

Merry Christmas to All

The Castro County News

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I am seven and I want a Princess Peggy doll and a record player.
Love, Charlotte Mae Goldsmith

Dear Santa,
I want a football, a toy car, a U.S. Army Cannon, and Willie the Missile man.
Love, Lee Summers

Dear Santa, I want a robot commando for Christmas. My sister wants a blue car with pedals, and my baby brother wants a baby toy.
Love, Mike, Rocky and Johnny

Dear Santa,
I would like a Beauty Parlor doll, a radio, a doctor kit and a baby bath.
Love, Jeannette Howard

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old. My name is Barbara Lynn Allmon. I would like a bicycle for Xmas. Please take care of the other children, too.
Love, Barbara Lynn Allmon

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a farm and six pigs, six horses, three Indians, three Cowboys, a car, and a B B gun.
Love, George R. Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a three foot tall doll and a doctor's kit. And with the doll I want some doll dresses. Some hats for the doll. Also two pairs of shoes, a little bitty doll, and bring me two pairs of high heels.
Love Rita Womack

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old, I would like a bike and an Allstate electric train for Xmas.
Love Steve Green

Dear Santa,
I want a B B gun and a little airplane.
Love Jessie Sepeda

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a BB Gun and a race car track. If you don't have it, you can bring anything you want to.
Love, Jimmy Hodge

Dear Santa Clause,
Will you bring a doll for me and a ring, too. I love you, Santa Claus. Do you love me?
I know you do love me, Will you bring a little monkey, a little toy with a Jack-in-a-box, too?
Love, Janie Ruiz

Dear Santa,
I want a Hugabye Baby doll, and a bicycle.
I am seven years old.
Love, Debra Crum

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kenny Powell. I am in the first grade. I am 6 years old.
I won't an Indian Rifle with bullets. A truck that has three boats, and last of all a Roy Rogers hosters and guns.
Yours truly, Kenny Powell

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a doll that walks, a doll's bed, a bicycle, a stove, a monkey, a bear, and a Princess for Xmas.
Love Rosalinda Martinez

French Celebrate New Year With Religious Ceremonies

Just as it is everywhere else in the world, January 1 is a day of celebration, visiting and toasting of health in France. But, la jour de la bonne annee, as the French call it, has a more serious side.

Churches are generally crowded on New Year's Eve, which is also the Vigil of St. Sylvester, an early saint and father of the Church. In rural communities cattle are driven to the door of the village church where they are blessed by the priest who also says Mass for their protection during the year.

It is French custom to remember the dead as well as the living on New Year's Day and most families visit the graves of departed members.

Dear Santa,
I want a ball, a B-B gun, a toy wagon, a bat and glove, and a little airplane.
I wish you would come to school sometime.
Love, Baldemar Sepeda

Dear Santa,
I love you dear, Santa, Will you bring me a B B gun? Bring my daddy a clock and mother a purse.
I now you are a good man.
Love George Olvera

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am a boy seven years old. I would like to tell you what I would like have. I would like to have a football, a roadrace set, some good things to eat, and some games to play with. Bring the other boys and girls something.
Love, Larry Langford

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy seven years old. I would like to tell you some of the things I would like to have for Xmas. I would like a go-car that goes twentyfive miles an hour. I would like a football and a shirt. Also, some games and a Pellet gun.
Love Glenn Fillingim

Dear Santa,
I want most anything this Xmas. But I would like a record player though.
Love, Clay Armstrong

Dear Santa,
I want a ball, a B-B gun, a toy wagon, a bat and glove, and little airplane. I wish you would come to school sometime.
Love Tony Estrado

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Bride doll, that has a dress. Also, some high heels, a pretty dress and some hats. If you don't have what I want I will be happy with whatever you bring me.
Love, Santa Claus Janet Barr

Dear Santa,
Santa I'm looking for you every day. When are you coming to school and when are you coming to my house?
Will you bring me a Bride doll with dresses, a doctor kit, a machine and a stove?
Love, Minnie Lopez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 36 inch doll, a Mr. Snowcone Machine, a basket, a big toy bear, a puzzle, skillet, and a little boy on a rod.
Love, Kay Sheets

Dear Santa,
I have been good. For Christmas I want a typewriter. My little brother Kent wants a firetruck. And my other little brother wants a firetruck too.
Love, Sherry

Dear Santa,
I want a gocart, some cars, a gun, farm, house, a bicycle, and a book of Little Day.
Love Larry Kirby

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. I want Heddle doll, a doctor kit, a little white stuffed kitten, doll clothes and a little red ball for my doll Snuffy.
Love, Sandra Cathryn Loud

GREETINGS

WITH EVERY GOOD WISH FOR YOUR HAPPINESS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

STATON BROS. GULF

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LATIN WORDS BY SAINT FRANCIS BACILEY 1802-1880 J.F. WADE 1875-1909

O come all ye faith-ful, Joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem, Come and be-hold Him, Born the King of an-gels, O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ the Lord.

"ADESTE FIDELIS," one of the earliest Christmas hymns, is now one of the most popular—said to be sung, around the world, more often than any other. It is sung to the tune of "Cantus Diversi," published in 1751, and it probably existed much earlier. It has been translated into 120 languages, from the original Latin. Of the 40-some English versions, the best known is this one by Frederick Oakley.



Season's Greetings

Happy holidays to you and yours! We send warm wishes by the heartfelt, with the hope that the joys of the season may long endure.

Many thanks to our loyal friends! Your patronage has made this year a wonderful one for us, and we are sincerely grateful.

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Cobb's Christmas Pleasants

THESE ARE ONE OF OUR MANY PLEASING CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM HIM TO HER

7923

Fashionbelt

No. 7923
A custom-designed touch . . . pleated front panels that disguise the pockets in their lines. This new Fashionbelt no-button coat is entitled "her majesty" . . . with its regal shawl collar and stately new sleeves. Court jewels shine on the lapel. . . and the royal feel belongs to Monet mohair fleece . . . with embroidered Milium Satin lining. Sizes 6-18.
Color: Wild Rice \$69.95
Raspberry 59.95

7906

Fashionbelt

No. 7906
Heavenly soft Chantre 210 caters to your love of luxury in a four button coat with a large rounded collar. Telescope sleeves . . . that puss up or down . . . make it wonderfully wearable over every costume . . . and the slant pockets add just a touch of the unusual. Jewels sparkle from the collar . . . Embroidered Milium satin sparkles on the inside. Sizes 6-18.
Color Wild Rice \$69.95
ALSO COATS WITH FUR TRIM \$99.95

7942

Fashionbelt

No. 7942
Beautiful . . . bewitching Bellini . . . dominant elegant fabric . . . styles so attractively in a three button cardigan neckline coat. Sleeves button at cuff to create elbow fullness . . . to go along with the spacious appearance of the flared back. Collar yoke accents front and back.
Color Red or Black \$59.95
Embroidered taffeta lining. Sizes 6-18.

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Walter Rogers' WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

The Christian world again approaches the celebration of the birth of Christ. The stories of that night in Bethlehem when Christ came into being will be told re-fold throughout all parts of the world where there are Christians and where there is freedom of religion. I suspect that these stories will be told in many of the countries where there is no freedom of religion - perhaps in secret, but told nevertheless. Our Lord and Savior will be referred to in many of the revelations as the Prince of Peace, and certainly He was the advocate of God Almighty to bring peace to the earth. In St. Luke, Chapter 2, beginning with the 8th verse, in the story of the birth of Jesus we find the following words: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, good will toward men."



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Home is where the heart is at holiday time, and we hope both your home and your heart are filled with joy as you gather with your dear ones to celebrate in the true spirit of love and good fellowship.

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deep-seated hatreds between these people - hatreds that cannot be reconciled - hatreds nurtured by practices which are diametrically opposed to Christian principles; a conflict that has the walls manned by soldiers waiting to engage in violence at the first sign of aggression on the other side of the wall, in buildings hidden behind sandbags, are machine guns and rifles and stocks of hand grenades and other explosives to be used at the first sign of adverse action across the narrow no-man's-land that surrounds the wall. It is within these walls, Jerusalem, that Christ carried his cross to Calvary; where the Prince of Peace was crucified to save Man more than 1900 years ago.

When we look at the score card we find that we have either failed to do what we should have done, or we have done what we should not have done.

Another gift brimer in Russia is a legendary old woman called Babouska (grandmother). Legend says she misdirected the Magi when they asked the way to Bethlehem. She repented, and to atone she went about the world on Christmas Eve, looking for the Christ Child and distributing gifts to children.

Soviets Retreat And Santa Wins

After unsuccessful efforts to keep Christmas from being celebrated as a Christian holiday, the Communist regimes of Russia and the countries of Eastern Europe have recently shown a more tolerant attitude toward traditional observances. Father Christmas, the Russian Santa, is back again, having refused to become Father Winter the name Communists tried to give him.

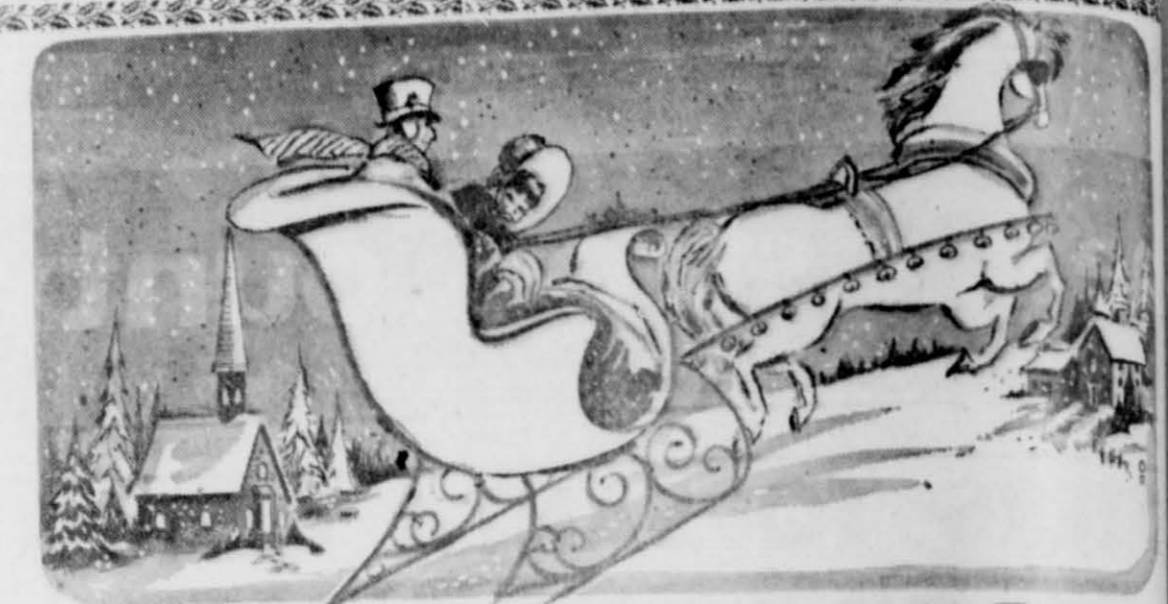
There are a few other simple rules that should be observed if decorations are used around the house. Keep them away from chairs and other places where people may smoke. And keep plenty of ash trays handy during the holiday season.

It can be a happier Christmas if you know there is no danger of fire.

Glow Like Stars

In Switzerland, Christmas Day, or Weihnachtsen, is the traditional opening day of the winter sports season. A colorful parade is held on the peak of the flaming stars, and dark beams descend from the sky.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



SINCERE GOOD WISHES for a very Merry Christmas Holiday! COFFEE SHOP THE ROTHWELLS



To wish you all the joys and blessings of Christmas

CASTRO CO-OP GIN

JACK TUCKER, Manager

Holiday Hazards

Be Careful In Placing, Decorating Your Tree

REGARDLESS of warnings by fire departments and safety officials, millions of American homes become dangerous fire traps at Christmas time. Fire at any time is tragic, but at this happiest of seasons it is more so.

There are a number of simple, easy ways to reduce the hazards of the in your home during the next few days.

Location of the Christmas tree is of vital importance. Do not let it block an exit, or set it up near a stairway which would provide an upward draft.

Be sure your tree is fresh and it should be kept outdoors until actually needed. When setting it up, stand it in a bucket of water or wet sand and brace it well so there will be no danger of it falling.

It is most important that the decorations be flameproof or made of noncombustible materials. Lighting sets and extension cords should be in good condition. If in doubt, have them tested.

Inspect Tree Daily Even these precautions are not enough, however. Make it the duty of some member of the family to inspect the tree every day during the holiday season. This way you will know immediately if it has become too dry and should be discarded.

The switch used for turning on the tree lights should be placed some distance from the tree. Never use an outlet or plug under the tree or run electric leads around the base.

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Never Use Candles It is traditional to have lights in the windows at this season, but never use candles. Keep curtains and other flammable material pulled back at least six inches from any electric light.

And on Christmas morning, or any other time you open presents, remove all gift wrappings and packing material from the living room and dispose of them immediately.

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Statues Honored

In Italy the Presepe, or crib, is as characteristic of Christmas as the tree in other countries. In the Presepe, people bring gifts

of nuts and apples, which they place in the hands of life-sized figures.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Stocking Hanging Became A Custom Through Accident

With delight and great expectations every American child hangs his stockings by the fireplace at Christmas time. Thereon hangs a fascinating tale of adventure.

Once upon a time - so the legend goes - kindly Saint Nicholas, who was in reality Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, unintentionally originated the custom of hanging stockings by the fireplace on Christmas eve.

Saint Nicholas was a kindly man and very rich. He loved to make mysterious journeys into the country and poor sections of the community to bring secret gifts to the poor. For a long time his identity remained hidden, but he was caught at last with his sack of gifts on his back.

Down The Chimney Saint Nicholas knew an old miser who was very poor and who did not want anyone to know of his poverty. Wanting to give him a gift of money Saint Nicholas slipped to a window of the house and saw the old gentleman asleep by the fire.

The good Bishop climbed to the roof of the house and dropped his gift down the chimney, thinking it would fall on the hearth at the miser's feet.

However, it so happened that the miser's daughter had hung three stockings to dry by the fire and the money fell into one of them. From this kindly deed of the Bishop has grown the widespread custom of hanging stockings at Christmas time.

Died In 1607 The anniversary of Saint Nicholas' death in 1607 eventually became a festival in the Russian church, and in time the name became corrupted to Santa Claus and associated with the festivities of the Christmas season, with its tree, its decorations, the holy and the mistletoe.

These today are the joyous symbols of Christmas.

LOOK FOR SANTA

American children look for presents in their stockings or under the Christmas tree. In Italy they seek them in "Urns of Fate" and the children of Norway seek them in hiding places all through the house.

Saint Nicholas

The remaining bones of Saint Nicholas are preserved today in the museum of Antalya in Eastern Turkey. Most of them were stolen by pirates almost a century ago. Those that remain are carefully preserved.

Flowering Bulbs Offer Variety In Yule Decorations

You can easily force spring flowering bulbs to get continuous bloom throughout the holiday season and late winter.

Narcissus, hyacinths, tulips and crocuses can be potted for forcing. The only bulbs of best quality. Set them in shallow pots containing soil with good water-holding capacity and drainage. A satisfactory soil mixture is three parts good garden loam, one part organic matter and two parts sand. Fill the pot with soil to one-half inch below the rim, leaving the tips of bulbs barely exposed.

Plant hyacinths and narcissus as close together as you can. For tulips, plant five or six bulbs in a five-inch pot.

Place the pots in a cool place at 40-50 degrees. The soil must be moist while in storage. When the roots are well developed, bring the pots into a warm room for forcing. The plants grow best in full sun and in moderately moist soil.

When the plants are in full bloom, remove them from the sun to a bright location. The flowers will last longer if you keep them in a fairly cool place.



With Best Wishes for this Season of Good Cheer

HARMAN'S

BILL & PAULA HARMAN, WADE, SARENA, AUDIE, JEWEL

ESTHER, JOE, MARY, SHARON



Season's Greetings

Away we go, full speed ahead! We just couldn't wait another minute to tell you how deeply we appreciate your loyal friendship and patronage and to extend to you and your family our very warmest wishes for a holiday season bright with all the great blessings life has to offer!

TAYLOR'S GARAGE

D. C. TAYLOR

What's Doing At The CHURCHES

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M. A. Pennington, Pastor

Good will to men...
Wishing you all the joys and blessings made known to us by His birth.



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Christmas Youth Hour 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.

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Hugh Hlaycock, pastor
Phone MI 7-3848

SUNNYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
M. D. Durham - Pastor

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Men's Brotherhood

Sharing Ideas Creates Seal

That familiar Christmas seal appearing on so many packages and letters during the holiday season owes its origin to an American physician, a Danish postal worker and a kind-hearted lady from Delaware.

The doctor, Edward Livingston Trudeau, was stricken with TB shortly after graduation from medical school, says The Encyclopedia Americana.

To help other people with the disease - both his brother and his daughter had it - and to test his own ideas, Dr. Trudeau set up the first successful tuberculosis hospital at Saranac Lake, New York.

When the National Tuberculosis Association was founded in 1904, its first president was Dr. Trudeau.

About the same time, far across the sea in Denmark, a Danish postal worker, Einar Holboell, had the idea of selling penny seals to put on packages at Christmas, to remind people to help sick and needy children suffering from tuberculosis.

The King of Denmark approved the idea and the world's first Christmas seal sale took place in 1904.

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Miss Bissell set to work and drew the design for the first American Christmas seal. Around Christmas time of 1907, the first stamps went on sale in the Wilmington, Del., post office.

Norway Prepares

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LEOTA'S BEAUTY
Leota Finch

To wish you JOY AT CHRISTMAS

NEWS FROM SUNNYSIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Summers and Mr. and Mrs. Iris Touchstone of Dimmitt also visited with them in the afternoon.

Randy Powell went home with Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Powell and children of Earth last Sunday for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ott and family from Hereford were Sunday dinner guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Hayden. They all then visited in the Milton Ott home with Mr. and Mrs. Ott, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell and family of Springlake, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ott and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Louder. The Mitchells also visited in the Milburn Hayden home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. W. and family and Mr. Buck and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Files, Mr. and Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Leona and all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lilley visited in Olton Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lewis and family.

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Year 46 B. C. Contained Over Four Hundred Days

The year we now refer to as 46 B. C., was the longest year in calendar history. It contained 445 days, and for a very good reason.

Roma Pompilius supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B. C. Despite the fact that it was revised several times, this calendar was some two months behind the sun by the time of Julius Caesar.

Caesar put his experts to work revising the calendar. The experts came up with a calendar, but were somewhat undecided as to what should be done about the two months needed to catch up with the sun.

They solved the problem by inserting the two months between the months of November and December, thus giving the year 46 B.C. a total of 445 days.

Season's Greetings

The joyous Christmas Season is here again...to brighten our hearts, to lighten our cares.



To all our wonderful friends, we hope this glorious holiday will bring everything that makes for a life of happiness and contentment.

JOE COWEN AGENCY

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To wish you MERRY CHRISTMAS

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To wish you all the joys of the Christmas Season

Rich in spiritual blessings... warm with the love and friendship that are so much a part of this sacred, happy time... Christmas comes to gladden every heart. We sincerely wish for you, our friends and neighbors, a full share of the many joys of the Christmas season.

COBB'S



GREETINGS

To our host of good friends and neighbors we send our sincerest Holiday Greetings. We are mindful that there is no gift that can equal that of close friendship—and the friendships we have made in the years that have passed remain our most cherished possessions.

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Friendly wishes to you and yours this Happy Christmas Season.

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NEWS FROM BETHEL

The children of Bethel are presenting an "Old Fashioned Christmas" program Friday night at 7 P. M. A donation for the Christmas Rural Overseas Program, C. R. O. P. I will also be taken. Every-

one is invited. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith have moved to Dimmitt. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson of Bovina and Mr. and Mrs. Cash Raynes of Littlefield. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Last left Mon-

First Christian Plans Christmas Activities

"Wise Men of Yesterday and Today" will be the Christmas Sunday morning sermon topic at the 10:50 service, December 24th, at First Christian Church by Minister Bedford W. Smith. Evening services will be called off because most of the congregation will be

out of the city. On Wednesday evening of this week the Church and Bible School celebrated the birth of Christ with a White Gittis for

the King service after a special program by the Bible school Class. Bags of candy and fruit were passed out to the children and youth of the church who were present.

Last Sunday the Bible School attendance equaled the membership of the Church, including non-resident members. At the close of the morning service annual election of officers was conducted. Paul Fry was re-elected to be Bible School

Deuter. McGaughey, secretary; Anna Gabel, pianist; and the minister, song leader. Vacancies on the Board of Elders and deacons were filled. They will take office at the first meeting of the Church Board in January.

The Board now consists of the Minister and three Elders: George Gabel, O. C. Fry, and D. M. Brown; and six deacons: J. E. (Bill) Kohn, Dexter McGaughey, Raymond White, Kenneth Greenwell, Paul Fry, and Tom Myers. The Church will be two years old on the last Sunday in February. It is situated on a two acre site on Western Street, at the end of West Grant Street. The parsonage is just south of the church on the same grounds.

First Christian Church welcomes all unchurching people looking for a non-denominational New Testament Church for fellowship study and worship. Living in or near Dimmitt to attend any of its services.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Morgan and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nelson in Bovina Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Armstead and girls of Littlefield were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Gilbreath Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Artwein of Amarillo visited her daughter and family, The Roy Dale Underwood's Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. James Welch and family visited Mrs. Pauline Jones in Oton, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wales and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dale Underwood attended a 42 party Thursday night in Dallas with Mrs. Jim Given and Mary Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wales attended the Christmas Cantata presented by the Methodist Church in Earth Sunday night.

NEWS FROM NAZARETH

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kiegan and family were honored with a house warming party on Sunday night given by friends and relatives.

At the Catholic Daughters regular meeting on Wednesday evening the group were entertained with a style show and Christmas program. Mrs. Tom Amen was winner of the door prize which was a tray of fruit candy and nuts.

Recent baptisms were: Duwayne Christopher Heck son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heck Jr. and Mrs. Barbara Heck Jr. and Mrs. George Huber of Amarillo.

John Edward Steffens was baptized December 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Steffens, his sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. George Hook Jr. and Mrs. George Hook Jr.

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HART NEWS

Christmas Dinner was Friday night Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. Dintzel Leonard. There were 34 guests.

Uphaw served as Ceremony with Mrs. Mary giving the welcome. Mrs. Mary gave "Our Story" written by Mrs. John. Mrs. Ralph Futrell gave the prayer.

Mrs. Joe Albrecht left for California last week to spend several months with her daughters and son who live there.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Amen were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Womack and family on Sunday.

Children of Mary Soladity had reception of new members on Sunday afternoon new members are: Tommy Hoelting, Jimmy Hoelting, Linda Pohlmeier, Diana Askew, Arthur Brockman, Marjorie Jones, Dolores Birkenfeld, August Brockman, Lenzie Wagner, Mary Lou Steffens, Vicki Haveman, Valeria Hall, Greg Pohlmeier, Heri Wehlington, Sybil Schwallier, Raymond Bradley, Bernard Bradlock, Nanette Schumacher, Richard Dobmeier, Art Albrecht.

Monday evening at P.T.A. meeting the committee in charge of the Santa Claus visit on Friday afternoon

party in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey. Hostesses were Connie Bailey and Carol Mousner. Cake and Ice Cream, and favors were served.

Guests present were June Leonard, Nancy Reed, Doris Bennight, Sandra Lacy, Vicie Hankins, Margaret Swindle, Donna Filippo, Brenda Armstrong, Debbie and Dee Anna Bailey, Susie McLain.

Due to bad weather and other conflicting activities, the Senior class of Hart is postponing the play until after Christmas. The class would like to assure the businessmen who purchased ads from them that their advertisements will appear in the senior program books. The play "Auntie's Money" is now scheduled for spring.

Sweaters for the Junior High Hart School was received Monday and will be issued before Christmas holidays.

Billy Inscore was admitted to the Hendrix Memorial Hospital in Abilene Texas for surgery on his arm. He will undergo the surgery Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. His address is Hendrix Memorial Hospital 19th and Hickory Street Room 169.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hawkins Sr. have returned following a visit in San Diego, California. After a visit with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Harris, Willis A. Hawkins Jr. was in Fort Worth on business.

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Advertisement for Magnolia Service Station featuring a large illustration of a woman and child, and the text: "A note of cheer for a very Merry Christmas MAGNOLIA SERVICE STATION"

Advertisement for Seely Furniture & Appliance featuring a large illustration of a woman and child, and the text: "PEACE... Joy... and HAPPINESS Across the ages, the sacred message of the Babe of Bethlehem spreads a wonderful radiance through our hearts, our homes, our churches. We greet you at Christmas with the wish that peace, joy and happiness may ever be yours. SEELY FURNITURE & APPLIANCE"

Advertisement for Froehner's Variety Store featuring an illustration of a house and the text: "It's Christmas! Froehner's Variety Store DIMMITT, TEXAS 'Where Castro County Shops'"

Advertisement for Frazier's Jewelry & Gift Shop featuring an illustration of angels and the text: "May all the joys of the CHRISTMAS SEASON be yours. FRAZIER'S JEWELRY & GIFT SHOP"

Advertisement for Parsons Rexall Drug featuring a large illustration of Santa Claus and the text: "Greetings of the Season with many thanks for your loyalty and good will We are very happy indeed to take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate the privilege and pleasure of serving you. It's our sincere wish that Santa brings you just what you're hoping for and that life holds many joyous occasions in store for you and all those who are dearest to you. PARSONS REXALL DRUG"

Pinata Scramble

In Mexico and other Latin American countries, the breaking of a pinata is a traditional Christmas custom.

Custom. Earthen jars are filled with sweetmeats and covered with colored paper-mache figures and hung in an open space.

Blindfolded children take turns at trying to break the pinata with a stick. When it is smashed, there is a merry scramble for its contents.

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About Your HEALTH

A weekly health service from Dr. H. W. Miller, D. O., 447-3488

The fact that birds are reservoirs of some diseases transmissible to man has been known for a long time.

Legends Vary About First Christmas Tree

There are many legends about the "Christmas tree." One of the earliest legends is attributed to the apostle Matthew.

Yule Was Not Always Celebrated On Dec. 25

Like Easter, Christmas was once a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

Senior Boy of the Week

October 14, 1943 was a really big day for Gary Severson. Steve was born. He lived and grew up in the West.

Letters to Lucy

Dear Lucy, My problem is not a boy, but a girl. I have been dating a certain boy several times.

Gales of Laughter

The roars of laughter coming from the auditorium last Thursday night were not our Santa Claus practicing, but they were the Dimmitt F.H.A. members.

Refreshment Party

The American Legion Building was the scene of the freshman class Christmas party on December 16. The room was playing many games.

Dear Catastrophe

I am sorry to hear of the Catastrophe which you are causing. Actually, I don't believe that it is a real catastrophe.



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REASON'S BELIEVE

We are glowing with warm wishes to our faithful old friends and our cherished new friends.

May this Christmas Season bring happiness and joy, peace and contentment to all.

HUNTER GUN CO. JACK TOMLIN TED STRANGE

When I was a small boy, while my father was away on his duties as a traveling salesman.

Some of the more common diseases caused by these viruses are influenza and measles.

The responsible culprit is a family of mosquitoes called Culicoides. In late summer and fall of 1961 several cases of encephalitis were confirmed by the State Health Department.

Christopher Morley has written many fine lines. One of the best was about a column conductor as a New York newspaper who, in an unusually good humor for a humorist.

On Stage for Yule Theatre in England began with Christmas plays. The first Christmas play was written for a Yule celebration and the earliest tragedy "Gorbudus," was performed at Norwich, 1561.

Virginia was passed, so she took the problem home to her father.

This, very briefly, is his answer: Virginia. Your little friends are very busy, and they have been affected by a skepticism of a skeptical age.

I have a star and I thought you could aid in solving it. It seems that I had created a catastrophe.

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Young Japanese Heed Hoteiosho

Though Santa Claus doesn't visit of his head, makes a realistic substance, the native god Hoteiosho, the kind old gentleman carries a pack on his back and has a eyes in the back of

Clearing the Way

To St. Nicholas, a bishop of the early Christian church goes credit for the custom of holiday giving to children.
Housewives in Northern Europe who had their chimneys cleaned for better heating during the Yule season, told children the work was done to clear the way for St. Nicholas to come down the chimney with gifts for them.

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Virginia Editorial Still Tells Story Of Santa Claus

Sixty-one years ago, an eight-year old girl posed a question to the editorial staff of the New York Sun. The newspaper's answer has become one of the Christmas season's classics. The little girl wanted to know simply, "Is there a Santa Claus?" and the answer is reprinted here, as it appeared in The Sun.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! that dreary world would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be dreary as if there were no Virgins, there would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, no noblest of our emotions, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

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

The most real things in the world are those that neither children or men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the unspoken beauty and glory beyond it. Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and so hiding.

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

Ireland Lights Way For Child

The people of Ireland originated the tradition of burning a candle in the window at Christmas time. Legend said that the Christ Child might be wandering alone in the dark and cold, and they lit a candle to light him on his way.

Yule Burns Bright

The French traditionally exchange gifts on New Year's Day, but the burning of the Yule log at Christmas is an observed custom in many parts of the country. After carols are sung, wine is poured on the log by the youngest child.

Greetings

The spirit of the holiday season brings to us a fuller appreciation of the true value of old acquaintances and loyal friendships. So it is only natural at Christmastime for us to feel grateful for the relationships that we have enjoyed over the past years with so many of our faithful patrons and friends. At the same time that we express our gratitude, we would like to extend our sincerest wishes for a joyful, healthful and bountiful Yuletide to all.

NORTH GIN, INC
BILL BIRDWELL, Manager

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May Christmas, 1961, once again remind us of our Christian faith that we may reaffirm a divine belief in an ever-living God for it is through him that all blessings flow!

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

Caroling Everywhere, But Start of Custom Is Obscure

"On come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!"
"Silent Night, holy night."
"God rest you merry, gentlemen."
"It came upon the midnight clear that glorious song of old."
"On this little town of Bethlehem."
"Deck the halls with boughs of holly."
"On the first day of Christmas."
"Whoever people gather, the glad sounds of hymns and carols ring at Christmas time, as they have for centuries."

The name, "Father of the Christmas Carol," is often given to St. Francis of Assisi. At Greccio in 1224, he arranged a Nativity scene and led the singing of songs of praise to the Christ Child. Although carols had been sung earlier, this act by St. Francis gave impetus to the idea of happy singing at the Christmas season.

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Students of Christmas stories might be puzzled whether it was a case of carol singing or carol stinging in English legend. According to the legend, bees used to gather on Christmas Eve to hum carols.

As much as part of Christmas as Santa Claus are the holiday dinner, the candles, cookies and cakes, the pies and puddings. Almost every country in the world has contributed its own culinary heritage to the celebration.

Turkey and all the trimmings have become traditional in America, and other countries have their own menus for the Christmas feast.

Belgium and Holland have special cakes and sweets for St. Nicholas season. The Letterkenny is baked in the form of letters so that one may order his name in cake. Marzipan candies, once made only in the shape of hearts, now come in many forms.

An Italian Christmas feast might include Capiteili - white meat of chicken and pork chopped and mixed with eggs and spices, encased in an inch-high dance cap of noodle dough - or Capitoni, made from frittola with its ears.

Characteristic foods of Austrians at Christmas, say American Encyclopaedia researchers, are frucht-brot, a cake made of raisins, currants, chopped figs and dates and served hot; chopped and baked carp; beef, vegetables and beer.

On Christmas Day in Hungary the family sits down for a roast dinner.

Instead of turkey, Norwegians have Christmas porridge, codfish, roast ribs of pork, pickled pork, and sometimes a barbecued young pig with a barbecued young pig with an apple in its mouth, and paper frills upon its ears.

Mince pie is an old English custom. It represents a compound of the choicest products of the East and symbolizes the gifts of the Wise men to the Christ Child. Another national Christmas dish in England is the famous plum pudding.

After the Portuguese return from the Misa do Galo, the Midnight Mass, the grownups gather at the table for a huge Christmas breakfast of hot chocolate, sweets and egg cakes.

The Finns serve a Christmas dessert made of rice, according to the editors of The Book of Knowledge. The rice is boiled in milk and served with cream topped with sugar and cinnamon. An almond is put into the large dish of rice and the first who is lucky enough to get

led pineapple. Dessert might be passion-fruit pie - tancy-tart, yet sweet topped with macadamia - nut ice cream.

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Epiphany Cake Helps French Choose King and Queen to Rule Evening

La Gaiete des Rois, the "Kings cake" is the French form of the epiphany cake, according to the editors of The Encyclopedia Americana. Epiphany cake is baked all over Europe, either at Christmas, or on Epiphany day, January 6, or on Epiphany day.

Parties Are Fun, Can Be Impromptu

Parties on Christmas Day are not only fun, they're almost inevitable. The family gets together, neighbors drop in, other friends arrive to deliver gifts and greetings, and suddenly, it's a party.

For groups large or small parties planned or impromptu, the editors of The Book of Knowledge suggests these entertaining ideas: **EXCHANGING GIFTS:** Attach each gift card to a long string, then fasten the string to the gift package. Make a gift chimney from cardboard covered with Christmas wrapping paper, or cover a round container such as a wastebasket.

Finding the Gifts Place the gifts in the fireplace and have guests or members of the family find their gifts by following the name cards and strings, through the other entangling strings to the gift packages.

CAROLS. Singing carols to piano, radio or record accompaniment is a favorite Christmas Day pastime. For larger groups, a variation on this is to have a "carol mixer."

Using several carols, give everyone time to have a "carol mixer." Using several carols, give everyone the name of a Christmas Carol. Each person walks around the room humming the assigned carol, and listening for others humming the same tune. Those with the same tune, those with the same melody band together in a group.

Then each group sings its selection for the others and as a finale, all groups sing their separate carols at the same time.

ARTIST March. Have each person pin a card or sheet of blank paper on the person in front of him. The leader starts a single file march around the room, to Christmas music.

Drawing Reindeers. While marching, each person struggles to draw a reindeer, or other appropriate Christmas subject, on the card pinned to the player in front of him. To add to the difficulty and the fun, the leader can take the file around in circles or weave in and out of the line.

After the march is over, the results are exhibited and, if an extra gift is handy, a prize can be awarded to the person judged to have drawn something that best resembles a reindeer.

Towns Named In Spirit of Yule Get Mail Deluge

Among the busiest of Santa's helpers at the Yuletide season are postoffices in towns with Christmas names.

In Noel, Mo. Christmas Fla.; Santa Claus, Ind.; Bethlehem, Ind.; and Bethlehem, Pa., many thousands of packages and cards are received around Christmas time, to be post-marked with the Yule town's name and remailed to other states and countries.

The towns also play host to many visitors during the Christmas season. In Bethlehem and Nazareth, Pa., there are permanent displays and festivals of light, emphasizing the religious meaning and beauty of Christmas.

EVERYONE ENJOYS CHRISTMAS

From Tokyo to West Berlin, from Buenos Aires to Copenhagen - and even in the cities of Russia and the satellite countries - the glow of the Christmas spirit spreads around the world, for Christmas is truly a universal holiday.

The legends and traditions gathered about it are many, and customs can, and do vary from country to country. All nations, through their folklores, have made their special contributions to the traditional ways of celebrating the birthdays of Christ.

When the customs of one country are compared with another, it's sometimes hard to believe that the same holiday is being commemorated.

At Christmas, the thoughts of people around the world turn to the joys of home, of being with family and friends, the merriment of feasting and parties, the pleasures of giving and receiving gifts, the satisfactions of helping others. The affirmation of faith, the renewed promise of life eternal, and the hope for "Peace on earth, good will toward all men" bring spiritual rewards in a season of worship and prayer.

All these things find expression in the Christmas customs of many lands. And the customs travel from country to country, so that, on a day when sharing with others is a most important part of the celebration, nations share in the memories and traditions of other nations.

Some of these customs are compiled below by editors of The Book of Knowledge:

Famed As Scholars

Bringing gifts to the Christ Child, the Magi also brought with them a reputation of wisdom. They were renowned, legend says, as philosophers, scholars, diviners and astrologists.

Old Customs

Christmas is a holiday with many customs, some of which have been practiced since the beginning of time.

Scandinavian myths tell the story of the death of Baldur, the sun god, who was, so mythology says, killed by an arrow of mistletoe wood.

Baldur's enemy, the lame god Loki, took advantage of this to make the arrow, which he persuaded Hester, the blind god of winter, to shoot. Baldur died, but

Mistletoe, Prescribed Now for Kissing, Was Thought to Cure Illness

Mistletoe for its supposed medicinal qualities, its use as a "prescription for kissing" had a place in the ancient world, too.

Romans and other early people considered mistletoe as an emblem of peace. Meeting under it, enemies kissed each other and made a truce until the next day.

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Day of Glory Given Trees

Even trees have a space problem - and for the evergreens, it is alleviated at Christmas time, say forestry experts. The big trees get room to grow, and the small trees get their day of glory.

Theodore Roosevelt, objecting to the cutting down of millions of evergreens, once adamantly refused to have a Christmas tree in the White House.

His son, Archie, smuggled in a tree and set it up in his room. The deed was discovered and Archie was about to be punished when Gilford Pinchot, the President's conservation adviser, intervened.

Pinchot explained that the cutting of trees, properly supervised, is a good conservation measure.

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Yule Ends In Safe Blaze

Christmas can come to an end in a blaze of glory - and a safe one, too. Custom sets a date for the disposal of the tree by burning.

It's January 6, the Twelfth Night of Christmas, or Epiphany - traditionally the night when the Three Wise Men, or Magi, made their visit to the Christ Child in Bethlehem.

The modern world, reviving the Twelfth Night custom of bonfires for disposing of the tree and other greenery, combines the safety factor with community spirit and fun.

Twelfth Night celebrations are planned in many communities in public parks for neighborhood groups. It's a great night for the kids and their parents.

Children bring the trees to the park, or the town collects them. On Twelfth Night everyone gathers around the bonfire of trees and greenery to sing carols.

Spanish Children Go to Seek Magi; Germans Name "Kris Kringle"

In Madrid, Spain, it has long been the custom, say Encyclopedic Americana researchers, for men and boys bearing torches, bells and tin cans to go out to the city gates to meet the Magi. When children complain they do not see the Three Kings pass by, they are told the Kings pass behind the mountains in Germany when the character

of Saint Nicholas started to be prominent and the idea that Christmas was about the birth of Christ was becoming neglected, the Germans replaced him with Christ Kind - the Christ Child. This name has been modified to Kris Kringle, say The Book of Knowledge editors.

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Poinsettia Puzzle Is Christmas Fun

A fun-maker at Christmas is to ask family or friends this question: "What color is the blossom of the poinsettia plant?" Chances are, the answer will be, "Red, of course."

Actually, the red "blossoms" of the poinsettia are not the flower of the plant - they are leaves. The real blossoms are the tiny yellow flowers in the center of the red clusters.

A comparative newcomer to the traditional Yule greenery, the tropical poinsettia was discovered in Mexico in 1828, by Dr. Roberts Poinsett, first U. S. minister to

King Arthur's Yule According to story, the first Christmas in England was celebrated at the famous Round Table of King Arthur.

Inspired by Magi Gian Carlo Menotti's opera, "A-mahl and the Night Visitors," was inspired by the story of the Three Kings of Orient.

CHRISTMAS First Christmas in the New World was celebrated in 1492 by Christopher Columbus and his crew, who were dinner guests of an Indian chief, ruler of the island of Haiti.

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Yule Riddle Links Santa, Pawnshops

What is the connection between Santa Claus, the custom of hanging up Christmas stockings, and a pawnbroker's sign of three gold colored balls?

According to the Encyclopedia Americana, this early Santa was known and wide for his generosity. And so the story goes, he wanted to help a merchant who had lost all his money and had no way to provide dowries for the marriages of his three daughters.

Like Santa today, St. Nicholas wanted to be a generous but secret giver. When the oldest daughter was old enough to marry, he went at night to the merchant's house, with a bag of gold.

Tradition Of Yule Log Is Thing Of Past

An old and honored Christmas tradition—the Yule log—has almost vanished from our holiday celebration. Logs and fireplaces are not as common as they were once.

Mystery of Magi Leads to Legends; Only St. Matthew Reports Visit

Familiar to all is the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem - and yet little is known about it. In the books of the New Testament, only St. Matthew reports the visit.

Legends Tell About Hymn

Stories and legends surround most of the modern ways of celebrating Christmas and sometimes there is more than one version of a story - such as the story of "Silent Night" and how the song came to be written.

Home Devotions Show Meaning of the Holiday

In church services on a holiday, Christmas devotions, Christians a night of awe and 2,000 years ago, sang and shepherds.

Redwood Is U. S. Tree

When Christ was born in Bethlehem, the giant redwood tree that is now the U. S. National Christmas Tree had already been growing for 2,000 years.

Cards Express Sentiments Merry, Friendly, Reverent

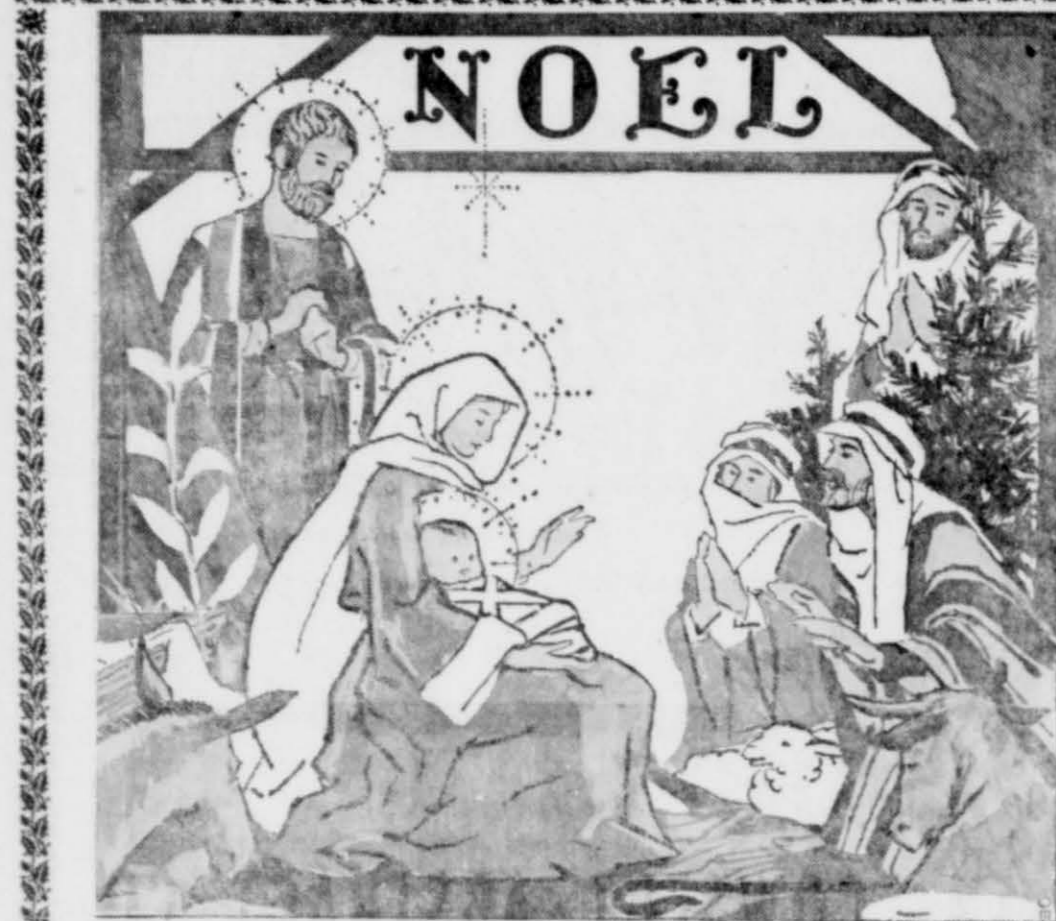
Friendly, merry, reverent, grateful - Christmas sentiments find expression in greeting cards at the holiday season.

Santa Claus Now Changed Man

Santa Claus has undergone quite a metamorphosis in his time. Before Dr. Clement Moore, Santa's appearance was a problem left mostly to individual discretion and personal taste.

Saint Is Reality

Swedish Yuletide ceremonies begin officially on December 13, St. Lucy's Day. According to legend, St. Lucy went about carrying food and drink to the needy.



Tradition Helped As Washington Crossed River

During the American Revolution, George Washington used his knowledge of Christmas celebrations to take an important step toward peace.

Novel Ornaments Adorn Far Lands

It is customary among the Czechs and Slovaks, say the editors of The Encyclopedia Americana, to break a branch off a cherry tree at the beginning of Advent, place it in a pot of water in the kitchen and keep it in the warm air.

A Law Against It

In Massachusetts, Christmas didn't become a lawful holiday until 1856. The Pilgrims in New England had disapproved of Christmas celebrations, and a law prohibiting them was passed in 1659.

Helped Carols

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, felt that group singing in churches was important and did much to help spread the custom of Carol singing.

Of Greens...

At early Christmas celebrations, the most popular "greens" were holly, ivy, mistle and rosemary.

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City Prepares for Big 1961 Yuletide Season

Festive Day Brings Glad Surprises, In Exchange of Gifts, Greetings

By ANNA MANG

It's the day before Christmas, and all through the town, the spirit of joy and festivity is stirring, as the time of celebration approaches. The whirlwind of Christmas preparations nears an end, as the last gifts are bought and wrapped, the final decorations are hung on the tree and the last-minute plans are made for Christmas feasts and parties.

Because Christmas is first of all a day of worship, the day celebrated as Christ's birthday, it will be observed with reverence and thanks giving. In churches, tonight and tomorrow, special Christmas services will tell in song and story of the Babe who was born in Bethlehem.

Youngsters Prepare for Christmas
Right this very minute, probably more than one young performer in a Christmas play or pageant is rehearsing his or her part with Mother, and young carolers are practicing the beloved Christmas songs. In churches and in homes, manger scenes large and small depict the inspiring sight of the Babe with Mary and Joseph, with adoring Shepherds and Wise Men.

And because Christmas is a day of rejoicing, it will be celebrated with happiness and warmth. The hearts of children and their elders, too, will be gladdened as gifts and greetings are exchanged.

It's Day for Sharing
Surprises are waiting under the tree, and tomorrow morning, after Santa's visit, there will be still more, along with many little gifts tucked into stockings, and gaily wrapped packages waiting to be delivered to relatives and friends.

Christmas is a day to share, because Christmas means kindness and generosity. The opportunity it brings to make the lives of less fortunate neighbors happier is a gift in itself. For the ill, the lonely, the aged and the needy, tomorrow will bring a merrier Christmas because the people of this community have sought to share with them the good things of the holiday.

In the hearts of those who helped, there is a special peace and joy.

Christmas is a day to treasure many intangible gifts, to rejoice in the smiling faces and wondering eyes of little children, to cherish and strengthen friendships and family ties, to count the blessings of health, happiness and love, to renew faith and hope.

Christmas is a time to remember. For the youngest children, it is a time to store up memories for

the future, of Santa and gifts, feasting and fun caroling and viewing the manger scene.

For those who have left childhood behind, it is a time to recall the memories of Christmas past, and a time to see the wonders of the day with the fresh joy of a child.

Time for Good Wishes

Christmas is a time to give and receive good wishes. "Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday" will be said in many ways - as they are said in today's edition of this news-

paper by businessmen of the community who observe the season of friendliness and good will with special greetings and words of appreciation to their customers and in homes the greeting cards are opened, often to become part of the decorations and always to be read with pleasure for the messages they bring from near and far. Whether the mail has brought cards from the neighbors next door or a card and a Christmas note from a distant friend, greetings warm the heart.

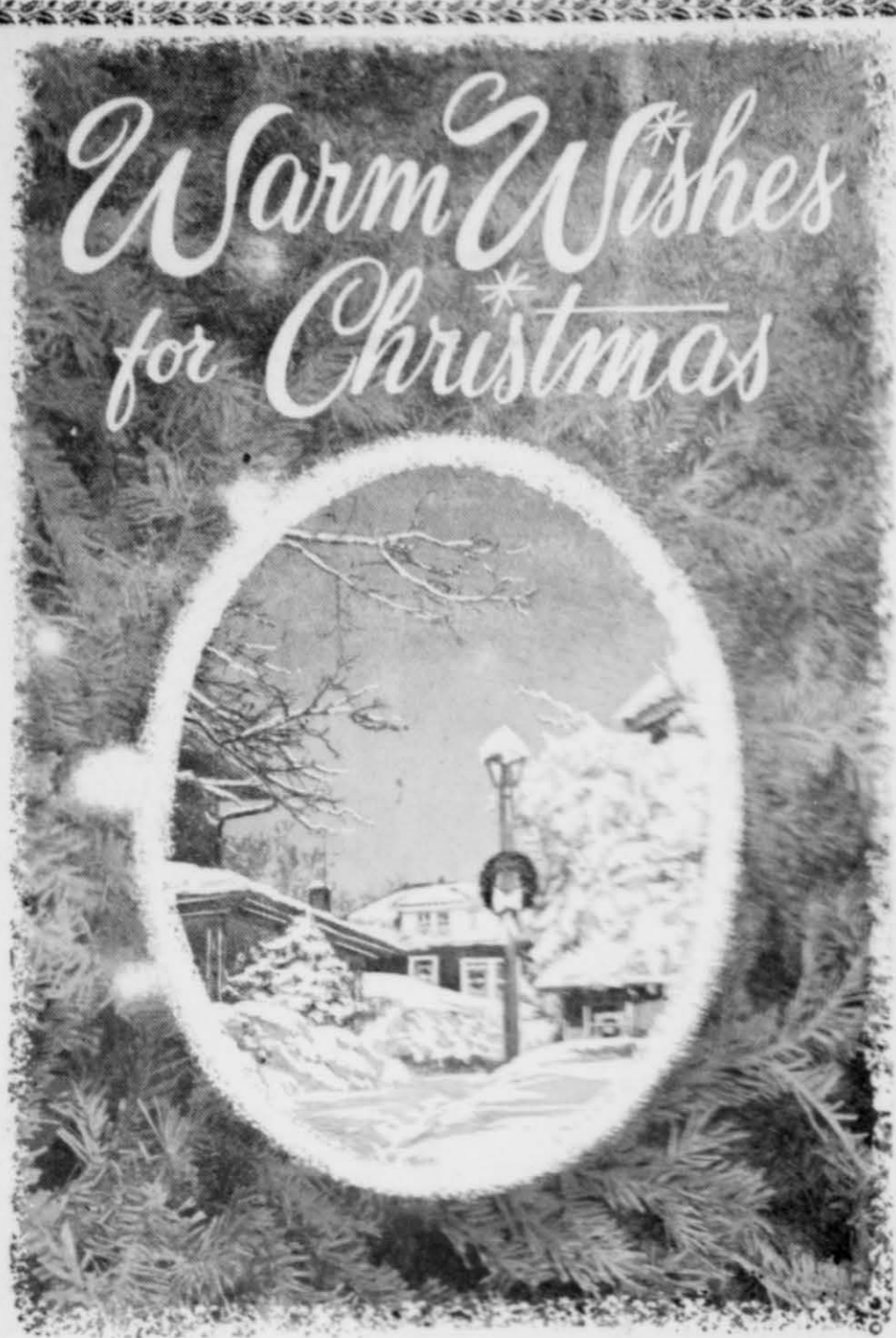
Christmas is a time to be merry. It's a day for laughter and singing, a day when even strangers are friends, and passerby on the street smile at one another. It's a day when the stresses of life are forgotten, when joy replaces care.

and personal worries disappear in thoughtfulness for others.

OLD CUSTOMS HONORED

Christ is a time to observe old customs. All the lore of the day as it is celebrated in many lands, as it has been celebrated throughout the centuries, comes to make this Christmas richer in happiness and contentment.

Christmas is a time for traditions. Every family has its own, and the special rituals of gift-giv-



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| 1 pound seeded raisins | 1 pound currants |
| 1/2 pound minced orange peel | 1/2 pound flour |
| 5 EGGS | 1 pound stale bread crumbs |
| 1/2 pound brown sugar | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 1 pound suet chopped fine | 1 teaspoon allspice |
| 1 teaspoon nutmeg | 1 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1/2 teaspoon cloves | Grated rind 1 lemon |
| 1/2 teaspoon mace | Salt to taste |
| 1 cup Cognac brandy | |

Clean, wash, and dry currants. Add raisins. Mix all dry ingredients well. Beat eggs, add Cognac brandy, pour over dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Pack into greased pudding mold and steam for 6 hours. When wanted for use, steam another 6 hours. Serve with Cognac or Hard Sauce and bring to the table flaming. (Makes 6 pounds, serves 24 people.) Keeps for weeks in cool, dry place.



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