

WEATHER REPORT

It has been another week of mild, sunny weather for the area, and no prospects for a white Christmas are in sight. The area has seen 3 inches of rain before Christmas and it appears it will be fair for the holiday weekend.

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## Harvesting Nears End At 61,290 Bales

The 1976 cotton harvest is now reaching the final stages of completion, as 61,290 bales have been weighed in at the 12 cotton gins, a survey Wednesday afternoon revealed.

This week, receipts took a noticeable decline, as farmers wrap up harvesting in poor yielded fields. Many farmers surveyed this week indicated they were finished or near completion.

It is expected that 1976 will be one Christmas when those involved in the cotton harvest will take time out to observe the holiday.

Hall County will make as many bales of cotton in the 1976 crop as was made in the 1975 crop it now appears.

**Classing Report**  
Trading on the local market was moderate last week according to T. J. Proske in charge of the Memphis, Texas Cotton Classing Office.

Local prices dropped 300 to 400 points during the week causing some reluctance among growers to sell their available lots. Prices averaged 2900 to 3000 points over the loan for white and light spotted grades, 2500 to 2600 points over the loan for spotted grades, and 2300-2400 points over the loan for tinged grades. Physical prices for most mixed lots sold ranged from 55.00 to 65.00 cents per pound. Growers received 95 to 100 dollars per ton for cottonseed at most gin points.

Approximately 31,000 samples were classed at Memphis, Texas for the week ending Friday, December 17. This brings the season's total to 152,000. Grade 42 predominated in this weeks classing making up 22 percent and followed closely by 32 with 21 percent. Grades 43 and 33 accounted for 15 percent and 14 percent respectively. Staple 31 accounted for 56 percent while staple 32 accounted for 24 percent and staple 30 accounted for 17 percent. Micronaire readings were in the premium range of 3.5 - 4.9 on 79 percent of the samples compared to 80 percent last week. Fifteen percent milled 3.4 and lower. Pressley results indicated that 77 percent of the samples tested had a breaking strength of 80,00 psi and above. Average for the week was 83,000 psi.

Due to the Christmas holidays, no report will be issued on Friday, December 24.



**LAKEVIEW ROYALTY** — Pictured above are Lakeview's Gregg Clark and Sandy Byars, 1976-77 Basketball Royalty for the basketball teams. They were presented Friday night during Homecoming activities in Lakeview gym.

### Sandy Byars, Gregg Clark Are Lakeview Basketball Royalty

Lakeview boosters had an entertaining homecoming Friday, enjoying the bon fire activities, a supper, and then the winning of two ball games from McAdoo teams and the introduction of the basketball Favorites, Sandy Byars and Gregg Clark.

A dance followed the basketball games.

The Eaglettes won a 35 to 43 decision from the McAdoo girls, after a good third quarter effort when the Lakeview girls held a 35 to 25 edge.

Forwards Leslie Cofer had 24 points, Kim Pate 12 and Deedie Ariola 9 for Lakeview. Guards Belinda Barbee, Lorraine Kitchie and Sandy Byars played especially well in the third period holding McAdoo's girls to only one point.

Between the games, a small platform was placed in the center of the court, and Basketball royalty was introduced. Sandy Byars and Gregg Clark were presented with gifts to remember the occasion.

In the boys game, Lakeview took a 10 to 5 first quarter lead and held on to win the contest 60 to 51. The Eagles used balanced scoring.

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### Services Held Wednesday For Minnie Daniels

Mrs. Minnie Daniels, 88, passed away in Hall County Hospital at 4:50 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20.

Funeral services for Mrs. Daniels were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Spicer Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Owen McGarity, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here, officiating.

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Spicer Funeral Home.

Minnie Katner was born Dec. 15, 1888, in Thorndale and was united in marriage to Willie B. Daniels on July 24, 1910, at Thorndale. They moved here in 1937. Mr. Daniels preceded her in death in 1955.

Mrs. Daniels was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Mary Jones of Pampa and Mrs. Mary Brown of Dayton.

Pallbearers were Jay Nunnelly, Herman Bell, Jr., James Jeffers, Alton Couch, Ronald Walson and Floyd Edwards.

### Rotary College Day Is Tuesday

Area students attending colleges and universities are invited to the Memphis Rotary Club meeting at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 28 at the Memphis Community Center.

The occasion is the Rotary Club's Annual College Day, where students attending colleges and universities, and advanced trade schools and nursing schools, etc. are cordially invited by Rotarians to enjoy a meal and a good program with them.

President Robert Spicer this week extended a blanket invitation to all students in this area to attend the luncheon.

Program Chairman James Davis announced that Mr. Miller Townsend of Lubbock, of Small Business Administration, will be here to give the program. "Mr. Townsend is planning to speak on getting along in the business world," Rotarian Davis said. Mr. Townsend addressed the local club earlier in the year and gave one of the most inspiring talks the club has enjoyed.

Last year, 25 college students attended the program and the club hopes more will work it in their schedule to attend this year.

The club is not sending out special card invitations so parents and students are being asked to notify their friends and encourage them to attend as guests of the Rotarians.

### FLB To Reduce Interest Rates To 8 Percent

William R. Wolfe, Manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Memphis, announced today that The Federal Land Bank of Houston will reduce the interest billing rate on variable rate loans to 8 percent. This reduction will be effective on January 1, 1977, and will affect \$980 million in variable rate loans to 17,100 Texas farmers and ranchers. This billing rate change will be effective on both farm loans and rural residence loans.

The variable rate loan was introduced by the Houston Bank in July, 1969 and allows the rate to fluctuate with variations in the money market. Improvements in the money market have made this billing possible Mr. Wolfe stated. "This action is in keeping with the Land Bank's policy to provide farmers and ranchers credit at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound business practices."

The Federal Land Bank of Houston makes long-term real estate loans on farm and ranch land and rural residences throughout Texas and now has \$1.2 billion in loans outstanding. The local Association makes and services loans in Hall, Donley, Childress, Cottle and King counties.

### Memphis Teams Play Quannah Thurs. Dec. 30

Memphis basketball teams will take a week off to observe the Christmas holidays before taking the court on Thursday, December 30, against Quannah teams here in Cyclone Gym.

Memphis will have several games after Christmas before District 2-A play begins on January 11 at Shamrock.

The Cyclone lost two games Monday and Tuesday to Hedley teams in back to back games, the first two losses of the season for the Memphis boys. The Cyclones won both games from Hedley girls.

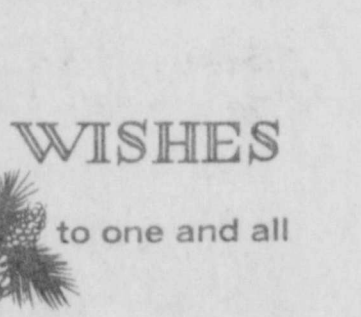
Coach Bill Montgomery (Continued On Page 8)

### Memphis Banks To Close On Dec. 24 and 31

Memphis banks will be observing holidays on Friday, Dec. 24 and on Friday, Dec. 31 as recommended by the Texas Bankers Association.

The announcement was made this week that the Memphis banks will be closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

Texas Bankers Association notified the banks in Texas that Sec. II, Art. 342-910A, makes the holiday closing mandatory on Friday when these holidays fall on Saturday.



We treasure the traditional joys of Christmas and each year one of our proudest traditions is when we say, "Thank You" to all our readers and advertisers and extend our heartiest, "Best Wishes of the Season."

May the new year bring you happiness and may gaiety and good cheer be yours in the fullest measure at this joyous season.

Helen Combs Bill Combs Tanya Combs  
Jimmy Blum Melvin Jones



**CYCLONE FOOTBALL SWEETHEART**—Pictured above (second from left) is Cyclone Football Sweetheart Suzanne Elliott with Captain Pete Salinas. On the right is runner-up Terri Shadid and on the right is runner-up Mary Reyes. Miss Elliott was crowned Thursday night at the Father-Son Banquet sponsored by mothers of the football team.

### ASC Committee Election Results Are Announced

Results of the 1976-77 County ASC Committee for 1977 were announced December 16, by J. B. Rogers, County Executive director, of the Hall County ASCS office.

The following is a list of the elected community committees and the position to which they were elected in the order of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Regular Member, Alternate and Second Alternate:

- A — Community - Lesley Myers, Raymond E. Hall, Johnny Thomas, Cagle Lewis, Jimmy M. Lemons.
- B — Community - Lakeview - J. B. Byars, Aubrey Robertson, W. O. Clark, Tommy Pruitt, Conde Newman.
- C — Community - Pliska - Richard D. Ellis, Tommy Foster, Harold Smith, Jimmy Don Mollo, Gus Orett.
- D — Community - Memphis - J. Robert Hanvey, Jr., Clyde Collins, Milton A. Beasley, Jr., George W. Williams, Melvin Srygley.
- E — Community - Esteline - Frank Hedrick, Ray Lambert, Don Proffitt, Charles Bruce, David May.
- F — Community - Turkey - Homer Hawkins, Ronnie Eudy, J. R. Adamson, Jr., Jan Turner, Doyle Proctor.

On December 15, 1976, the newly elected community committees held a County Convention for the purpose of electing one County Committeeman for a three year term. Mr. Mack Richards, a well-known Hall County farmer from Memphis was re-elected to a three-year term as member of the committee.

The other two County Committees currently serving unexpired terms are Smitty Guest of Turkey, who was re-elected chairman of the committee, and James Richburg, of Lakeview, who was elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Guest has two years remaining in his current term and Mr. Richburg has one year remaining.

The County ASC Committee is responsible for local administration of cotton, wheat, and feed grain disaster programs and Agricultural Conservation Programs.

Community Committees assist the County Committee as needed to administer these programs in their individual communities. All newly elected committeemen will take office effective January 1, 1977.



**NEWS MEDIA AWARDS** — KBGH Radio and The Memphis Democrat cited the two Memphis Cyclones above for special recognition at the Father-Son Football Banquet Thursday night. Democrat Editor Bill Combs named Tracy Galloway, left "The Fighting Heart" of the team, and James Floyd named Captain Pete Salinas (right) "Player of the Year." Players were given certificates in keeping with U.I.L. rules.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



**DEFENSIVE AWARDS** — Pictured above are the three Cyclones cited by Democrat Editor Bill Combs for outstanding play on defense. Steve Browning received the defensive linemen award, Kirk Fieldds (center) the defensive safety award, and Randy Orcutt (right) the outstanding linebacker certificate.

### Texas First Job Matching Fair Offers Jobs To 500 Persons

An estimated 500 persons were offered jobs on the spot during the Texas First Job Matching Fair in Amarillo last weekend, a preliminary tally released Tuesday indicated.

More than 1,100 job-seekers from all over Texas and as far away as Oregon turned out for the six-hour event to interview with more than 90 employers who set up personnel booths at the Amarillo College Women's gym.

"It was the most impressive thing I've ever seen," Jim Harwell, executive director of the Texas Industrial Commission, said. "We had to open the doors 30 minutes early to handle the crowd. They came from all walks of life, and the employers were very impressed with the quality of the job-seekers."

Brooks Carroll of the Texas Employment Commission office handling the job tabulation in Amarillo said more than 50 percent of the interviewees were offered jobs on the spot. Many others were

asked to come back for a second interview.

The Job Matching Fair is the first in a series to be conducted across the state through phase two of Governor Dolph Briscoe's Texas First campaign, a program designed to stimulate economic development in the state.

Harwell said Amarillo was selected for the first Fair due to its low unemployment rate of 3.2 percent.

"That's where the jobs are" he said. "People really wanting to work will relocate if necessary. In fact, we know that people came from as far away as California, Oregon, Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas."

Regan Brown, chairman of the Texas First program, said the interview for a major international construction company was impressed with the quality of the people he interviewed.

"This particular company doesn't plan to even move to the Panhandle until next June, but they believe they

will be able to offer most of those interviewed jobs at that time."

Brown said the success of the initial job fair was due in large part to the work of people in the Amarillo area. Local leaders were the chambers of commerce in Amarillo; Dimmitt, Hereford, Spearman, Pampa and Perryton; the local Texas Employment Commission; Texas Association of Business; Amarillo College; Texas Panhandle County Action Corporation; Panhandle Regional Planning Commission; and Amarillo Board of City Development.

Texas First is a statewide program spearheaded by the Industrial Commission. Other state agencies adding their expertise to the program are the Texas Department of Community Affairs, Texas Employment Commission and Texas Education Agency.



## STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN** — An estimated \$3 billion general revenue windfall quickly shrank to \$1.189 billion as the Legislative Budget Board put finishing touches to the 1978-79 state budget.

The legislative leaders recommended general fund appropriations for the next biennium of more than \$4.8 billion.

While the budget-writers sharply pruned spending requests of all agencies, the total outlays inevitably soared. They held Gov. Dolph Briscoe's proposals for highway assistance to about a third of the \$825 million he asked. From the \$1.189 billion left must come funds for additional public school aid, teacher salary hikes and other demands for more spending certain to be heard.

About \$291.3 million of the increases directed would go to state employee pay raises of 6.8 per cent and 5.1 per cent (for each year of the coming fiscal period).

Other general revenue fund spending increases include \$121.1 million to the foundation school program; \$160 million to the Department of Highways and Public Transportation; \$67.6 million to Department of Public Safety; \$137.5 million to public junior colleges; \$128.8 million to health science units of higher education; \$235.2 million for the colleges and universities; \$209.5 million for medical assistance; \$76 million for teachers retirement and \$150.8 million for the Department of Corrections.

Education would take \$2.5 billion of the general revenue outlay, health, mental health, rehabilitation and welfare \$1 billion, executive and administrative agencies \$1.14 billion, the legislative \$51.6 million and the judiciary \$37.5 million.

**Electors Meet**

Texas presidential electors met here last week, cast the state's 26 votes for Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale and recommended that the electoral college system be abolished.

Electors split 18-8 on the proposal to seek a constitutional change and allow the voters to elect presidents directly in the future. The vote for Carter and Mondale, as expected, was 26-0. Several other state electors also agreed that the president should be elected by direct popular vote rather than through the electoral college system provided in the constitution.

**Allowable Set**

The statewide oil production allowable for January was trimmed a percentage point and set at 98 per cent by the Railroad Commission.

A commissioner predicted it will range from 90 to 100 per cent for the next six months.

Meanwhile, a commission study will seek to determine if any oil is being wasted. Crude oil imports of 5.9 million barrels a day into the U.S. are up 1.2 million barrels over the January 2 average.

The December 16 allowable hearing was the last for Railroad Commissioner Ben Ramsey who did not seek re-election and is stepping down January 1.

**Swine Flu Shots End**

On request of federal authorities, Texas Department of Health Resources declared a moratorium on the swine flu campaign.

Action was taken on the national level pending a thorough investigation of polio-like symptoms in some who had taken the vaccine.

About 4,000 persons a year develop the symptoms, according to Dr. Fratis L. Duff, director of the Texas Department of Health Resources.



**OFFENSIVE SELECTIONS** — The Memphis Democrat cited the three football players above for outstanding play on offense. Editor Bill Combs gave the Receiver award to Anthony Johnson, left, outstanding back award to Don Cofer, center, and outstanding offensive lineman award to Danny Murdock right.

sources. Duff said about 90 per cent recover from the temporary paralysis. Actual number of cases of the syndrome which occur normally (having no connection with the vaccine) is not known.

**Court Speaks**

Workers locked out by their bosses in labor disputes should be allowed to draw unemployment compensation, the State Supreme Court held in affirming a Waco Court of Civil Appeals decision.

The Court of Criminal Appeals overturned three decisions:

One reversed the conviction of an El Paso County man for assault in the death of another man he struck.

Another sent back to Dallas for retrial the case of a man convicted for assault to murder after introduction of evidence of an earlier conviction.

The third reversed the five-year probated sentence given a Jefferson County night club manager for assault with a prohibited weapon.

**AG Opinions**

Atty. Gen. John Hill has

been called on by the Senate Jurisprudence Committee chairman to write an opinion on whether the State Bar's \$4 million mortgage on its new building is proper.

In recent opinions, Hill held:

A fee for attorneys appointed to represent indigents for time spent on legal research and investigation out of court is not inherently unreasonable. But legal research and investigation done by an attorney and billed to himself in such cases is not compensable.

County court records can be transferred to regional historical resource depositories. The depositories have no legal obligation to return the records to court for use of private attorneys without a court order if microfilm records are available from the court clerk.

Salaries for assistants and investigators fixed by a district or county attorney must be approved by the commissioners court to become effective.

**Appointments Announced**

Fred Akers, head football coach at the University of Wyoming, will succeed Darrell Royal as head coach at The University of Texas at Austin.

Mack Wallace, formerly of Athens, is new Railroad Commission chairman.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe named Jack H. Stallings of El Paso to the Commission for Indian Affairs.

Rep. Emmett Whitehead of Rusk will serve on a commission studying possible reductions in welfare health programs.

### Sandy Byars —

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to win the contest, as Kelly Clark and 16, Brad Byars 14, David Martinez 12, Billy Chapman 10 and Gregg Clark 8.

A new concession stand has been constructed in the Lakeview gym, in rooms formerly the old locker rooms. The stand itself is located in one portion, while tables and tables occupy the northern portion of the area.

A good crowd was on hand for the homecoming activities Friday night at Lakeview.

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Particularly warm in our memory is the thought of our many friends made throughout the years. The wonderful association has made every year a happy one. To you, our friends, we say sincerely . . . "thank you."

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## Wellington 8th Girls, Harrold Win Estelline Jr. High Tour.

Wellington Eighth grade girls took first place in the Estelline Junior High Tourney, defeating Hedley 46-32 in the Saturday night finals.

Harrold Junior High boys won the boys championship of the Estelline tourney in a closely fought contest, winning in the last minute of play by a score of 46-44.

The action started Tuesday afternoon. In the first game, Lakeview girls defeated Patton Springs 31-26, and Harrold girls won 10-7 at the end of the first quarter, and 16-12 at the end of the second quarter, but Lakeview led 21-12 after three quarters, and 23-12 at the final buzzer. Pam Pate scored 16 points for the winners while Odell had 13 for the losers.

Lakeview boys bested Patton Springs in the second game of the tournament by a score of 39-20. Lakeview led 10-3 after the first quarter, 18-7 at the half, 30-7 after the third quarter, and 39-20 at the end. They scored 18 points for the winners and Adcock scored 12 for the losers.

The third game pitted Odell and Hedley girls and Hedley boys. Sherri Hill scored 28 for Hedley while Odell scored six for Odell. The fourth game was between Odell and Hedley boys, with Hedley leading from the beginning, winning by the score of 46-24. Scott had 14 for Hedley while Murry had 13 for Odell.

Thursday's fifth and sixth games matched Quail Junior High and Harrold. Quail girls won 41-9. Taylor had 15 points for Quail while Gibson had five points for Harrold. In the sixth game Harrold scored the favor by defeating Quail boys 47-25. Robert had 21 points for Harrold while Calvin Culpepper scored 12 for Quail.

The seventh and eighth games matched Estelline and Wellington teams. Wellington won by a score of 52-15 in the Wellington eighth grade boys game by a score of 36-12 in the girls game. Reeves had 18 points for the winners while Flores had nine points for Estelline. In the boys game, Thomas scored 14 points for Wellington. Terry Baldwin had 6 points for Estelline.

Friday's action started with Patton Springs girls defeating Wellington 27-19. Patton Springs duplicated that victory by defeating Odell, 27-22. In the girls game Mayo had 10 points for Patton Springs while Spears had seven for Odell. Deandra scored nine points for Patton Springs while Murray hit nine points for Odell.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who showed kindness to us in our recent sadness at the passing of our loved one. We wish to especially thank Rev. Melvin Hooten and Dan Shaffer and choir, Spicers Funeral Home, Hall County Hospital and Dr. Clark, for the flowers, food, memorials, calls and visits.  
The Family Of  
Mrs. Myrtle Crabb

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a baby that-a-way and batteries. I have been pretty good this year except I locked the keys in the car and I'm sorry I did. Please remember by brother, Dewayne, too Karen is my best friend so please bring her something.  
Love,  
Rhonda Johnson

Dear Santa:  
Thank you for the presents of last year.  
Choose any thing you want to bring from these things: waklie talkie, S.W.A.T. gun; guitar; helicopter; lone ranger Doll; silver (lone ranger's horse), and Bean Bag Chair.  
Love,  
Billy Don Beasley

Dear Santa:  
I would like some new toys, and a toy tractor and some toy plows. Also a good toy gun.  
Thank you  
Daron Williams

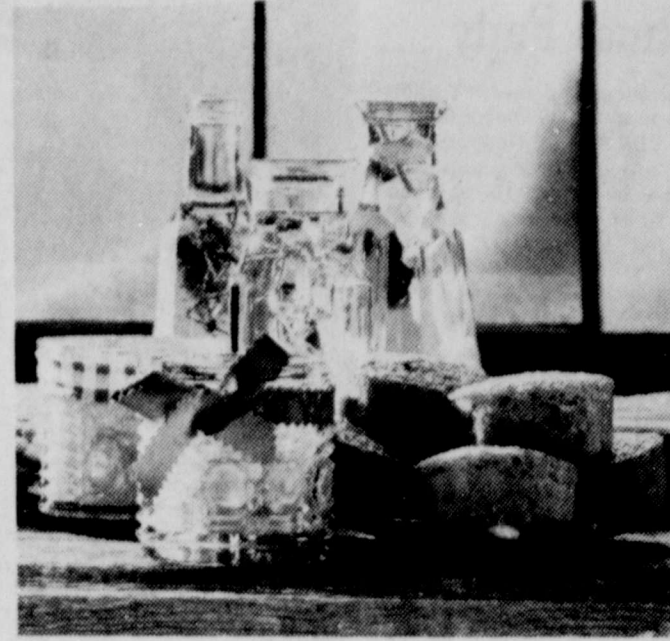
**CARD OF THANKS**  
I want to express my gratitude to the personnel of Hall County Hospital, to Pat Godfrey, Jim Powell and Dr. Stevenson for the excellent care they gave me while I was ill. To the friends and loved ones who called, visited, sent flowers and other gifts, I say thanks. Your prayers and love were deeply appreciated.  
Neville Wrenn



Mr. and Mrs. Randy Moss of Plainview announce the arrival of a daughter, Keri Ann, born Dec. 17. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Moss of Roaring Springs while the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Olton Pate of Memphis. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. M. M. Mathis of Andrews, Mrs. E. E. Moss of Lubbock and Mrs. B. E. Davenport of Amarillo, formerly of Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Cole of Childress are the parents of a son born Dec. 21. Weighing 5 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces, he has been named Jeremy Darin.

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## John Wayne To Show Here In "The Shootist"

John Wayne portrays a legendary gunfighter waging one final, gallant battle against death in Paramount Pictures' "The Shootist", opening Thursday, Dec. 23 at the Movie House. The picture will show only Thursday and Saturday nights, Dec. 23 and 25, with one show nightly beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The screenplay by Miles Hood Swarthout and Scott Hale is based on the novel by Glendon Swarthout. Don Siegel directed, with M. J. Frankovich and William Self producing. The picture is in technicolor.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Neel were Mr. Neel's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wright and sons, Ronald and Donald, of Muskogee, Okla.

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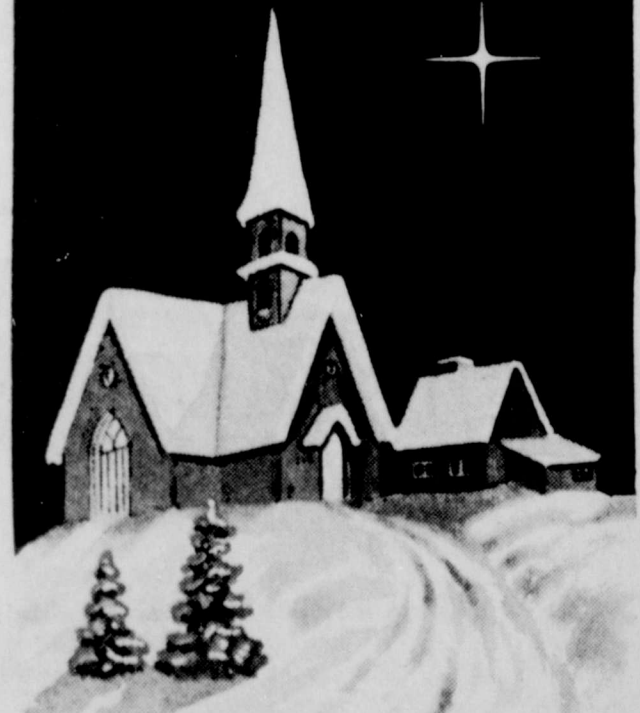
May the beautiful story of Christmas bring peace and contentment to you, and its message of joy and of promise abide with you all the year through.



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Its Friendships stronger  
Its Hopes brighter  
As it comes to you this year



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### Mrs. Robt. Montgomery Is Hostess For Atalantean Christmas Party

The Atalantean Club met Wednesday, Dec. 15, for its Christmas program in the reception room of the First Christian Church with Mrs. Robert Montgomery as hostess.

Mrs. Dub Parker, president, presided during the meeting and led in the giving of the pledges to the flags. The invocation was given by Mrs. Kenneth Metzger. Mrs. W. C. Dickey, program chairman, introduced the program. Miss Imogene King gave a resume of Henry Van Dyke's story, "The Christmas Angel". The story is set in one of the quiet corners of the green valley called "Peacefield" where the little brook, Bright Hopes, runs down to join the River of Life. The Angels have met in a company to hear the Archangel Michael, Uriel and Raphael give their views on how to bring peace to the world. While the assemblage was contemplating the arguments punish all transgressions severely, educate all people and love alone can overcome sin, a Child Angel came down a-

mong them and said, "I know how man is to become like God. The Son of God will become a man." The group asked how he knew. He said he was "The Christmas Angel" and led the Angels to the small village of Bethlehem and to the stable where a mother was soothing her baby to rest.

Mrs. Metzger read the Christmas story from the Bible, Luke 2: 1-20.

Members answered roll call with what Christmas means to me. Each member showed the gift she received in the exchange of gifts.

Using the Christmas motif, a beautiful and delicious plate was served to Mmes. Bryan Adams, James Davis, W. C. Dickey, Dub Parker, Kenneth Metzger, Robert Sexauer, Glynis Thompson, Winfred Wilson; Misses Gertrude Rasco and Imogene King and the hostess, Mrs. Robt. Montgomery.



**FIRST CHRISTMAS** — Pictured above are two six-month-olds visiting Santa Claus for the first time in the First State Bank lobby. On the left is Mark Land, son of Coach and Mrs. Steve Land, and on the right is Chad Floyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Floyd.

### Christmas Season Offers Special Time To Promote Family Unity

COLLEGE STATION — Christmas means different things to different people, but to everyone, it presents a unique opportunity for families to be together — sharing and participating in the fun and excitement of the season. Christmas is also an excellent time to strengthen family unity, Mrs. Ilene Miller, a family life education specialist, says.

"Family unity develops and grows through open, honest expression of affection between husband and wife, parent and child, and brothers and sisters. It includes a feeling of oneness which comes through understanding each other and being sensitive to the needs of family members. Holding similar values and goals, having emotional interdependence and being a co-operative, responsible family member help to form the 'ties that bind'."

Mrs. Miller is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Simple daily experiences promote feelings of family unity over the years. Parents do much to facilitate a feeling of warmth and closeness between family members in many little ways. The Christmas season offers special opportunities to promote family unity. This specialist suggested some ideas for building family unity.

"Make family experiences out of as many holiday activities as you can, such as decorating the house and tree, attending and participating in community or religious programs, sending Christmas cards and preparing holiday foods. Youngsters especially enjoy and benefit from some responsibility for holiday activities.

"Making gifts or shopping

with parents for gifts for friends and relatives teaches the meaning of sharing and giving. Making cookies, candy, cakes, pies or helping decorate the house and Christmas tree with parents teaches children the meaning of co-operation. There is pride of accomplishment when a child's helpful efforts are recognized and acknowledged."

She added that Christmas is truly a special time for families. You and your family probably enjoy certain customs which make the holiday season meaningful for you. Hanging stockings, exchanging and opening gifts, eating certain holiday foods, and many more activities provide opportunities to be together and share the happiness and excitement of the season.

"It does not matter how you celebrate the holiday or in which activities you and your family choose to participate. The important thing is that your family is drawn closer together as a result of the experiences you do share," she said.

### Bethel Class Meets Dec. 16 in Ike Bryan Home

In the home of Mrs. Ike Bryan December 16 the Bethel Class of the First Baptist Church had their annual Christmas party. Co-hostesses were Ruby Howard, Clara Pritchett and Ruby Thornton.

Decorations throughout the home were in keeping with the yuletide season.

Vice President Inez Lester welcomed guests and members and Roberta Burnett led in prayer.

Mrs. Christine Hays gave an inspiring devotional entitled "Gabriel, The Art Angel". Mrs. Bill Leggett brought an interesting story, "The Best Christmas Ever."

Gifts were exchanged from a pretty tree and a good time enjoyed by all.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Bill Leggett, Ocie Scott, Christine Hays, Vera Reed, Edith Ellerd, Una Rumpy, Roberta Burnett, Inez Lester, Ruby Howard, Clara Pritchett, Ruby Thornton and Lula Bryan.

### 69ers Club Has Christmas Party In Stargel Home

The 69ers Club met Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 14, their last meeting of the year. The group met at the home of Dorothy Stargel, the hostess who seated each member around a beautifully decorated room with a burning fireplace Christmas tree.

The club elected officers: secret ballot. Included were Dorothy Stargel, president; Inez Aspgrren, vice president; Faye Maddox, secretary; and Ruth Gardner, treasurer.

Dorothy Stargel acted as Santa Claus with the help of Ethel Lambert. The members received gifts from the Secret Pal, also a Christmas name.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to Mrs. Carrie Dennis, Ethel Lambert, Irene Reed, Inez Aspgrren, Alice Beasley, Ruth Gardner, Ima Widener, O. Wailes, Ruth Misenhin, Dorothy Stargel and Faye Maddox.

### Pathfinders Have Holiday Party In McDaniel Home

The Pathfinders Council met Tuesday, December 14, in the home of Mrs. J. J. McDaniel, as the members arrived, gifts were numbered and placed under the beautiful tree.

Mrs. McDaniel called the meeting to order with Mrs. Brown Smith giving the invocation. Members answered roll call by giving their favorite Christmas. Mrs. Hester Bownds brought a very inspiring story, "The Miracle at Derrick, Texas." In a delightful manner, she told how a miracle happened to a children's choir from an orphanage that won a money prize from a rich oil man, Gus Derrick. Gifts were exchanged from the tree.

Lovely refreshments were served from a table filled with Christian goodies. Those attending were: Ada Jones, Mmes. Brown Smith, Joe Edgins, Cecil Adams, W. J. McMaster, J. F. McIntosh, Beulah Travis, Ora Ritchie, Nell Osborn, Heater Bownds, E. R. Orrutt, Robert Breedlove, Valmon Payne, W. D. Young and the hostess, Mrs. McDaniel.

### Mrs. G. Bowman Entertains With Holiday Coffee

Mrs. Glen Bowman entertained with her annual Christmas coffee on Dec. 15 in her home. Co-hostesses for the festive occasion were Mmes. Ted Bruce, Thomas Tippet, Billy Bowman, Clifton Smith and Tom Potts.

Each guest was presented a corsage of a Christmas boot made by the hostess.

Delicious cakes, sausage balls, cheese mold, coffee and holiday punch were served.

Those attending were: Mrs. J. D. House and Mrs. C. B. Bowman of Turkey; Murtie Bell, Jimmie Fern McCollum, Hazel Leary, Ruby Vardeman, Mrs. L. S. Nichols, Myrl Burcett of Childress, Mrs. Pete Davis of Tell, Polly Brown, Lillian Kerr, Angie Nelson of Memphis; Betty Bruce, Sal Couch, Ada Jones, Mary Ellen Eddins, Eula Adams, Faye Wyatt, Lucille Cope, Lena Hill, Mandy Proffitt, Jo Davidson, Linda Davidson, Billy Potts, Susan Davidson and Sloan, Judy Smith, Joanne Meyer, Fran Ferrell, Nelda Ferrel, Fredna and Carl Dee Bowman, all of Estelline.

Hoot Jones, who teaches in Houston, has arrived here to spend Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jones.

### Hospital News

**Patients**  
Mary Howard, Sandy Cole, Myrtle Reeves, Lloyd Langford, Clyde D. Lee, Cora Hamilton, Randy Dale, Harry Boatright, Alonzo Ortiz, Mary Clifton, Arris M. Saunders, Eula Russell

**Dismissed**  
Dora Castro, Mildred Stephens, Cyrus Todd, Eloise Spaulding, Edna Williams, Myrtle McCasland, Ruby Graham, Joe Miller, Emma Smith, Gabriel Smith, Haskell Srygley, Ray Phillips, Louise McCool, Maggie Waller, Mark McCool, Richard Stotts, Winfred Doherty, Ricky Erwin, Peggy Whitley, Grace Ayers, Wilma Spier, Thelma McFalls, Myrtle Reeves, Grace Duke, Gertie Speed, Neville Wrenn and Nina Jo Floyd.

An individual who continually turns-up the radio and television, mistakes similar sounding words and withdraws from group conversations may be exhibiting the danger signals of an undetected hearing loss. Officials of the Beltone Crusade for Hearing Conservation point out.

### Oliver Group Enjoy Christmas Meeting Dec. 20

The Christmas meeting of the Oliver Fellowship of First United Methodist Church was held in the home of Peggy Becker on Monday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

As the group sat around the Christmas tree, Johnnie Hutcherson read the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke. Several members then read an Affirmation of Christian faith.

Following the meditation, the group gathered around the kitchen table and fixed bags of nuts, candy and fruit for the residents of Cousins Home.

During the social hour, the hostess served delicious refreshments to the following members: Dora McQueen, Beulah Martin, Yette Miller, Morris, Johnnie Hutcherson and Sue Fowler.

The next meeting will be January 17. Dora McQueen will be hostess.

### Jeanette Irons Is Xmas Hostess To Culture Club

The Woman's Culture met Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15, in the home of Mrs. Jeanette Irons for their traditional Christmas party.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Alvin Pyeatt, followed by the club members singing Christmas carols accompanied by Mrs. L. G. Rasco.

Miss Sybil Gurley gave, by memory, Luke's account of the first Christmas. Since the club theme concerned Texas.

Mrs. Hester Bownds gave a very interesting Christmas story, "The Miracle at Derrick, Texas" by Louise Putcamp.

Shane and Kelly Dennis, acting as Santa, distributed gifts from a beautiful, decorated tree.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mmes. Sylvia Lewis, Ward Gurley, Audrey Foster, Hester Bownds, L. G. Rasco, A. W. Howard, Robert Moss, Ann Lange, L. W. Stilwell, Frank Ellis, Alvin Pyeatt, Misses Esta McElrath, Alna Bruce and Sybil Gurley.

### CARD OF THANKS

To the host of friends who came to us with love and sympathy to those who could not come but sent flowers, messages of condolence, want to express our deep appreciation. We are especially grateful to those who helped with the music, food and flowers. May we be worthy of such friendship.

The Mrs. Mildred Rogers Family  
The Mrs. Liza Moore Family

Tom Greene, student at Houston Optometry School arrived here Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Greene.

# To Wish You The Merriest Merry Christmas Ever

It has been an honor and privilege to serve in meeting your motoring needs in the years gone by. As we extend our Season's Greetings, we take this opportunity to say "Thank you" for your patronage.

We hope that the Christmas Season will bring to you the many blessings you deserve . . . and that 1977 will be a year giving all of you prosperity and happiness as we look forward to your continued friendship.

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### Gleaners Class of Travis Bapt. Meets For Annual Party

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of Travis Baptist Church met Thursday evening, Dec. 16, in Fellowship Hall for their annual Christmas party.

Jo Huggins brought the devotional. Gifts were exchanged by members present and one member, Mrs. Dorothy Wheeler, who was unable to attend, sent her gifts.

Special guests were Carolyn and Lois Patterson.

Dainty refreshments were served and all enjoyed fellowship and pleasant conversation.

In attendance were Virginia Davidson, Ida Whitten, Doris Kenmore, Abilene Holt, Viola Roberts, Neville Slough, Jo Huggins, Rebecca Carson, Cleo McQueen, Beatrice Edwards, Amie Lee Braidfoot and guests, Carolyn and Lois Patterson.

People who complain of a constant ringing in their ears may be displaying one sign of a hearing loss, and should have a hearing test advised by the Beltone Crusade for Hearing Conservation.

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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# LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 5 years old. I have been pretty good this year but you know how things are with kids.  
I will spend Christmas Day with Mimi and Pappy Wines, and I would like to have the barbie "Dusty" and her Bubble bath and shower set.  
Please remember all the boys and girls around the world.  
Your Friend,  
Macy Widener

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy almost 20 years old. I have been trying to be a good boy this year. I have cried at the bank when I sat on your lap. Please bring me a truck, some books, and some Christmas candy. I would be surprised would be nice.  
I remember all my friends and the other kids at my house — Mary, Tisa, Eric, Blake, Angela, Lee Ann, Sheri, and Jason. Please bring something special for each of them. Donna, Chad, and I would like you to bring me some cookies for Christmas Eve. Thank you.  
Love,  
Matt Wakefield

Dear Santa:  
I am 5 years old and in the first grade. I have been trying to be a good boy most of the time. Please bring me a football uniform, a treasure finder, racing car, skates, gloves and whatever else you think best. We will be in Memphis Christmas Eve.  
Please leave my things there.  
I Love You,  
Michael Morris

Dear Santa:  
I am 8 years old and in the second grade this year. Please bring me a Dallas football uniform, air hockey, skates and gloves.  
Don't forget ZAnn, Leigham, Tanya and Michael.  
Love,  
Ron Morris

Dear Santa:  
I want a Dallas Cowboy football suit and two karate belts and a hit'n run pinball.  
I thank you for the things you gave me last year.  
Mark Bruce Sweatt.

Greetings and Holiday Wishes from our house to yours!

May the New Year bring good health, happiness and prosperity to all.

## Leonard & Amie Braidfoot



Dear Santa:  
We know there are lots of new things . . . and new ideas . . . and new that . . . but Santa, we like the old tradition you represent . . . that tradition of kindness, goodness, and Godliness.  
And we truly hope that people everywhere will keep you in their hearts forevermore.

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### Mrs. H. Stevenson Is Dec. Hostess To Artist Studio

The home of Mrs. H. B. Stevenson was the setting of the December meeting of the Memphis Artist Studio.  
A short business meeting was held with a donation given to Girls Home instead of exchanging gifts.  
The program consisted of each member relating to the group their most memorable Christmas. The group enjoyed the lovely tree and the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Stevenson.  
Members enjoying delicious refreshments were Margaret Smith, Ethel Saunders, Susie Kesterson, Mary Hodgins, Nat Scott, Sue Fowler, Mary Helen Sexauer, La'Nora Wood, Ola Mae Ward, Dorris Hickey, Avis Stovall and the hostess, Wanda Stevenson.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all our neighbors and friends for your kindness to us in our recent sadness at the passing of our loved one. We appreciate your prayers, beautiful flowers, cards, letters, telephone calls, memorials and food. It is our prayer, when the hour of heartache and trial comes to you, that your friends and loved ones will comfort you as you comforted us. May God bless each of you.  
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May we take this way of thanking Dr. Clark, the wonderful nurses and staff of the Hall County Hospital for their loving care of our loved one during his long illness and death. May God bless each of you.  
The Family of Hulén Clifton

### 1913 Study Club Enjoys Christmas Dinner and Party in Neel Home

Members of the 1913 Study Club enjoyed a Christmas dinner party on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, in the home of Mrs. J. F. Neel, who was assisted in hostess duties by Mrs. Mack Richards.  
Guests arrived to find glittering Christmas decor, both outside and inside the home, which was beautifully decorated for the holiday season.  
Upon arrival, members were served Christmas punch from a crystal bowl in the den. Later guests were seated at tables centered with Christmas candles and greenery for the delicious meal, which was served buffet style.  
The menu included ham, hot bread, salads, cranberry sauce, and dessert.  
Later the group gathered in the den where Christmas legends were given in an entertaining manner by Mrs. Wilford Martin. Acting as Santa Claus, Mrs. Bob Hutcherson distributed gifts from the decorated Christmas tree.  
Enjoying the social were Mmes. Byron Baldwin, H. A. Combs, Frank Foxhall, Gayle Greene, Ed Hutcherson, Bob Hutcherson, D. L. C. Kinard, Paul Montgomery, Mac Tarver, Virginia Brower, Miss Helen Madden, Mrs. Pat Godfrey, Mrs. Wilford Martin, one guest, Gertrude Carnellus and hostesses, Mrs. Neel and Mrs. Richards.

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU OUR CUSTOMERS

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May the Lord bless each of you with Good Health and Happiness.  
Eddie, Linda, Rhonda and Robin Gable

# What Christmas Is All About



## At Santa's Bank

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# The Speaker Reports

by Bill Clayton

AUSTIN—It is a blessing for Texas that instead of looking at red ink smeared across our financial ledgers we can expect to have available more than \$3 billion in unencumbered funds for the next two year funding period.

The state budget today is \$12.8 billion for the two year period and it will go even higher for the 1978-79 biennium. Because there will be surplus available we won't be looking down the throat of a tax bill when the Legislature convenes in January.

The demands that will be placed on that \$3 billion, however, will be unequalled in our history. Never before has there been so much available and never before has the demand for additional funding been so great.

If we are not cautious, the surplus will be quickly used, just as an average of \$1.5 billion was spent in 1975.

Because of the importance to the state of the projected \$3 billion balance, and because of the great problem with letting it slip away from us, I hold it to be the number one priority item of the session.

If we do give it over to our agencies and commissions, it would mean that we were increasing the size of state spending by 31 per cent over the current level. That would be right in line with what we have done over the past 10 years. Spending has increased every two years by 21 to 34 per cent.

The transfusion of more and more taxpayer money into building a bigger and bigger government has got to be halted. We don't need bigger government, just more efficiency in the government we have now.

To provide a measure of efficiency, we have spent untold hours during the 18 month interim working through the Hobby-Clayton Commission for places to trim government and make it work better.

The recommendations of this commission and the scrutiny with which the Legislative Budget Board is approaching agency budgets will provide the Legislature with the message that there are savings to be made in government and that our government can work just as well or in many cases better without the huge increases that have become associated with state expenditures in the last few years.

I believe that unless we put the brakes on government and stabilize its growth, then we are only a short time away from the day when many Texans will spend more of their time working for the government than for themselves.

There are many worthy ways in which we can use the surplus without giving it over to ongoing programs and bigger government. I trust the Legislature will find the optimum ways to make use of the treasure and at the same time put the budget on a diet.

# Texas Taxes

By BOB BULLOCK  
State Comptroller

AUSTIN—As a service to Texas taxpayers, my office has prepared more than a dozen pamphlets dealing with a broad range of tax matters from inheritance taxes to tax tips for senior citizens.

The pamphlets are simply written and will be of interest to the average citizen as well as the businessman.

They may even save you some money. Did you know, for example, that persons age 65 and over are eligible in many areas for a special \$3,000 or more homestead tax exemption in addition to the standard \$3,000 exemption?

Or that disabled veterans and the survivors of servicemen who lose their lives while on active duty also are eligible for the special \$3,000 homestead tax exemption?

Persons who plan to open a business will be interested in the pamphlets on sales and franchise taxes.

Here's a list of the pamphlets most often requested by taxpayers. If you would like one or more, just put a checkmark by them and send this newspaper clipping to our office, along with your return address:

(Address requests to Bob Bullock, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Tax Information Division, State of Texas, Austin, Texas 78774. There is no charge.)

• Agricultural Exemptions: This pamphlet spells out which equipment, materials and services used by farmers and ranchers are exempt from state and local sales taxes and under what circumstances.

• Your Estate Under Texas Law: An explanation of the state inheritance tax and the amount of tax exemptions for your spouse, children and other beneficiaries.

• Senior Citizen Tax Information: A guide to tax exemptions for the elderly.

• Franchise Tax Information: An explanation of who pays the tax and the rates.

• Sales Tax Bond Requirements: This pamphlet will be of particular interest to persons planning to open their own business.

• Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Information: A list of the types and amounts of the various taxes on automobiles and other motor vehicles.

• Your Tax Dollars: This is an interesting report on the types of state taxes and the amounts raised annually by each.

• Is Labor Taxable?: A guide for mechanics, contractors and manufacturers, as well as consumers, spelling out under what circumstances labor is taxable.

• Moving to Texas?: This would be helpful to a relative or friend who is thinking about moving to Texas. It explains the various state taxes and the amounts.

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BORDEN'S WHIPPING CREAM		8 OZ. CRT.	<b>or Dip</b>	<b>39c</b>
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Dec. 22—Jan. 20

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20):** An insidious danger may threaten you. Check for carbon monoxide leaks in your muffler.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19):** Minor details need attention before they become major headaches. Checked the air in your spare tire lately?

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20):** Maintain control. Fight fear and panic. Cool response is needed to control skids and other emergencies.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19):** Spiteful actions because of another driver's traffic blunder could have serious results. Drive defensively.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20):** A long trip is no time to prove your toughness. If you're tired, take a rest or let a passenger take the wheel.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21):** Most of the time you are able to do two things at once. But driving takes your full attention, not just half.

**CANCER (June 22 to July 21):** A good time to be suspicious. Don't trust machinery operating beside the road. Be prepared to stop.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21):** Your generosity is appreciated by friends. Help see that they get home safely after drinking.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22):** A defensive position is good at this time. Quick reactions to blunders by "the other guy" can save your life.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22):** Your coolness in tight situations shows. Courtesy to other drivers has a good effect on those around you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21):** Your alertness may be taxed. Be on guard around school zones during the next few weeks.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21):** You've got to get things straightened out. Get your front end aligned.

We wish all our friends and neighbors of Memphis and the surrounding area a very happy holiday season, and may 1977 bring all of you blessings and happiness.

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### Barbie Dolls, Thumbelina, Evil Kneivel High On Santa's List

Dear Santa:  
My name is Tammy Maddox. I am in the third grade. I have tried to be a good girl all year. For Christmas I would like to have a trampoline, a real football suit, a football, a set of drums, a watch. Don't forget to bring my brother Terry, some cookies and a bicycle for me. We will have cookies and a bicycle for you.  
Love,  
Tammy  
Love Always,  
Tammy Maddox

Dear Santa:  
I am 5 years old. I would like some football clothes and a little car. I love you and hope you have a Happy Christmas.  
Love,  
Beau

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy in the second grade. I live at Lakeview.  
Please bring me roller skates and a Timex watch and a jumping jimmy.  
Love,  
Bobby Pena  
Lakeview

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy in the third grade. I live at Lakeview, Texas.  
Please bring me a shooting gallery, don't forget my little sister, Amy. She live at Grosebeck, Texas.  
Love,  
Lloyd Fernung  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl in the first grade. I have tried to be good.  
Please bring me a baby-that-a-way and a green machine to ride.  
Remember all the other boys and girls. Thank you for last year's gifts. I love you.  
Your Friend,  
Debra Martin  
Lakeview

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl in the second grade. I live at Lakeview.  
Please bring me a bicycle and a doll that eats and drinks.  
Love,  
Martina Villanueva  
Lakeview

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl in the second grade. I live at Lakeview.  
Please bring me a baby-alive doll.  
Love,  
Lucia Rodriguez  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl eight years old. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me cathy-quick-curl and a pair of roller skates and a bicycle. And anything that you think that I need.  
Love,  
Kay Donna Hancock  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl in the third grade. I live at Lakeview. Please bring me a ring and a 3 speed bike. Good bye.  
Love,  
Isabel Hernandez  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 4 years old. I have tried very hard to be a good little girl. I would like for you to bring me baby that away, play family sesame street, barbie beauty center, the cookies game, and anything else you would like to bring me.  
I have a little sister and her name is Jennifer. She is 2 1/2 months old. She would like some soft toys, that babies play with. We would also like for you to bring us some candy, fruit, and nuts.  
We will leave some cookies and a Coke out for you. We love you very much.  
Love,  
Tina Cosper

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good girl and I would like some house shoes and a Barbie doll.  
Love,  
Susie Serna

Dear Santa:  
I want three bicycles, little car, gun and a sled and a hat, boat and coat, and cowboy hat.  
The end I love you Santa:  
Love,  
Dennis Neal Jenkins

Dear Santa:  
I'm a little girl who will be one year old just six days before Christmas. My big brother Cade, has several toys that you brought him when he was little like me that I play with so there is not too much I want. I would like a baby doll and a rocking chair and maybe a book I cannot tear.  
I hope you will remember all the other good boys and girls, and my grandparents and great-grandmother's who live in Memphis.  
Love,  
Jill Gentry

Dear Santa:  
I am 3 years old. I would like another motorcycle. I love Shannon and Scott for happy Christmas, and every day like that loves Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Jay Thurman

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy in the third grade.  
I live at Lakeview.  
Please bring me a B B gun.  
Love,  
Tomas Rodriguez  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I would like a chalk board, and a bicycle for Christmas.  
Love,  
Anna Torres

Dear Santa:  
I have been good boy. I want a hay truck and dump truck, train.  
Love,  
Ricky Mestas

Dear Santa:  
I want baby that away and a bicycle for Christmas.  
Love,  
Dena McFalls

Dear Santa:  
I want a baby alive doll and a Barbie doll house and coat. And I wish you a Merry Christmas and a little stuffed dog and a little record player and I guess that is all for now, I wish you a Happy New Year Thank You.  
Love,  
Patsy Zuniga

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl, in the second grade. I live at Lakeview.  
Please bring me a bicycle.  
Love,  
Margarite Rosa  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl, in the second grade. I live at Lakeview.  
Please bring me a bicycle.  
Love,  
Margarite Rosa  
Lakeview

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## Merry, Merry Christmas To The Citizens Of Hall County

At this time of year our thoughts turn back over the past twelve months. As we review what had been completed, we realize again the meaning of friendships. You, our friends and neighbors, have made our tasks easier as we served you in county affairs.

We are truly thankful for the consideration of the citizens of Hall County. May this be the happiest Christmas you have ever had in all the years gone by, and may the New Year bring health, wealth and happiness to every person whom we have served.

### YOUR COUNTY OFFICIALS

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|--|---|--|--|
| Lester Campbell<br>County Judge                  | Mrs. Jo Carmen<br>Tax-Assessor-Collector      | O. R. Lambert<br>Commissioner, Prec. No. 3 | Tops Gilreath<br>County Superintendent                 |
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|  |   |  | Curtis O. Tunnell<br>Justice of the Peace, Prec. No. 4 |

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## An American Christmas

By UL's Public Information Office



Courtesy of the Henry Ford Museum Dearborn, MI

Although America is commonly regarded as a melting pot, many American traditions and customs have a distinct ethnic and regional flavor. A look at our Christmas traditions is proof of this distinctiveness.

In the days of the Puritans, a person greeting a passerby with the salutation, "Merry Christmas" was awarded a five dollar fine for his gesture. These settlers were bound by a law passed in 1659 prohibiting the celebration of Christmas. In fact, this ban continued until the 1800's, when the Episcopal Sunday Schools in New England began observing the holiday. Around this time, the early Irish immigrants, settling in Boston, transplanted their custom of placing a lighted candle in the window. This act symbolically lights the way for the Christ child.

French settlers in the Southern portions of the United States ushered in the holiday by the use of fireworks, firearms, and anything else that would make loud noises. This custom is still observed in some rural communities.

The preparation of large meals, a main part of Christmas on a Southern plantation, is now a universally honored custom. Traditional dinners of turkey, ham, or goose, garnished with desserts of pies, cakes, and cookies, are still gastronomical delights. If you had been part of George Washington's circle of family and friends, you would have been treated to Martha Washington's Christmas cake, which, among other ingredients, called for the use of 40 eggs!

Ironically, the Christmas tree, today a pivotal yuletide tradition, was brought to this country by enemy forces during the American Revolution. Hessian soldiers, paid adversaries of the colonists, introduced this custom.

The German immigrants brought with them the beautiful tradition of the lighted Christmas tree. It is said that the first lighted tree was a contribution made by Martin Luther, who, after taking a walk in a near-by forest before Christmas, placed candles on an evergreen to recapture the stars he saw shining through the branches of the trees.

Decorations for Christmas trees in the early Republic were usually candles, and ornaments fashioned from bits and pieces of materials found in the home. Brightly colored paper chains, walnuts, and popcorn strings were popular additions to the tree.

In the 20th century, candles were gradually replaced by electric light strings. Underwriters Laboratories, an electrical testing organization gaining momentum at the time, recognized this trend. In the early 1920's UL introduced a Christmas light testing program designed to reduce the possibility of fire or shock.

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

Thanks so much for all the nice things you brought last year. Especially the motorcycle, I really do like it a lot. I am six years old but Dec. 20, I'll be 7 and I've tried to be a good boy this year since I've started to school.

This year I'd like a record player, Lone ranger and wagon, coke truck with the coke battles in it, snoopy sing a-long, sleeping bag and some games.

I also wanted a TV but Mama and Daddy said it would be too heavy for your sack so their giving it to me for my birthday and Christmas.

Have a safe trip around the world and hope to see you next year.

Please remember all my friends and cousins and Aunt. I hope you'll like a snack because I'll leave you something to eat.

Merry Christmas,  
With Love,  
Sheldon Davis

Dear Santa:

I would like a thunder shift 500 and a TV set and a few little hot wheel cars.

Love,  
Bryan Rogers

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy six years old and I have been pretty good. I would like you to bring me a pair of walkie-talkies, sno bloc maker and a lamp for my room. You can bring any other toys you think I would like.

Please remember all my cousins and friends and especially my little sister, Julie. I will be at my home in Minneapolis, Minnesota for Christmas.

Love,  
Sam Harrison

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl three years old and my name is Charissa. I also have a little brother 15 months old, his name is Corey. We have tried to be good this year and especially the last few days knowing that you will come to see me soon.

We would like to have a fire truck and any other toys that you want to bring us.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls, and my cousins Jami and Mikella too.

Thank you for the gifts you brought us last year and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you.

Love,  
Charissa and Corey.

Dear Santa:

I have tried to be good but sometimes its hard I can't decide what I want but it is awfully hard when you want everything.

Please bring me lots of trucks and cars and anything else you can think of. I also would like a green wheel.

Please remember my friends at kiddie kollege.

Love,  
Jeff Srygley

Dear Santa:

I have been a good girl this year, especially for someone who is only two years old. I would like to have a spring horse, and a table and chair set for my room. I would also like to have a doll and doll buggy. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,  
Ricki Dawn Lowe  
Guymon, Okla.

Dear Santa:

My name is Cory Taylor. I am two years old Please bring met a big dump truck, a rocking horse, and a play tool box. I have been a pretty good little boy. Don't forget my aunt Julie and all the other boys and girls.

Merry Christmas  
Cory Taylor

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl two years old. So my Mama is writing to you for me. I would like you to bring me a hush little baby and a soapy buggy, and some other toys. Please don't forget my big sister and all the other boys and girls. Please bring Bret a green tractor.

Love,  
Chrysta Leigh Ponder

Dear Santa:

I am 1 1/2 years old and my name is Jami Jones. I have been fairly good for a little boy.

For Christmas, I would like a big wheel, a tractor, and some clothes. I also like wagons and anything else you might think a little boy my age would like.

Please remember my five little cousins, they have been pretty good also.

Love,  
Jami Jones

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 3 years old. I've tried to be as good as I could, so I would like for you to bring me a Mighty mo dump truck, a bugs bunny, a football suit and anything else you think I might like. Don't forget Jerad, Shelby and Michael. They want something to. And don't forget my Daddy and Mommy.

I Love You Santa  
Chris Stone

Dear Santa Claus:

My mommy is writing this for me I am only 21 months old this Christmas.

I have been good during 1976 — please bring me a toy cattle truck, alphabet blocks, a guitar, and a coin telephone.

My cousin, Chris, has moved to Hale Center this year and my Tennessee cousins, Timothy and Micah, will be in Texas for Christmas, so do not misplace their presents.

Cathy Anne has hung up her stocking in Amarillo — please fill it with lots of goodies.

We all love you, Santa, so fly carefully from the North Pole.

Your Little Friend,  
Brendan Curtis Moffett

Dear Santa:

My name is Shannon, I am six years old. Remember me, you brought me a family tree house last year. I have really liked it. This year I would like a happy birthday baby tender love, and a telephone Intercom. Chrysta and I would like to have play family hospital.

I will leave you some milk and cookies. Please remember all my cousins. Cindy and Leslie have moved to Dallas so try to find their new home.

Love,  
Shannon Gayle Ponder

Dear Santa:

I always wanted to see Santa. I never do though. I have seen some dressed up, but never have I seen Santa Claus not dressed up. What I want costs too much so I will only say one thing that is a baby Alive Doll.

Love,  
Idolina Cortez  
Estelline

Dear Santa Claus:

I want to say "Hi" Santa and Mrs. Santa and say hello to your helpers. I want a pellet and a car set.

Love,  
Roland Carter  
Estelline

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl three years old and I have been pretty good all year. I live in Minneapolis, Minnesota and be there for Christmas.

Please bring me a doll clothes, high chair tea set. Please remember my cousins, all little boys girls and my older brother Sam.

My Grandma Harrison be at my house for Christmas this year. Please do forget to visit my Mama and Papa Howard in Texas.

Love,  
Julie Harrison

## Our GOOD Fortune



For your fine patronage... for your warm friendships... for your thoughtful consideration... we say thanks. It has been good to know and serve you in the past and we look forward to many more years of association.

Merry Christmas

The Cotton Boll

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Nancy Larissa

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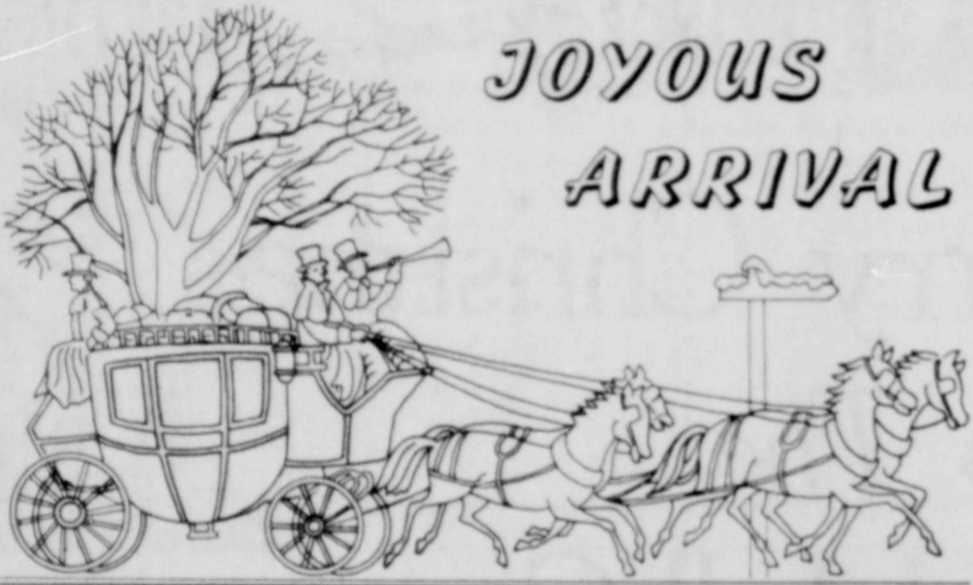
A TRULY JOYOUS

CHRISTMAS

Gary's Service Station

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Everywhere the eye turns... in homes and shops... in faces of neighbors and strangers alike... the message is clear:

Merry Christmas

May your house be filled with the joyful moments and lasting cheer which this new Christmas brings.

O. R. (Doc) Saye Enterprises

Doc Connie

Well, anyway...

It's Christmas

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Ann's Shoppe

Ann Lois Ann Flo Eileen

## Greetings

"Thanks" to you whose friendliness and courtesies have made pleasant the year just ending. May the good cheer and fellowship of this Holiday Time remain with you throughout each day of a prosperous and happy year.



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Memphis, Texas



Everywhere he goes...

He'll be bringing excitement and good cheer. When he visits your house we hope he brings an extra big measure of all good things.

It has been an honor to serve you in the past. We look eagerly to a future of continued friendship for many years to come.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

MEMPHIS OFFICE

Vernon Savings & Loan

Peggy Odom Deanne Penney

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy eleven years old. This will be my first Christmas. Would you please bring me for Christmas a toy car and a John Deere tractor and J. D. wagon. I would like a large stuffed bear and what ever a boy my age would like to play with.

Remember my little sister Tara and Samie in your Christmas. Also remember all the other children in this very special holiday.

Merry Christmas  
George Matthew Naylor

Dear Santa:  
My name is Jerad Stone. I am almost 7 years old. I want a Evil Bug wheel, a roar and a football suit. I want a little brother this year. My name is Shelby Ray he is a toy bear. My Nanny Grandpa will be at my house this year so bring them something too. Me and Shelby have been pretty good this year so bring us lots of good.

We Love You,  
Jerad & Shelby Stone

Dear Santa Clause:  
I have been a very good boy and I have tried hard to help my mother and daddy around the house. I would like to have a gun and some cowboys and a little red bike. Please don't forget my brother Mark, he would like a choo-choo train.

Love, Ya,  
Joel Morris  
Estelline

Dear Santa:  
I am in Mrs. Crawford's kindergarten this year. I am trying hard to be a good girl. Please bring a Tush Lil Toy, Barbie swimming pool, Birthday Tender love, a new bed and some clothes for my doll. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Remember my brother, Jami and all my friends.  
I love you,  
Jami Scarbrough

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a 3-speed bicycle and a Dallas Cowboy football uniform.

Remember my friends, my little sister, Jami and my teacher, Miss King.  
Your Friend,  
Jason Scarbrough

Dear Santa:  
My name is Martina. I am 10 years old, I want a baby that away and a hus little baby. I hope that you will come to my house.  
I Love You,  
Martina Rocha

Dear Santa:  
How are you. My name is Jeffrey. I am six years old. I would like to have a racing car set and a guitar and don't forget my brothers cousin.  
Sincerely Yours,  
Jeffrey Richardson

Dear Santa Clause:  
I would like to have a baby alive and a tumblelina and I would also like to have some dishes.

Your Friend  
Delia Maldonado

Dear Santa:  
I want a bicycle and a baby tender love for Christmas.

Love,  
Cindy McFalls

Dear Santa:  
I would like a hot wheels thunder shift for Christmas. My sister wants a big bike.

Thank You,  
Shannon and  
Hall Wanda

Dear Santa:  
I can draw Santa's hat. He looked every where for it and just can't seem to find it.

Casey Matthews

Dear Santa:  
I am seven years old now and in the first grade. My teacher is Mrs. Morris and I sure do like her. I have tried very hard to be good, but its hard sometimes when I play with my cousins, but we love each other. We hope to see you Christmas and please Santa, I would like to have a karate man, big wheels, jaws, and a fire truck. Please don't forget all the other boys and girls and especially my teacher and my cousin's Kara Dee and Donita. I love you!

See You Christmas  
Don Jeffers

Dear Santa:  
My name is Dewayne Rowton and I am 7 years old and I would like to have a B.B. Gun and a pack of B.B.'s and a leather Football and please be good to all of my friends.  
Merry Christmas to you.  
Love,  
Dewayne Rowton

Dear Santa:  
I am in the third grade. I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have a hub-by-baby and bonic woman, and roller skates or skate board, and a scooter, and stuffed bear.

Remember all the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Shelly Walker

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas I want a green machine and pom poms and rub a dub dolly with her tug boat shower and go cart.  
Love,  
Madonna Blanks

Dear Santa:  
I would like to have a hush-lil-baby and a baby stroller. Thank you.

Your Friend,  
Gloria Maldonado

Dear Santa:  
Thanks for the toys you gave me last year.

This year I would like to have a tonka farm set, and tonka race car, a football and helmet, and fruits and candy.

Remember my little sister, Chastity, this is her first Christmas. She is only three months old, so a stuffed toy will be fine.

There will be cake and milk for you on the table.  
Love,  
James Dewayne Jarrel

Dear Santa:  
I would like a hush lil baby and a bicycle for Christmas.  
Love,  
LaJuana McFalls

Dear Santa:  
I want a football and a bike and a pool table and God bless you.  
(No Name)

Dear Santa:  
Just a line to say I love you Santa. I am a nice little boy, and I would like for you to bring me a part paint and coat and shoe, and truck.  
Love You,  
Jimmie Lee George

Dear Santa:  
My name is Michelle Renee Wynser. I am nine years old. For Christmas I would like a baby alive doll, a baby alive care center and a baby alive nursery set. I also would like to have a baby beauty salon, a game, a set of dishes and some clothes.  
Love,  
Renee Wynser

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll, some dishes and that's all. I love you and I'll get Mom to have some cookies and milk for you.  
Love,  
Kim Carroll

Dear Santa:  
My name is Cliff and my brother's name is Denney. We want some cowboy boots and some stuff to go in our new clubhouse.  
Please bring every little boy and girl a nice present.  
Love,  
Cliff Bowen

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a football, and the bionic man for Christmas. And also bring me a big truck to play with.  
Jerry Pasley

Dear Santa:  
I am only 3 months old, but I sure love the pretty Christmas lights. Please bring me a Musical Carecel a musical teddy bear and some squeeze toys and rattles.  
Love,  
Daron James Widener

Dear Santa:  
Thank you for the bicycle you gave me last year. This year I would like a Honda 50 minibike and an electric blanket.

I will leave you some pie and milk. Santa, could you bring my friend, Danny Scarbrough, a football of his own to play with.  
I know he would really like a Texas Longhorn football.  
Love You,  
Mark Molloy  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I am 6 years old. I am in the first grade. I have tried to be good, sometimes it's not too easy. Thanks for my presents you brought me last year. I really liked everything. This year. Please bring me a new bicycle, a blue one. Also, I would like a baby-that-away and a buggy for it.

Please remember Melia, she's my sister, and all the other kid's. Also, my cousins David and Tangia, and Alysia my best friend.  
I love you.  
Love,  
Michelle Lowe

Dear Santa:  
I am seven years old and I have been a good boy this year. I would like you to bring me a air hockey and some merf rockets, locomotive train, and happy days gone. I will leave you out some cookies and fudge.  
Love  
Chris Todd

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me an electric train a football, and a bulldozer to play with. Don't forget my brothers, Steve and Stacey and all of the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Shane Booth




**Let All the World Rejoice**

The King is born in Bethlehem and all the world rejoices! May this Season of Peace be filled with joyous moments for you and your family.

**Paula's Crafts & Gifts**

Jim and Paula Powell  
Sandy Hawkins



**A JOYOUS YULE**

It's Christmas! And we're sending carloads of our biggest and best greetings to YOU! We're proud of your continued friendship and patronage and look forward eagerly to seeing you and serving you in the days to come.

**Williams Oil & Gas**  
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GOOD Friends  
GOOD News  
GOOD Luck  
GOOD Health  
GOOD Times  
GOOD Thoughts

**GREETINGS TO OUR GOOD PATRONS**

**Big O Restaurant**  
Bonnie and Ronald Wilson  
Randy Ronny



**A Joyful Christmas**

**Spicer Flowers**  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer and Randy Phillips



**M**ay this Christmas prompt us all to cherish our blessings and to remember that this day upon us is not only a holiday ... but also a Holy Day ... a confirmation of His gift to us ... that where Love is ... there He will be also.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Martin's Barber Shop**

It wouldn't seem like Christmas  
If we couldn't keep in touch  
And bring hearty Christmas wishes  
To those we like so much!



**OUR THANKS TO YOU, AND Merry Christmas!**


**Elliott's Exxon**  
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Edna Jerry and Employees



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**Clent's Barber Shop**  
Jim Goldston



We extend heartiest Christmas Greetings to insure you of added joys for the Season.

Our thanks to you for making our business a pleasure ...

Our wish to you for a Christmas of great joy and happiness ...

**Hightower's Texaco**  
Delbert Christine Gary  
Keith Charles Patsy



**Thank You**

It's not easy to put our enormous gratitude or our heartfelt good wishes into a few words. Your friendship has been, and will always be, a source of pride to us. May every blessing and joy of the season be yours!

**Bolden Conoco**  
Travis Paulette Corkey

**HURRAH!**



**It's Christmas!**

We hope it's a jolly season for all our friends. Our thanks and warmest wishes to everybody.

**BEST WISHES, ALL**

**Davis Motor Co.**

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Chicken Cooking Contest



Now's the time for cooks to get their favorite chicken recipes into the running for a part of the \$25,000 prize money in the National Chicken Cooking Contest.

No official entry blank is needed. Just make sure recipes meet requirements and mail with your name, address and telephone number clearly written on each page to: Chicken Contest, Box 28158 Central Station, Washington, DC 20085. Entries must be postmarked no later than March 1, 1977. Entries received after March 1 will be held for 1978 contest.

The 5 top prizes are \$10,000, \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000. In addition, each of the 31 state and DC winners receives an expense-paid trip to the national cook-off in Jackson, Mississippi, on July 27, 1977.

Each recipe should make approximately 4 servings; contain a broiler-fryer (2-3 1/2 lb.) chicken, whole or any part or parts; at least 1 teaspoon Accent flavor enhancer and at least 1/4 cup Mazola corn oil. Judging will be based equally on simplicity, interest, appearance and flavor. Sponsors' employees, directors, representatives and their immediate families, along with previous first place national winners are ineligible.

For further information and a folder with top winners of previous years, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: "Six \$10,000 Chicken Recipes," at the Washington address given above.

This recipe for Pot-Au-Feu, adapted from Carol Pfeiffer's \$10,000 winner in 1972, meets all 1977 contest requirements.

CHICKEN POT-AU-FEU

- 1/2 cup Mazola corn oil
- 1 broiler-fryer chicken, cut in parts
- 1 quart water
- 1 onion, halved
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 2 ribs celery, sliced
- 2 chicken bouillon cubes
- 3 sprigs parsley
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon Accent flavor enhancer
- 1 small head cabbage, cut in eighths
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen peas
- 1 tablespoon corn starch
- 1 tablespoon water

Heat corn oil in Dutch oven over medium heat. Add chicken and brown on all sides. Add water, onion, carrots, celery, bouillon cubes, parsley, salt and flavor enhancer. Cover and simmer about 30 minutes or until fork can be inserted with ease. Remove parsley. Add cabbage and peas. Cover and simmer 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Remove chicken and vegetables; keep warm. Stir together corn starch and water. Add to juices in Dutch oven. Bring to boil; boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Return chicken and vegetables to Dutch oven and heat thoroughly. Makes 4 servings.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a baby doll and a purse.  
Love,  
Norma Castor  
Estelline

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas I would like to have a rocking horse, a rocking chair, a little set of dishes, and a doll. I will be in Memphis and Lakeview for Christmas, so please leave some of my toys at Paw and Maw Smith's house and some at Paw and Granny Blum's house.  
Please remember all the other little boys and girls.  
Love,  
Timberly Smith

Dear Santa:  
I am three years old now and I have tried very hard to be good all year.  
I would like for you to bring me a Seamee street village and a vacuum. I would like some oranges in my stocking. Please bring me a Barbie doll also.  
I like to feel of your beard and flip it.  
Please remember all of my cousins and all the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Paige Parks

Dear Santa:  
Will you please bring me a flying attack ace carrier, tractor loader and Backhoe. I've tried to be a good little boy. Don't forget my little brother and all other little children.  
I Love You,  
Jody Brunson

Dear Santa:  
My name is Sharla Ann Monzingo. I live at 1315 Bradford Street in Memphis, Texas.  
I would love to have a tampon, and a doll that cries. Please be good to my two brothers, and all the other boys and girls all over the world.  
I Love You,  
Sharla Monzingo

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like to have a Hush Lil baby, a happy birthday tenderlove, some dishes, a Hub happy hollid set, some new ear rings, some play make-up, a puzzletown, and a candy land game, and a stuffed animal.  
I will leave you some cookies and milk. Don't forget all my little friends.  
Love,  
Sonya Elise Thompson

Dear Santa:  
I am 10 years old this year. I have tried to be good and help my mother, but I know I could have helped her more than I have.

I also know that there really isn't a real Santa; the word Santa stands for love. I would like to have a ten-speed, cher doll, and cher clothes, a baby that-a-way with a set of clothes.  
Bless my sister Donita, my cousin Don and all the other boys and girls in the world.  
Love,  
Kara Dee Anderson

Dear Santa:  
I am a little four year old girl.  
I haven't been very good this year, but I kinda think you will bring me some toys any way.  
I would like to have a record player, and some records, a A rub-a-dub dollie, with the tug boat shower, a guitar and be sure it has a string to hang around my neck. And I would like a red car to ride in. Don't forget my Sister Kara Dee my cousin Don, and all the boys and girls in the world.

Santa don't forget a blessing for my Daddy because I still miss him very much.  
Love You,  
Donita Kay Anderson

Dear Santa:  
I'd like a baby doll and a purse.  
Love,  
Beatrice Cortez  
Estelline

Dear Santa:  
I want a tennis racquet, and a baby doll, and I want a football.  
Love,  
Elizabeth Barbosa  
Estelline

Dear Santa:  
I want a baby doll that-a-way, and a bike.  
Love,  
Laura Baldwin  
Estelline

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a baby that-a-way, and a bike and a easy bake oven. I have been a good girl. I love you very much Santa Claus. I hope you bring what I want.  
Love,  
Frances Brown  
Estelline

Dear Santa:  
I want a racing car set. And the smallest one you can get. And I have a bad cold. And I only make A's and B's on my report card.  
Love,  
Zimbalist Lodhams  
Estelline

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have tried to be a good girl this year.  
May I have a deer family, and an indian jewelry maker, and tape recorder with a microphone.  
Love,  
Amy Long  
Estelline

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like a tape recorder for Christmas. I was real good.  
Love,  
Vincent Lopez  
Estelline

Dear Santa:  
I have tried to be good. I would like a Tuesday Taylor, a birthday doll, a Ken, a Barbie furniture, a deer family.  
Love,  
Tanya Cummings  
Estelline

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like a race track, and a stretch armstrong, and a bean bag.  
Love,  
Ty Walker  
Estelline

Dear Santa:  
I have tried to be good. I would like to have a basketball goal and a tape recorder, a microphone.  
Love,  
Holly Wilson  
Estelline

Dear Santa:  
Will you please bring a sit and spin, car carriage, a big John Deere Tractor. I've tried to be a good boy. Don't forget my brother and all the little children.  
I Love You,  
Timmy Brunson

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 4 old. I have really tried a good girl this year. I have helped my Mommy. Would you please bring hush little baby and a with blackboard. My sister Tara is only one old and I guess she's pretty good, too. She would like a baby doll and a ride tractor.  
Please remember all of friends and thank you for presents you left us last year.  
Love,  
Jana & Tara McC

I am a girl eleven years old. I have tried to be a good girl. I would like a Willy No. some country and Guel Snu tap and a collection from some country and would like some clothes. I'll like anything else bring me.  
Thank you for last year gifts.  
Yours Truly,  
Angela Martin

Good luck, good health, good fortune to you!  
put them all together, and it's  
a JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

We have valued your continued friendship in the past, and as the days of the new year unfold, we look forward to greeting and serving you.



Harvey Service Center  
Harvey Wanda

Ring Out the  
Joyous  
Tidings

O. K. Tire Store  
Richard Chris

a  
Happy  
Holiday

DeVilleville Motel  
The Mike Vaccas

JOY  
to all!  
Our  
Sincere  
Thanks!  
And  
to all . . .  
Merry Christmas  
Western Motel  
LeRoy and Velda Chance

Christmas Greetings

Christmas is the time for all of us to renew old friendships. It is a time to wish our friends a full measure of happiness and a time to say with all sincerity, "Thanks for everything!"

The Lady Fair  
John Inez Terri  
Mable Deasia Betty

"Good Will  
Toward Men"

At this triumphant season, we wish you the best of everything. May the spirit and joy of this Holy Time be with you... may you enjoy continued peace and contentment for all the days to come.

Best Wishes  
to one and all!

Branigan Jewelry  
Elmont Flo Mike  
Gladys Sarah Clarice Fern

We weave our wreaths  
Of pine and fir,  
And hang them  
For each heart to stir.  
Anonymous

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May your house be aglow with all the joys of Christmas. May your heart be warm with happiness and success throughout all the days to come.

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# Greenfield Village Remembers Christmas Past

In our age of electric aluminum trees, the appealing Christmas decorations continue to reflect the celebrations of earlier years. Tinsel-draped trees, fragrant candles and yuletide carols remind us of the way we often wish Christmas were now.



A horse-drawn sleigh carries visitors past the 17th-century Cotswold Cottage at Greenfield Village.

There was time then for the pleasures of holiday cooking, listening to the tinkling of bells across the frosty air, time to enjoy the warmth of rooms aglow with candlelight.

The serene, unhurried pace of the past is marked those long ago at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, the holidays will be celebrated in the tradition of yesteryear. From December 4 through January 4, Christmas past once again becomes a reality for the present.

In the Village, freshly-fallen snow is a carpet for horse-drawn sleighs gliding swiftly past historic homes and shops prepared for the season. Some of these original buildings have seen 300 Christmases, others only a hundred. Yet, they all look the same as when their original famous owners hung wreaths and lighted candles on Christmas Eve so many years ago.

In Noah Webster's stately Connecticut home, for instance, the tree in the drawing room is decorated with glass balls, birds and candles in holders. It is patterned after one of the earliest known illustrations of a Christmas tree in America which appeared in 1836. Glass balls, popcorn and cranberry strings and colored lights—first in-

roduced in 1907—adorn a tree in the home where Orville and Wilbur Wright once lived. Not far away, inside the birthplace of Henry Ford, stands a tabletop tree decorated with American flags.

In the 17th-century Cotswold Cottage, the oldest home in the Village, flickering firelight plays on the decorative garlands of holly, ivy and boxwood, ancient symbols of the continuation of life. Outside, on the wellhead, rests a Yule log, another symbol, whose steady burning was once thought to guarantee a year of good luck.

At the Plympton House, a one-room structure dating to 1640, traditions surrounding the annual visit of St. Nicholas which were brought to America by Dutch settlers are recalled. Wooden shoes filled with carrots and straw for St. Nicholas' horse are set on the hearth. On the door hang three oranges on a pine twig to represent the three bags of gold St. Nicholas gave to three young women as a dowry in one of the legends about his

locomotive as it carries passengers along the Village perimeter in a restored railway coach of the 1870s.

Adjacent to the Village is Henry Ford Museum where "The Crafts at Christmas" along the Street of Early American Shops has become a holiday tradition. Here, more than a dozen skilled artisans blow glass ornaments, mold candles and fashion brooms, dolls, wooden toys, wreaths and other items reminiscent of the days when holiday gifts and decorations were made lovingly by hand.

In the background, carolers and choirs capture the holiday spirit in song. From time to time, concerts of Christmas music are performed on antique instruments from the Museum's collection. Elegant period decorations grace the galleries and alcoves, while wreaths, ribbons and cedar roping adorn lampposts and doorways.

To round out this Christmas from the past, the Greenfield Village Players present Victor Herbert's charming operetta, "Babes in Toyland" in the Museum Theater. This delightful musical production honors the past tradition of holiday entertainment for the entire family.

At Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum, the real spirit of Christmas is not a thing of the past. The kind of holidays we would all like to remember live on.

Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum are open daily the year around with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. A separate admission to either the Village or the Museum is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.25 for children 6 through 12. Children under six are admitted free.

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:  
I want a football, a race track, a pop gun, and an Evil Kneivel.  
I am in the second grade this year. Thank you for all you brought be last year.  
From,  
Jimmy Roden

Dear Santa:  
I want a easy bake oven, I want a baby bed, please send me a bracelet with a bird on it. I have tried to be a very good girl this year.  
Please give every girl and boy in the world a nice Christmas and Happy New Year. And Santa please send me a little basketball goal.  
I Love You,  
Nikki Monzingo

Dear Santa:  
I want a six million dollar man. I want a walkie talkie, I want a bicycle and some shoes.  
Love,  
Stacey Henderson

Dear Santa:  
I want a bicycle and a Evil Kneivel set, and my little brother wants a bicycle and a guitar. My name is Sedrick Smith in the first grade.  
Love,  
Sedrick Smith

Dear Santa:  
I want a Thumbelina and I want a jaws game. I also would like a surprise that you pick out for me. I have been a real good girl this year.  
Love,  
Stephanie

Dear Santa:  
I am five years old and in kindergarten. I have tried to be a good little girl.  
Please bring me a baby crissy, bionic woman, kelly star necklace. Mother says my list is too long and I had better not finish it. She says you will know what I want.  
Please remember my two brothers Gary and Mark. Also remember my cousins.  
I Love You,  
Carol Ann Ward

Dear Santa:  
I would like a bathtub set, a ball and a bear. I am only 8 months and I sure do like the Christmas tree.  
Thank You,  
Steven McQueen

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy, my name is Ralph Harper. I have been a good boy. Will you please bring me a bicycle and a six million dollar man and a Walkie talkie for Christmas. I am 9 years old.  
Yours Truly,  
Ralph

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 6 years old. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a bicycle, a don't cry baby, a game, and any thing else you think I need. Please bring my cousin's and sisters what they want to.  
Love,  
Angie Alexander

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 7 years old I have been pretty good this year.  
I want you to bring me a Evil Knivel stunt motor bike, a John Deere white truck, a game or two and some clothes. And Santa don't forget the other boys and girls.  
I love you Santa.  
Love,  
Allen Lee Murdock

Dear Santa Claus:  
My name is Reshonda Lamb I am five years old. I have been a very good little girl. Will you please bring me a baby that way doll, a ironing board, a color TV, a view master, a coffee dripper set, a set of dishes, and some apples and oranges.  
Bring my little sister Shana that away doll.  
Yours Truly,  
Reshonda Lamb

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a baby alive doll, for Christmas, and a baby that away. And a baby buggy to put my dolls in. Also a reggetey ann and andy clock.  
I have tried to be a good little girl this year.  
Love,  
Rose Mary Garcia

Dear Santa Claus:  
My name is Alyria Howard and I am six years old. I would like to have a baby carriage, a record player, a watch, and happy baby for Christmas this year. I live at 714 N. 19th St. in Memphis, Texas.

Dear Santa:  
My name is Shanon Moran. I am six years old. I have been a good boy. I want a flying ace air plane, football suit, bicycle, airport set, and flashlight.  
See you on Christmas.  
Love,  
Shannon Moran

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a baby and a lamie larlie, and tapes and recorder, and sunshine family and grandparents.  
I love you Santa.  
Love,  
Carol

Dear Santa:  
I will like any thing you would like to bring me.  
From,  
Connie Morris

*Greetings*  
AND  
BEST WISHES  
FOR A  
HAPPY  
HOLIDAY  
SEASON

**Kerr-McGee**  
Service Station

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Dear Santa:  
I want something else I thought of, it is a calculator. I want something I forgot to put in my other list.  
Love,  
Amber Ferrel

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 4 1/2 years old I live in Amarillo but will be in Memphis during part of Christmas. Please bring me a hot wheel, a big wheel, a truck armstrong and a Steve Nagan.

I would like anything else you bring me. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
I tried to be a nice boy.  
I Love You,  
Terry Collins

Dear Santa:  
I am nine years old and in the third grade. I have tried to be good this year, but with a younger sister and an older brother it sure is hard.  
Please bring me a pellet rifle and pellets I would also like a belt with my name on it and some boxing gloves.  
Please remember my brother and sister, and all my cousins. Also remember all the girls and boys.  
Love,  
Mark Ward

Dear Santa:  
Would you please bring me a thumbelina, doll, a Barbie house, and a bicycle.  
Love You,  
Leah Graham

Dear Santa:  
For my very first Christmas I would like a toot-a-loo wine up train, a busy box and some picture books. I am only 6 months old, so Daddy is writing this letter for me.  
Please remember all the other boys and girls. Thank you.  
Love,  
Mark Alton Land

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy age six in the first grade at Travis school.  
I want the Lone Ranger, Tonto, a car, spirograph, candy, nuts and fruit.  
Hope ever one has a nice Christmas.  
I Love You,  
Chad M. Row

Dear Santa:  
I am five years old and in kindergarten. I have tried to be a good little girl.  
Please bring me a baby crissy, bionic woman, kelly star necklace. Mother says my list is too long and I had better not finish it. She says you will know what I want.  
Please remember my two brothers Gary and Mark. Also remember my cousins.  
I Love You,  
Carol Ann Ward

Dear Santa:  
I'm a girl 7 years old. I am in the first grade and Mrs. Newton is my teacher. I have tried to be good this year. I would like for you to bring me a bike some games, a football suit and some records please remember all the other boys and girls.  
Your Friend,  
Melissa Jeffries

Happy Wishes  
AT  
Christmas  
for You!

**White Auto**  
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**TOP O' THE SEASON TO ONE AND ALL!**

Thank you for making the year such a happy and successful one for us!

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Authorized Catalogue Sales Merchant  
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**A HAPPY HOLIDAY**

Extra luck...  
Extra happiness...  
Extra achievement...

That's our sincere and hearty wish to you as another new year rolls around. We look forward eagerly to a long lasting friendship with you.

**287 Restaurant**  
Jack Mutt Albert Madonna and all Employees

MERRY Christmas

We gratefully acknowledge your patronage in the past and hope that all joy possible be yours on this great occasion.

**Addie Lou's**  
Terrace Beauty Salon

MAY WE EXTEND TO YOU OUR WARMEST GREETINGS

**Maddox Garage**  
May Maddox Oscar Maddox, Jr.  
Bobby Jack Maddox

It's a grand old custom! Christmas is a time for old customs and it is a real pleasure for us to renew another old custom... the custom of saying thank you to our customers and wishing them a season of great joy. To each of you:

Merry Christmas

MEMPHIS  
**"66" Service Station**

May your Christmas be bright with good friends and good cheer.

May the coming year be an unbroken succession of good days.

**GREETINGS**

**Memphis Delicatessen**  
We will be closed December 24 to January 3.

OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL...

As once again we celebrate the joy and triumph of our Lord. Let us all rejoice in His coming and take to heart once more His teachings.

**Ferrel's**  
John Sue Blas Viola  
Cleon J. M. Minnie

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**Dear Santa Claus:**  
My name is Julie Rene Bryant and I am two years old and I live in Amarillo, Texas. I have been a good girl and I would like Droway for Christmas. Be good to the other boys and girls, too.  
Thank you,  
Julie

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
My name is Lynette Snider. I am 6 years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a Bicycle, candy, Barbie doll with clothes, Bean Bag chair, toy horse, baton, and a blouse. Please don't forget my little sister, Kristina. She is 2 years old. She wants some toys and candy too. Please leave us something under our granddaddy and grandmother Snider tree at Memphis. I will leave you some hot chocolate and cookies under my tree. I love you Santa. Thank you for my toys you brought last year.  
Your Friend,  
Lynette Snider  
Shamrock, Texas

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
My name is Kristina Snider. I have tried real hard to be good. I am 2 years old. Please bring me a big hobby horse, baby-that-away, candy bean bag chair, toy horse, and blouse. Please don't forget my big sister, Lynette. She wants some toys and candy also. Please leave us something under our grandmother and granddaddy Snider's tree at Memphis. Thank you for my toys you brought last year.  
I love you Santa.  
Your Friend,  
Kristina Snider  
Shamrock, Texas  
PS. I will leave you some hot chocolate and cake under my tree.

**Dear Santa:**  
What I want for Christmas is a doll, some earrings, a watch, a purse, some new shoes, some new clothes, a new coat, a play telephone, and some dishes. Santa please be good to all of the little boys and girls in the world.  
Love,  
Gail Carroll

**Dear Santa:**  
I would like a toy six million dollar man. for Christmas.  
Love,  
Kyle K. Eddins  
Estelline

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I am a little girl 2 years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year.  
I would like to have a Rub a dub doll and a record player.  
My sister's name is Sharon. She has been a good girl and she wants you to come see her too. See you Christmas.  
Kimberlee Marie Henard  
Love,  
Wellington, Texas

**Dear Santa:**  
I want a doll and a stocking. I hope you have a happy new year, and I hope you are fine.  
Love,  
Rosie  
Estelline

**Dear Santa:**  
My name is Michelle and I am 10. I tried to be good this year. I would like a pottery craft and operation game.  
I'll leave you some milk and cookies on the fireplace.  
Love,  
Michelle Montgomery

**Dear Santa:**  
I am a little girl 6 years old. Remember we live at 615 S. 8th St. this year.  
I would like a Ragedy Ann talking alarm clock for my room, a Bionic woman doll and a sweet nell, also a walking bird and a pogo stick.  
Please bring my little brother Joey who is 3, a fire truck, a game and lots of other toys.  
If you have any love notes dolls left, Joey and I would both like one.  
We Love You,  
Laurie Jill Combs  
Joel Lee Combs  
PS. Don't forget my older brother Bret. He's 12 and he likes games.

**Dear Santa:**  
I'm a big boy four years old. I have tried to be better this year.  
Would you please bring me a C. B. Radio, tractor and a wagon?  
Thank you for all the neat things you got me last year, but why didn't you bring me a six million dollar man?  
Don't forget all the other kids in the world and Santa, please don't forget my poor old Granny.  
I love You  
Chad Keever  
Estelline

**Dear Santa:**  
My name is Angela Saban and I am five years old. I was really good this year until my little sister Shana got here. Sometimes it is hard to be a good big sister.  
Please visit me in Wyoming where we will be at Grandma Vera's. Bring Daddy a Law School diploma, Moma a vacation, and Shana some toys and clothes.  
I want a Tuesday Taylor doll, a happy birthday baby tenderlove, and a weebill's haunted house.  
Please remember Mema Chappell and my cousins Eddie, Paul, Sonja, and Alice, and my best friend Amy. Bring them what they want for Christmas if they've been good.  
Love,  
Angela Saban  
Lubbock, Texas

**Dear Santa:**  
I have been a good girl. I would like a baby that a-way, and a pair of house shoes. I am seven years old. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.  
Love Always,  
Melissa Sue Watson

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I tried to be good. May I have a bride doll, a basket ball, a deer family, and a lot of goodies.  
Love,  
Dana Marchman  
Estelline

**Dear Santa:**  
My name is Michael Watson. I am nine years old and in the second grade I want a race car set, record player and a drum for Christmas. I have been real good and I hope you come to see me this year. Don't forget the other boys and girls too.  
I Love You,  
Michael

**Dear Santa:**  
I am a little girl 7 years old I have tried to be good most of the time. I would like for you to bring me a thumblin doll and a bicycle and a raggedy Ann and andy alarm clock and a pair of skates size 1 1/2 and some candy and fruit. I will leave a snack on the dining table for you.  
Love,  
Regina

**Dear Santa:**  
I have been a good girl. I would like a baby that a-way, and a pair of house shoes. I am seven years old. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.  
Love Always,  
Melissa Sue Watson

**Dear Santa:**  
I want a 75 Honda.  
Love,  
Mark Schuler  
Estelline

**Dear Santa:**  
My name is Lee Roy Hall Jr. I am 8 years old. I would like a six million dollar man, and a stretch arm strong.  
Thank you,  
Lee Roy Hall Jr.

**Dear Santa:**  
My name is Lisa Hall I am 4 years old. I would like a bionic woman and a ballerina bargie.  
Thank You,  
Lisa Hall

**Dear Santa:**  
I will like for you to bring me for Christmas a bike and a set of Walkie Talkie, and a set of crown dart game and a set football and set play, ground ball and set pool table game and set crowd shoot game and set basketball goal net and set tool and set ridge rider assortment.  
Love,  
Marcos Lopez

**Dear Santa:**  
I am in the third grade. I have tried to be good this year. I would like a paddle baby and baby clothes and a pant suit that all I want this year.  
Love,  
Tammy

**Dear Santa:**  
I want a 75 Honda.  
Love,  
Mark Schuler  
Estelline

**Dear Santa:**  
I am a boy, 7 years old, my name is David Newbrough. I would like for you to bring me a new bicycle, toy tractor with dual wheels and the equipment. Also please don't forget our stockings and the other little boys and girls.  
Love You,  
David

**Dear Santa:**  
I am a little girl 5 years old. My name is Melissa Newbrough. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie Quick curl with clothes and suitcase, and a new bicycle. And anything else you may have I love you very much and please don't forget the other little boys and girls.  
Love You,  
Melissa

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring me a basketball, and the bionic woman for Christmas. Also bring me a doll and some dishes and pans for Christmas.  
Love,  
Patty Pasley

**Dear Santa:**  
I am 8 years old and in the second grade. I have been a good little girl. Will you please bring me a bicycle dress baby alive, table and chairs and a watch please. Remember all the other boys and girls.  
I Love You,  
Tammie Norton



**TAKE THE MESS OUT OF CANDY-MAKING!**  
Make Party Mint candies with a "store-bought" look, right in your own kitchen... without cooking! The basic candy mix is proportioned in 1/2 teaspoon amounts, formed into balls, rolled in granulated sugar, pressed into molds and popped out, ready to enjoy. It's just that easy! To obtain a complete no-cook candy kit, including three molds, coloring and flavoring, look on the C and H Powdered and Granulated Sugar packages at your market.

**PARTY MINTS**  
1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened  
3 to 3 1/2 cups C and H Powdered Sugar  
1/2 teaspoon flavoring  
Food Coloring  
C and H Granulated Sugar

Beat softened cream cheese. Add one cup powdered sugar and mix until smooth. Blend in flavoring and appropriate food color. (If using paste color, a generous scoop with the wide end of a toothpick is a good start.) Now add remaining powdered sugar. It may be necessary to knead mixture until smooth. It should be like stiff pie dough. Pinch off a small piece of dough (about 1/2 teaspoon), form into small ball, roll in granulated sugar. Press into candy mold and unmold immediately onto wire rack. Makes 75 to 90 mints, depending on mold used. (The leaf mold uses a scant 1/2 teaspoon candy mixture, the daisy, a generous one, and the rose, just an average one.)

**HELPFUL HINTS:** If molds are not available, measure 1/2 teaspoon of candy mixture, roll in granulated sugar and press with hand into flat round disc. Store candies in cardboard box or container with loose lid. May be refrigerated or frozen.

Always a Pleasure  
to Wish You a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
Smith Auto Store

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Whatever else be lost among the years, let us keep Christmas. Its meaning never ends. Whatever doubts assail us, or what fears... Let us hold close this day and keep it always in our hearts.

**Dixon's**  
J. O. Marge Jody Jim

... To have had the friendships of people like you... to have enjoyed the associations they have made possible... to have the opportunity of expressing our thanks for all you have done for us... and of course, to wish you a tremendously

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

**Corley's Barber Shop**  
Gene Paul

May the carols of Christmas remind us to give thanks for our many blessings, now and through the coming year.

Joy to the World  
**Messer Electric & Radio Shack**

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

Our Wish for You...  
A Christmas of Blessed Happiness.

**4 COUNTY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT**  
John Deere Dealer  
Highway 287 N. Memphis, Texas

**Christmas**

Once again the wondrous season of excitement and good cheer has come! We sincerely wish you the fullest measure of the Season's Best along with the hope that it will last through each and every day of the year ahead. Our special thanks for your friendship... it is one of our finest memories of the year past.

**Kinard Gailey Agency**  
Ace Bill Mozelle

**For This Casserole . . .  
They'll Come in From the Cold**



When it's cold outside, nothing delights an avid eater's appetite better than a piping hot casserole. And, that's exactly what this easy-to-prepare recipe offers.

An enticing combination of ground beef, cottage cheese, sautéed spinach and melted cheese is sparked by the flavor of Hunt's Herb Sauce. It's an inexpensive perfectly seasoned, quick cooking sauce in a can that allows you to affordably add that touch of creativity and convenience to cold-weather meals.

The delightful In-From-The-Snow Casserole is guaranteed to bring a warm glow to you, husband and children alike. And another thing that might bring a glow is a just-animated "of fashioned" recipe exchange, sponsored by the people at Hunt's. "Send us one of yours and we'll send you a batch of ours," is the way they've tagged the exchange.

For \$1.25 and a favorite recipe using any of Hunt's 15-oz. canned sauces, the company will send the Hunt's Complete Recipe Cookbook. This full-color hardbound cookbook is chock full of delicious, kitchen-tested recipes using tomato sauce and sells normally for \$1.99.

The one-third saving is available by writing to Hunt's Recipe Exchange, P.O. Box 9437, St. Paul, Minn. 55194. All requests must be considered to be in the public domain and will receive no compensation.

- IN-FROM-THE-SNOW CASSEROLE**
- 1 lb. lean ground beef
  - 1 (15-oz.) can Hunt's Tomato Herb Sauce
  - 1 cup finely chopped onion
  - 1/2 tsp. salt
  - 1/2 tsp. pepper
  - 2 (10-oz.) pkts. frozen chopped spinach, cooked and drained
  - 1 pint cream-style cottage cheese
  - 1 tsp. parsley flakes
  - 1/2 tsp. oregano
  - 8 ozs. mozzarella or mild process cheese, sliced

In skillet, brown beef, drain fat. Stir in Hunt's Tomato Herb Sauce, onion, 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper; simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Press spinach very dry; combine with cottage cheese, parsley flakes, oregano and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt. Spoon spinach mixture around edge of shallow baking dish; pour beef mixture in center. Cut cheese into longwise strips; arrange in lattice design over top. Bake at 375° 20 to 25 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa:  
My name is Kristi, and I am 7 years old, I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like some Cyclone pom-pom, popcorn popper and a game for my sister and I too can play. Please remember all my cousins and school friends.

Love,  
Kristin Montgomery

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas I want a Bicycle, and a Raw Power-A-Puzzle.

I love you,  
Love,  
Chris

I want a gunset and nerf rockets. I also want a baseball and glove. I love you.

Love,  
Trey

Dear Santa:  
I would like a baby that crawls and one that takes a bath with me for Christmas. Also some dishes and a family treehouse would be nice. I have been very good.

Love,  
Melanie Fuller  
Estelline

Dear Santa:  
I have tried to be a nice boy this year. I want a osket ball Goal, Weebles-wobles, Mickey Mouse Club House, Swat suit, and a CB walkie-talkie.

I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love You,  
Dirk Fowler  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I am seven and Chandra is five years old. We have both tried to be good girls. I would like to have a baby lovema, a baby baby, a cat's eye gance, boot's connect four and puzzles. I will have you something warm to eat and drink on the fireplace. I wish you and Mrs. Santa a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Lisa Farnsworth  
P.S. Please don't forget Miss King my teacher.

Dear Santa:  
I am six years old and in the First Grade.

Santa would you please bring me a six million dollar man, record player and a racing car set for Christmas.

I have been a good boy.

Love,  
Joe Lamb

Dear Santa:  
I am a girl who is six and I am in the first grade. I have been pretty good this year. I would like for you to bring me a green machine, a wagon, a sleeping bag. There will be some cookies on the table for you.

See You Soon  
Trudy Pate

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a baby doll, a sleeping bag, a very small bicycle. I'll try to leave you a snack on the table.

See You Soon,  
Tonda Pate

Dear Santa:  
I want a TV magic set and some school clothes and a barbie fashion plaza for my barbie dolls and a pay day game and a bean bag chair and a view master with winnie the pooh and the bionic woman doll and a TV in my room.

And I want to give you something for Christmas, too. A Big Kiss!!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Oh, and I will leave you some cookies and some hot chocolate and after Christmas I hope you will be able to rest and watch the football games n TV.

Love,  
Michelle Branigan

I want a big ol' John Deer tractor. I can drive cause I've been a good boy and I can drive it real good now cause I'm almost four years old now.

I need some new clothes, too. And a C. B. Radio cause Daddy won't let me play with his C. B. and I want a train and a big truck with a trailer.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and if you have been a good boy you can have some cookies my sister and my mommy are going to bake for you.

Love,  
Shayne Branigan

Dear Santa:  
I'm a little boy almost one year old. I've tried to be good this year but at my age it's very hard. Even though I've been a little mean would you still please bring me some toys you think I'd like to play with.

Instead of leaving me nuts with my fruit please leave me some suckers because I only have two teeth. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

I Love You,  
Michael Tribble

Dear Santa:  
I want Thumbalina doll, and the sunken Treasure game.

We will leave you some cookies, and milk, and sugar for your reindeer.

Love,  
Karen Foster

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me anything you want to.

My sister Karen is writing this for me.

Love,  
Rob Foster

Dear Santa:  
I want a train set for Christmas and a B. B. gun. Hope you can bring it. Good by, Santa, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roberto Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am three years old and I need a cowboy hat to go with my new boots. I'd also like to have a putt-putt train.

Please bring something for my sisters, Christy and Brendy.

I'll leave you a snack at Grandmother's house in Memphis.

I Love You,  
Chad Brown  
Gruver Texas

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like a Hush Lil baby and a Thumelina, some new cards, some play make-up, a stuffed animal, a new pair of ear rings, some new games, some china dishes, and a paint set.

I will be in Texas for Christmas. Don't forget all my friends.

Love,  
Shelli Ann Thompson

Dear Santa:  
Hi! I am a little boy 4 years old. I have tried to be a good boy, even though, sometimes it is awful hard. I would like a road grader, airplane, some cars, stuffed animal, and fruit and candy for Christmas.

Remember all the other little boys and girls, and have a Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,  
Jason Anglin

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like to have a baby with her own bathtub and all the things that go with her.

Mama said she wants a ladder for the attic, and Daddy needs some shirts.

Chad wants a cowboy hat and Brendy wants a baby doll.

We'll be at my Grandmothers house in Memphis and I'll leave you some cookies or candy. I love you.

Love,  
Christy Brown  
Gruver, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl! my name is D. D. Harper. I have been a very good girl will you please bring me a that-a-way baby doll and a bicycle and a dish set and a easy bake oven for Christmas, and bring my cousin something to. I am six years old.

Yours Truly,  
D. D. Harper

Dear Santa:  
I want a Hush little baby, a barbie doll house, a new barbie doll and barbie doll clothes.

I have been good I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Shona Grissom

At this Christmastime, may we rededicate ourselves to a greater, fuller service to our community . . . to help enrich our own lives and those with whom we come in contact.

**BEST WISHES**

**El Sombrero Restaurant**  
Mr. and Mrs. Noe Aleman

To wish you happy holidays

May each moment of Christmas ring with joy for you and your family.

**Memphis Glass & Supply**  
Johnny James Ray Bill

**Christmas GREETINGS to All and GOOD WISHES**

It is pleasant at Christmas time to include with messages of good will and happiness . . . an appreciation for the many courtesies that have been sent our way. We want you to know we are sincerely grateful for the confidence you have shown. So, thanks and Merry Christmas!

Residents of

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Golden Bowman	Ollie Kirkland	Fannie Reynolds
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Alvin Hickey		

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The Staff Also Wishes You A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

**Greetings**

Our very special appreciation to you for your friendship and your patronage. It has, truly, been our pleasure to serve you! May you find new joys, renew old friendships, rejoice in happy memories . . . and with bright hopes welcome the Christmas Season.

Merry Christmas

**WARD MOTOR CO.**  
Boykin Drive Memphis, Texas

Christmas Raisin Stollen . . .

A Festive Holiday Offering



Throughout the holiday season, delicious homemade treats are always in demand. For a traditional European bread, try this recipe for Christmas Raisin Stollen.

Golden seedless raisins and candied cherries jewel this rich, aromatic yeast bread. And so with all baked goods, raisins make the stollen particularly moist and keep the bread fresh tasting. Christmas Raisin Stollen is handsome on the table and attractive as a gift. Perfect for breakfast, brunch or coffee cake, buttered slices of this festive raisin bread will delight your family and friends.

CHRISTMAS RAISIN STOLLEN

- |  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1/2 cup milk                               | 1 package active dry yeast         |
| 1/2 cup sugar                              | 1 beaten egg                       |
| 1/2 cup shortening                         | 2 1/2 cups sifted flour            |
| 1 teaspoon salt                            | 3/4 cup golden seedless raisins    |
| 1 teaspoon grated orange peel              | 1/2 cup quartered candied cherries |
| 1/2 teaspoon cardamom                      | Melted butter                      |
| 1/2 cup warm water (105 to 115 degrees F.) | Glaze (recipe follows)             |

Said milk, stir in sugar, shortening, salt, orange peel and cardamom. Cool to lukewarm. Measure warm water into warm bowl. Sprinkle in yeast, stir until dissolved. Stir in lukewarm milk mixture, egg and 1 1/2 cups flour. Beat until smooth. Add raisins, cherries and remaining flour. Mix to moderately stiff dough. Cover and let rise in warm place about 1 1/2 hours until doubled in bulk. Punch down. Divide into thirds. Shape each third into 15-inch rope. Place on greased baking sheet and braid together loosely, pinching ends firmly together to seal. Brush with melted butter and let rise about 45 minutes until doubled. Bake in 350 degree oven 30 to 35 minutes, until browned. Brush again with butter. Cool slightly, then spread Glaze over top. Decorate with halved candied cherries, sliced almonds and raisins as desired. Makes 1 stollen.

GLAZE: Combine 1/2 cups sifted powdered sugar, 1/4 teaspoon vanilla and 2 to 4 teaspoons hot water.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

I would like a Loveable Lullaby Linda and a basketball and I want 10 more silver dollars. Please bring lots of goodies. I wish I had a diamond ring and please help heal the people that are sick. I hope you stop at my house to play.

Love,  
Alisa Collins  
Estelline

Dear Santa:

I want a electric football game and a basket ball. Get a football goal for Alisa. She needs one. I need a record player and a baseball glove too. Don't work hard.

Love,  
Trey Fuller  
Estelline

Dear Santa:

I want a new basketball and bring someone something else that they don't have. And bring everybody something if they were good. And bring me a book. I hope you do not work too hard.

Love,  
Amber Ferrel  
Estelline

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Ericka and I am two years old. I have been a sweet little girl this year and my Papa thinks I have been extra good, too. I would love to have a street big bird, a doll and buggy. I'd like some think and learn toys and a table and chair my own size like Mommie and Daddys. Don't forget all the other children and especially my Papa Bruce.

I'll leave some milk and cookies for you.  
Love You,  
Ericka N. Damron

Dear Santa Claus:

My sister and I hope very much that you will come see us again this year. We have tried real hard to be good girls. I am 5 years old.

I would like to have a Baby Alive, a record player and anything else you think I would like.

I have got six little cousins that want you to come see them, too. We are all looking forward to seeing you at Christmas.

Love,  
Sharon Anne Henard  
Wellington, Texas

Dear Santa:

I have tried to be good this year. If I have will you bring me a case hunting knife, and a basketball, and a Brownie football suit.

And Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies on the kitchen table.

I would like an apple in my stocking.

Love,  
David Davidson  
Estelline

Dear Santa:

Would you bring me a Janie Summers doll and a house. And a little, bike. I love you. I am 7 years old. And my baby kitty has a stocking.

Love,  
Jerri Gwen Byars  
P.S. the 14 Candy canes are for the elves give them one apiece and one of them to you and Mrs. Santa.

Dear Santa:

I am a 2 1/2 year old girl who has tried to be a good girl, although it's pretty hard sometimes.

I would like for you to bring me a Run-b-Dub Dolly, a red wagon, and a Zip the Chimp.

We will leave you milk and cookies on the table by our stockings.

Please remember my brother, Pat, and my cousin Richelle.

Love,  
Your little friend,  
Kimberly Yarbrough.

Hello Santa:

I am a little girl four years old and my mother says I'm a pretty good girl most of the time.

Santa, I want everything I see on television, so it has been hard deciding on just a few things. I think I would like for you to bring me a new baby doll with a play pen, tinker toys and the Tree tots amusement park. Also, if you can, will you bring me some pom-poms like my cousins have so I can pretend to be a cheerleader.

I will leave you some good cookies and milk by the fire and please fill my stocking with lots of goodies.

Santa, don't forget my cousins and you might even leave my Uncle Matt some thing nice for his motorcycle. I love you Santa.

Your Little Friend,  
Deena Carol Peters,  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Santa:

I want a Loveable Lullaby Linda and a basketball, and fill my stocking with lots of candy. I would like a camera and a bowling set, and I have been good Santa bring me some playdough.

If some kids or people in this world lose their voice would you please bring it back to them Santa. And if people don't have shoes and coats give them some.

Love,  
Christy Contreras  
Estelline

Dear Santa:

I have been good. I want a Loveable Lullaby Linda and a basketball and I want a lot of goodies in my stocking.

I want you to help the sick people.

Love,  
Misty Contreras  
Estelline

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a police car for Christmas and a basketball, and a truck.

Love,  
Johnny Hernandez  
Estelline

Dear Santa:

I want a basketball and a football for Christmas and I want a tape player.

Love,  
Amos Alfaro  
Estelline

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy five months old. I don't know much about Christmas, but I hear it is pretty special. This year I would like for you to bring me a busy box and a rocking horse, and maybe some tape to fit a little boy my size.

And Santa, please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Love,  
Dustin Fields

Dear Santa:

I want a new football team for my electric football game. I want the Oakland Raiders and the Houston Oilers. Would you please bring me another set of little footballs for my football men, and bring Tom the New England Patriots.

And please give anybody a toy if they don't have any. And on the coffee table I might leave you some cookies and a note and if you don't have time for everything it's O.K.

Love,  
Adam Cope  
Estelline

Dear Santa: I want a police car and I have been very good I want you to get Amos a basketball. Please fill my stocking full of candy.

I want an electric record player. Don't work too hard.

Love,  
Craig Collins  
Estelline



May you cherish the spirit and memory of this Christmas season through all the coming year. May the days to come be filled with peace and contentment for all in your house.

Season's Best Wishes  
SIMPSONS

Lenis Verna Lee Sara Jo Mosley

OUR THANKS . . . AND BEST WISHES



The Christmas season will always be a time for the expression of good will and the exchange of friendly greetings. In this spirit of friendship and with genuine appreciation for the pleasant relations we have enjoyed with you, we extend the season's greetings and best wishes.

We will be closed Dec. 24 and 25.

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Memphis, Texas

Peace



May the Peace brought by Him abide with you during this Holy time and in all times to come.

Burger In

Hello!

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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A Christmas Tradition

May the warmth and glow of the season be as comforting and pleasant as that of the traditional Christmas candles, our wish for you and yours. May the Holiday Season sparkle with joy and happiness and good will.

Thompson Bros. Co.



...and Bless our Friends on this Christmas Day

May every Christmas scene . . . every Christmas card . . . every Christmas moment bring you the highest joys. May your days, year 'round, continue bright with promise and warm with a full measure of happiness.

We extend our appreciation for your friendship along with our hearty

Season's Greetings

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# A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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### Doll, Dishes, Bicycle, Million Dollar Man, High On Santa's List

Dear Santa:  
I want a surprise and a bunny alarm clock.  
Thank You, Love  
Chad Ellis

Dear Santa:  
I'm a little boy 2 years old. I had a hard time understanding why you don't hurry to come.  
I'd like a red peddle car. I will love Bert and Ernie. Just whatever you have your sack will be fine.  
Please remember Shelly and Mark Ferrel. They love me as much as I do. Don't forget Mikella in Morton.  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Jason Hughes

Dear Santa:  
I am 7 years old and I would like to have a hush Lil and some barbie clothes and shoes.  
Thank You,  
Lola Mackey

Dear Santa:  
My name is Shawn. I'm 5 years old. I try to be good but, I find to much to get into.

If you come by I would like a six million dollar man, a nerf rocket, and a nerf airplane, and some fruit and nuts in my stocking.  
I don't need to many toys this year because I just got an electric train for my birthday last week.  
I love you Santa:  
Shawn Spencer

Dear Santa:  
My name is Stephanie. I'm in the second grade I sure do like to pick on my little brother and I usually get into trouble, but I'm try to be nicer.  
I would like a "Hush Lil baby" a pretty jewelry box, a shoe bag, and a pajama bag. Don't forget my fruit and nuts in my stocking.  
Remember all my friends and cousins.  
Love you Santa:  
Stephanie Spencer

Dear Santa:  
I want a bike and a car and a truck and a game or jaws and a skateboard and a motorcycle and skates and a dumptruck and I love you and I'm at Austin School and I'm 11 years old.  
Love,  
Paul David Riggs

Dear Santa:  
I am a girl 12 years old. Please bring me a calculator and a typewriter and a monopoly and a jaws game and a 2000 pretend game, and skates and Mrs. Pounds keep saying baloney.  
Love,  
Sandra Ortis

Dear Santa:  
I am a girl 11 years old and I want a pair of skates, and money, typewriter, monopoly, calculator and do remember Mrs. Pounds. She sat on your lap and wants boys keep bringing baloney.  
Thank You,  
Estella Aleman

Dear Santa:  
I would like to have Dusty and her horse Nugget and some clothes for Dusty. Also a Rock-a-bye and lullabye, and the jaws game, happy days game, and a pair of shoe skates.  
I have a baby brother Daron. He is 3 months old, please bring him some toys, too.  
There will be a piece of pie or cake and a coke for you on the bar.  
Thank you for coming every year.  
I Love You,  
Deedra Widener

Dear Santa:  
Would you please bring me a love note doll, a sit and spin, skates, the game jaws, snoops drive in show and anything else you think I would like.  
I have a new baby brother Daron. Please bring him some toys and fill his stocking, too.  
I just can't wait till Christmas. Merry Christmas to you.  
I Love You,  
Darenda Widener

Dear Santa:  
This is my first exciting Christmas. I love the tree and the pretty things. I'm trying to be good, when I touch the balls on the tree I slap my hand. I have only chewed holes in three of the pretty packages and I think I had better leave the others alone.  
My sister told you I was not good, but please bring me a tunneville bike for me and my cousin Jason. Just any kind of boy toys would be fine because all of the left-overs are girls things. We will see you Christmas.  
Love,  
John Mark Ferrel  
P.S. My cousin Jason is looking for you too.

Dear Santa:  
I would like to have a wake up thurbelina, and a ballerina barbie, and a Tuesday Taylor penthouse, and a barbie's town house, and barbie's fashion plaza. We'll have cookies and milk waiting for you.  
Your Friend,  
Tracie Black

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy who will be four years old in two weeks. I really try to be good although sometimes I give my mommy fits. For Christmas, I would like a robot, Evil Kneivel, G. I. Joe, stretch armstrong, nerf rockets and a surprise. I would also like to get a new gun holster and gun.  
Please remember all my little friends and all my cousins in Abilene and Amarillo. Also remember my aunt Judy. I will leave a snack out for you on the bar.  
Love,  
Jason Thompson

Dear Santa:  
I'm only 1 1/2 this year so my Mommy's helping me with my letter.  
I would like a doll any kind will do; a little wagon; a play horse; and a talking phone. Also anything else you think I might like.  
We have a chimney for you to come down in our new house. See you Christmas Eve.  
Love,  
Kadett Waites

Dear Santa:  
Could I have cry baby and a record player? Also, there is a pink teddy bear I have been hiding at my Daddy's store that I sure do like. Thank you for my toys last year. Don't forget my little brother. He sure has a hard time being good but I want him to have a train from you.  
Please remember by cousins Jason and David.  
Love,  
Shelly Ferrel

Dear Santa:  
I am six years old and in the first grade. I'm really looking forward to having you visit my house this year.  
For Christmas I would like to have an AFX race car set. A few fruits and nuts would be nice also.  
Please remember all the other boys and girls and have a good trip.  
Love,  
Matt Helm  
P. S. I'll leave you a few goodies to munch on by the fireplace.

Dear Santa:  
My name is Julie Bruce. I live in Estelline. I would like an Easy Bake Oven, a baby that away, and a baby baby. Please remember my little nephew Cory.  
I Yove You  
Julie Bruce

Dear Santa:  
My name is Beth and I live in Stephenville, but I will be in Memphis at Grama.mother's for Christmas. I want a Baby Baby, a paint by number set, and a mouse trap game and anything you would like to bring me.  
Tell Mrs. Santa and the elves and the reindeer hello.  
Thank You,  
Beth Sams  
P.S. Please don't forget my two cousins, Kathy and Stcp-hanie.

Dear Santa:  
I am a boy and I am a 11 years old. Bring me a hike and a typewriter and a jaws game.  
Thank You,  
Juan Lopez

Many calls are a vital part of CHRISTMAS and wherever you turn, folks bring these pleasant errands. We cannot come in person so we take this means of expressing our appreciation for your friendship and good will. We sincerely wish that your holiday season will be a joyous one with a full measure of peace and happiness.

**Fowlers Drug**

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- Norell
- Charlie
- Moon Drops
- Ciara
- Intimate
- Jontue
- Jovan Musk Oil
- Coty
- Emeraude
- L'Amant
- L'Arigan
- Nuance
- Frances Denny
- Interlude
- Hope

**MEN**

- Chanel No. 5
- Kanon
- Royal Copenhagen
- Jovan Musk Oil
- Brute
- English Leather
- Bacchus
- Jade East

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**Time for a Christmas Visit**

There is no more appropriate time than the Holiday Season to say "Thank You" and express our appreciation to you for giving us the opportunity to serve you. May this Christmas season be a happy and contented one for you and your loved ones.

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## EDITORIAL

### Christ Out Of Christmas?

An Associated Press news story from Olympia, Wash., in the Saturday, Dec. 18 Amarillo Daily News under the headline, "School Obeys Rule: Christ Out Of Christmas", was a most disheartening account of a public school Christmas program without emphases on the real meaning of the holiday season, the Birth of Jesus Christ.

We have heard for years how non-Christian nations such as Japan and countries in that portion of the world, go all out celebrating Christmas for its commercial benefit and value, but with such things as manger scenes, stars in the sky shining on the Holy Lands and other references to the birth of Christ missing from the observance.

The Associated Press Writer, John White, who has two children attending Pioneer Elementary School, accurately described the Christmas Program held in the school. He said, "There was no Nativity scene. No skits featuring Mary, Joseph and three wise men, baby Jesus and shepherds. Instead, the students marched into the school auditorium and positioned themselves on stands. They then sang several selections. Their only concession to the season was a rendition of "Silent Night."

An assistant attorney general in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction had issued guidelines of holiday season school programs. It was no-Christ in-Christmas advice, and it was based on a state constitutional provision: "All schools maintained or supported wholly or in part by public funds shall be forever free of sectarian control or influence."

The guidelines said that songs such as "Frosty the Snowman" or "Jingle Bells" and cardboard Santas are okay. Dangerous are Nativity scenes or the traditional Christmas carols that might be interpreted as prayers or contain phrases adoring Christ.

Mr. White in his closing paragraph expressed our opinion as well as his own when he wrote: "But this year, except for the singing of "Silent Night," Christ was missing from my children's school's Christmas program. In no way was it a Christmas program I have come to know, love and expect. It was a choral program, nothing more."

In this country, as years go by, the Christmas season continues to have great support from the business community due to the tradition of exchanging presents. Religious programs held in churches add the religious meaning of the season.

But many times, Christians who grew up attending church, have heard the Christmas story so many times they have grown too familiar with it and tend to "tune out" speakers when the Christmas story is introduced.

But a popular song going around today which expresses the truth that we never miss something good until it goes away, and then the realization of how much we really cared for this person or the thing comes to make us feel measurable, is certainly a lesson we should all take to heart.

We have read this year several stories from doctors of mental health about the depressing aspect of a holiday season on those who are not satisfied with themselves or their lives. People who are lonely, become more so at Christmas, or those with financial troubles have greater depressions during this season.

But then the consideration of the lowly beginning of the birth of Jesus Christ comes to mind. The realization that this man lived his entire life without owning anything, without a wife or children of his own, rejected by his own people and whose life was taken from him in a most cruel way, yet he brought such love and hope into the world. He has changed the lives of millions.

Is it any wonder that a Christmas program without Christ is meaningless? This trend of a Christmas without Christ would make us wonder, why even have a holiday at all, for all that is left is commercialism and fantasy. And without the Christian spirit the season cannot survive.

The Bible teaches that things that or of God survive, are everlasting. Things that are not of God will not survive.



"and she brought forth her  
FIRST BORN SON, and  
wrapped him  
in swaddling clothes,  
and laid him in a manger."

**Joyous  
Noel...**

**Hudlow Art Gallery**



## ACROSS THE DESK

### What Other Editors Say

**FARMERS DO IT AGAIN**  
American agriculture has done it again. Only months ago, it seems, forecasters feared a worldwide shortage of grain in the wake of destructive droughts over wide areas of the globe.

The American farmer was turned loose to produce the maximum possible and the result is a wheat surplus placed by estimates at as much as a billion bushels, which is leading to a "wheat war" with other producers who traditionally export grain, notably Australia, Canada and Argentina.

According to Gene Vickers, executive vice president of Western Wheat Associates, speaking to members of Texas Wheat Producers Association, said the price war began when the Canadian Wheat Board privately sold wheat to the grain trade at 10-15 cents per bushel below the official posted price.

Such tradeoffs at special credit terms, rebates and favored treatment for representatives of importing nations have been the weapons used in the war so far. Conservation farm organizations are calling for open market conditions as the best hedge against wheat surpluses and the depressed market they bring, while many in government remember the closeness of the famine and want a strategic wheat reserve.

Commodities markets are notoriously sensitive to any reports of overproduction thus although a need can be demonstrated for a grain reserve, producers think if it would lead to a chronically depressed market, it isn't worth it.

We agree that some method of preventing wheat on hand from affecting the cash market should be arrived at to allow a hedge against widespread famine in the world and to guard our best interests.

—Wichita Falls Record News

**RIGHT TO FOOD**  
Both houses of the U. S. Congress, during 1976, have approved a concurrent resolution called "Right to Food."

Our Congressmen, Jack Hightower, voted against the resolution along with 12 other Texas Congressmen, and we think this was the right kind of vote.

The "Right to Food" resolution seems harmless enough and it is hard to oppose a resolution that declares that every human being has the right to a nutritionally sufficient diet.

But to pass a resolution which in effect makes the United States responsible for feeding the rest of the world take a lot of study. Some of the wording of the resolution is lofty, indeed. It states "The United States accepts the bold objective that within a decade no child will go to bed hungry, that no family will fear for its next day's bread, and that no human being's future and capacities will be stunted by malnutrition."

In order to accomplish this, U. S. agriculture is called upon to increase production, and this production to be sent around the world to feed hungry people.

No where in the resolution is there any mention of how the U. S. farmer is going to do this. There is no mention of a decent price for wheat and milo and beef. The entire tone of the resolution assumes that the U. S. farmer will continue to feed the world even though what he produces is sold for less than it costs him to produce it.

It is well stamp out hunger. But this nation, and the rest of the world, needs to face some more facts. Foremost among these is the fact that American agriculture must have a fair price for food products if production is to be maintained.

—The Perryton Herald

**CARE CAN HELP THEM**  
There's something about each year's holiday season that is both traditional and different. We celebrate in familiar ways blessings and joys that are ever-changing, and we seek new ways of giving to our loved ones. We are mindful, too, of those whose lot is less fortunate, both here and in the world community. The season becomes a special time for compassion.

There are millions of families around the world for whom life is no different at the holidays. Plagued by hunger, poverty and disease, they can only dream of working their way toward a better life. But, with your help, they can. Gifts to CARE'S Holiday Food Crusade go a long way toward making a crucial difference in their lives now—and for the future. The international aid and development agency is appealing for millions of malnourished children and others struggling for survival.

CARE's aid is provided for the poorest of the poor families in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. Food, a basic part of CARE's multi-pronged attack on poverty, is combined with self-help development, with emphasis on increasing agricultural production, as well as medical and other training programs. The compassion of individual donors, combined with U. S. Government Food-for-Peace commodities and the covering of some operating costs by host governments keep this channel of life and hope open to reach those who need it most.

A \$5 contribution to CARE serves up to 30 children a bowl of porridge day after day for a month; \$10 gives up to 3,000 children a cup of protein-enriched breakfast or lunch beverage; \$25 provides hundreds of pounds of blended high-protein grains that can be liquified into beverages or cooked into solid dishes. To continue this vital help and truly bring joy to the world, mail a holiday contribution to CARE Food Crusade, 660 First Ave., New York, N. Y. 1001

—The Canadian Record



To everybody... everywhere...  
we wish you a most pleasant  
Christmas season... one  
which will long be treasured by  
you and yours. And for your  
business since last Christmas,  
our sincere thanks.

**Golden Spread Irrigation**  
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# MEMORIES

From The Democrat Files

**30 YEARS AGO**  
**December 26, 1946**  
Memphis placed four men on the two all-district grid teams selected from District 3A. Larry McQueen, Memphis back, was elected a member of the first all-district team. Three other Memphis men were elected to all-district positions on the second team chosen: Martin, left guard; Hickey, left end; and McElreath, back.

Nat Bradley of Memphis recently purchased a new elevator type terracer, the first of its kind in the county. It has greatly speeded up terracing. Ross Gentry of the Soil Conservation office stated this week.

A special Christmas service will be held at the First Methodist Church Christmas morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. A. C. Haynes, pastor, announced.

Personals: Temple and Jim Deaver, students of Texas University, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Deaver. Harold Smith, Mary Beth Thornton, Betty Brown and Joy Hoggatt, students of Clarendon Junior College, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents. Bobby Clark, Larry Grundy, Adella Jo Pyeatt, Frances Pyeatt and Martha Allen, students at Baylor University, are visiting their parents during the Christmas holidays.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring

**"THE COMPETITOR"**  
"My competitors sometimes do as much for me as do my friends. My friends are too polite to point out my weaknesses, but my competitors go to a great expense to advertise them.

My competitors are efficient, diligent and attentive. They make me continually search for ways to improve my services.

My competitors would take by business away from me if they could. This keeps me alert to hold what I have, to get and create even more.

My competitors prevent me from becoming lazy, incompetent and careless. I need the discipline they enforce upon me.

My competitors deserve my highest praise. I salute them. They have been good to me."

me a doll with hair, a nurse set, and telephone. My brother would like to have a football and BB gun. Please bring us some candy, fruit & nuts. I am sick in bed with the flu so hurry up and come.  
Betty Gayle Orcutt

**20 YEARS AGO**  
**December 27, 1956**  
Area citizens opened their hearts this week and made the Christmas a happy one for 37 families under the Christmas Care program. The Memphis Ministerial Alliance was instrumental in putting the plan into operation and the Memphis Chamber of Commerce was used as a headquarter for the operation.

Santa had to use his jet for making deliveries in this area Christmas eve because he and Old Man Weather couldn't get together to furnish snow for the occasion. Skies for the past week have been sunny and the days warm with the highest temperature, 67 degrees, being recorded Wednesday.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
**December 29, 1966**  
The Memphis Cotton Classing office accepted its last samples of cotton at 5 p.m. yesterday afternoon, as the office has received its official closing date of Dec. 28, 1966. Officer in charge K. E. Voelkel said that all samples arriving after that time will be shipped to the Cotton Classing office in Altus, Okla. As of this morning, the Memphis Classing office has processed 113,000 samples, which is about 55 per cent of the number handled last season.

Despite snowy weather Tuesday morning, 41 college students from this area were on hand for the annual college day program of the Memphis Rotary Club. The recently elected Hall County officials will be sworn in at ceremonies in the Commissioners Courtroom at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, it was

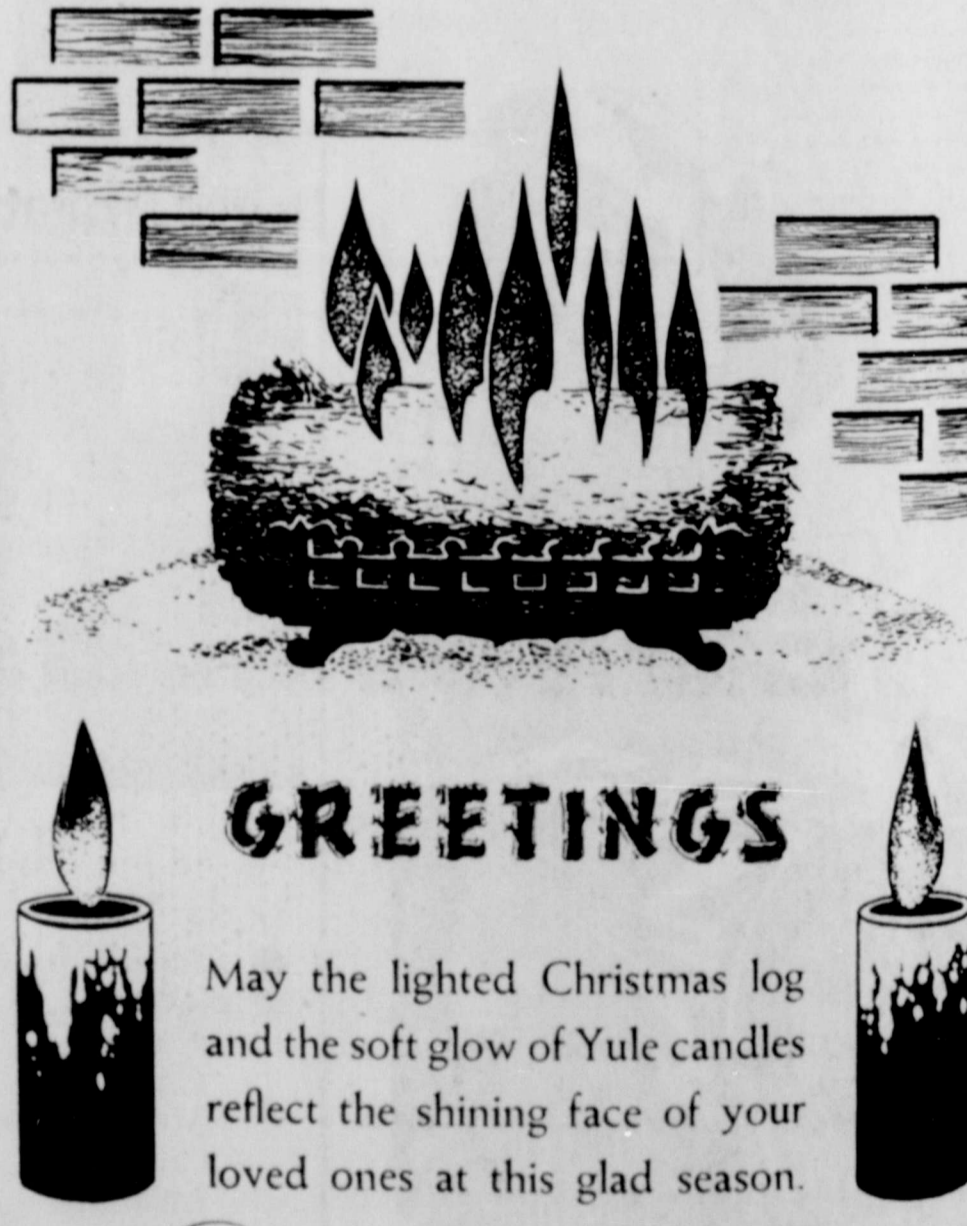
announced this week. Attorney John Deaver will perform the ceremonies. Judge E. (Gip) McCreight No. 2 Commission H. W. Spear, Precinct 4 W. F. (Pat) Brantley, County Clerk Ruby Wright, County Treasurer Vera Topf, Justice of the Peace Jack B. Boone and Justice Peace Curtis O. Tunnell. For the purpose of raising funds for the improvement of Carnegie Library, the A team club is giving an Year out New Year in Saturday afternoon, Dec. 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. General manager, who is representing 1966, is Mrs. Claud Johnson. Twelve members who are making up chairmen of months are: Miss Imogene King, Mmes. W. C. Dickson, Henry Foster, Robert Auer, Milton Beasley, McCullum, Eddie Fox, Bryan Adams, W. B. Bob Douthit and Robert

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## THE YULE TREE



### GREETINGS

May the lighted Christmas log and the soft glow of Yule candles reflect the shining face of your loved ones at this glad season.

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**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a 4 year old boy who  
would like for you to  
bring me a moto-cross bike  
and a black hat. Also  
bring me a grey hat. Also  
bring me some cookies  
and a red grain  
of rice.  
I love you,  
Shane Irons

Dear Santa:  
I would like a bike and  
a marble machine. Please  
bring two B B guns and a  
pellet gun for my brothers,  
and me. Bring me a black hat  
and Kelly a grey hat. Also  
any other toys you think we  
might need.  
We Love You  
Shane Irons

Dear Santa:  
I love you very much more  
than any other people.  
Will you bring me a Evil  
Kneivel, funny car and that's  
all I thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Darion Newsome

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll and barbie  
doll house, and a baby baby  
and toy bag and shoes, shoo  
and ball and things and sail  
boat. I guess that is all for  
now Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year.  
Love  
Tona

Dear Santa:  
My name is Elizabeth  
Dianne Aleman and I would  
like to ask something of you  
if possible. This Christmas let  
there be no war. This Christ-  
mas let it all be all love for  
all men, women and child-  
ren.  
Oh and please if you can  
bring me a baby live doll.  
Love,  
Elizabeth Aleman

Dear Santa:  
I am a seven year old boy.  
I have been good all year  
long. I would like to have  
for Christmas a race car and  
train set, a Dallas Cowboy  
sweatshirt, and a Jaws game.  
Be sure to bring lots of  
toys to all the other boys and  
girls.  
Love,  
Craig Sperry

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am one year old and have  
been real good.  
I have been real busy  
learning to sit up, crawl, walk  
and talk a little. Since, I can't  
talk much this may be short.  
I would like you to bring  
me a musical rocker at my  
home at Kress.  
Also, please, bring me a  
Raggedy Ann Doll at my  
grandparents at Lesley. They  
are Joe and Lucy Berry.  
They've been good, too.  
I'll be looking for you. You  
can have some milk and wie-  
back with me and my cousins,  
Davey and Kristi.  
"Bye Bye"  
Saylor Murray

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl who is 8  
years old. I would like a 3  
speed 26 inch bicycle. I will  
leave some cookies and milk  
on the table. I have tried to  
be good.  
I Love you,  
Leslie Gisham  
Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I am four years old. I have  
tried to be a good boy. Please  
bring me some guns, some  
clothes, some shoes, and a  
green machine. Don't forget  
my sisters and cousins and  
all of the other little kids.  
I will leave you some cook-  
ies and milk.  
Love,  
Rodney Roach  
P.S. I now live in Memphis,  
with my Aunt Betty.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 4 years old  
and I've tried to be a good  
girl. Please bring me a rub-  
adub dolly and a play desk and  
some candy and gum.  
My sister, Jennifer, wants  
a doll and a musical toy.  
Santa, don't forget all the  
other kids, especially my  
friend Erin.  
We'll be in Memphis at  
my Gran's and my Papa's  
house for Christmas so please  
bring everything there.  
Love,  
Jill Odum

Dear Santa:  
I am eight years old. My  
name is Sherry. I think I  
have been good.  
Please bring me a Hush lil  
baby, barbie beauty head, bi-  
cycle, and anything else you  
think I need.  
I love you Santa.  
Love,  
Sherry R. Alexander

Dear Santa:  
I want a easy tracer, and  
pom-poms, and bicycle, please  
come to my house on Christ-  
mas eve at night time.  
Love,  
Michele Cantrell

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy in the  
second grade. I live at Lake-  
view.  
Please bring me a bicycle.  
Love,  
George Rosa  
Lakeview

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy, in the  
second grade. I live at Lake-  
view.  
Please bring me a 4-speed,  
and candy and play doe and  
roller skates.  
Your Friend Love,  
Bobby Ruiz  
Lakeview

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy, in the  
second grade, I live at Lake-  
view.  
Please bring me a bicycle.  
Love,  
Angelo Rosa  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I love Santa Claus. Please  
bring me a dolly and some  
dishes, and some jacks and  
ball, and a barbie doll.  
Thank You,  
Lorie

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like to have a bike  
and a Hush Lil baby and I will  
also like to have some play  
dishes and that is what I  
would like for Christmas.  
Yours Always,  
Dora Maldonado

Dear Santa:  
I am a big 4 year old boy  
this year. I think I have been  
good. Mom and Dad send  
me to my room when I am  
not good, and I haven't had  
to go too many times. How  
about that?  
I will be in Memphis at my  
Mamma Trisha; and Andy  
Pop Gardenhires for Christ-  
mas. Please bring my toys  
there. Remember I told you  
what I wanted when I sat on  
your lap and talked to you  
Santa. Remember my Aunt  
Dena and Uncle Virgil, they  
have been good too.  
Love,  
Bradley Shane Howard

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 4 years  
old. I have tried very hard to  
be a good boy this year.  
I would really be happy if  
you could leave me a Star  
Trek communicator, a jaws  
game, a speed racer set and a  
Spider man target game on  
Christmas morning. I would  
not mind some nuts and fruit  
in my stocking, either.  
Please remember that my  
cousins, Cliffann, Kelly and  
Michael, will be visiting in my  
house.  
Love,  
Paul Clifton

Dear Santa:  
I hope that you could  
bring me a hush little baby  
and I want some boots.  
Love,  
Linda Reyes

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy two years  
old. I try to be good all year.  
Please bring me some toys  
and fruit. Don't forget the  
other children.  
Love,  
Steven Davis

Dear Santa:  
I am a five year old girl  
and have been good all year.  
Please bring a train, baby  
doll, ring and fruit. Don't for-  
get the other children.  
Love,  
Jenifer Davis

Dear Santa:  
I would like a bath tub  
set, a doll and a bear. I am  
only 8 months and I sure do  
like the Christmas tree.  
Thank You,  
Steven McQueen

Dear Santa:  
I have been a pretty good  
girl this year. I would like  
a thumbelina, and a jaw game  
and a break the ice game, and  
anything else you would like  
to bring me.  
Don't forget all of the other  
kids and especially don't for-  
get Mrs. Newton my teacher.  
I Love You,  
Misch Floyd

Dear Santa:  
I want a boat and a baby  
that away, I love you very  
much.  
Love,  
Delia Reyes



Anytime is teatime: four o'clock of a wintry afternoon; ten o'clock in the morning when the children are off to school; in fact, any time of the day or evening when you want a relaxing, reviving break. A good cup of tea, freshly made and served piping hot, has the happy faculty of giving a gentle lift without a later letdown.

One of the secrets of good tea is boiling water. It takes boiling water to extract the full flavor and lift-giving qualities from the tea leaves. Other tea-making tips are to rinse the pot with hot water to warm it; to use enough tea — one teabag or one teaspoon of tea per cup; and to brew by the clock — three to five minutes. Don't skimp on the brewing time — it takes time for the leaves to unfold and release their flavor. If you like your tea less strong, add a little boiling water after the brewing period is over.

Refreshments to serve with the tea need not be elaborate. They can be as simple as thin bread and butter sandwiches, English muffins or scones, cinnamon toast, sugar cookies or warm muffins served with sweet butter and a special sweet spread made by combining red currant jelly with chopped pistachio nuts or blanched almonds.



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As we observe this, the greatest of all occasions, may we fully realize the significance and blessings with which His ministry is reflected today.

**A Merry Greeting**

A friendly Christmas "Hello" to all our wonderful friends. May this season be a happy one for you and yours.

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**GREETINGS** to the  
Friendly People of This Community

Christmas is that time of the year when our thoughts turn to the more noble things of life... to the happiness we can bestow rather than that which is bestowed on us. As an expression, therefore, of our genuine appreciation of your good will, we extend to you our most sincere good wishes for Christmas.



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Now in the hurry and confusion of the fleeting year we are come upon the unforgettable season of Christmas.

Christmas... older than vanished time still comes ringing down thru the long centuries to unlock the hearts of men and revive the miracle of hope again.

This is the miracle of Christmas... That Christmas is something that happens to the heart... that along with love and hope Christmas exists and dwells within the human heart.

May your heart and the hearts of all those dear to you be filled with the joyous miracle of Christmas.



**Joy and Peace**

**Clark Clinic**

Dr. Robert E. Clark and Staff

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

I would like a big train that runs, big fireman truck with loaders, rifle with bullets, a big car a big tractor coat and jacket some shirts, levie pants, socks, boots, big sail boat, big stuffed bear to play with, and T shirts, this will be all Santa. Merry Christmas to all. Age 5 going on 6.

Love, Armando Banda

Dear Santa:

Thank you for all my toys from last Christmas. I have been pretty good this year, so if you can please bring me a calculator, a soccer ball, and a surprise. I have a baby sister who would like to have a toy box, and push apotomus and a lolly doll.

Thank You, Love, Benjie and Lauri Perry

Dear Santa:

I am a boy nearly six years old. I try to be good, but it is impossible for a boy like me.

Thank you for all the toys you brought me last year. Please bring me a stretch armstrong, mickey mouse watch, lego blocks and batmobile.

Please remember all the other boys and girls.

I am in Mrs. Berry's class at school. Please be good to her and bring her something nice.

When you come to Memphis I want to ride in your sleigh.

Love, Harold Miller Jr.

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a football with a tee and a Evil Knievel stunt cycle. Santa please leave a boy scout in my stocking. I lost the one you gave me last year.

I'll leave some milk and cookies for you. Don't forget the other boys and girls and my sister.

Love, Andy Moffitt

Dear Santa:

My name is Tanissa Lynn Wynser, I am five years old. For Christmas I would like to have baby alive doll, a baby alive care center and a baby alive nursery set. I also would like a barbie beauty salon, a set of dishes, a blackboard and some clothes.

Love, Tanissa Lynn Wynser

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 5 years old. I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me a baby doll, a blackboard desk and anything else you think I need.

Please bring all my friends what they want to. Love, Donna Alexander

Dear Santa:

I love you and I want a baby that away and hush lil baby and a guitar. Merry Christmas to you.

Love, Vickie Robinson.

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy all year. I would like to have three things for Christmas. This includes a calculator, star-trek toys, and the six million dollar man game.

Please bring something for my dog also.

Thank You, Gary Skelton

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a real football and a Mighty Mo Truck and will you bring me some candy and some fruit. We will put some oranges and milk out for you.

Love, Jeffrey Dale Moore

Dear Santa:

My name is Andy Lee and I am six years old. I would like to have some shoulder pads and a football and a helmet. I have been a good boy this year.

I am getting a new tooth, my six year molar. Merry Christmas to you and all the reindeers.

Love, Andy Lee

Dear Santa:

My name is Audra Lee and I am six years old. I have been a good girl and work very hard at school. I would like to have a stuffed pink panther doll. Please bring me some Christmas cookies too. Remember all my cousins and friends.

I Love You, Audra Lee

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy. Please bring me a electric train, and boxing gloves and a cowboy belt. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Greg McQueen

### Canned Bartletts In Sunny Salad



The refreshing flavor and convenience of canned Bartlett pears make them a perfect choice for a popular Waldorf Salad. For this delicious variation, juicy canned Bartlett pears are cut into chunks and combined with crunchy pecans and celery and colorful bits of maraschino cherry. Ginger adds a tropical accent to the creamy mayonnaise dressing.

While Ginger Pear Waldorf is quickly prepared, it can be done in advance and refrigerated to eliminate mealtime rush. Don't discard the sparkling syrup drained from the pears. Freeze in ice cube trays with a sprig of mint and use in place of regular ice cubes in your favorite beverage. Or use for liquid in gelatin salads or cooked salad dressings.

#### Ginger Pear Waldorf

- 1 can (29 oz.) Bartlett pears
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup diced maraschino cherries
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- Dash salt
- 1/2 teaspoon powdered ginger
- Lettuce
- Maraschino cherries for garnish

Drain pears and cut into chunks. Combine pears with celery, pecans, drained maraschino cherries, mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt and ginger. Chill. Serve in lettuce-lined bowls garnished with maraschino cherries. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Dear Santa:

My name is Melisa. I am 5 years old. I have tried to be good this year. Sometimes it's hard, and I get into trouble, mostly I'm good. I wish you would please bring me a new red bicycle with training wheels. I want a thumbellina doll and anything else you think I'd like. Also, I want a pink and yellow dress. Remember my big sister Michaele, she is in the first grade.

Remember Chandra, she's my best friend. Also my cousins David and Tangla.

I Love you, Melisa Lowe

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a tri-cycle, a table and chairs, and a doll for Christmas. Please bring my cousins, Kimi and Travis some nice toys. I am 2 years old.

Love, Stacie Murdock

Dear Santa:

Please send me a wrist radio, but the thing I want most is a three wheeler Honda like the one in Benny Davis's Motor Shop. I hope I've been a good boy.

Your Friend, Scott Long Estelline

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a TV tennis game. I hope I have been nice enough to get it. Love, Jerry Morrison Estelline

Dear Santa:

I am 7 years old. I have two sisters, will you please bring them a doll, and me a pool table and a bike. Santa I haven't been very good but I sure did try. I promise to be better, please Santa.

Love, Michael

Dear Santa:

I want an Organ and a Bugs Bunny Record for Christmas and please, bring me some candy, gum and fruit too. Please remember our little cousin, Russell too.

Love, Vicki Lynn Moore

Dear Santa:

I am in the first grade this year and have tried very hard to be good. Would you please bring me an orange bicycle with a number one on it and a surprise. Don't forget all the other boys and girls, especially my brother Jeff and cousin Mike.

Merry Christmas, John Wesley Hattey

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy in the terrible twos, but I have tried to be good. Would you bring me a scooter and a circus train. Please remember all the other boys and girls, my brother Wes and cousin Mike.

Merry Christmas, Jeffrey Wade Hattey

Dear Santa:

My name is Jason Bridges and I will be two on Christmas day. I would like a big wheel, a toy animal that talks and maybe a truck. I have been a very good little boy this year. I live in Del Rio but will be in Memphis at Granny and Granddaddy's house for Christmas so you will have to bring my toys there. I love you. Thank you.

Love, Jason Bridges

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy three years old. I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like for Santa Claus to bring me a gasoline truck, a tonka winnebaggo, a rescue copter, also candy, fruits and nuts.

Don't forget my cousins. I Love You, Haydn

Dear Santa:

I want a baby alive, a set of dishes, a washer and dryer, and a water fountain, and a car and truck and cowboy Indians and a car and truck for my little brother. I am five years old.

Love, Bernessa Walters

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy, and I would like for you to bring me a 6 million dollar man and a football, and anything else you would like to bring. I also have a little sister, Julie. She is 4 months old. I'll be looking for you. I love you Santa. I am five years old.

Danny R. Middleton

### Big Potato Crop

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Economical potatoes make this savory, low calorie dish a money saver.

This fall's potato harvest is one of the largest in history. The plentiful supply means potatoes are a great buy for the consumer. Price isn't the only bargain, though. Potatoes are an excellent source of vitamin C and provide vitamins B1 and niacin, plus small amounts of iron, all for less than 100 calories per medium potato. In addition, potatoes contribute great variety, flavor, and appetite appeal to your daily menu.

Chinese Chicken and Potatoes, an entire meal-in-a-dish, is both economical and nourishing. The popular stir-fry method of cooking is used to create a savory blend of potatoes, chicken, snow peas, and bean sprouts in this filling yet low calorie dish. For even greater savings, less expensive chicken parts or leftover turkey can be substituted for the chicken breasts.

At today's prices, the versatile potato gives you unbeatable return for your food dollar.

#### CHINESE CHICKEN AND POTATOES

- 2 tablespoons salad oil
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled, thinly sliced
- 4 chicken breast halves, boned, skinned, cut into strips
- 1 package (8 ounces) frozen, snow peas, thawed
- 1 can (16 ounces) bean sprouts, drained
- 3 stalks celery, thinly sliced
- 4 large mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons sherry (optional)
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

In large skillet or wok, over medium-high heat, in hot oil, cook potatoes and chicken, stirring frequently, 5 minutes, or until lightly browned. Add vegetables; cook, stirring, until tender-crisp. Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine broth, soy sauce and sherry. Stir in cornstarch until blended. Pour into skillet and cook, stirring, until sauce is smooth and thickened. Makes 4 servings.

RECIPE HAS BEEN TESTED BY A CONSUMER PANEL



# Merry Christmas And Happy New Year

Spoken or written, there is no more cheering greeting that the age-old holiday salutation: "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". It is the thoughtful expression of regard one man has for another—the salutation of understanding.

As we approach the end of this year, we remember the invaluable help our friends in many fields dealing with cotton have rendered to us. We hope our efforts to overcome each problem have met with the approval of those whom we serve.

Our employees, in Memphis and Turkey, join in wishing that all of you enjoy to the utmost all things which go with this Holiday Season. We extend our thanks for your patronage, and wish for you a prosperous and happy new year.

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

This Christmas season brings with it pleasant thoughts of friendships—tried, proven and cherished throughout the past. It makes us realize how much we owe our friends and customers—the farmers of this area—who have made this a very successful ginning season so far. As we look to the new year, we hope that it will bring the best of everything to you and yours. Call upon us if we can be of service in any way.

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# LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:  
I want a jaw and a toss  
and a easy bake oven,  
a little baby, and a  
couch, and a bicycle,  
a football, toy chest, and  
a 12 inch character doll.  
All I want.  
Love,  
Josie Ortiz

Dear Santa:  
Would you please bring me  
water boppers, jumpin jim-  
mie, break the ice, ballerina  
doll. Thank you for what  
you brought me last year.  
Love,  
Susan

Dear Santa:  
I would like to have race  
truck, and a airplane.  
I don't forget all the children  
every where.  
Love,  
Robby

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy in the  
second grade. I live at Lake-  
view & I love your reindeers  
and Rudolph.  
Please bring me a 5-speed.  
Love,  
Gabriel Garza  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy in the  
second grade. I live at Lake-  
view.  
Please bring me a jump-  
jimmie. I want some play  
dolls and a watch.  
I like your reindeers and  
Rudolph too.  
Love,  
Johnny Lindley  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I am seven years old and I  
love you very much.  
Would you please bring me  
Thumbelina doll and a table  
and chair set.  
Thank You,  
Karen Crump

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll and dishes.  
Santa bring the toys and a  
bike and some shoes. Please  
Santa bring the doll the dishes  
and the bike.  
(No name)

Dear Santa:  
Just a line to say I love  
you Santa. I am a nice little  
girl and I would like for you  
to bring me a doll and set or  
shah, coat and paint set too.  
Love,  
Tommie Ann Georage

Dear Santa:  
I would like a Hush L4  
baby and bike for Christmas.  
If it's not too much trouble  
to carry on your back.  
Yours Truly  
Zoila Zarate

Dear Santa:  
I'd like a gun and airplane  
and detective set for Christ-  
mas and a Happy New Year.  
With Love,  
Walter Baldwin  
Estelline

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want to say to you to  
bring me a doll and a Barbie  
doll, too, and I have been a  
good girl. I love you Santa  
Claus. I hope you bring me  
two dolls, and I hope you  
come to my house. We have  
pies and cakes for you.  
Love Santa,  
Wanda Brown

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will like a baby doll and  
a typewriter and I wish you  
a Merry Christmas. The most  
I want is a set of books to  
read about you.  
Your Friend,  
Dora Castor

Dear Santa:  
I want a stereo and a 10  
speed bike, and a tape recor-  
der.  
Your Friend,  
Nancy

Dear Santa:  
I'm a little girl that's five  
years old and I have been  
good this year. I would like  
an aquarium, a wake-up  
Thambelina, a Mr. mouth, a  
bulletin board, a lincoln logs  
scout set, and anything else  
you want to bring me.  
Please remember my cou-  
sins Rinda and Sandy, and  
all the other little boys and  
girls. I will leave some milk  
and cookies out for you.  
Love,  
Shannon McWhorter

Dear Santa:  
I am five years old. I have  
been a very good boy this  
year.  
I would like for you to  
bring all my friends lots of  
new toys and I would like  
to have lots of new toys also.  
Please be good to my sis-  
ters and bring them lots of  
new things because they have  
been really good sisters to me  
this year.  
Thank You,  
Carrol Wayne Gardenhire



Appetizer tray. Left to right: Smoked oyster appetizers, cheese and bacon rolls, party wedges.

Holiday entertaining can be fun. It can also be a lot of work, especially when unforeseen distractions occur or drop-in guests unexpectedly arrive.

Crepes can be an ideal solution to being a gracious host without hours of toil in the kitchen. Crepes are versatile. They become either entrees or desserts, appetizers or snacks, fantastic brunches or even crepeiches.

Mable Hoffman's book *Crepes Cookery* is the perfect answer to the many needs which take place during the holiday season.

"Making crepes is fun and easy," Mrs. Hoffman says. "From Thanksgiving through the New Year, when there is so much party activity, crepes can solve all kinds of kitchen demands—and with so many varied dishes."

"In my book *Crepes Cookery*," Mable explains, "I start right at the beginning with pictures to show exactly how to make batter, cook crepes, stuff them with one of my own tested recipes or fill them with whatever you like—including leftovers made special by one of my sauces. Once you start, you are limited only by your imagination."

Last year, Mrs. Hoffman's book on electric slow cookers, *Crockery Cookery*, helped millions of Americans learn to prepare delicious meals in crock cookers. The book zoomed up to #1 on the New York Times bestseller list and remained in the top ten for months.

Her latest book has already popularized crepes in the same way. It is also the most helpful kitchen manual for holiday planning. *Crepes Cookery* is available at local book stores, department stores, gourmet shops, and wherever cookbooks are sold. Price is \$4.95 for the full-size 176-page book in quality paperback format, \$6.95 hard cover. Further information is available from the publisher, H. P. Books, Box 5367, Tucson, AZ 85703.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl five years old. I thought about being good part of the time and the other part I have tried very hard to be good.

Would you please bring me a bicycle, bionic woman, baby doll, and a wake-up thumbelina. I would also like a baby stroller, a set of dishes, and a music box to add to my collection.

Please remember all of my cousins and all of the other boys and girls.

I will leave you some cake and milk on the table.  
I Love You,  
Larissa Floyd

Dear Santa:  
My name is Russell Lee, and I am 8 years old. I have been good, and help around the house a lot. I would like shoulder pads, a NFL football and a black and gold football helmet. I hope you have a good Christmas.  
Love  
Russell Ward Lee

Dear Santa:  
I am 10 years old my name is Martin. I want a Evil Keivel and a smack up derby. And I want some candy and for my brother and sisters.  
Thank You,  
Martin Rocha

Dear Santa:  
My name is Christopher Rocha and I would like to have a small teddy bear so I can sleep with him every night, and I would like to have my first Christmas with falling snow and also I would like some candy for me and my Mom to eat on Christmas day.  
Thank You,  
Love Christopher Rocha

Dear Santa:  
I'm a little girl six years old. I have been pretty good most of the time. I'm in the first grade this year, and I sure do like my teacher.

I want a doll and easy bake oven for Christmas this year. I could sure use a pair of skates and a jaws game.  
Please remember my cousins and friends I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Leslie Krisann Pepper

Dear Santa:  
I am a big boy in the third grade. My teacher is Mrs. Goldston. She makes me sit in her magic chair sometimes. She thinks I talk too much, but I try to be good.

I need a telescope, some games, and some new cars and trucks.  
Please remember all my friends, especially Greg Parr and Mark.  
Love,  
James Wade Pepper

Dear Santa:  
My name is Shane Bridges and I am 5 years old. I would like a big gun and two little guns for Christmas. Any kind of gun is okay with me. I would also like some lego building blocks, a football and maybe a basketball. I have been a good boy in school and like it real well. I live in Del Rio but will be in Memphis visiting at Christmas so you will have to come there to see me. I love you.  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Shane Bridges

P.S. Please Remember my little brother, Jason's birthday is on Christmas so you might bring him a little extra for that. Thanks.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy who has just turned two and my Moma thinks I'm a little stinker sometimes. Maybe you could still bring me something, though.

My Bubba says he thinks I'd like some trucks so I could play with him and I would really like to have an airplane to play with. If you would bring me these things, I promise I'll try harder to be good.

Be good to all my little friends at Orvilla's and especially to Bubba Petey and to Ty.  
Love,  
Michael Braddock

Dear Santa:  
My name is Robin and I want a sleep walker and a thumbelina and I will leave a Dr. Pepper and cake for you.  
Love,  
Robin Gable

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy nearly seven years old and am in the first grade. I have been a pretty good boy and I like school and that says a lot for me.

I liked everything you brought me last year and this year I would really like to have a big shiny fire truck and maybe a new gun and anything else you think I might like to play with.  
Don't forget to bring my little brother, Michael and my cousin, Ty something nice, too.  
Love,  
Pety Braddock

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl almost 8 months old. Will you please bring me a doll with out hair, an activity center, and some kind of riding toy.  
Don't forget Christopher and Dustin.  
Love,  
Joni Marie Hancock.  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 8 years old. I have been a good girl this year. Will you please bring me Cathy quick curl doll, a pair of roller skates and a bicycle. Also lots of candy, fruit and nuts.  
Don't forget all the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Kay Donna Hancock  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 7 years old. I've been pretty good this year so will you please bring me a woodstock, a madame alexander "sweet tears, a lite brite, a clock and a ring. Since you will probably be hungry and thirsty. I will leave you a piece of cake and a Dr. Pepper.  
Please don't forget my sister, ZAnn and my cousins Ron and Mike.  
Love,  
Leigh Ann Ellerd

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By  
**BYRON BALDWIN**



Well, Christmas has come again! This makes my 81st Christmas spent on this earth. The first few years I did not realize what it was all about except to find the largest stocking in the home and hang it up on the mantle where Santa Claus would find it as he came down the chimney to visit good little boys and girls. We were taught this being good if he came to see us. We were pretty good about two weeks before Christmas, but after our stockings were filled and Christmas was over, some of our little mean tricks came back to us. It was not many years when we started peeping through the key holes to really get a good look at Santa!

It was a great disappointment when we really found out who the true Santa Claus was! Then to find out the true meaning of the observance of Christmas was when my grandmother had me go into the parlor where she kept her fine pedal organ to play and sing. On this day, she gave me the true meaning of this season of the year filled with love by singing and playing the old familiar religious hymn, "Blessed Be The Name of The Lord."

Christmas has changed over the years from the first filling of the socks to greater gifts, from handkerchiefs, socks, guns, wagon, bicycles, motorcycles, automobiles, clothing and almost anything that is now manufactured. Anyway, it is a season of love that we observed and it is hard to get around to all of the expressions of love by word or mail. I was sorry I could not make all of the contacts I wanted to make as there were not enough cards or stamps to make the rounds. As this has been one of the greatest years of my life in finding so much the love of God, my family and friends that no value can be placed on, as that is something that cannot be bought with dollars. In a lot of cases where gifts are bought for the love season, we get the wrong color, size or even the wrong items for the particular person.

We hope the few gifts we bought fit and the same for the ones we receive, as there is usually a rush on exchanges before and right after Christmas. I played it safe this year when I bought Willie Mae a pair of men's slacks size 38 in the waist and they exactly fit me. I hope the gown she bought for me fits her. I remember the story my dad told me that happened in his store. When the customer

We made a tour of our town a few days ago with Hubert Dennis. The gin yards were still crowded with trailers loaded with cotton to be ginned. Some of the cotton in the trailers seemed to be pretty cloudy with dirt and weeds that might make a low grade mike reading. I had the opportunity to seeing one of the long coal trains which was a pretty good sight with about 120 cars of coal powered in front with 3 engines and about center of the train with 3 more engines. The report came to me that there were 8 of these train loads of coal passing through here each day. This should solve a lot of energy problems, and I am sure there will be a pretty good freight bill for the transportation, but the freight bill will be transferred to the customer who uses the energy.

It was good to meet so many of the college students home for the holidays and I am sure they were ready for some of that good cooking that their mothers had prepared for them. Someone

**Blackeyed Peas Is A New Year's Day Tradition With Texans**

COLLEGE STATION — Texans traditionally eat blackeyed peas on New Year's Day to insure prosperity and good luck for the coming year. This tradition will be observed once again in 1977 when we get out the kettle or new crock pot to cook the blackeyed peas, Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist, say.

She is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. She should start the manufacture of "Left Guard", as in shopping around, the only one-sided deal was for "Right Guard".

Our best wishes to everyone are for love and happiness at Christmas, and my the Good Lord be with you as you make the new year with. I apologize for the mistakes I have made the past year. Just take an Alkaseizer as you read this column.

The Texas A&M University System.

"The peas should be soaked before cooking to reduce required cooking time. This can be accomplished quickly by boiling them in water for two minutes, removing from the heat and soaking for one hour. They are then ready to cook. If you prefer to soak the peas overnight, it is still a good idea to start with the two minute boil, because you will have fewer hard skins and the brief boil will keep them from souring," she explained.

Season with one teaspoon salt for each cup of dry peas. Salt pork and bacon are old standbys for seasoning, but chopped ham or smoked turkey left over from the Christmas celebration are great also. Pepper, garlic and oregano can be added in small amounts, one-fourth teaspoon per pound of dry peas, to enhance the flavor.

In the slow cooker, soak the peas overnight, then cook them in water on high for two and one-half hours. Reduce control setting to low, add seasonings and meat and cook on low for eight to ten hours. If you prefer less watery peas, use less water.

Serve your peas with hot cornbread, butter and lots of fresh, crisp onions, the specialist suggested.

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came in, he said he wanted to buy his wife a shirtwaist (called blouses now). He asked the customer the size and he replied, "Any size"; asked about color and other questions to get some idea what to sell him and the customer finally gave him the answer that it did not make any difference as she would bring it back anyway.

We had a treat trip by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clemons when they gave us a tour of the decorated homes and businesses. We have beautiful lighted decorations this year, as we have for several years, but some of us have reached the age we cannot climb on the roof and string the wires. The greatest number of light globes burning at one place, I think, was the J. F. Neel home as I counted 4,899 and ran out of breath. I thought they must have had a monkey doing all the climbing around the columns and roof of the house, but not so, Betty Jean said she did all the climbing. She is very active for 29.

I remember at one Christmas I had a young fellow that was begging his parents for an over size cap gun holster set that they would not buy for him, but he did finally get his Christmas allowance, and he purchased this set of guns and had grandpa's name put on it for the Christmas tree (you know who got the gun set).

At one time, I remember spending a great deal of time with a lady, trying to find a gift for her mother-in-law. She and I both had about given up in despair when the customer turned to me and made the remark, "She just don't like nothing" and of course, I did not make the sale.

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Most people greeted the new records with something akin to a loud yawn, but money managers and analysts paid a lot of attention. This particular measure of the money supply, sometimes called M1, is the total of all cash and checking accounts in the country... money available to be spent immediately. It has been hovering for the past few months between 305 and 310 billion dollars. Its importance to money managers lies in the tendency of money to behave just like any other commodity. The more there is, the less it costs, i.e., lower interest rates. The less money available, the higher the interest rate. Both statements depend on two assumptions. That demand for the money is relatively stable. That there are no outside factors. Complicating things is the fact that seldom are the assumptions absolutely true. Demand varies and anticipation of action by the Federal Reserve Bank is almost always an outside factor.

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## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl in the second grade. I live at Lakeview.  
Please bring me bicycle.  
Love,  
Maria Rosa  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I am three years old and I have been a good little girl. I would like for you to bring me a baby-shoo-in-her-panties, and a baby that walks.  
I have a brother that is 13 months old. He has been nice to me sometimes. He would like anything you bring him and he loves food.  
Please don't forget the other kids and my Mommy and Daddy.  
Love,  
Tyra LeAnn and  
Brandon Burk

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 4 years old and have tried to be good. I would like a Sunshine family, and grandpar-ents, a gum ball machine, and a big soft teddy bear.  
Please remember my friends Lisa, Sharla, Jami, Monica, and Chad and all the other boys and girls.  
We'll leave you some cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Victoria Roden

Dear Santa:  
I hope you bring me a bike and cars and I hope you bring Mrs. Pounds a baloney and then bring Mrs. Price a poppy then bring my sister a doll.  
Love, Your Friend,  
Jimmy Ray Cornesh

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl three years old. I have tried to be a good little girl. I would like for you to bring me a tick-tock a slide, and a viewmaster.  
Santa, I have a baby sister, Mandy, She doesn't know about you yet but would you please bring her a dolly and some soft toys. She really likes the pretty lights on our tree.  
We will be in Memphis and Childress for Christmas. Please remember all my cousins. Jo Beth and Karen will be in Memphis too, so please leave something for them.  
Love,  
Monica Alewine

Dear Santa:  
We are two little boys two and five. We would both like Dallas cowboy football suite, Rrr Powers, watches, and a marching Mickey Mouse.  
Santa, we live in Pampa but will be in Memphis at our Nanny and Paw Paw Coldrons and at Granny Andersons for Christmas. We have tried to be good little boys all year, but sometimes its hard.  
Love,  
Andy and  
Cody Anderson

Dear Santa:  
Can you believe I'm six years old now? I've tried to be a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a that-away doll; a beadmaker; a typewriter; and a jaws game. Anything else you bring I would like to be a surprise.  
Don't forget my little sister, Kadett, Mommy helped her with her letter.  
Be looking for you Christmas Eve.  
Love You,  
Kimberly Waites

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll and a boy toys and shoes, shock, and baby doll house, and baby baby and a doll and toys and that is all for now. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Fram Alicia

Dear Santa:  
My name is Leigh Anne Cope. I am five years old. I've tried to be a good girl all year.  
For Christmas I would like to have a bicycle with a basket, and I want a habbie beauty world. I also want a baby thumalina. And a cookie monster puppet would be nice too. I would also like to have a new book to read. And maybe a sesame street play-house.  
Please don't forget my stocking. I would like it filled with oranges and apples and cookies and peanuts.  
I'll leave some cookies and punch by the Christmas tree, just for you, Santa:  
Love,  
Leigh Anne Cope  
Estelline

Dear Santa:  
I love you. My name is Lonnie Darrell Colson, I am four years old. My baby sister, Shonda, is almost eleven months old. We live at 1400 Graham street. Please bring me a six million dollar man, a family treehouse, a stretch armstrong, a maskutron, and maybe a bicycle. Since there are so many things I would like to have, just bring what you can and some candy too, please.  
Will you please bring Shonda a play stove, refrigerator, and sink set. Shonda likes to play in Mommy's cabinets, and I do too. She might like a doll and doll bed.  
Remember all the other little boys and girls. Please bring Sam and Pepper some dog treats too. Thank you for all the nice things you brought me last year and please tell me how to make candy canes. We love you!  
Love,  
Lonnie and  
Shonda Colson

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a lovely baby and stud and rhinestone setter. Thank you for last year's gifts. I'm a girl and eight years old and I am in the third grade. I hope you bring your reindeers.  
Love You,  
Stephanie Molloy  
Lakeview

Dear Santa:  
I have been just a pretty good boy this year. I'm nearly five years old, and am a big help to my Mom and Dad. For Christmas this year I would like a race car track, bath doll, and a bicycle.  
I'm very excited again about your visit, and I'm ready NOW for you to come. I wish Christmas didn't take so long!  
Please remember all the other boys and girls and especially my friends at Loop, Texas where I use to live. Santa I nearly forgot to tell you that I've moved and now live near Lakeview.  
My little sister and I will leave some pecan pie and milk on the table for you.  
Merry Christmas, Santa:  
Love,  
Cade Gentry

Dear Santa:  
I am 6 years old. Please bring anything for Christmas a barbie camper would be nice.  
Andrew Charles is my baby brother. He wants a telephone.  
Don't forget my baby cousin Grant.  
Thank you. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Darcy & Andy Baker

Dear Santa:  
I am 4 years old. I have been very good. I want a wagon, tricycle, play house, model car in a bottle, weebles carnival, table and chairs and train.  
Love,  
Rodney Mestas



Take advantage of informal get-togethers to dress up old favorites. Apples are for anytime. Ginger started in grand-children's day.  
This moist cake of robust flavor calls for both ground and whole ginger. It's so good that it could be your treat to offset Halloween tricks. Top the cake with a smooth cream frosting — an irresistible combination.  
Use Ginger Apple Cake as a delicious pick-me-up after a busy day. Made with enriched flour, it provides a special bonus. Enriched means those essential B-vitamins — niacin, thiamin and riboflavin — plus the mineral, iron, are added at the mill. They are all essential to good health, but added at no extra cost.

- Ginger Apple Cake**  
one 13 x 9-inch cake
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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1 1/2 cups enriched flour*  | 1/2 cup brown sugar                    |
| 1/2 teaspoons baking powder | 2 eggs                                 |
| 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  | 1/4 cup chopped crystallized ginger    |
| 1/2 teaspoon baking soda    | 1/4 cup milk                           |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt           | 1 1/2 cups finely chopped peeled apple |
| 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon       | 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, optional      |
| 1/2 cup shortening          |  |
| 1/2 cup sugar               |  |

**Ginger Cream Frosting**  
Stir together flour, baking powder, ginger, soda, salt and cream. Cream shortening and sugars until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time. Blend in crystallized ginger. Thoroughly blend flour mixture into creamed mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour. Stir in apple and spread batter in greased 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Bake in preheated 350° oven for 40 to 45 minutes, or until cake is done. Frost cooled cake with Ginger Cream Frosting.

- Ginger Cream Frosting**
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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened | 1/2 cup chopped crystallized ginger |
| 1/2 tablespoons honey                    | 1/4 cup chopped walnuts             |
- Beat together cream cheese and honey until smooth and stir in ginger and nuts.  
\*Spoon flour into dry measuring cup; level. Do not scoop.

Wishing You  
a **Merry**  
Christmas

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Leo Mary Lee Jimmy

Merry Christmas

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Sylvia Dink Carol

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Leda Hadaway

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to all!  
Our Sincere Thanks!  
And to all...  
Merry Christmas  
**Sperry Shamrock Station**  
Floyd Danny

Merry Christmas

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**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa:  
I am a very active little three year old girl — I have treid my best to be good. I am a big help to Mommy and Ma Ma Srygley — sometimes too much help.  
I would like a baby brother tender love, a Mickey Mouse sleeping bag and pillow; and a wrist radio.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls.  
I Love You,  
D'Lynn Christian

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 15 months old, and I have tried to be extra good this year. Would you please bring me a cash register like my Dad's, a farmer say, and a little piano. Would you send my foster sister to Houston and back safely too. Please do not forget about Mark, Micheal, and Mary, they will all be at Ma's.

Please remember all the other little children in the world too. I will set my little wooden shoes out on my front porch, so you will know I am a sleep. Thank you.  
Love,  
Brooke Johnson

Dear Santa:  
I'm 3 years old and I'm here visiting my grandparents from Oxford, California.  
I am a good girl and I want a hush a baby, walker, and table and chair set. And don't forget my brother.

Love,  
Jennifer Ann Hood

Dear Santa:  
I am 6 years old. I have been pretty good this year. I want you to bring me a guitar and race car track.

Please don't forget all the other little children.  
I Love You,  
Gary Dean Maynard

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Dear Santa:  
I'm 9 years old and I'm here visiting my grandparents from Oxnard, California.  
I have been a good boy and I wish I could have some skates, a set of walkie talkies and a Evil Kneivel funny car. And I'm sure looking forward to some snow here. Don't forget my little sister.

Love,  
John Galen Townsend

Dear Santa:  
I have been good this year as good as a six year old boy can. I help my Mommy and Ma Ma Srygley.  
I would like a bicycle, a Evil Kneivel stunt cycle, a wrist radio and a little tool set.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls.  
I Love You,  
Robert Christian

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa:  
I am 8 years old. I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like you to bring me a set of barbells and a BB gun.  
Please remember my four brothers. They love you too.

I Love You,  
Larry Don Maynard

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a ruba tub dolly for Christmas this year. I have tried to be really good the whole year, but it is hard when you have two older brothers. Please bring them something because sometimes they are good too.

Love,  
Lauri Carroll

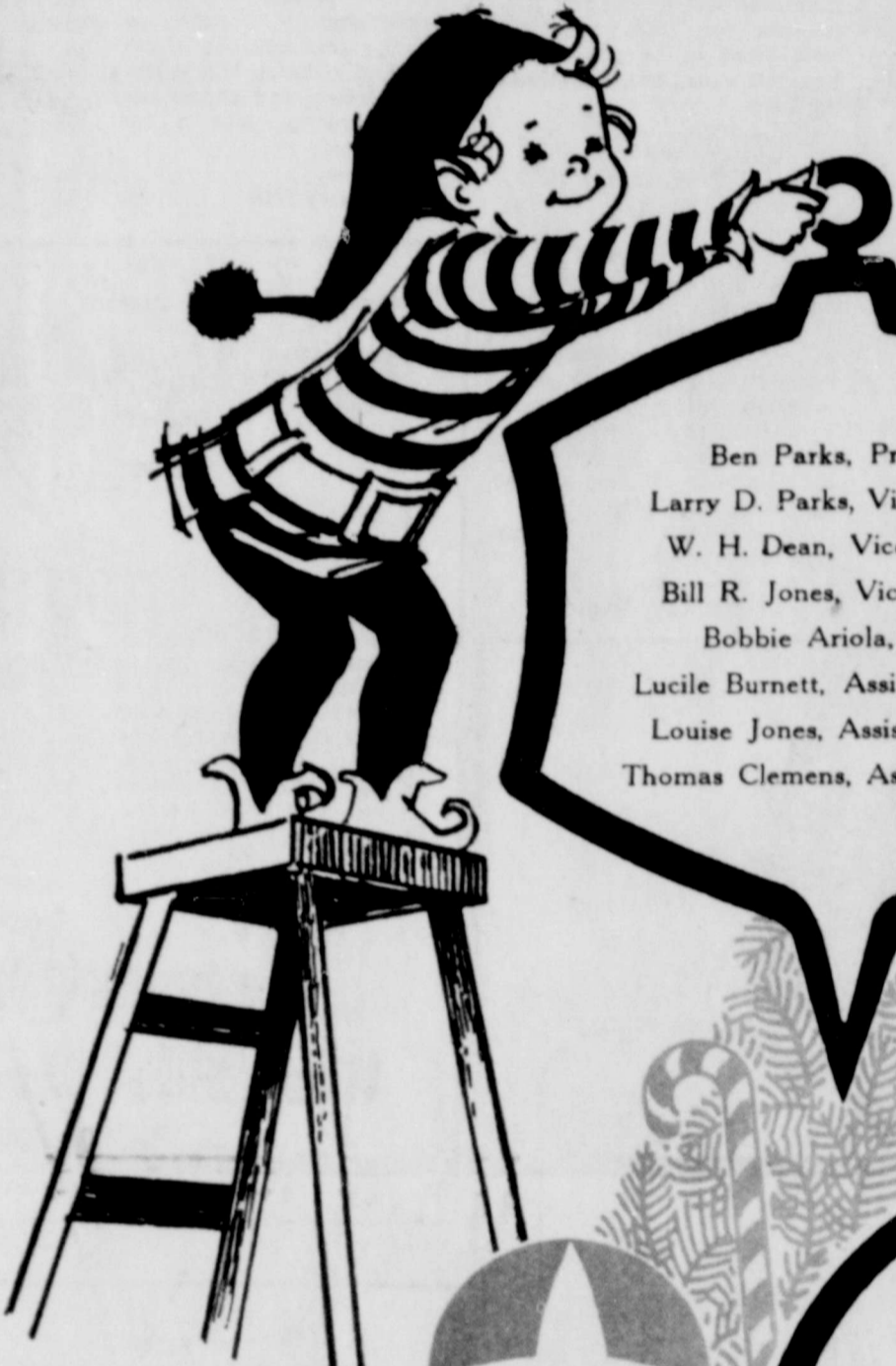
Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 15 months old. I'm having a good time this Christmas, but I've been a little confused with everything that is going on.  
Please bring me a baby doll and a duck plus anything else you think a girl my age would enjoy.  
Have a Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Marci Helm.

Dear Santa:  
I have been good this year. These are some things I want for Christmas. I want a boy set, the adventure people, a payday game, a new football and tee, new toy some puzzles, and a new car set. I will put some cookies and milk by the Christmas tree. Be careful and watch out for airplanes.

Love,  
Eric White

One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to say **THANK YOU** and to wish you the very best for the New Year.



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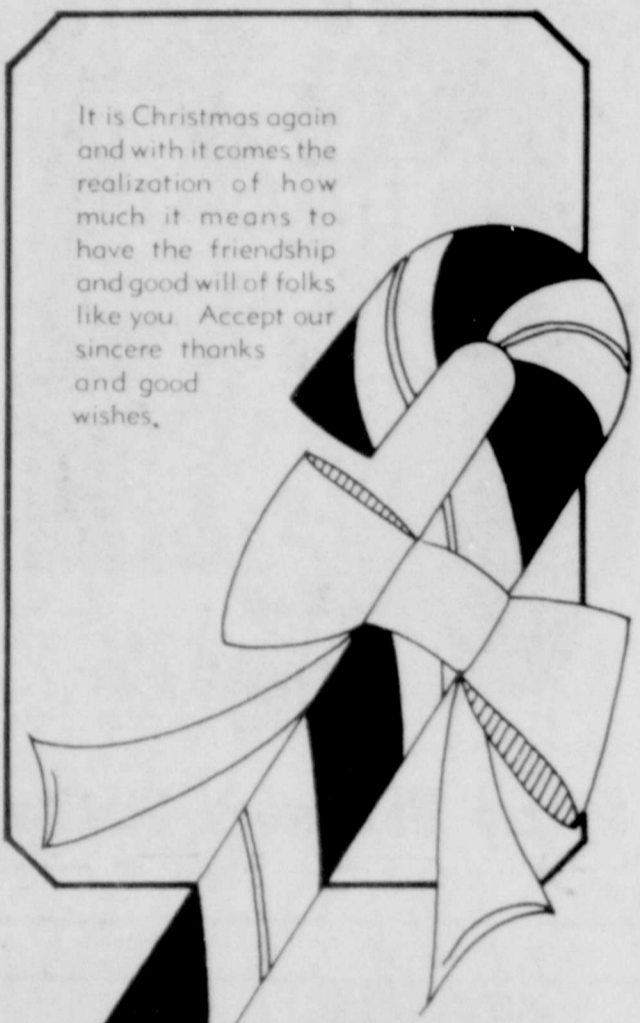
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**Merry Christmas**

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**Season's Greetings**

We extend to you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas

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