season to all our friends. It's been great getting to know you over the past year.



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Season's greetings



MRS. CARRIE HOWELL presents the ceramic Christmas tree, given by Bronco Mothers, to Mrs. Cam Bell.

TFB president speaks on agricultural conditions at 52nd annual meeting

Farmers and ranchers are part of the world's economy and farm products are vital to them, the president of the Texas Farm Bureau said Monday at the TFB's 52nd annual meeting.

S.M. True of Plainview said that government should play the part of a referee in public affairs, making sure that agriculture is treated fairly in labor relations, taxation, environmental and safety regulations, and international trade. He said it was essential to have a stable domestic economy.

"If we can count on government in all those areas, we will be a long way on the road to recovery," True said. "These conditions, plus an aggressive foreign sales policy and competitive pricing will do more than any farm program to bring profits to farming and ranching."

In his address to delegates, the Plainview cotton and grain farmer said farmers and ranchers would have to take positive steps to pull themselves out of the current farm recession.

"None of you has to be reminded that agriculture is in trouble," True told the delegates. "Total net farm income this year is down about a fourth from last year. Farm exports are down 10 percent from a year ago and 20 percent below 1980. It's estimated that 15 percent of the \$74 billion in Farm Credit System loans may be collectable."

True said price-depressing surpluses and loss of a farm exports in the past four years are at the root of farmers' troubles.

"Even if we did not plant cotton next year, we would still have about 11 months' supply on hand -- for both domestic use and export," he said. "For grain sorghum, we would have two-thirds of a year's supply; for wheat, about nine months' supply; and some eight months' supply of rice."

He said farmers' productivity has a **DID YOU KNOW?**

Can you separate the facts from the fallacies when it comes to alcohol? If not, you're not alone—only 27 percent of the American population understands the equivalence of different kinds of beverage alcohol. Here are some important facts you should know about how drinking affects your body.



- The pure alcohol content of typical drinks of beer, wine and liquor is the same: 0.5 ounces.
- Drinking slowly, eating beforehand and snacking as you drink all help slow down the effects of alcohol.
- On average, the body needs about one hour to burn off a typical drink.
- The caloric contents of alcoholic beverages are as follows: five ounces of wine have 114 calories; 12 ounces of beer have 148 calories; and 1 1/4 ounces of spirits, have 88 calories.

FREE BOOKLET
A free booklet on alcohol *The National Alcohol Awareness Test* is available by writing to Department 8009, Ronks, PA 17573.

positive side, too. "As the world's economy improves and its population grows, there will be an ever-increasing demand for what we produce," he said. "This is true because we are far and away the most reliable supplier of food and fiber in the world."

What farmers are concerned with today is a profitable agriculture, the farm leader said.

"We know that net income is derived from a simple formula: price per unit, times number of units, less cost per unit, equals net farm income," True said.

Price is important, but not everything, he said. Costs are a factor, too, he added.

"It's the costs of everything we buy -- both for family living and for production items -- that can determine whether or not we can make a living on the farm or ranch," True said.

The main determinant of costs is the general economy, he said, and the kind of economy is determined by government policy.

"Only if we have stability in the general economy can agriculture prosper," True said. "I sincerely believe that agriculture can make it if our costs and interest rates stay in line."



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Greenbelt Water Authority



THE ATRIUM of a new residence hall on the Southwestern University campus has been dedicated in honor of Mrs. Lillian Blanche Brent of Amarillo, a 1931 alumna of the university. Mrs. Brent and Mrs. Genevieve Caldwell of Clarendon, a 1942 alumna and member of the university's board of trustees, were on the campus in December for dedication ceremonies, in which Mrs. Brent was presented with a plaque.

We wish you & yours a happy holiday season!

From The PEN of PASTOR PINION



Due to the Christmas holiday there will not be a regular column this week. Pastor Pinion called and asked the Press to wish his readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and he will be back after the new year with his column.

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor:
The student body, faculty, administration, and Board of Education of the Memphis schools, and the people of Memphis are taking this means of extending our deep appreciation to the people of Clarendon for your support of us and our Cyclone football team during the 1985 season.

Such expressions of good will and unselfish neighborliness are gestures that renew our hope and restore our faith in rural American communities like yours and ours.

We want the community of Clarendon to know that the goodness shown Memphis has not gone unnoticed, and that you have our heartfelt gratitude.

May these feelings of good will have long lasting effect on both our communities is our collective prayer.
Sincerely,
Neal Hindman

Senior Citizens News

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

The Center will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 1986 for New Years Day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 26-January 1
Thursday-Exercise 11 a.m., game night 6 p.m.
Friday-Exercise 11 a.m., musical jam session 7 p.m.
Monday-Exercise 11 a.m., dance practice 7-9 p.m.
Tuesday-Exercise 11 a.m., birthday/ anniversary salad supper 6 p.m.
Wednesday-Holiday, Closed. Happy New Year.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

December 26-January 1
Thursday-Smothered pork chops, yellow hominy, spinach, beet and onion salad, rice pudding with raisins, dinner rolls, milk, tea, coffee.
Friday-Pinto beans with ham, sliced carrots, onion and beet salad, bananas and peaches, cornbread, milk, tea, coffee.
Monday-Salmon croquettes, french fries, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, plums, bread, milk, tea, coffee.
Tuesday-Smothered chicken, cream potatoes, broccoli, english pea salad, chocolate pie, dinner rolls, milk, tea, coffee.
Wednesday-Closed, holiday. Happy New Year.

4-H Christmas party held

By CHRIS LEATHERS

The 4-H Annual Christmas Party and monthly meeting was held Monday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. The 4-H'ers, leaders, and a few parents caroled at the Clarendon Rest Home and delivered a basket of fruit to the residents. After returning to the Community Center, a gift exchange started the fun. After everyone was satisfied with what they picked, refreshments were served. The meeting was then adjourned.



A horse can sleep standing up.



Friendship Quilting Club

The Friendship Quilting Club had their annual Christmas Party Wednesday, December 16 at 2:00 in the home of Y'vonne Belle McDaniel.

As guests arrived, they were given a number for a door prize. The program was presented by Florine Bennett. Jane Stevens read the Christmas Story from the Bible. Mary Lee Noble and Y'vonne Belle McDaniel sang Star of the East and The King is Coming. The group sang several Christmas hymns. At the close of the program, the group repeated the Lord's Prayer in unison

and a Bible quiz was played with winners receiving prizes. Rachael Butler received the door prize. Gifts were exchanged from a pretty lighted Christmas tree with much fun and excitement being had at this time.

Refreshments were served; with the punch and coffee table being laid with a red taffeta cloth over laid with red net and accented with red bows and silver tinsel. The centerpiece was a four tiered candelabra appointments were silver and crystal.

Members brought all sorts of Christmas goodies which were

served from a table with a lace cloth and a Christmas centerpiece.

Florine Bennett served punch from a crystal bowl while Annie Thomason served coffee from the silver service.

Members present were Florine Bennett, Irene Jones, Vada Morrison, Lucille Luttrell, Mary Lee Noble, Thelma Rudder, Sadie Shields, Annie Thomason, Jane Stevens, Wonda Wilson, and guest Bradis Ballew, Jaunita Carter and Rachael Butler and the hostess Y'vonne Belle McDaniel.

It's The Law!

Hosts and hostesses who care enough about their guests not to let them drink too much before driving now have the law on their side.

In some states across the country, courts are holding party-givers liable for the actions of their guests under the doctrine of Host Liquor Liability.



Moderation in drinking can mean a merrier Christmas and a happier New Year for hosts and guests.

Although alcohol is an expected refreshment at many parties, moderation is a key element to having a good time. That means safety, not alcohol, should be the most abundant aspect of your party.

If someone does drink too much, you can provide some safe alternatives that will keep him off the road. Here are some suggestions from the experts at the Independent Insurance Agents of America (IIAA).

Offer to call a cab. Try to enlist the help of a more sober guest to give a lift to those who have had too much to drink. Make up the guest room and ask the guest to stay overnight. If a guest drinks too much and something happens on the road, you could be held responsible.

IIAA wants everyone to have a merry time this holiday season. Now, more than ever, that may entail watching out for the safety of your party guests. That consideration can do more than win friends—it may help you steer clear of legal entanglements.



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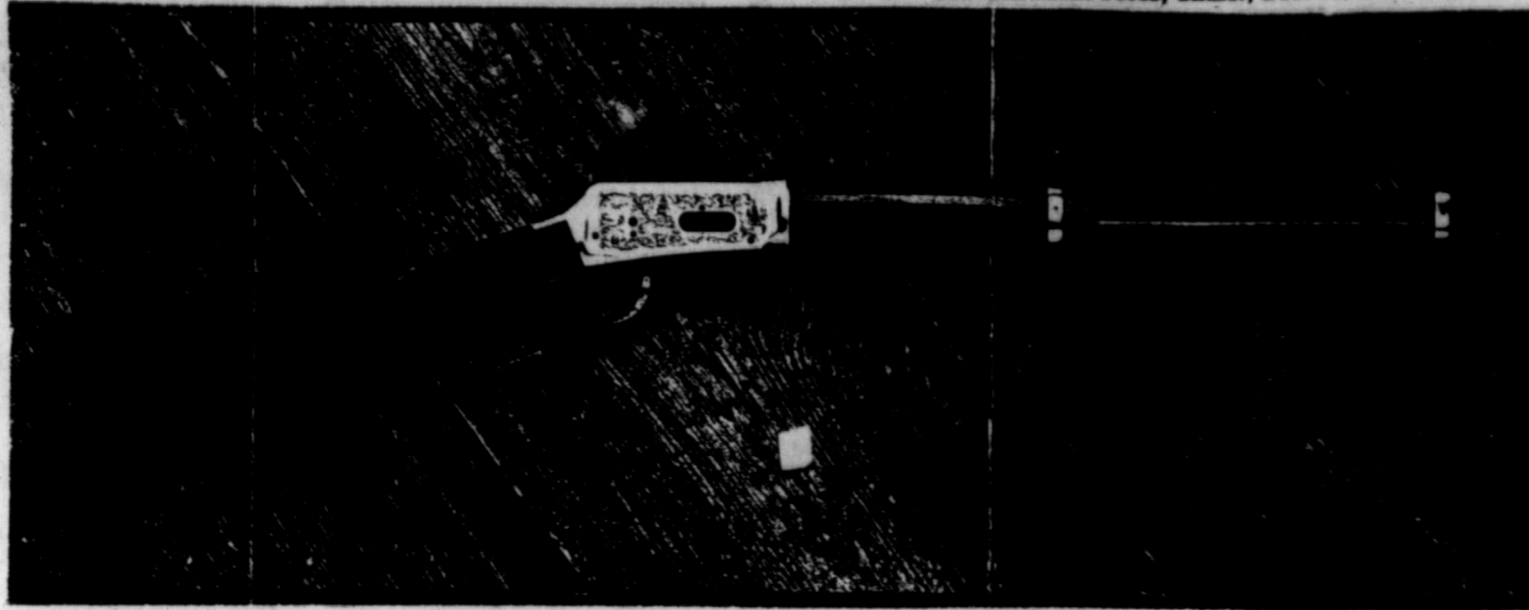
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The Clarendon-Donley County Chamber of Commerce will be taking \$1.00 donations on this Texas Sesquicentennial Winchester Commemorative Carbine. The carbine is to be given away May 22, 1986 when the Wagon Train arrives. You do not have to be present to win. To purchase a donation ticket contact the Chamber of Commerce office 874-2421 or the Clarendon Press 874-2259.

This Model 94 Winchester Carbine in 38-55 caliber has an 18½" barrel with gold plated barrel bands and receiver. The receiver is roll engraved with scenes from Texas history and from the present with

original engraving done by Genovelli of Italy, master engraver known worldwide for his unique skill. The rear-sight is partridge and the front sight is post. The Carbine style stock and fore-end are satin finished select walnut checkered with a unique spade pattern.

This Texas Sesquicentennial Winchester Commemorative Carbine is the first ever made in this caliber and barrel length even though the 38-55 was one of the original 94 calibers. The gold plated medallion embedded in the butt-stock shows the Winchester Wagon being pulled four-up by mules and has 1936-TEXAS-1986 and SESQUICENTENNIAL outlines

along with the Texas Sesquicentennial and The Texas Wagon Train logos.

Etched in gold on the barrel near the receiver is "1936-TEXAS-1986" adding to the collectability and value of this rifle.

The Texas Sesquicentennial Winchester Commemorative Carbine comes packaged in an art "sleeve" surrounding protective styrofoam. The art "sleeve" is reproduced from an original oil painting by Mr. B. Herd of Dallas, Texas and depicts events from Texas rich history and heritage.

Serial Numbers of the Texas Sesquicentennial Carbine are TEX-1

through TEX-15,000. A number of this issue have been reserved for presentation to various mayors, museums, and public officials as part of the Texas Sesquicentennial Celebration.

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EMS

12-17-85 Ralph Hill, 55 of Clarendon no transport from residence. Medical.

12-17-85 Bonnie Bray, 77 of Clarendon from Medical Center Nursing Home, Clarendon to Drs. office, Amarillo then to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo. Medical.

12-18-85 Ola Price, 86 of Clarendon from residence to Gilkey Clinic, Clarendon then return to residence. Trauma.

12-19-85 Inez Skinner, 80 of Clarendon from post office, Clarendon to Gilkey Clinic, Clarendon and return to residence. Medical.

12-20-85 Ola Price, 86 of Clarendon from residence to Hall County Hospital, Memphis then to High Plains Baptist Hospital, Amarillo. Trauma.

266 responses handled in 1985 to date.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Hedley has recently been awarded funds under the FY85 Texas Community Development Program. The funds will be used to finance improvements to the city's water system. Engineering services will be required to complete detailed project plans and specifications, assist the city in construction contracting procedures, construction supervision, and interim and final project inspections.

The City of Hedley is hereby requesting statements of qualifications from engineering firms interested in performing the above mentioned tasks. The statements are required by December 26, 1985. The selection of an engineering firm will take place after that date. Copies of the Request for Statement of Qualifications package may be obtained from Linda Maxey, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105, (806) 372-3381.

The final selection of an engineering firm will be made by the city council of the City of Hedley.

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Correcting Social Security Numbers

Newlyweds and others who changed their names last year should report their new name to the Social Security Administration (SSA). The name and Social Security numbers on

tax returns are matched with those of the SSA in processing the returns. Refunds will be delayed if the name and Social Security number do not match, the IRS says.

Other good ways to avoid refund delays, the IRS says, is to use the peel-off identification label and the pre-addressed envelope provided with the tax package. If the name, address, or Social Security number is incorrect, changes can be made directly on the label.

Rural heroism award to be given

The search is under way for the rural hero for 1985, according to Ben Bullard of Waco, president of the Texas Farm & Ranch Safety Council which presents the annual rural heroism award.

The 1985 recipient will be announced March 24, 1986 at the 47th annual Texas/Southwestern Safety Conference and Exposition to be held at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Dallas. Deadline for submitting 1985 entries will be March 1, Bullard said. Send all nominations to Texas Farm & Ranch Safety Council, Box 2689, Waco, Texas, 76702-2689.

To qualify for the honor, a candidate must have performed a heroic act of human-lifesaving within Texas during 1985. Preferably, it should be related to farming and ranching, Bullard noted.

The 1984 winner was honored posthumously. Jim Wulf, a Sabinal police chief, drowned in 1984 in the Sabinal River while attempting to rescue a stalled motorist. Wulf was later honored again as a recipient of the Carnegie Award, a national award for heroism.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons involved. Newspaper clippings and photos should also accompany the nominations when available, Bullard said. Bullard is associate director for safety and health for the Texas Farm Bureau.

FACTS & FIGURES

Forty-seven out of 50 states currently have women serving in their state legislatures.



Nationwide, the total number of all state legislative seats has decreased by 142 since 1971 when figures were first gathered. However, the number of women occupying state legislative posts has more than tripled in the same 14 years. Today, 1,102 women hold state legislative posts compared to 362 in 1971.

Mayoral races are another area in which women are increasingly taking part. In the fourteen years from 1971 to 1985, the number of women mayors increased more than 11 times—from seven to 80.

"Little minds are wounded by the smallest things." La Rochefoucauld

Silent Night



O Holy Night of wonder, when a child was born who lighted the way for all mankind. Let us rekindle our faith and love in Him.

The Floyd Families



We hope the holidays bring you joy and prosperity in the coming year. Merry Christmas to all from:

Donley County Officials

Billie Christal	Judge		
Jimmy Thompson	Sheriff	Dude Cornell	Commissioner
W.W. Lovelady	Justice of Peace	Steve Reynolds	Commissioner
Sandra Eads	Tax Assessor	Will Chamberlain	Commissioner
Freida Gray	Treasurer	Bufford Holland	Commissioner
Pat Slavin	Attorney	M.O. Weatherly	Justice of Peace
P.C. Messer	Clerk	Blackie Johnson	Constable

'Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus'

By The Associated Press
 This famous editorial, "Is There a Santa Claus?" first appeared in The New York Sun, Sept. 21, 1897. It was written by Francis Pharcellus Church, an assistant to the editor of The Sun. "We take pleasure" in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is remembered among the friends of The Sun:
 'Dear Editor:
 I am 8 years old.
 Some of my little friends say

there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'
 Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
 115 West 95th Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they

be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there

were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the Chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things

in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty

and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

FACTS & FIGURES

An important tax incentive that makes owning a home easier for typical families would be eliminated by the President's tax reform proposal. The repeal of deductions for state and local property taxes — which run between \$800 and \$1,600 a year for typical home owners — would increase the after-tax cost of homeownership for many, especially in high-tax areas.



CARA CORNELL

Cornell named to Who's Who

Cara Cornell and fifty-five other students from West Texas State University have been accepted into Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

To be considered for Who's Who, students must have at least junior standing and a grade-point average of 2.78 or better (of a possible 4.0). Awards, involvement in school activities, and community involvement are also weighed in determining Who's Who recipients.

Ms. Cornell is a senior majoring in Speech Education with a 3.63 g.p.a. She is a member of the Baptist Student Union where she is currently Executive Council Worship Chairman. She is also a member of the Campus Service, Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Chi. She is the recipient of the Helen White Moore English Scholarship. She was nominated for Who's Who by the Baptist Student Union.



RESIDENTS at Medical Center Nursing Home gather for Christmas party and program.

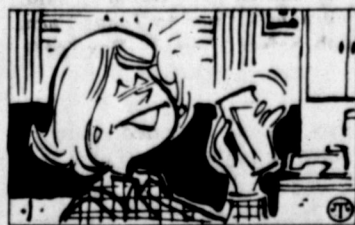


The first woman elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences was Maria Mitchell, who discovered a telescopic comet in 1847.

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The 1985 Safe Drinking Water Act

New laws will help ensure the water you use for drinking, cooking, cleaning and bathing is of the highest quality.



New laws will speed setting of national drinking water standards.

The 1985 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act call for a speedy setting of national drinking water standards with participation from the scientific community, increased federal and industry sponsored research, the use of best technology, stricter enforcement of rules and regulations, protection against tampering with a public water supply, and more filtration of surface water, disinfection of drinking water and monitoring for contaminants.

One group that worked hard for these new laws to protect the public is the American Water Works Association (AWWA), a non-profit, scientific and educational society. Its membership includes over 3,000 water utilities that provide about 70 percent of America's drinking water.

The group also has developed a public education program for schools, teaching important facts about our water supply and water utilities to our children.

If you have any questions about the quality of your water or about the education program listed above, contact your local water utility. They will be happy to answer your questions.



Warm messages of good cheer are sent wrapped in the spirit of good will this Happy Season.

**Happy
50th
Birthday**

SEASONS' GREETINGS

During the year, in the rush of events, we tend to overlook the important friendships that are the true basis of business relationships. One of the great pleasures of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to exchange cordial greetings with those whose friendship and goodwill we value so highly.

In this spirit it is our pleasure to say "Thank You" and extend our sincere appreciation for the very pleasant association we enjoy with you.

May a bright and prosperous New Year bring happiness to you and to yours.

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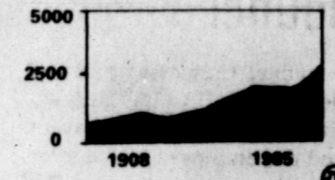
QUICK QUIZ

Can you manage to come up with the right answers to these questions about city managers and the council-manager form of government?



1. The first city manager was appointed in _____
a) 1908 b) 1970 c) 1930.

2. City managers are now active in _____ cities. a) 200
b) 2750 c) 600



3. City and county managers (a) have no guidelines on ethical conduct; (b) have a Code of Ethics; (c) may accept gifts from developers.

4. The fastest growing form of government is (a) council-manager; (b) strong mayor; (c) commission.

Answers: 1. (a) 1908. His name was Charles E. Ashburner and he was appointed in Staunton, Virginia. 2. (b) Many belong to the International City Management Association, a professional and educational association of appointed administrators in cities, counties and councils of government, now celebrating its 71st anniversary. 3. (b) City and county managers who are members of ICMA pledge to follow the ICMA Code of Ethics. They risk public censure if they accept gifts that might influence their decisions or if they violate any of the Association's ethical principles. 4. (a) The council-manager form of government is growing faster than any other form. It is the most popular form of government in cities with a population over 10,000. Dade County, Florida (population 1,625,979) is the largest C-M jurisdiction.

BROCHURES AVAILABLE

For brochures about the local government manager or the council-manager plan, write: ICMA, Order Department, 1120 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. (Single brochures are 25¢ each; discounts for multiple copies.)



SALVATION ARMY representatives Paul Bivens and Rev. Bill Hodges present a gift package to Medical Center resident Jess Wood. Billy Ray Johnston, Medical Center administrator, looks on. The Salvation Army presented each resident with a gift.

Starting The New Year Right

Believed to be the oldest and most universal of all holidays, New Year's Day has been celebrated in one form or another for more than 4,000 years by peoples around the world. In order to start the New Year with a clean slate, people in times past made certain they had no debts outstanding and returned all borrowed objects.



A scheduling system can help organize your work and that of the people who report to you.



One way to start the New Year off right is by making a resolution to re-organize your schedule for maximum efficiency.

The New Year's resolutions which Americans are so fond of represent modern efforts to wipe the slate clean and turn over a new leaf. Many people are finding the task of organizing their lives for the better much easier these days, thanks to a handy and self-contained tool that can be ideal for business people, executives and professionals who want to start the New Year right.

It's a comprehensive system that keeps important appointments, project priorities, things to get done, tickler reminders, auto mileage and expenses and other activities organized and available for reference at all times. In short, it's a convenient system that enables you to plan, schedule, delegate, direct, control, monitor and analyze your own work and that of the people who report to you. All

your records are neatly and chronologically recorded in one place for quick recall at a later date, whether for yourself, your company or the IRS.

Such a system, many find, helps a person set — and accomplish — daily and long-range goals and priorities. It helps you pace yourself, eliminates trivia and duplication of efforts, and also keeps you from getting sidetracked.

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If your New Year's resolution is to replace old, harmful habits with new beneficial ones that will enhance your productivity and that of your key staff members, you may find the exact tool needed in Day-Timers Catalog. You can write them at: Day-Timers, Inc., Dept. 5683, P.O. Box 2368, Allentown, PA 18001.

The North Pole was flown over for the first time by Richard E. Byrd and Floyd Bennet on May 9, 1926.



Hope your Christmas holidays are happy and healthy.

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Although most jelly rolls today are made with baking powder, the earliest ones were sponge cakes that depended totally on eggs for leavening. This one dates back to the mid-1800's when corn starch was mixed with flour to add lightness to cakes.

Jelly Roll

- 6 eggs, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2/3 cup sifted flour
- 1/4 cup Argo corn starch
- 3 tablespoons margarine, melted, cooled
- Confectioners sugar
- 1 cup jelly or preserves

Line bottom of 1 (15 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 1-inch) jelly-roll pan with waxed paper. In large bowl with mixer at high speed, beat eggs, sugar and vanilla 10 minutes or until light and fluffy (mixture will triple). Sift together flour and corn starch. Sift over beaten egg mixture, about 1/3 at a time; gently folding in with rubber spatula after each addition. Drizzle margarine over mixture; gently fold in. Pour into prepared pan. Bake in 350°F oven 20 to 25 minutes or until cake springs back when lightly touched. With small metal spatula, loosen sides. Immediately turn out onto cloth dusted with confectioners sugar. Remove waxed paper. Starting at short side, roll up cake and cloth together. Place rolled-up cake seam-side down on wire rack; cool. Unroll, remove towel and spread cake with jelly or preserves. Roll up cake. Just before serving, sprinkle with confectioners sugar. Slice to serve. Makes 16 servings.



GLENDIA WILSON



LANA DAVIS

Medical Center Nursing Home Employees off the Year announced

At the annual Christmas party of the Donley County Hospital District, the administrator Billy Ray Johnston announced the employee of the year for the nursing department and the dietary department. The recipients of these awards were chosen by their co-workers and sanctioned by their department heads. To be eligible to be employee of the year, the recipients had to have been chosen employee of the month. Because of

their hard work, ability to work with others, dependability and outstanding patient care, the following were chosen employees of the year: Dietary Department Employee of the Year - Ms. Glenda Wilson, Asst. F.S.S.; Nursing Department Employee of the Year - Ms. Lana Davis, L.V.N.

The administrative staff of Medical Center would like to applaud these ladies for this fine achievement and

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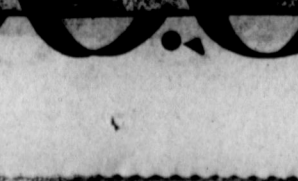


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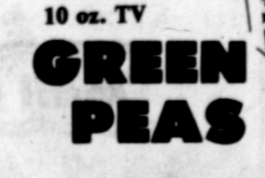


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CHILDREN from the Calvary Baptist Church presented a musical "Stranger in the Straw" to Medical Center residents Friday.



JEANNE MONDRAGON and her group "Clowns for Christ" sang Christmas carols at Medical Center Nursing Home Friday afternoon.

Holiday Hints

THE HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE...A TRADITION MADE EASY

Too busy to spend hours baking cookies? Why not get together with friends for a cookie exchange and turn one large batch into an assortment of holiday treats?

A cookie swap lets you sample and gather new recipes. And best of all, it's a warm-hearted way to celebrate the holiday season. Here are some excellent ideas from Tupperware Home Parties*, makers of airtight, plastic storage containers:

Setting Up a Cookie Swap

A cookie exchange is easy to plan.

- Plan your cookie exchange for early December to avoid the holiday rush. Guests appreciate the rewards—a delicious cookie array for easy entertaining.
- How many cookies to bring? If the group is small, everyone brings one dozen to exchange and another dozen to sample as party refreshments. For a large party, each person might bring five or six dozen take-home cookies to divide among guests—along with the dozen to taste.
- Ask participants to bring large, unbreakable containers with airtight seals to carry home an assortment of cookies. Tupperware Modular Mates* would be the perfect choice.
- Label cookies with recipe titles and the baker's name.
- Ask guests to bring the cookie recipes to swap.

No-Bake Cookie Sampler

- Add a sparkle of Christmas green with Holly Cookies. Melt 3/4 cup butter with 45 large marshmallows. Fold in two teaspoons vanilla and one teaspoon green food coloring, then five cups cornflakes. Shape into holly leaves with a teaspoon. Decorate with red dots for berries.

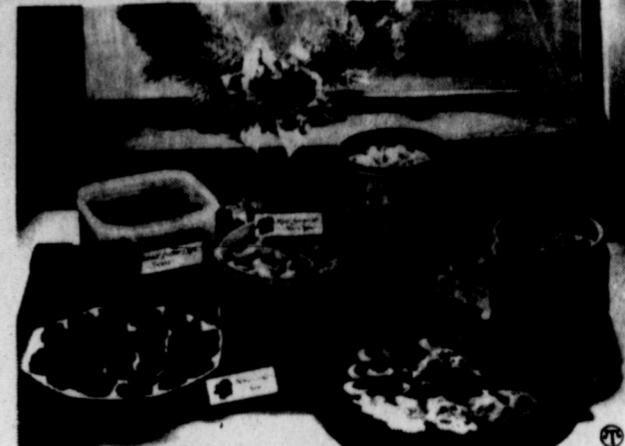
- Stack a pile of "Snowballs." To make three dozen, melt eight ounces semi-sweet chocolate with 1/2 cup peanut butter and one teaspoon vanilla. Stir in one cup toasted wheat germ. Chill, then shape into 1-inch balls and roll in coconut.

Cookies, Cookies and More

- Tuck a mint surprise in each cookie. Roll out a basic butter cookie dough. Cut fluted circles with cookie cutters. Place half of a chocolate mint wafer in the center, top with another circle and press dough around each mint. Top with pecan halves and bake according to recipe.
- Add chopped walnuts, pecans or coconut to your favorite chocolate chip cookie dough. Or substitute mint extract for vanilla.

Deck the Cookies

- Create painted cookies. Roll out butter cookie or gingerbread dough, then cut with large decorative cookie cutters. Place on baking sheets. Paint designs on



Tupperware*, manufacturer of airtight plastic storage containers, suggests a get-together with friends to swap recipes and sample cookies to get ready for the holidays.

cookies with egg yolk paint: Mix one egg yolk with 1/4 teaspoon water. Divide yolk into small containers and tint each mixture with food coloring. Stir in a few drops of water if paint thickens. Bake and cool cookies before removing from sheet.

- Spruce up the common peanut butter cookie. Dip half of each cookie in melted chocolate, then in a topping of chopped nuts, shredded coconut, crushed candy canes or chopped, dried fruit.

After you collect your selection of cookies and bring them home, Tupperware Test Kitchens suggests storing them in airtight containers or freezing them for later use. Baked cookies will keep up to six months in the freezer if stored properly in freezer containers with tight-fitting seals.

Baking and giving cookies is a time-honored tradition which expresses the warm spirit of the holiday season. And what better way to say "Happy Holidays" than with this festive cookie exchange!

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- Colds are caused by infection with one or more of over 120 known cold viruses. There is no readily available cure for colds. Antibiotics, which kill bacteria, do not harm cold viruses.
- Although most people having colds complain of feverishness, increases in body temperature are actually uncommon. Fever is more common with influenza (flu).
- One to two days before cold symptoms begin, virus shedding occurs and one can transfer colds to other persons.
- Increasing moisture in the home (via a vaporizer or humidifier) is an effective means for reducing cold-related coughs.
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1883: Emma Lazarus wrote the poem "The New Colossus." The last five lines of the poem were inscribed on a bronze tablet at the base of the Statue of Liberty:

"...Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

1884: On July 4 of this date, the people of France presented Frederic Bartholdi's statue to the United States.

1886: The first settlement house in the United States—the Neighborhood Guild, now known as University Settlement—was founded by Reverend Stanton Coit, a Unitarian minister and social reformer. The settlement house still stands today, a few blocks from where the Ellis Island boats once landed, on New York's lower East Side.

1965: Ellis Island, which was a United States immigration station until 1954, became part of the national monument of the Statue of Liberty.

1985: Two symbols of hope and opportunity for generations of Americans—the Statue of Liberty and the New York settlement houses—will celebrate their joint centennial through two exhibitions at the Museum of the City of New York, from February 11 through November 9, 1986.

The Statue of Liberty Centennial Exhibition and Beyond the Golden Door: Set-



"All My Children's" Ruth Warrick welcomed film-great James Cagney to the Philip Morris/Museum of the City of New York centennial celebration of an exhibition for the Statue of Liberty and New York's settlement houses. The stars gathered for an "in-unison" reading of the Emma Lazarus poem, "The New Colossus," which is inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty.

tlement Houses in New York, both sponsored by Philip Morris Companies, Inc., express the rich histories of their subjects through artworks, documents, artifacts and audio-visual presentations. One part of the exhibit is an "in-unison" reading of the Lazarus poem by a host of dignitaries such as New York City Parks Commissioner Henry Stern and French Deputy Consul Bertrand Besancenot, along with descendants and cousins of Joseph Pulitzer, Emma Lazarus and Reverend Coit.

Academy Award winner F. Murray Abraham led the star-studded cast, whose ranks included Kitty Carlisle Hart, Eartha Kitt, Melba Moore, Floyd Patterson, Tovah Feldshuh, Ruth Warrick and Brenda K. Starr. Kirk Douglas, Walter



"Unveiling the Statue of Liberty," a painting by Edward Moran shown at the exhibit.



The head of Liberty on display in a Paris park in 1883.

Matthau, Charlton Heston and Eddie Albert also recorded the poem.

James Cagney, whose boyhood years were spent at East Side and Lenox Settlements, and Michael J. Fox, star of "Family Ties," delivered a moving tribute to "Miss Liberty."

The two exhibitions can be seen six days a week, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays and holidays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street. Admission is free. For further information call 212-534-1672.

The World's Most Spectacular Sights

Curacao: A Bit of Europe in the Caribbean

A legend handed down by Curacao elders to their grandchildren may seem difficult to believe until you visit the island. As the story goes, the island's capital city was formed centuries ago when Dutch diamond cutters split off a section of Amsterdam and floated it across the sea to the Southern part of the 35-mile long Curacao. They christened it Willemstad.

A glimpse of the collection of Dutch rococo and Victorian buildings that grace the waterfront makes this tale almost believable—the city looks much more Dutch than Caribbean. However, the Dutch didn't capture the island until 1634 and the history books don't mention anything about a floating land mass. For the first 135 years of its existence, this island that was discovered in 1499 by a Spanish expedition led by one of Columbus' lieutenants, was under Spanish rule.

Curacao is known for more than its history. Unspoiled beaches abound and sunny temperatures rarely vary out of the 70 to 80 degree range. To boot, an underwater visibility of 60 to 80 feet gives scuba divers a view of beautiful marine life and multi-colored tropical fish. Deep sea fishing can hook you some marlin, wahoo, king, dolphin and sailfish.

Many people say Curacao has some of the finest shopping in the Caribbean. The floating market brings fresh vegetables and exotic fruits by boat from Venezuela. Dutch cheeses of Edam and Gouda are available in markets the island over. Even stereo equipment can be purchased from duty-free bonded



Startling to many travelers are the Dutch-style buildings facing the busy harbor around the shopping district of Curacao's capital city, Willemstad.

warehouses. If you're wondering about accommodations, there is a wide range to fit every budget—from luxury to beachfront, city and country hotels. The cuisine is just as varied, offering Swiss, Dutch, Spanish and the native foods of Curacao in varying atmospheres from romantic seaside mansions to the top floor of a modern skyscraper.

in Spanish and English. The native language is Papiamentu, a blend of Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch and a bit of African, English and French.

This island that sports a touch of Europe right in the middle of the Caribbean may welcome you in many languages but they all translate into a warm hello.

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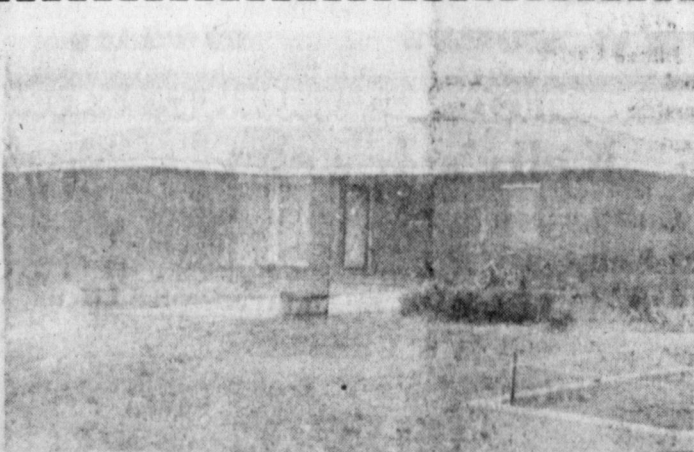
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Congressman Beau Boulter Reports from Washington



'85 FARM BILL DEMANDS ATTENTION

In the past three weeks I have talked to farmers in 20 counties throughout the 13th District. And after hearing what those farmers had to say, I decided it was time that I talk with the Secretary of Agriculture, John Block, about the agricultural crises I was seeing and hearing about first hand.

My primary concern, when I spoke with Mr. Block, was the wheat program. As the farmers know all too well, it's time for them to begin planting, and to date, they have gotten no indication from the federal government about what the wheat program for '86 will look like. Besides being unfair, it is highly impractical to have farmers planting without the benefit of planning. In my opinion, you don't put the cart before the horse, and you don't plant under a federal program if you have no real idea of what the federal program is going to be.

Although he couldn't be specific, Secretary Block gave me fairly strong assurance that the wheat set aside will come in somewhere on the high side between 20 and 30 percent. It's not exact, but at least it can provide our wheat farmers with a guideline.

That still leaves us with the very big question of what the 1985 Farm Bill will contain, unanswered. As reports continue to come in of some of the most bountiful crop harvests in years, increased pressure is put on Congress to come up with a farm bill that provides some solutions — long term solutions — to the problems farmers are facing.

As many farmers have told me, what is the glory of having a good year, a good harvest, when you know there isn't going to be a market out there for the crop? In 1981 a farmer could get \$4.21 per bushel for his wheat. Today, despite government programs, set-asides, and cutbacks, that bushel of wheat sells for as low as \$2.65.

The 1985 Farm Bill has got to take into account the problems our agricultural exports face overseas, and the need to open up our foreign markets. Otherwise, we are going to continue

to see farmers put in a position of having a large crop with the U.S. government as the primary customer.

The way things are right now, at harvest time, the government makes loans to growers of wheat, corn, cotton and other major crops to cover operating costs until farmers can sell the crops at the best prices. Loan rates are expressed in a per-bushel or bale rate set for each crop, and repayment is due at the end of a specified period of time. However, since crops are used as loan collateral, many farmers default on their loans if market prices fall below loan rates. The government ends up buying the surplus, incurring added costs for storage and spoilage.

There have been any number of suggestions made as to how best to run the Farm Program. Ideally, of course, agriculture should be allowed to operate solely in a free market system. However, because of unfair trade practices and agricultural subsidy programs in other countries, American farmers are at a devastating disadvantage on the export market. The 1985 Farm Bill must be designed to meet these problems head on. It should contain sections that would promote U.S. exports with good conservation measures, in hopes of increasing farm prices in the near future.

Because American farmers are dependent on world markets for the sale of their commodities, any omnibus farm program must recognize and incorporate this fact. If we in Congress are to produce a farm bill which provides equitable income protection to farmers, innovative solutions to our current problems will undoubtedly be required.

That is why we have got to look at the overall economic picture when addressing the Farm Bill. We must actively pursue a course that will enable us to lower interest rates, reduce the value of the dollar, and lower overall production in a fair way, if we are going to be competitive in foreign markets and realize our goal of increased prices and profits.

HOTLINE TO SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Hundreds of convalescent home residents across the nation are celebrating the holiday season by impersonating America's favorite senior citizen—Santa Claus.

The elderly imposters share their Christmas spirit with thousands of children each day from Dec. 9 - 23 by operating the Ho Ho Hotline, a nationwide phone-in program to Santa.

Hillhaven Corporation, the long-term care subsidiary of National Medical Enterprises, Inc., established the Ho Ho Hotline in 1980 to make the Christmas season a happier and more active one for their residents and people in the surrounding communities.

Last year more than half of Hillhaven's 350 skilled nursing and convalescent centers participated in the program. Residents role-playing Santa and Mrs. Claus received an estimated 750,000 calls from children — young and old—who wanted to chat with the legendary couple.

TOLL FREE NUMBER

This year a national 800 number, 800-432-HOHO, has been established to help even more callers reach Santa. It operates daily, Dec. 9 - 23, from 1 to 7 p.m., EST. Callers living near Hillhaven facilities are referred to local Hotline numbers. Others are connected directly to a Santa or Mrs. Claus.

"It's hard to say who derives more joy from the Hotline—the residents answering the phones or the children calling in," said Jim Brennan, Hillhaven community relations director and originator of the Ho Ho Hotline. "It's a wonderful activity for our residents because it makes them feel needed again."



"Ho, Ho, Ho. This is Santa Claus! What would you like for Christmas?"

POPULAR REQUESTS

During the five years the Hotline has operated, callers have made every kind of request from humorous to heart-warming. The most popular gift requests last year were for Cabbage Patch dolls and skateboards.

Some callers want absolutely nothing for themselves. One poignant call came from a little girl who asked if Santa could bring her mother the rent money. She didn't want anything for herself, just the rent money.

The residents avoid promising the wishful callers that they will receive their gift requests. However, most Ho Ho Hotline callers receive a least two Christmas gifts: a personal Christmas greeting from Santa or Mrs. Claus and a warmly spoken "I love you" at the end of their conversation. As one resident recently said about the Ho Ho Hotline program, "It warms your heart to do something nice for people."

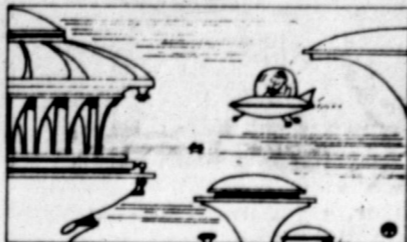


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The Information Age is giving us the ability to have "rurban" cities—attractive combinations of green space, industry, offices and homes—without being forced into the

grimy beehives of the industrial age, or the high tech, stainless beehives predicted by past visionaries.

We can be and today, in many ways, we are less dependent on transportation as the technology that dominates our lives. New developments in technology and its applications, such as using 800 numbers, WATS lines and the telephone network, lets our offices be wherever we are.

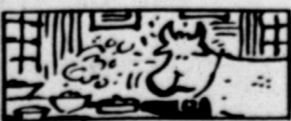
We have also learned that our uses of technology, like medicine, can have bad side effects, such as pollution to our environment. But, as the world we live in feels these effects, we learn to avoid those ill effects of technology while still keeping the benefits. We are becoming more cautious about accepting the latest "gee whiz" gadgets before their real use is proven. One reason I gave up reading science fiction years ago is that science reality is so much more interesting. Those fables were not nearly as relevant as the facts of today's world.

Most of today's planners are a far different breed than the visionaries of old. We are learning to emphasize human goals as the criteria for selecting technological options that will provide benefits to truly meet our needs, rather than the other way around. We're not completely there yet; many of us still think in industrial revolution terms, but we're learning.

As Arthur C. Clarke once said: "The future isn't what it used to be!" I think it's getting better.



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Love
Joshua Allred
& little brother Kenneth

Dear Santa

I have been a good girl most of the time. I would like a Cabbage Patch or a Premie, some doll cloths and Bed Bugs game. But I will like anything you can bring me. I'll have cookies and milk for you.

Love
Gina Cannon
P.S. I would like a stereo also.

Dear Santa,

My name is Nicole Winsor. I have been a good girl this year! I helped my mother clean the house and I do what my Daddy tells me to. Would you please bring me a new bicycle or a Dollie? Would you please bring my brother Bridger and my sister Cristan something too. I live at 4th & McClellan and the house has a chimney. Thank you very much.

Nicole Winsor

Dear Santa

I have been a very good girl. I won't ask for much, but would you send me a Barbie Doll and Barbie Clothes. And Santa please send me some clothes and shoes of my own and a lunch box.

Thank you Santa,
I Love you very much
Clarissa S.

Santa, please send my 3 sisters something very special.

Barbie doll with clothes, Cabbage Patch with clothes, toy dog, toy phone.

Jennifer W.

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be nice this year. I love you, Santa. I'll be asleep when you come but I'll have the Christmas lights on. I would like to have the Lion Coltron, Big Foot and the Wrestling Ring with Hulk Hogan and Rowdy Roddy Piper. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love,
Jimmy Wayne McAnear

Dearest Santa Claus

My little Vicky has been looking forward to seeing you to ask for a Cabbage Patch Doll that is what she has been wanting. And I said to her you got to ask Santa Claus for it and he will bring it to you. Just watch and see what I tell you baby. And it might come true.

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I want a big foot, a big long rubber snake, snow boots, a man with a parachute and an airplane. I want some Leggo's, a Air Jammer motorcycle, a three wheeler and a firetruck you put water in. I also want a Ewoks set. Have a merry Christmas.

Love,
Tyrell

Dear Santa

My name is Aaron Harper. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like to have a pair of cowboy spurs, a boot jack and a Garfield telephone. I would also like in my stocking some school supplies. My sister and I will have some milk and cookies for you to eat. P.S. We will be at my grandmothers.

Your friend,
Aaron

Dear Santa,

I would ask that you bring me the following: a Cabbage Patch doll with a tooth, a stroller, My Little Pony set, a Barbie kitchen, and an exercise/workout set. I hope everyone gets to be with their families on Christmas Day.

We'll leave cookies and milk in the living room. Thank you!

Love,
Melisse

Santa,

I have tired to be a good girl. For Christmas I would like a sleeping bag, Upsey Baby and what ever else you think five year old would like to have. Thanks for the toys last year. Don't forget all the boys and girls in Kindergarten. Be nice to my big brother and sister.

I Love You,
Kasi

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to have a Snake Mountain, a He-Man, Sketator, a Big Foot and Castle gray skull. Also a cowboy hat like my dad's with big feathers in it.

Thank you and I love you Santa,
Kyle Grady

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want; a Rub around, a "Premi" doll, a tape recorder and a Rainbow Brite tapp. My name is Laura Finch and I want my cousin Ferah to come see me for Christmas! I also want a "Make it and Bake it" oven. See you Christmas!

Love
Laura

Dear Santa

I am 6 year old and have been a good girl. I would like an electric 4-wheeler and an open eyed real baby. Please bring my little sister a sleepy Real baby and a stroller. She is 3 years old and has been a good girl. I am looking forward to Christmas and seeing you. Oh yes please bring less fortunant kids a gift too.

I Love You,
Pati

Dear Santa,

I want a GI Joe Skiptriker, an electric toothbrush and Shockwave. Also, a GI Joe Snowcat.

And bring Leia the Barbie car and Barbie.

Merry Christmas!
Blake and Leia Deyhle

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I would like to have a "Get in Shape Girl" and a heart necklace. Also I would like a Barbie doll-house and some purple leg warmers.

I will leave some cookies and hot chocolate for you.

Love,
Jenny

Dear Santa

I want a Barbie Doll, pajamas, my little pony, Star lite and a casey, clothes,

Mandy Weatherton

Dear Santa,

My name is Candi. I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like to have barbie clothes, toys, clothes for me, bicycle, upsy baby, but best of all I want you to remember all of the other kids. So Santa you don't have to bring me everything I want this year. But you know, it would be nice. There will be cookies and milk on the table at Christmas.

Love,
Candi

Dear Santa

I love you. Please bring me a Princess of Power, Rainbow Bright and snow boots for my two brothers.

Thank you
Jessica Rogers

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a play motorcycle and some clothes. Don't forget all my friends.

Love,
Josey

Dear Santa,

I will leave milk and cookies for you again. I've been a pretty good boy this year and would love an electric typewriter for Christmas. I will try to watch for you. Thank you.

I Love You.

Walker McAnear

Dear Santa,

I want a Cabbage Patch Kid with no hair and clothes in a package. I want a Care Bear and a Hugga Baby. I want 2 Leva Babies. And Please bring something to everyone else. Michael need new jeans, shoes and clothes.

Amanda

Gotron gun, car pickup, motorcycle

Chad W.

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good boy! Please bring me Auto-bots go-bots and transformers. Bring me lots of GI Joe Stuff too. There will be plenty of Oreo Cookies and milk on the kitchen table. Give Rudolph a cookie too. Please bring me one surprise.

Love you
Keith Kidd

Dear Santa,

My name is Chris. I have been a good boy. I would like to have a Hee-Man, a go-cart, a watch, coloring books, some cars, gloves, lunch box, and some new tubes for my bike.

Love
Chris Taylor

Dear Santa

I would like a Care Bear and a Barbie Doll and a upsy Baby Doll a doll carage.

Christa

Dear Santa

I want a Barbie doll, dishes, clothes, Baby skates, my little pony and princess of power doll.

Kathy Bryley

Dear Santa

I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like to have a snake mountain, a Wuzzle thats part lion and part bumble bee and a guitar. My Kitty cat (Simon) took off with my Leggo man so I would like to have another set. Please remember my sister Lacey.

I Love You
Lindsey Eads

Dear Santa,

My name is Brandy. I would like to have a Cabbage Patch Kids doll and stroller, some Barbie clothes for my Barbie, and a Big Ice Cream Doll, also whatever else you would like to bring me. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

Thank you Santa. I love you.

Brandy Hawkins

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll house, clothes for my cabbage patch dolls.

Thank You
Gina

Dearest Santa Claus

My oldest girl Cynthia has really been looking forward in to seeing you to ask you for them twin Cabbage Patch dolls. That is she has been wanting. And i told her you got to ask Santa Claus for it. And he will bring it to you. Just watch and see what i tell you. And it might come true he Santa.

Dear Santa,

Santa I know that you're coming soon. I have tried to be good. Would you please bring me a Preemie (Cabbage Patch) and a Real Baby and a robot and a transformer. See you soon.

Love Mary
P.S. I also want a three wheeler.

Dear Santa

Please try to bring me a pound puppy and an unicorn horse with a red heart on the side. I would like to have a few new clothes for the winter. I have tried to be good this year. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love Chandra Ford

Dear Santa

Please send me a new car. I am a little Boy am five years old I like school a lot. One more thing I want is a transformer. I hope you send the toys to me. I like to see the Transformer change into different thing.

Love
Brent

Dear Santa

Thank you for the toys you gave me last year. Please bring me a Voltron this year.

Love Jason
P.S. Jason has been a very good boy this year. Love Mommy

Dear Santa Claus

I have been a good girl. I would like a baby stroller and a baby doll. Please Remember my brother. He has been pretty good and also my cousin. She has been good too. I will leave some snacks for you under the tree.

Love
Lesley Harlan

Dear Santa

I feel happy that you are coming to my house. I don't feel well Santa, so can you get me a Shock Wave. It's a gun that transforms into a robot Santa can you come and let me play with Rudolph. Next year, can you get me optimis - Prime. I want to play with you too.

See you soon
Brandon

Dear Santa Claus,

I have tried to be a good girl even with an older brother. Thank you for being so nice to me last year. For Christmas this year I would like a stuffed dog that repeats everything you say, get-in-shape, and whatever else you think a seven year old would like.

I will leave you some cookies and milk. And don't forget to leave something for Shane.

Love you,
Aaron Ashcraft



The American Red Cross was originated in 1881 by Clara Barton, who became the first president.



The painter, Rembrandt, created 62 Self-Portraits.

Old Faithful, the geyser in Yellowstone National Park, erupts every 64.5 minutes.



CLARENDON SCHOOL DOOR DECORATIONS



HALL DECORATIONS at Clarendon School - taken at "Walk Through" night

Dec. 26

On the day after Christmas,
And not at all strange,
Are the crowds flocking in
With their gifts to exchange.

Their socks are too large;
Their ties are too bright;
Their slippers are wrong;
Their shirts aren't right.

Now if you are anxious
And eager to learn
How to give and be sure
Your gifts won't return.

For what it is worth--
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Their liquor or wine.



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DEC. 28th

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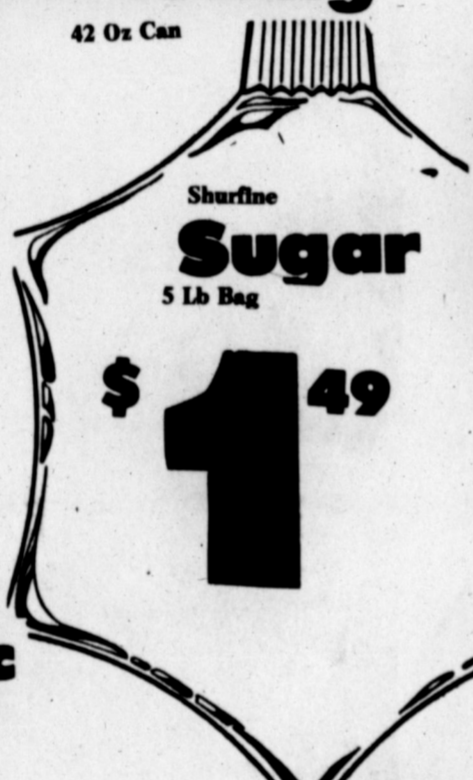
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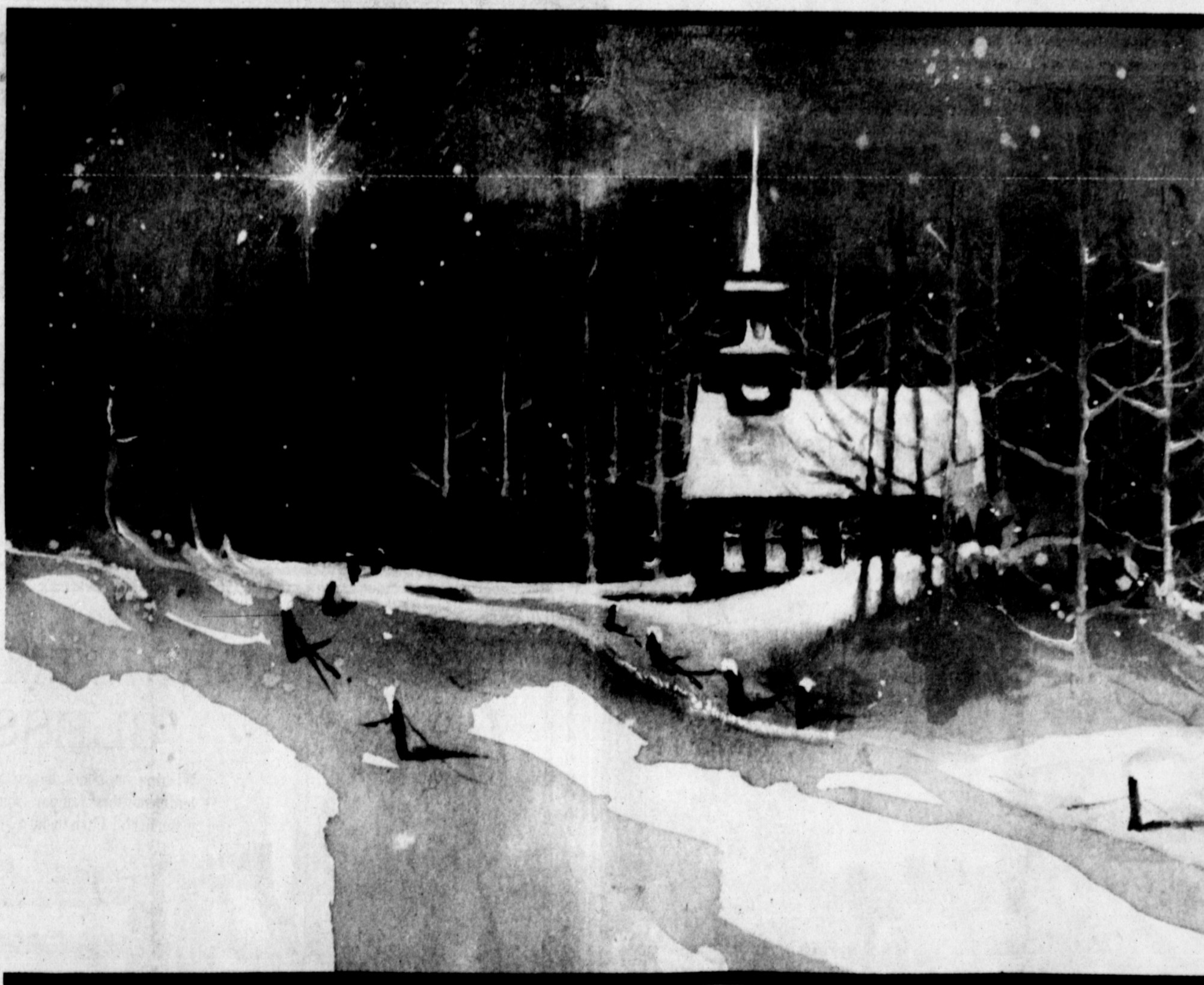
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We hope you will pause and feel the
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find it and never lose it.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



From your friends at

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OF CLARENDON

Where holiday customs originated

Deck the halls with boughs of holly! The lively carol describes one of the oldest customs of the season. Where did it originate?

Most holiday customs have a rationale behind them, as does the practice of hanging holly.

The ancient Druids believed that holly branches protected them from evil spirits. When placed in the home, these branches provided a warm haven for the sylvan spirits. In time, the practice became associated with the holiday season.

We can also thank the Druids for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe. The ancient priests of Ireland, Britain, and Gaul regarded mistletoe as the soul of the oak, which was their sacred tree. Because the plant never touched the earth, the Druids believed it represented pure spirits. As it was a symbol of peace and good will, Druid enemies would drop their weapons under the mistletoe and embrace. This practice evolved into today's holiday custom.

The yule log has been associated

with Christmas for centuries in many countries. This custom goes back to the Norsemen, who used it as a symbol of the rebirth of the sun at the winter solstice; the word *yule* is actually Norse for December. The yule log is always lit with a piece from last year's log, and in many countries, wine is poured on it as a blessing.

Christmas inspires beautiful legends

What wonderful legends the season of Christmas inspires! Who has not enjoyed hearing the story of how the animals were given the gift of speech on that very first Christmas?

Another legend concerns an ox who shared the stable with the Infant Jesus. According to the legend, the ox noticed the halos appearing above the heads of Joseph, Mary and Jesus on that holy night. So radiant was the atmosphere around the Holy Family that the ox felt that even the water in his trough had been touched by the holy presences, and out of humility

We can thank St. Francis of Assisi for the custom of placing manger scenes under the Christmas tree. Wanting to bring the spirit of that first Christmas to his parishioners, the good saint brought animals into his church, where he placed a manger. He scattered hay about the altar, where a mother and her baby repre-

sented Mary and the Infant Jesus. The villagers loved this tableau and soon the custom of creating nativity scenes evolved from that reenactment.

The wassail bowl, where holiday toasts are customary, goes back in tradition to hundreds of years. The daughter of a Germanic chieftain is said to have offered a gold cup filled with wine to her host, with the words "Waes hael hlaford Cyning," or "Be of health, Lord King." As the practice of drinking a wassail spread, those who could not afford wine used a mixture of hot oil, sugar, nutmeg and ginger, topped with toasted bread. That is how drinking to one's health became known as a toast!

Santa's habit of coming down the chimney originates with a Norse legend. According to the Norsemen, at the time of the winter solstice, the goddess Hertha would appear at each fireplace, bringing happiness and good fortune. Sometimes the good fortune arrived in the form of a bewhiskered old man who came down the chimney to meet her.

A beautiful legend tells of the Christmas rose. This story is about a poor little girl, who stood weeping outside the stable on Christmas night because she had no gift for the Infant Jesus. One of the angels noticed the little girl and brushed the earth where her tears had fallen, with a wing.

To the child's wonder, a plant at her feet began to bud and then bloom into lovely, white flowers. The little girl quickly picked the flowers and placed them at the Infant's feet. As the blossoms touched the feet of the Christ Child, the petals turned pink, and thus was born the Christmas rose.

Yet another legend explains how the lamb got its woolly coat. According to the story, a little lamb, gazing upon the Infant Jesus, thought that the Babe might be cold and so nestled next to Jesus, hoping to provide some warmth. As the Infant touched the lamb, its coat was transformed into soft, curly wool.

Joy to the World!

May the blessings of Christmas abide with you



We wish you an old-fashioned holiday filled with love and laughter and all the special delights of the season.

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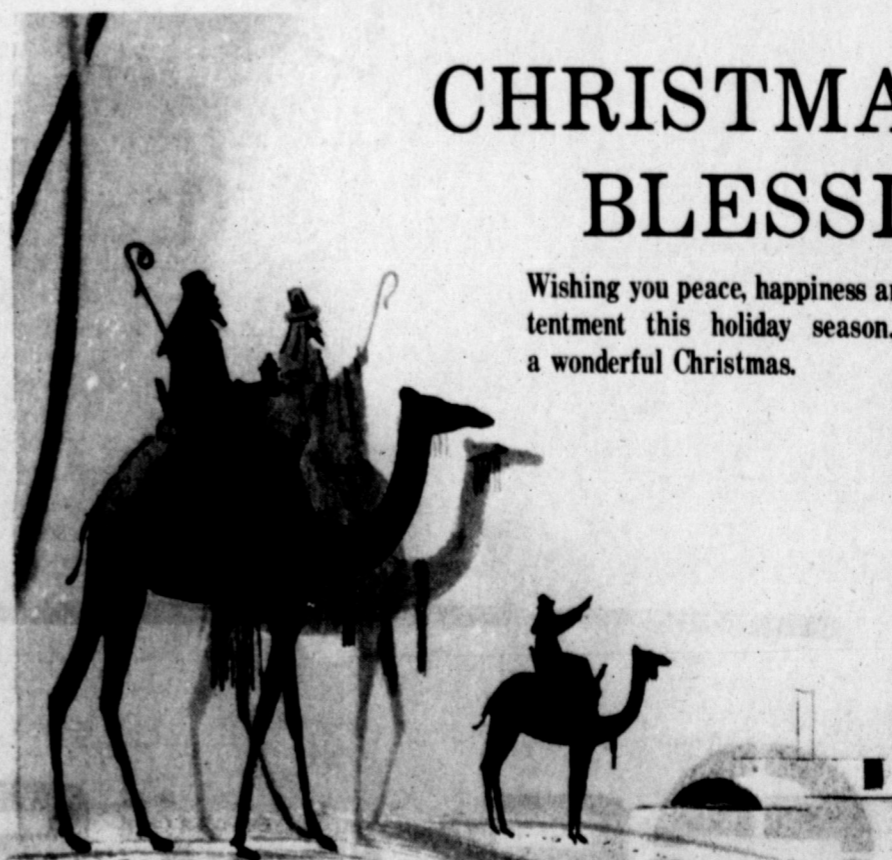
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Serenity reigns throughout the land and in the hearts of all at Christmas who believe in the miracle and meaning of that first Holy Night.

TEXAS SADDLERY

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Wishing you peace, happiness and contentment this holiday season. Have a wonderful Christmas.



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Holiday Hints Keep Your Pet Safe And Healthy



Trimming the tree, adorning our homes with tinsel and holly, sharing special moments with friends and relatives. 'Tis the season to be jolly!

As temperatures drop during this festive season, we humans respond by bundling up and taking extra vitamins. We pamper ourselves and our families, but we also should learn how to take special care of the family's best friend — the faithful dog.

To ensure that everyone — family and furry friend — enjoys the festivities, the experts at MEALTIME dry dog food have compiled a comprehensive list of health care tips.

* Season's greenery. Deck the halls with boughs of holly, a beautiful symbol of the season. Yet, holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and ivy are poisonous if eaten by pets.

* O'Tannenbaum! A festively decorated Christmas tree can be enticing to a dog, but those tempting tree ornaments can cut your pet's mouth or make him ill if he eats or chews on them. Enjoy your tree, but put sharp or fragile tree ornaments well above your dog's reach.

* How to weather the wintry wonderland. In cold weather, your dog will require more food to maintain his body temperature, so be sure to feed your pet a well-balanced, nutritionally complete diet, such as that provided by MEALTIME dry dog food.

* Frolicking in the snow can be fun for people and pets! Do watch the temperatures, though, and call your pet inside soon in frigid weather. If frostbite does occur, cover your dog with warm towels, then gently pat the area dry. Do not rub or massage. See your veterinarian for immediate treatment.

By following these simple tips, available in booklet form, we can give our canine companions the greatest gift of all — a safe and healthy holiday season.

Carolling, tree trimming, gift wrapping: All are part of the family holiday spirit. And the season's good cheer also extends to the family dog, who deserves his own special care during this time.

To receive a free copy of this booklet, simply send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 size envelope to: Holiday Hints Booklet, Kal Kan, P.O. Box 58833, Vernon, CA 90058-0853.

Joy to
the World

Wishing you all the joys
and blessings of this holy
Yuletide Season

How-to Answers — Solving Gift Giving Dilemmas

Matching up gifts with every name on the Christmas list is challenging enough; yet choosing imaginative gifts that say something special can be quite a formidable task. Christmas shopping that is non-productive, is the grinch that can dampen anyone's holiday spirits.

Fortunately, this season's newest "how-to" books from Chilton offer solutions to most gift-giving dilemmas. Wrapped in festive paper and topped with a bright red bow, Chilton's craft books will delight both the skilled and amateur craft enthusiasts on your list. Hundreds of elegant and snappy projects will provide hours of creative entertainment to those who delight in sewing, knitting, quilting, crocheting and entertaining. If creating and giving unique craft gifts is your way of spreading holiday cheer, be sure to make one of these handy books a Christmas present to yourself!

Perfect for those who enjoy Yuletide entertaining is Ed and Stevie Baldwin's *Celebrations of Christmas: A Family Workshop Book* (\$19.95). This treasury of Christmas traditions features spectacular holiday plans for six popular Christmas themes. Special tips on holiday menus, recipes, home decorations and tree trimmings are sure to make any celebration merry, whether it be Victorian, Country, City, Traditional, Old World or South of the Border. Step-by-step instructions and pictures of finished projects help make gift selection and design easy and fun. You're bound to find something for everyone in this collection.

New mothers, doting grandmothers and aunts will turn again and again to *McCall's Big Book of Treasures for Baby* (\$14.95). Designed for those who are experienced at sewing, needlepoint, embroidery, knitting or crocheting, this compendium of toy, decorating and clothing projects can help to make baby's first Christmas a charming and memorable one.

For quilting enthusiasts, Jean Eitel's *Creative Quiltmaking in the Mandala Tradition: Design and Pattern Development* (\$16.95) can be a wonderful stocking-stuffer. More than a quilting guide, this book explores the symbolism of the mandala, ancient Sanskrit for "circle" and a Hindu and Buddhist symbol of the



universe. Suggestions on fabric selection and tips on color choice and stitching ensure fool-proof quiltmaking in lovely and unusual designs.

The homemaker on your Christmas list will find decorating ideas for every room in the home in Linda Lee Lindgren's *Home Decorating with Needlecrafts* (\$12.95). From the living room to the kitchen to the nursery, every setting is enhanced by imaginative projects in quilting, embroidery, applique and stenciling. Photographed in Early American decor, these charming craft designs will supply countless decorating options.

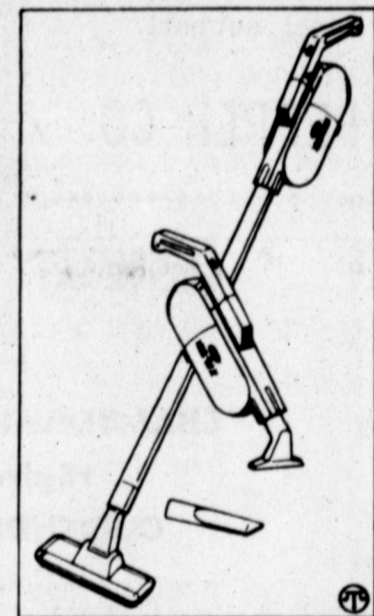
Any or all of these handy "how-to" books can help make this year's Christmas shopping a real pleasure. Of course, any of Chilton's famous automotive manuals will be sure to please the hard-to-buy-for car enthusiasts in the family. Both Chilton's *Automotive Repair Manual 1986 (CARM)* and *Import Car Repair Manual 1986* provide thousands of detailed drawings, photographs, tables and specifications, "notes and cautions," that make their approach a must for beginning do-it-yourselfers and experienced mechanics alike, assuring error-free repairs. Spreading holiday cheer has never been simpler!

Christmas shoppers may order any of Chilton's publications directly for an additional \$1.75 per book to cover shipping and handling costs.

All shoppers are invited to write or call for a complimentary copy of Chilton's Spring 1986 Catalog. Write to, or call: Lori J. Roberts, Promotion & Public Relations Department, Chilton Book Company, One Chilton Way, Radnor, Pennsylvania 19089, (215) 964-4758, (800) 345-1214.

Holiday Hints

Get set for the crowds that can drop in during the holiday season! Here are some hints that may help:



A light touch for holiday cleaning: an electric broom can often be used instead of a vacuum cleaner.

- Sparkling mirrors: Clean them with water mixed with rubbing alcohol and laundry soap.

- Sometimes electric brooms can be more convenient than vacuum cleaners. Weighing only 3.3 pounds, the Dazey Corporation's Vac-Man Power Broom, is two appliances in one. Remove the two extension wands and the broom converts to a hand vacuum. Use the floor tool, upholstery attachment and crevice tool for specialty areas. The five year limited warranty makes it a no-risk purchase.

- Shiny bathroom tiles: dip a chamois cloth into warm



Joy
and
peace

Let us spread His message of peace and good will to all men.

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STONE

REJOICE

With joy in our hearts, let us light up the world with the strength of our kindness, love and caring.

DAIRY QUEEN



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



Wishing you the best gift of the season — happiness at Christmas and always.

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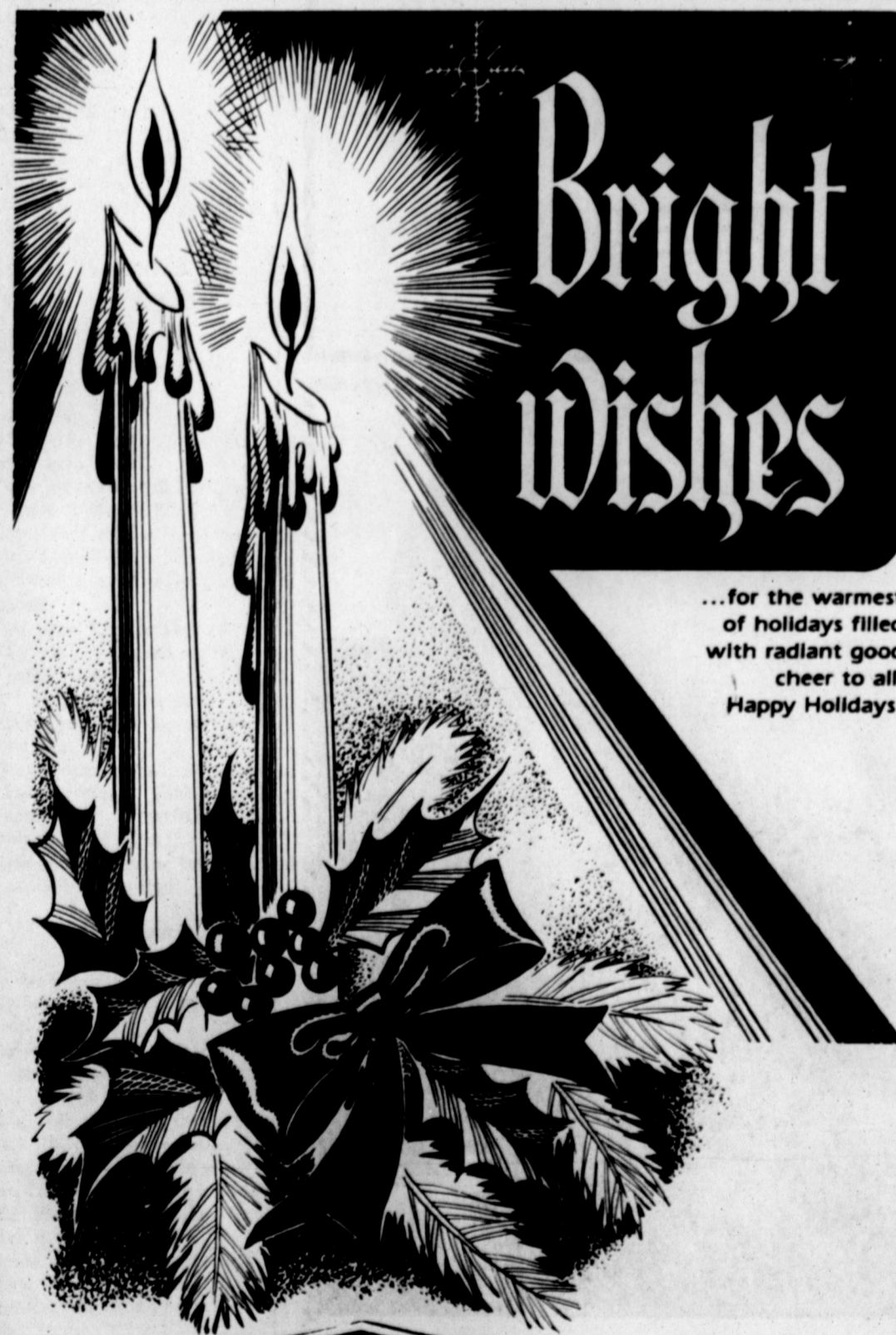
Merry TO ALL
Christmas

O HOLY NIGHT



A Christmas Prayer: Let us rejoice for the Prince of Peace is come again, bringing us a renewal of faith and hope.

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THE "HIDDEN DIABETES"

Have you experienced any of these symptoms recently: frequent urination, abnormal thirst, dramatic unexplained weight loss, weakness, nausea, drowsiness, blurred vision, tingling and numbness in limbs, skin infections? If so, according to the American Diabetes Association, you may have the most common form of diabetes — non-insulin-dependent — and you should see your doctor as soon as possible. With early detection and treatment, diabetes can't be cured—but it can be controlled.

About 10 million people have non-insulin-dependent diabetes. Unfortunately, an estimated five million people have the disease and do not know it. That's because the symptoms often go undetected or are not acted upon until serious damage to the body is done. Diabetes can be a "hidden" disease. The people most at risk for non-insulin-dependent are over 40, overweight, and have a family history of diabetes. Anyone with these characteristics should see a doctor periodically to be tested for the disease.

Non-insulin-dependent like insulin-dependent diabetes is a disease in which a person has trouble using glucose a type of sugar important to body metabolism. People with insulin-dependent diabetes lack the hormone insulin which normally "unlocks" cells, allowing glucose to enter them from the blood.

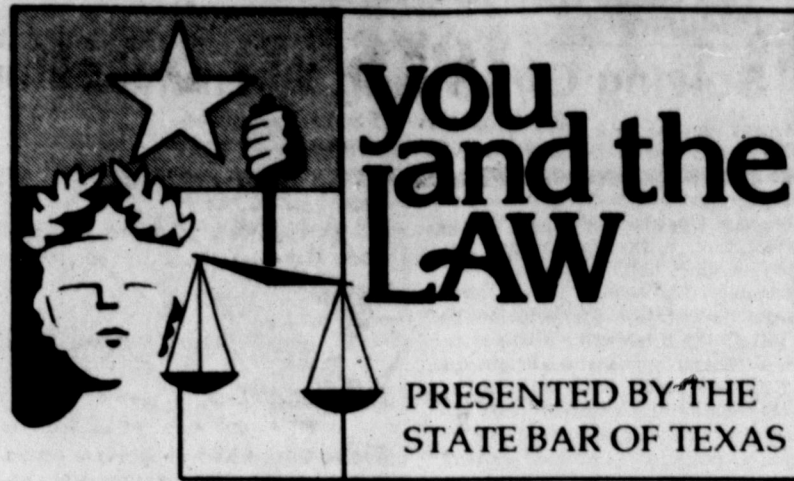


Nearly five million Americans have diabetes and don't know it.

People with non-insulin-dependent diabetes, on the other hand, still make at least some insulin, but they have trouble using it effectively.

If your doctor says you do have non-insulin-dependent diabetes, you may have to take some kind of oral medication or even insulin injections, though most can control this diabetes type through diet and exercise. You'll learn how to control your blood sugar, blood pressure, fat and cholesterol levels in the blood. You may get advice on how to lose weight and quit smoking. People with diabetes who are in the high-risk category, must also have regular eye examinations and keep track of kidney function through regular testing of urine for protein, often the first sign of diabetic kidney disease.

For more information about diabetes contact your local affiliate of the American Diabetes Association or write them directly at 2 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016.



Q: We are an unmarried couple with one child. We are certain we will never marry. Can our son bear his father's name instead of mine?

A: Your son can take his father's name. In order to change the child's name from yours, however, you and the father must petition the court. If your son is 12 or older, his written consent must be attached to the petition.

You may also file a petition for voluntary legitimation, to have the man named the father of the child and making the child legitimate as to his father. This would clarify the questions later in case issues of support or inheritance were ever raised. A child is legitimate

to his unwed mother, but not to the father, unless you obtain the court's order of voluntary legitimation.

Q: Several months ago, I injured myself when I fell into construction on a city street. To date, I have been out almost \$4,000 in hospital expenses. I hired an attorney to sue the city, but so far he has done nothing. In fact, he has moved out-of-town. What can I do?

A: There are two things you should do immediately. First, you should report the lawyer to the local grievance committee of the State Bar of Texas. Any reputable local attorney can tell you how to do this or you can contact the General Counsel of the State Bar of

Texas at P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711. The second thing you should do is consult with another attorney about handling your case. It is important that a lawsuit of this type be filed within two years of the date of injury, or it will be barred by the statute of limitations.

Q: I was denied credit from an oil company because of the model and year car that I drive. I have this in a letter from the company. Is this legal?

A: The oil company has probably not violated any law by denying you credit. There are state and federal laws which prohibit a creditor from discriminating against an applicant on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, or age, or because

all or part of the applicant's income derives from any public assistance program. Unless you are able to show that the reason given by the oil company for the denial of credit in your case was merely a subterfuge for denying credit under one of the prohibited categories, you have no recourse against the oil company.

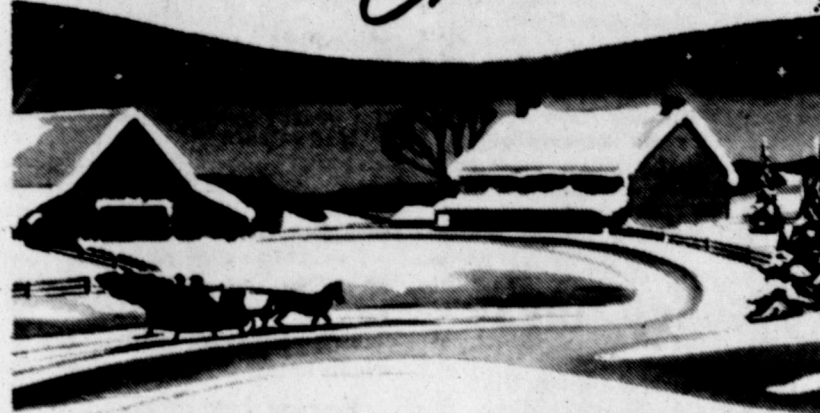
Q: I ordered some merchandise last year for Christmas that was never delivered. It won't do me any good now and the company will not give me back my money. What can I do?

Send your questions to "You and the Law," State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, 78711. Answers may appear in columns in hypothetical terms; personal answers not possible.



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Merry Christmas



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THIS GMAC HOLIDAY SPECIAL ENDS DECEMBER 31, 1985.

Children's Letters to Santa Claus

Editor's Note: All Santa letters were typed exactly as written.

Dear Santa,
Hi. I try to write you every year. Last year I couldn't because I was too busy buying Christmas presents for the family and other people. I know. These are some things I want: T.V., Stereo, some new clothes, some more books to read, a new pair of shoes, but the most that I want is a lot of clothes, shoes and toys. These are not for me, but I want to give them to Africa.
Your dear friend,
Jennifer Brady

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bike and a nickless with a heart. I also want a purse with hearts on it. That's all I want for Christmas.
Thank you very much.

Sign,
Mindy Cortez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a horse and a computer. I would also like a Tom Sawyer book.

Love,
Rachael Rieken

Dear Santa,
I would like a guitar, a bicycle and a rope for Christmas. I have been a very good boy this past year. Don't forget to bring my sister some toys. See you Christmas

Matt Martin
Rt. 1
Hedley, Tx 79237

Dear Santa,
I've been a pretty good girl this year. Please bring me a Hungry Hippo game and a new baby doll. Please don't forget all the other good girls and boys. You can bring my friend Ashley a dull pair of scissors this year.
Love,
LaRae Shaw
P.S. My friend Jane Wood is still waiting for the boy friend she asked for last year.

Dear Santa,
I would like a real baby, a Sony Walkman, and a miniature beauty shop. I have been very good. Please don't forget to bring my little brother, Matt, some toys too.

See you Christmas,
Kendra Martin
Rt. 1
Hedley, TX

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Baby Brite, camera, Heart Family Car, Makit Bakit, Phones and makeup. Have a Merry Christmas! I will have homemade chocolate chip cookies and hot cocoa waiting for you.

Love,
Margaret McNabb

Dear Santa Claws
I want a toy airplane and a toy puppy dog.

Love
Joson Gilbert

Dear Santa Claws,
I would like Jim and Dandy swing set and a doll just like you that talks.

love
Michelle Clubb

Dear Santa Clase,
This year I would like a Cabbage Patch Kid. And a stove and ice box. And I want to be a store kepper when I grow up and I want a store kepper counter. And I want a Real baby doll. And I want a upsy baby.

Love,
Rachel Woodard

Dear Santa Claus
I love you very much. And you are very nice. And I like Christmas. This Christmas is cold. And this Christmas I want a big foot. And one of those robots. I just got to Texas. First I was in Virginia. But I like it here better.
To: Santa Claus from: Johnny Lund

Love Johnny Lee Lund Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid. I want a Cabbage Patch stroller. I want a Heat family, too. And a Real baby doll. And a play kitchen, too.

Love,
Robbie Longan

Hail the Birth
of Jesus, Prince of Peace!

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a jam box, a alarm clock that rings loud. I would like a trampoline.

Love,
Mandi White

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cabbage patch kid for Christmas. And a baby skate and a normal doll and I want a dram Barbie and I want a teddy bear and a doll like you.

Love,
Nancy Andaverdi

Dear Santa
I would like a doll and a Cabbage patch kid and a care bear cousin and a Dr. kit and a baby feeding set and a play telephone and a Punky Brewster doll and a butterfly ring.

love
Christina Schwertner

from Shawn Johnson to Santa
I would like to have a He-Man pillow and a big He-Man castle gray skull.

Dear Santa Claus. I want a remote control big foot.

Joe Beachy

Dear Santa Claus
This year I would like a real cabbage path Kid. And a stove and icebox. I want to be a teacher when I grow up. I like school. I like Christmas because it reminds me of Jesus. And I want a upsy baby.

Love Danielle Flowers

Dear Santa Claus
I would like a go car with a crash up helmet. I would like all of the wrestling toys. I would like the wrestling work out.

love Sammy Slover

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some go bolts and a toy train. And a go bolt thuster.

love,
David Ward

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Cabbage patch kid and a trampoline.

love,
Ruth Cortez

Dear Santa Claus
I wish I had a preemie with a pacifier and a cabbage patch kid with glasses, and a real-baby doll.

love
Kari Glenn

Dear Santa Claus
This year I wish for a barbie doll and a cabbage patch kid, and a horse book and a horse. the last wish if you can't get it mabe I can get it for my birthday.

Love
Jana Hill

Dear Santa, I wold like a water bed and Cabbage patch kid and swing set.

from Shannon Johnson

Dear Santa,
My name is Lauren D'ann Hill and I am 14 months old.

I've tried to be good this year, but sometimes it sure is hard to do what Mommy says, especially to leave the Christmas tree alone. We had to put it in the play pen so I can't open the presents.

This year for Christmas I would like for you to bring me a sink, stove, and refrigerator so my sister, Ashley, and I can learn to cook. Also, anything you leave in my stocking will be nice.

Please remember all my cousins in El Paso, Hedley, Carrollton, and Panhandle and all my friends at the Hedley Senior Citizens.

I will leave you some hot chocolate and cookies my be tree.

I love you
Lauren D'ann Hill

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashley Kay Hill and I am 3 1/2 years old.

I have tried very hard to be good this year, except for the time I cut my friend LaRae's hair.

This year for Christmas I would like for you to bring me a sink, stove, and refrigerator so I can show my sister, Lauren, how to cook. Also, I would like to have some Barbie clothes in my stocking.

Please remember all my cousins in Hedley, El Paso, Panhandle and Carrollton and all my friends at the Hedley Senior Citizens.

I will leave you some hot chocolate and cookies under my tree.

I love you
Ashley Kay Hill
P.S. Please bring my cousin Mush some free tickets to the Ozarks and Nashville, Tenn.

Here's hoping you find good luck for the new year.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cabbage patch kid, some blocks, Peaches 'n Cream, Barbie doll, and clothes for Cabbage Patches.

Love, Karlee

P.S. I need tennie shoes.

Dear Santa,
I need a new trampoline pad (a bigone), microscope, a real bullet gun, and that's all.

I Love Santa,
James Lee

Dear Santa Clas
I wot a for wheeler and B-B gun. how are you doing?

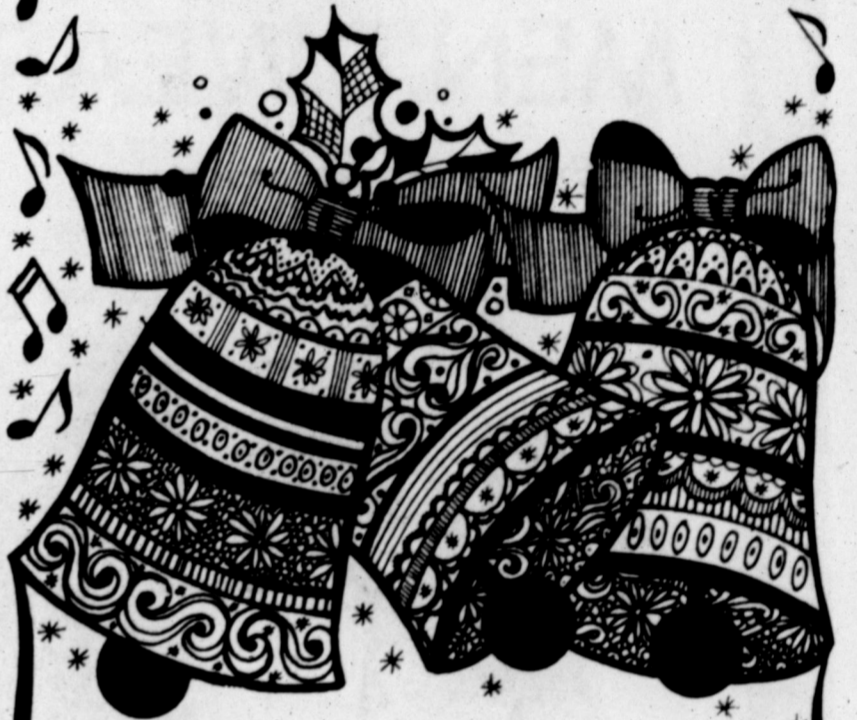
I Love you Santa
Love Dusty

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a three wheeler, a B-B gun, a gobot.

I love you,
John

Yuletide Cheer

Chiming in with a special wish for you at Christmas: May the joys of this Holiday Season fill your hearts with love.



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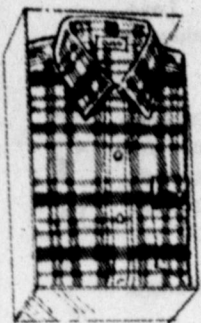
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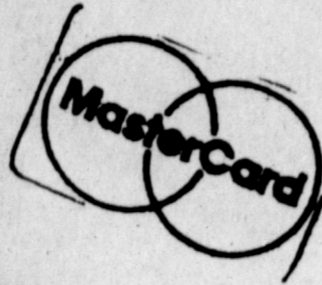
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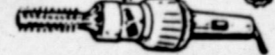
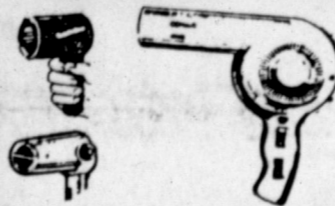
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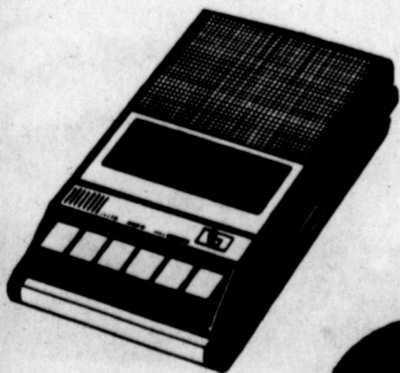
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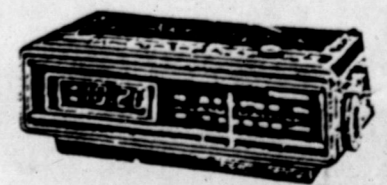
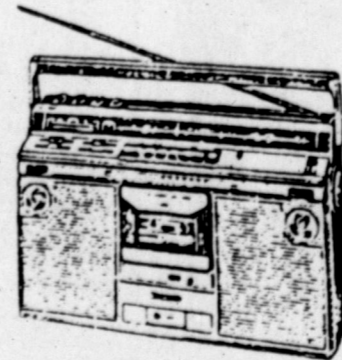


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\$1,052,000 in Scholarships Offered to Texas High School Seniors

The Texas Association of Private Schools (TAPS) will award \$1,052,000 in scholarships to selected 1986 high school graduating seniors in Texas.

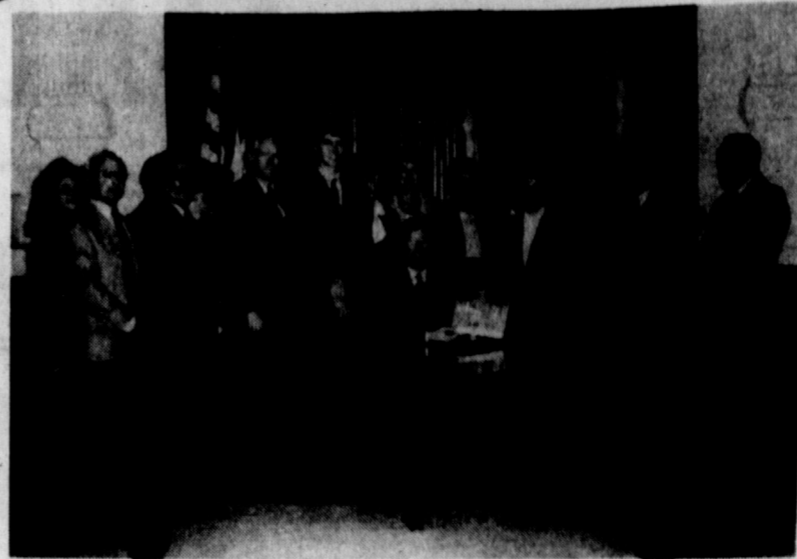
Scholarships will be offered in 102 separate vocational/technical career fields such as computer programming, cosmetology, accounting, air conditioning, acting, commercial art, automotive mechanics, secretarial, barber, court reporting, interior design, medical assisting, offset printing, travel and tourism, welding, word processing and many others. Over 315 scholarships are offered with values from \$350 to \$12,096.

Scholarship program information has been mailed to public and private high school counselors, principals, and superintendents. Scholarship application requirements are (1) letters of recommendation, (2) academic record to date, and (3) an original 250-word essay. Notification of awards will be made to the scholarship winners in mid-April, 1986. Applications for the scholarships (awarded only by TAPS member schools) may be requested of high school counselors or by contacting the TAPS office at: P.O. Box 13481, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 444-8463.

More students receive their career training in privately-owned schools than in any other vocational programs. Eighty percent of today's jobs require technical or vocational skills.

Privately-owned schools are able to provide those skills in a relatively short time so that a student who cannot afford or who does not choose to pursue a degree may obtain a well-paying position and be a productive member of society.

Contact Vernon Stewart, P.O. Box 13481, Austin, Texas 78711; 444-8463.



Governor Mark White (seated) received the first scholarship packet presented by TAPS President Carolyn Willard. Looking on are TAPS officers and contributors to the program (from left) Patty Reece, Bryan; Chris Miteff and Kenn Twombly (hidden), Austin; Carlos Rodriguez, Brownsville; Debbie Black, Helen Barrett and Orland Rury, Austin; Jody Brown (poster artist) and Pam Carter, Houston; Nancy Ellis and Nelda Brock, Austin; Rick Barela, Houston; Carolyn Willard, Dallas; Nella Trisdale, Vernon J. Stewart, TAPS Executive Director, and Don Meyers, Austin.

SILENT NIGHT

The joy of giving and sharing makes this Holy Season truly the most beautiful.

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WISHING YOU THE BEST!

We pray that joy will be yours this holy season.

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REJOICE

May hearts be filled with the many blessings of a most joyous and loving Christmas!

BAILEY ESTES & SON

Rejoice

May the stars shine brightly on you and yours as we celebrate the wondrous miracle of His birth. Blessings of the joyous season to all!

DUDE CORNELL SHELL

Senator Bill Sarpalius Reports

STATE BUDGET IN TROUBLE?

AUSTIN — People around here aren't talking about it much, but our fragile state budget may have been dealt a severe blow by a group of nations halfway around the world.

We're referring to members of the Oil Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). They recently announced their decision to abandon that organization's long-standing policy of controlling production among member nations and setting a world price for oil. OPEC members in the future will flood the world oil market and let the price of oil float, concentrating instead on maintaining a set share of the market.

OPEC's decision, which won't be final until February or March, signals the beginning of a full-scale price war. No one knows yet just how low the price of oil will go, but a New York Times article speculated the price could drop to below \$20 a barrel.

More than a few American consumers probably have chuckled at the prospect of cheap oil, but it's important to remember the downside of the OPEC decision.

Cheaper foreign oil means a likely decline in Texas oil production and revenue from our oil production tax. It also means less tax revenue from oil transactions. The whole package points to a real revenue shortage for the state budget which, when last we looked, was in fairly precarious shape anyway.

Most people probably remember the Legislature came to Austin earlier this year facing a \$1 billion revenue shortfall. A little legislative wizardry, combined with some judicious cuts, enabled us to balance the budget for the 1986-87 biennium.

That balance could teeter the wrong way, though, if our tax revenue drops too sharply. State Comptroller Bob Bullock's revenue estimate for the coming biennium was based on a projected oil price of \$26 per barrel for Fiscal Year 1986 and \$24 per barrel for Fiscal Year 1987.

Bullock has been lucky so far because the price of oil this fiscal year has been above the predicted \$26 level, running closer to \$27 per barrel and sometimes as high as \$28. The extra revenue has given the state enough breathing room that Bullock recently told a group of Dallas Democrats the state will make it through the current biennium with no financial trouble.

That prediction came before the OPEC announcement, but even if we don't run into problems this biennium, we're sure to have trouble when the Legislature comes back to Austin in 1987.

Oil prices will be at a decade low; projected revenues from existing sources will barely fund the budget

at the current level. The state won't be able to provide even inflationary budget increases without new revenue sources.

There will be the inevitable talk of new taxes, as well as talk of how the state should live within its means. We, of course, prefer the latter option, but it's much too early for anyone to have all the answers to the coming budget crunch.

Instead, we in the Legislature during the next year will begin looking long and hard at our options, weighing each carefully. During that evaluation process, we're going to be turning to you as Texas citizens for advice.

Glory to the New Born King

HAPPY 1986

Happy Holidays

Best wishes to friends old and new for the brightest, most joyful Christmas ever! We hope this season brings the greatest of happiness to all of you!

SHIELDS CIRCLE S STATION

HAPPY YULETIDE

May the spirit of this joyous season touch all His creatures, bringing peace and serenity across the land.

Merry Christmas!

MARY'S COUNTRY KITCHEN

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Get a Bigger Sleigh, Santa Claus!

The Visit from St. Nicholas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And Momma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher, now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on Dunder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stub of a pipe he held tight to his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all...and to all a goodnight!"

Dear Santa Claus,
I want talking bear, a bike, and truck and car. I like him.

Love,
Roy

Dear Santa Claus
I want building blocks that stick together, a barbie doll, a barbie house and I really want something big.

Love,
Melody

P.S. Do you like little boys and kids?

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been so good most of the time. My teacher says I am doing a good job in school and learning lots. Please bring toys for me and Kool-Aid for my sister Mandi and toys for Mommy and Daddy. Please take care of the reindeer.

Love,
Hollie Jo White

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cap gun and a road grader and one of them little frogs. What's your favorite number?

Love,
Josh

and a Taddy Rosbne
how are you feeling
how is miss Santa Claus
how are The elfs
Love Jennifer Michelle Carson

I love you Santa Claus. I want you to go to my house Santa Claus I Love you.

Love Gina

Dea Santa Claus
it is Christmas Time. I wut a Care Bear, a pony. I Love you Santa.

Love Cindy

Dear Santa Claus
I want a princess of power, a tape player, a play house in the back yard and I want my stocking with some charms.

Love, Christina

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Teddy rugsby, a teddy bear, an umbrella, a Donald Duck toy, my little pony and an opening mirror.

Love, Patricia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a transformer radio, a three wheeler (plastic), a new trampoline (not a big one). How are your poor little ole elves doing? Love, Matt.

Dear Santa,
I want a shot gun, a transformer radio, four wheeler, pistol gun (a play one).

I love you, Emory

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cabbage patch kid, a Donald Duck puppet, and I want a puppy-dog and a rocking pony. What is your favorite time?

Love, Robin

Dear Santa,
Thank You. I want a motorcycle.

Austin Nixon

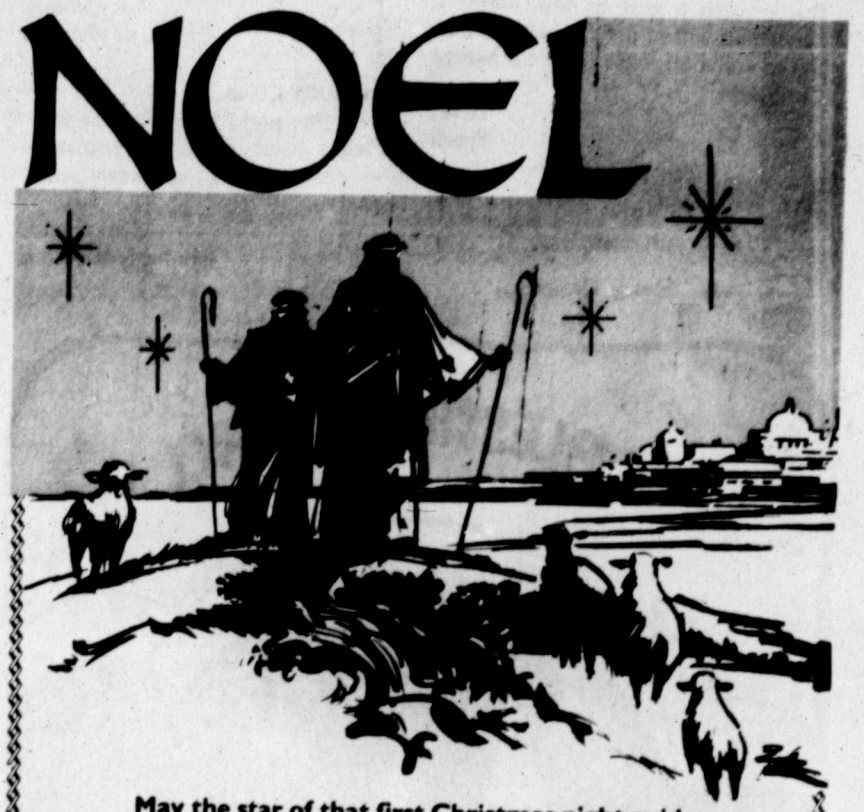
Dear Santa,
Bring me a Strawberry Shortcake Icebox and a Little Pony Castle. Love, Tequila

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy. I want a horse for Christmas. I want a little man to play with too. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Timmy

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Cabbage Patch Kid, a pair of black parachute pants, a long, white shirt, telephone cord belt, hand hold cassette player. I would also like these tapes: Madonna, Cindy Laupher, Foot Loose, Elvis, blank tapes, Olivia Newton John, and Tina Turner.

Love,
Shauna Lauderdale



May the star of that first Christmas night guide us all with its holy light to peace on earth.

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GLAD TIDINGS



Extending warmest holiday greetings to you during this happy season. May future Christmases always bring the joys of laughter, good will and song.

Mike's  Pharmacy

Mike Butts

SEASON'S GREETINGS

JANIE'S BEAUTY SHOP



"A Wagon and Some Dolls and a Bike and..."

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. This year for Christmas I want snow boots. I also want a black Big foot, a blue Big foot, Master's of the Universe, a Castle Grayskull, a Redskins football suit with helmet, and a GI Joe Dune Buggy with a gun on top. And a superman with a jet. A batman and Robin and a airplane. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Tyrell

To all our friends and customers, a very "Merry Christmas"

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I am 5 years old and I have been a pretty good girl.

Please bring me a cabbage patch preemie doll, a glitter wand, a Barbie home and office and a make-up jewelry kit. Thank you,

Your friend,
Christina Wootten

Dear Santa Claus,
I am fine and I hope you are too. Please bring me a computron, a new coat and a checker game. Thank you,

Your friend,
Kimberly Wootten

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I have tried to be a very good boy this year but it's been real hard. I'm in first grade and it's hard to be nice when you're seven years old. I would like to have a jam box, Blaster, Operation game, Sorry game, some Gobots, and Breakin' I and Breakin' II tapes, Gobot Command Center, Omega Supreme, and anything else you want to bring me! Please remember my little brother, even though he is never good! And all my cousins. Thank you for all my presents from last year! Merry Christmas!

Thank you!
I love you!

John Nicholas Gerner
P.S. Don't forget, I live in Granbury now! It's by Fort Worth. Hope you can find me!

Dear Santa

I want the Cabbage Patch twins, a set of makeup, sum roller skats. Also, I want you to bring Summer the cabbag patch twins.

Love,
Adrian Dunn

P.S. I've been a good girl

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me some pom poms, a doll, and all the surprises you can carry. I am being good and trying hard to stay that way.

Love and XXXX,
Lana Moffett
7 year old

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. I would like a cabbage patch kid, a bear and a book to read. Have a save trip. I'll be at my Nanny's house with my brother Brock.

I love you
Kala Holland

Dear Santa,

Being only 2 years old, I will let my mama write down my wishes. I would love a Cabbage Patch baby, some cheerleading pom poms, and a few surprises. Please remember my brother, Brendan, who is 10 and thinks he is too old to write you, he likes G.I. Joe toys. Also Lana, who is my 7 year old sister, will be writing, so please remember her, too.

We will try to stay awake to see you Christmas Eve, but if I fall asleep, I'll catch you next year.

I've tried to be good, but I am really too curious to keep out of "some" trouble. Try to overlook that, please!

Much love,
hugs to your family,
Tessa Jo Moffett

Dear Santa,

I've been a pretty good girl this year, and I hope my house is on your list. I would like to have a pound puppy, Cabbage Patch Kid, tape player with tapes, and My Little Pony and that's all.

I hop to see you soon,
Kathryn Ritchie

Dear Santa,

I've been a good boy this year, and I would like for you to bring me some new toys. I would like for you to bring me a robot, jambox and tapes, a My Buddy, pound puppy, motorcycle, and some toy trucks and thats all.

I Love you Santa,
Wes Ritchie

Dear Santa

I have tried to be a good boy this year. Could you please bring me some go-bots, lots of Masters of the Universe Stuff and a big surprise. My little Sister Sarah has been a pretty good girl and she would like a musical glow land and a little helper shopping set. You probably should bring her a surprise too. We will have oreo cookies and milk in the kitchen for your long trip.

We're waiting for you and love you lots!

Keith and Sarah Kidd

Dear Santa

My name is Wesley Dale Barker and I am at my new home in Wichita Falls, Tex. I have been a good boys this year. I would like a riding toy and anything you can afford for me. I will be happy with anything you get me okay. My Nanny Nola Barker lives here in Clarendon Tex. Please be good to her. I want to put a order in for a baby sister in March. Don't forget others girl and boys.

Love a Friend
Wesley Dale Barker



In the 1930s, the average American hen laid 121 eggs per year. Today's hen lays 217.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 5 years old, I live in Quanah, Tex. I been good. My Nanny is writing a little for me to put in Clarendon Press. I'll take anything you can bring me. Don't forget other girls and boys.

Don't forget my couison live in Wichita Falls, Tex.

Your Friend
Katie Reeves
From Quanah, Tex
P.S. Don't forget my Nanny.

Dear Santa,

I am a 4 year old boy who has tried to be a good this year but it hasn't always been easy. I would like to have a fire truck, a crane and some play pants.

I love you Santa and all of your reindeer. I will leave you something to

I love you Santa and all of your reindeer. I will leave you something to eat.

Love,
Blake Osburn

Dear Santa,

My name is Dustin Bryan Knowles and I am two years old. I have tried to be good this year. I would like for you to bring me a swing set with a fast going teeter-toter. And maybe a couple of puzzles to learn my ABC's and numbers. Remember all my friends and 2 cousins. I hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas.

I love you, Santal
Love,
Dustin

Dear Santa,

My name is Mandy Floyd. I am 8 1/2 year old, I'm in the third grade. And I do not want very much for Christmas this year, I want a Baton, Jam JBox, Rick Springfield tape and a Holy Bible. I love you very much!

Love,
Mandy Floyd

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good. My name is Nathan. I'm 3 years old. I don't want very much this year. I want a Mr. T doll, a robot with big muscles, Spider man and Iceman and a GI Jo set. I love you Santa.

Love
Nathan Floyd

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 2 years old and I have been a pretty good boy.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 2 years old and I have been a pretty good boy.

Please bring me a pedal car and a "My Buddy" doll.

Thank you,
Your little friend,
Greg Wootten

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas:
1. Cabbage patch doll
2. keyboard
3. Cabbage patch primee
4. trampoline

I tried to be good this year.
Signed, Sabrina Schaffer

Celebrate A Real Christmas... Come To Church

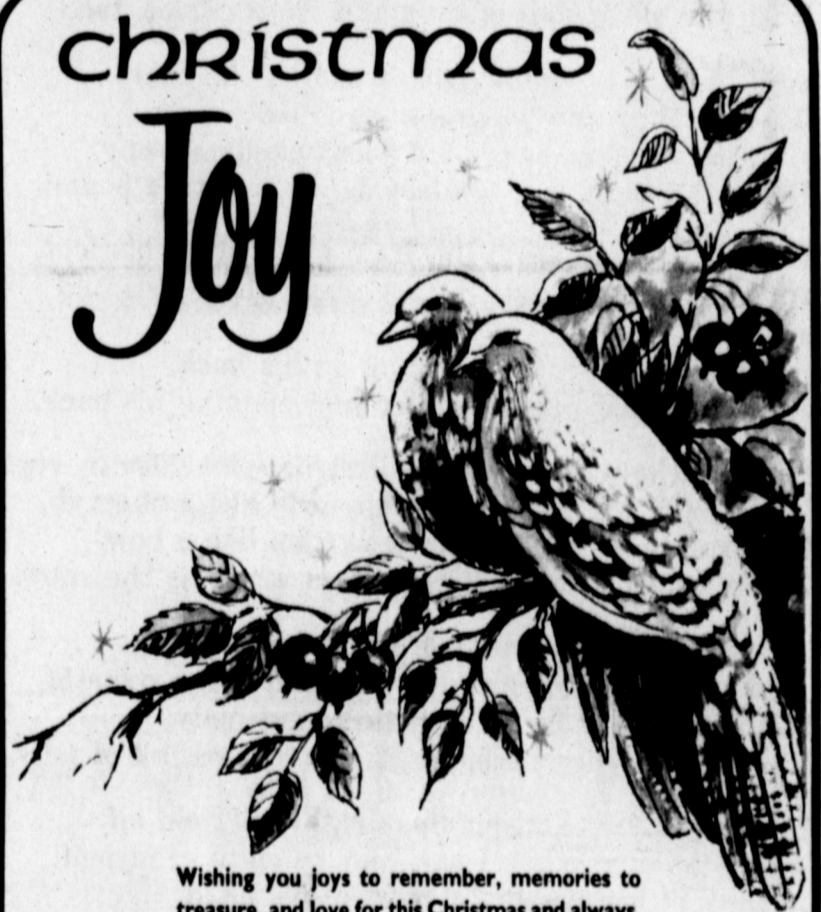


Here's wishing you a bright and beautiful holiday season filled with warmth and good feelings. Merry Christmas to you and yours!

HARLAN'S FLOWERS

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Joy



Wishing you joys to remember, memories to treasure, and love for this Christmas and always.

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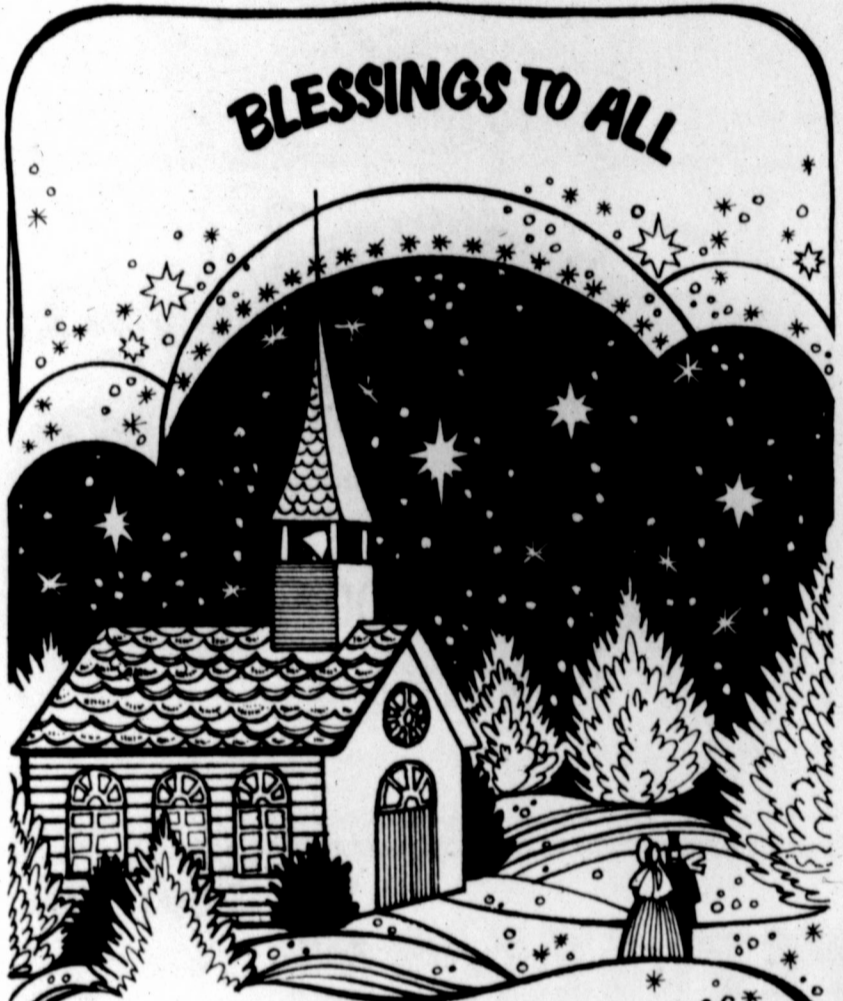
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May this sacred season bring its finest blessings to you.

HILL'S PETROLEUM

BLESSINGS TO ALL



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GREENBELT ELECTRIC COOP



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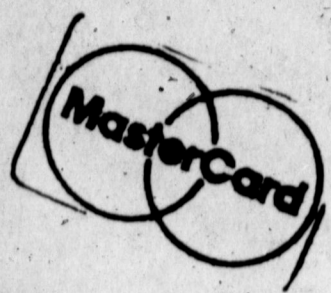
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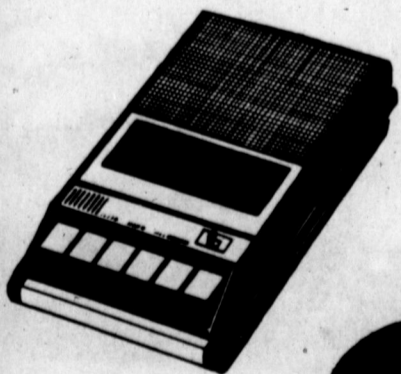
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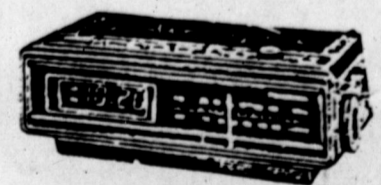
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\$1,052,000 in Scholarships Offered to Texas High School Seniors

The Texas Association of Private Schools (TAPS) will award \$1,052,000 in scholarships to selected 1986 high school graduating seniors in Texas.

Scholarships will be offered in 102 separate vocational/technical career fields such as computer programming, cosmetology, accounting, air conditioning, acting, commercial art, automotive mechanics, secretarial, barber, court reporting, interior design, medical assisting, offset printing, travel and tourism, welding, word processing and many others. Over 315 scholarships are offered with values from \$350 to \$12,096.

Scholarship program information has been mailed to public and private high school counselors, principals, and superintendents. Scholarship application requirements are (1) letters of recommendation, (2) academic record to date, and (3) an original 250-word essay. Notification of awards will be made to the scholarship winners in mid-April, 1986. Applications for the scholarships (awarded only by TAPS member schools) may be requested of high school counselors or by contacting the TAPS office at: P.O. Box 13481, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 444-8463.

More students receive their career training in privately-owned schools than in any other vocational programs. Eighty percent of today's jobs require technical or vocational skills.

Privately-owned schools are able to provide those skills in a relatively short time so that a student who cannot afford or who does not choose to pursue a degree may obtain a well-paying position and be a productive member of society.

Contact Vernon Stewart, P.O. Box 13481, Austin, Texas 78711; 444-8463.



Governor Mark White (seated) received the first scholarship packet presented by TAPS President Carolyn Willard. Looking on are TAPS officers and contributors to the program (from left) Patty Reece, Bryan; Chris Miteff and Kena Twombly (hidden), Austin; Carlos Rodriguez, Brownsville; Debbie Black, Helen Barrett and Orland Rury, Austin; Jody Brownd (poster artist) and Pam Carter, Houston; Nancy Ellis and Nelda Brock, Austin; Rick Barela, Houston; Carolyn Willard, Dallas; Nella Trisdale, Vernon J. Stewart, TAPS Executive Director, and Don Meyers, Austin.

WISHING YOU THE BEST!

We pray that joy will be yours this holy season.

WEST TEXAS GAS

SILENT NIGHT

The joy of giving and sharing makes this Holy Season truly the most beautiful.

JACK OWENS TRUCKING

REJOICE

May hearts be filled with the many blessings of a most joyous and loving Christmas!

BAILEY ESTES & SON

Glory to the New Born King

HAPPY 1986

Happy Holidays

Best wishes to friends old and new for the brightest, most joyful Christmas ever! We hope this season brings the greatest of happiness to all of you!

SHIELDS CIRCLE S STATION

Senator Bill Sarpalius Reports

STATE BUDGET IN TROUBLE?

AUSTIN — People around here aren't talking about it much, but our fragile state budget may have been dealt a severe blow by a group of nations halfway around the world.

We're referring to members of the Oil Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). They recently announced their decision to abandon that organization's long-standing policy of controlling production among member nations and setting a world price for oil. OPEC members in the future will flood the world oil market and let the price of oil float, concentrating instead on maintaining a set share of the market.

OPEC's decision, which won't be final until February or March, signals the beginning of a full-scale price war. No one knows yet just how low the price of oil will go, but a New York Times article speculated the price could drop to below \$20 a barrel.

More than a few American consumers probably have chuckled at the prospect of cheap oil, but it's important to remember the downside of the OPEC decision.

Cheaper foreign oil means a likely decline in Texas oil production and revenue from our oil production tax. It also means less tax revenue from oil transactions. The whole package points to a real revenue shortage for the state budget which, when last we looked, was in fairly precarious shape anyway.

Most people probably remember the Legislature came to Austin earlier this year facing a \$1 billion revenue shortfall. A little legislative wizardry, combined with some judicious cuts, enabled us to balance the budget for the 1986-87 biennium.

That balance could teeter the wrong way, though, if our tax revenue drops too sharply. State Comptroller Bob Bullock's revenue estimate for the coming biennium was based on a projected oil price of \$26 per barrel for Fiscal Year 1986 and \$24 per barrel for Fiscal Year 1987.

Bullock has been lucky so far because the price of oil this fiscal year has been above the predicted \$26 level, running closer to \$27 per barrel and sometimes as high as \$28. The extra revenue has given the state enough breathing room that Bullock recently told a group of Dallas Democrats the state will make it through the current biennium with no financial trouble.

That prediction came before the OPEC announcement, but even if we don't run into problems this biennium, we're sure to have trouble when the Legislature comes back to Austin in 1987.

Oil prices will be at a decade low; projected revenues from existing sources will barely fund the budget

at the current level. The state won't be able to provide even inflationary budget increases without new revenue sources.

There will be the inevitable talk of new taxes, as well as talk of how the state should live within its means. We, of course, prefer the latter option, but it's much too early for anyone to have all the answers to the coming budget crunch.

Instead, we in the Legislature during the next year will begin looking long and hard at our options, weighing each carefully. During that evaluation process, we're going to be turning to you as Texas citizens for advice.

Rejoice

May the stars shine brightly on you and yours as we celebrate the wondrous miracle of His birth. Blessings of the joyous season to all!

DUDE CORNELL SHELL

HAPPY YULETIDE

May the spirit of this joyous season touch all His creatures, bringing peace and serenity across the land.

Merry Christmas!

MARY'S COUNTRY KITCHEN

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Get a Bigger Sleigh, Santa Claus!

The Visit from St. Nicholas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And Momma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher, now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stub of a pipe he held tight to his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all...and to all a goodnight!"

Dear Santa Claus,
I want talking bear, a bike, and truck and car. I like him.
Love,
Roy

Dear Santa Claus
I want building blocks that stick together, a barbie doll, a barbie house and I really want something big.
Love,
Melody

P.S. Do you like little boys and kids?

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been so good most of the time. My teacher says I am doing a good job in school and learning lots. Please bring toys for me and Kool-Aid for my sister Mandi and toys for Mommy and Daddy. Please take care of the reindeer.
Love,
Hollie Jo White

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cap gun and a road grader and one of them little frogs. What's your favorite number?
Love,
Josh

and a Taddy Rosbne
how are you feeling
how is miss Santa Claus
how are The elfs
Love Jennifer Michelle Carson

I love you Santa Claus. I want you to go to my house Santa Claus I Love you.
Love Gina

Dea Santa Claus
it is Christmas Time. I wut a Care Bear, a pony. I Love you Santa.
Love Cindy

Dear Santa Claus
I want a princess of power, a tape player, a play house in the back yard and I want my stocking with some charms.
Love, Christina

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Teddy rugby, a teddy bear, an umbrella, a Donald Duck toy, my little pony and an opening mirror.
Love, Patricia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a transformer radio, a three wheeler (plastic), a new trampoline (not a big one). How are your poor little ole elves doing? Love, Matt.

Dear Santa,
I want a shot gun, a transformer radio, four wheeler, pistol gun (a play one).
I love you, Emory

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cabbage patch kid, a Donald Duck puppet, and I want a puppy dog and a rocking pony. What is your favorite time?
Love, Robin

Dear Santa,
Thank You. I want a motorcycle.
Austin Nixon

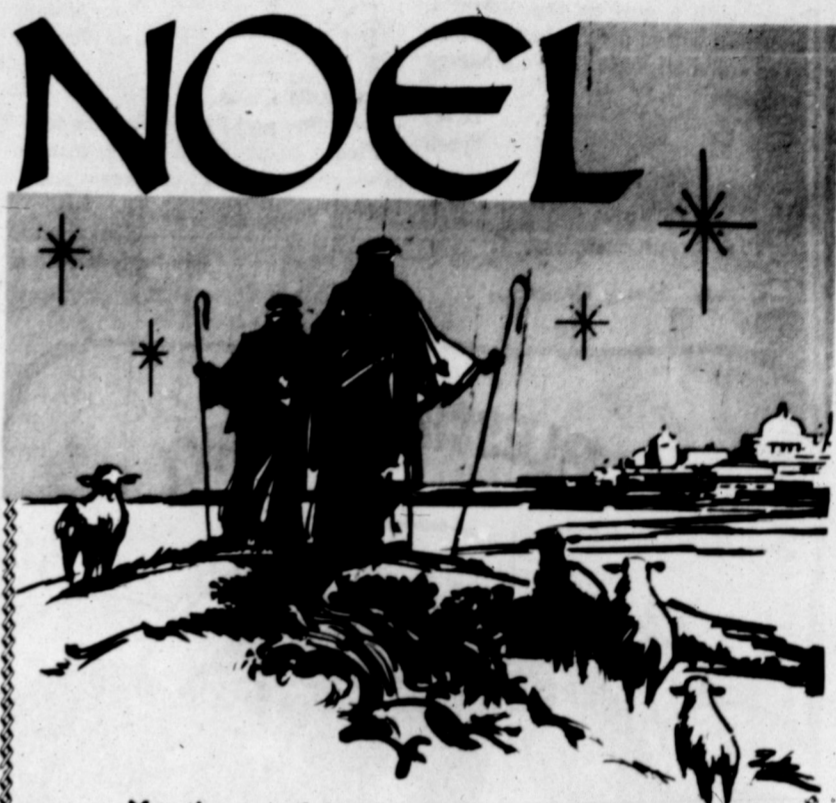
Dear Santa,
Bring me a Strawberry Shortcake. Icebox and a Little Pony Castle.
Love, Tequila

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy. I want a horse for Christmas. I want a little man to play with too. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Timmy

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Cabbage Patch Kid, a pair of black parachute pants, a long, white shirt, telephone cord belt, hand hold cassette player. I

would also like these tapes: Madonna, Cindy Lauper, Foot Loose, Elvis, blank tapes, Olivia Newton John, and Tina Turner.

Love,
Shauna Lauderdale



NOEL

May the star of that first Christmas night guide us all with its holy light to peace on earth.

MORRIS TAX & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE

GLAD TIDINGS



Extending warmest holiday greetings to you during this happy season. May future Christmases always bring the joys of laughter, good will and song.

Mike's  Pharmacy
Mike Butts

SEASON'S GREETINGS

JANIE'S BEAUTY SHOP

"A Wagon and Some Dolls and a Bike and..."

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. This year for Christmas I want snow boots. I also want a black Big foot, a blue Big foot, Master's of the Universe, a Castle Grayskull, a Redskins football suit with helmet, and a GI Joe Dune Buggy with a gun on top. And a superman with a jet. A batman and Robin and a airplane. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Tyrell

To all our friends and customers, a very "Merry Christmas"

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I am 5 years old and I have been a pretty good girl.

Please bring me a cabbage patch preemie doll, a glitter wand, a Barbie home and office and a make-up jewelry kit. Thank you,

Your friend,
Christina Wootten

Dear Santa Claus,
I am fine and I hope you are too. Please bring me a computron, a new coat and a checker game. Thank you,

Your friend,
Kimberly Wootten

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I have tried to be a very good boy this year but it's been real hard. I'm in first grade and it's hard to be nice when you're seven years old. I would like to have a jam box, Blaster, Operation game, Sorry game, some Gobots, and Breakin' I and Breakin' II tapes, Gobot Command Center, Omega Supreme, and anything else you want to bring me! Please remember my little brother, even though he is never good! And all my cousins. Thank you for all my presents from last year! Merry Christmas!

Thank you!
I love you!

John Nicholas Gerner
P.S. Don't forget, I live in Granbury now! It's by Fort Worth. Hope you can find me!

Dear Santa

I want the Cabbage Patch twins, a set of makeup, sum roller skats. Also, I want you to bring Summer the cabbag patch twins.

Love,
Adrian Dunn

P.S. I've been a good girl

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me some pom poms, a doll, and all the surprises you can carry. I am being good and trying hard to stay that way.

Love and XXXX,
Lana Moffett
7 year old

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. I would like a cabbage patch kid, a bear and a book to read. Have a save trip. I'll be at my Nanny's house with my brother Brock.

I love you
Kala Holland

Dear Santa,

Being only 2 years old, I will let my mama write down my wishes. I would love a Cabbage Patch baby, some cheerleading pom poms, and a few surprises. Please remember my brother, Brendan, who is 10 and thinks he is too old to write you, he likes G.I. Joe toys. Also Lana, who is my 7 year old sister, will be writing, so please remember her, too.

We will try to stay awake to see you Christmas Eve, but if I fall asleep, I'll catch you next year.

I've tried to be good, but I am really too curious to keep out of "some" trouble. Try to overlook that, please!

Much love,
hugs to your family,
Tessa Jo Moffett

Dear Santa,

I've been a pretty good girl this year, and I hope my house is on your list. I would like to have a pound puppy, Cabbage Patch Kid, tape player with tapes, and My Little Pony and that's all.

I hop to see you soon,
Kathryn Ritchie

Dear Santa,

I've been a good boy this year, and I would like for you to bring me some new toys. I would like for you to bring me a robot, jambox and tapes, a My Buddy, pound puppy, motorcycle, and some toy trucks and thats all.

I Love you Santa,
Wes Ritchie

Dear Santa

I have tried to be a good boy this year. Could you please bring me some go-bots, lots of Masters of the Universe Stuff and a big surprise. My little Sister Sarah, has been a pretty good girl and she would like a musical glow land and a little helper shopping set. You probably should bring her a surprise too. We will have oreo cookies and milk in the kitchen for your long trip.

We're waiting for you and love you lots!

Keith and Sarah Kidd

Dear Santa

My name is Wesley Dale Barker and I am at my new home in Wichita Falls, Tex. I have been a good boys this year. I would like a riding toy and anything you can afford for me. I will be happy with anything you get me okay. My Nanny Nola Barker lives here in Clarendon Tex. Please be good to her. I want to put a order in for a baby sister in March. Don't forget others girl and boys.

Love a Friend
Wesley Dale Barker

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 5 years old, I live in Quannah, Tex. I been good. My Nanny is writing a little for me to put in Clarendon Press. I'll take anything you can bring me. Don't forget other girls and boys.

Don't forget my cousion live in Wichita Falls, Tex.

Your Friend
Katie Reeves
From Quannah, Tex

P.S. Don't forget my Nanny.

Dear Santa,

I am a 4 year old boy who has tried to be a good this year but it hasn't always been easy. I would like to have a fire truck, a crane and some play pants.

I love you Santa and all of your reindeer. I will leave you something to

I love you Santa and all of your reindeer. I will leave you something to eat.

Love,
Blake Osburn

Dear Santa,

My name is Dustin Bryan Knowles and I am two years old. I have tried to be good this year. I would like for you to bring me a swing set with a fast going teeter-toter. And maybe a couple of puzzles to learn my ABC's and numbers. Remember all my friends and 2 cousins. I hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas.

I love you, Santal
Love,
Dustin

Dear Santa,

My name is Mandy Floyd. I am 8 1/2 year old, I'm in the third grade. And I do not want very much for Christmas this year. I want a Baton, Jam JBox, Rick Springfield tape and a Holy Bible. I love you very much!

Love,
Mandy Floyd

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good. My name is Nathan. I'm 3 years old. I don't want very much this year. I want a Mr. T doll, a robot with big muscles, Spider man and Iceman and a GI Jo set. I love you Santa.

Love
Nathan Floyd

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 2 years old and I have been a pretty good by.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 2 years old and I have been a pretty good boy.
Please bring me a pedal car and a "My Buddy" doll.

Thank you,
Your little friend,
Greg Wootten

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas:
1. Cabbage patch doll
2. keyboard
3. Cabbage patch primee
4. trampoline

I tried to be good this year.
Signed, Sabrina Schaffer

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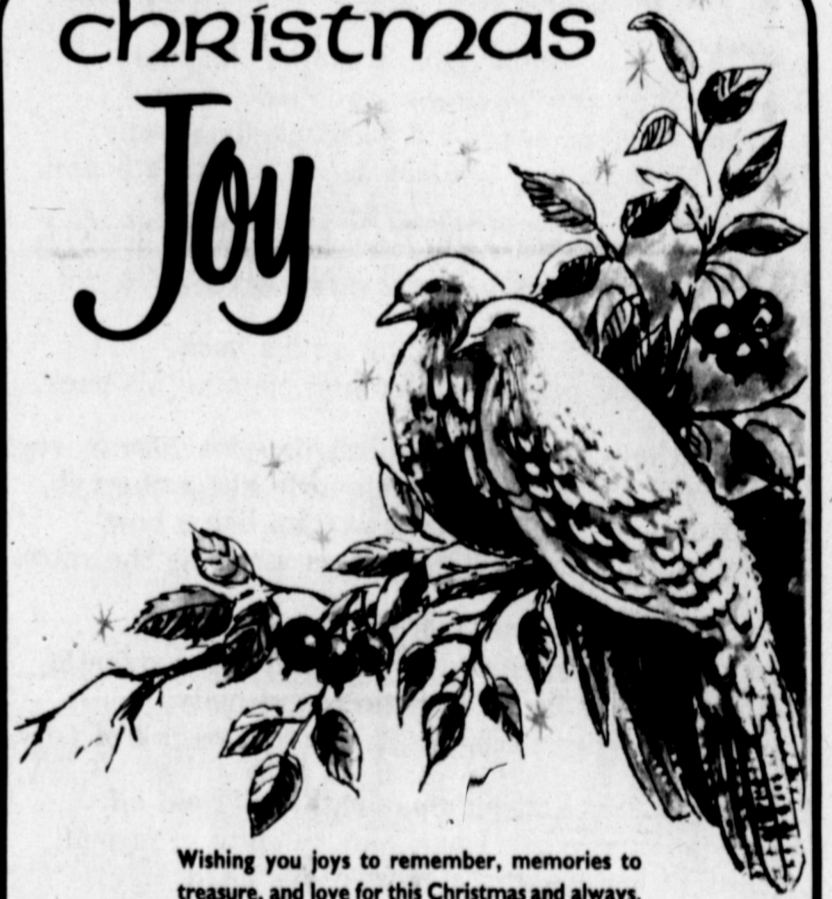


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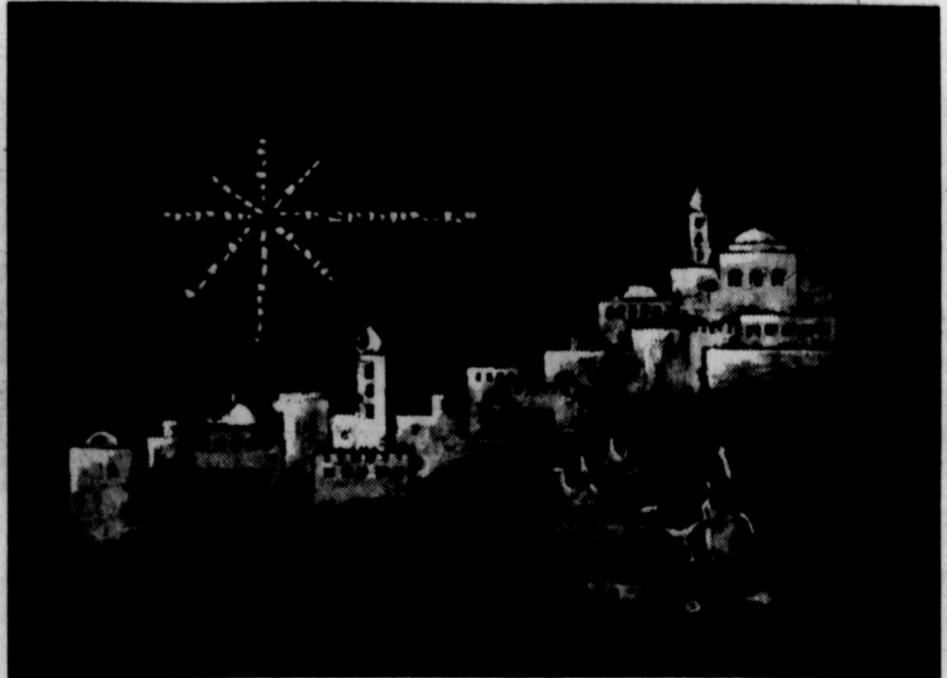
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DONLEY COUNTY STATE BANK



In the 1930s, the average American hen laid 121 eggs per year. Today's hen lays 217.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a five year old little boy. I would like to have a Knight Rider car, a set of horses, snowboots, a sleeping bag and a tent. I would also like a football and a Bears football uniform, a Superman, Aquaman, Batman, and Robin.
I have tried to be good this year. Please remember all my cousins and all the other people.
I love you, Santa Claus.
Jesse Christopher

Dear Santa Clause
I am a little six year old girl, in Kindergarten.
Please remember all the little boys and girls who are less fortunate than some of us.
Also remember my sweet teacher, Mrs. Simmons, my Daddy, my Sister, Audra, and my brother Billy Bob.
I want a new bicycle, a toy Santa that winds up and rings a bell, a cap, scarf and gloves, and some warm sweaters and clothes.
I have been a good girl and am learning in school. Happy Birthday to Jesus.
I Love You
Candi Hoggard

Dear Santa
I would like to have a dumptruck, new bike, jogging pants, coat, basketball, shoes, football suit, 4X4, front-end loader. But if I don't get well I will not have Christmas because my parents had already spent \$30.
Santa some people do not believe in you Santa
But I do Santa
From Donny Howard
Love Donny
age 8

Dear Santa,
Can I play with Rudolph? Can I have Omega Supreme? And can I get My Buddy? And can I get Cykill? And can I get Meter One? And can I get Arrolbots gift set. And can I get a boy Cabbage Patch. Sa hi to Mr. Sato. See you
LaMychael

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I am nearly 18 months old and I like to play with my Buba's toys but he always gets mad, so would you bring me some cars and books of my very own, also would you bring me a Big teddy bear, and anything else you can think of would be fine! I like everything! I really don't know how to be good yet, but as soon as I learn, I'll try! Please remember to visit my cousins.
Thank you,
I love you,
Michael Ty Gerner

Dear Santa,
I would like a battle cat, Heman, and Optamus Prime for Christmas. Don't forget all the other boy and girls. Hope to see you Christmas morning.
Love
Brock Holland

Dear Santa
I would like these toys blocks, 4X4, tent, airplane, train, truck, wagon, Big foot.
please Santa
from Mark Howard
Love Mark
age 5

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Todd Lindley. I have been a good boy! I would like you to bring me some G.I. JOE stuff. And some foam Ninja stars. And a computer. Thank you for the toys you gave me last year. Could you bring my Aunt Mary something too. And my Mom and Dad something too.
from Todd Lindley

Dear Santa,
I would like a battle cat, Heman, and Optamus Prime for Christmas. Don't forget all the other boy and girls. Hope to see you Christmas morning.
Love
Brock Holland
P.S. I'll be at my Nanny's, she has a chimney on her house.

Dear Santa Claus,
Elizabeth Ann Simmons is my name, and trying to be good is my game. I'm in the terrible twos, and I wear out lots of shoes. I saw you in Clarendon, and it was my heart you won. I would like to have a kitchen set, and a big bone for Sammy, my pet.
Merry Christmas!
Elizabeth Ann Simmons

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a jambox, a Hal tape, a Madona tape, a Cabbage Patch Kid, a Compact Disc, a Berry Manlow tape, a Rick Springfield tape, a new coat, and new clothes, I would really like a Computer.
Love,
Lori Quesenberry

Dear Santa,
I would like a big wheels, gobot, Casey Tape Player, Tent, Hee-Man, and Star Wars Tape.
I am trying very hard to be a good little boy. Merry Christmas!
Thank you,
Madison McNabb

Dear Santa,
I would like some clothes, new shoes, radio, markers, and a tape called Footloose. You do not have to give me all of this. If you do not want to give me some of these toys, you can give me something else.
Christiana Hommel

Dear Santa and Mrs. Santa
I've been pretty good this year. I would like to have a Hug-a-Bunch, Peaches and Cream Barbee and house, a pair of gray ropers, a Jam Box for me and my sister a real baton, a Cheerleading suit, a twirling suit. I love you Santa!
Love
Stephanie JFloyd
P.S. I would also like a sewerer.
P.S. How do you and you and your elves make all thoes toys.

Dear Santa,
I want a Care Bear a furcoat a jambox, and a jewelry box. Please make Christmas a happy time for my family.
Love,
Elaine McDaniels

Dear Santa Claus
I would like a Premie, Get In Shape Girl, Doll Cloths, some winter dresses and pants, a Miss Piggy Clock, Stereo. I know my list is long so if you can't bring it all, bring what you can.
Love
Renee Cannon

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want some new clothes, a baby sister, and a baby brother. I want a baby kitten.
Love,
Rebecca Campbell

A pencil equipped with an eraser, the first of its kind, was patented by Hyman L. Lipman of Philadelphia in 1858.

Help Your Heart R·E·C·I·P·E·S

American Heart Association

Master Mix

The polyunsaturated basis for tasty pastry.

- 3/4 Cup Baking Powder
- 3 Tablespoons Salt
- 2 Tablespoons Cream of Tartar
- 2 1/2 Cups Nonfat Dry Milk Powder
- 1/2 Cup Sugar
- 10 Cups All-Purpose Flour
- 10 Cups Whole Wheat Flour
- 2 Pounds Corn Oil Margarine

Stir baking powder, salt, cream of tartar, dry milk and sugar into unsifted flour. Mix. Cut in the shortening till it resembles coarse cornmeal. Place in canister with tight lid; store in the refrigerator.

Yield: 28 Cups
Approx. Cal/Serv.: 560

We wish you happiness and serenity this holiday season and always.

Merry Christmas

LEO RUSSELL

May your Christmas sparkle and shine, may it be decorated with every happiness.

JOY TO EVERYONE!

NUGGETT TOO

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

All the happiness of the season be with you and yours this best of times... Christmas!

ART STUDIO

Joyous Noel

Jolly greetings to all! We hope your holidays are filled with laughter and good feelings.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the spirit of Christmas bless you and yours, bringing you all the joys of the holy Season.

WALLACE MONUMENT

WORD FROM WASHINGTON

White House Historical Association Offers Ornament
One of the ornaments to be on this year's White House Christmas tree will have a special meaning for all Americans.

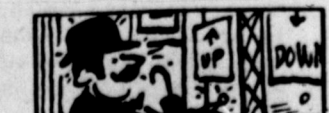


The 1985 White House Christmas tree ornament pays tribute to America's early days.

The White House Christmas tree will be adorned with an ornament commemorating the days of James and Dolley Madison in the White House. President Madison's two terms, beginning in 1809 were dominated by the War of 1812. He was considered among the most brilliant of our Founding Fathers and helped draft our Constitution.

The ornament, specially designed for the White House Historical Association, is available for purchase by the public. The fifth in a series, it shows the Madisons as they appear in two early silhouettes, owned by the state historical societies of Pennsylvania and Virginia. Gold-plated, it comes in a velour-lined gift package, with a brochure offering a description of the Madison presidency.

The cost of the ornament is \$9.75, postage included. It may be ordered from the White House Historical Association, Department 3030, Washington, DC 20042.



The first successful electric elevator was installed in the Demarest Building in New York City in 1889.



Though popular for many years, "The Star Spangled Banner" did not become the national anthem until 1931.

A Christmas Memory
by Garry Mauro



During the holiday season is a time when we celebrate peace. Too often we forget, however, that peace must sometimes be secured at a terrible cost. As Chairman of the Veterans Land Board, I have the privilege of working with and for our Texas Veterans who have paid the price for the tranquility we enjoy this holiday season.

Lest we forget the sacrifices of our Texas Veterans, join me in remembering what Christmas was like for some of those who served in war zones.

"Yeah! I remember Christmas. Bob Hope came down with all the Gold Diggers—15 beautiful women—to our base at Hue. Camp Eagle, home of the 101st Airborne, was the furthest North that Bob Hope went, less than 200 miles from the DMZ (demilitarized zone). They brought in all the infantry from the bush, disarmed everybody and took us to the show. Bob Hope was up there with all the Gold Diggers—it was really a great show—then afterwards we had a party. It was a pretty good day, too. It wasn't raining for a change."—Vietnam, Christmas, 1969, for Gary King, Austin, who was a specialist fourth class repairing equipment. He now owns his own motorcycle repair shop in Austin.

"We were out in the field during the holidays on search and destroy missions. We did have Christmas dinners, thanks to the helicopters. They brought the helicopters out loaded with turkey and all the trimmings. We even got a can of beer that day."—Vietnam, Christmas, 1967, for Medal of Honor winner Clarence Sasser of Houston, who now works with his fellow Vietnam Veterans at the Veterans Administration Center as a counselor.

"We spent Christmas, 1950, in the 'Bean Patch' in Masan, Korea. It was a tent city set up for the first Marine Division, and they did have hot chow, which was a welcome relief after Chosin."

"Operation Killer" was next and we were going to recapture the land that we had been swept out of by the Chinese. We left by sea from the port nearest Chosin, and they took us, the ones that didn't have to be hospitalized, they took us down to this tent city we called the 'Bean Patch' because it was in a bean patch. They let us rest up and eat hot chow. And, we had some Christmas presents. I had some crumbled-up cookies that were mailed to me—they had been sitting in the post office until we got back from Chosin. We chopped down some of those scrubby old trees and made Christmas trees. There was a lot of snow on the ground, as I recall. Spirits were a hell of a lot higher than they were in the Chosin Campaign. It was a pretty good time."—Korea, Christmas, 1950, for Robert Harlan, Austin, a private first class in Korea, one of the survivors of the Battle of Chosin, where half of 15,000 marines died marching back to the sea under the onslaught of 120,000 Chinese Communists in November, 1950. Harlan now owns Austin Screen Graphics.

"We went to an orphans' home and got some kids, took them home and kept them for four or five days. We did that for three Christmas seasons. That was quite memorable. We enjoyed that very much. We even started an orphans' home when we found 16 kids under a bridge."—Korea, Christmas, 1952-4, for Col. Wallace E. Hopkins (retired), Waco. Hopkins also recalled World War II, when he spent 18 months in England. "In World War II, we would save all our rations we could and go around and give them to the kids because they didn't have anything, you know."—England, Christmas, 1942-3.

Seasons Greetings from the Texas Veterans Land Board and the General Land Office.



The spirit of Christmas

Every year, you are sure to hear someone say, "I just can't seem to get the Christmas spirit!"

Just what is the Christmas spirit? Here is what some writers have to say about it.

Back in 1897, a famed editorial used the figure of Santa Claus to exemplify the Christmas spirit. "Yes, Virginia," wrote Francis P. Church, editor of the *New York Sun*, "there is a Santa Claus... He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy."

Charles Dickens captured the spirit of Christmas in his description of Ebenezer Scrooge's overnight change from an unhappy miser to a generous employer: "A merry Christmas, Bob!" said Scrooge with an earnestness that could not be mistaken, as he clapped him on the back. "A merrier Christmas, Bob, my good fellow, than I have given you for many a year. I'll raise your salary, and endeavour to assist your struggling family, and we will discuss your affairs this very afternoon, over a Christmas bowl of smoking bishop, Bob!"

The youngsters caroling for senior citizens at a convalescent home... the shopper who takes time to wish the harried clerk "Merry Christmas"...

Merry Christmas in many languages

Christmas greetings are universal, but the languages in which they are expressed are varied indeed.

In France, for instance, you would be greeted with "Joyeux Noel!"

If you are in Italy at Christmas time, you will be greeted with "Buon Natale."

Germans, on the other hand, will wish you "Froehliche Weihnachten."

Norwegians say, "Gledelig Jul!" In Bohemia, the greetings are expressed with "Vesele Vanoce."

In Bulgaria, it's "Chestita Koleda," Croats wish you "Sretan Bojic."

A Welshman will greet you with "Nadolig Llawen."

Both the Portuguese and Brazilians share the same greetings: "Boas Festas."

In Poland, you would be greeted with "Weselych Swiat."

The Irish say, "Nodlaig Mhaith Chugnat."

However differently it is expressed, the wish is always the same throughout the world: "Merry Christmas!"

YOUR FLOWERS AND PLANTS Helpful Hints

By Merlin Olsen

Every year millions of Americans fill their homes and those of others with evergreen decorations. There are wreaths, branches and decorative arrangements galore and while the indoors is alien to evergreens, they'll thrive and provide weeks of enjoyment if they get proper care, according to FTD florists.

Also like flowers, the stems of evergreens should be prepared before they're put in water. Three to four inches of the bark should be scraped at the bottom of the stems, which then should be smashed to help them draw water. Evergreens also should be kept away from extreme heat, which dries them out.

Even Christmas trees benefit from a little extra care. To help them take up water, the bark at the bottom of the trunk should be scraped off and the bottom should be split.

Speaking of Christmas trees, Queen Victoria of England is credited with making them popular around the world. The decorated evergreen tree originated in Germany, home of Victoria's consort, Prince Albert. He missed not having a Christmas tree in England so one year, as a surprise, the Queen had one put up and decorated in the palace. The story made headlines around the globe and soon people everywhere wanted to have a Christmas tree.

the church members collecting food and clothing to take to less fortunate neighbors... the co-worker who invites a lonely bachelor to share a family dinner... all these have experienced the joy of reaching out to others that is the core of the Christmas experience, paralleling the love of the Father reaching out to a sinful world through His beloved Son.

A sentiment expressed on the most popular Christmas card designed in the 1800s summarizes this spirit well. "I am thinking of you today because it is Christmas, and I wish you happiness. And tomorrow, because it will be the day after Christmas, I shall still wish you happiness; and so on clear throughout the year."

Going back even further, a friar wrote this greeting in 1513: "The gloom of the world is but a shadow, behind it, yet within our reach is joy. Take joy... and so at this Christmas time I greet you, with the prayer that for you, now and forever the day breaks and the shadows flee away."

Merry Christmas to one and all!



To win a bet for \$40, Thomas Garson of Chicago ate 22 hamburgers and two quarts of ice cream in 25 minutes back in 1938.

When active, the Paricutin volcano in central Mexico could spew four million pounds of rock and lava into the air in one minute.



Happy Holidays

To all our good friends: may you find gifts aplenty this Christmas, filled with love and much happiness.

THE VIDEO REVIEW

JOY TO ALL

We wish you a season of beautiful Christmas moments... lasting memories to treasure forever.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

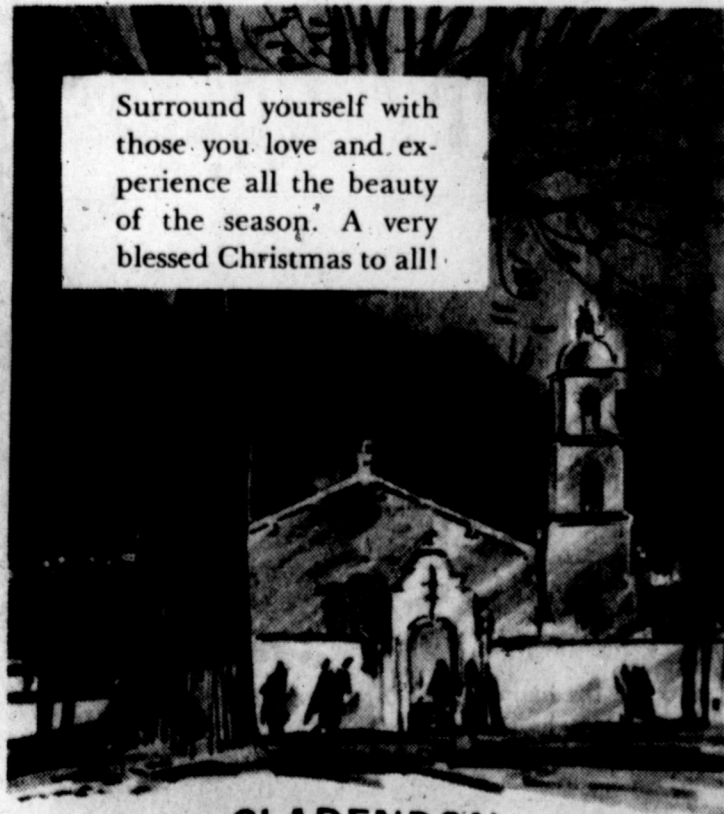
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