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THE Editor's Corner...

By Joe Harrison

With Christmas fast approaching, we thought we'd take the liberty to write Santa for a few of our friends. Hope they won't mind.

DEAR SANTA:
We have been good little boys all year. We don't want you to bring us any candy or toys... Just the answer to the following problem:

How can we make more paving, minus less gripping, plus a larger budget, plus a super highway, minus accusations of being human, plus mounting bills, plus new equipment equal lower taxes and a congenial following?

We would appreciate any help you might give us on the problem.
—The City Council.

Santa... could you spare Elvis Presley for a personal appearance here?
—Elvis Presley Fan Club and J. D. McCain.

Please deliver Marilyn and Jayne promptly for our annual bachelor party.
—Six Spur Bachelors.

... and Santa, please don't forget to leave me a dozen new golf balls and most of all I want an USNik.
—Ike.

Santa, please bring us a hammer and some nails and a good set of school building blue prints.
—Robert Williams, Bob Nunley, C. L. Berry, Lester Ball, H. M. Allison.

Santa, this year I'll settle for the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.
—Jim Eddins

We know it's a large order Santa, but we need one bad.
—Bob Berry and all Aggie Exes.

All I need is 400,000 gallons of white wash.
—Gov. Orville Faubus.

I'd like to place my order for a pair of track shoes... think I'll need 'em when this issue hits the streets.
—The Editor.

(Hope the aforementioned won't feel too badly towards us for this, we feel like people need cheering up; need to laugh at themselves, so they can continue to grasp the true meaning, and spirit of Christmas won't become bitter and sour on past failures and expectations. Christmas is a reverent, but not sad, time of year. Let's look to the coming year and try to live a better life, and be a better neighbor.)

The drawing for the \$140 last Saturday again went off smooth. You have to give credit to the Chamber of Commerce for changing several practices that have helped immensely in the Christmas program.

In years past, tickets have been numbered and people with several had difficulty in handling them and trying to find the number that had been drawn from the hopper. But the Chamber should not be willing to rest on their laurels. And maybe the 1958 Christmas program will be even better.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bankhead will have as guests during the holidays, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bankhead and daughter, Velda of Odessa and his brother, Pfc. Ronald W. Bankhead of San Diego California.

Veteran Teacher Claimed By Death

Funeral services for W. A. Lewis, 81, were held at 2:30 p. m. last Wednesday in the First Methodist Church, Roaring Springs.

Lewis, a longtime teacher of the South Plains area, died in a Lubbock Convalescent home following a long illness. Rev. Clyde Smith, Big Spring, district superintendent of the Methodist conference, conducted the service. Interment was in Roaring Springs cemetery.

Lewis had been an active school teacher for more than 30 years. He was superintendent of Roaring Springs from 1925 through 1936. He taught at Roaring Springs again in the 1940's. His last teaching assignment was in Dickens, in 1949.

Lewis was born Nov. 4, 1876 in Milam County, and died Dec. 16, in Lubbock.

He is survived by his wife and one son, W. A. Jr., Tulsa, Okla.; three daughters, Mrs. Charles Jackson, Gadsden, Okla.; Mrs. Frank Capshaw, Lubbock and Mrs. Johnny Allen, Del Rio; one sister, Miss Mary Lewis, Houston, and ten grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Levis Pullen will visit their parents during the Christmas vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pickens of Dry Lake community and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pullen of McAdoo.

High Flying Jet Breaks Sound Barrier Over Spur

Friday afternoon residents of the area were jarred by a loud explosion: People downtown rushed to the street to determine the cause, but many were bewildered.

The blast apparently was caused by a high flying jet breaking the sound barrier. Some said the blast rattled their windows.



As the holy season arrives to unfold again its beautiful message, we extend to you our sincere greetings.

—The Texas Spur Staff

C Of C Announces Home Decoration Contest Winners

Texas Spur Will Publish Business Review, Forecast By Roger Babson

Again this year, the Texas Spur will publish the "Roger Babson Business Review." Babson predictions have been proved to be 85 to 90 per cent correct. The report will be published in the January 2 issue.

BACKGROUND
American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally-known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his lifelong insistence on the importance of both religion and advertising in business.

Born and reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Babson went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduation, he turned immediately to financial and business activities in which his father was engaged.

His exertions, however, undermined his health; he contracted tuberculosis and he was sent West "as good as dead." It was while he was convalescing from this dread malady that he worked out some of the possibilities and problems of business forecasting. His weekly releases are used by over 400 newspapers and his financial reports by 20,000 correspondents and estates. His research work is carried on by a large staff of experts.

Babson founded Babson Institute for Men; and, in co-operation with the late Mrs. Babson, developed Webber College for Women—both nationally-known educational institutions. Here young men and women may concentrate on the fundamentals of honest and efficient business administration. Later, he founded a Midwest Institute of Business Administration, located in Eureka, Kansas, the center of the United States. He has been active also in the establishment of other mediums of service to the public, such as the Gravity Research Foundation, located at New Boston, New Hampshire.

Babson has probably done more than any other man to create among his millions of newspaper readers an interest in simple business problems, and to instill a broader vision in businessmen, enabling them to meet the ups-and-downs of the business cycle.

GREGORY TO HELP IN SOUTH PLAINS STOCK SHOW
Bill Gregory, Spur High School vocational agriculture teacher, has been named to assist in the 25th South Plains Fat Stock Show in Lubbock, March 17-18-19.

Gregory will serve with Ollie Limer, Plainview, superintendent of the fat barrow division of the show.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Draper Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Denton Draper and son of Siloam Springs, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Ball and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Copeland; Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Blackwell and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hindman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Millican of Girard and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Millican of Hale Center, will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Carl George and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ball will be hosts to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ball and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Ball and boys; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watters.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watters Christmas day will be Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Brooks of Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Glenn and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Westernman.

Miss Willie Hampton will visit her niece, Mrs. Allen Austin in Diahart during the school holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Swam of Bangs, Texas, visited Friday in the home of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watters.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Hindman, Ruth Hindman and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Abbott, all of Lubbock and Judge and Mrs. W. H. Hindman of Dickens will be guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hindman and Ray Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Ball, 502 East 2nd St. won first place in the Christmas Home Decoration contest sponsored by the Spur Chamber of Commerce.

Other winners were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McAteer, 1012 West Harris, second place, and Judge and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff, 922 West Harris, third place.

The Ball's winning effort consisted of a huge lighted tree and a snowman made out of tumble weeds. The tumble weeds are sprayed white and colored lights are used to set off his nose, eyes and three coat buttons.

The second place winner was Santa Claus with his reindeer in a lighted sequence on the R. J. McAteer lawn. Christmas lights also border the fence.

The third place winner was a huge lighted "Letter to Santa" adorning the door of the L. D. Ratliff's.

In the merchant division of the contest, West Texas Utility Company with a huge red lighted Christmas tree won first place. The tree is perfectly formed and has 99 bright red lights.

Second place went to Gabriel's Department Store; third place went to Dorothy's Flower and Beauty Shop.

Here are the winners in the Spur "Lucky Bucks" drawing held Saturday:

Mrs. Rachael Eingham — \$5; Ernest Wilson — \$5; Ted L. Harris — \$10; Mrs. Vita Elkins — \$10; Mrs. Bill Chambliss — \$20; Mrs. Orville Boothe — \$20; C. P. Witt — \$30; and T. T. Pierce — \$40.

The third and final "Lucky Bucks" drawing will be held Monday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the square at Spur. In addition to the \$140, a \$200 bonus will also be given away.

Tickets are available at Spur merchants participating in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas program.

County Savings Bond Sales Near 100% Of Quota

"During the first eleven months of 1957, Dickens County achieved 95.6 percent of its 1957 savings bonds goal." This announcement was made today by R. A. Coner, Chairman of the Dickens County Savings Bonds committee.

Sales in Dickens County were \$7,740.00 during November and sales as of December 1 totaled \$92,688. Coner stated, November sales in Texas were \$11,610,861 and during the first eleven months of 1957 sales totaled \$153,236,859 or 79.4 percent of the state's 1957 goal.

Coner had this reminder for all late Christmas shoppers "Give a gift that keeps on giving... A United States Savings Bond. They are easy to buy (at the nearest bank) easy to give (in beautiful new gift envelope) and downright wonderful to receive."

TWO COUNTY STUDENTS ATTENDING OKLA. STATE

Imogene McJunkins, Dickens, and Morris Ripple, Spur, are two of some 6,300 students now enrolled in Oklahoma State University.

Miss McJunkins is a junior in the college of education, and Ripple is a junior in the college of engineering.

DEATH'S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the room
Not a creature was stirring — not even a bloom.
The caskets were lined by the fireplace with care,
And the fragrance of flowers covered the air.
Loved ones were gathered with tears in their eyes,
While the silence was torn by heartbroken cries.
Dressed in the gifts of our children so sweet,
Were Mamma and I in eternity's sleep.
When up with the dawn we had jumped in the car
To visit with Grandma — a distance quite far.
Away through the country we'd sped like a flash,
Tore down the highway — a death-dealing crash!
Our blood on the crest of the hilltop so high
Gave a silent reminder for those passing by
That out in the darkness of a cold winter's night
Stood a grim, cloaked figure, ready to smite.
He was dressed all in black from his foot to his head
And his clothes were all tattered with blood from the dead;
A long curved scythe he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a devil about to attack.
He was skinny and gaunt, a right vicious old elf,
And I screamed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A blink of his eye, and a twist of my head,
Soon gave me to know I had plenty to dread.
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work
Adding us to his roll of nitwit and jerks.
More rapid than autos his courses they came,
And he whistled and shouted, and called us by name:
"Now, Speeder! now, Careless! now Honker! and Creep!
On Passer! on Weaver! on Drinker and Sleep!
To the top of the hill, to the end of the curve!
Now, dash away, dash away, show you got nerve!"
And then in a twinkling, I saw in my lights
The tingling, spine-chilling, most awesome of sights.
As I drew in my head, and was turning the wheel
Through the windshield and dash came the grinding of steel.
As dry leaves, that night, the wild auto did fly,
When we met with another to mount to the sky.
The stump of my pipe, it broke off in my teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled my head for a wreath.
So hear as I speak from death's darkened sill:
Slow down, my friend, pass not on that hill,
For he waits there ahead, omnipotent and cold
For the drivers, lax, in his arms to enfold.
Escape him you can't, if you must take the chance;
Death is the penalty — you know in advance.
For I heard him exclaim ere my eyes dimmed of sight,
"Careless driving to all and to all a good fright!"

Holiday News About Town

The family of Clayton Bridge will have their Christmas dinner Sunday, December 22 in the home of W. J. Bridge. Those expected to be present are: Mr. and Mrs. Dumont Bridge and children of Glenn; Mrs. Tommy Tinsley and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mills and family all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bridge and Jaminell of Spur and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Randolph of Afton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Karr and daughter, Sandra will have as their guest for Christmas day, Mrs. M. Smith and sons, Abilene.

Childress Services Held For Son Of Spur Woman

Sidney Albert Smith, son of Mrs. Minnie Smith, Spur, died in Childress last week. He was 64 years old.

A native of Motley county, Smith had been employed with a highway construction firm and had helped build many highways in West Texas.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Imogene Creasey, New York; two sons, Sidney Albert Jr., Artesia, N. M.; Maxwell, Montana.

He is also survived by one brother, Postmaster H. L. Smith, Roaring Springs; one sister, Mrs. Harry Duval, Belleville, Kansas; and his mother, Mrs. Minnie Smith, Spur.
Interment was in Childress cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira G. Tyler and children, Tahoka; Mrs. Pearl Morgan and Kent; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bridge and Jaminell of Spur and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Morgan of Amarillo.

Mrs. Thelma Calvert will have part of her children home for Christmas. Those expected to be here are: Mr. and Mrs. Rex Smal-den and girls of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. James Reast and family of Brownfield; Miss Strela Calvert of McMurry College in Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forbes and family of Spur and Bill and Leland who live at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McAteer and girls will be host on Christmas day to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Crossman and daughter of Garland; Mrs. W. S. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Campbell and children of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Chastain will spend Christmas day in Littlefield with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barnett. They will be accompanied by Neal A. Jr. and family of Crosbyton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Austin and daughter, Ann, will visit during the holidays with her parents and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Simmons of Springtown.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sampson of Plains, and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Kearney and Mike will have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Boothe.

Jean Perry, operator at the De Luxe Beauty Salon will spend Christmas day in Aspermont with her brother, Alvin Perry.

Mrs. Julia Williams will spend Christmas in Lubbock with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pitcock.

Miss Barbara Turbeville, student at TWU in Denton and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turbeville of Spur will spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Paulita Karr, student at Hardin Simmons and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Karr, is home for the holidays.

Jerry Dunaway, a student at Texas Tech, will spend the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunaway.

Betty Sue and Bob Dyess, students of ENMU will be home for the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dyess.

Mrs. C. E. Turner of Texarkana, Arkansas, is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Eckels and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Mynard Ensey and daughter of Odessa will visit Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ensey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Evans and son, Mike of Pampa, visited last week with his mother, Mrs. Lela Evans and an aunt, Miss Etta Fite.

L. D. Foreman, jet instructor at Amarillo, visited in Spur Thursday, Dec. 19, with his mother, Mrs. W. F. Foreman and other relatives.

Pfc. and Mrs. Claton W. Perry of Alexandria, Va., are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Perry of Afton and Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Dawson of Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Jenkins of Lubbock will spend Christmas day with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Robinson.

Mrs. Erie Foster will have Christmas dinner with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurst of Lorenzo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Garner and children had dinner Sunday, December 22 in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Renfro of Lamesa. Christmas day they plan to visit the W. W. Garners.

Mr. and Mrs. Rip Garner left Saturday, Dec. 21, for Natchitoches, La., to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Zula Van Hook.

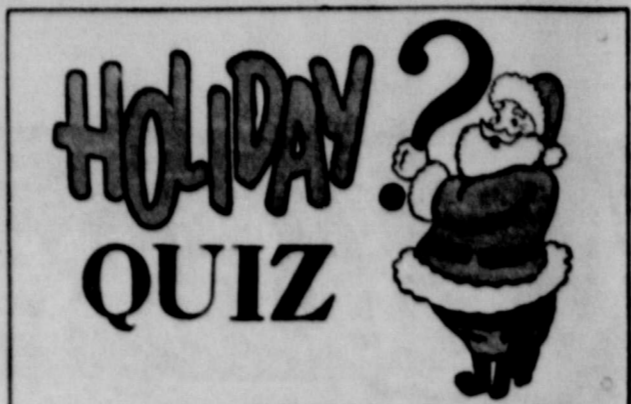
Robert, son of Mrs. Loretta Beeson and a student of Texas Tech.

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy and in the first grade. I would like a set of guns for Christmas and a wagon and 2 little dolls for my baby sisters. My name is Bruce Wayne and my sisters' name is Cookie and Vickie.
By, Santa Claus,
Bruce Wayne Tilley

am in the second grade. I think I have been good. Please bring me some fish and a bracelet. Please bring my sisters and brothers something.
Love,
Louise Martin

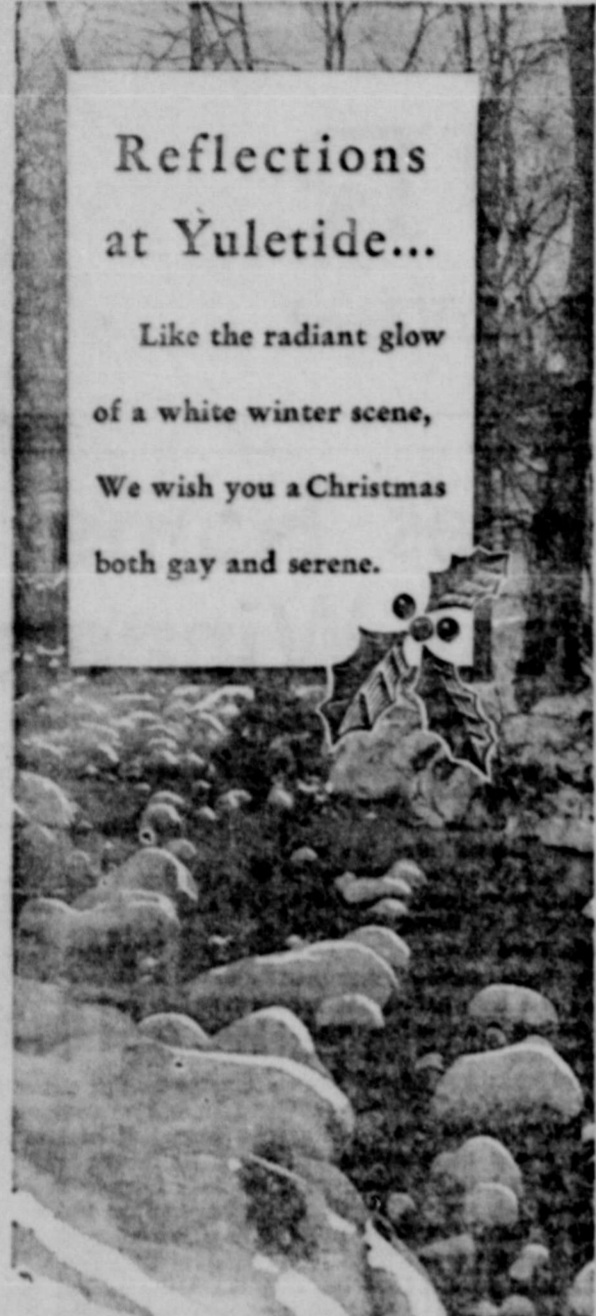
Dear Santa,
Bring me a doctor's kit and a gun set. I have been a good boy.
Your friend,
Max White



- HOLIDAY QUIZ**
1. Q. Where did the poinsettia get its name?
 2. Q. "Bono Natale" is a holiday greeting in which land?
 3. Q. Who was Thomas Nast?
 4. Q. Who wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem"?
 5. Q. Where was the original St. Nicholas born?
 6. Q. For what writing is Clement Clark Moore famous?
 7. Q. What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
 8. Q. When was Christmas first observed in England?
 9. Q. In which land do children await the visit of Christkindl?
 10. Q. Which is the most widely translated Christmas Carol?

ANSWERS

1. From Joel R. Poinsett, American statesman and minister to Mexico. 2. Italy. 3. American cartoonist who first drew Santa as fat, merry man with white beard. 4. Phillip Brooks, in 1868. 5. In the port city of Patara, in Southern Turkey. He was for many years Bishop of Myra. 6. "A Visit to Saint Nicholas," better known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas." 7. Christ Child. 8. About 531 A.D., during the reign of King Arthur. 9. In Switzerland. 10. Adeste Fideles, translated in 119 different languages.



Reflections at Yuletide...

Like the radiant glow of a white winter scene,
We wish you a Christmas both gay and serene.

Dear Santa,
I am a girl. I am 7 years old. I think I have been good. Please bring me a doll and a buggy and some skates. Please bring my sisters something too.
Love,
Catherine Day



The time was Christmas night. The year was 1776. The place was near the Delaware River. Some 2,400 tattered and bleeding men stood silently about, uncomplaining.

This Christmas night was a crucial moment for a new republic which had yet to gain its freedom. But the course was charted by a great leader and a great American president, George Washington. His words of inspiration remain to this day: "This is it, gentlemen—victory or death. That is our only watchword."

And victory it was. Fired by the courage and inspiration of the man who became known as "the father of his country," a tattered band of patriots crossed the dangerous river of ice and marched to Trenton where they surprised and humbled the Hessian mercenaries and recorded a great Christmas story in the pages of American history.



To each of our many friends, we wish a very happy Yuletide season.

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Season's Greetings

Our best wishes to one and all for a very merry Christmas!

GABRIEL'S



BIG TREE . . . Believed to be the largest man-made Christmas tree in the world, this 100-foot tall Christmas spectacle was designed by General Electric and last year graced Cleveland's Nela Park.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a ballerina doll and bike. Please remember my little sisters with toys, fruit and candy.
Love,
Jackie Forbes

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a deb teen doll and a pogo stick for Christmas.
Love,
Vicki Lee Clifton



As the Christmas season approaches, may its true spirit be revealed once again unto us all.

Gruben Jewelry

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want a doll for Christmas. I am a good girl. I am in the second grade. You are pretty, Santa.
Goodbye, Santa,
Love, Gloria Alexander

Dear Santa,
I want a Tiny Tears doll with a bed, nurses kit, and cooking set. My little brother, Junior, wants a four wheel bicycle. I am in the second grade. Santa, I love you. You are sweet.
Love,
Jeddy Gayle Wright

bring me a bicycle. Please bring me a BB gun. Please bring me a bow and arrow. Please bring me a wagon. Please bring me a train. Thank you, Santa.
Goodbye,
Sheldon Parsons

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike. Bring Rhea Jo a girls hike. Boyd wants a watch. Bring grandmother and us a big bag of candy.
Love,
Dan Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a Tiny Tears doll. I am a little girl. I want a set of dishes. I am 7 too, I am a good little girl. I want pretty toys. I am in the second grade. I love you Santa Claus.
Patricia Garner

Dear Santa,
I want a rod and reel and BB gun. I want a real bow and arrow. I want an army set. I want a Senior microscope and lab set. I want an Andy Gard Shoot A Matic tank. Thank you. I love you.
From,
Wayne Richey

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a rifle, holster set and Army man.
Ricky Ellis

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a doll house. And a bike.
Judy Hale

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tiny tears doll and a bathinette.
Love,
Kay Elkins

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. Please



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Christmas In The Country

By H. G. Paula

Have you ever taken Christmas in the country? This is what it seems to be — a bountiful table, gay reminiscences, late hours over coffee and cake, and just enjoying things in general. Now, let's see just what takes place up to that fateful day.

First: The endless correspondence to see if sister Susie and her family are going to be present; if brother Bill will be able to get here or if he will be delayed the same as last time. The situation finally irons itself out — sister Susie and family are the only ones that can positively be here.

Second: Now comes the plans; should we fix turkey, ham, or a good fat hen with lots of dressing? Cranberry sauce is a must, then the fruit cake, all the pies, then the vegetables, and don't forget the red beans and the cornbread, all the good salads, pounds of coffee and be sure there is plenty

of candy, fruit and nuts. To save a little time, all that can possibly be prepared before hand should be placed lovingly in the deepfreeze. Sounds like there should be enough to last the few days the folks will be here, so, with food planning and preparation as complete as can be expected at this time, we concentrate on the next thing, which is:

Problem number three: The inevitable "Where shall we sleep them?" Daughter shouldn't have to give up her room every time company comes, but (sweet thing that she is), she more than willingly gives up her room and bed for Aunt Susie. So now we can put the roll-away bed in there for her children and Daughter can sleep on that terribly narrow thing that she positively declares is tremendously comfortable. Finally we get down to the house-cleaning.

You know, there is a million things to be moved, thrown out,

scrubbed, dusted, waxed, mended and re-arranged before the place is presentable for Aunt Susie and Family's arrival. Then we happen to remember that we have forgotten something vital . . .

The presents: We've got to get the children something — Aunt Susie never forgets Daughter — besides the children are so sweet, they deserve much more than we will be able to get for them. It is finally decided to get little Johnnie a set of real Roy Rogers guns and little Diana a lovely little Teddy Bear. (Aunt Susie and her husband may have to settle for a sack of country grown peas). It isn't much of a gift, but it is given with the best of good wishes and besides, it is something they dearly love. Now, with courage we proceed to:

Step number four: Sit down and relax, but only momentarily — we forgot the laundry. Oh, well, that won't take but the better part of two days and while we're on the merry-go-round, we might as well complete the circle, shouldn't we? Next comes the self-cleaning-up process — a couple hours in the tub should fix all tense muscles and nerves quite well, then a good night's rest to be completely ready for company.

Finally ready for a chapter in a good book and guess what happens? THEY'RE HERE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE! But we don't mind. In fact it is wonderful — we love surprises — even expected ones. Let us discuss Christmas Eve now, but we no longer are concerned with problems. So we will proceed in as normal a way as possible.

The children are finally in bed — asleep, we hope. (They should be — it is nearly one o'clock in the morning). So we slip out all the toys to put under the tree. Susie's husband just has to play with the shooting gallery, mine has to shoot the real Roy Rogers guns and pandemonium literally takes over. When finally the

things are over there under the tree — which by this time is slightly lop-sided — one of Aunt Susie's children is awakened by the dog baying at the moon. Most certainly he will see the gifts old Santa left. And who can contain the joy of gifts such as these.

The other children are awakened by the first one and the fun starts for the grown-ups who erroneously expected to be in bed by two a. m. at the latest. Well, in bed by four-thirty and doesn't it seem wonderful. That was quite a long day.

Doesn't Aunt Susie and her family look great? Her husband has lost so much weight, why, he almost has back his school-boy figure. (Now, really, is there such a thing?)

Well, I'm off to slumber land when a car drives up and who on earth should be here but Brother Bill and his lovely brood. Up! Up! Up!, everybody! Guess who is here when he thought the boss just wouldn't let him off for the holidays? (There's no denying it, they will have to sleep in our bed and the children can double up-triple, or quadruple up. Oh, well, they can sleep any place there is room.)

Everyone is settled at last when the realization comes to us that it is time for breakfast—which is one thing that won't be found in the freezer. It is nothing that a

couple of settings of eggs and two sides of bacon plus about three dozen good country biscuits won't fix, and approximately two gallons of good hot coffee and jars of good home-made jelly.

Now, hurry and get the breakfast confusion and conglomeration cleared away, washed and put up. Then we get ready to get the Christmas table all fixed up. Who on earth could get by on this day without food on the table all day long — one never knows who will pop in unexpectedly. After all, this is Christmas in the country and we certainly aren't short on hospitality.

Friends we haven't seen in forty years happen to stop by, good friends and neighbors from far and near. At last count, our calculations was Christmas dinner for fifty, instead of the few in Aunt Susie's family. But you know, we would gladly go through all that hustle and bustle again.

We've had a long year to gain our equilibrium and have decided definitely that Christmas is the one time that is completely enjoyable for us and all the expected or unexpected.

Perhaps you have thought that the old time Christmas has long since vanished, but don't be too sure. To find out, why not move to the country and invite everyone you know to come out and enjoy a real "Christmas in the Country".

Dear Santa,
My name is Mary Jane Conner. I am 6 years old and in the 1st grade at school. I would like some things for my B" dolls. A sewing machine and a dish washer. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas.

Love,
Mary Jane
PS—Please visit all of the other girls and boys.

Dear Santa,
I am a boy six years old. For Christmas I would like a nelectric football set, an airplane set and an army set. Thank you Santa

Love,
Mike Sims
Dear Santa,
I am six years old and in the first grade. I like school and make good grades. Please bring me a make up set, a doll and dishes.

Thank you,
Freida Kay Kinney
Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a machine gun that throws little fire.

Love,
Dolores
Dear Santa,
I am a good little boy. Please bring me a gun and an airplane.

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Modern World Still Needs Old Saint Nick

Every December many parents are faced with the problem of what to do or what to say about Santa Claus. Some of our educators have been saying for years that the Santa theory is all wrong and some of today's "modern" parents seem to agree.

But is the Saint Nick idea good or bad for children? We say it is good and that no child, be he average or brilliant, ever suffered from the grand illusion. Children know there is a Santa Claus and they accept the fact that he gradually changes from the Santa of fiction to the bill-paying Santa of reality. Santa is good for small children for children have imaginative minds. The fact they might see Santa on every corner matters little. In their eyes Santa is a symbol, a mystery, and in his wondrous magic, is apt to pop up anywhere.

Time to Explain
And it is not the end of the world when the time comes that some older child shatters the illusion by telling all. Such is the perfect opportunity for the wise parent to explain that Santa is, after all, the spirit of Christmas. He represents the spirit of giving and the reason that we give at Christmas time is because this is the day on which Jesus was born. Jesus taught love and faith and hope and Santa is a figurative being who helps us understand and use that teaching.

Old Legends Concern Magic Mule and Camel

Among the many legends about Christmas that concern animals, two of the most interesting are the Magic Mule and the Camel of Jesus.

A Syrian legend says that a certain traveler tied his mule to a tree and went into an inn for refreshment on Epiphany Eve. Just at midnight, when the boughs of the tree bowed down in homage to the Holy Infant, the mule was caught up on the rebound and found cradled high up in the branches by its returning master.

Another legend holds that the youngest camel of the three ridden by the Wise Men was exhausted by the pressing journey and was blessed with immortality by the baby Jesus as it lay moaning near the Nativity scene.



CUTE CUTOUT . . . A novel Santa cutout can easily be made by the children in the home and will lend a cheerful spirit to home surroundings.



Happy Christmas

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Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. I think I have been good. Please bring me a cap gun. Please bring my sisters and brothers something too.
Love,
Deward Adams, Jr.

gun and a US mail truck. Please bring my sister and brothers something.
Love,
Tommy Ray Reynolds

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am 7 years old. I have been good. Please bring me a watch.
Love,
Hershel Roberson

Christmas Customs South of the Border

In the lands of Central and South America, the Christmas festival reaches its zenith with the celebration of the Misa del Gallo (Mass of the Cock) at midnight Christmas Eve. This traditionally is the hour at which Christ was born. The name itself stems from Christian Rome's early practice of holding the first service when the cock crew.

Christmas feasts follow the midnight service, and delicacies vary according to the country. While roast pig is Latin America's holiday favorite, turkey dominates tables in Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Nicaragua, Panama and Puerto Rico.

Gift Giving
Gift giving has always been closely linked with the Nativity. The youngsters of many lands look to the Christ Child for presents. In certain countries, including Mexico and Puerto Rico, tots impatiently await Epiphany, January 6, and a visit from the Three Wise Men. Santa Claus adds, for the parents, an expensive complication.

Exchange of gifts takes an unusual turn in Colombia where it is custom for merry-makers in masquerade to mill through the streets on Christmas Eve. Whenever a friend detects another's identity, he claims a reward.

Children of Latin America traditionally send their letters to "Baby Jesus, Care of St. Peter," but North American symbols of Christmas, Santa Claus, the tinsel tree, wreaths, and greeting cards—are becoming familiar in the cities of several neighboring countries, notably Mexico, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Safe, Durable Toys Best for Youngsters

Carefully selected toys will give children many happy hours of safer, constructive play. Poorly chosen toys, on the other hand, will collect dust on the shelf or need repairing a few days after Christmas.

Many winding and friction-drive toys are limited in their use and are not recommended for children. On the other hand, blocks, legs and other such toys will help develop a child's creativity.

If you choose a doll as a gift, be sure it is durable. Check the arms to see that they will bend easily. Also see that the fingers are not spread out so that it is difficult to dress the doll.

Make Clothes Simple
Doll clothes should be attractive, yet made so the child can manage them herself. They should open down either the front or the back and fasten with snaps, large buttons or ties.

The construction and material used in toys is also important. Since hard plastics break easily, soft plastics, metal and wood are better for toys. Inspect metal toys carefully to be sure there are no sharp edges.



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

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shined about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men!

JOY TO THE YOUNG

One of the most beautiful aspects of Christmas is the joy that it brings to the hearts of the young, the shining anticipation that lights their merry eyes like candles.

How old are you that you cannot remember the many times you lay quietly in the winter dark eagerly awaiting the anticipated hour of midnight? Did you ever tiptoe down the stairs, silently, cautiously, peering around the corner to see if HE had been there? Can you not remember how all at once the days and hours of waiting were ended in the glorious realization that it was Christmas morning? Do you not recall how the world seemed different on that day, how your nostrils were filled with the aroma of pine and nuts, fruits and the fresh red paint of a wagon or the unsold newness of a fluffy doll?

You are not so old that you cannot remember, nor so blind that you cannot see it in the eyes of your children. For it is there. It is a part of the spirit of Christmas and an important part. For the moment it is the spirit of receiving, but this will change with time as the spirit of giving and the truer meaning of Christmas become a reality.

So let young hearts enjoy the coming of Christmas. Neither man nor time can change the idea of Christmas in the hearts of the very young, no more than they can alter the true meaning of the Christmas story.

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am seven years old. I am in the second grade. I think I have been good. Please bring me an electric train. Please bring my sister a bicycle.
Love,
David Fike Godfrey

some skates, a nurse set and bicycle. Please bring my brother something.
Love,
Janie Ensey

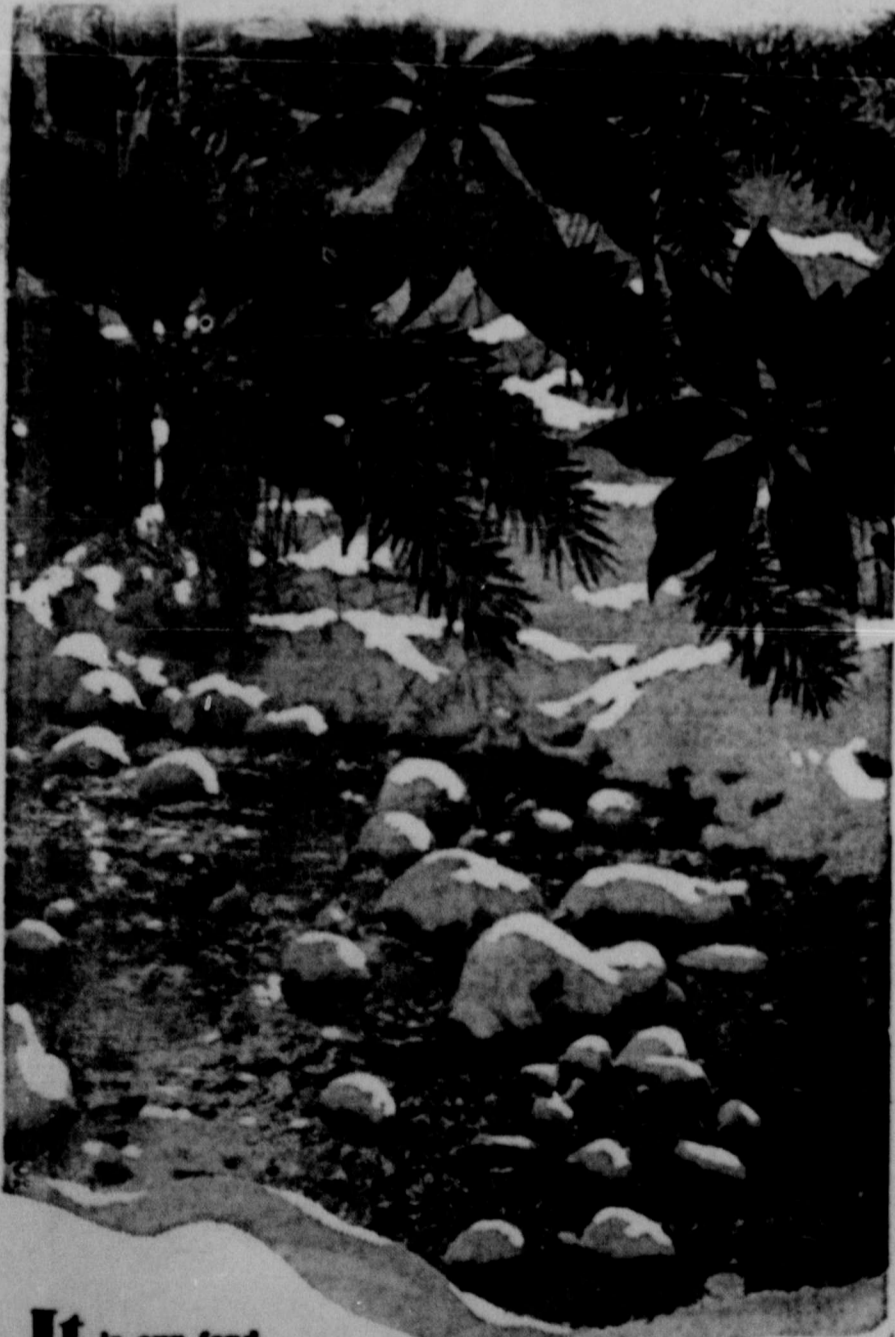
Dear Santa,
I am a girl. I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. I think I have been good. Please bring me

For Christmas I want an Army set, a satellite launcher and a cub scout suit.
Love,
Danny Karr



May the coming of Christmas reveal again the true spiritual import of the blessed Nativity.

The People At Godfrey Motor Company



It is our fond hope that the enchanting beauty of the Christmas season will be mirrored in happiness for you and your family.

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Aglow with Christmas Cheer

... Our fondest wish to our friends for all the radiant joy of a happy holiday.

THE LEON REAGANS

C. A. Shipman Roy Baker

Beautiful Poinsettia Needs Special Care

The poinsettia, with its bright red flowers and green foliage, will survive if cared for properly. If you have recently purchased a poinsettia, chances are it was greenhouse grown, so try to provide conditions as nearly as possible like those in the greenhouse. A uniform temperature of 60-75 degrees F. is best. Place the plant in bright light near a sunny window but remove it at night to prevent chilling. Water it enough to keep the soil moderately moist but not water-logged.

Cool and Dry
If you intend to keep the poinsettia for another year, gradually withhold water and store it in a cool, dry place after it has stopped blooming. In April or May, prune it down to six inches, and replot it in a good potting mixture with proper drainage.

Return it to bright light to renew its growth. You can put it out in the garden when the temperature remains above 60 degrees F. An area partly shaded from the midday sun is most desirable.

You can keep the poinsettia short by pinching it in summer, but do not prune the same shoot more than once because small flowers will result.

As cool weather approaches, move the plant indoors to an airy and sunny location, preferably near a south window. The poinsettia is a short-day plant and must not be exposed to artificial light because it will delay or prevent flowering.



We hope the people both will send a happy note for your holiday!

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Dear Santa,
I am a girl. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. I think I have been good. Please bring me a table and chairs or bicycle. Please bring Kay, Trey, Janice and Jay something nice. I make the bed and wash the dishes and help mother.
Love,
Linda Lackey

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll. Please bring Marvin a bow and arrow. Please bring my niece a ball and my mother a bowl. I am in the second grade. Please bring my big brother a BB gun. I am a good girl. I shall thank you for all my toys.
Goodby, Santa Claus,
Wanda Louise Thomason



To our many friends—our deep felt appreciation for your loyalty and friendship during the past year... we wish you a Very Happy Holiday!

Spur Gin



A SLEIGHTFUL OF WISHES

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Dear Santa,
I would like to have for Christmas a Tiny Tears doll, play iron, candy and formal for the doll.
Love,
Bobbie Coursey



SCALES WESTERN STORE



May the true meaning of Christmas dawn once again and bring its blessings to the world.

West Texas Furniture Co.



You can enjoy the fun of getting ready for Christmas by starting early to make original gifts for those on your list who "already have everything" or are "so hard to buy for." You don't have to be a master craftsman to make attractive presents, just let simplicity and color be your keynotes.

As for materials, department stores and variety stores are filled with endless possibilities. You can, for instance, buy metal trays of all sizes that can be made distinctive with flowers or fruit, scrolls or scallops. Often the instructions, designs, and paint materials are packaged right with the trays.

The ten-cent store will yield an array of kitchen canisters, cake tins, and wooden salad bowls that can be given decorative touches. They provide a wonderful way to highlight kitchen color schemes. In decorating wooden salad bowls, put your designs on first, then give the bowl two or three coats of spar varnish which will provide an odorless, tasteless coating.

If you'll take your ingenuity shopping, you'll find many items that will arouse your creative interest in other stores, too. There is an endless stream of closet accessories . . . hampers, shoe and hat stands, hat boxes, and clothes hangers.

And don't overlook such gardening equipment as trowels, diggers and watering cans. They can all be perked up with colorful enamel.

For the younger set, a toy chest with storybook figures—or the child's name—makes a welcome gift. Such a box can be made from an old sea chest or a wooden storage locker. You may even find one in a store that sells unpainted furniture.

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll buggy and nurse kit.
I love you,
Margie Moore



Metteer's Boot Shop

Holiday Celebrations In Various Countries

Although such things as family dinner and the custom of gift giving are a part of the Christmas observance almost everywhere, this universal holiday is celebrated differently around the world.

In the United States, of course, we have the Christmas tree, holly and mistletoe. Santa Claus and Christmas cards.

In Italy the shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as townfolks sing sweet Nativity songs. And thousands come from all over the world to attend Mass in St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.

Long Celebration
In Holland, the land of Old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus, it was custom in former years for the Dutch to celebrate for about a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.

In Greece, decorated trees, greeting cards and the exchanging of gifts mark the observance of the holiday. New Year's Eve is the time for a really big celebration with dances and parties for both young and old.

In Mexico, during the nine days before Christmas, candlelight processions are formed nightly. Called *Ponadas*, which literally means "lodging," this ritual reenacts the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem and its difficulty in finding a place to stay. At a prearranged household, the marchers are barred at first, then admitted with rejoicing.

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am 7 years old. I have been good. I want a gun and a watch. Please bring my sister a pretty doll.
Love,
Bill Starcher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun, wagon, cowboy suit. Please fill my stocking full of candy.
With love,
Steve Horton

CHRISTMAS JOY



May the light of the stately candles be your symbol of glowing happiness.

A & B Barber Shop



BRIGHT'S THE WORD
Santa, snow and bright lights, these are things that spell out Christmas in the big city.

Trimmed Tree Brought To Us by Germans

A Christmas tree will be put up in two out of every three American homes this year. Yet the trimmed tree, as we know and use it today, is only about 150 years old in this country.

The Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. A Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

It was not until near the end of the American Revolution that the Christmas tree took hold. German immigrants, homesick for the tradition of their native land, put them up.

Dear Santa,
I am a girl. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. I think I have been good. Please bring me and my sister some fish. Please bring me a make-up kit. Please bring me a bicycle. Please bring my sister a doll.
With love,
Cynthia Sue McAteer

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Old-Fashioned

Christmas!



We wish for you all the happy hustle and bustle of a traditional Yuletide!

Clary Poultry & Egg

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and work hard in school. Please bring me two guns and holsters and a cowboy hat. Thank you.
Love,
Russell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Robert the Robot, a view master and an airplane.
Thank you,
David Moore



Quality Cleaners

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am 9 years old. I am in the second grade. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a dump truck and football. Please bring my brothers something they want.
Love,
Dorman Scott

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven years

old. I am in the first grade and I like my teacher a lot. Will you please bring me a big army truck and a package of drawing paper.
Jim Williams

Dear Santa,
I am a boy eight years old. For Christmas I would like a football suit.
Love,
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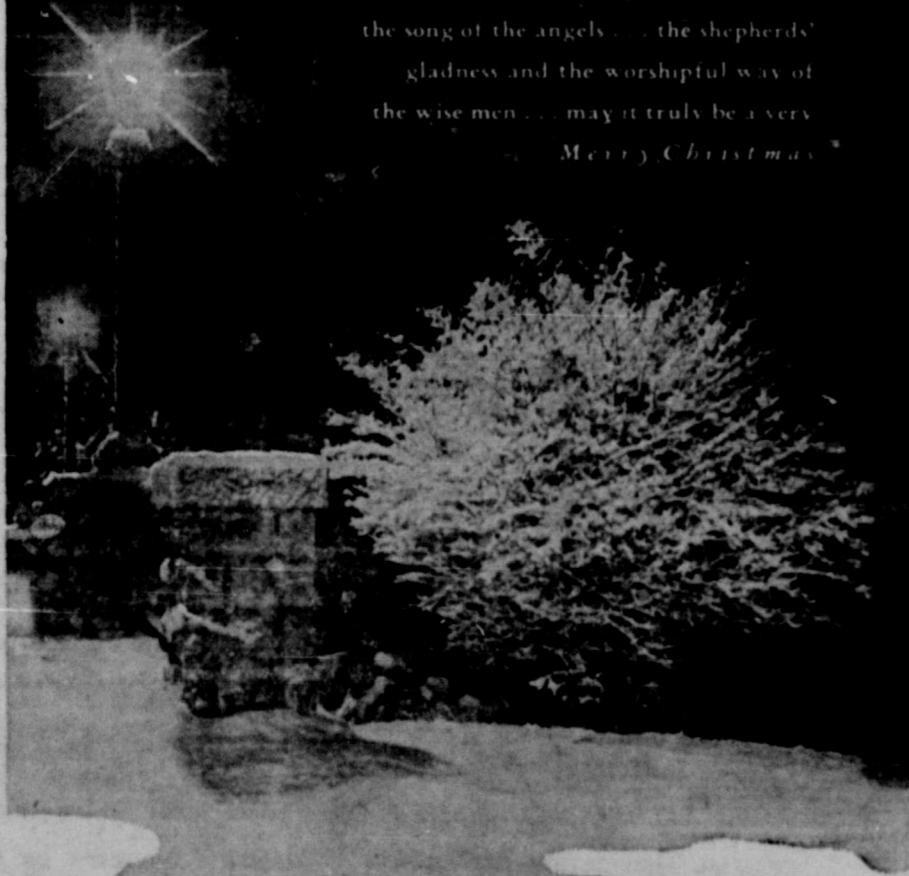
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Silent Night, Holy Night

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FARMER'S CO-OP GIN

Dear Santa,

We are twins six and one half months old. Please bring us a doll and a teddy bear nuts and fruit. Don't forget our brothers and sisters, B. W., Roy Dan, Jerry and Carol Ann.
Connie and Ronnie
Billberry

Dear Santa,

I am a boy. I am 9 years old. I am in the second grade. I want a bicycle and a watch. Could you bring my brothers and sisters something, too?
Love,
Kenneth Merimon

Dear Santa,

I want a Revlon high heel doll with some glasses and some hose and some doll rings and I want a toy nurse set.
Your friend,
Priscilla Nunley

Dear Santa,

I am a boy. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. I think I have been good. Please bring me a machine gun, a cap gun and a watch and airplane, cowboy suit. Please bring my sister and brothers something, too.
Love,
Carter Day

Dear Santa,

I want a play sewing machine. And Eggee high heel doll with glasses and hose and some doll rings. And a toy clarinet and a play band suit and hat and a toy playpen.
Your friend,
Beck Nunley

Dear Santa,

I am a boy. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. I think I have been good. Please bring me a BB gun and skates. Please bring my brothers a football.
Love,
Ruben Pippins



ROOM FOR SANTA . . . The French Santa shown above was caught leading his gift-laden donkey down the Champs-Élysées shortly before last Christmas. Normally the traffic here is frantic, but the Suez Canal blockage and gasoline rationing gave Santa room to maneuver.

Dear Santa,

I want a Dollikin and a pogo stick for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year.
Brenda Ann Clifton

Dear Santa,

I want a pogo stick for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year.
Vicki Lee Clifton

Dear Santa,

I am a boy. I am 7 years old. I have been good. I want a gun and a watch and a suit. Please bring my sister a pretty doll.
Love,
Leon Patterson

Dear Santa,

I am a boy. I am 8 years old. I have been good. I want a gun and a watch. Please bring my brother and sister something.
Love,
Michael Lindsey

Attractive Package Brightens Your Gift

Half of the gift is the wrapping, so make the outside covering of your gift as gay and attractive as the gift inside.

For the girl who knows how to sew, material for a dress in a fabric-wrapped box, rick-rack for the ribbon and spools of thread with big buttons for the decoration create an unusual package.

A flat box of letter paper can be disguised as a desk pad by using a real blotter on top with corners of metallic paper.

Be Different
Everybody gets and gives neckties at Christmas, so why not make yours distinctive by using a necktie knot in decorating the box containing the tie? Fasten the ends of the ribbon under the lid about 1/4 way down, bring to center, tie the knot and shape the ends tie fashion. Use dark blue, wine or green ribbon about one and one-half inches wide. These are attractive used on a striped or plaid paper.

Or the package might resemble a tiny suitcase wrapped in paper with the ends bound in decorative tape. Add a handle and identification tag.



The observance of the coming holiday brings with it our sincerest wish for your happiness.

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TIME TO REMEMBER . . . A visit with Santa in a high spot in a young life as well as the time to remember whether a little girl has earned Santa's stamp of approval for her stellar conduct throughout the year.

Nativity Theme Tops Card Illustrations

The Nativity theme is by far the most popular of all Christmas card illustrations. Many are reproductions from the old masters, but each year others are created especially for the Christmas card industry.

Winter scenes are next in popularity. Some of these scenes date back to the work of early masters but in recent years many new artists, such as Grandma Moses, have achieved fame in this field. For over a century, American artists have aided the industry by painting Christmas themes or by selling reproduction rights to their works.

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Wherever you are, be it in your home or the church of your choice, may your day be filled with the gladness of the Yuletide spirit.

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THE Christmas STORY

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrinus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard marvelled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

Accessions To Santa Luke 2:1-20

We hope you will pause to read this old, old story because this is the true meaning of Christmas.

West Texas Utilities Company

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a sub-machine gun that shoots sparks.
Love,
Richard Bingham

Dear Santa,
Please come to see me Christmas. Please bring me some guns.
Love,
Mike Jay

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a horse and a saddle. And don't forget the rest of the boys and girls.
James Kirby

Dear Santa,
Bring me a pretty dool, cabinet, blackboard, buggy and a new dress. Also a trike.
Susie Hyatt



Season's Best
May a wealth of good cheer find its way to your house this Christmas.

O. K. RUBBER WELDERS

Season's Greetings



May the true spirit of Christ-child be reborn in all of us during the holy season.

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Season's Greetings

And... a Christmas with all the trimmings!



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A Very HAPPY HOLIDAY To All!

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Attractive holiday adornments for the front door, mantels and dining room can do much to bring the warm, friendly spirit of the Christmas season into the home.

A triangle or crescent formed of two or three types of greens will brighten the front door. Pine, hemlock, spruce, fir, laurel, holly and scotch broom all work well here.

Turn a few greens upside down and insert them at the base ends to cover the bare stems. The entire spray should then be turned upside down and hung on the outside of the front door.

A simple, but attractive dinner table arrangement involves using a glass salad bowl with a needle or pin holder in the center. The holder can be made fast with modeling clay. Place a few evergreens around the edge of the bowl, inserting the stems in the holder.

An excellent mantle piece can be made from a piece of plain white Styrofoam. Insert candles in a row down the center, then decorate foreground and background sparingly with small pieces of evergreen.



For the family which prefers a small tree, an evergreen can serve as the traditional Christmas decoration during the holidays and later take its place in the family yard as an ornamental tree.

Forestry experts say that a live tree has a reasonable chance of survival if several rules are followed.

First, careful digging is necessary to insure that the whole root system is removed with the tree. The evergreen should be thoroughly watered from the moment it is potted.

The tree should be kept in the house a minimum amount of time, since the heat of the house often forces the buds to break out. These will freeze when the tree is transplanted outdoors.

Short-needled varieties of evergreen make the best potted trees. These include balsam, white and Douglas fir and blue, white, red and Norway spruce. The foliage of pines is too sparse at the three-foot height to make them suitable as table trees.



Christmas is the season of joy and peace, yet quite often carelessness causes it to be a time of tragedy.

Fire hazards are about us everywhere during the holiday season. The majority of us overload our home electrical systems during the season and practically everyone brings a Christmas tree into the house without first spraying it with a fireproof substance.

Holiday fires are needless. Don't use more lights than you need to make your tree look bright and cheerful and have your electrical system carefully checked even if all you install any lights at all.

Buy Fresh Tree
Don't let a tinder-dry Christmas tree spoil your holiday. Be certain your tree is fresh when you buy it. Keep it in water at all times and do not bring it into the house until a day or so before Christmas. Do not place the tree near a fireplace or heating unit. Dispose of the tree when it begins to shed its needles a lot.

Be sure that all decorations used in the home are fireproof. Do not use lighted candles as a part of your Christmas decorations. They are much more dangerous than decorative.

Check Wiring
If your string of lights are not new, check the insulation on the wiring carefully as it tends to become brittle with age and use.

Use only approved lights and wiring for outdoor decorations. Indoor wiring tends to short when used outside.

If you burn a Yule log in your fireplace to observe the holiday, be sure to use a screen and keep household items and other articles a safe distance from the fireplace.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an electric train set and a gun set. Also some play doh modelling clay.
Thank you,
Billy Richardson

Christmas Tree Care Halts Fire Hazards

You wouldn't build a fire on the living room floor, but an improperly decorated Christmas tree amounts to the same thing. Don't invite Santa to come to your house on a fire engine; follow these precautions in Christmas tree lighting and decorating:

Choose a small tree, rather than a large one.

Store the tree outdoors until a day or two before Christmas.

When the tree is brought into the house, stand it in water and set it in a cool part of the house, away from radiators, heaters and fireplaces. Don't allow it to block an exit.

Check Carefully
Be sure every lighting set and electric cord you use is in good condition—no worn or frayed wires, no loose sockets.

When you buy new sets or cords, look for the approved Underwriters' Label. The ones that bear it have passed tests for fire and shock hazards.

Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off.

Ornaments should be made of fireproof materials, metal or glass. Never set up electric trains under the tree.

Don't let gift wrappings pile up under the tree.

Don't leave tree lights burning when no one is home.

From time to time, check needles near the lights to see if they have started to turn brown.

When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it outdoors.

THE Yule Log

The Yule Log tradition is making a comeback as more and more of today's modern homes are designed with open fireplaces as well as central heating and gas stoves.

For those who have a place to burn a Yule log and want one, tradition says that it should be oak, ash, olive, apple or pine. Whatever type you choose or may be able to acquire, get plenty of wood.

Ash is highly desirable since it can be used without being seasoned. It burns quickly, and throws off plenty of heat. Poplar, on the other hand, will spark badly if unseasoned.

Elm is less desirable since it is slow to get started. However, it lasts a long time and brightens up when it gets going. A few logs of birch, pine or fir will help it along.

Beech and oak are among the best logs. Beech has a pleasant aroma and gives off a steady glow. Oak has the outstanding merit of burning slowly.

If none of these are available, select wood from some kind of fruit tree. Such wood gives off a pleasant smell when burning.

Dear Santa,
You are pretty. I want a bow and arrow. I am in the second grade. I want two guns. I want a bicycle, too. I am a good little boy. I want a Tiny Tears for my sister.
Love to Santa,
Willie Ortiz

SPUR MATTRESS COMPANY

Season's Greetings

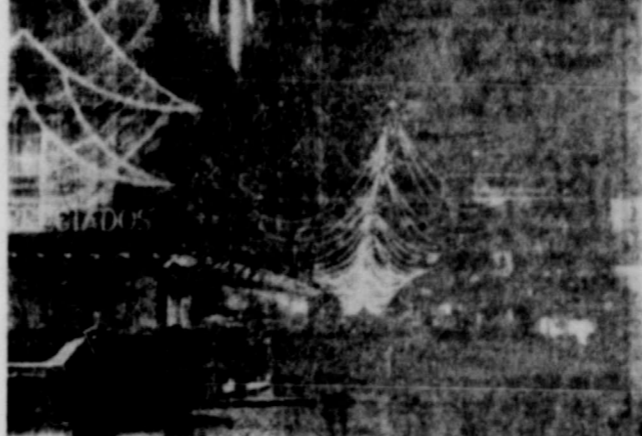
Let the warm glow of Christmas cheer brighten your holiday!



ALLEN AUTO SUPPLY



MAIL EARLY... Getting folks to mail early is always a job for the postmaster. In the case shown above Chicago Postmaster Carl A. Schroeder seems to have the right idea as he enlists the aid of Santa's shapely daughter, Miss Claus. The Chicago post office handles one of the largest volumes of Christmas mail in the world.



BRIGHT LIGHTS... Christmas lights shine just as bright in other parts of the world. The scene above depicts Madrid's Preciados Street, in the center of the Spanish capital. The night view shows strings of lights stretching from one side of the street to the other with stars holding the lights in a canopy effect while shoppers crowd the roadway and shop windows.

Pinata Is Traditional In Mexican Observance

Our Mexican friends south of the border are picking up some of our holiday traditions and we can do ourselves a favor by adopting some of their customs, such as the "breaking of the pinata."

Widely used in Mexico throughout the year, the pinata is basic during the Mexican Christmas Festival. The pinata is a fragile earthen jar which is filled with sweet pinatas, trinkets, candies and toys, then suspended from the ceiling in a large room or patio.

Each guest is blindfolded, spun around, and allowed to "whack" the pinata with a stick. When it is finally smashed, all hands rush for the shower of candies and toys.

Make Holiday Candles From Scrap Pieces

Odds and ends of partly burned candles can be used to make a big, long-burning Christmas candle. Melt the candles and remold them in an ice cream carton or oatmeal container, whichever is handy. Use plain cord for the wick. When the wax is beginning to harden, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax.

Let set hard, remove the carton, and there is a nice candle for your table.

Be sure, however, that you burn the candle safely. While it is pretty and attractive and adds to your holiday decorations, it is also a potential fire hazard.

Dear Santa,
My name is Janie Torres. I am 7 years old. I have been a good little girl. I want a doll and a set of play dishes for Christmas.
Thank you,
Janie Torres

knife. I have been a good boy. See you Christmas, Mickey Perry

Dear Santa,
I am six years old and in the first grade. I make good grades. Please bring me a doll and a make up kit.
Thank you,
Rita Faye Kinney



The jolly snowman brings you our warmest wish for a happy holiday!

SPUR SUPER MARKET



BEST WISHES to all our friends for a gay, colorful Christmas season.

BELL'S CAFE



The carols of Christmas fill the air with our sincerest wishes for harmony and good cheer during your holiday.

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Dear Santa,
I am a good little boy. Please bring me a bicycle. Please get oil of my brothers a stocking full of candy. I want a bow and arrow. I am in the second grade. I am 8. You are pretty. My brothers are good. I like school and my brothers do, too.
Love,
Kenny McCain

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a cap pistol with a black handle.
With love,
Johnny Albin

Dear Santa,
I am writing you a letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a doll and some dishes and a sewing set. That's all I want for Christmas. Thank you very much.
Earlene Hambrick
PS—I have 2 sisters and 1 brother. They would like to have something.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun, electric train and more toys. Please bring some toys to every boy and girl in the world.
Love,
Jerry Hagins

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun with a white handle and a holster and one that you can put caps in and I want a belt with the gun.
Speedy, Jr. Moreno

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I would like a record player and a set of dishes. Please bring all the other boys and girls something. I have tried to be good this year.
I love you,
Linda Daughtry

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am 9 years old. I am in the second grade. I think I have been good. Please bring me a bicycle and a watch. Please bring my sisters and brothers something too.
Love,
Kenneth Merimon

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. I think I have been good. Please bring me an airplane, cowboy, BB gun. Please bring my brother something too.
Love,
Joe Smith

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun I have a little sister, bring her a doll with high heels.
Joe Dennis

Dear Santa,
I would like a 24" bike and an 8" doll.
Love,
Jan Godfrey

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I have tried all year to be good. Will you send me a doll and set of dishes. I have a little sister 4 months old. Please send her a doll too. Send my older sister something.
Love,
Pamela

Dear Santa,
I want my 2 front teeth to come out for Christmas. And I want new slippers and some baby doll bottles.
Love,
Jeanne

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and doll for Christmas and if you can bring me a record player, I have tried to be good. I love you, Santa.
Linda King

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. It does not matter what kind of doll, but be sure it has high heels and glasses. I am a girl. I am six years old. I thank I have been a good girl.
I love you,
Kay Lackey

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like to have a BB gun, an electric train, a cowboy hat, a machine gun, electric football set. It will be waiting for you to come on Christmas Eve night.
Yours truly,
Rickey Jackson

Dear Santa,
My sister wants a tiny tear doll and a bicycle and a baby buggy and some blankets and that is all. I want a bicycle and a baseball hat and a baseball and glove.
Love,
Gale Wright and
J. E. Wright

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun and a cowboy set.
Thankyou,
Dwayne Elmore

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun and a train.
Dwayne Elmore

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a dress and a cat toy and a colcha book with crayolas and a baby lion. Goodbye, Santa.
Billie Nevarez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an Army set.
Frank Daugherty

Dear Santa,
Please bring me clothes.
Lupe Varquez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun with golden silver bullets and a strap that ties around the leg. If you can't bring that, bring a Rin-Tin-Tin set.
I love you,
Johnny McArthur

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun and a ball. I have been a good boy. I
Gary Don Rainbolt

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a machine gun and gun.
Victor Vargas

Dear Santa,
I am a boy eight years old. I am in the second grade. I am happy on Christmas. Merry Christmas to Santa. I want a pette gun for Christmas, rain
Love,
Joe Don

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a Jerry Mahoney dummy doll and a pogo stick. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Kevin Ray

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bicycle. I have been good. Will you bring me a bicycle and my sister Gail is 10. She has been pretty good. For Christmas she wants a high heeled doll, and my sister Nancy wants a record player. We will be looking for you. Thank you.
Love,
Paul Gene Latham

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a nurse kit and a Tiny Tears doll.
Love,
Earnestine Dunaway

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy eight years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like you to bring me some guns and a wagon.
Love,
Dale

Dear Santa,
My name is Barbara Martin. I have blue eyes, light brown hair. I have been a good girl. My mother and daddy run a station. We live on top of a hill on Hill St. I am in the second grade. I want for Christmas a guitar.
Love,
Barbara Jane Martin



SANTA'S EVERYWHERE... Santa visits other countries, too. Here he is shown at a holiday party for Japanese orphans in a downtown Tokyo department store.

ABOUT Mistletoe

There's more to mistletoe than the excuse to invite a kiss from a pretty girl. The white-berried plant actually is a parasite, often killing off trees that play it host. In recent years Australian foresters resorted to flame throwers to kill off the plant in some wooded areas. The popular promoter of Yuletide romance has a bad habit of sapping the water and mineral salts from the trees, starving them to death. The mistletoe does serve one useful function in the outdoors, however, as it provides a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree-damaging parasite. After eating the berries, the birds clean their beaks on the tree, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree—young branches or buds—and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves of the guest plant. Thus the mistletoe plays dual characters and at least according to one superstition, can change from one character to another in the twinkling of an eye. For instance, if the Yuletide mistletoe bough isn't removed from a house by Candlemas Eve (February 2), each leaf will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

HOLIDAY GREENERY

Home owners can often get all the Yule greens they need by wisely pruning their conifer trees and evergreen shrubs. There are five simple rules to follow when trimming branches and twigs for holiday decorations.

- (1) Thin the trees and shrubs for shape, always maintaining the natural contour of the plant.
- (2) Do not cut more than 6 to 7 inches from a branch.
- (3) If the tree has not been pruned for some time, take off every other branch.
- (4) Do not cut beyond the green needles; otherwise this will not fill in with new growth.
- (5) Keep the cut branches in a cool moist place until ready for use.

Ideal Greens
Spruce, pine, hemlock, yew and aboretvite make ideal Christmas greens. Yew seems to hold up best. Broadleaf evergreens such as laurel, andromeda, boxwood and Japanese holly should be kept in water when used indoors, otherwise their leaves shrivel.

Roping used to frame a doorway can be made of pine, balsam, laurel, and hemlock. Any of the broadleaf evergreens, combined with holly, balsam or yew, are ideal for wreaths. Good for indoor arrangements are barberry, firethorn, viburnum with its bright red fruit, bayberry and drooping leucotoe.

Lucia Day Celebration Opens Sweden's Season

Celebration of Lucia Day on December 13 inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden. It takes its name from St. Lucia, or Lucy, martyr for her faith and virginity in Syracuse in 304 A.D. and venerated by the church each December 13.

The prettiest blonde in every home, office, factory, village and town is elected a "Lucia" and visits the sick, leads carnavals and processions and attends banquets and balls accompanied by her "handmaidens."

The ancient custom coincides with the winter solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more and the days begin to lengthen.

MAKING SNOW
Grandmother's way of making snow for evergreen branches is still a good and economical way to dress up holiday decorations. Use plenty of soap chips or flakes in a little water. Beat lightly with a wire mesh spoon just long enough to get a nice, thick foam and spread on the needles and stems. Allow to dry and you have a beautiful winter woodland scene.

I will soon be eight years old. I am in the second grade. My teacher is Mrs. Bragg. I would like for you to bring me a Tiny Tears doll for Christmas and a little bath tub to wash Tiny Tears in.
Love,
Janie Allison

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. Please bring me a Tiny Tear doll and doll buggy. Thank you.
Love,
Lenora Sue

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some shoes to keep my feet warm, a ball and an airplane.
Love,
Valentin Rivers

Dear Santa,
I want a Roy Rogers gun, fire truck that squirts water, doctor set and a punching bag. Thank you.
Your friend,
Jerry Harwell

Dear Santa,
I would like a big David Crockett rifle for Christmas. I have been a good boy most of the time.
Love,
Bill Campbell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a BB gun for Christmas. Don't forget my sisters and all the other girls and boys.
Hollis Wayne Ballard

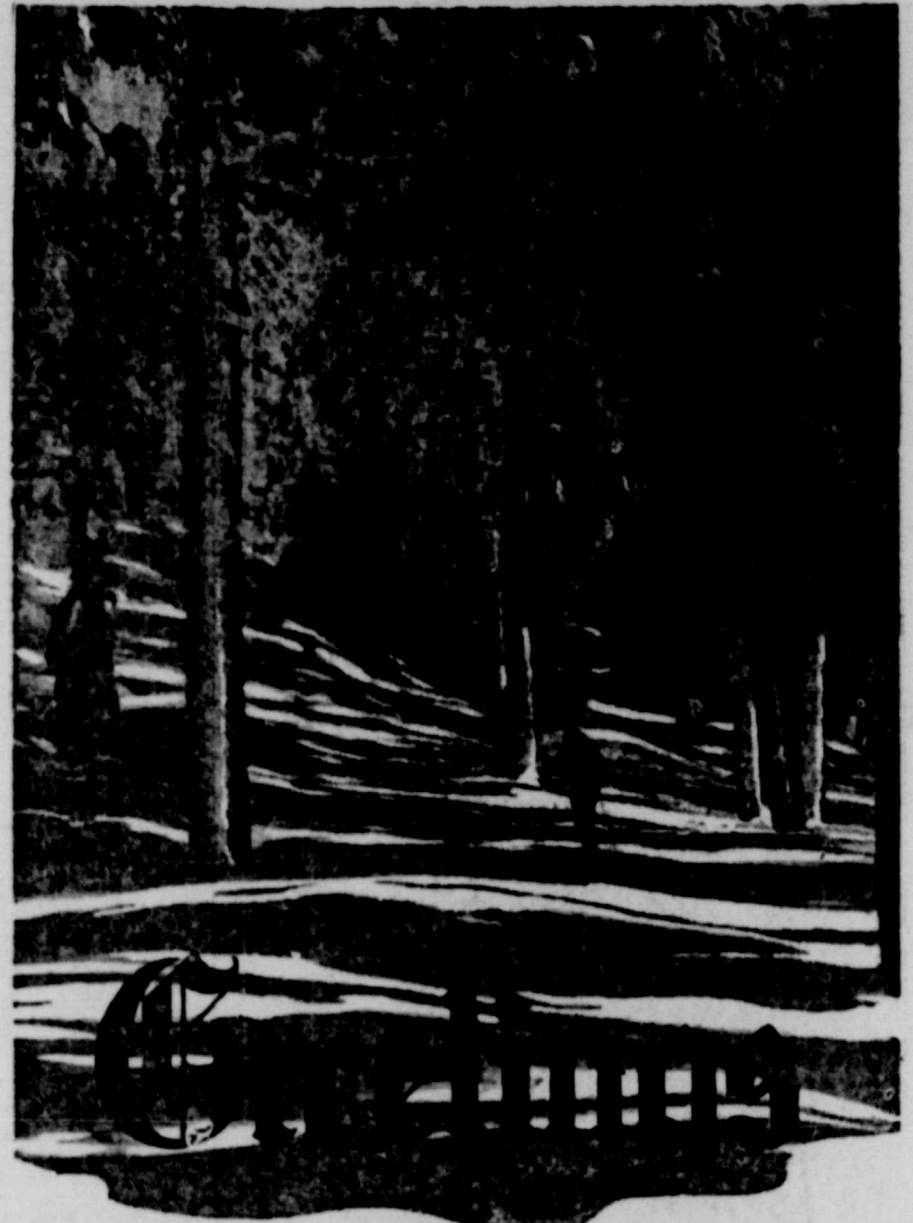
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 8 years old. I want you to bring me a walking doll for Christmas. Thank you.
Love,
Molly

Dear Santa,
Please send me a tiny tear doll, one telephone, one piano, one blackboard, one bicycle.
Sandra Hale

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a bicycle and typewriter. Thank you.
Love,
Glenda V. Sharp

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl to day. Please bring me a walking doll.
My name is Mary Ann.
Mary Ann

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and a cowboy set. Please bring mother some dishes and father a hammer. You are good and sweet. I love you. Please bring my little brother Steve some little toy cars. I have been a good boy. I love you. I want a little toy boot. Bring my two sisters a doll.
Goodbye,
James Powell



In honor of our many friends of long standing, we pause to wish them all the blessings of the holiday season.

BUZBEE BUTANE SERVICE



May we all be blessed by the true happiness of an abiding faith in the spirit of Christmas.

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ELMER HAGINS, MGR.



Greetings to One and All!
We'd like to send our good wishes into every home and heart this Christmas to ensure the blessings of the holiday season to all our friends and their families.

WILLSON - YOUNG LUMBER CO.

Golden Age Circle Has Luncheon

The Golden Age Circle of the WSSC held a Christmas Luncheon Monday, December 16, in the basement of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bloodworth acted as hostess-chairman and Miss Hazel Watson presented the program.

The table centerpiece revolved around a huge candle banked by holly, ivy and cedar. Miniature Santas loaded with candies served as plate favors.

Gifts were collected for the individual patients of the Spur Convalescent Home and further Christmas projects were discussed.

Members attending were Mmes. Bloodworth, Castlow, Elmore, Foreman, Hargrove, Ince, Johnson, Morris, Nalley, McClung, Smart, Smith, Watson and Whitener.

Guests included Mmes. J. E. Cloud, W. F. Gilbert, C. H. McCulley, Everett Robinson, C. C. Kimmel and Miss Lavard Hahn.

Twentieth Century Club Has Annual Christmas Party

The Twentieth Century Club met in the Dyess Tea Room Dec. 17, at 7:20 for their annual Christmas party, with Mrs. P. C. Nichols, hostess, and Mrs. Bob Blackshear, director of the program.

There were 19 members and 8 guests present. After a delicious turkey dinner, gifts were distributed to each member and the guest from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

The following program was given after an introduction by Mrs. Blackshear. Miss Johanna Lou Scudder sang two Christmas numbers, "The Baby Jesus" and "White Christmas". She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Judy Bragg.

Mrs. Rex Holder reviewed the book, "Mary's Husband", by Elizabeth Hart.

Each member of the club took a gift to some member of the Convalescent family. These were to be delivered by Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Dick Sampson to the home and placed under their Christmas tree.

Sue King Pledges Gamma Phi Sorority

Sue King, daughter of Mrs. Nina Mae King of Spur, has recently completed her pledgship under Gamma Phi Sorority at West Texas State College. She is now a full-fledged member.

Mrs. Hindman Hosts Soldier Mound HDC

The Soldier Mound HD Club met with Mrs. Ollie Hindman, December 19, at 2 p. m. with five members present.

Mrs. Barnett read "Let Her Pass" by Edgar A. Gust for opening exercise. Mrs. McArthur shared a Christmas greeting she had received from a former agent, Mrs. Jewel P. Robinson, now from Levelland. The greeting contained several new tested recipes.

Santa Claus passed packages from under the beautifully decorated tree.

Refreshments of pie, topped with whipped cream and coffee were served to Mmes. Hade Condon, John Aston, Dee McArthur, Floyd Barnett, and Ollie Hindman.

The next meeting will be January 2 at 2:20 p. m. with Mrs. Condon.

Earnest Kearney's Have Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Kearney entertained at their home, 419 W. Hill St., Friday, December 20 with a Mexican dinner party.

The meal consisted of enchiladas, tamales, chili beans, crackers, potato chips, vegetable salad, orange date nut cake and coffee was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morgan, North Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Lehigh, Dennis, Lynna, Mike Kearney; and the host and hostess.

After dinner parlor games were played.

Dear Santa,
Please bring Roger a train and Susans a doll and a bike.

Your friend,
Susan SoRelle
Roger SoRelle
(Our address is 723 Carroll)

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy eight years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a bowling set.

Love,
Robert Williams

Dear Santa,
I want a train for Christmas. Please bring me a wagon for Christmas, too. Bring me a bicycle, too. My little brother wants a big red ball. I will thank you.

I am 7.
Love,
Jimmy Don Copeland

Holiday TURKEY



Turkey is a favorite holiday treat, so be sure your bird is tailor-made to fit your family's holiday appetites and plans.

Birds are plentiful at this time of year and most stores are stocked with birds ranging from 6-pound hens to 27-pound toms. A young turkey weighing between 4 and 6 pounds is ideal for a small family.

For a slightly larger number, a young hen or tom weighing from 10 to 25 pounds will provide ample servings.

Allow at least one pound of uncooked bird per serving. If you plan two dinner parties, it's wise to buy a larger bird, cut it in half and store half in a locker or home freezer.

Select your bird carefully. A tender, juicy bird will have plenty of finish, or fat. This fat is most noticeable in the feather tracts, but should cover the entire bird. The best turkey has moderate depth and a well-fleshed breast carrying well back between the legs. A broad back and short drumsticks also mean more meat per pound.

A well-fleshed bird has a broad, flat breast and enough fleshing over the back, legs and thighs to make all parts of the dressed bird blend together, with no prominent bones.

Let Children Help Prepare for Holiday

Children learn the real meaning of Christmas when you let them participate in preparations and activities.

Making gifts for someone special is a project that even a three-year-old can do. Children can fill pretty jars with sand to make attractive doorstops. They can make clove apples to add spice to handkerchief drawers. Even their simple drawings make gifts that parents cherish.

Baking cookies and making Christmas decorations also put children in spirit of things. And even small children can string popcorn and cranberries for tree trimmings.

Deeper Meaning
Making Christmas cards shows children that there is more to the cards than the actual sending. You particularly want friends to know you are thinking of them at Christmas time, and children can learn this early.

Music is a part of Christmas and offers another opportunity to put meaning into the holiday for children, who enjoy singing.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years old. My name is Araina Sue Knight. I live at 1015 West Harris. I would like to have a talking switchboard, Miss America doll, and a typewriter. I have been a very good girl. Please don't forget me.

Love,
Sue
PS - Don't forget Craig and Dicky

Dear Santa,
Santa Claus, I like you. I want a Tiny Tears doll, bicycle, and a wagon. I am in the second grade. I am eight years old.

Thank you,
Brenda Joyce Hale

Dear Santa,
Please give me a nurses kit. I am in the second grade. My little sister wants a doll and bed. Please give me a nurses uniform, too. My big brother wants a train. My mother wants a cooking set. My father wants a TV set. I am 8.

Goodbye,
Winona Kathryn Grantham

Dear Santa,
I want some dishes. I want a Tiny Tears doll. I am in the second grade. I am 8. Goodbye, Santa.

Thank you,
Sandra Perry

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. You please me. I like school and my little sister does too. My little

sister wants a doll. My mother wants a Merry Christmas. My daddy wants a big hat. I am happy I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Sunny, Daphna, Mother and daddy Fry.

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. I think I have been good. Please bring me a dump truck and a bicycle. Please bring my brothers and sisters something too.

Love,
Ira Bradford

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll. Please bring Linda a doll and a toy dog. Please bring me a purse. My brother wants a gun. I am in the second grade. I will thank you, Santa Claus.

Goodbye,
Carla Stubblefield

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. My little sister has been a good girl. My little brother has been a good boy. I want some guns. My little sister wants a doll. My little brother wants a toy dog. I am in the second grade.

Love,
Dwayne Gannon

Dear Santa,
I have been good to my mother. I am in the second grade. I want a bow and arrow, two guns, train and a bicycle. You are pretty. I love you.

Thank you,
Sylvester Barron

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun. I like you, dear Santa Claus.

Goodbye,
Gary Howell

Dear Santa,
I love you dear Santa Claus. Please bring me some toys. Please bring my brother a toy train. Please bring my sister a doll. You are nice. Santa, I love you. Sugar is sweet and so are you. I wish I could see you. I love you, Santa. I am in the second grade.

Goodbye,
Lennie Pearl Hahn

Please bring me a baby doll. I am in the second grade. Will you please bring Don a wagon? Will you bring my brother Don a horse too? Will you bring me a horse, too? I want a Tiny Tears doll. I want a nurses uniform. I want a doctors kit. I want a cowgirl suit.

I love you,
Ann Hagins

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring my broth a bow and arrow.

Thank you,
David

Dear Santa,
I want a pretty doll. Bring my little sister a doll, too. I want a cooking set and a suit. Thank you.

Lucilla Morales

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. I would like to have a paint set, knife-guitar, flashlight, houses shoes and nuts and candy. Please bring my four sisters something too.

Thank you,
David

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I love you,
Ann Hagins

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. My little sister has been a good girl. My little brother has been a good boy. I want some guns. My little sister wants a doll. My little brother wants a toy dog. I am in the second grade.

Love,
Dwayne Gannon

Dear Santa,
I have been good to my mother. I am in the second grade. I want a bow and arrow, two guns, train and a bicycle. You are pretty. I love you.

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ADS

FOR SALE: New house for sale. Excellent location, \$6,500. 418 W. 3rd St. Ben Lee, Ph. AT4-2182. 7-31p-15w

FOR SALE: Used TV, Cook Stove, 2 Washing Machines, and Refrigerator. Priced to sell. Randy Clifton TV and Appliance. 33ctfn

FOR SALE: Mustang oats, 85c per bushel. 4 miles north of town. Ollie Hindman. 6-4c-13w

FOR SALE: Baby parakeets. Mrs. Virgil Wilson, Ph. AX6-2172. 6-4tp-8w.

FOR SALE: Irrigation pipe at wholesale prices. See us for the best deal in West Texas. Garner Imp. Co. Spur. 20-ctfn

FOR SALE: Three bedroom home, newly remodeled. Located across street from Baptist Church, Dickens. Priced reasonable. See Cecil Welch. 8-4tp-15w

FOR SALE: Beef and hogs for your locker or home freezer. We have all sizes available. Half or whole. Wholesale price. Leon Locker Plant. Ph. 171, Spur. 48-ctfn-27w

WOULD LIKE to buy fat butcher yearlings. See or phone R. L. Benson. Ph. CR2-3108. 7-ctfn-13

FOR SALE: Packard Bell radios. Assorted colors. \$16.00. Spur Electronics. 2-ctfn-11w.

FOR SALE: Ice Cream boxes suitable for frozen foods, Spur Milk and Ice Cream. 8-2c-14w

"We buy and sell good used farm equipment". A&B Tractor & Equipment Co., at Ken Roseman's on Idalou Highway. Elmer H. Adams, Mgr. Ph. Po2-2510. Night Po2-1866. Rt. 7, Box 81, Lubbock Texas. 44-ctfn-33w.

FOR SALE: Western expert shotgun shells. 410 gauge, \$1.95. 20 gauge, \$2.15. 16 gauge, \$2.25. 12 gauge, \$2.45. Garner Implement Co. 45-ctfn-22w

FOR SALE: Blue Panic Grass Seed. Garner Imp. Co. Phone 27 Spur. 18-ctfn

FOR SALE: One House: Three 1/4 Section Farms: One Terracing Machine. Mrs. Cecil Alexander, 806 Burlington. 50-52tp

PALACE

Mon. - Thru Fri. 6:15
Sat. 11:45
Sun. 1:15
Adults 50c - Children 20c

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NOTE - Show will run all day, starting at 1:30 p. m. Over 2 hours of hilarity for young and old.

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Box Office opens 1:15 Thursday for one complete showing - Open again at 6:15.

Seventeen Magazine has chosen this PICTURE OF THE MONTH You'll Love It Too!

The Palama Game

Doris Day
John Hight Carol Haney 55-56-57-58

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WE APPRECIATE the opportunity of serving you at our new location. It is so handy for you to drive in on our lot and park. Visit us while you wait for your car to be repaired. Reagan Motor Co. Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC. 8-ctfn-43

WANTED: Any type plowing or grain drilling. Victor Arrington, Ph. AT9-2118. 7-4tp-10

WANTED TO BUY: Producing oil royalty or non-producing mineral interests. Ben S. Smith, 3401 43rd St., Lubbock, Texas. 5-8tp-15

WANTED: FARM LOANS 5 1/2% interest payable on or before maturity. Spur National Farm Loan Assn. Spur, Texas. 27-ctfn

DO YOU HAVE TROUBLES? Need a plumber? Call Bill Day. Phone Wilson and Young Lumber Co. Day ph. CR2-3212. Night ph. CR2-3115. 40-ctfn-22w

FOR RENT

LET US SLAUGHTER your beef or hog. Modern clean, sanitary facilities. Experienced staff. Leon Ice Co., Spur. 34-ctfn

FOR RENT OR SALE: Building north of Post Office. Write Mrs. J. B. Bell, 903 North East 2nd, Andrews, Texas. Ph. Lambert 3-3275. 7-6tp-20

FOR RENT: For highest cash offer or before Jan. 1, 100 acre farm, 80 acres in cultivation, 10 miles southeast of Spur on Duck Creek. Write to Katie White, 1508 S. Conterey St., Alhambra, Calif. Ph. AT4-9661. 7-5c-34

WE HAVE two of the fastest and best mechanics in Spur. Could we be of service to you? Reagan Motor Company. Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC. 8-ctfn-21w

FOR RENT: 3 room upstairs apartment, private bath. Mrs. Thelma Calvert, CR2-3117. 8-2c-12w

FOR RENT: Small apartment. Mrs. Andy Hurst, Ph. CR2-4206 or CR2-4431. 3-ctfn-11w

FOUND: 1 small pair of glasses found near Duck Creek, north of town. Pick up at Texas Spur. Phone 128. 43-ctfn-20w

LEAVE YOUR CAR to be repaired at our place while you do your Christmas shopping. Reagan Motor Co. Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

came home Friday to spend the Christmas vacation. A friend, Bob Fielding of Canyon accompanied him to visit a few days prior to Christmas.

Jack Simmons will spend the week end after Christmas in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Simmons of Springtown.

Miss Billie Sue Gregory is home from Texas Tech to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gregory during vacation.

Miss Beverly Wood, a candidate for her Masters degree in Art at Penn State, is home for the Christmas holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wood and Priscilla.

During the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harwell and children will visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Harwell of Stamford and Mrs. L. E. Smith of Lubbock.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lackey Jr. during the Christmas holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fields, Johnny and Bobby of Hobbs, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lackey of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Lewis have all their children home for the Christmas holidays; Marie is from Lubbock and Rosalyn is attending McMurry College in Abilene. Charles is living in Spur.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrison through

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Roaring Springs

By Mrs. L. E. Cooper

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Conn and Danny Chastain of Plainview visited relatives and looked after business here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meason visited in Hereford several days the first of the week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hunter visited in Kress and Plainview with relatives last week end.

Mrs. Clayton Bridge visited in Lubbock recently with her daughters, Mmes. Tommie Tinsley and Gordon Mills. She was accompanied by her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Bridge of Afton.

Among recent shoppers in Lubbock were: Mmes. S. D. Hunter, Eva Kingery, Lem Miller, W. C. King, Frank Ferguson and Fie Freda Keahy.

Mmes. Marion Bailey and Bob Cooper shopped in Plainview Wednesday.

Joe B. King of Lubbock visited friends here Wednesday and attended the funeral for W. A. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carpenter and son, Louis and Mrs. Jimmie Legg and son, Joe, visited and looked after business in Lubbock Tuesday.

Miss Freda Keahy is spending the Christmas holidays in Wichita Falls as guest of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Montleth.

Mrs. Martin Smith and brother, John Huffstutler, attended the pioneer reunion at Sagerton, Thursday.

Willis Cooper of Floydada was here looking after business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mid Long of Lorenzo attended the funeral services here for W. A. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duval of Belleville, Kansas, visited here Thursday with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith and at Spur with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Smith.

Guy Thacker and grandson, David Hughes, who attends Texas Tech, are spending the holidays

Dry Lake News

By Mrs. E. J. Lasseter

The Spur Circuit youth will have charge of the program at the Duck Creek Methodist church on the fifth Sunday at 7 p. m. after which Rev. Raymond Riley will introduce Rev. Norman David Patton of Sweetwater, who will preach. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pickens took a load of cattle to Lubbock Tuesday and did some shopping.

Miss Wanda Wright who is attending Bethney Nazarine college in Dickens, Oklahoma, arrived in Dickens Wednesday night by bus to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wright and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wright and girls, Wanda and Barbara, made a business trip to Lubbock Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Anglin will have as their guests Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Robles of Orona, Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Wilson and family of Victorville, California, and Billy J. Wilson and wife of Olney.

SOUTHERN SANTA . . . Behndoor may be fine up No'th, but Santa uses other transportation when he makes his Southern swing. At Cypress Gardens, Florida, naturally, he uses sea horses and seals to pull his water toboggan.

BARBER SHOPS TO BE OPEN MONDAY

Local barber shops will be open Monday, December 23, for the convenience of Christmas shoppers. However, they will be closed for Christmas and the day after.

The local shops ordinarily close each Monday.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl and I want a doll that has high heels and a fur coat on it. My name is Cherry Bateman and I want a drum and some candy and I want a good Christmas. Also a telephone and lots of nuts. Merry Christmas.

Cherry Bateman, Afton, Texas

Dear Santa,

I want a Jerry Mahoney dummy doll and a pogo stick. I have been a good boy this year.

Kevin Ray Clifton

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Spur Security Bank of Spur, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 14th day of January, 1958, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Respectfully,
E. S. Lee, Cashier

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy who will be four years old in January. My mother says I have been good.

I would like a Roy Rogers gun and belt set, a western hat, and lots of goodies to eat. Please do not forget my two sisters, Elnora and Joy, and my little friend, Dale. Please remember all my grown up friends in town who always speak to me.

Love,
Aubrey D. King

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a BB gun, candy, nuts, truck, and an airplane. I am eight years old.

Goodby Santa,
Lynn Kidd

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BOSS BRAND RANCH STYLE BACON 2 LBS. 98c

SAUSAGE DELITE 2 LB. CLOTH BAG 57c

FRANKS ARMOUR'S STAR LB. 49c

SNOWDRIFT
SHORTENING 3 lb. can 79c

GLADIOLA FROZEN
ROLLS 4 pkgs. 1.00

10 OZ. PKG. FROZEN
STRAWBERRIES 5 pkgs. \$1

IMPERIAL
SUGAR 10 lb.s 98c

LB. BOX POWDERED OR BROWN
SUGAR 2 boxes 25c

MIRACLE WHIP
Salad Dressing pint 33c

46 OZ. CAN LIBBY'S
Tomato Juice 4 cans \$1

CRACKER JACK
POPCORN lb. 15c

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NO. 2 CAN DEL MONTE CRUSHED
PINEAPPLE 4 cans \$1

GOLDEN YELLOW
BANANAS lb. 10c

FRESH CRISP
CELERY lb. 9c

WASHINGTON DELICIOUS
APPLES lb. 12 1/2c

FRESH
CRANBERRIES lb. 18c

5 LB. BAG
ORANGES 29c

SPUR SUPER MARKET

DOUBLE SCOTTIE STAMPS ON TUESDAY