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Virgil Blakney Meets With Texas FU Committee

Virgil Blakney of Turkey was in Abilene from Wednesday through Saturday of last week working on policy drafting committee for the Texas Farmer's Union.

These policies will be voted on at the state convention to be held in January in Austin.

Mr. Blakney stated the committee needed several days to work on the policy drafting and there would probably be some debate on the floor of the convention concerning some of them.

Mr. Blakney also met on Saturday with the executive board representing Hall County. The Mem-

phis Farmer Union membership goal has been set at 140 and the Turkey membership goal at 110, he said.

A policy statement made by the drafting committee of the Texas Farmers Union was as follows: "We recognize that protest is a traditional and legitimate means of accomplishing a redress of grievances. We shall continue to participate in protest demonstrations as individual farmers and ranchers in order to make visible our dissatisfaction with the insensitivity of government toward the plight of agricultural producers. As an organization, farmers Union supports the objectives of 100% of parity farm prices. We urge every individual to work his hardest to achieve this goal through whatever means he believes to be useful and effective."

Former Turkey Pastor Buried Recently

Funeral services for the Rev. Pearl A. Powell, 69, were held Friday of last week, December 16 at 3:30 p. m. at the Westside Baptist Church at Brownfield with Rev. Charles Day, pastor, officiating and the Rev. L. E. Lang, pastor Emmanuel Baptist Church, assisting. Burial was in Terry County Memorial Cemetery by Brownfield Funeral Home.

The Rev. Powell died at 6:20 p. m. Tuesday in Brownfield General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

A native of Wood County, Rev. Powell was married to the former Olamae Hough in Wellington November 19, 1932. The Rev. Powell pastored First Baptist Church at Turkey during the late 1940's and early 1950's. He served as pastor at Goodnight and at Abilene after leaving Turkey. While pastoring in Abilene, Rev. Powell attended Hardin-Simmons University. He left Abilene and pastored a church in Las Animas, Colorado. After returning to Texas, Rev. Powell was called as pastor at Westside in Brownfield in August 1962. He served Westside as pastor until his resignation in March 1976. He was a member of Westside at his death. The Rev. Powell was a minister for 44 years.

Survivors include his wife, Olamae; a son, Doyle of Amarillo; a daughter, Reba Jean Kempler of Las Vegas, Nevada; six brothers, Homer of Lubbock, Joe of Sweetwater, Lester of Houston, Clarence and Lawrence, both of Hereford, and Lowell of Paducah; two sisters, Miss Elgie Powell of Paducah and Mrs. Billie Bagwell of Plains; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. James May visited in Hereford the past weekend with her mother, Mrs. Jewell Lutts and sister, Mrs. Ed Whitehorn, and other relatives.

Mrs. D. C. Duck, Mrs. Glynn Barrett, Judy, and Mrs. Glynn Barrett and children drove to Tulia Saturday night to be with Elaine Purcell at the Nursing Home Christmas Party. They were met there by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ramsey, Mrs. Dwight Ramsey and children, Glynn and Gary Barrett.

McKay Family Enjoys Pre-Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Corky Davis of Amarillo were hosts for a pre-Christmas dinner, Sunday, December 18, for the family of the Lon McKays. All the McKay children were present but two, Bud McKay and Margie Purcell.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lon McKay of Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Geissler, Myra and Barry, Denver City; Mrs. Bill Lane, Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Speery, Susan and Steve, Idalou; Mrs. Theresa Gregory, Lorenzo; Mr. and Mrs. Dwight McKay, Bryan, Monte and Jody, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Mack Kemp, Mia and Stewart, and Richard and Randy Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Justus, Jeff and Chad, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dudley, Lisa and Eric, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Martin, Chuck, Kirk and Lori, Mr. and Mrs. Trent McKay, and Denise Knowles, all of Quitaque, and the hosts.

Mrs. Mary Jo Polk and daughter, Linda, of El Paso visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon McCracken, in Quitaque from Saturday until Monday.

Danny Mayfield, student at Clarendon Junior College, has been elected as Student Senate Representative to the Phi Beta Lambda Charter.

"TRIPLE L" CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The "Triple L" Club met Monday morning at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Games and fellowship were enjoyed, and Christmas Carols were sung by the group.

A delicious meal of turkey and all the trimmings was served to forty-one people.

A devotional was brought by Brother Elgin Conner.

Lions Ladies Night Well Attended

The Quitaque Lions Club held its annual Ladies Night and awards banquet last Monday evening in the Community Center. A delicious steak dinner, prepared by Mary Helen Wallace and Veine Kimbell, was enjoyed by approximately 110 people.

Eddie Curry and a group from Plainview were present to entertain the Lions and their guests with some Christmas Carols.

Graddy Tunnell, an attorney from Plainview, spoke briefly and introduced the main speaker of the evening, Sen. Ray Farabee, who gave a very interesting talk on "Texas, the Superstate," concluding with the thought that the people make Texas super.

The awards of perfect attend-

ance were presented to several Lions, and gifts were given to all the ladies. Each lady was given a number with her gift, and the Lions Sweetheart, Miss Renee Smith, drew a number to see who won the beautiful centerpiece. Mrs. Sid Parsley was the lucky lady.

The Lions wish to thank everyone who had a part in this year's banquet. Our appreciation to Roberta Farley for the decorations, the cooks for the fine meal, the group from Plainview for the music, and Graddy Tunnell and Sen. Farabee for the after dinner speeches, and above all, we thank our guests for being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Paul Smith and Jeff of Arlington and Mrs. Oleta Randell of Irving spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith in Turkey.

HAS NEW GREAT-GRANDBABY

Mrs. Delila McFall has a new great-granddaughter, Rebecca Ann McFall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McFall of Matador. The young lady was born Friday, December 16, and weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs. Grandmother says probably the bad sandstorm blew her in. This is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Sid McFall of Matador.



Cheer!

We wish to everyone a bright and very prosperous New Year.

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and a Bicycle and around tent. Christmas is the most fun time when you come.
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DEAR SANTA,
I would lick a bike and if you bring the bike I will lick you very much and a play car and some candles then I would lick you very much and one more thing.
Your friend,
Felipe

DEAR SANTA,
Christmas is the most. I hope you will come to Turkey and give us some toys. I will be glad when you get here. I like you. I hope you enjoy Turkey. I believe in you.
Your friend,
Jackie McNary

DEAR SANTA,
I want a Mr. Quarterback and a Pop-Up Pinball for Christmas. I love you very much. I hope you have these things. Hopefully we will have a white Christmas. If you do not have these things, bring me something else.
Your friend,
Kirk Saul

DEAR SANTA,
Christmas is the most most happiest thing of my life and the things that I want are a baby don't cry and a baby buggy and most of all I want a digital watch and a gocart and a cash register and Christmas is very very nice.
Your friend,
Kim Cagle

DEAR SANTA,
Christmas I want a BB gun and a train that goes around the tracks for me and a little gun for my brother and a race car for my brother, Allen when we are asleep and I want you to go to my home. I hope you know where I

EMTs MEET IN AMARILLO
The Texas Panhandle Emergency Medical Technicians Association met at Northwest Texas Hospital on November 16, 1977 and

live.
Your friend,
Edwardo

DEAR SANTA,
Christmas is here. I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. It is Night Glow Racing Set. So please wake me up. I want to see you.
Your friend,
Fernando Ruiz

DEAR SANTA,
For Christmas I want a Sorry game and a Piano and some Boots and a Coat. Happy new year. And a doll that walks.
Your friend,
Belinda Ortiz

DEAR SANTA,
I want a green machine for Christmas. And a football helmet and a shirt.
Your friend,
Matt Barrett

DEAR SANTA,
Will you bring me a baby come back and a bike and a guitar and a record player and some tapes for my record player and earrings and a doll for my little baby sister and for my Mom bring her a record player and bring me a bracelet and some earrings and a bike for my brother and whole bunch of toys.
Love,
Maria
Hoo, hoo, merry Chrimsas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
Will you please bring me a bike and the rest of the toys? Thank you. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Daniel

Valley Teams Do Well in Tourney

The Valley eighth grade girls and freshman girls competed in their respective divisions in the Canyon Girls Tournament last weekend.

The eighth grade girls displayed an excellent talent for ball control, shooting and defense in winning first place in the tournament. These same girls were champions

Mrs. Esther Quine with Suicide Prevention was the guest speaker. Mrs. Quine stated that volunteer people work in the Suicide Prevention Center and that in order to work for them it requires 40 hours training before they can answer the phones. It is very important that the person receiving the suicide call be able to cope with, understand, and be calm while talking to the person on the phone. Mrs. Quine also stated that they consider all calls a true emergency and always treat them as such. Suicide Prevention phone number is 376-4251.

The next meeting of the Association will be held on December 14, at 7:30 p. m. in the dining room of Northwest Texas Hospital. There will be no more notices of meetings to anyone except the members of the Association. We are collecting dues and are sending in the \$3.00 fee for the state registration, and if you have not paid your dues then you need to do so in order for us to mail in your state dues.

We will have as a guest speaker an Amarillo Obstetrician and he will present a program on Emergency Childbirth, and there will be a film.

Donna Marsh
Recording Secretary
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REMEMBER VIRGINIA?

There is no Virginia now. Virginia O'Haclon spent her last two Christmases in a nursing-home bed and died at the age of 81. She used to say, "I am anonymous

of the same tournament in the seventh grade division last year.

The eighth graders defeated Tulla in the first game, 39-11. Angela Eudy led all scorers with 12 points, and Nadine Rice and Ede Renya added eight points each.

In the second game, the girls defeated a very tall Canyon team by the score of 22-7. Ede Renya led the balanced scoring with seven points, while Angela Eudy added five; Nadine Rice, four; Mary Peery and Delane Proctor, two points each.

In the finals the Valley girls defeated an excellent Nazareth team by the score of 17-14. The Patriots acquired an early first period lead and maintained the lead throughout the game with excellent ball control and defense. Mary Peery, who played an out standing game, led the scoring with eight points, while Angela Eudy, Nadine Rice and Ede Renya scored points in the victory.

In the freshman girls division, the Valley Patriots were defeated in their first game by a very good Bushland team, 28-20. Jendy Turner led the Patriot scoring with eight points and Jenny Clay contributed six points.

The Patriots met LaPlata of Hereford in the tournament's second game and came out winners, 45-18. The girls played an excellent game from start to finish both offensively and defensively. Jenny Clay led the Valley scoring with 16 points, followed closely by Mary McNary with 15. Jendy Turner added an eight-point effort, mostly with outside shooting.

In the finals for third place, the Valley girls met and defeated another team from Hereford, Stanton Junior High, 32-22. Jenny Clay was tops in scoring before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Jendy Turner contributed another 10 points, mostly with outside shooting and Lana Turner and Mary McNary added four points each in the winning effort.

In winning third place in this prestigious tournament, the freshman Patriot girls showed the future potential to which Valley basketball fans can look forward.

from January to November. During the Christmas season, her long letter to The New York Sun and the reply from Associate Editor Frank Church are written and repeated time after time. Remember? She wrote "I am 8 years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa-Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

The beautiful reply—in part—"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias."



To one and all, we wish the joys and peace of Christmas.

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MARY

'Tis a time to rejoice and honor the Nativity of our Saviour and to reflect and remember His teachings. Let us give thanks for the great gift of His birth.



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As we approach the holiday season, we are thankful for your patronage. You have made the year bright for us. We hope to see you in the future. We are here to serve.

FARMER'S CO-OP GIN



Yes, Virginia

(Editor's Note: The following editorial appeared in the New York Sun in 1897 in response to a letter from Virginia O'Hanlon, then eight years old. She wrote the editor of the New York Sun: "Dear Editor: Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun it's so'. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?")

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



Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus but, even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more real and abiding.

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



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I want a tricycle and a truck.
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Love,
Kyle Fuston

Love,
Curtis Williams

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a Max Machine, a truck, and a play sword.

DEAR SANTA:
I want a car to ride in, a play TV, and a sewing machine.
I also want a doll. I love you,
Santa.
Sandy Taylor



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Happy Merry Christmas.
Love,
Brandon

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Will you bring me a Kiss Me Doll and a doll that turns a flip. A skate board and please bring me a green machine and a Baby This and That.
Merry Christmas
Love,
Cindy

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please bring me a Baby Alive and Baby Come Back. I have been nice this year. Thank you for the toys you bring me.
Your friend,
Connie Hinojosa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please bring me a bike with tires. And a happy New Year.
Your friend,
Shana Lee Seymour

DEAR ST. NICK:
Please bring me a race car and a track. I have been good this year.
Thank you for the toys you brought last year.
Your friend,
Craig Setliff

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please bring me a walkie-talkie and a big wheel.
I have been very good this year. This is the best time of the year.
Your friend,
John Boehn

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please bring me a light bright

and an easy bake. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Shanlee Meyer

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please bring me a bike, and a Stretch Armstrong, Santa Claus. I have been nice. Will you please bring some toys to me, Santa Claus?
Pancho Rodriguez

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please bring me a Light Bright and a Don't Cry Baby. I have been nice this year. I will have some cookies and some milk for you.
Your friend,
Cari Morrison

DEAR ST. NICK:
Please bring me a Baby Come Back and a bike. I have been good this year.
I will leave you some milk and cookies. I hope that I will get to see you.
Your friend,
Vicki Lambert

DEAR SANTA:
Would you please bring me a racing car and a bike.
Your friend,
David Falcon

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please bring me a Baby Alive and a Play House. I have been nice Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Luisa Rodriguez

DEAR SANTA:
I want a Mini-Bike for Christmas. And I want a firetruck and a little pinball machine.
Bryan Price

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a Light Bright and a Walkie-Talkie. I have been good this year.
Your friend,
Ronald Derek Mullin

DEAR ST. NICK:
Would you bring me a bike and an Easy Bake? Maybe I can leave you some milk on the table.
Your friend,
Suzie Farley

DEAR SANTA:
You are very nice. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a car.
Love,
Bobby Williams

DEAR SANTA:
You are nice. I have been a good boy. Please bring me an Evil Knievel.
Love,
Armondo Ortiz

DEAR SANTA:
You are very nice. I have been a good boy. Please bring me an Evil Knievel.
Love,
Stanley Barron

DEAR SANTA:
You are very nice. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a play puppy dog.
Love,
Michelle House

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a bike and I want a playhouse and I want a trampoline. And I want a doll that walks for Christmas. I want a purse and a ring and I want a necklace.
Love,
Maria R. Lopez

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a cowboy suit and a guitar and a walky-talky. Also a wagon train, a watch, and motor cycle and boat and tape recorder and a bike and a B.B. gun.
Love,
James Wiley

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a skate board and a Madame Alexander French doll and a basketball. Also Honey Hill Bunch and a race track and a train set and a grouvet.
Love,
Sandra Gwynn Lipscomb

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a skate and doll and a play piano. A black board and play dog and play hat that says Mickey Mouse and a big bike and a record player.
I want a radio and a book. A necklace and a dress and a girl watch. A package of toys and a tape recorder and I want you to send me a game to play.
Love,
Mary Falcon

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a baby that away, a piano, a set of dishes, a baby

that sneezes, a baby this that, a trampoline, perfume, and a walky-talky.

I want a necklace, bracelet, pretty ring, watch, doll house, and a purse. Also two packages of bubble gum, Holly Hobby set, record player, and I want a pair of shoes.
Love,
Dolores Rubio

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a piano and a puppy and a kitten. I want a trampoline and a tape recorder. I want a Monopoly game and a bike and a watch. Also some brown boots (size five and a half) and I want a very pretty ring and necklace for Christmas.
Love,
Olga Ortiz

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a pair of skates and a skate board and piano. A pup and a cat. I want a horse and monkeys and motorcycle and real airplane and a real car. Also a real turtle.
Love,
Carmen Hinojosa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a doll. I love you Santa Claus. I want an organ, a package, a doll that sneezes.
I want a Mickey Mouse, a walkie-talkie, some perfume.
Love,
Mary Jean Williams

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I love you and I want a motorcycle to ride in the canyons. Come to my house Santa - I will put my tree and presents out.
Love,
Tony Galvan III

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a bear and a pair of skis and a trampoline. I want 100 pound elephant and a radio and a watch. Also a bike for my dad. I want a blue bike and I mean a big big bike too.
I would like a 410 shot gun like my brother, and lots of games and a basket ball. I want some skates and a wagon.
Larry Stokes

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me an Eagle Evel Knievel motorcycle, a bat man and Robin. I love you.
Kevin



PEACE

Let us strive for lasting friendship with our fellow men, now and after Christmas.

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FARMER'S

UNION NEWS

VIRGIL BLAKNEY APPOINTED TO DRAFT POLICY FOR

TEXAS FARMERS UNION

Texas Farmers Union District III Director Billy Bob Toombs of Merkel has announced the nomination of two area farmers to serve on the annual policy drafting committee which meets in Abilene, December 8 and 9.

Doug Bagley of Merkel and Virgil Blakney of Turkey were nominated and in turn appointed by TFU President Jay Naman to serve on the committee which will be chaired by Steve Carriker from Hamlin. The committee will officially function to take resolutions submitted from the counties across the state and place them in line with the current state policy of Texas Farmers Union. The over-all policy will then be amended,



Warm season's greetings to our many dear friends.

**Higginbotham
Bartlett**

GOOD TIME TO

COUNT CALORIES

Eat, drink, and be merry because tomorrow you're going to be fat.

What better time to do some

updated or otherwise changed by statewide delegates to the annual convention of Texas Farmers Union which meets in Austin, January 20 and 21.

"We are proud to have these two most capable men to serve on this important committee," said Texas Farmers Union President Jay Naman. "The drafting of our policy by farmers at the county level is what determines our goals and direction for the coming year. It will be the task of this committee to prepare the policy for debate and adoption at our January convention."

District Directors from each of the nine districts in Texas Farmers Union have appointed two representatives to the committee which will function in behalf of the state organization's 9,000 members. Resolutions from the individual counties have been submitted to the committee prior to December, with further recommendations still to come from delegates to the state convention in Austin in January. The overall policy of Texas Farmers Union addresses matters of all commodities produced in the state as well as matters of agriculture ranging from energy to water conservation, rural services and marketing.

Texas Farmers Union is expecting one of the largest turnouts in history at its annual convention as farmers and ranchers "gear for a tough fight to survive the current agricultural depression."

DEAR SANTA:

Please bring us a doll, a stroller, sink and stove, a blender set, and a stuffed animal.

Love,
Jennifer and Allison Turner

DEAR SANTA,

I love Christmas and you too, but one thing I like most is Christmas Day because of toys we get. The toys I want are listed below:

A sheriff set, CB walkie-talkie, a pair, colored pipe cleaners and glitter, play money, and guns and a sheriff vest.

Love,
Paul

homework with your calorie book? Ignorance is not bliss when it comes to calorie counting.

Don't starve yourself on party days or you'll lose your head at the sight of the first chip and dip tray. Breakfast on a grapefruit, a poached egg and coffee or tea. For lunch try a salad with tomato juice for dressing and a glass of skim milk. Drink a glass of milk while you're getting ready for the party. It will take

the edge off your appetite. You're in big trouble if you arrive at the party hungry.

Try this little experiment for a day—keep a piece of paper and a pencil with you all day and write down everything you eat. If you taste the spaghetti—add it to your list. If you lick the icing spoon, mark it down. You will discover that a bite of this and a bite of that adds up to a lot of calories.

If you're an incorrigible nibbler, keep raw vegetables ready for snacks. Low calorie soda pop and diet gelatin desserts are good items to have on hand.

A diet will go a long way in changing your eating habits!!

CHRISTMAS CARDS JOYFUL GREETINGS

Each year, hundreds of extra postmen are added here in our country, to help deliver at least

two billion Christmas cards.

Most of us take this custom for granted; but sending Yuletide greetings is really one of our youngest traditions.

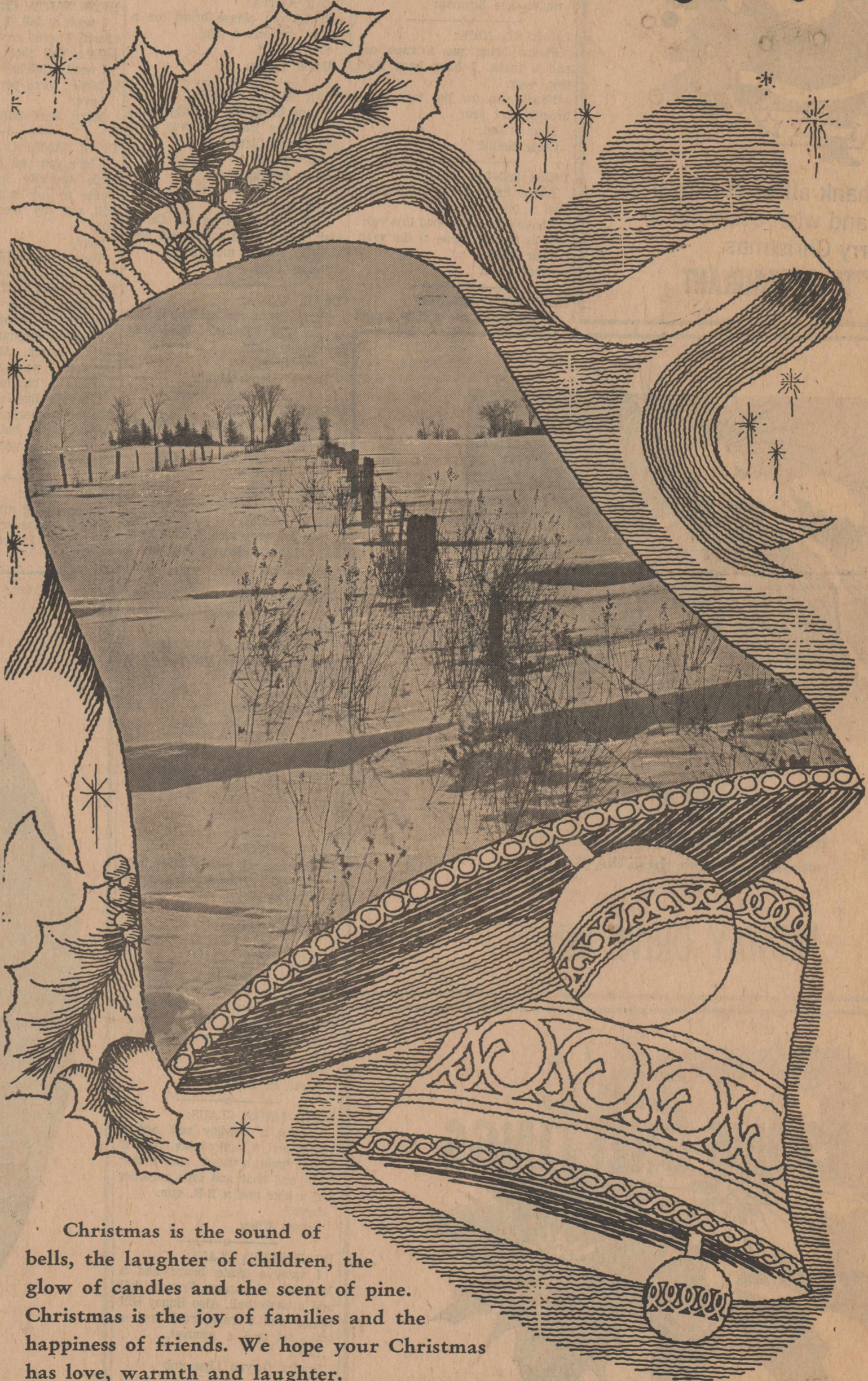
Starting in England, it has spread throughout the world during the last hundred years; and designing and manufacturing Christmas cards is an important industry.

From time to time there have been certain fads in our Christmas

cards; these include pictures of Dutch children, fawns, Scottie dogs, frisky lambs, modernized angels, and humorous figures.

If we chose our Yuletide messages thoughtfully, and send them in the true holiday spirit, they'll continue to bring much "Joy to the world." For this custom—one of our youngest traditions—can be an excellent way of showing "good will toward men."

Best Wishes



Christmas is the sound of bells, the laughter of children, the glow of candles and the scent of pine. Christmas is the joy of families and the happiness of friends. We hope your Christmas has love, warmth and laughter.

SALT FORK FUR CO.

Will Buy: Coyotes, up to \$20.00, unskinned, bobcat, coon, badger and other varmints. Prices vary weekly.

We will be at the Mobil Station (west side of Quitaque) on Mondays and Fridays at 2:00 p.m. in Turkey at Gulf Stat.

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Turkey, Texas

THE GIVING OF GIFTS

Our age-old tradition of remembering relatives and friends with presents for Christmas is one of the oldest and most satisfying holiday joys. This is especially true if such giving is done in an unselfish manner without thought of like return, for it reveals the highest type of Yuletide spirit.

Because of the well known incident of the coming of the Magi, many persons have the belief that the custom of giving gifts originated with their presentation to the Infant Jesus. However, the idea was prevalent even before Christ's birth. The Romans, for instance, used to exchange gifts at this time.

The source of holiday presents to children has been given different names in various places. However, St. Nicholas seems to be the most widely acclaimed source.

A CAROL FROM THE TWELFTH CENTURY

"THE FRIENDLY BEASTS"
In the old days children stood in front of the creche and sang carols. One of the favorites was "THE FRIENDLY BEASTS."

Jesus, our brother kind and good,

Was humbly born in a stable rude,
And the friendly beasts around him stood.

"I", said the donkey shaggy and brown,

"I carried his mother up-hill and down";
"I carried his mother to Bethlehem town."

"I", said the cow all white and red,

"I gave him my manger for his bed;

I gave him my hay to pillow his head."

"I", said the sheep with curly

morn."

"I gave him my wool for his blanket so warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."

"I", said the dove on rafter so high

"I cooed him to sleep so he should not cry;

We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I."

TOSS OUT THE OLD—RING IN THE NEW

The custom of tossing all one's old possessions out the window on New Year's Eve has been going on in Italy for generations.

The streets of Italian cities on New Year's Eve between 11 p. m. and 5 a. m. are among the noisiest and most dangerous places in the world. A blizzard of junk rains from windows.

Families save up bottles, chipped crockery, sinks, furniture, toilets—or you name it—to get rid of with a bang on New Year's Eve. So, the old goes out the window. Injuries are reported the morning after, though Italian authorities make appeals to the people to take it easy.

Firecrackers are increasingly popular—the louder the better. Although firecrackers are prohibited by law, police find it nearly impossible to ban the manufacture and sale, since many are homemade.

On New Year's Day, everyone puts on something new—socks, shirts, neckties, scarves, handbags or whatever.

The required dish to eat on January 1st is "zampone." This is pigs feet stuffed with chopped and seasoned pork. The dish signifies abundance.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I live at Garland, Texas. Please bring me a stereo record player and a clock radio, some candy, nuts and fruit.

Please go to Quitaque to see Granny and PaPa and also to Houston to see Grandma and Grandpa.

I love you,
Tracey Johnson
P. S. I will have some homemade candy on the table for you.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Will you please bring me a football and operation?

Love,
Kelly

HANUKKAH— WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Among the holidays at this time of year is the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah. Because Hanukkah is generally celebrated in December, it is sometimes referred to as the Jewish Christmas. As at Christmas, gifts are exchanged, candles are lit and it is a time for rejoicing. However, even though there are similarities in customs celebrated at Hanukkah and Christmas, their origins and meanings are entirely different and Hanukkah predates Christmas.

Hanukkah is an eight day festival commemorating the military and spiritual victory of Judas Maccabaeus and his army over the King of Syria, who attempted to crush the Jewish faith in one God. Hanukkah, derived from the Hebrew word meaning dedication, is also called the "Feast of Dedication" and "The Festival of Lights." It always starts on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev.

Because the Jewish calendar is based on the moon rather than the sun, the Jewish holidays fall each year on varying dates of the solar three hundred sixty five day calendar.

Christmas in Times Gone By

Time was when Christmas meant sitting before a crackling fire, as the beautiful story of the Nativity was read from the family bible. Perhaps corn would be popped by the youngsters, to be strung with cranberries and wound around the Christmas tree.

Most likely the tree itself would have been chopped down by Dad and the youngsters, then brought home, in a wheelbarrow or sled with much excitement and anticipation.

And of course, the children's stockings would be "hung by the chimney with care."

The sound of sleigh bells might have been heard outside, as carolers arrived in a horse-drawn sleigh, with shouts of "Merry Christmas" and peals of laughter. Then, as the family clustered about the living room window, the merry group would offer favorite carols like "Deck the Halls" and "Silent Night." All would be invited in for a cup of hot chocolate and some of Mother's home-baked cookies. Then the carolers would once again pile into their sleigh and off they would go, sleigh bells jingling.

Christmas morning was a magical time for youngsters, even as it is now. After gifts had been opened and exclaimed over, the family would attend services at a nearby church, greeting friends and neighbors in the spirit of the season.

Christmas dinner was a highlight of the day, with the table piled high with festive fare, such as roast turkey and mincemeat pie.

Perhaps after dinner, the youngsters would run down to the frozen-over creek or pond with their brand-new ice skates, or go sledding down a nearby hill. They had no entertainment then, as we know it, except their own high spirits and resourcefulness. But the new train, the new doll, whatever Santa left under the tree, was cherished and enjoyed as though it were a priceless jewel.

Christmas has changed in many ways for most Americans — but basically speaking, it still is celebrated in much the same fashion today — with family get-togethers, festive meals.



O Holy Night

Peace on Earth May the Blessings of the Season Be With You Always

LACY DRY GOODS



HAPPY Holidays

We wish to one and all the very best of Christmas cheer and happiness.

CAPROCK GIN

Rex, Dorothy, Derrel, Robert, Iva June
Ronnie, Jackie and Rodney

LEGENDS AND TRADITIONS OF GIFTS

Gifts in Sweden are exchanged on December 13th, The Feast Day of St. Lucia, a Sicilian maiden, who suffered martyrdom in the year 304. As she was noted for giving food and drink to the poor, it is customary on her day to perform such deeds as a memorial to her.

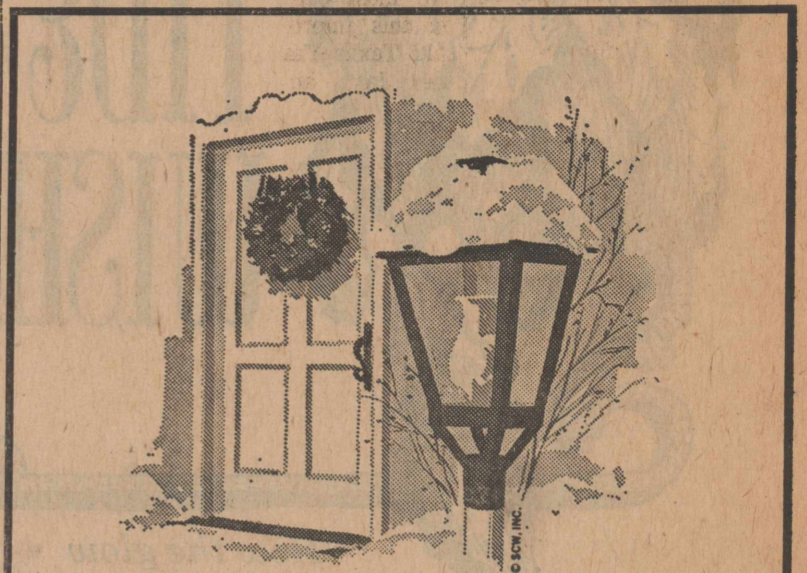
There are several beliefs and customs about Christmas gifts in Scandanavian countries. In Denmark, boys and girls believe that a small gnome, dressed in gray and wearing a pointed cap, is responsible. They call him "Jule-nissen."

Germans have always been generous in their giving at Christmas. They buy numerous presents; and the women often spend months making fine pieces of needlework for their friends. Even very small children are encouraged to make simple gifts for

DEAR SANTA,
Please Santa bring me a doll and a tent please. Christmas is a fun time with bells ringing.
Your friend,
Cristy Calvert

their parents, brothers and sisters. In Czechoslovakia, it is said, the youngsters believed the saint came down from heaven on a golden cord with a basket of presents for all good little boys and girls.

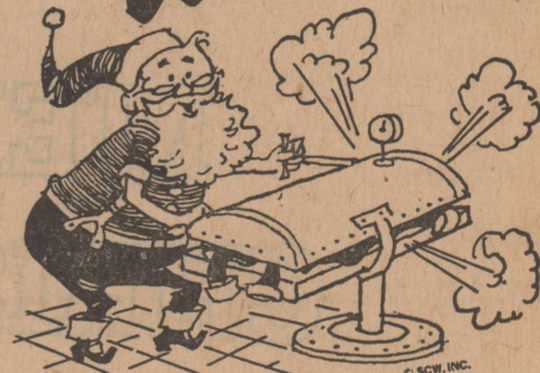
Since the spirit of generous giving fills the air at Christmas, in some lands, animals, too, are remembered. St. Francis of Assisi wanted all creation to share in Yuletide happiness, so he gave domestic animals an extra amount of food at this time. A Russian legend tells that at the night of Christ's birth barnyard animals and fowls spread the joyful tidings, or rather they helped to spread them.



GREETINGS of the season to our many good friends! We hope your Christmas is bright with love and joy.

YOUNG'S AUTO SUPPLY

Best wishes!



May we take the time to wish our fine patrons a very happy Christmas.

TURKEY FARMERS CO-OP GIN
J. W. and Jo

DEAR SANTA:
I have been a good boy this school year. I have already wrote but just to remind you.

I want an Electronic football game, an Oakland Raider football suit. Also operation game, a Stretch Armstrong and a Magic Box.

Love,
Lane Myers
P. S. I want a B.B gun also.

CUTTING COSTS ON LAST-MINUTE GIFTS

We never seem to have enough money for the kind of Christmas presents we want to buy — early or late.

There are ways to keep cost down, even without time for sewing or baking.

Give someone special an item you already own which they have admired.

Frame your children's paintings for their grandparents.

Gift wrap a promise to a little girl to make an outfit for her Christmas doll.

Buy fruit and pack handsome gift baskets using old baskets you have spray painted.

Make attractive gift certificates offering your services during the coming year. Babysitting, chauffeuring or helping an elderly friend with a spring garden are only a few samples.



Joy

TO ALL

We're ringing in with the best of wishes to one and all...may your holidays be happy, healthy and prosperous!

MEMPHIS COMPRESS

Dear Santa

I am 5 years old.
Love,
Cayley Catoe

I want a bicycle, a doll, a play refrigerator, and a doll buggy.

DEAR SANTA:
I want a bicycle, two CB walkie-

talkies, and a set of guns. I am 6 years old.

Love,
Mike Fuston

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring a puzzle, a doll, and a cat. I love you, Santa.

Amy Maupin

DEAR SANTA:
I want a cat, trampoline, ice cream truck, and a doll. I am five years old.

Love,
Felicia Edmunds

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a teddy bear, a baby doll, and a puppy. I am five years old and I love Santa.

Danita Wallace.

DEAR SANTA:
I am 5 years old and I love you, Santa. I want a Jaws game, a little car, and a little color TV.

Jody Brunson

DEAR SANTA:
I want a puppy for Christmas and a little car. I love Christmas.

Love,
Charles Clardy

DEAR SANTA:
I want a dump truck, a road grader, and two walkie-talkies. I love Santa.

Jay Hawkins

DEAR SANTA:
I want a doll and an Easy-Bake Oven. I have been a good girl.

Hattie Williams

DEAR SANTA:
I want a skateboard, a drum, and a gun set. I have been a good boy.

I want to tell you "Hi," Santa Claus.

Love,
Benjie Hughes

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a doll and a ball. I am five years old.

Love,
Jvona Holiday

DEAR SANTA:
Hi, Santa Claus. I want the Angels Barbies, a bicycle, and that's all.

Love,
Andrea Hinojosa

DEAR SANTA:
I want an Easy-Bake oven, a doll, and a jump-rope.

I like you, Santa Claus.
Love,
Susie Lowe

DEAR SANTA:
I want a B.B. gun, and a bow and arrow, and a dump truck.

Love,
Ronald Brittan

DEAR SANTA:
I want a football, a little car, and some clay.

Love,
Isaac Equie

DEAR SANTA:
I want a B.B. gun, a bike, a car with a trailer.

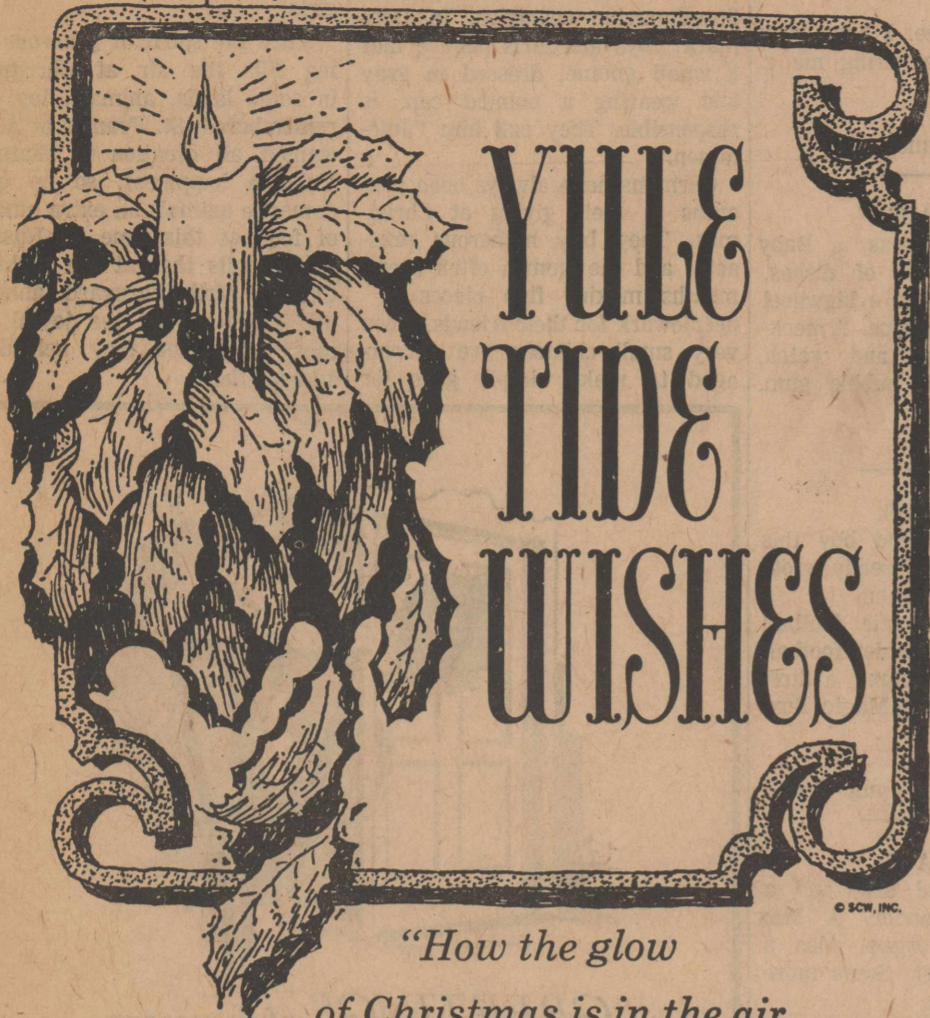
Love,
Israel Ortega

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a truck, a road grader, and a combine. I am 5 years old. I love you.

Warren Merrell

DEAR SANTA:
I want a motorcycle, a football suit, and a gun set.

Love,
Jason



"How the glow
of Christmas is in the air,
dismissing every care.
May your holiday season be bright,
always lit with candlelight."

PANHANDLE COMPRESS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

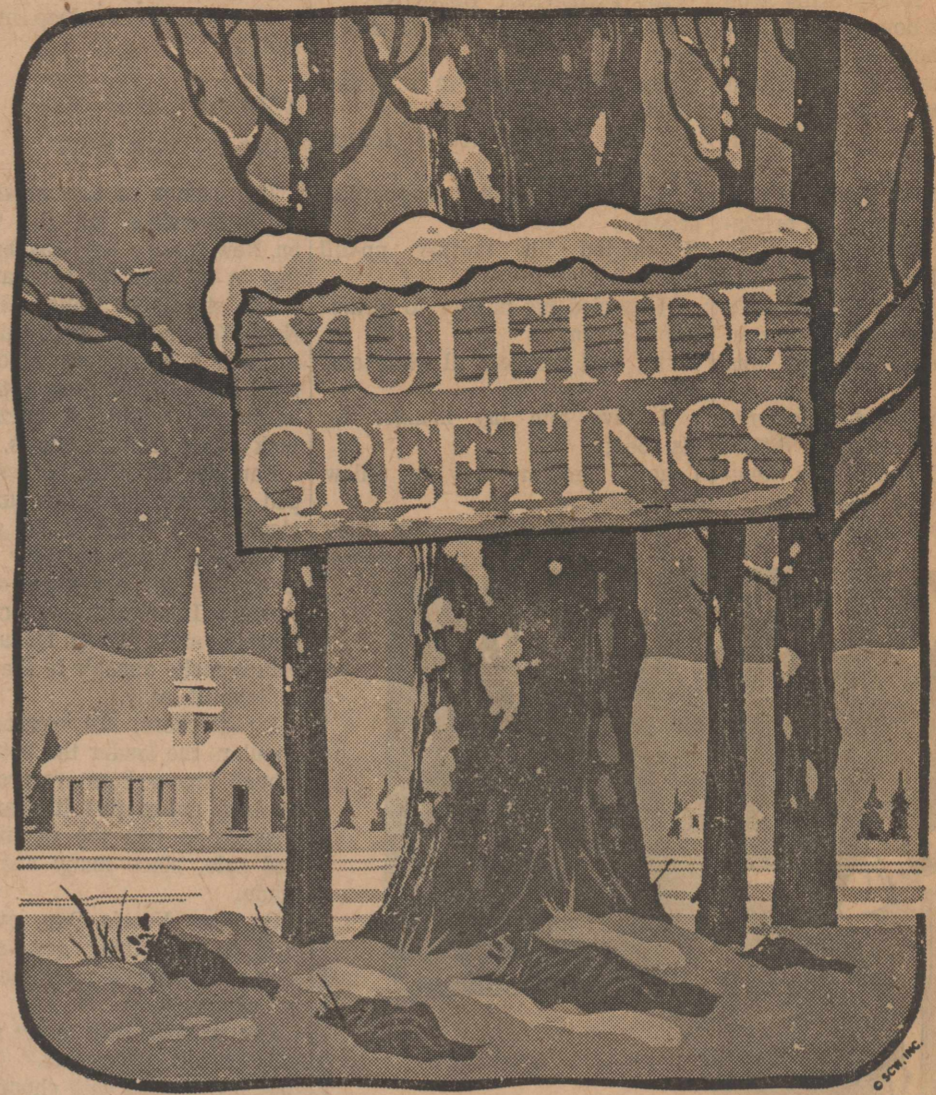


PAYMASTER GIN



We hope you have the happiest Christmas ever.

Turkey Hotel



A happy holiday greeting to our wonderful patrons. We can't begin to express our gratitude. We are always so happy to see you and we hope that we will be seeing you again soon.

MERRELL FOOD



It's our favorite time of year . . . when we pause to thank our many good friends for their patronage in the past. We look forward to serving you in the future. Have a Merry Christmas.

HERRINGTON EQUIPMENT CO.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA:
I would like a bike, and a doll, and a teddy bear. Please hurry!
Irma Salazar

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a bike and a typewriter.
I love you,
Sylvia

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a Baby-A-Live. I love you.
Love,
Paula

Angie
DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a bike and pellet gun. I love you.
Love,
James

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a bike and a gun. I love you.
Love,
Amadeo

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a Baby and a Big Wheel. I love you.
Paula

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me some dishes and a diamond ring. I love you.
Love,
Stacey

DEAR SANTA:
You are very nice. I been a good girl and please bring Kevin an Evel Knievel. Please bring me a Baby That A Way.
Lisa Clardy

DEAR SANTA:
You are very nice. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a puppy and doll.
Love,
Letta Jo Blansit

DEAR SANTA:
You are very nice. I have been good. Please bring me anything.
Love,
Mell Brittan

DEAR SANTA:
You are very nice. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a dog and a girl parakeet.
Love,
Shane House

DEAR SANTA:
You are very nice. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Stretch Armstrong.
Love,
Lolo Rodriguez

DEAR SANTA:
You are very nice. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a bike and a doll.
Love,
Nancy Calderoni

DEAR SANTA:
You are very nice. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Play House.
Love,
Sherry Clay
I love you too.

DEAR SANTA:
You are very nice. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a motorcycle.
Love,
Cody Catoe

DEAR SANTA:
You are very nice. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Stretch Armstrong.
Love,
Charlie Salazar

DEAR SANTA:
Christmas I want a car for my present. Christmas is fun. I want a play dog.
Your friend,
Johnny

DEAR SANTA:
For Christmas I want a doll and ring. Christmas is the most fun time. I would like to live with you Santa. I love you.
Your friend,
Adela Famayo

DEAR SANTA:
Christmas is the most fun. I would like for you to bring me some cars for Christmas and would like for you to come to see me.
Your friend,
Ricky

DEAR SANTA,
I want a B.B. gun Santa for Christmas. And I wish you could give me some B.B.'s.

Your friend,
Pete Paul L. S.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a calculator. And a walkie-talkie. And I think Christmas is a great time of the year.
Your friend,
Alex Rubio

DEAR SANTA:
I want a B.B. gun for my present. And I like Christmas because

it is fun. I love you. You are good to us all and we love you.

Your friend,
Bobby

DEAR SANTA:
I want a donkey and a swimming pool and a doll that walks and crawls. Thank you.
Love,
Celeste Sperry

DEAR SANTA:

I am 6 years old. I want two steel trucks for Christmas.

Love,
Mark Austin

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring a bicycle and a doll, a play sewing machine and baby buggy.

I love you, Santa Claus. I would like to see you on Christmas.

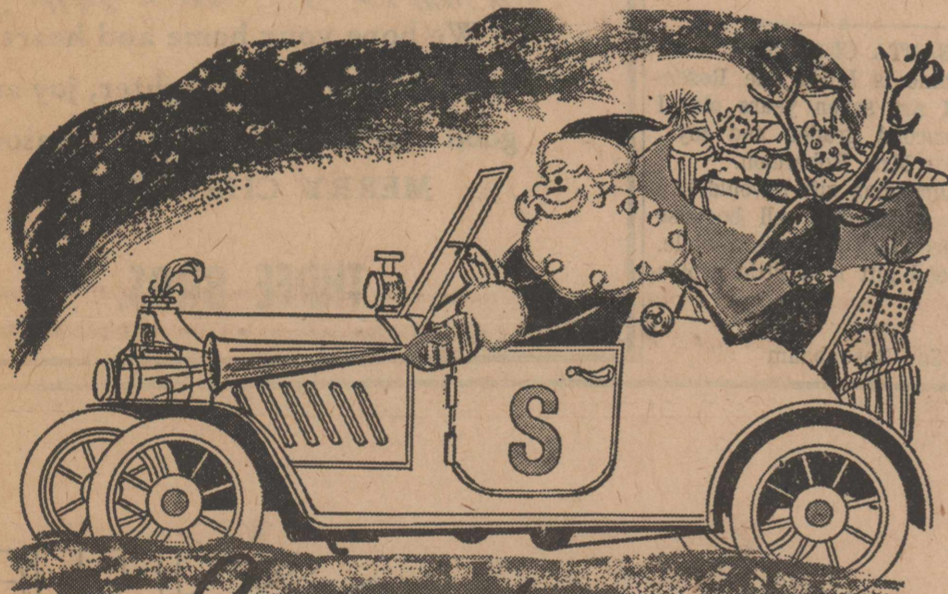
Gina Conner



Coming your way . . . with tidings of the season! We hope your Christmas abounds in old-fashioned cheer. Thank you so much for your patronage in the past.

SETLIFF MILL & ELEVATOR

Turkey, Texas



Santas on his way!

To wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

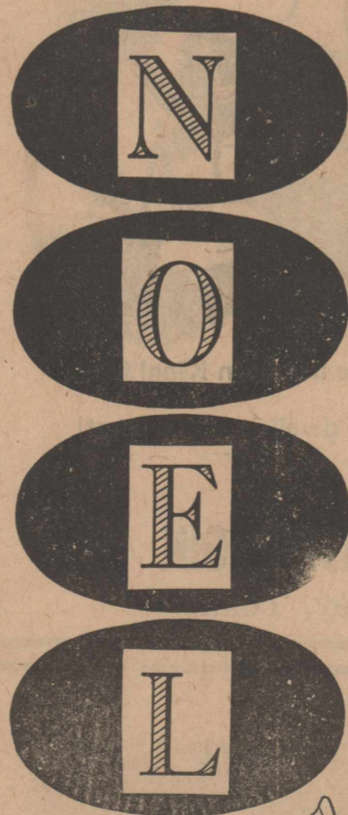
RICE DRY GOODS



O HOLY NIGHT!

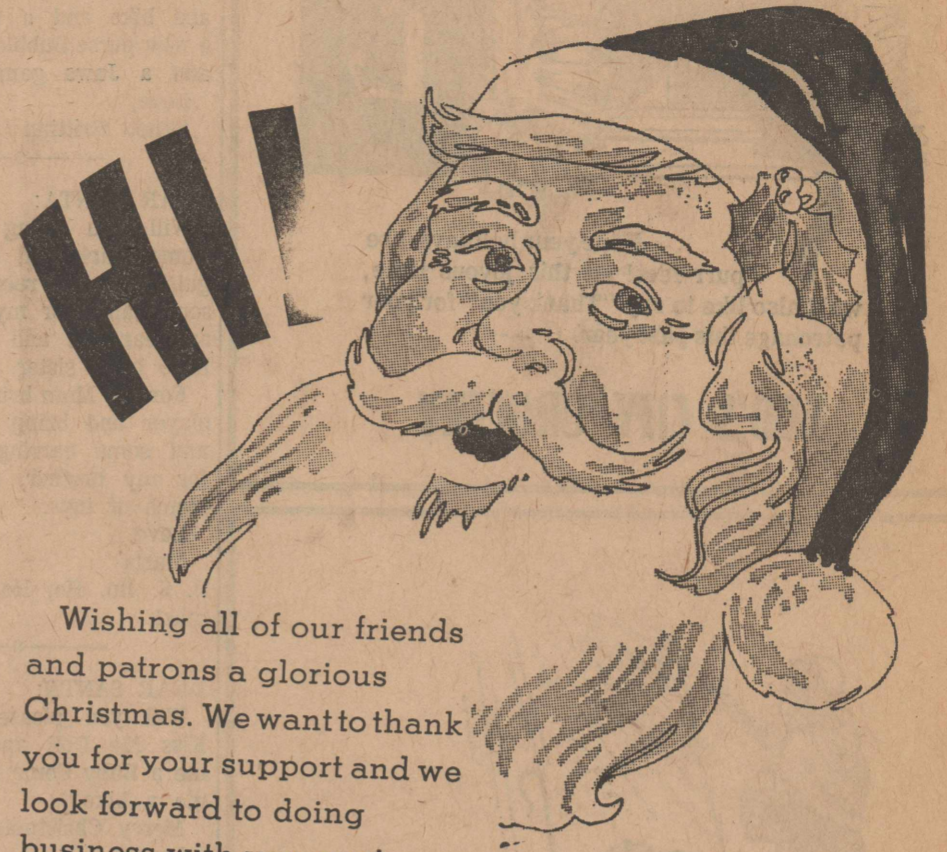
Joy to the world, the Lord has come! May peace on earth become a reality at this holy time.

Bill Griffin, Edell Moore and Alton Rose



We sincerely wish that you have a Merry Christmas.

Jack Barnhill



Wishing all of our friends and patrons a glorious Christmas. We want to thank you for your support and we look forward to doing business with you again.

WILMA'S GROCERY



Best Wishes

How wonderful to be able to wish all of our friends a happy holiday season. We have enjoyed serving you and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

TURKEY IMPLEMENT CO.



A tip of Santa's cap to all our customers! We wish you happiness!

TURKEY AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY



Hope your holidays are purr-fect! At this joyous time, we'd also like to say "Thank you" for your patronage this past year.

BOB'S CITY GROCERY

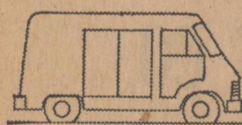


Imagine the joy the shepherds felt, on hearing the glad tidings! We wish that joy to you and yours.

MULLIN MOTOR CO.

Christmas Joy

To all our friends and customers, Merry Christmas from the people who serve you at



JIMMIE'S FLOWERS & GIFTS

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I would like you to bring me a 5-speed and a play gun and a watch. Also a record player, a race track, some toys, a football, a baseball, and a baseball bat and a tape recorder.
From,
Shorty Lynn Kimbell

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want Baby That-A-Way and a Doll house. Also a motorcycle and bike and a watch. I want a new purse, Bubble gum machine and a Jaws game.
Love,
Renett Brittan

DEAR SANTA:
Will you bring me a Baby Come Back and a bike and a guitar. Also a record player and some tapes for my record player and earrings and a doll for my little baby sister.
For my Mom bring her a record player and bring me a bracelet and some earrings and a bike for my brother, and a whole bunch of toys.

Love,
Maria
P. S. Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas!

DEAR SANTA:
Will you please bring me a Kiss Me Doll and please bring me a Baby Come Back and bring me a bike.
Merry Christmas
Love,
Sandy

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Will you bring me a basketball and a goal? Also a "Kiss Me Doll." And I want a car for my brother. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Marcy

DEAR SANTA:
Will you please bring me a bike and a doll. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Adela

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I would like a B.B. gun and a truck.
Love,
Calvin

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Will you bring me a bike? And bring my brother and sister something.
Love,
Eric

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please bring me a pellet gun, a guitar, and a bridle. Also a black horse.
Love,
Eldon Kirk Martin

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Will you bring me a B.B. gun please?
Love,
Gabriel

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a Green Machine and a control car. And my brother wants a Mr. Quarterback and a Pop-up-pinnball please.
Love,
Scott Saul

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Will you please bring me a bike and the rest of the toys? Thank you. Merry Christmas!!
Love,
Daniel

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please bring me a paddle and bring me a skate board. Merry Christmas!!
Love,
Lacy

DEAR SANTA:
I want something for my baby brother. He wants a monkey and I want some train tracks. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Bill

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Will you please bring me a "Baby This A Way" and please bring me and my family some records and tapes. And anything you want to put in my stocking. Thank you.
Love,
Melissa
P. S. And a merry Christmas to you.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Will you bring me a B.B. gun and a "Baby Come Back" for my sister, and a B.B. gun for my big brother.
Also a Stretch Monster for me

and for my little brother. Also a football, and "Kiss Me Baby" for my sister and a stretch monster for my big brother too.
Love,
Joe

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a Marching Donald Duck and a bike. I love you.
Love,
Jaclyn

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a bike and a gun. I love you.
Love,
Gilberto

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a jump rope and a bike. I love you.
Love,
Patricia

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me an Eagle Evil Knievel motorcycle and a play gun. I love you.
Love,
Lance

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a Baby That-A-Way and a drum. I love you.
Love,
Mychelle

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a yellow bicycle and a make-up doll. I love you.
Love,
Sherry

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a bike and a Baby-Come-Back. I love you.
Love,
Leslie

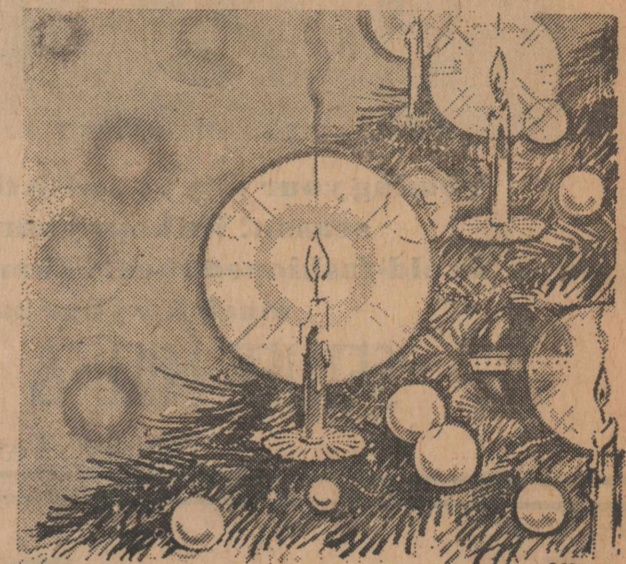
DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me Stretch Armstrong and a pellet gun. I love you.
Love,
Wade

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
My name is Linda Sue Rosenbaum. I am seven years old. I am a second grader and my teacher is Mrs. Robertson. The Christmas gift I would like to have is to get well because I have been sick for quite a while. The second gift is a little professor.
Love,
Linda Sue Rosenbaum



We pray for the blessings of the Infant Jesus upon you and your loved ones at Christmas.

BRUNSON SUPPLY



We hope your home and heart will be filled with laughter, joy and good will this glad Holiday season—
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THREE BROS.

O Come All Ye Faithful



Come, let us adore the newborn King! May the joy of Christmas dwell in every heart!

PAYMASTER GIN
Turkey, Texas



Joy to the world

Here's a wish for every friend: holiday joy, without end!

FERGUSON INSURANCE



A cheery hello to all our many friends, with warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas season!

NORTH GIN
B. J. and Billie



During this beautiful winter season, we would like to take the opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Holiday.

BYRD PHARMACY

FRED and VIRGINIA