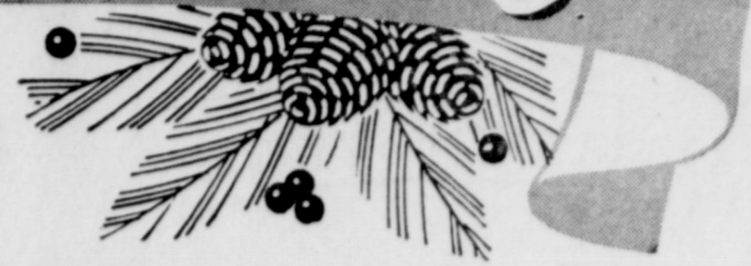


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### Third plant being negotiated

A third industrial plant has entered the picture as negotiations by the Morton Industrial Foundation with prospective meat packing operators has progressed to a near-decisive stage, it was learned here early this week.

Foundation president D. E. Benham stated to the Tribune that in addition to the proposed meat packing plant and rendering plant already under consideration, that a cattle auction facility is a strong possibility. The auction company would be a separate facility from the two meat processing plants which are scheduled to work in conjunction with each other, but would still dove-tail to a certain extent with the two and with the already existing Owen Brothers cattle feeding operation.

No definite location has been set for any of the three as yet, Benham said, but sites are available for all three and will very likely be settled upon within the near future. The processing plants will probably be located southeast of Morton, adjacent to Owens Brothers and the auction barn probably on available land a short distance north of Morton, Benham said.

Negotiations for the two meat plants were described in the final stages, with the Juengling Meat Company officials ready to draw up the proposed articles of incorporation and their request for a corporation charter from the state of Texas. Benham stated that all three pro-

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HUDDLE AT HOSPITAL...

IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME and energy to carry on a successful hospital operation and the group pictured above is engaged in just that type of activity. The gathering is comprised of four members of the board of governors of the Cochran Memorial Hospital District and the hospital administrator who are deep in a study of the problems facing

the institution at the regular monthly meeting of the board last week. Left to right, they are E. G. Gardner, board member; Truman Swinney, hospital administrator; Raymond Davours, board president; Genn Thompson, secretary and Willard Henry, board vice-president. Board member Douglas Dunn is not pictured.



...ING FRESHMAN CLASS...

ONE OF THE MOST MATURE appearing groups of class officers at Morton High School is that of the Freshman class shown above. The four officers were photographed early in the fall term as they were laying plans for leading the class through a successful school year. Left to right, they are Morris Baldrige, Vice-President; Ann Winder, Reporter; Douglas Crockett, President and Treva...

### most 'Business-as-usual' during holidays

...ing days and hours for various business and government agencies in Morton during the holidays will be varied, with most closing both Thursday and Friday this week and some closing only Thurs-

...tion and all offices in the county court-house.

The automobile agencies will close at noon Christmas Eve and will be open December 26, and will be closed New Years Day and open January 1.

The bank will be closed Christmas Day and New Years Day only.

The Tribune will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26 and will be on a normal schedule next week. The office will also be closed Thursday and Friday, Jan. 1-2.



...IS NOT SO BAAAAAD!!...

...ALL THAT PROPAGANDA the grownup gave her seems all for naught as this little girl reaches the moment of truth during the immunization program against German measles (Rubeola) held for pre-school children at the Morton Community Action Center last week. A total of 655 pre-school and school children, ages one to ten, received the immunization which was furnished by the Texas State

Health Department. Adults, left to right are: Mrs. Jack Carothers, Community Action Health Nurse; W. O. McLeod, Community Action regional coordinator; Mrs. Eddie Lewis, center aide; Mrs. Henry Bedwell, official of the Emlea Smith Study Club which sponsored the program; Mrs. Jimmy Mullinax, health center nurse and Mrs. Rodney Fralin, President of Emlea Smith Study Club.

### Tribe wins one, loses two in meet

The Morton Indians have found tournament play not to their liking as the Tribe dropped its third and fourth games of the season, three of which have come in tourney play. Morton lost to Brownfield and Kermit, but slipped by Slaton, 61-60, in the Denver City tournament for the Indians' tenth win of the year.

Morton will host Lazbuddie tonight in a pre-holiday clash. The B game will get underway at 6:15.

The Tribe will resume regular, basketball action on Tuesday, January 6, by hosting Plains. The Indians scalped the Cowboys, 51-40 in the fourth seasonal outing. Then the Tribe will enter the Plains Tournament on January 8.

Several teams turned out as surprises in the Denver City basketball fete, but Lamesa was no surprise as the Golden Tors raced to their fourth straight DC tournament championship. Described as looking like a college team, the Lamesians blasted Seminole, 65-54, in the finals. Seminole had edged surprising Levelland 68-66, to gain the championship round. The Lobos stopped Kermit in the opening round.

The Morton Indians could manage only one of 12 field goal attempts, blew a 29-23 halftime lead, and fell to the AAA Brownfield Cubs, 49-43, in the opening round of the tournament. Brownfield jumped in front during the third period and led, 34-32, going into the final period. M. C. Collins led Morton scoring with 16 points. Terry Harvey scored 15 for the Indians.

The Tribe roared back to outscore Slaton, 61-60 as Stan Coffman dumped in 19 points. Collins added 17 for the Indians.

Morton had to come from behind, and trailed Slaton midway through the third period, but eight field goals by Collins and Coffman pushed the Tribe ahead. The Indians led 47-44 after three periods.

In the battle for consolation honors, Morton dropped a 73-66 decision to Kermit. The Indians fell behind, 19-11 and never regained the lead in spite of a 21 point third quarter effort. M. C. Collins dumped in 20 points, Terry Harvey had 18 and Keith Embry, 10.

The Indians managed only 12 of 22 free throws against Kermit, 9 of 15 against Slaton, and were only five for 14 against Brownfield.

Morton's M. C. Collins was named to the all-tournament team. Seminole and Lamesa placed two each on the squad. Others named were Steve Hadley and David Henderson, Seminole, Floyd and Lloyd Jenkins, Lamesa, Charlie Flowers

of Levelland, John Brown of Brownfield, Carl Abron of Kermit, Larry Moore of Slaton, and Doug Hubbard of Denver City.

One other score should be noted. Denver City, Morton's chief rival for the conference 4-AA crown, walloped Slaton, 75-56, a team the Indians bested by only one point.

### Mrs. Bennett, Willingham named outstanding in America

Mrs. Deryl Bennett and Mrs. Gary Willingham have been selected as Outstanding Young Women of America for 1969 and will appear in the annual biographical compilation, "Outstanding Young Women of America."

They have been honored for their achievements in community service, in religious and political activities, and in professional endeavors.

This program is designed to recognize the abilities of young women between the ages of 21 and 35 throughout the country.

Each year over 5,000 young women are nominated as Outstanding Young Women of America by leading women's organizations and college alumnae associations across the country. These young women's complete biographical sketches are featured in the annual publication.

From among the young women included in Outstanding Young Women of America, fifty are selected each year, one from each state, for the award.

Mrs. Bennett is acting director of nurses at Cochran Memorial Hospital and is a member of the YM Study Club, the First United Methodist Guild, Community Action Board and American Cancer Society. She is married to Deryl Bennett, Vice President and Cashier of the First State Bank. They have two daughters Lisa, 12, and Peggy, 8.

Mrs. Willingham was named Junior Clubwoman of the Year for 1969. She

is a charter member of the Emlea Smith Junior Study Club, a teacher in the First United Methodist Church School, past crusade chairman for the American Cancer Society and a member of the Frontier Cotton Council. She is married to Gary Willingham, farmer and gin manager and they have two children, Annette 8 and Todd 7.

### Conservation program extension will benefit farmers, land owners

Farm operators and land owners in Cochran county are now eligible to obtain from 50 to 80 percent in cost sharing funds through the county soil conservation service, it has been announced.

These funds can be used for the construction of underground irrigation pipelines, land leveling projects, grass planting, terracing and in other conservation practices.

The 10-year extension and broadening of the Great Plains Conservation Program in legislation recently enacted by Congress can mean a doubling of the needed soil and water conservation work on Tex-

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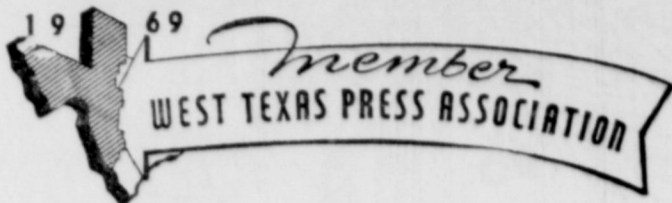
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## Editorial

he approach of Christmas brings to mind a certain grave in a cemetery in Highgate, London, England. It is marked by a rectangular marble block slightly higher than a man's head. Atop the marble pedestal there is a sculptured likeness of the shaggy father of international Communism, Karl Marx.

Marx was born in Germany, but he moved to England in 1848, when he was 31, and died there in 1883. For years, writers have wondered in print why the Communists have never requested permission to move the remains of their idol to Moscow for entombment in Red Square. And every curious sightseer has wondered at the shabbiness of the grave itself; it is completely overgrown with weeds and thistles. It has been neglected for years and looks as unkempt as did Marx in his lifetime.

Why should this untended grave come to mind at Christmas? Simply because of the contrast. On December 25, the whole Western World will stop whatever it is doing to pay honor to Him for whom the day is named. There will be prayers and hymns of praise in every language man

has devised to communicate His thoughts. There is scarcely a town, a township, a village which has not built a meeting place where men of good will may gather to study His teachings — and each of those churches will hold services celebrating Christmas.

Thousands upon thousands of pilgrims will travel to the Holy Land on Christmas Day to trace His steps. And men everywhere will be reminded that He showed them that their salvation lay in service to their God, and not in servitude to their State. They will be admonished, too, that the Apostle Paul foresaw the eternal assault on free men. His words to the Galatians stand as the lesson of Christmas for this and every future year of our Lord: "Stand fast therefore made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

And while all men free of bondage stand silent on Christmas as they have been doing on this day for 1969 years, cold winds will blow through the thistles at that forlorn, untended grave in London. What an appropriate and joyous contrast!



## The Farmer's Wife

By Libby Mudgett

**SCENE:** Interior of swanky Watergate Apartments in Washington D.C.

**Characters:** A tall, stately looking Southern gentleman and a still pretty Southern belle in her late forties.

"JOHN, I don't care if you are the Attorney General of the U.S., I still intend to speak my mind."

"Martha, you have spoken your mind all your life, but when the President of the United States says on a nationally televised press conference that it's up to me to control your tongue, then by gum, it's time we have a talk. Did you know that the press corps now refers to you as 'The Warbler of Watergate'?"

"WHAT'S WRONG with that? Look how they refer to Spiro."

"Spiro's not my worry, but you are, and I'm getting tired of having to come behind your tart statements and rearrange them in more diplomatic language. Like that slam at the liberals."

"I MERELY QUOTED YOU, John."  
"You MISQUOTED me. I did NOT say I would like to take the liberals of this country and take them and change them for Russian Communists."

"What did you say?"  
"I said I would like to take the violence-prone militant radicals and change them, for some of the academically inclined Marxist Communists."

"YOU DID NOT, John Mitchell, you said it exactly like I said you said it."  
"Not for publication, I didn't, but I'm beginning to see that telling you is just like publishing it. And what you let fly about how big a comedian it was to work for the government!"

"ALL I SAID was that we're not living on the same means that we had in Rye, N.Y., and that I had to sell my stock and dip into the till and that I thought the

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government should give us free housing and we'd both be happy to go back to Rye and make some money."

"Martha, somewhere in your round of cocktail parties and bridge luncheons, haven't you heard about the President's economy drive?"

"OF COURSE I have, but that doesn't change the fact that we made more money before we came to Washington and we'd like to go back."

"Don't tell the press things like that, Martha. And why did you call street marchers jerks?"

"You do, and Spiro calls 'em worse than that."

"Leave Spiro out of this. You're not the Vice-President."

"I JUST SAID that my family worked for everything we had and even have a deed from the King of England for property in South Carolina and now these jerks come along and try to give it to the Communists."

"Martha, you just can't say things like that! Especially when you're going to turn right around and let go about man having too much freedom and you've got the free-est tongue in all of Washington."

"I SAID that adults like to be led. They would rather respond to a form of discipline."

"Martha, you cannot say things like that in America, and how did you get drugs into that conversation?"

"I just said that people say they want freedom; yet they tie themselves up completely with drugs."

"Martha, everybody that says they want freedom is not on drugs, and how did you work in my golf score?"

"WELL, I JUST WANTED everyone to know how hard you were working, what with these street marchers and Communists and all, so I just said you were terribly disappointed that your handicap had gone way up."

"Martha, I don't know who wrote that poem under your picture in your high school yearbook, but they sure were right."

"WHAT POEM, John?"  
"I love it's gentle warble  
I love it's gentle flow,  
I love to wind my tongue up  
And I love to let it go."

### LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
The Christmas catalogs had so many tempting toys this year that it was really hard to choose only two things. But Mother made us.

I want a Green Bay Packer football suit and a Daisy BB gun.

My sister, Susan, wants a P.J. Talking doll and a Specs & Things.

My younger brother, David, wants a Major Mutt Mason Set and a TableTop Billiard Table.

Thank you, Santa,  
Donnie, Susan and David Masten

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle.

Your friend,  
Cindy Baldrige

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am so glad it is nearly Christmas.

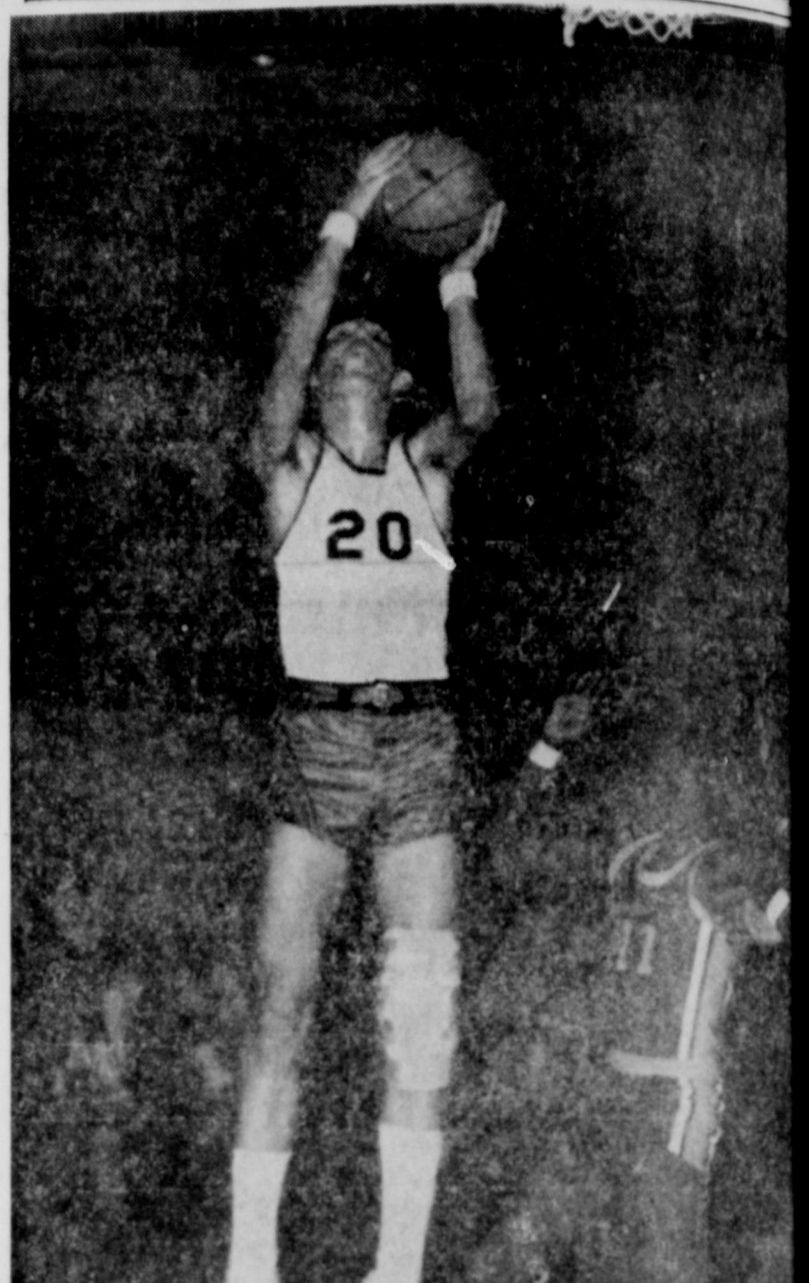
Please bring me a truck, a car, some clothes and some little toys for my stocking. Also some candy, fruit and nuts.

I have been a good boy and I help mama and granny and grand dad.

I have one brother, Louis, and he is writing to you also.

I love you,  
Lee Talley

For  
**COLDS**  
take 666



AN EASY TWO FOR COFFMAN...

STAN COFFMAN slipped past Kermit defenders for this easy bucket in consolation finals of the Denver City tournament held last weekend. The dials lost to the tall Yellowjackets, 73-66, in game played Saturday afternoon.

## Six rural vehicle accidents reported by DPS in Nov.

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated six accidents on rural highways in Cochran County during the month of November, according to Sergeant H. E. Pirtle, Highway Patrol Supervisor of this area. These crashes resulted in four persons injured and an estimated property damage of \$9,830.

The rural accident summary for this county during the first eleven months of 1969 shows a total of 43 accidents resulting in no persons killed, 30 persons injured, and an estimated property damage of \$66,480.

Once again in Texas we are approaching the most joyful season of the whole year, Christmas. However, traffic wise the month of December has proven to be

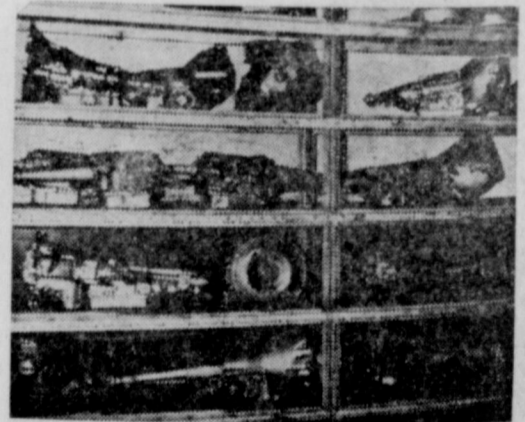
the most destructive month to the mankind — Death by a Motor Vehicle. In 1968, two traffic records were set in Texas; the month of December had the highest traffic fatality number of 341 during December. The second record was 3881 traffic deaths for the year as compared to 3287 deaths for the year 1967.

What is the outlook for the year 1969? The Sergeant stated "the Texas count for the beginning of Dec 1969 is 125 more traffic deaths as compared to the same time last year."

Mr. and Mrs. Art Wall visited with their son and family of Odessa and Mrs. Tommy Wall.

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## About local folks . . .

W. E. Lackey left Friday for Eu- Oklahoma in response to a call that his mother, Mrs. Kieby, had passed away.

and Mrs. Nile Weed of St. Jo with their daughter and family, Duke Merritts, last week.

J. D. Tipton of Arizona has been by her mother, Mrs. J. T. Young and family, Mr. and Mrs. Young.

and Mrs. Doc Long left Thursday from Phoenix, Arizona to attend the funeral of his mother.

Robert Wiggins of Fort Sam Hous- arrived in Morton to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

C. W. Wiggins.

Mr. and Mrs. John St. Clair of Denton arrived in Morton Friday afternoon to spend the holidays with their parents, Mrs. Lois St. Clair and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cooper.

Mrs. Anna Rose, mother of Neal Rose, will spend Christmas day with her sister, Mrs. Juanita Lander of Lubbock.

Mrs. J. Frank Dean of Gorman will visit her children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Rose.

Mrs. W. L. Miller will spend Christmas with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Watson of Borger.

Mrs. He'sie B. Spotts hosted her children with an early Christmas dinner Sun-

## ASCS Farm News

By John W. Hall

Certain aspects of the yield appeal procedure have been changed for 1970, and if your farm falls within this change you should come into the ASCS office and sign a late appeal. The changes are as follows:

If no acreage was harvested in one or two years of the three year base period, the proven yield will be determined by multiplying the allotment or base for the applicable year times the current year (1970) projected yield. The product will then be weighted with the actual production data for base years in which acres were harvested. Example: Assume a farm

has a 1970 projected yield of 300 pounds. During each of the base years the farm allotment was 100 acres. The producer presents evidence of production for 1966 and 1967. He has no production evidence for 1968 because no acreage was harvested (entire crop was hailed out). The data for the years are:

1966 — 95 acres; Production (lbs.) 29,450.  
1967 — 80 acres; Production (lbs.) 28,000.  
1968 — 100 acres; Yield 300; Production (lbs.)

1968 — 100 acres, Yield 300 (1970 projected yield), Production (lbs.) 30,000.

The total production divided by the total program acres equals 318 or a proven yield of 320 pounds.

All production for each base year where harvesting occurred must be included and weighted to obtain the proven yield. In other words, if a low yielding crop was harvested in one of the base years, the production evidence for such a year cannot be omitted. A producer may now wish to prove a higher cotton yield, these producers did not file an appeal during the initial period because there was no production on their farm one or two of the base years. However, since the revised instruction provides for eighting the allotment and current year yield for those base years when no harvesting occurred, these producers may now be in position to prove a more favorable yield. Although the 15 day period has ended, these producers may file late appeals if they wish.

day in her home. Those attending were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saunders and children of Monahans and daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Lively of Lubbock.

Mrs. Floyd Jackson of Bellvue, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Taack, passed away last Thursday. Mrs. Jackson (Ethel) was a former resident of Morton. Survivors include two children. Mrs. Taack attended the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Paterson and Ty of Atlanta, Georgia will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Walden.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cooper spent Saturday night with her sister in Plainview. Sunday all of the Swanners will enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner.

Pvt. Ernie Barkley arrived in Morton Sunday to spend the holidays with his wife, Rita, and his mother, Mrs. Frances Duke.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie D. Wallace of East Lansing, Michigan and Mr. and Mrs. Davy Mitchell and Windy of Gunnison, Colorado arrived in Morton Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace.

Pvt. and Mrs. Ed Hester arrived in Morton Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sayers.

Judge Johnny Love and Mrs. Love left over the weekend to spend the Christmas holidays in Paris.

### Third plant . . .

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posed plants would be incorporated and controlled within the state of Texas.

Fred Payne and Van Greene, both officials of the Industrial Foundation, traveled to Carlsbad, N.M. last week for the purpose of surveying meat packing plant equipment that may be available for use in the proposed Morton plant. The equipment is of a very durable type, that is as good used as it is new, and purchasing it used could represent a substantial savings, Benham said.

In their investigation into the financing of the plants by the Small Business Administration, and in surveying probable construction methods, it has been learned that by using pre-fabricated buildings and with the acquisition of some used equipment, that the estimated cost of the two original plants can be downgraded from near \$500,000 to something less than \$300,000, he added.

The financing appears to be readily available through the Small Business Administration but there is a definite need for local investors to aid the Industrial Foundation in making this a going proposition, Benham said. The proposal is that the foundation will construct the buildings and make a long term lease-purchase agreement with the meat packers.

Jon Juengling, of Juengling Brothers Meat Company was in the Morton area last week making further studies and surveys of the proposal and is expected back from Cincinnati shortly after the holidays with the final proposal for the agreement to be entered into by his company and the foundation, Benham concluded.

### Conservation . . .

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as farm and ranch lands, State Conservationist Clyde W. Graham of the USDA Soil Conservation Service, said today.

The law extending the program, which was launched in 1957 to give landowners in the Great Plains help in building greater stability in farming and ranching enterprises, was signed by the President on November 18, 1969. The program had been scheduled to end December 31, 1971 but has now been extended to 1981.

The legislation authorizes an additional \$150 million in Federal funds for the cost-sharing of conservation measures.

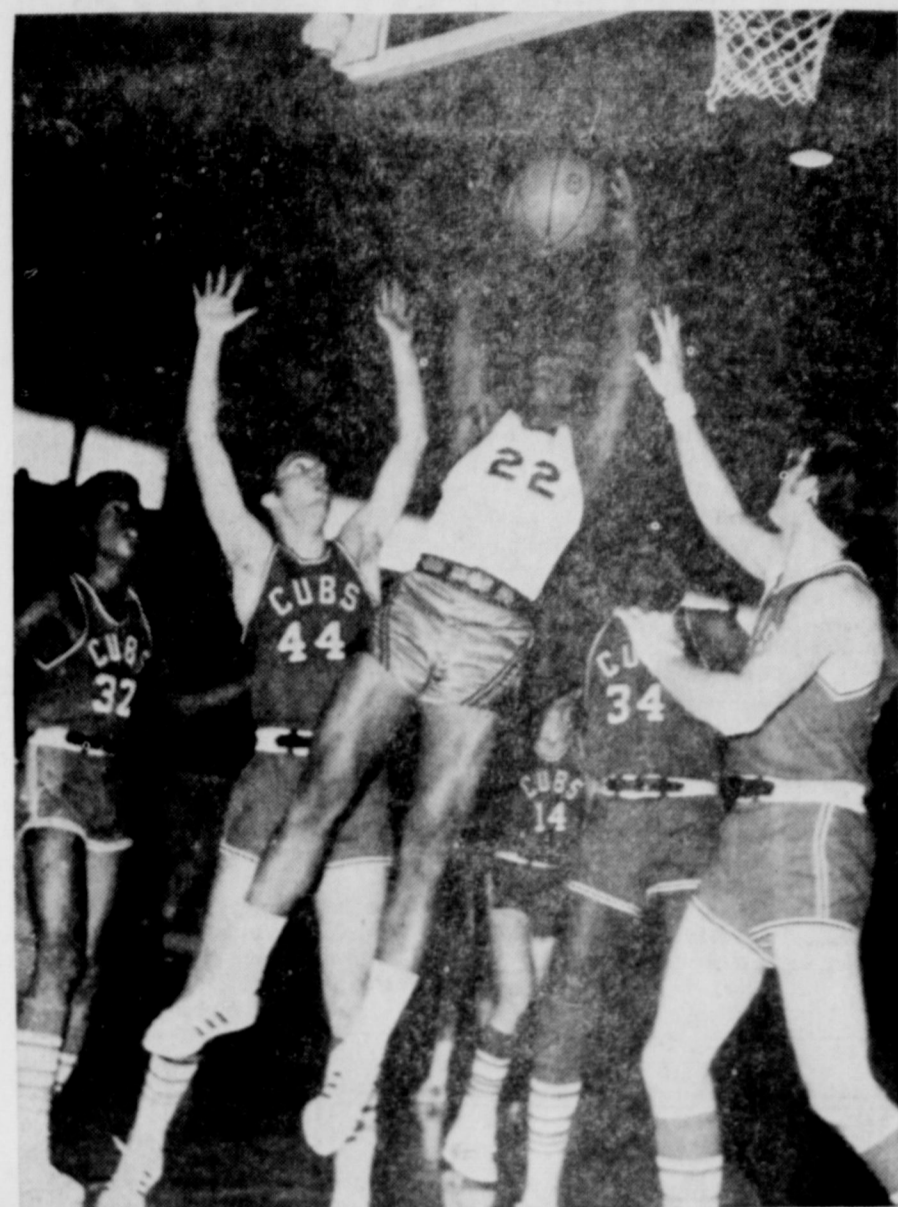
In addition to cost-sharing regular soil and water conservation work, the broadened program will provide for the enhancement of fish, wildlife and recreation resources on farms and ranches where it will improve the economic condition of landowners. It will also provide assistance on agriculture-related pollution problems in keeping with the program's overall objectives.

It also authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into contracts on land not generally considered to be agricultural but where erosion is so serious that conservation work is needed to protect farm or ranch holdings.

Graham pointed out that the law brings the responsibility of soil and water conservation districts more sharply into focus, stipulating that "approved conservation plans developed in cooperation with the soil and water conservation district in which their lands are situated shall form a basis for contracts."

In Texas, 10,908 farmers and ranchers have signed contracts covering 13.7 million acres and obligating \$37 million in cost-share funds. Nearly 1,200 Texas farmers and ranchers have applications on file to take part in the program.

In the Cochran Soil and Water Conservation District, 199 farmers have signed contracts on 115,293 acres. There has been over \$400,000 cost-share spent on these



### HARVEY PUTS IN A BUCKET . . .

TERRY HARVEY scores two points for the Indians despite the defensive efforts of four Brownfield Cubs in first round action of the Denver City cage tournament last weekend. The locals dropped the first game to Brownfield, 49-43, then topped Slaton, 61-60 and lost to Kermit, 73-66, in the consolation finals.

### Eighth grade win string snapped by Levelland

The first of three undefeated basketball strings was snapped Thursday night as Morton's previously unbeaten eighth grade dropped a 43-37 loss to Levelland. The defeat left the eighth graders 8-1 going into the holiday break.

Morton's seventh, eighth, and ninth contracts.

The seeding of unsuitable cropland to grass, development of water resources, reduction of the soil erosion hazard through various conservation techniques, control of invading brush on rangeland, use available water most efficiently, and better grassland management are among steps taken by landowners in the program to create resistance to drought and other emergencies and thereby reduce suffering and financial stress once common in the Plains. Plains farmers and ranchers have returned nearly 2 million acres of hazardous cropland to grassland uses in the program.

Graham said that although the program in Texas has reduced dust storms on the Plains, the job is far from complete. He said a recent survey showed that only 15 percent of all needed conservation work on the Plains has been done.

New contracts have been recently signed in the Cochran District by: C. A. Moore, Eugene Vanstory and W. W. Zuber.

grades will get back into action on Monday, January 5, as they travel to Muleshoe for three games.

he eighth grade took a 10-5 win over Levelland, but fell behind 21-19 as the hosts poured 16 points through the basket during the second quarter. Morton trailed 30-27 after three quarters, and in spite of Larry Thompson's six points during the final six minutes, the Indians could not make up the difference.

Thompson's 16 points was tops for Morton. David Palmer scored 11 and Ralph Mason had four for the Indians also.

Former Morton student Steve Thompson was high for Levelland with 14 points.

Morton's eighth grade B team won its third game of the season with a 38-35 victory over Levelland. Darrel Smith scored 13 for Morton. David Berrea added eight points as did Jimmy Hargis.

Morton's freshmen squad also saw their unblemished record tumble as the Levelland freshmen handed out a 70-54 loss. Levelland jumped to a 20-11 lead and never trailed as Paul Dukes bucketed 11 during the opening minutes. Dukes scored 31 for the game.

Phillip Graves led Morton scoring with 15 points. Jimmy Harvey got 14 for the Indians. The Morton Irish are now 8-1 for the season.

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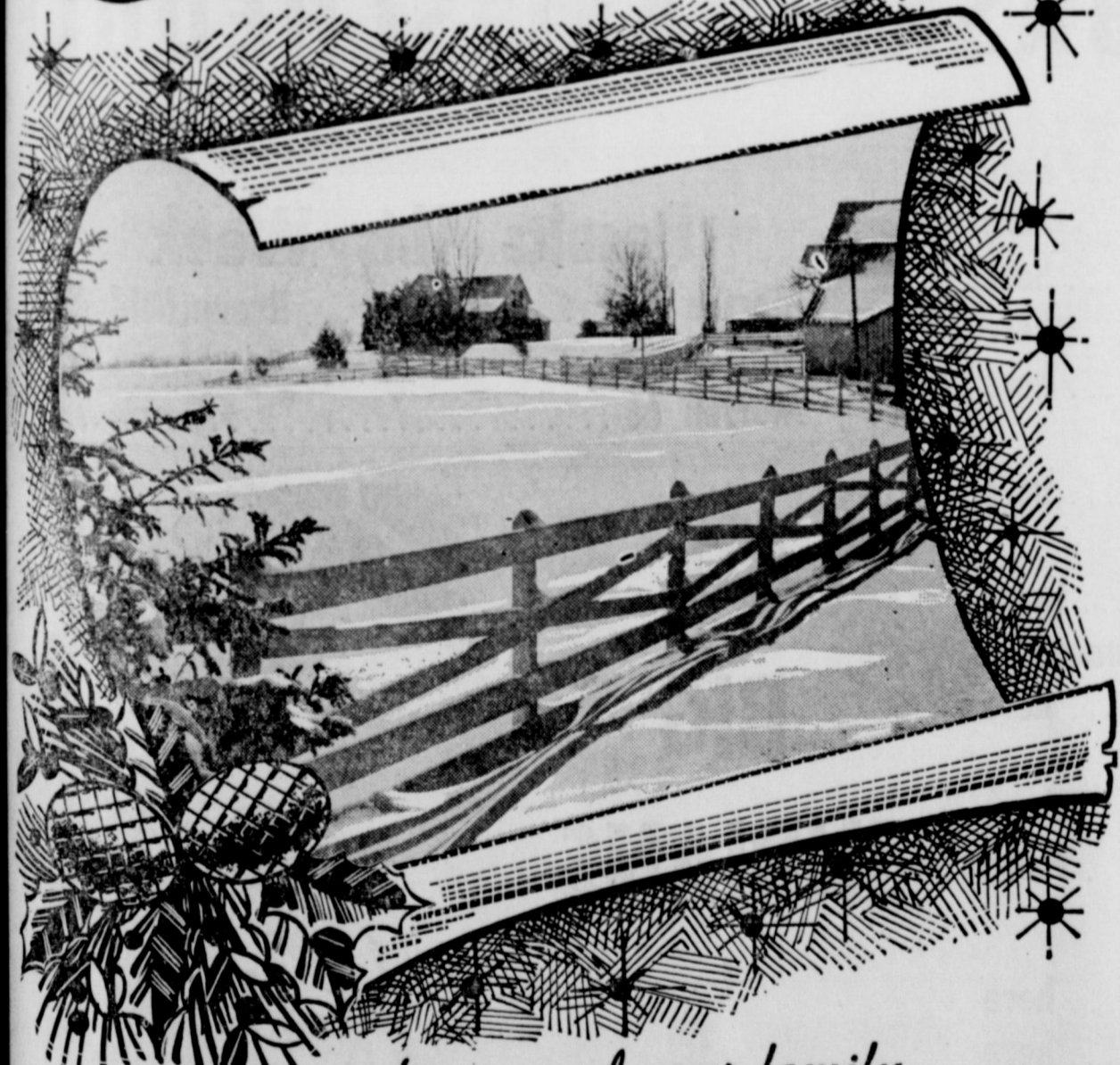
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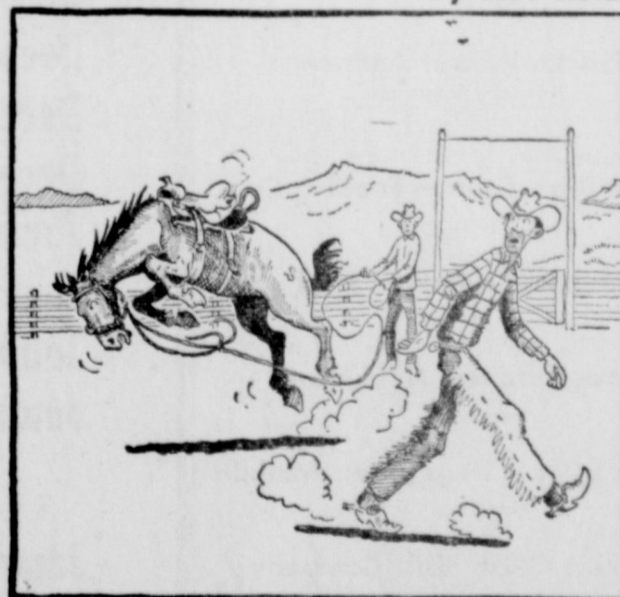


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May the beauty of the season be  
reflected in the hearts of all men.*

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### COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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MEMBER F.D.I.C.



# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a Hot-Wheels Set, Battling Tops and give us a show Projector.  
Your friend,  
Jay Burleson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a holster. I was good.  
Love, Henry

Dear Santa,  
I want a Easy Show Movie Projector and a Popeye Punch Me.  
Your friend,  
Dean Turney

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a record player and a Baby Doll that rides a tricycle and a pony.  
Love, Diann

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a doll for Christmas. I wish I had a doll that cries so I can get her to sleep. I wish I had a Dancing Doll.  
Your friend,  
Aurora Quintana

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a good girl. I would like a talking doll and swing doll land a bike.  
Love, Deanna

Dear Santa,  
I want a B-B Gun, a truck and Hot Wheels Set.  
Your friend,  
Gary Cooper

Dear Santa,  
I Love your name. I would like a trampoline and a woodburning set and a racing set and football game.  
Love, Trey

Dear Santa,  
I want a wagon and a bike. Also a GI Joe Walkie-Talkie. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Marvin Trejo

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll this year and a P.J. and an Easy Bake oven. I have been a good girl.  
Love, Ruby

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle and a Bunzo record player and a P.J.  
Love,  
Carolyn

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a bicycle for Christmas. I want a wagon. I have been a good boy.  
Love, Gilbert

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl all year. I would like a new bicycle for Christmas. I would like a doll buggy too. I would like a record player too.  
Love,  
Dawn Seigler

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you get me a Hot Wheel set and a wagon and a drum and a monster maker?  
Love,  
Billy Cook

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a doll and a ball. I am a good girl at school. I want a bicycle.  
Love, Janie

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good and I want some toys. I want a rag doll, and I want a wagon and a bicycle.  
Love,  
Jay Lynn Ware

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good at school and home too. I want a tape recorder, a drum set, an astrolight, a 5 speed Sting Ray bicycle, a Johnny Lightning 500 and a Mini-bike.  
Love,  
Scott Alan Youngblood

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a doll for Christmas, and a jumping rope. I have been a good girl this year.  
Love,  
Ida Soliz

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a watch and I want a record player and a trampoline. I've been a good boy.  
Love,  
Lonnie Bracken

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Sears Classic watch and two GI Joe and a monster maker.  
Love,  
Glynn Tyson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a tent for Christmas and a wagon and a talking Ken.  
Love,  
Robert Scoggins

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a talking Ken, a P.J., a Crazy Car, and an Easy Curl for Christmas.  
Love,  
Diane Hawkins

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl? I want you to bring me a Valarena and a Swingy doll and a PJ talking doll for Christmas.  
Love,  
Kim Fowler

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm glad Christmas is coming. I want toys for Christmas. I want a bicycle. I want a dress for Christmas too.  
Love, Sofia

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bicycle and a basket ball and a basketball goal.  
Love,  
Joe Bob Wynn

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle and a bag of toys and a dress.  
Your friend,  
Olga Escobar

Dear Santa,  
I would like an Operation set and guns and a football.  
Your friend,  
Sandy Coleman



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# BASKETBALL

## MORTON INDIANS

### 1969-1970 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November 20	— Levelland	.....	here
November 21	— LCHS	.....	there
November 24	— Olton	.....	here
November 25	— Plains	.....	there
December 2	— Farwell	.....	here
December 4-6	— Friona Tournament		
December 9	— Friona	.....	here
December 12	— Open		
December 16	— Levelland	.....	there
December 19-20	— Denver City Tournament		
January 6	— Plains	.....	here
January 8-10	— Plains Tournament		
January 9	— Littlefield	.....	there
January 13	— Kermit	.....	there
DISTRICT GAMES			
January 16	— Denver City	.....	here
January 20	— Post	.....	here
January 23	— Tahoka (A only)	.....	there
January 27	— Frenship	.....	here
January 30	— Idalou	.....	there
February 3	— Denver City	.....	there
February 6	— Post	.....	there
February 10	— Tahoka	.....	here
February 13	— Frenship	.....	there
February 17	— Idalou	.....	here

Morton 43	.....	Brownfield 49
Morton 61	.....	Slaton 60
Morton 66	.....	Kermit 73

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# Conservation District News

From the Office of BUDD FOUNTAIN

Many times have you heard the story of "I wish the sand would stop blowing." Housewives that live in the city and in town repeat this every winter, and we still have tons of top-soil blown away every year. Last Wednesday was one of the most notable bad days this year. The wind left on or near the surface of the soil will help prevent the loss of top soil and stop some of the complaints about how the sand blows. The residue

would help the farmer preserve the soil and help hold soil moisture. Each stalk works like a small dam holding back snow, rain and top soil. Many farmers feel they must plow all the stubble under the first thing after harvest in order to decay residues. Stalks will decay faster if they are left on or near the soil surface. When stalks are turned under the air is cut off and decay is slow.

Wind erosion on irrigated land could be cut down if farmers would leave residue on the soil surface until about January 1st, and April 1st. on dryland and sandy soils. Let's all work together and stop the sand in Cochran County from blowing.

Mrs. C. G. Richard (Junior) is confined in a hospital in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Rose will enjoy as their house-guests their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Don Van Pelt and children, Neal, Valerie and Bryan of Wellington and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Moulton, Machell and Tod of Richardson.

Merry Christmas,  
Bobby  
I Love You!  
Your Wife, Nancy

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy all year. I am 6 years old and go to kindergarten. Please bring me a dump truck, a bus, some clothes, small toys for my stocking and some nuts, fruit and candy. I like Christmas most of any holiday.  
I love you,  
Louis Talley

Dear Santa,  
We have been as good as we know how to be. Please bring a Suzy Sunshine doll, a bicycle, and a doll house for Rachael and Holly and bring Doug some trucks. Don't forget any little kids this Christmas Eve.  
Love,  
Rachael, Holly and Doug Kern

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a talking Ken and Barbie, a Barbie suitcase, a Dy Dee Darling Doll, a easy-bake oven, and a Dynamite Shack game. Thank you.  
Love,  
Judy Mason  
Rt. 1, Morton, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like for you to bring a rifle, a gun and a dagger. I would also like for you to bring me a pair of gloves because it is so cold. I know there are so many other children so bring them something too. There will be some cookies on the table.  
Your friend,  
Noel Casarez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 6 years old, I don't go to school. Please bring me a bike and bring something to my brothers. Bring me some candy too.  
Your friend,  
Adrian Casanez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a nurse set and a set of dishes.  
Your friend,  
Elsie Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like you to bring me a bike and something else, that is whatever you want to. And don't forget my cousins, friends and everybody else because everybody wants some games, toys and other things. There will be cake on the table for you.  
Your friend,  
Carlos Casanez

Dear Santa,  
I am four years old and I would like you to bring me a Dinger, Bulldozer, a stick horse and a wagon. I will leave a coke out for you.  
Darrell Redman

Dear Santa,  
I want a Caneerina Doll, some go-go boots, candy maker and a cotton candy maker. I am seven years old. I will leave some cookies out for you.  
Love, Karen Redman

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a pin ball machine, 4 speed bicycle, hot wheels, super charger, spyrograph, and band watch.  
Your friend,  
Susan Polvado

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a buggy. Dear Santa, please send me a baby buggy.  
Your friend,  
Barbara Ellis

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll that walks, a nurse set, a color book.  
Your friend,  
Sandra Hawkins

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a doll and a nurse set, jump rope and a clock and some skates and a puzzle.  
Your friend,  
Tammy Maberry

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Major Mat Mason set and a coloring book and a model.  
Your friend,  
James Iley

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a hot wheels race set and a Matt Mason set.  
Your friend,  
Robin Fred

Dear Santa,  
I would like an electric football set and a pair of boxing gloves and a racing car set.  
Your friend,  
John Barker

Dear Santa,  
I would like an operation set and two guns and a football. I would like a bicycle.  
Your friend,  
Rodrigo Carrasco

Dear Santa,  
I would like a 4 position punching bag, and would like an Operation game.  
Your friend,  
Kevin Key

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some bags and things and bring me a P.J. and a doll dress for P.J.  
Your friend,  
Renee Ramsey

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle. Please send my little sister a Dancing Doll. I want a tricycle for my little brother.  
Your friend,  
Daniel Hall

Dear Santa,  
I have come to say hello and I want to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Your friend,  
James Roy Lewis

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a pin ball machine and a doll and piano.  
Your friend,  
Sandra Leal

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some dishes, a nurse set and doll.  
Your friend,  
Tiva Garza

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new racing car set. And a new bicycle too.  
Your friend,  
Scott Young

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a B-B gun.  
Your friend,  
Joe Perez

Dear Santa,  
I would like an electric football. I would like a spyrograph.  
Your friend,  
Tony Hall

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an electric football set and a pair of boxing gloves and a surprise. I will leave you some cake.  
Your friend,  
Jeff Groves

Dear Santa,  
I want a Twelve Foot Balloon, a car that goes all by its self with a sled on it. Also a Ghost-in-the-Dark.  
Your friend,  
Leann Lamb

# Hospital notes

Patients admitted to the Cochran Memorial Hospital from December 17 thru December 21 are: Mrs. Cherry Thomas, Leslie Dowling, Mrs. Jewel Webb, Mrs. Myrtle Roberts, L. E. Ruthardt, Mrs. E. G. Jones, Lorena Cadenhead, Mr. Jack Wallace, Gy Hall, Hadley Kern, Mrs. Sally Carter, Robert Lyle Edwards, Thommye Massey, Mrs. Alice Neeley, Mrs. Marie Quisenberry and Mrs. Eunice Mayon. Also, Sheryl Waltrip from Sudan.

# Look who's new

Bradley Clinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Woolam. Brad was born December 17 at 12:15 a.m., in the Littlefield Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Truman Anglin and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woolam of Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Winn of Lubbock spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Come to my house please. I will have something for you. What I want is a talking Barbie and an Easy Bake oven, and a girls bike with a basket.  
Your friend,  
Belinda Betts

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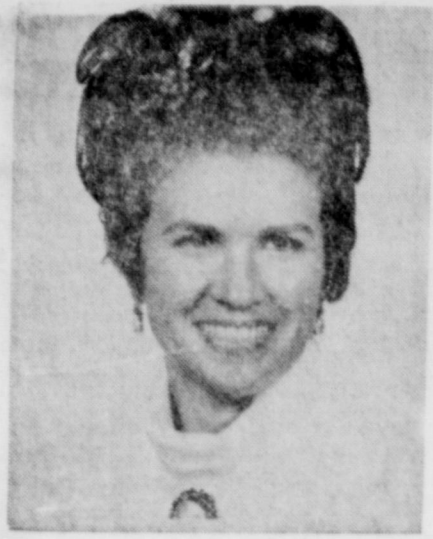
GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



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## A Christmas Message . . .

Always, at about this time of year, the spirit of brotherly love and good fellowship becomes much more apparent than at any other time.

We readily admit that is true with us here at the First State Bank of Morton. Our hearts are full of good wishes for all who come within our sphere of influence — and yet, our most earnest desire is that we may be able to carry that spirit of helpfulness and desire to be of service to our fellow man with each of us throughout next year and the years to come.

With that thought in mind, won't you come in some day soon and let us demonstrate our willingness to be of service to you in helping to solve your financial problems in any way that is in keeping with good banking principles? We'll be looking for you — and in the meantime please accept our very best wishes for

**A VERY HAPPY YULETIDE SEASON  
AND  
A NEW YEAR FULL OF GOOD TIDINGS**



DERYL BENNETT



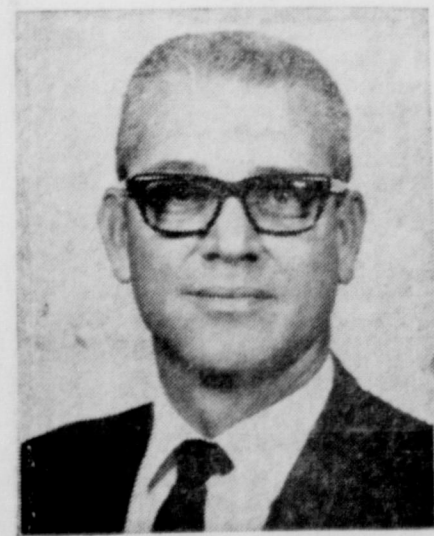
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ORVILLE TILGER



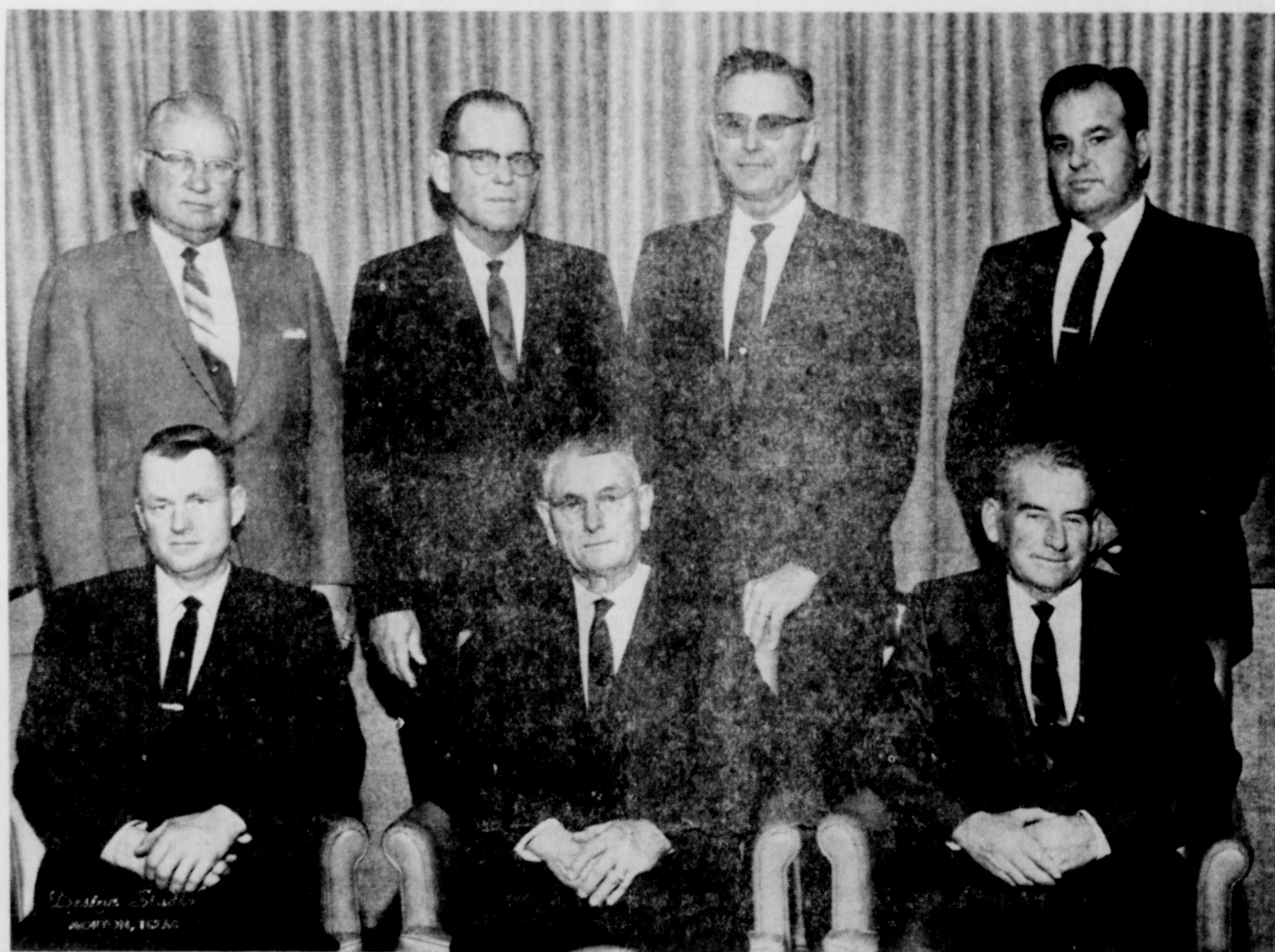
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JAMES McCLURE



DONNA ARCHER



DIRECTOR — Left to right (back row) J. W. McDermott, Jack Ferguson, D. E. Benham, James Dewbre; (front row) Earl Polvado, Hume Russell and Kari Griffith.

from all of us at the

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# Christmas Cheer



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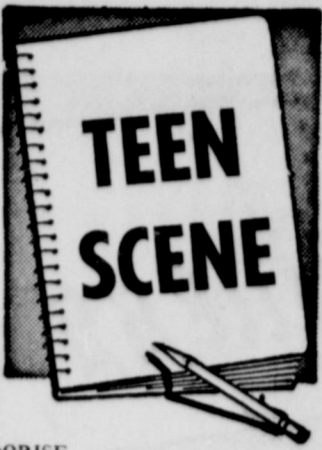
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Richards



# Greetings

Have a happy "hollyday".

DOSS THRIFTWAY SUPER MARKET



by DORISE

Hi gang! The kids of Morton High have been busy fixing the doors for Christmas. As you know, each year the student body has a contest of door decorations. The winner was not given soon enough to tell you. There were some very pretty doors this year. I am sure the winner will be a deserving one.

Last Friday night, the Indians had a victory over the Farwell team. Farwell came to us and went home broken hearted. It was a great game. There were quite a few supporters who came to this game. We just want you to know how much we appreciate you.

This will be my last column before Christmas, so I would like to take this opportunity to say "Merry Christmas" to everyone. I hope this holiday season will be great fun. If you are going to be on the highways, be very careful.

Now it is time for the joke for this week.

This middle-aged woman drove up to a red light and stopped. The light changed to green, she sat there. It changed to yellow and then red again, she just sat there. A near-by cop saw her just sitting, came up to her and said, "Lady, don't we have any colors you like?"

Bye-bye for now and have a "Merry Christmas"

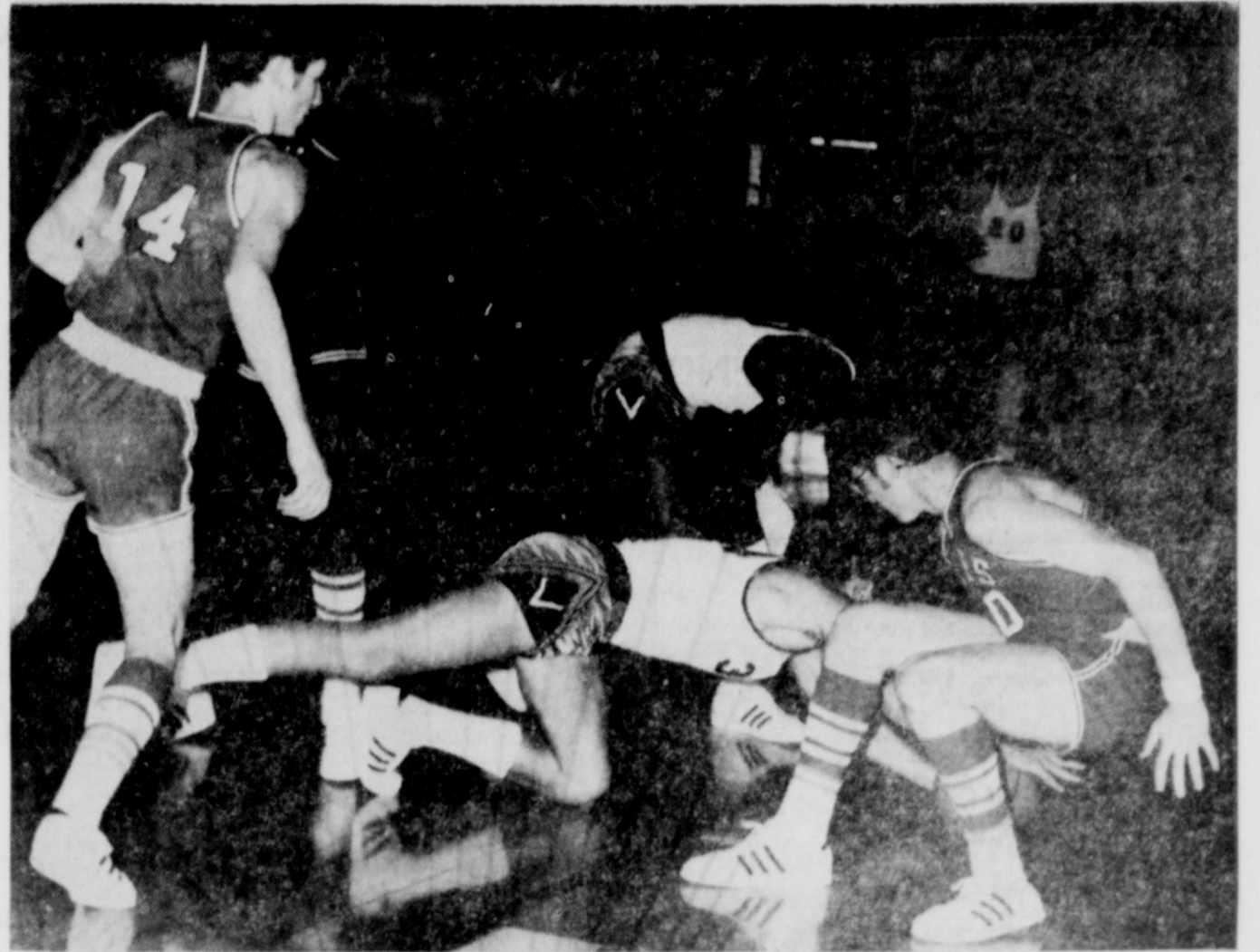
## AO WA KI YA holds Christmas party

The AO WA KI YA Campfire girls held their annual Christmas party December 17 in the home of Susan Cadenhead.

New officers were elected and one new member was welcomed.

Gifts were exchanged and games were played.

First Missionary Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas get together Sunday night after church services. The occasion was a surprise party for Rev. and Mrs. Moore and family. Lovely gifts were presented to them after which, refreshments were enjoyed.



## BASKETBALL SCRAMBLE...

DENNIS CLAYTON dives for a loose ball during the Morton-Brownfield basketball game in the first round of the

Denver City tournament last weekend. The Indians lost two games and won one in the tourney.

# Bula-Enochs news

by MRS. J. D. BAYLESS

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gunter, Sr. Thursday night were his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Travis from Buffalo Springs Lake. Edd Ary met them at the National Wildlife Refuge north of Enochs and they toured the Refuge.

Rev. and Mrs. Tom McKinney and children left Monday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Smith at Dallas. They will return home Friday.

R. E. Jones was admitted to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Sunday night. December 14, his pickup overturned near the curve near Bill Sowders, west of Bula, he received a broken neck in the mishap.

Walter Layton was honored with a birthday dinner at his home Sunday, December 15 with his 80th birthday. Those present were his daughters, Mrs. Pearl Mize and family of Crosbyton, Mrs. Dora Lee Ellison and family of Lubbock and their sons, Harold Layton and family and J. E. Layton and family of Enochs and grandsons, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Mize and family of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Zane Ellison and son of Muleshoe. There were 24 in attendance.

Mrs. C. C. Snitker was admitted to the West Plains Hospital in Muleshoe Thursday.

The Enochs G. A.'s went Christmas caroling Wednesday night and returned to the Church for their Christmas party. Linda Gilliam of Morton spent Thursday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gilliam.

Mrs. Bud Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sanders, is a patient in Cochran Memorial Hospital in Morton.

The Sunbeams of the Enochs Baptist Church and their sponsors had their Christmas Tree and party Wednesday night at the church Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. A. J. Wallace flew to Dallas Monday to spend the Christmas Holidays with her son and family, the Bob Wallices.

## Whiteface News

Lillie May entered the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, Tuesday December 16.

Mrs. Lynn Fred graduated from the Isabel-Powell Beauty School Tuesday, December 16, and will take her state board test soon.

Linda is a 1969 graduate of Whiteface High School and is the daughter of the J. W. Word's.

She, her husband and baby daughter live in Levelland.

Mrs. Nina Mathews is in the Levelland Hospital.

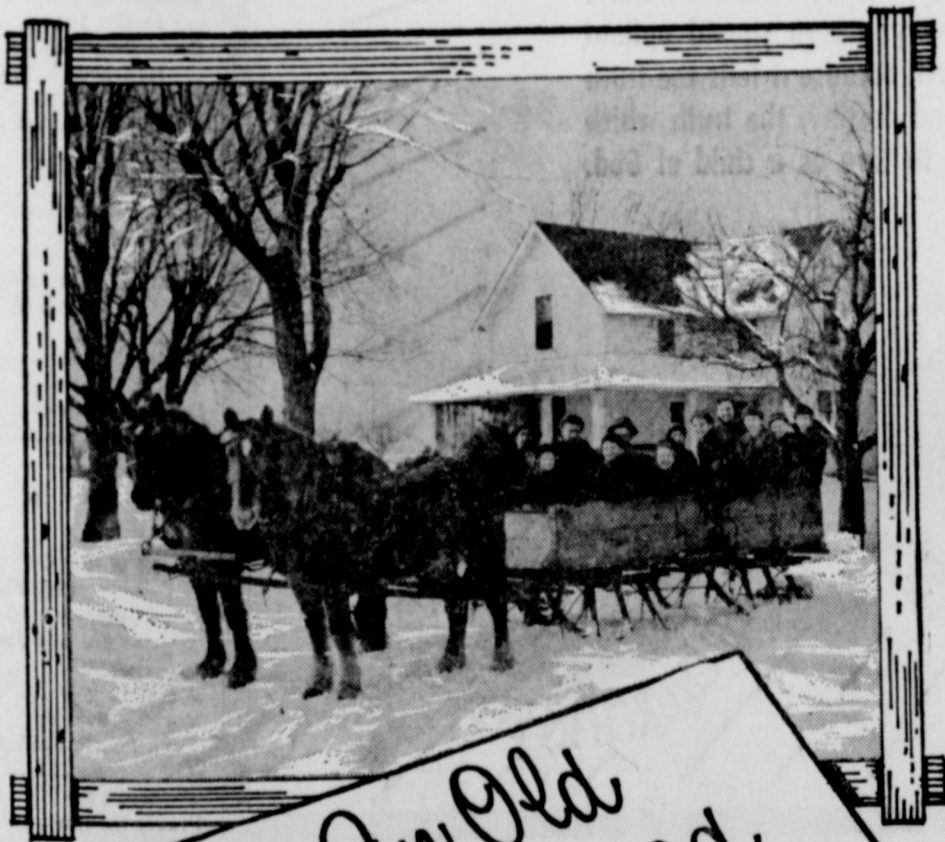
Junior French was in the hospital at Levelland for several days over the weekend. He came home the first of the week and is doing fine.

Mrs. R. K. McCoy has been in the Levelland Clinic and Hospital.

Miss Theresa Dupler has been selected as Band Sweetheart for this year. Jerry Brownlow was named Band Beau. Theresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dupler; Jerry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brownlow.

Miss Vikki Cunningham received the coveted John Philip Sousa Award for the 1969-70 year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cunningham.

Mary Casey, of Galveston, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ala Bowers, in Whiteface for the holidays.



# An Old Fashioned Christmas

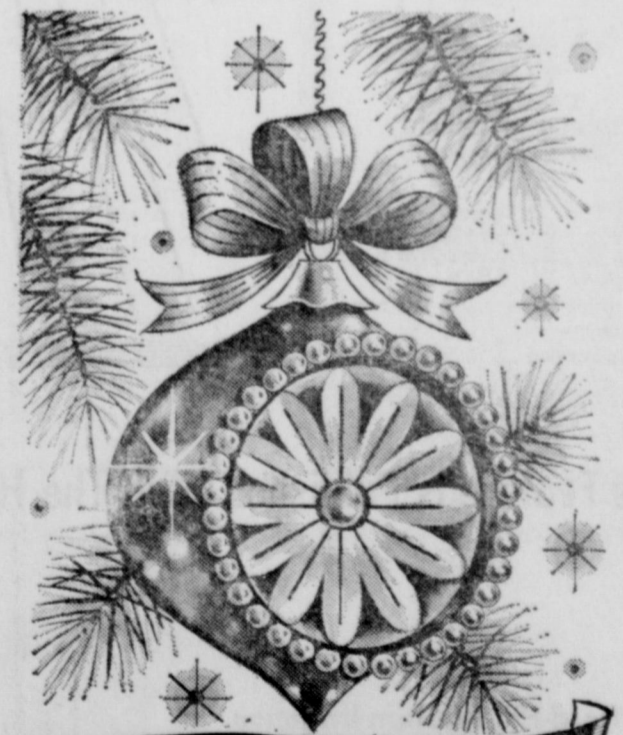
Here's wishing you a holiday season that's in the old-time tradition!

## MORTON CO-OP GIN



EVERY GOOD WISH FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## COCHRAN POWER and LIGHT



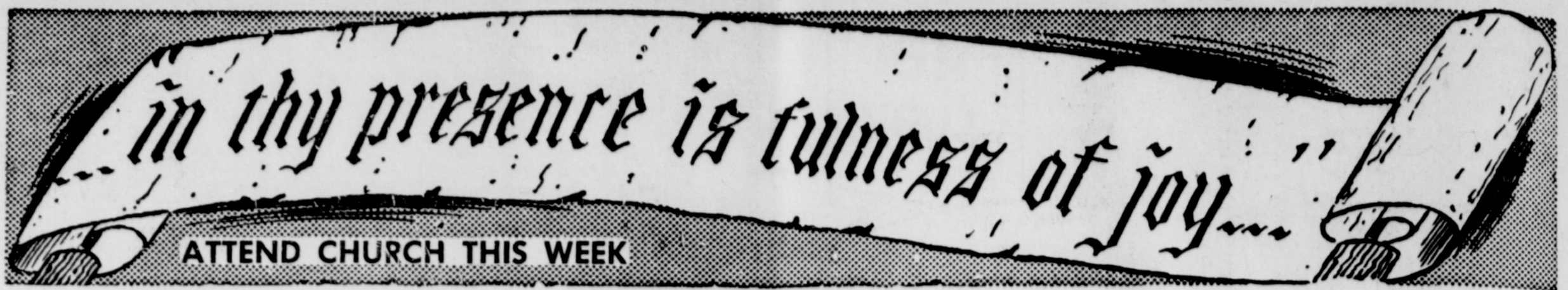
## GREETINGS

We wish you an old fashioned Christmas full of good cheer.

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 Church School session — 9:45 a.m.  
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 Worship Service — 10:55 a.m.  
 Evening  
 Fellowship Program — 5:00 p.m.  
 Evangelism — 6:00 p.m.  
 Mondays—  
 Each First Monday  
 Board Meets — 8:00 p.m.  
 Each First Monday  
 Commission Membership on  
 Evangelism — 7:00 p.m.  
 Second and Fourth Monday  
 Wesleyan Service Guild 8:00 p.m.  
 Tuesdays—  
 Women's Society of  
 Christian Service — 9:30 a.m.  
 Each Second Saturday, Methodist  
 Men's Breakfast — 7:00 a.m.

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 Evening Worship — 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesdays—  
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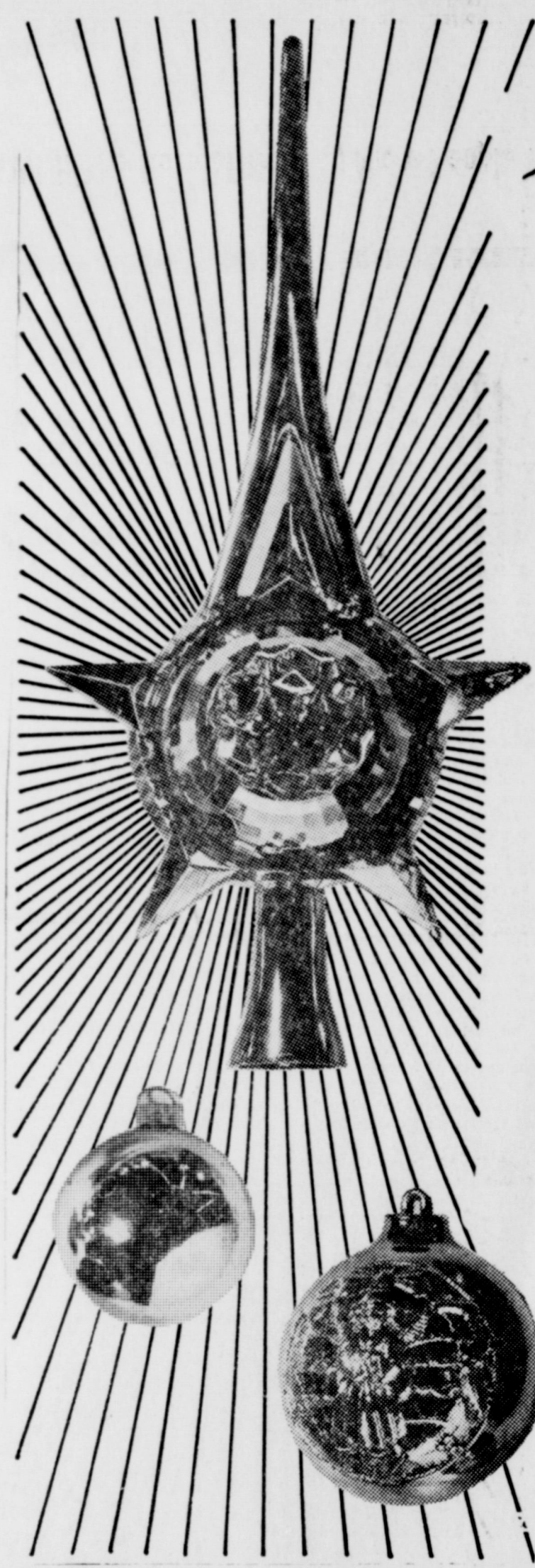
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# the Star

CHRISTMAS tree ornaments are made to resemble snow, unusual patterns of ice, and frost; however, the most beautiful ornament and symbol is the star for the top of the tree. This is to remind us of that wonderful day when the child Jesus was born in a manger and the star shown the way... "for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Let the star on the tree remind you to attend church and worship him too.

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## Christmas based upon Christ belief of redemption within

The oldest of beliefs on which our modern Christmas is based, is that the Christ child came into the world to give men the hope of redemption. It is a hope which seems to be timeless. It was so at the time Jesus came and is just as needful in this day and age.

Mighty Rome was supreme at the time and an era of peace had begun but no one could be certain it would last. Wars of increasing ferocity had prevailed for over 200 years. Worn humanity longed for the slaughter to cease and the slaves needed the knowledge that there would be a compensation for their misery.

NOW, THE coming of a Redeemer was anticipated. It had been foretold centuries before by the prophet Isaiah: "For unto us a son is given." The belief was not exclusive to the Hebrews. The Romans held a belief that a "new child" was expected to bring back the age of gold, when people existed in a state of primitive innocence. And the need was manifest in other religions.

Christianity spread from the Mediter-

anean to northern Europe where it became inculcated with many new beliefs and observances. Some heathen tree-cult no doubt is the basis for the custom of mistletoe, the yule log and the Christmas tree, all symbolic in some way with man's hope.

Martin Luther is given credit for popularizing the use of the Christmas tree in Europe but it is believed he borrowed it from some rite of the dim Germanic past.

THE CHRISTMAS tree may have been introduced in America by Hessian soldier during the American Revolutionary War. It is said, these mercenaries, homesick for their native Black Forest, cut down the local trees and brought them inside the tents and trimmed them with whatever crude ornaments were available . . . modest yet bright symbols of a hope to return to their homeland.

### Irish legend says heaven's gates open on Christmas Eve

An interesting Irish legend has to do with those entering paradise on Christmas Eve. Any person dying at midnight was believed to enter heaven at once, because that is the one time during the year when the gates of paradise are open.

On Twelfth Night in Ireland it was the custom to set up, as high as possible, a sieve of oats. In it a dozen candles were placed with a large one in the center and all lighted. This was in memory of Christ and His Apostles — Lights of the World.

During medieval times in Ireland, one hour before midnight the church bells tolled a solemn message of mourning, as if tolling for a funeral. Just as the clock struck 12, the bells would suddenly ring out in Christmas joy. This tolling from 11 to 12 was called "the devil's funeral" for, according to an old saying, the devil died when Christ was born.

### For holiday parties, try cranberry punch ringed by ice wreath

Traditionally, the holiday season is the favorite time of the year for entertaining friends and family, and one of the most popular ways to celebrate is to have an open house.

Actually, it's the easiest and the most fun for the hostess. There's no need to worry about limiting the number of invitations because guests will be coming and going at different times through the afternoon or evening.

And the menu can be simple, but in keeping with the spirit of the season. Set a festive holiday table with Cranberry Wreath Punch and your favorite homemade Christmas cookies, and you'll be free to spend all the time with your guests.

Cranberry Wreath Punch is easy to make, too, merely mix four simple ingredients: bottled cranberry juice, bottled lemon juice, a can of pineapple juice and gingerale.

Be sure to serve this punch well-chilled. To keep the punch bowl cool and for a little added holiday touch, make an ice wreath by freezing an ice ring with cherries and mint leaves in a salad ring mold.

To accompany the punch, serve guests a variety of your homemade cookies. Lemon Holiday Macaroons is a new and enticing recipe to add to your repertoire. This idea is also a simple one — a definite advantage during this hectic season.

**CRANBERRY WREATH PUNCH**  
2 quarts cranberry juice  
1 can (46 ounces) pineapple juice  
1 cup bottled lemon juice  
2 quarts gingerale  
Chill all ingredients. Pour cranberry juice, pineapple juice and bottled lemon juice into a large punch bowl and stir. Add gingerale and ice; serve at once. Yield: 5 1/4 quarts or 36 five-ounce servings.

**LEMON HOLIDAY MACAROONS**  
1/2 can (2/3 cup) sweetened condensed milk  
1/4 cup bottled lemon juice  
1 package (7 ounces) flaked coconut  
1 package (4 ounces) glazed cherries, chopped (about 2/3 cup)  
Mix sweetened condensed milk and lemon juice. (Milk will thicken.) Add coconut and chopped cherries; mix. Form into 1-inch balls and place on greased cookie sheet, or drop by teaspoonfuls. Bake in a 300 degree oven about 30 minutes, or until slightly browned. Remove from cookie sheet immediately. Yield: about 2 1/2 dozen.



Leonard Coleman  
COMMISSIONER

## Have Faith . . . my children



Have faith, my children . . . and you will enjoy your lives to the utmost. For faith, and along with it, love and dreams, is an essential part of life, and especially of this joyous time of the year.

You have faith that Santa Claus will come Christmas Eve to fill your stockings and leave all sort of toys and goodies. Your faith in old Santa is unshakeable, and as you grow older, this faith will transfer to other things.

It was a strong faith, nearly 2,000 years ago, that brought forth the first Christmas. The birth of Jesus substantiated the faith of the people of those times, and His life, teachings and resurrection today reaffirm the faith of the people of our time. His coming was the greatest miracle known to mankind, and it is just as meaningful today as it was that first Christmas.

If only we mortals could live by Jesus Christ's teachings, the world would turn into a paradise. There would be no strife . . . no hatred . . . no wars. This is what we pray for, but as long as there are those who do not believe in the miracle of His birth, this will not come to pass.

We must have faith in our lives . . . faith in God . . . faith in ourselves . . . faith in our fellow man. Without faith, there can be no love. Without faith, there can be no trust. And without love and trust, there is no real life. Faith is what dreams are built upon, and dreams are what strong families, strong nations, and a strong world are built upon.

I want you to have faith, my children, because you are proof of the faith of your mother and I. Your presence in our home makes it the happy and joyful place it should be.

This is the sixth Christmas for one of you, and the third for the other. It doesn't seem possible that you have been with us this long, but on the other hand, it is hard to remember when you haven't been with us. The older of you now understands the significance of the Christmas holiday, and we will depend upon you to help us teach this to your little brother.

I want you to have faith in Santa Claus, my children, because the legend of this jolly old gent is one of Christmas' greatest joys to little ones like you everywhere. It is important to have this type of faith as little ones.

Pity those, my children, who have no faith, and who do not live by Christ's word. They will never have a

full life, because they have a void which will never be filled.

Have faith that you will receive at Christmastime, but also fulfill the faith of others that you will also give at this happy time. Most of the joy of Christmas is in giving—not material things—but love and thoughtfulness.

Have faith, my children, that the

true meaning of Christmas will never vanish from the face of the earth. If it should, mankind is doomed. Always remember that this holiday marks the birth date of the Savior of us all—Jesus Christ—and that it has been celebrated for nearly 2,000 years. Pray this holiday will be observed forever.

Merry Christmas, my children!



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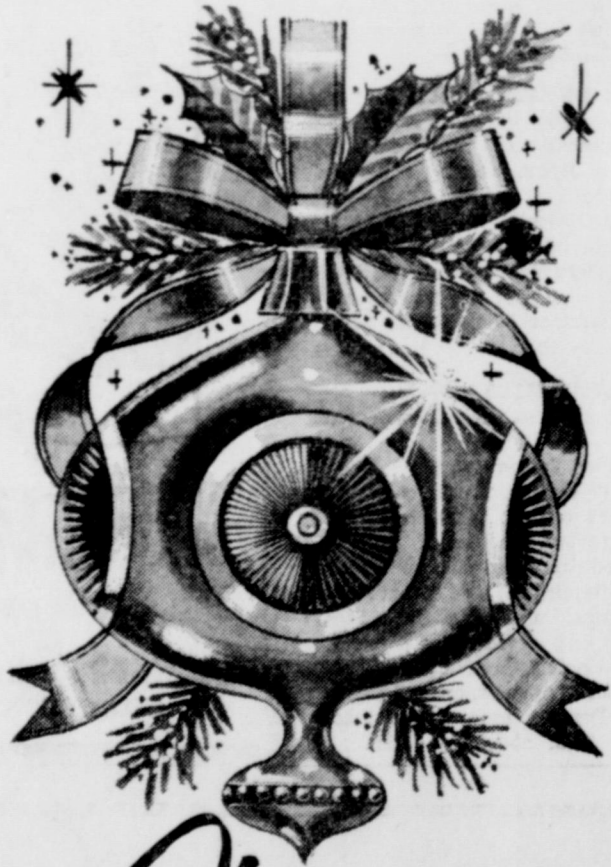


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SHRIMP CHRISTMAS TREE

Three pounds shrimp, fresh or frozen, 2 qts. water, 1/2 cup salt, 4 large bunches curly endive, one styrofoam cone, 2 1/2 ft. high, 1 styrofoam square, 12x12x1 in., one small box round toothpicks, cocktail sauce. Thaw frozen shrimp. Place shrimp in boiling salted water, cover and simmer about five minutes, or until shrimp are pink and tender. Drain. Peel shrimp, leaving the last section of the shell on. Remove sand

veins and wash. Chill. Separate and wash endive. Chill. Place cone in the center of the styrofoam square and draw circle around the base of the cone. Cover base and cone with overlapping leaves of endive. Fasten endive to styrofoam with toothpick halves. Start at outside edge of base and work up. Cover fully with greens to resemble Christmas tree. Attach shrimp to tree with toothpicks. Provide cocktail sauce for dunking. Serves 12.

COCKTAIL SAUCE

One and one-half cups catsup, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, 2 tablespoons horseradish, 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar, generous dash of red hot sauce, salt and pepper to taste. Combine all ingredients and chill.



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# Poinsettias can stay colorful

Poinsettias can stay colorful and attractive throughout the Christmas season with a little help. Place the plant in a sunny location away from drafts, heat vents or open doors to avoid sudden temperature changes, says Everett Janne, Extension landscape horticulturist.

Night temperatures should not drop below 60 degrees F.

Proper watering will prolong the Poinsettia's life. Because of low humidity in most homes and large leaf surfaces on the plant, it often requires frequent watering. If soil gets too dry, leaves will wilt.

On the other hand, says Janne, too

much water cuts off oxygen to the roots.

**CHECK FOR A** drainage hole in the bottom of the pot. It may be stopped with decorator foil. If the hole is covered, the excess moisture can not drain out and the soil remains waterlogged.

About three weeks after the plant has been received, fertilize with a complete

fertilizer such as a 5-10-5 using one level teaspoon per six inch pot. Apply the fertilizer over the surface of the soil and water thoroughly.

Application may be repeated at three week intervals until the colored bracts fade and drop, Janne says.

**THE POINSETTIA** plant will go into a rest period sometime in mid-January and shed its colored bracts. When this occurs, gradually reduce the amount of water and move the plant to a cool location where the temperature will remain between 45 degrees F. to 55 degrees F.

Do not allow the plant to become too

dry; however, excessive moisture should be avoided.

The Texas A&M University specialist says the plant may be re-potted or placed directly in the yard.

If re-potted, cut the plant back to three to six inches in height, shake the old soil from the roots, and re-pot in a fertile well-drained soil, having a pH of 6.0 to 7.0. After potting place the plant in the shade for a few days and water well.

To produce a compact bushy plant, pinch out the tips of the new growth when it reaches four to six inches in length. Repeat this procedure until the middle of August.

**THE POINSETTIA** is a short day plant and will not set flower buds and produce the colorful bracts until the short days of fall arrive. Flower buds will not form in a room where electric lights are used at night.

Beginning the first week in October, the plant should not receive over eight hours of daylight in order to hasten flower formation. Place the plant in a dark room at five o'clock in the afternoon and bring it back into the sunlight at eight o'clock in the morning. After the bracts begin to show color, this short day treatment may be discontinued. Using this system the plants should show color by Thanksgiving time and be in full bloom by Christmas.

**POINSETTIAS ARE** very susceptible to damage by mealy bugs, aphids, or other sucking insects, Janne warns. Spraying with Malathion at the recommended rates will control these insects.

## Three wise men gave Christ Child gifts, according to Matthew

According to the Book of Matthew, the first gifts the Christ Child received from the Three Wise Men were gold, frankincense and myrrh.

To the modern world there is no mystery about the value of a gift of gold. And in today's money market it gets additional attention. Yet in ancient times, this precious metal was possessed only by kings and very rich men. Thus, the gift was especially precious — one fit for a King.

The other gifts were rare and precious as well. However in today's world, little is known of these substances even though they are still in use.

**SINCE ST. MATTHEW** says that the Three Wise Men were from the East, it is assumed that the gold they brought with them for the infant Jesus came from the mines of Indian Mysore.

Frankincense, or olibanum, is a resin obtained from the bark of trees which grow on bare rock in the mountains of southern Asia and northern Africa.

Once upon a time it was used as a medicine. Today it is principally used as incense in Roman Catholic churches, and also in Indian and Chinese temples.

**MYRRH IS A** gum resin also obtained from the bark of trees which grow in Africa and Arabia. Since early times it has been used as a base for perfume and incense and is still so used commercially today.

Thus it is the same today as it was in Biblical times when gifts of gold or perfume are made to loved ones. The gold perhaps isn't as precious nor as rare as it was when the Three Wise Men travelled to Bethlehem, but the idea behind the gift of gold, as well as perfume based with frankincense or myrrh, is the same.

## Evergreens differ in various sectors

The evergreen is the traditional tree of Christmas, but did you know that the type of evergreen preferred differs greatly from one part of the country to the other?

In New England and the Northeast the favorite trees are the balsam fir and the white spruce. In Pennsylvania there are three preferred over others: Scotch pine, spruce and red pine.

East Coast southerners like red cedar and the scarce but beautiful holly tree, as well as red pine.

In the West it's cedars and Arizona cypress and on the West Coast it's Douglas fir, blue spruce and Engelmann Spruce.



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## Image of Rupprecht changed by store keepers in Germany

Santa Claus has many loyal helpers all over the world and as a rule, they are just as jolly and lovable as ol' St. Nick himself but in Germany he has a not-so-jolly henchman.

He goes by the name of Rupprecht and is a strict disciplinarian who spans naughty boys and girls with a birch rod. WHAT'S MORE, according to ugly rumor, he thinks nothing of carrying off especially bad children in a sack and disposing of them in ways too horrible to imagine.

He's a bully an ogre and Simon Legree all rolled into one. German scholars say he is a descendant of Wotan — the German Zeus and his "wild array" of heathen sub-gods.

It all started back in pre-Christian times when the Germans celebrated the winter solstice on December 21, when daylight hours begin to lengthen.

A BIG FEAST was held in honor of Tyr, God of the Sun, War and Justice. Legend has it that just preceding the festivities Wotan and his comrades roam the land, blessing the crops of the good and meting out punishment to wrong-doers. It is from

this ancestry that Rupprecht was born. But in this modern age of psychology and children lecturing parents, it is no longer fashionable to frighten children with such old wives tales. German store owners have therefore led the attack in re-vamping Rupprecht's character.

THE REVOLT has wrought a new Rupprecht. He appears in show windows throughout Germany as a sort of Teutonic Flintstone, a good-natured oaf who is devoted to helping old Santa give out presents.

## Candles are important custom of yule scene

Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the Christ child's way as he made his visits to the children.

One explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve recalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were constantly in use . . . Each Christmas a special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire . . . This log burned steadily as long as the feasting and celebrating continued. Naturally, it burned with a pungent odor and stockings were hung over the fireplace to absorb some of this odor and to protect the owners from evil spirits. A far cry from the present custom of loading them with goodies!

## Christmas in Israel

In Israel, the greatest Christmas celebration will be in Nazareth, the little town in the hills of Galilee, where all is related to the boyhood of Jesus.

## Homemade candy can be treat for holiday snacks for guests

Put aside your spice cakes and your fruit cakes this holiday season, and make room for homemade candies.

What could be nicer than a gift from your own kitchen; especially when it's a very special candy treat to be remembered all year round! (Hmmm, maybe you'd best keep these candies handy in your own home for Christmas serving!)

### DATE FUDGE

- 1 12-oz. package semi-sweet chocolate pieces
  - 2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk
  - 1 tablespoon water
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 1 8-oz. package diced dates
- Melt chocolate pieces in top of double boiler over hot, not boiling, water. Remove from heat. Stir in remaining ingredients and mix until smooth. Pour into greased loaf pan, approximately 8" x 4". Cool, and cut into squares to serve.

### DATE MARSHMALLOWS

- 2 tablespoons unflavored gelatin
  - 1/4 cup cold water
  - 3/4 cup boiling water
  - 2 cups sugar
  - pinch salt
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 1 8-oz. package diced dates
- Place gelatin in 2 quart bowl, add cold water and mix. Let stand until all water is absorbed. Add sugar to boiling water and cook until mixture reaches the soft ball stage. Add vanilla and salt to gelatin. Pour boiled syrup slowly over gelatin mixture, beating constantly with a wire whisk until mixture is cool and thick. Add diced dates and mix. Butter a shallow 9" x 9" pan and dust with confectioners' sugar. Pour in mixture and let stand overnight. Cut into squares and roll in confectioners' sugar before serving. Soft ball stage is 238 degrees F on your candy thermometer, or when a small amount of the boiling sugar and water mixture forms a soft ball when dropped into a glass of cold water.



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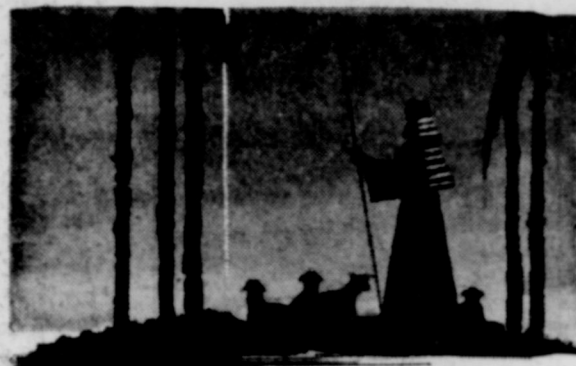
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## Caroling custom had origin in ancient pagan ceremonies

Strictly speaking, the word "carol" should be applied to the lyrics written to go with a round of dancing, namely a dance measure. However, as with many words common usage has changed its meaning until now it designates almost exclusively the songs written to celebrate the Christmas festival.

The original meaning of the word "carol" is right in keeping with the first caroling, for it consisted of both dancing and singing. The "crib" of the Savior, in the traditional setting, was placed in the center of the church at Christmas and the carolers formed a ring to dance around it. Like the tricks performed by the juggler in the famous story, the dancing was offered reverently. Thus, some of the most famous Latin Christmas hymns were written to dance tunes.

THE CUSTOM of caroling found its way into the Christian church from pagan rituals. The clergy, although opposed to the practice, had to accept it and so contented themselves with limiting its practice.

The struggle between the clergy and the churchgoers went on for years. Even as late as 1209, it was necessary for the

council of Avignon to forbid theatrical dances and secular songs in churches. Little by little the religious dances were done away with. Those which survived the longest were the dances performed on Shrove Tuesday.

FROM THE BEGINNING, the Christmas festival, which coincided with the Latin and followed the Teutonic feasts of the winter solstice, lent itself to gaiety.

There are numerous carols still in existence dating back to the 15th century which have many characteristic features of the folksong.

The earliest collection of carols printed made its appearance in England in 1521, issued by Wynkyn de Worde. It includes the famous Boar's Head carol, which in a slightly altered form is sung at Queen's College, Oxford, England, on the bringing in of the boar's head.

## New type Christmas replaces traditional yule in Soviet Union

One celebration is the old-style Christmas of the Russian Orthodox Church, on Dec. 12. The other is the "new style" Christmas of the modernized calendar, Dec. 25. For before the Revolution in 1917 Russia used the Gregorian method of counting days.

Under the Soviets, Christmas is officially ignored. The holiday is called a New Year's festivity. As far as the Kremlin is concerned, there are, therefore, two New Years celebrations in December.

THE RUSSIANS have a Santa Claus, called Dyedushka Moroz, or Grandpa Frost. He drives horses, instead of reindeer, but otherwise is similar to Santa Claus wearing a long red coat, beard, black boots, and having a deep, jolly laugh.

In some parts of the Soviet Union, the gift-giver is not Dyedushka Moroz but an old woman, a wrinkled babushka, the grandmother.

According to legend, she is an old hag who deliberately misdirected the Wise Men as they journeyed to Bethlehem. Condemned to live forever for that evil deed, she must walk across the country giving presents to all the children of the world at Christmas in penance for her sin.

HER FAVORITE gifts are red boots for boys, golden slippers for girls.

Christmas in Poland is chiefly a religious event, although it also has its holiday aspects. There have been indications that the Polish Government is planning to "nationalize" all religious activity — including Christmas.

## Old fashioned grits make festive recipe for holiday meals

During the Holiday season, homemakers everywhere are looking for very special recipes to prepare and serve to their friends and family to add even further delight to this already exciting time of year. Here is a recipe that should rate as much attention as the gifts under your Christmas tree! It's for a shrimp sauce in a grits ring, and makes six scrumptious servings.

For the grits ring, you'll need:  
1 1/4 cups enriched white hominy grits or 1 1/4 cups enriched quick white hominy grits  
5 cups boiling water  
1 1/4 teaspoons salt  
1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento, well drained

For the shrimp sauce, you'll need:  
1/2 lb. sliced fresh mushrooms  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
1 10 1/2 oz. can condensed cream of celery soup  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
3/4 cup milk  
3 cups chopped cooked shrimp

For grits ring, slowly stir grits into boiling salted water. Cover and cook 25 to 30 minutes, stirring frequently. (If using quick grits, cook uncovered 2 1/2 to 3 minutes, stirring occasionally.)

Stir in green pepper and pimiento. Pour into greased 5-cup ring mold; let stand about 25 minutes. Unmold onto plate; fill center with shrimp sauce (see below).

For shrimp sauce, saute mushrooms in butter until tender. Stir in soup, salt, pepper and milk. Add shrimp; simmer about 10 minutes.

The hearty corn flavor of grits, combined with this rich, smooth shrimp sauce, will make a magnificent meal you'll want to serve for special occasions all year round.

Note: If desired, grits ring can be prepared ahead of time and reheated. Cool slightly cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. To heat, place mold on rack in a large pan. Pour boiling water around mold to a depth of 1 1/2 inches. Bring to a boil; cover and steam about 20 minutes.

## Yule stockings and signs begin with St Nicholas

Both the Christmas stockings and pawnbroker's signs are traditions that come from legends about the first "Santa Claus," St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor.

This early Santa was known far 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. In secret, he went at night to the merchant's house with a bag of gold when the merchant's oldest daughter was old enough to be married. He repeated the process for the second and third time. The third time the merchant watched to see who brought the gold and told the story of his good saint's generosity.

According to the legend, one bag of gold fell into a stocking hung up by the chimney to dry, and thus began the custom of hanging up stockings to be filled with gifts.

Bankers in Northern Italy took St. Nicholas as their patron and used the sign of three gold balls because bankers lent money. Later the sign became associated with pawnbrokers.

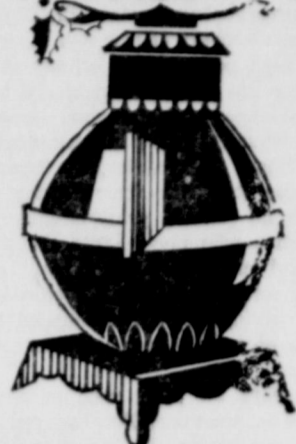
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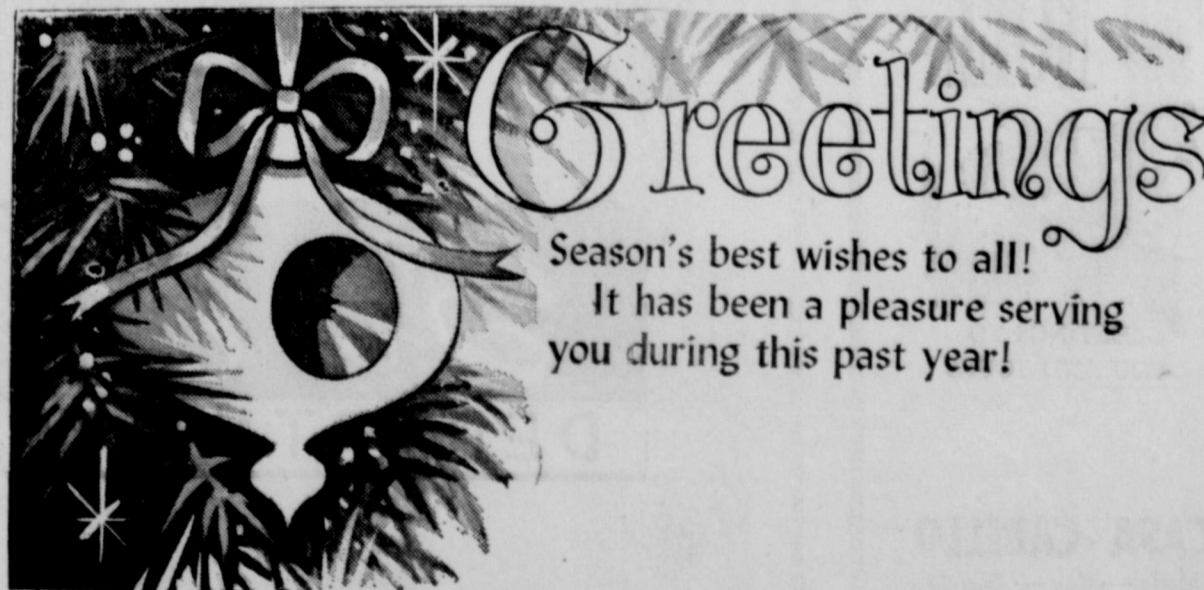
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### Watch for toys that might be dangerous for younger children

For preschool youngsters, the Christmas morning discovery of new toys from Santa is the high point of the holiday. But too often the fun and excitement are marred by the tragedy of accidents caused by unsafe toys. From the anxious moment of a cut finger to fatalities, the hazards of unsuitable toys take their holiday toll.

While no parent, grandparents, friend or relative who plays Santa Claus for a preschool child would knowingly give a toy not safe for play in the before-kindergarten world, they can be misled by the appeals of novelty, price, "cuteness", or color.

—Be sure all paint used on toys for children is non-toxic. Because youngsters "taste" everything, this is particularly important.

—Check the material of which a play-toy is made. The toy which breaks easily and unexpectedly into jagged or small pieces is a hazard for preschoolers. Wood and soft, strong plastic are especially acceptable for the preschooler's toys.

—Sharp edges or corners, protruding nails, splinters in wood are safety hazards which can be avoided by checking the toy thoroughly before buying.

—Electric toys are not recommended for younger preschool children and, in addition, they tend to stifle the creative and imaginative challenges of "learning while playing."

From the toddler stage, children should be taught to put their toys away. Providing a special place toy box, shelves, or cupboard encourages habits of neatness and safety.

Christmas is a happy time, particularly when the enthusiasm and delight of the season are shared with youngsters. Giving special attention to toy safety can help assure the happiest of holidays.

### Save gift wrappings for delightful uses when holiday is over

Save that Christmas wrapping paper this year! When the packages are opened, the children have settled down to playing with their new toys, and dinner is in the oven, carefully collect the paper, fold it and tuck it away.

Next week, when the snapshots you took on Christmas day are developed, you'll find a clever and imaginative use for the gift wrap, according to the Picture and Frame Institute.

Recording Christmas on film is a long standing custom in many families. When friends and relatives gather for gift opening and a big dinner, the camera catches all the warmth and fun of the day. But, too often, the photos are dropped in a drawer and forgotten until relatives return on another occasion.

This year, mount your best snapshots in handsome frames with mats made from the prettiest wrapping paper. You might surround photos of Johnny with his teddy bear or Grandma in her new sweater with the paper that wrapped the packages.

Visit your frame shop, department, gift, or variety store for frames to fit your photos. You may even want frames larger than your photos to give the picture a wide border of wrapping paper.

For the remainder of the photos you take on Christmas day, you might make a Christmas scrapbook. Cover each page with wrapping paper and attach the photos right to it. It will be a colorful and cheerful souvenir of your Christmas to keep or send to a close friend or relative who couldn't join you during the holidays.

# Merry Christmas



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**SANTA SUBSTITUTE IN JAPAN**

In Japan, although Santa Claus doesn't visit Japanese homes, the native god Hoteiosho, the kind old gentleman who carries a pack on his back and has eyes in the back of his head, makes a realistic substitute gifts bearer. Boys and girls are warned to be good because the "seeing Hoteiosho" knows everything they are doing.



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**ADMIRING MANGER SCENE . . .**

WHENEVER SOMETHING NEW comes on the scene there will be curious youngsters to inspect and admire it as these are doing at the Nativity scene erected near the decorated Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn. The picture was snapped as the children and a great many others

were attending the community Christmas program held there last Monday. The tree decorations are the work of the Emlea Smith Study Club and the Nativity scene was constructed by the L'Allegro Study Club.

**Manger scene origin clouded in misty past of many years**

For years men have tried to find the answer to that oft-asked question, "Whence came the first manger scene?" Who was it who first gently laid the symbol of the Christ Child in a tiny rustic crib and tenderly placed Mary and Joseph on either side peering down at Him lovingly? Was it a shepherd who carved the little wooden figures while he tended his sheep or was it a devoted peasant who wanted to portray the story of the birth of Christ more realistically and vividly to his young children.

**THE CLOEST** link to the idea of the creche is to be found in a fifth-century stone frieze on the walls of the catacombs under Rome. Also, there are small individual figures of a shepherd and of Mary that date back to very early Christian art. Possibly these are all that remain from part of a creche.

Other than these, there is no evidence

of a complete scene which dates any earlier than medieval times.

**THERE IS** far more certainty that the first representation of the nativity scene can be connected to the medieval miracle plays which were performed in the churches. Every detail of the Bible story was enacted, and in time it was expanded by various embellishments.

Then, secular scenes and lines were added and the plays finally became so crude, the church decreed they be given outside its edifices.

**FRANCIS OF Assisi**, observing how these dramatizations had become more worldly than religious, felt the need to reinforce the simple and sincere observances of Christianity to the people. So, in 1224, he asked permission of the Pope to set up a manger scene in the town of Greccio, Italy.

**Handel's great 'The Messiah' now recorded more nearly as was performed by composer**

Among Christmas music there is probably no work so much part of the celebration as Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah."

Modern audiences until recently have been used to hearing it rendered by a full orchestra (about 90 pieces) and a chorus of 250 or more singers. But Handel didn't write it that way, and this Christmas music-lovers will be able to hear it in its close-to-original concept.

**THE COMPOSER**, George Frederick Handel, conducted a comparatively small orchestra and chorus; the number of performers varied. For example, if there were three good soprano voices available, he used three. Or two, as the case may have

been. In a recent record release one leading conductor used a 35-piece orchestra, and a 31-member chorale with four soloists.

To the 20th C. audience, used to brooming effects, the "Hallelujah Chorus," the most familiar part of the work, surprises with its "small" sound. Yet the musical ear will detect lean, clear, and beautiful sounds which sometimes were obscured by strident, overwhelming harmonies.

**HANDEL USED** the concerto grosso style, alternating the use of a few instruments with the entire orchestra; he was probably motivated less by aesthetics than by practicality.

Handel sketched and composed the famed, opera-like oratorio within 21 days.

**French children get gifts on New Year's**

French children get their presents, mostly practical ones, at the New Year.

Years ago, in Scotland, the most prized treats were oranges, currants and watered-down porter ale. Today their gifts are more prosaic.

Italian children usually receive their presents on January 6, the last day of the holiday season.

In Mexico, the children receive additional gifts on Epiphany, January 6.

England is much like our country, except that gift-giving occurs on December 26.

**SWISS LIGHT ALP FIRES**

In Switzerland, Christmas Day, or Weihnachten, is the traditional opening day of the winter sports season. A colorful sight on Christmas is the fires which are burned on the peaks of the Alps. Like flaming stars, they hang in the dark heavens during Holy Night.

The number of passenger cars on America's highways is increasing eight times faster than the number of service stations, according to Oil Facts. The publication notes that in the period 1963-67, the number of cars increased 17 per cent while the number of service stations rose only 2 per cent.

**'Xmas' had beginning with early day Greek**

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.

Federal highway construction costs have increased 26 per cent in the past 10 years, according to Oil Facts. The publication notes, however, that the price of asphalt — derived from petroleum and used to pave 93 per cent of the nation's roads and highways — has increased only 1.5 per cent in the same period.

**Poinsettias take place of traditional yule decor**

A comparative newcomer to the traditional Yule greenery, the tropical poinsettia was discovered in Mexico in 1828 by Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, first minister to Mexico. He aroused interest in its beauty, and the plant is named for him.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant, and first marketed it in 1906. Since that time it has become a popular and colorful gift at Christmastime, and is used extensively for house decorations.

**Magi visit to Bethlehem mentioned only by Matthew**

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.

St. Matthew called them "wise men from the East". In the legends that have developed, they are sometimes called "Magi" because this word, meaning 'august', was the name given the priests of the ancient Medes and Persians.

Even if you live alone, go ahead. Bake a roast or chicken with all the trimmings. Extension Consumer Marketing Specialist Gwendolyn Clyatt suggests preparing frozen TV dinners from the left-overs. Divide meat and vegetables into portions, place in sectioned foil dishes and freeze.

**HOLIDAY Greetings**

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TELLING IT TO SANTA...

SANTA SEEMS to be doing all of the talking here as his small visitor doesn't feel too articulate in the presence of the great one. It is a pretty safe bet, though, that she got her message over to him before leaving to get some of the candy that was given to all the little children during the community Christmas program Monday.

Star of Bethlehem mystifies scientists probing heavens

Man probes ever more deeply into space... sending satellites into orbit, preparing to put earthlings on the moon, transmitting TV programs across continents and oceans with increasing regularity, maintaining weather stations — all with an aura of devastating casualness.

Yet men of science still are mystified by the strange and overwhelming radiance of the Star of Bethlehem which flooded the skies so many hundreds of years ago, anno domini. Perhaps, in the last analysis, mere scientific probing will not clear up the mystery to full satisfaction. "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

However... some scholars believe it may have been a supernova, or exploding star. Others think it might have been a comet or perhaps a conjunction of the bright planets Jupiter and Saturn.

If it was a supernova in the Milky Way, astronomers say it would have unquestionably filled ancient stargazers with

awe and the feeling that a great event might be taking place.

A "nova" implies a new star, but actually is not. It is rather an old star that suddenly flares up in a display 20,000 to 50,000 times brighter than the sun. A supernova is about 100 million times more brilliant than the sun.

Astronomers do not know what causes a supernova. One theory is that the star's supply of hydrogen becomes exhausted. As the star contracts, the core temperature rises to 110 million degrees centigrade. The incredible temperature sets off helium-fusion processes, and the star becomes a huge nuclear fusion reactor which eventually flies to pieces.

Today it is thought that its dazzling light was an infrequent confluence of the planets Saturn and Jupiter which led three ancient scientists to Bethlehem on the night that Christ was born. But does that explain the miracle? The planets are a miracle in themselves.

Record number of veterans, servicemen take training under GI programs, official notes

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

The Veterans Administration announced today a record number of veterans and servicemen are now in training programs under the newest GI Bill.

An even larger enrollment is expected next month when many schools begin their second semesters.

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Donald E. Johnson said that as of November 30, there were more than 726,000 participants in training programs of all types. This includes trainees in programs at the college level, below college level, and on-the-job training.

ACCORDING TO Johnson, November's

enrollment figure represents an increase of 36 percent over the same period last year when enrollees totaled 542,000.

So far, 1,551,000 trainees have taken advantage of educational benefits provided under the latest GI Bill since it went into effect June 1, 1966.

A breakdown of trainees by categories includes 65,000 pursuing on-the-job training, 239,000 in programs below college level, and 432,000 in programs at the college level.

The VA chief added that the increased participation in training programs can be attributed in part to the agency's continuing "Total Outreach" program.

UNDER THIS PROGRAM, veterans and servicemen are informed about benefits available to them, and are encouraged to apply.

VA contact representatives provide this service at military installations in Vietnam and the United States, as well as at VA hospitals, VA offices and Veterans Administration Centers throughout the United States. In addition to these personal contacts, VA letters are sent to all recently discharged veterans.

Crib remains part of Christmas in England

Although in many places the custom of the "crib" has become extinct, the singing of carols is continued throughout the world, in every country where Christianity is acknowledged.

One spot which still includes the "crib" in its caroling is in West Riding of Yorkshire, England. As the children of the town go around carol-singing, they carry a "milky-box" containing figures which represent the Virgin and Child.

Are poinsettia blooms red?

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.

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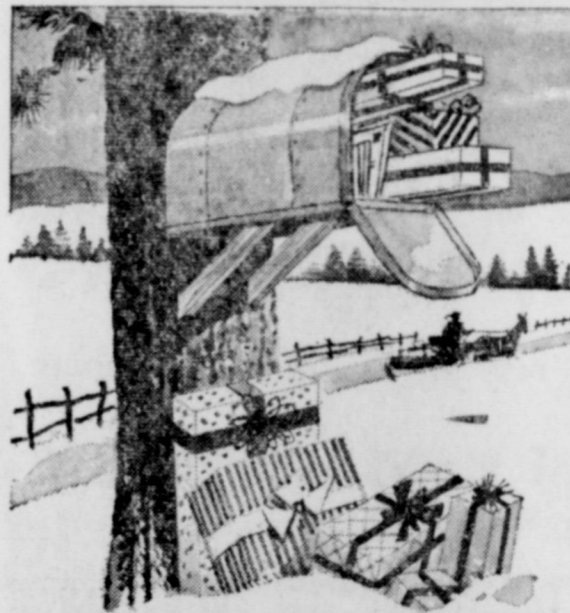


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