

Merry Christmas

The Stanton Reporter

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It isn't your position that makes you happy or unhappy; it's your disposition.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. (Proverbs 3 :5).

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To The Point

By BUDDY NORVILLE

God gave the greatest gift that was ever given—Jesus Christ. Never has the giving of a gift brought so much change to this world. Even the datelines of the world were divided when Jesus came.

When Christ was born in that lowly stable he attracted people from both sides of the social "tracks". On the night of His birth a group of shepherds, who we believe were poor, came to worship Him. Sometime later a group of men came from the East. These men were undoubtedly wealthy, because they gave rich gifts to the baby Jesus.

You know, this same thing has been true over the years. Poorer men than these shepherds have come to Jesus and found true riches. Men more wealthy than these "wisemen" have found Jesus to be greater and more blessed than all their money and prominence.

Who were these wise men who came from the East? No one knows for sure—but most scholars think they were probably astronomers from Persia.

Maybe they knew something of the Biblical prophecy concerning the birth of the Messiah. And it is possible that God in his own way revealed the secret to them.

There are many stories about the wise men. We sing the song "We Three Kings of Orient Are." But, Luke's account of the birth of Jesus doesn't mention how many there were. Since they brought three gifts people have assumed that there were three of them. But we don't know for sure how many there were—or what their names were. People have even given them names.

We only know that they came to Jesus. That will always mark them as wise men. Any man who comes to Jesus is wise. Merry Christmas.

Jannie Mae Lynch Rites Wednesday

Mrs. Charles A. (Jannie Mae) Lynch, 62, died Saturday in a Stanton hospital after a short illness.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Gilbreath Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Floyd Dunn, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Stanton, officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Lynch was born Nov. 22, 1909, at Jacksonville. Survivors include her husband; and two brothers, Tom Bentley of Forth Worth, and Albert Bentley of California.

PARTY HELD

The piano students of Mrs. Roy Koonce had their Christmas parties Monday December 20 and Tuesday December 21 at her home. They played Christmas carols for each other. Then, each one composed his own Christmas carol and played it for the group. Refreshments were served and gifts exchanged.

CALL POLICE DEPT.

During the holidays, if you go out to a party and don't feel like you are able to drive home, don't. Give the Police department a call—they will deliver you home, providing you live in the city limits. But if you drink, don't drive.



MOTHER GOOSE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—The children at Mother Goose Nursery School presented a Christmas program for their families Friday morning. This is a scene of program, Joseph, Mary and the stars over Bethlehem. The Baby Jesus is asleep in his cradle.

Martin County Hospital News

Admissions December 13 to December 19.

Dec. 13: Sid Jackson, Peggy Latty, Sammie Laws.

Dec. 14: Sarah Farrington and infant son.

Dec. 15: Linda Lee Welch, and infant son, Elvie Henson, Andrea Arguello, Edgar A. Baugh.

Dec. 16: Bessie Mae Gale, Sally Arguello.

Dec. 17: Janie M. Lynch, Charles A. Lynch, Mary Rockmore.

Dec. 18: Helen Houston. Dismissed:

Dec. 13: Terresa Samora and infant son.

Dec. 14: Mary Rockmore, Violet Losoya, Soila Ortiz, Sid Jackson.

Dec. 15: Peggy Latty.

Dec. 16: Sammie Laws.

Dec. 17: Sarah Farrington and infant son, Linda Welch and infant son, Leslie Posey.

Dec. 18: Bessie Mae Gale, Janie Lynch.

Dec. 19: Andrea Arguello, Sally Arguello.

Door Decor Winners

The Junior class decorated the winning door in the annual Door Decorating Contest at Stanton High School. The winning door had the theme, "The Holy Night", with the figures of Mary and Joseph kneeling in prayer and the cradle of the baby Jesus.

The Spanish Club was awarded second prize for their entry. The theme of their door was "Paz En La Tierra" (Peace On Earth). The door contained figures of Joseph kneeling in prayer over the baby Jesus in the straw and a donkey signifying the place of birth of our Lord. A bright star shown in the heavens.

The Library door, decorated by the Annual Staff, took third place. Peace was the Annual Staff's theme. The door was headed with the words, "It's The Lord's Thing." In the center of the door was a picture of a small animal, probably a lamb, asleep beside a lion. The words, "Peace on Earth" were set beneath the figures.

We will have pictures of the winning doors in next week's issue of The Stanton Reporter.

Wind, Sunshine Help Dry Fields

Wind and sunshine helped to dry fields, and harvesting gained a little momentum in the Abilene territory according to the U.S.D.A., Consumer and Marketing Service.

B. B. Manly, Jr., Officer in Charge of the Abilene Classing Office, reports that 5,300 samples were classed for the week ending December 17, 1971. The seasons total is now 17,500 samples compared to 311,000 for a seasons total a year ago.

Forty-one per cent of the samples classed were in the white category and 56 per cent were light spotted. Strict Low Middling Light Spotted was the predominant grade at 25 per cent. Twenty-nine per cent of the samples classed were called bark.

Predominant staple lengths were 25 per cent, 30; 41 per cent, 31; and 24 per cent, 32. Micronaire readings were in the premium range on 56 per cent of the samples compared to 79 per cent for the previous week.



DO IT YOURSELF—This triangular Christmas tree was made by soldering tuna cans together. Mrs. King, High School Home Economics teacher, passed the idea on to us.

Allen Gamel, 59, Dies Monday

Allen Gamel, 59, died Monday, December 20 at 3:45 p.m. in a Big Spring hospital, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Gamel was born Feb. 6, 1912, in Mason County. We married Bertha Day in Abilene on December 24, 1936. He had been a resident of Big Spring about two months, moving there from Ozona. He was retired from Northern Butane Co., Ozona. He had been ill for over a year.

Services will be held Thursday, December 23, at 3:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Stanton with the Rev. O. N. Reed of Travis Baptist Church of Midland officiating and Rev. Floyd Dunn assisting. Interment will be in the Evergreen Cemetery with Gilbreath Funeral Home officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha, Big Spring; his mother, Mrs. Leahy Gamel, Big Spring; three daughters, Alene Elliott, Susie Overby and Joyce Arceneaux, all of Midland; three sisters, Mrs. B. D. Day, Big Spring, Maggie Gray, Arlington, and Nettie Martin, Midland; five brothers, J. W. Bill, Alton and Ben of Midland and Leo of Webster, Mass., and 8 grandchildren.

A. J. Bickley, 62 Dies in Hospital

A. J. Bickley, 62, of Midland, died Tuesday, December 14 in a Midland hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Thursday in the First United Methodist Church in Stanton. The Rev. Cecil Tume of Asbury Methodist Church in Midland will officiate. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery at Stanton under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Bickley, a former resident of Stanton had lived in Midland for the last 18 years. He was born Nov. 7, 1909, at Merkel. He married Sibyl Watson, Oct. 6, 1934, in Big Spring.

He was a member of Asbury Methodist Church, and was captain of the fire station at Midland-Odessa Regional Air Terminal until his retirement 10 months ago.

Survivors include his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Jean Phillips of Columbus, N. M., four sisters, Mrs. Earl Blocker, Mrs. A. C. Powell, and Mrs. T. D. Barnhill, all of Stanton, Mrs. A. L. Graves of Independence, Ore.; two brothers, Harrison Bickley of Midland, Jimmy Bickley of Robert Lee, and two grandchildren.

Dee Rogers, 82, Dies Here Monday

Dewitt (Dee) Hamilton Rogers, 82, died about 9:10 p.m. Monday in a Big Spring hospital after a lengthy illness.

Rogers was born Jan. 24, 1888, in Terrell. He came to Stanton in 1932 from Abilene. He married Fannie Arnett at Stanton March 10, 1911. He was a retired mail carrier.

Services were held Wednesday, December 22 at 4:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Floyd Dunn officiating and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Survivors include the widow; three sons, R. K. Rogers of Fort Worth, Jimmy Rogers of Stanton; and three grandchildren.

P.O. WILL OPEN

The Post Office will be open 2 hours Friday morning, December 24. Postmaster Bill Morrow said the hours will be 8:30-10:30 a.m.



SINCE DAYS OF OLD, REPLICAS OF THE MANGER scene have helped to bring mankind closer to the meaning of Christmas. The crib or crèche here is typical, in its presentation of Mary, Joseph and the Infant Jesus, with the shepherds and Wise Men and, of course, the animals of the manger. It's typical, too, of the way the Nativity and the events surrounding it have long inspired artists and craftsmen, musicians and singers, poets and writers.

Christmas -- A Time of Thanksgiving

BY JAN McELRATH

Christmas? Christmas is a time of giving, helping, and bringing happiness into someone's life. Christmas is the Christmas tree with its colored lights, bright ornaments and silver and gold tinsel. Christmas is taking the young into the future and the old into the past.

Christmas is a time of thanks. The Lord gave us Christmas as a time to be thankful for the birth of Christ. Although the real meaning sometimes gets lost in hustle and bustle of Christmas, let each of us in our own way be thankful for what we have and what we can share. The headlines in our national newspapers show that we are far from perfect. We are selfish, destructive, and deceitful. Let each and every-

one ask forgiveness during this time of happy holiday spirit.

Lighting Contest Winners Named

Winners of the residential lighting contest were named Monday night. Fifteen houses were entered in the lighting competition.

First place award, a Reddy light from Texas Electric was awarded to the James Jones residence. The Jones residence is at 705 N. St. Francis.

Second place prize, an electric blanket from Deavenport's was won by Billy Houston. The Houston's reside at 510 N. 1st.

Third place was taken by Bonnie Nelson. The third place prize was a mixer from Stanton Electric and Gift Shop. The Nelson residence is at 701 Boardway.

Two honorable mentions were named, Cecil Bridges and Vernon Cox residences.

TO BE CLOSED

The Stanton Reporter will be closed December 24. We will spend Christmas Eve at home with our families.



Long ago three Wise Men
Were gazing at a star
That glistened in the Heavens,
Outshining all by far.

And so the Wise Men pondered
What could its message be,
For it somehow seemed to beckon
And say, "Come, follow me!"

So they readied for a journey,
And chose their gifts so rare.
Then they climbed upon their camels,
And turned them toward the star.

Long days and nights they traveled
With trials along the way,
Until they came to Bethlehem
Where now the Christ Child lay.

And there the holy Magi
Kneelt before this tiny King;
They gazed in adoration
While hearing angels sing.

And then along with shepherds
They learned the reason why
They were beckoned by a message
That came out of the sky.

And they gave it to the ages
So that all good men might be,
Just as joyfully rewarded
By the words, "Come, follow me!"

L. Wayne B. Blair

Tax Guide Book Now Available To Farmers

DALLAS—The 1972 edition of the "Farmer's Tax Guide" is now available from county agricultural agents or the Internal Revenue Service, Ellis Campbell, Jr., District Director of Internal Revenue for North Texas, said today.

The booklet, IRS Publication 225, shows how farmers should fill out the 1040 tax return and which schedules should be attached. A listing of important Federal tax dates for farmers can also be found in the publication.

Written in non-technical language, the tax guide contains many examples of how farm transactions are handled for Federal income tax purposes.

Although primarily written to help farmers prepare their 1971 tax return, the Guide is useful as a reference throughout the year.

Drive Carefully On The Highway

Chief of Police, C. L. Rogers, reminded us Tuesday morning to be sure and remind everyone who will be hitting the highways over the holidays to be careful. Don't drive over a hundred miles without stopping for a rest, do not get sleepy. If you do get sleepy, pull over and rest before continuing.

Before you take out on that trip make sure your car is in proper running condition. Be sure your brakes are good, have good tires, and good windshield wipers.

Chief Rogers requests people who will be out-of-town to call his office and leave a name, and address where they can be contacted in an emergency. Be sure and have your paper and your milk delivery stopped while you are gone and leave your gas and lights in proper condition.

Let's have a safe and sane holiday season.

DO AND LEARN 4-H CLUB

We met on Dec. 21, 1971. We played games and brought presents. We had a Christmas party. Lorreta Young was absent today. Joni Lotty helped. Peggy Barnes our teen leader. We had cookies and punch. We will meet next Jan. 12, 1971.

State Senator Wayne Connally of Floresville has announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor.

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FOR SALE: Established business. Sheila Dress and Beauty Shop. 756-2331. After 6 756-2316.

FOR SALE: Two 9x12 braided rugs, good condition (nylon). Lela Sale.

FOR SALE: Used air conditioner. Will go for a good price this time of year. 701 N. Gray

FOR SALE: Western Schley pecans — 60c a pound — 458-3484.

Houses For Sale **M-4**
 NEWLY redecorated house, 505 School St., \$1900 sale, \$50 per month, 267-8252, Big Spring. 4-29-TNC

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CARD OF THANKS

The Martin County Historical Survey Committee wishes to thank everyone who made donations on the oil painting given away Saturday December 18th.

Mrs. Leta Eidson was the lucky winner. The committee wishes to give special thanks to Mrs. Leroy Linney who had painted the picture and sold it to the committee at a nominal fee to help the cause. We hope to be able now to erect another historical marker. Thanks for your contribution.

CARD OF THANKS

To whom it may concern—To those who made our mother's birthday a wonderful occasion we wish to say thank you. We would like to thank Texas Electric for allowing us to use their Reddy Room. We would like to thank everyone from Stanton and other towns for attending and making this a birthday she will cherish and never forget. May we wish all of you kind and and thoughtful people a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The children of Mrs. Claude Kelly

CARD OF THANKS

The family of A. J. Bickley wishes to express appreciation for all kind words, deeds, and other expressions of sympathy during the sickness and passing of our loved one.

Garden City Wins Tuesday Game

The Garden City Girls demolished the Stanton girls Tuesday night, 58-38. Stanton stayed in the game throughout the first half, but the visitors were too quick and too accurate for the locals.

Darla Swayer was hot for Stanton, hitting on 7 field goals and 8 free tosses for a total of 22 points.

	FG	FT	F	TP
Sawyer	7	8	-	22
Lambert	1	3	-	5
Smith	3	1	-	7
Briggs	-	3	-	3
Hopper	-	1	-	1

Hirt had 21 and Glenn had 20 for the winning Garden City girls. Stanton won the B game by a convincing score.

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Tommy Deavenport named last week



Preston Springer 'Charley Hustle'

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Preston Springer, 5'11" Jr., was named 'Charley Hustle' for his outstanding play in the Iraan tournament. Preston average 17 points a game in the tournament.

Coach Jackie Burns especially lauded his defensive efforts in the press. 'He did a real good job running the press.' Preston's coach expressed pleasure at his good attitude this year—he has the desire to win. And he's working real hard in an effort to win.

Classics Provide Yuletide Melodies

In this century, hymns and carols of the Nativity have been composed by Peter Warlock ("Bethlehem Down") and Gustav Holst ("Mid-Winter")—among others.

Often, hymns and carols have been set to the music of classic composers. One example is, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," by Nahum Tate. Music for this came from Handel's opera, "Siroe," as adapted by Richard Storrs Willis.



SURROUNDED BUFFALO—Jackie Swanson found himself surrounded by Iraan defenders in last week's game. The object of the attraction, Jackie discovered, was the ball. So he got rid of it. Iraan won the game, 62-61.

Boys Capture Consolation...

Paul McCalister Named All-Tourney

Iraan raced past the Stanton Buffaloes, 69-51, in the opening round of the victors' tournament Thursday evening.

Keith McKelvey netted 23 points for the winners and Preston Springer scored 18 for the Buffs. Iraan went on to win the tournament.

Buffaloes Outgun Garden City 85-58

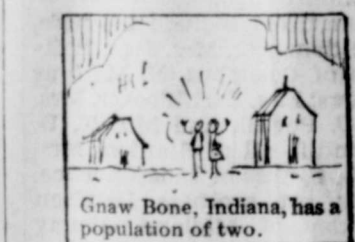
Stanton won over Garden City in a convincing manner Tuesday night, 85-58. Preston Springer was the big gun for Stanton, as he netted 27 points in the workout.

The Buffaloes jumped off to 7 point lead before the visitors could get on the board. But the Stanton offense couldn't hit but 3 points in about 6 minutes and Garden City tied the game at 10-10.

Coach Jackie Burns sent in fresh troops at the quarter and the Buffs coasted to a 37-28 half-time lead.

	FG	FT	F	TP
McCalister	2	1	2	5
McMeans	4	-	1	8
Wilson	3	4	4	10
Papasan	1	-	5	2
Swanson	4	2	5	10
Springer	10	7	4	27
Barnhill	4	2	3	10
Standefer	-	-	5	-
Deavenport	-	-	2	12
Jones	-	-	-	-
Dillard	3	1	2	7
Chandler	2	-	3	4

Hayden and Smith each had 16 points for the Garden City team.



The loss put Stanton in the consolation bracket. In Friday's game, Stanton rebounded from the opening loss and defeated Reagan County, 69-58. Preston Springer again scored 18 points to lead Stanton. Keith Tarvin tallied 21 for the Owls.

The Buffs came on strong Saturday to defeat Eldorado, 85-48 in the consolation final. Preston Springer netted 15 to lead Stanton scorers. Tommy

Sands Team Wins Stanton Tourney

The Sands Jr. high team defeated Stanton in the finals of the Stanton basketball tournament to take home the championship trophy. The boys played their best game of the year, but Sands was just too much for them. The score was, 62-47.

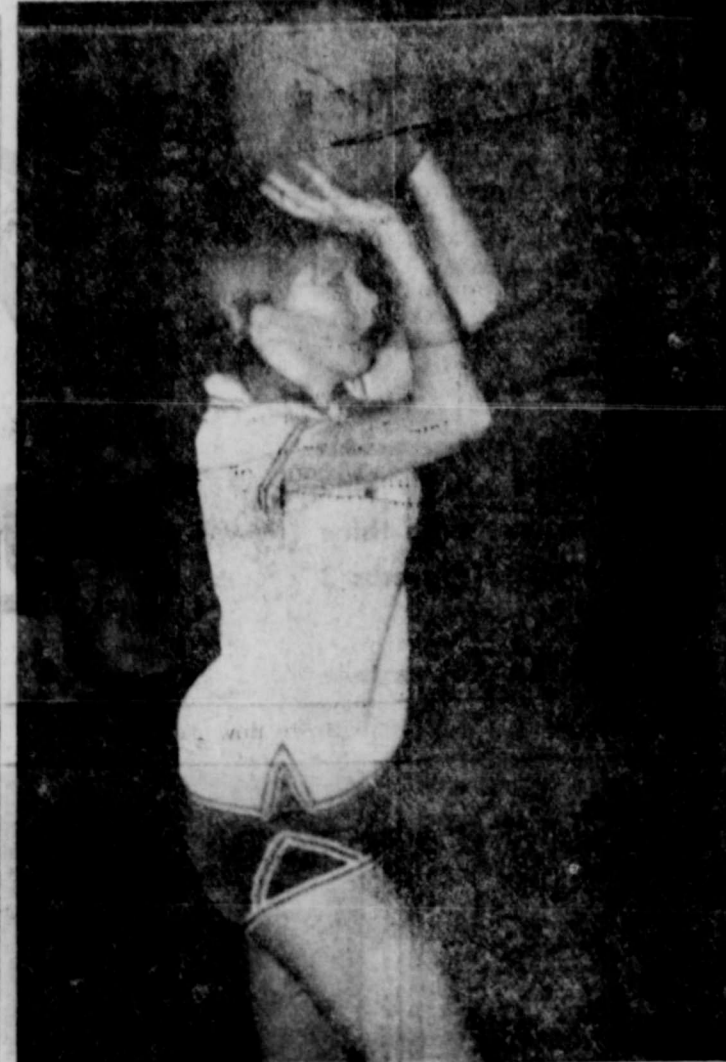
Elvin Brown scored 18 points in the losing cause, with Terry Kelly pitching in 17, Ronnie Mims 8, Gary Henson 2 and Ronnie Rose 1. Frosty had 22 for Sands.

First place—Sands
 Second place—Stanton
 Third place—Grady
 Consolation—Greenwood.

In girls action Sands defeated Grady 32 to 21 to win the girls bracket. Greenwood defeated the Sands B team, 35-12 for third place. Garden City defeated Stanton 37-23 for consolation honors.

The coaching staff wishes to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers, parents, and all who were instrumental in making our tournament a success.

Next game will be January 10 with Garden City. There will be 1 boys game and 2 girls games.



HERE IT COMES!—Betty Smith is set to shoot in game against Iraan. Stanton won the game, 40-34.

... Girls Follow Suit

Lambert, Welch, Make All-Tourney

The Iraan girls won the rematch in their own gym, 53-40, in the opening night of the Iraan basketball tournament. Stanton defeated Iraan at Stanton last week. Debbie

Lambert netted 20 points in a losing cause.

In consolation play, Stanton beat Rankin, 59-32. Leading scoring was Debbie Lambert, with a season high of 28 points. Debbie Winters was high for Rankin with 11.

In the consolation final, Stanton over Balmorhea, 42-31. Darla Sawyer led Stanton in scoring with 16. Betty Smith netted 14 and Debbie Lambert 12.

Debbie Lambert was named to the All-Tourney team as a forward. Rosalind Welch was named guard on the team.

Andrews Defeats Stanton, 80-52

Andrews completely demolished the Stanton Buffaloes Monday night in Andrews, 80-52.

The Buffs put together their best game this year but the Andrews team had too much power for them.

Tommy Deavenport led the Buffs with 17 points.

High point men for Andrews were Pearson with 14 and Maxie with 12.

The Andrews B team shellacked the Stanton B team 91-40.



Jr. HIGH ACTION — Elvin Brown jumps high in an effort to score against Greenwood. Elvin scored and Stanton went on to defeat Greenwood. The Stanton team placed second in their own tournament.

Greetings

'Tis the season to be jolly! And we send jolly good thanks to all our friends.



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Philosopher Says:

Philosopher Has Plan To Unite The World

Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm an Mustang Draw comes up with another of his peculiar ideas this week.

Dear editor:
According to an article I read in a newspaper somebody had used to gift-wrap a Christmas package for me, scientists are planning on spending \$11,000,000 on an other rocket ship to Mars in 1976 to find out if there's life on that planet.

They're on the right track but the wrong planet. They've already decided from photographs sent back by the rocket now circling Mars that if there is life there it's only microscopic.

If the world is ever to get united, that's not the kind of life we're looking for. What we need to find out there somewhere is a planet with intelligent creatures on it. Then when we find them, we need to get them to declare war on us.

That's one way to get the people on earth to stop fighting among themselves.

Tires should be checked for proper inflation pressure when they are cool, before starting out on a trip. Pressure can increase several pounds when tires are hot from driving.

You let Walter Cronkite announce on the evening news that strange creatures on some distant planet are prepared to attack the earth and there won't be any more difference between North and South Viet Nam than there is between North and South Dakota or Methodists and Baptists. India and East Pakistan will turn their guns away from each other and train them skyward side by side. Russia, China and the United States will start sharing military secrets like pioneer settlers sharing their fort against an Indian attack.

Up to now I've been a little skeptical about space exploration, but I'm convinced it's the way to bring the world together.

However the scientists ought to use some common sense. Write off the moon, there's nobody there. Strike off Mars, who's afraid of a few microscopic bacteria? Concentrate on going further and further out until we find some planet with people on it civilized enough to be warlike? Then get them mad at us.

Before we do that though, make sure what kind of material they've got. We don't want to take on somebody out of our league. We want some planet that'll bring us together, not whip us.

Your faithfully,
J. A.

Jill Graves Honored With Bridal Shower

Miss Jill Graves bride elect of Jim House was honored with a bridal shower on December 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. in

the home of Mrs. Bill Decker. Her colors were red and white. The table had a white lace table cloth with a red under-lay. The center piece was red roses and white birds.

The hostesses were Meses. Carl Lyn Harris, Jimmy Conner, A. J. Smith, James Lewis and J. R. Dillard.

Out of town guests included the brides sister-in-law, Mrs. Larry Graves of Ozona, Mrs. Irvin Shuster of Iraan, and Bessie House of Colorado City.

Those in the house party included Terri Oldaker, Terri Turner, and Jo Mims at the serving table. Miss Tami Briggs took care of the registering table.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Anderson, who was recently discharged from the army, will be here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Anderson, until after the first of the year. Carroll plans to go to school in Lubbock after the first.

Stanton Study Club News

The Stanton Study Club met for its annual Christmas Party in the home of Dr. Sue Fisher with Mrs. Jimmy Wheeler as co-hostess.

Mrs. Bob Cox presided over the short business meeting. The club voted to give books for children to the Neighborhood Center for Christmas. Gifts were also brought for the State Hospital in Big Spring.

Mrs. James Eiland, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Elizabeth Meek who presented varied thoughts on Christmas and the Holidays and led the group in a devotional.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree and refreshments were served from a Christmas table carrying out the Christmas theme.

Present were Mrs. George Dawson, Mrs. C. F. Huling, Mrs. Alex Haggard, Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. Bob Cox, Mrs. Ed Lawson, Mrs. James Eiland, Mrs. J. O. Stuard, Mrs. Meek, Mrs. Wheeler and Dr. Fisher.

Mustang Soil Conservation News

Residue management should begin now reports the Soil Conservation Service. The stubble that is left after the grain sorghum is combined can provide adequate soil protection if it is managed right. It should be left on the soil surface through the critical erosion period ending about April 1. Tillage operations should be done that will not destroy the stubble and leave the land in condition to blow. Adequate residue will not only help control wind erosion but will also hold extra moisture on the land.

Chisels and sweeps destroy only about 10 per cent of the stubble whereas tandem and one-ways destroy 25 to 50 per cent of residue. Extra soil protection can be provided by using cotton burrs and planting small grain around roads, hard-shoulder turn rows. Cover crops can also be used to protect terraces and waterways.

Much has been said about the Boll Weevils and how they overwinter. It is an established fact that the weevils do not overwinter in sorghum stubble, sorghum almanac cotton fields as is commonly thought.

Boll weevils cannot be controlled through the destruction of crop residue. There is also no danger of spreading the boll weevil through the application of cotton burrs. The state law requires that burrs be run through a fan which will destroy any weevils present. Any weevils or larval present in the burrs will not survive the winter.

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Decking Halls Has History

"Christ was born on Christmas day. Wreath the holly, twine the bay."

From England of long ago come the words of this carol, showing the early role of the bay tree and its greens in decorating for Christmas.

Its use harks back to ancient Greece, when both the bay and the laurel bedecked homes and public places in symbol of triumph. As traditional Christmas greens, they reflect the same joyful spirit, say the editors of the Grolier Universal Encyclopedia.

Holly, of course, is still popular as Yuletide greenery. But nowadays, when it's time to deck the halls, bay leaves are more likely to spice holiday cookery, rather than holiday decorating.

GIFTED TEACHER AT UT

AUSTIN — A University of Texas faculty member, Dr. Clifton M. Grubbs, is one of 10 recipients of the 1971 E. Harris Harbison Awards for Gifted Teaching presented by the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Grubbs received a \$10,000 grant to be used in the furtherance of his academic career and scholarly interest. He is an associate professor of economics.

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Beta Sigma Phi News

The Preceptor Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met December 16, in the home of Mary Kathryn Bristow for a buffet supper. Christmas decorations added to the gay holiday mood. The table cloth was gold felt with the Twelve Days of Christmas in colorful sequins.

June Reid presided at the business meeting. Plans were completed for a party for the Golden Age Group to be held at the Cap Rock December 21.

A symposium "Christmas in Many Lands" was given by Jendo Turner on Hawaii; Helen Ruth Louder, Japan; Mary Prude Brown, Lebanon; and Irene Long, Texas.

The members gathered around a beautiful Christmas tree decorated in gold, to reveal their Phi pals for the past year.

Names were drawn for new Phi pals.

Other members present were Helen Dawson, Gerry Gates, Mary Grace Latimer, Sammie Laws, Mamie Roten, Margaret Roueché, Pauline Wood, and Jendo Turner.

The next meeting will be January 6 in Big Spring at the home of Helen Dawson,

Holiday Is Favorite Theme for Writers

Whenever the talks turns to Christmas books and stories, somebody's sure to mention Charles Dickens.

His "Christmas Carol" published in 1843, is synonymous with holiday conviviality, and its underlying theme stresses the spiritual truths and blessings of the Nativity.

"God bless us, every one," cried Tiny Tim Cratchit, and the cry still echoes.

While Dickens may be a word for Christmas, many another author has written of

this religious festival and merry feast.

Among the best known examples may be scenes from children's literature.

Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," published 1868, may seem old-fashioned in some ways, but girls today still rejoice in the story of Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy.

These fictional heroines come to life for their readers, and never more so than in the Christmas - season story that opens the book, when the March family gave up a festive breakfast for a poor family.

While they breakfasted on bread and milk, the girls felt they truly feasted, for they knew the joy of sharing.

Another old favorite is Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Birds' Christmas Carol," of 1887.

Though better known as the author of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," she wrote this brief but touching story of the Birds' invalid child, whose short life exemplified the principles of Christmas.

In the present day, the American author Truman Capote, who claims the invention of a new literary form the non-fiction novel, has written of Christmas, too.

His "A Christmas Memory," a short story, appeared as a television drama in 1966.

Surgery is the only known cure for cataract and is more than 95 per cent safe and successful.



Mrs. Steven

Pamela Williams Of Steven

Pamela Fern Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley W. Williams, Jr. of Stanton and Steven Mitchell Eames, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton L. Eames of Fort Worth, were married at 7 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church.

The Rev. H. Floyd Dunn officiated for the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Roy Koonce was the organist.

Mrs. Wesley W. Williams, III of Midland, sister-in-law of the bride was the matron of honor. Martha Bellah of Richardson and Tracie Williams, sister of the bride, were the bridesmaids.

Shannah Williams of Midland, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. Michelle Williams, also of Midland and a niece of the bride, was an honorary flower girl.

The father of the bridegroom was the best man. Groomsmen were Paul Johnson of Odessa and Robert Eames of Denton, brother of the bridegroom. Ushering were James R. Davis and Robert Mefford of Fort Worth and Wesley W. Williams III of Midland, brother of the bride.

The bride wore a Juliet styled gown of candleglow Alencon lace appliqued over English net, combined with silk taffeta voile. The princess silhouette had an oval sunburst beaded yolk and high duchess neckline of lace flower petals. The long tapered sleeves of applique lace ended in scallops at the wrists. Beaded lace medallions were appliqued over the entire gown, and fullness at the back formed a chapel train. Her veil of silk illusion fell in tiers from a Juliet caplet covered in clusters of beaded lace flowers. She carried a nosegay of white roses, baby's breath and fern.

The bride's attendants had full-length moss green velvet dresses with scooped necklines and Empire waists. Their headpieces were bandeaux of bronze daisy poms with moss green ribbon. They carried nosegays of bronze daisy poms.



Best Wishes for Christmas

We're delighted to have this opportunity to send the season's best wishes to you. Have a Merry Christmas.

STANTON CHEMICAL & SEED CO.



"Hello" at Christmas

Our Yuletide Greetings tree is trimmed with the season's wishes, and our words of thanks.

J. T. Berry & Son



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

To all amigos and amigas, we render heartfelt appreciation this season for the loyal patronage shown to us.

DAIRY TREAT



We are filling the holidays up with high test "thanks" to everyone.

BLOCKER OIL CO.



Mrs. Michael Springer

Marieta Goodson, Michael Springer Married In Waco

Miss Marieta Goodson and Michael Jackson Springer were married in the Seventh Street Baptist Church in Waco, Texas on December 19, at 4:00 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Goodson of Garden Park, Texas, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Grover Springer of Lennox, Texas.

Participating at the double ceremony was Harry May, pastor of the Lake Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas.

The best man was Patrick Springer, twin brother of the groom; maid of honor, Carol Goodson, sister of the bride; bridesmaid Danna Goodson; bridesmatrons, Mmes. Goodson, Anna Jane and Jackie Mullinax, Mrs. Scott Powers, Bobby Kins, David Duncan, and Shirley; groomsmen, Bill Springer, brother of the groom, Ronald Goodson, brother of bride, Eddie Cox, and Fyke.

Decorations at the church included the altar flanked by holly, gade trees, and other mery; large floral spread on a pedestal in center around the large cathedral candle.

The wedding trip was to Cloudercroft, New Mexico. When

the couple returns home, they will reside at 3229 Bosque in Waco.

Beta Sigma Phi News

XI EPSILON

Xi Epsilon Delta Sorority held their Christmas party at the beautifully decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chenault, Saturday December 18.

A delicious meal of chicken and dressing, ham and various salads was served to members and their husbands. After the dinner, everyone enjoyed playing bingo while awaiting the arrival of Santa.

At the close of the party, gifts were exchanged by the following members and guests: Mr. and Mrs. Jess Angel, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Ory, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schwalbe, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McMeans, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ireton, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Waid, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Thelma Chenault, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chenault.

Local News In Brief

Mr. G. A. Bridges, a resident of the Terrace Garden Nursing Home in Midland, will spend the Christmas holidays in the home of son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graves.



Mrs. Yul Jones

Glynda Anderson Marries Yul Jones

Miss Glynda Sue Anderson and Yul McKenzie Jones Jr. exchanged wedding vows Friday in a 7:30 p.m. ceremony in the Seventh Street Church of Christ.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Anderson, Rt. 1. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sample, 213 SW Avenue J.

David Cavitt, minister officiated the double ring service. Red and white carnations in greenery decorated the church.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white satin with scalloped lace around the bodice and cuffs. The high neckline was also accented with lace and sequins.

Fur trimmed the bottom of the dress. Her finger-tip veil of silk illusion was edged in lace, and she carried a bou-

quet of white and red carnations with long red and white streamers.

Maid of honor was Miss Cathy Sooter of Seminole. She wore a red velvet Aline dress with white lace at the hem. Sleeves were fitted at the top extending to a wide skirt at the wrist. Her bouquet was a smaller version of the bride's.

James Jones attended his brother as best man and doubled as an usher. Wedding music was recorded.

A reception followed at the community building, where Kathy and Jan Sims served cake, mints and punch. Ylavia White registered guests from Stanton, Hobbs and Seminole.

Mrs. Jones wore for her going away outfit a white knit two-piece suit with red accessories. The couple is at home at 616 SW 8th.

Mrs. Jones is a junior at Seminole High School.



Deavenport's



To heighten this season's joy let us remember the first Christmas.

Franklin Conoco Service



A medley of wishes are coming your way . . . to add to your collection on Christmas Day. Thank you for your loyal patronage.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Farmers Co-op Association



GREETINGS

As the children nestle down to Christmas dreams, we extend happy wishes to you and your family.

Stanton Beauty Shop



Greetings

Happy families, happy season—it's Christmas! Thanks for all your good will.

Dalashanta

Breath - Holding Is Harmless

Better watch out. Better not pout. For weeks before Christmas, the Santa Claus set is close to angelic. Nobody wants to risk wracking up a stack of goodies. But tantrums and fury can creep in as the Santa season fades away.

Breath - holding is a not-so-uncommon tantrum technique among youngsters from the ages of six months to five years. Some youngsters, in fact, have as many as five to ten breath - holding sessions a day.

According to Dr. Samuel Livingston of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, breath - holding is often triggered by an emotionally disturbing incident. If the child gets results, he uses it again and again. Dr. Livingston, who has studied hundreds of children with this problem, says the child usually gives two or three short, loud, violent cries. Then he stops breathing.

In severe breath - holding spells, the child may actually turn blue, particularly around the lips. He may also become rigid, lose consciousness and precipitate a convulsion. The trauma can terrify parents.

In spite of appearance, however, Dr. Livingston, says breath - holding is really quite harmless. The seizures should not, he says, be considered epileptic. And our respiratory center simply forces us to breathe after a few minutes. The best attitude for parents to take, the doctor advises, is one of "purposeful neglect" to prevent the child from using these spells to dominate the family. In extreme cases, psychiatric guidance may be helpful.

Your local tuberculosis and respiratory diseases association has no hints on how to bring up children. But they do have a great deal of information on breathing and how the lungs work. Check with them. And use Christmas Seals.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Coggin and their granddaughter, Jackie Furr and Alta Henson visited Mrs. Henson's daughter, Mrs. C. O. Johnson in Riverside, California for nearly two weeks. They were visited with her husband also. He is stationed near San Diego, California. They returned on December 15.

The Spirits of Christmas . . .

The faces of Christmas . . . they're many, they're different and they reach around the world. Just as beauty, we're told, is in the eye of the beholder, so is Christmas . . . for Christmas to each person who shares it is an experience for that person alone, really like no other's Christmas.

Perhaps the faces of Christmas . . . its many spirits . . . is best captured in a poem by E. C. Baird, "The Christmas Spirit."

I am the Christmas Spirit!
I enter the home of poverty, causing pale-faced children to open their eyes wide in pleased wonder.

I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a bright spot on his soul.

I cause the aged to renew their youth and to laugh in the old, glad way.

I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and brighten sleep with dreams woven of magic.

I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world.

I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild, wasteful way, and send to anxious love some little token that releases glad tears — tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow.

I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what might have been, and pointing forward to good days yet to come.

I come softly into the still white home of pain, and lips that are too weak to speak just tremble in silent, eloquent gratitude.

In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the face of God, and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched.

I am the Christmas Spirit!

Surely each man feels the spirit of Christmas in a different way — but just as surely each man feels its warmth, its goodness, its glow of love and giving. The staff of The Stanton Reporter wishes each of you the very best of your own special kind of Christmas.



The Christmas Tree-A Ritual

There's no end to the variety of Christmas trees today. They come in every size, shape and color, and are decorated with elaborate and expensive bulbs or simple paper chains and paper garlands.

Snowy white Christmas trees and cherry red Christmas trees, Christmas trees with birds and bows, popcorn and gingerbread trees. Tall trees and tiny trees. Christmas trees with twinkling lights and bubbly lights. Tinsel trees and holly trees, Scotch pine trees and aluminum trees.

Not so, years ago in the days of the first Christmas trees. According to an ancient legend, the very first Christmas tree was a simple fir that appeared at St. Boniface. The English missionary stopped a group of heathens from sacrificing a prince at an old oak tree in Northern Germany. He chopped down the oak, and a fir tree miraculously appeared. He designated the tree to the Holy Child.

The tale of the fir tree and its miraculous appearance spread, and soon Germans were using trees as part of their Christmas decoration. Early trees were decorated with stars, angels, toys, nuts and candy.

To many, selection of just the right tree is the most important part of the Christmas tree ritual. There are some who like to trek out in the woods, find just the right tree and then cut it down.

DPS Predicts 100 Texas Fatalities

AUSTIN — Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today issued a plea for Texas motorists to join law enforcement officials in a conscious effort to reduce holiday traffic accidents.

Speir said the DPS expects almost 100 traffic fatalities in Texas during the Christmas-New Year holiday season. He estimates that 52 persons will be killed during the Christmas period from 6 p.m. Thursday, December 23 through midnight Sunday, December 26. An additional 46 deaths are expected during the New Year holiday which begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 30 and ends at midnight Monday, January 2.

The DPS director cited statistics which show that last year, December led all other months for fatal traffic accidents in Texas. He said deaths for the 1970 Christmas week were 14 per cent higher than the average three - day week end period, with those for the New Year holidays running 51 per cent above average. Deaths for all four major holiday week ends in Texas last year were 26 per cent higher than the average of all other comparable week end periods.

In an effort to reduce the expected toll, Speir said the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement officers will be out in force during the holidays, and will be paying special attention to hazardous violations such as speeding and driving while intoxicated.

Also, in cooperation with local agencies and the news media of Texas, the DPS will conduct its "Operation Motorcade" during both the Christmas and New Year holidays. Special tabulations on fatal accidents will be prepared and issued three times daily in an effort to focus maximum public attention on the accident and traffic problem.

Begins in Italy

Christmas belongs to the people. So thought St. Francis of Assisi.

His way of helping his Italian parishioners grow closer to Christmas was to create the very first praesepe, or Christmas crib.

His carol, "The Song of the Creatures," made the Nativity still more real to them since it told of the lowly animals which were part of their lives and livelihood.

All this happened early in the 13th century. From that time, the idea of the creche or crib has spread to virtually every country on the globe.

Today, especially in Latin America and Europe, the manger scene sets the theme for a holy and happy Christmas.



Christmas Blessings

May the holy Christmastide bountifully bless you and yours with peace, joy and tranquility. Our deep appreciation for your support.

Higginbotham - Bartlett Lumber Co.

Well-Loved Carols Ring Out Everywhere

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come!"

"It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old."

"Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright."

"Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant."

Throughout Christendom the words of these well-loved carols are familiar even to little children, and they'll be heard this Christmas wherever carolers get together.

"Joy to the World" was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), English hymnwriter.

Watts, who is known as the creator of the modern hymn, wrote nearly 600 hymns. Many of these still appear in Protestant hymnals, says the Encyclopedia Americana.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" is the work of Edmund H. Sears, a Unitarian minister in Massachusetts, more than a century ago.

Perhaps the most famous of Christmas carols, "Silent Night" was first sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar music.

Mice in the bellows had silenced the organ of a tiny Austrian church. Father Joseph Mohr met the challenge by writing "Silent Night." His organist composed a melody for guitar.

Father Mohr's inspiration—aside from the mice—was the vast, still beauty of the snowy mountains around the village.

"Oh come, all ye faithful" is translated from the Latin "Adeste Fideles", and its exact beginnings are shrouded in the mists of time.

Historians say it may have been written by Saint Bonaventure, in the 13th century.

From Mexico, where they grow naturally during winter months, we get the scarlet "Flowers of Christmas Eve." These star - shaped flowers were named for Joel Robert Mexico. He brought the plant back with him when he returned to his South Carolina home in 1829.

HOW POINSETTAS BECAME A PART OF CHRISTMAS IN THE UNITED STATES

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Joy at CHRISTMAS

May you all share the true meaning of the Christmas season.


Hicks Auto Supply



GREETINGS

May the happiness and joy of the season touch every home, each family. We thank all our friends and neighbors for their loyal patronage.

E & M Cafe



A HEAP OF GOOD WISHES

Neigh-ho the merry-o! It's Christmas once again. And jolly Santa rides the range, carrying our good wishes and gratitude.

White Motor Company

How to Make "Basketball Soldiers" From Gift Wrappings

Christmas — what a fabulous, fascinating, thoroughly fantastic day for the children. It's a day for eating the tastiest goodies, opening the most exciting surprises from Santa playing with the most wonderful toys, dolls and games. In fact, it's so exciting that sometimes even the liveliest youngsters want to rest.

This is the signal for Mom and Dad to suggest a change of pace, such as a slow-paced game to play or something that's fun to do or make.

"Basketball Soldiers" could be the answer.

The soldiers can be made from leftover ribbons and wrappings in the house on Christmas Day, or even from gift wraps and ties that the kids have removed from their own share of Santa's bounty.

Material not immediately at hand can be added later, but if there are corrugated board and ping-pong balls around, the soldiers can be used at once for an impromptu basketball game.

A diagram accompanying this article shows dimensions to follow in cutting out the soldiers. The whole idea was developed by the Norcross design studio.

The following materials, or substitutes, can be used. Solid-color glazed gift wrap; patterned gift wraps; foil gift wrap; Cord and ribbon; Ribbon spools, 3/4" wide x 3" diameter.

Stapler; White glue, rubber cement, spray adhesive; Corrugated board, poster board or heavy cardboard.

Numbers cut from gold paper; 1. Using spray adhesive cover corrugated board (26" x 36") with red gift wrap. Edge board with gold ribbon.

2. Cut soldiers from poster board. Score arms on back at dash lines (see diagram) and fold forward.

3. Cement patterned gift wrap to hat and shirt area, including backs of arms.

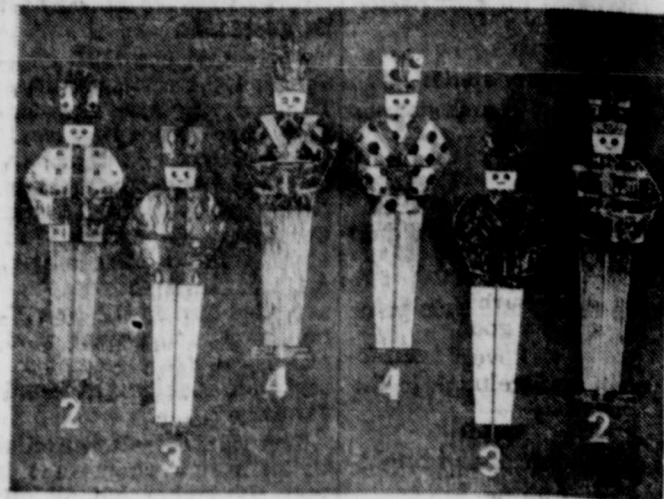
4. Cement foil gift wrap to legs. Glue a piece of cord down center of legs to divide trousers.

5. Add sequins for eyes. Cut mouths from gift wrap.

6. Decorate hat and add other decorations, from shredded ribbon.

7. For the ring or "basket" remove top and bottom from ribbon spool. Cover the inner ring with foil. Place arms

around ring and staple in place under each figure. Object is to toss ping-pong balls into the ring. Numbers on board help determine the score.



FUN TO MAKE ON CHRISTMAS DAY ARE "Basketball Soldiers," which can then be mounted on covered, corrugated board to become part of a game played with ping-pong balls. Numbers on the board help in totaling up game points. Materials are gift wraps and ties, either leftovers or those removed from packages. Suggested by the Norcross Design Studio.

BASKETBALL SOLDIERS

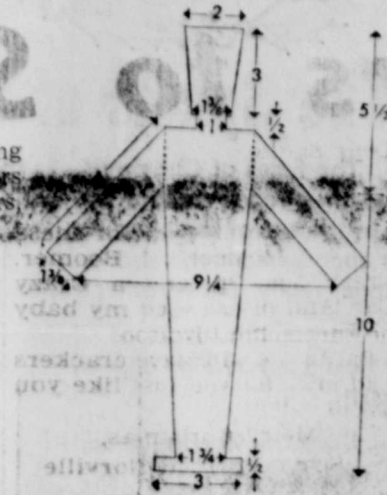


DIAGRAM SHOWS dimensions for making the soldiers in the "Basketball Soldiers" game. Dash lines indicate where arms should be scored and folded forward.

Dramatizing Birth of Christ Awakens Awe and Wonder

Creche, Christmas crib, manger scene, crib of Bethany, presence in many countries, the representation of the Nativity through figures from miniature to lifesize goes by many names.

Under any name, the recreation of the manger springs from one guiding and abiding purpose — bringing people closer to Christmas. The highest wonder of the Christmas story is its sheer simplicity and reality.

A Child, the Son of God, born in a manger on a starry, silent night is a concept all can comprehend because of its

closeness to human experience.

Anyone who watches a child before a manger scene, this Christmas will readily see, in the child's awe and enthusiasm, that re-creating the Miracle of Christ's birth is an exalting experience.

Tire inflation pressure should be watched closely as the weather changes. For every 10 degrees variation in temperature, pressure will go up or down approximately

one pound.

From Luke

And the angels said: Unto them, fear not: For, behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this Day in the city David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. . . . 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.

Luke 2:10-14

The Camel in The Christmas Scene

Camels represent the way of travel for the Wise Men to visit the new-born Child. Today in the Holy Lands the camel is popular mode of transportation just as it was two thousand years ago. A Syrian story tells why little Syrian children believe a little camel brings their gifts on the day of Epiphany. It is said that when the Wise men were seeking the Christ Child the camel grew weary. When at last they found the place where Jesus was, and The Wise men came forth with their presents, the littlest camel fell to the ground in his weariness. And so the Christ Child blesses the little camel on this anniversary.

In stead of camels, the horse is said to be the steed of The Wise Men, in some places. On the eve of Dia se los Reyes, or Day of the Kings, the boys and girls of Argentina never fail to leave hay and water for the horses of Hagi. They usually leave it on the balcony, for these horses of the Kings are said to be able to leap through the air as miraculously as do Santa's reindeer. In those countries where St Nicholas Day is observed, the boys and girls put out hay and carrots for St. Nicholas's horse.



Merry Christmas

Home is where hearts are . . . especially during Christmas. Our hope is that every home is filled with the warmth of the true Christmas spirit. Many thanks to everyone.

Wilson's Dry Goods

Merry Christmas

Christmas tranquility holds a message for all of us.

In the midst of this season we take time to appreciate and be grateful. And as we pause, one thing comes to mind . . . how much we value your friendly support!



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Letters to Santa

Art Spreads Story Of His Birth

Christians Celebrate Holy Day With Prayer and Thanksgiving



May the Christmas season be filled with contentment and joy for you and your family.

Wheeler Motor Co.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football outfit and a football. I didn't be bad this year. We have a Christmas tree that's big. Please bring my sister Kelli a baby doll.

I love you Santa,
Kevin Galaspie

Dear Santa,
My name is Gigi and I have been good. I would like to have a velvet doll with some clothes also have some Chrissy clothes.

Thank you,
Gigi Linder

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll and a Christmas sucker. I have been a real good girl. Please bring all of the other children lots of presents.

Love,
Vicki Reagor

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Dallas Cowboy suit, I would like a Dallas Cowboys helmet to.

Your friend,
Adolph Garza

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 2, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me two gun, ssp, and a cowboy hat.

Your friend,
Johnny Montez



GLAD TIDINGS

To our neighbors we send best wishes for a joy-filled holiday.
J. W. DENMAN
Fina Service
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"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"

CAIN TRACTOR & SUPPLY

PEACE



Merry Christmas

We're wishing that you'll enjoy warmth and peace at your hearthside this Christmas. It's our way of saying thank you for a truly fine relationship.

Polly's Fina Cafe

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be a good boy this year so would you please bring me some of these toys a Zoomer - Boomer, Crash 'em Up, and a Crazy Car. And please send my baby brother some toys too.

Santa, we will leave crackers and milk for you just like you asked.

Merry Christmas,
Scotty & Todd Norville

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll, and lots of toys and presents. I have been a real good girl.

Love,
Julie Reagor

Dear Santa,
I want a Mrs. Beazley doll, a record player, a movie camera, and a school.

I've been a real good little girl.
Love,
Robin Williams
P. S. I'll be at my Shoo Shoo and Gran Gran Picketts house.

Stanton, Texas 79782
December 2, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you would bring me a Pettet-gun, let my parents get well, and for my brother I hope you bring him a set of trucks. Also I am thankful that Jesus was born.

Your true friend,
Jessie Nevarez Jr.

Dear Saint Nick,
TO start I would like a Rock tumbler, Sandlot slugger, camera, steerable snow mobile, Which Witch, Battle Ship and Barnabus Collins game.

Your friend,
John Pinkerton

Stanton, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Hot Wheels, a gun, a bike, and a cowboy hat.

Your friend,
Manuel Rodriguez Jr.

Stanton, Tex.
Dec. 2, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas would you please bring me a BB gun and a game and bike.

Please bring my brothers what they want.
Your friend,
Richard Parker

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 2, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Velvet Easy Curl, Golden Peke, Curtain Crib, and a few surprises.

Love,
Karla James

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby go by by. I want some prizes, and a fun game.

Your friend,
Nan Elmore

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a T.V. for Christmas, a watch too, a minibike, a hot-wheel set.

Your friend,
Mark Luna

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a radio, a tape player, a watch and a stuffed animal.

Love,
Cheryl Flechenstein

Stanton, Texas
December 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Velvet, a record player, some mystery books, and a surprise.

Your friend,
Jennifer Jones

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Corinne doll No. 3 and Barbie's Sand Buggy and Carusel Kitchen, Mystery Date tent No. 6, and Up-to-date Barbie Suite.

I have been good.
Love,
Melinda

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me Barbie's Country Camper, new Living Baby Tender Love, Play Pen for dolls, 20 peice feeding set, and operation game, and Batteries for it, I have been a good girl and I have helped mother.

I Love you !!!
Love, Mandy Swinson

Stanton, Texas

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a NFL Football game also my brothers two cars also a surprise and all kinds of toys.

Merry Christmas
Your Friend
Daniel E. Ramos

Stanton, Texas

Dear Santa,
I wish you would bring me a Pettet-gun, let my parents get well, and for my brother I hope you bring him a set of trucks. Also I am thankful that Jesus was born.

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The Nativity scene has always stimulated and challenged painters and sculptors.

In turn, great works of art depicting the story of the birth of Christ have, through the years, enriched the lives and enhanced the spiritual insights of millions.

Earliest Christian art was simple and graphic, as clear and easy to appreciate as a comic strip.

Later, religious paintings became stilted.

Then, Italian Renaissance painters instilled renewed warmth and humanity into art, renewing, too, individual art appreciation, through their natural lifelike creations.

Their work gained much from the stimulus of the changing times and the new approach to art, fostered by the support of the Medici and commissions for paintings and sculpture from the church.

For instance, Raphael, famous for the "Sistine Madonna," came to Rome from Florence to do a fresco decoration in the Vatican at the same time that Michelangelo was painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Artists from other countries, too, traveled to Italy, there to experience and be influenced by Renaissance feeling and thought.

For those who celebrate Christmas as a holy day, the holiday is greeted with rejoicing, with prayer and thanksgiving, in church and private devotions.

The word "greetings" has a special significance here, for herald angels singing to shepherds in the fields and a star shining in the heavens truly brought greetings — according to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, "good news of great joy which will come to all people."

Long before the December 25 birthday of Christ was celebrated in devotions, it had marked a season set aside for another kind of greeting. In Northern Europe, Teutonic tribes of pagan times greeted the rebirth of the sun, of the

winter solstice. Earliest celebrations of Christmas combined some of the ancient pagan traditions. Bl association with Christians beliefs, old customs of greeting the sun became symbolic of a recognition — a greeting of faith, hope and life eternal



May the Spirit of this Christmas Season bring you Joy and Peace

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Merry Christmas

Here's hoping that you tune in on a happy and healthy Christmas season. We're grateful for your many kind favors. Thanks to all.

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O Holy Night

All is calm. Peace reigns. Hearts are light with the joys of Christmas. And thoughts turn to the wonder of that Holy time when the shepherds and Magi gathered to adore the Newborn King.

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Yule Lives In Legend And Lore

Twinkling on trees, glowing from windows, glittering everywhere, Christmas lights reflect today, the candles of an earlier time.

A candle in the window can light the Christ Child on his way, says Irish legend.

Nativity scenes in homes and churches depict the animals of the manger — and on Christmas Eve, the cattle, the sheep and all the animals present at the Nativity are given the gift of speech.

So says the lore of Christmas.

Blossoming on the holiday scene, greens and flowers spread their beauty and fragrance, reminding all of the living wonder of Christmas.

In legend, all flowers bloom at midnight on Christmas Eve, just as they did more than 2,000 years ago.

The legend and lore of Christmas expresses the simple faith that lies at the heart of this happy, holy time.

Some of the most delightful of legends are told in carols.

From France comes the "Carols of the Birds." Its words recount how the birds flew to Bethlehem to behold the Christ Child. Each bird, as it flew, sang a special song of praise and rejoicing.

There's a "Carol of the Flowers," too. Summoned to the presence of the newborn King, every flower blossomed, and each blossom was a symbol of the Little One's virtues.

Seafaring peoples, in their own way, related nature's wonders to the miracle of the Nativity, through carols.

"I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing" tells of ships crossing the sea on Christmas morn, bearing Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Christmas Star

The first light of Christmas that usually comes to mind is the starlight of Bethlehem. Many of our Christmas carols sing of the Star of Bethlehem.

The Star of Bethlehem is used often in decorations to represent the night of Christ's birth. From the small stars atop a million Christmas trees in our homes to the huge ones erected on hillside to shine down on big cities, all are reminders of the "Star of Wonder."

The custom of carrying a star about on Christmas eve is observed in many European countries. In Rumania the star, or "STEAU", is decorated with numerous little bells that tinkle as they travel, heralding the approach of the singers. In Norway, this custom used to be performed by Star Boys who collected food and money as they went from house to house.

The children of Poland were familiar, not only with the Star Boys, but also with the STAR MAN. Usually the Star Man was the priest of the village in disguise. He asked about their behavior during the past year, and if they had been good they were rewarded with presents.

Each year around Christmas time the large planetariums in our country offer an interesting lecture on the Christmas sky. The mysterious Star of Bethlehem is set against the actual background of the sky as scientists say it appeared on that night nearly two thousand years ago. The data from ancient documents have been coupled with today's astronomical knowledge.

Marketing Tips

COLLEGE STATION — Take advantage of high quality food available this week at economical prices. Follow these marketing tips, suggests Gwendolyn Clyatt, Extension consumer marketing specialist.

An abundance of food specials in this week's market places pork as a leader in money value among red meat selections. Pork fanciers should enjoy the wide selections available, including semi-boneless hams, cuts from the shank portion of the regular bone - in ham, ribs and pork chops, one - fourth loin cut into chops, whole pork loins, and rib and loin - end roasts.

Beef has taken a back position during the holiday season but adequate supplies are available. Some markets are featuring chuck roasts and steaks, rib roasts, boneless rolled roasts, ground beef and beef liver. Scattered features are on porterhouse, sirloin, T-bone, rib and round steaks.

At poultry counters, egg prices are up a bit in some stores and are likely to continue increasing as more holiday baking gets underway. Nevertheless, eggs are still marked with attractive price tags, since prices have been so low. Fryer chickens are not in much demand, but they are an excellent protein choice, pricewise.

Large displays of apples continue to be in the limelight at fruit counters. Many varieties are available for eating out-of-hand, general cooking or baking. Texas grapefruit and oranges are now in larger supplies and are most economical when bought "by-the-bag." Other good fruit choices include bananas, tangelos, tangerines, pears and cranberries.

Traditional fall vegetables in good supply include cabbage, carrots, potatoes, dry yellow onions, mustard, collards and turnip greens along with several varieties of hard shell squash.

How to Keep Yule Plants

Yes, those cherished holiday plants can keep on growing into next year.

As a tropical plant, poinsettias like plenty of water and warmth—70 to 80 degrees. Be sure to keep these plants in a warm place at night.

Though they blaze with fiery-red-colored balls, Jerusalem cherries are rather cool natured. For them, the temperature should be held at 60 to 65 degrees. Avoid over-watering.

Reindeer Appear Much Later

Most of the legends and beliefs about Christmas animals are very ancient. The animals that came into prominence later is the Christmas reindeer. It is difficult to determine exactly when he made his first appearance, or why. One story has it that the Christ Child told St. Nicholas he might choose any animal he wished to draw his gift-laden sleigh on Christmas Eve. But it was Santa Claus, and not St. Nicholas, with whom the legend of the reindeer grew up.

We find many animals taking their unforgettable parts in the Christmas scene. The barnyard beasts who serve mankind so well are there. The camels and the horses and the goats, as well as birds are in the Christmas picture.

The reindeer are there too, and likely to remain.

A child can be given a complete eye examination as early as the day he is born.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Ronnie & Mary Gilbreath



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To Our Many Friends and Customers

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Greetings

Santa's coming along spreading lots of holiday cheer. And, he's delivering special thanks to our nice friends.

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May all rejoice. May the hope and happiness of the first Christmas be found throughout the world. To you, our grateful "thank you."



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- Phone 756-3743

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Letters to Santa

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring me a ssp and two gun and NFL football.

Your friend,
Ignacio Rangel

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 2, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring me a record player and some records, a dollbuggy, a bike, a game and a new red dress.

Your friend,
Rhonda Garcia

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a watch, a bike, a doll, a record player and some records.

Yours truly,
Bonnie McKenkie

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please make me a tape recorder little as a cigaret lighter please I also want a telescope, please I want a gocart, please

My mother thinks that I have been very good.

Your friend,
James Don. Smith

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a doll for Christmas. I also want some shoes and some pants.

Your friend,
Linda Sue Barrera

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a telescope, a game called Ka bala, and green ghost, operation, that is all.

Your friend,
Dennis Papasan

Christmas Spirit Conveyed Thru Nativity Scene

The true meaning of Christmas can be conveyed by simply viewing the Nativity Scene, where the Christ Child lies as a symbol of love, exemplifying the spirit of Christmas.

The custom of reenacting the birth of Jesus originated in the 13th century in Greccio, Italy, where a simple manger was constructed by St. Francis of Assisi as part of the Christmas observances. St. Francis wanted to help the people understand the meaning of the scriptures, to show that Christ, like them also came from humble beginnings.

A crib was assembled in a cave on a hill, with a life-sized figure of the Christ Child in the manger. Real people assumed the roles of Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Live animals were arranged around the crib.

Worshippers traveled great distances to view the Nativity scene, bringing gifts and chanting hymns of praise. The pilgrims were implored by Francis to cast aside all hatred from their hearts and to meditate on the themes of the Christmas season—HOPE, PEACE, AND LOVE.

Visitors to the first Nativity replica at Greccio were impressed by the Christmas ritual and the idea soon spread to other Italian towns. Gradually, the tradition was observed in Spain, Portugal, France, England, and other parts of the world. At first the Nativity scenes were very simple, but through the ages, they became more elaborate.

Here in the United States, Nativity scenes are becoming more popular each year. In many communities, families, churches, and civic groups arrange outdoor crib sets, conveying the message of the Christ Child at Christmas—"peace and goodwill to all men."

Mistletoe Has Powers

Mysterious powers by the dozens have been credited to mistletoe, among them the power to heal, to ward off evil, to summon ghosts and force them to answer questions.

At present, the most prized property of the mistletoe is the license it gives for plenty of Yuletide kissing. Fortunately, there's plenty of mistletoe.

Thanks to the birds, the plant spreads widely. The birds eat mistletoe berries and carry the seeds to trees near and far, say the editors of the Encyclopedia International.

Box 182
Stanton, Texas 79782
December 1, 1971

Dear Santa,
I liked everything I got last year. I would like it more if I could have a chemistry set and a bat and a baseball.

Your friends,
Wayne Kargl

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Hot Wheels, a bike, gun, and a Cowboy hat.

Your friend,
Leandro Gonzales, Jr.

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a new bike, a NFL Football game, a King Ding a Ling, a Johnny Lighting racing track, a Dallas Football suit, a ssp, and all kinds of toys.

Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year.

Your friend,
Daniel E. Ramos

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a bike, doll, and also some presents, that is all.

Your friends,
Yolanda Tarango

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 1, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a watch, a true-smoke-diesel, a bee-bee gun, a racing car set, a train set, and a three wheel gocart.

Your friend,
Lee Byrd

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 2, 1971

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a watch, and a bike, and a radio, and dresses, and girls boot, and some things for my family.

Your friend,
Isabel Montez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am two years old, and I've been a pretty good girl this year. Please bring me a "Mrs. Beasley" doll, and a See'nSay.

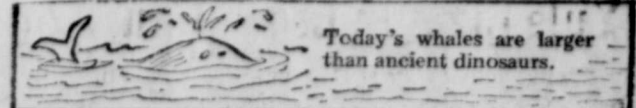
Love,
Kristi Fryar

Huge Tree Is Symbol of Man

A French story of the 13th century relates how a huge tree was discovered in a forest, its branches lit with candles.

Some branches rose straight up, while others were turned down. Atop the tree was a child, with a halo around his head.

The story explains that the tree is mankind. Its candles represent people good or bad, and the child is the Christ Child.



Today's whales are larger than ancient dinosaurs.

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A Child is Born...

Wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, the Christ Child came into the world to lead the way to peace, love and happiness.


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Buddy, Brenda, Scotty, Todd



GREETINGS

IN THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, WE JOIN ALL MEN OF GOOD WILL IN PRAYERS FOR LASTING PEACE. GRATEFULLY, WE THANK EVERYONE FOR THE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE THAT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO US.

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GREETINGS

To all our friends and patrons we wish the Merriest Christmas ever. Your loyal support has been deeply gratifying. Have a happy holiday.

Franklin Gulf-Butane Service

New Traffic Laws

This is one of a series of articles furnished by The Texas Department of Public Safety on the traffic laws passed by Texas' 62nd Legislature.

REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

If a motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, pole trailer or mobile home registered in this

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT UT

AUSTIN — The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas this fall is helping state administrators keep abreast of emerging issues in public policy and administration.

About 90 state executives from a variety of agencies are participating in an eight-session professional development program.

The short course, arranged at the request of the Office of the Governor, is covering diverse topics ranging from policy uses of the social sciences to environmental influences on public policy issues.

State is damaged in a motor vehicle accident to the apparent extent that it would require repair before passing state inspection, the investigating officer shall remove the inspection certificate from the vehicle windshield and shall give the operator of the vehicle a dated receipt. Within thirty (30) days of the date indicated on the receipt, the vehicle shall be re-inspected. The vehicle may be driven during this thirty day period with the receipt.

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE

Select a living Christmas tree this year, suggests Everett Janne, Extension landscape horticulturist. After the holidays, it can be moved to the yard or patio as a permanent fixture. Any of a wide variety of trees may be selected, depending upon the area of the state. Do not keep the tree indoors more than two weeks and do not place it in the air stream of a heater or air vent. The tree will probably require watering at least twice a week. Do not use lights on living Christmas trees except the small twinkle type.

Christmas Through the Ages . . .

THE CUSTOMS OF HOLLY, IVY AND MISTLETOE

Plants like the holly, the ivy and the mistletoe were precious for the Druids because they actually bore fruit in winter. Holly was used to guard against lightning and witches. Christians associated its thorns and blood-red berries with Christ's Passion. Since it takes eighteen years for holly to bear full fruit, some American farmers plant slips of holly in August following the birth of their first child. It is their hope that the mature crop will help alleviate college expenses.

Christians banished ivy to the outside of the house because it had crowned Bacchus. He was the god who taught men the use of wine, but was also a fertility god of nature who dies and comes to life again. The clinging nature of the ivy reminded some of the feebleness of man clinging to divine strength. In some old English Christmas carols, the holly and the ivy were connected with the contest between the sexes. The holly stood for men; the ivy, for women.

Mistletoe comes from the Anglo-Saxon "mistletan" which means "different twig." This refers to its dependence

on another tree for support. The Druids revered mistletoe as a symbol of peace and friendship. They had an elaborate cutting ceremony. White cloth was spread under the sacred oak so that the falling plants might never touch the ground. Then priests in fine white robes cut the mistletoe with a golden knife. Afterwards, two garlanded bulls were slain to fertilize the tree.

Pieces of the plant were supposed to avert fits, epilepsy, poison, tremors and consumption. To enter a doorway where the mistletoe was hanging was regarded as a pledge of peace and friendship. And the kiss under the mistletoe is said to be a relic of some primitive marriage rite. According to one custom, young men pluck a berry from the bough every time they kiss a girl. The privilege of kissing under the mistletoe ceases as soon as the berries are picked.

WHY A CHRISTMAS TREE?

Our modern Christmas tree began as the Paradise Tree in the fifth century German mystery plays. The tree in the middle of the Garden of Paradise symbolized the coming of Christ. Apples and small white wafers were hung from

the tree. These apples represented sin; the wafers, the saving fruit of the Blessed Sacrament. Later, little pieces of pastry replaced the wafers. They were cut out in the shapes of stars, angels, hearts, flowers and bells.

The first written reference to the Christmas tree is found in the notes dated 1605. "At Christmas," wrote the unknown author, "they set up fir trees in the parlours at Strasburg, and hang thereon roses cut out of many-coloured paper, apples, wafers, bold-fool, sweets, etc." The tree did not gain immense popularity, however, even in Germany, until the nineteenth century. Queen Victoria's consort, Albert brought the custom to England. And in 1856 President Franklin Pierce put up the first tree in the White House.

WHY FOOD IS LEFT FOR SANTA CLAUS

Leaving cookies and milk for Santa Claus is similar to rituals that have been going on for centuries. Dutch children leave hay and sugar in their shoes for the white horse, while Belgian children hang up stockings filled with hay. In Norway, a saucer of por-

ridge and cream is left outside the kitchen door on Christmas eve for the family's nisse. (Nisse are jaunty red-capped elves. They move into all good Norwegian homes for Christmas and occasionally amuse the children with their pranks.)

TOASTING—THE SIGN OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

Toasting — the gesture of lifting up a drink — originated in the sacrifice of liquor. Primitive people downed a drink in order to become closer to God. Mayan Indians thought they were in a state of grace when drunk. After offering up the chalice, a Catholic priest drinks its wine in order to become united with Jesus Christ. In time, toasting evolved into a rite that was performed for the welfare of another person, as well as for the health of the drinker.

ASPS

Asps, those little woolly worms most often found in trees and shrubs, have been active lately and individuals should beware of their sting, cautions Dr. Philip Hamman, Extension entomologist. The worms are about an inch long when mature and have a short, thick body covered by silken hairs ranging from light tan to grayish in color. Under the hairs on the backside of the worms are numerous short, poisonous spines. Stings occur when a person brushes against the worm or attempts to remove it from exposed skin or clothing. The sting is accompanied by an extremely painful and intense burning sensation. Severe headaches, nausea and vomiting may occur. If a patient has a severe reaction to an asp sting, consult a physician at once.

UT TOTAL 39,503

AUSTIN — The official registration total for the 1971 fall semester at The University of Texas at Austin is 39,503, according to the Registrar's Office.

Last fall's enrollment was 39,089. Slight increases were noted in all schools and colleges with the exception of the College of Engineering and the total areas in the arts and sciences.



Merry Christmas

We welcome this joyous season and share its peace and tranquility with our many friends.

DAIRY MART

Joyous Greetings



In the true spirit of this season, we extend our good wishes, sincere gratitude.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Quiet thoughts turn to this time of peace, happiness and togetherness. It's a season when families and friends harvest many joys and blessings. Christmas is also a nice time to thank friends like you.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The freshness of new fallen snow awakens deep reflections of holiday sentiments. We express the hope that good will and brotherhood prevail to bring lasting peace among us. The best of the season to you and sincere thanks for your loyalty.

Cave-Bowlin, Inc.

Other Christmas Customs From Around The World

THE STANTON REPORTER
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In the United States, mothers put golden navel oranges in each of their children's stockings. Some think that this practice became widespread because St. Nicholas gave bags of gold to three poor sisters. According to the legend, the saintly bishop dropped one bag down the chimney. It accidentally fell inside a stocking that was drying by the fire. But long before St. Nicholas, men were giving fruit at Christmas time, whether the fruit was apples, oranges, nuts or even tangerines.

The "nog" for Eggnog is an abbreviation for "noggin." This term referred to a small cup carved from a cylinder of birch. Taverns used to serve fireside drinks in tankards, while drinks at the table were put in noggins. Eggnog started out as a "dry sack posset." Dry sack is what the English called Spanish dry sherry wine.

The "posadas" is a kind of Nativity play. On the 9 days before Christmas Mexican families proceed with candles through the streets behind a boy and girl who are carrying

statues of Mary and Joseph. At each house, they sing their request for room in the "posada" (or inn). The innkeeper at the last house is finally persuaded to let them in, and everyone has a party. Blindfolded children take turns trying to crack the hanging pinata with a stick. As the papier-mache object breaks open, children madly scramble for the candies and toys that shower out.

Beginning on the 25th day of Kislev (December), Jewish people celebrate Hannukah otherwise known as the Festival of Lights. During the rededication of the Temple in 165 B.C., just one uncontaminated crust of oil could be found — only enough to light the Temple menorah for one day — but it miraculously burned 8 days until the priests could prepare more oil. In memory of this, candles are lit just after sundown. One is lit at first, but the number is increased by one on each of the successive evenings. Women must not work while the candles are burning because it is a time of festivity.

Although there is only a small Christian minority in India, Christmas is celebrated by the Moslems who revere Christ as a prophet. India is made up of many different sections, each with its own customs. In one part of Northern India, Hindus dedicate the winter solstice to the goddess Sankrant. The gods who have been sleeping for six months wake up on this day. Powder bases, combs, bangles, mirrors, spices and betel leaves are given as gifts. Wives give butter and a pound of sugar to their sisters-in-law. Men give gifts to the Brahmans, the Hindu scholars and priests. Betrothals and marriages are lucky on this day. And those who can, bathe in the Ganges River.

Many people think that most Japanese eat turkey at Christmas. The facts have been a little distorted, because only a small minority, mostly those who have lived for a time in the U. S. or who have been converted by American missionaries, do so. For most Japanese, Christmas is merely a happy occasion for merry-making.

In Sweden, Christmas Eve is "Dipping Day." The custom stems from a winter famine, when black bread and thin

broth were the only food available. Now, as the whole family gathers in the kitchen around a steaming kettle of Christmas "kory" or sausages, they take turns dipping slice of "vort" bread into the broth. This insures good luck the coming year.

The Irish put lighted candles in the window on Christmas Eve. Around 10 p.m., country people step outside to enjoy the sparkling specks all over the countryside. In County Cork, a three-branched candle was lighted in the name of the Trinity; its stubs were preserved all year as protection against evil spirits.

According to an old Irish legend, candles were also lighted to welcome the Holy Family, who were said to be traveling the roads of the world again. At least, this is what the Irish told the English soldiers during the Persecution. The soldiers allowed this "harmless" practice to continue, unaware that candles, plus unlocked doors, were a message to fugitive priests that they were welcome to stop and offer Christmas Mass.

On Christmas Eve, the Polish invite an even number of guests, but another place is laid at the table for the unexpected guest — a passing stranger or a dead member of the family. The appearance of the first star in the sky is the signal for the meal to start.

There is an uneven number

of courses for good luck. So the spirits of the different food sources won't be offended, they serve mushrooms for the woods, wheat for the fields, fish for the water and fruit for the orchard.

For days before the Soyal or Winter Solstice Ceremony, the Hopi Indians of northern Arizona prepare to comfort and cheer the passing year. "Pahos" — prayer feathers tied to a stick with string — are made in every home. The "pahos" signify a blessing on the home and the wish for a gentle voice. The "kiva" or sacred ceremonial place, is made ready.

On the morning of the Soyal, the Hopis wait silently and reverently on their roofs for the waning year to appear, symbolized by a feeble, old man in tatters. It is a great relief for the watchers to see this old man taken inside the "kiva" and cared for. This symbolic action means that spring will come again.

Inside the "kiva" which only members of the tribe may enter, the Soyal Secret Society conducts thanksgiving ceremonies for the entire village. Prayer feathers are exchanged, along with wishes for happiness and health.

The Pennsylvania Dutch are descendants of German, Swiss, and Moravian immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania, Ohio and parts of the Midwest. While the other New England settlers ignored Christmas, the Pennsylvania Dutch continued their traditions of finding

the Christmas tree, baking cakes and cookies, telling old legends and giving gifts to the children.

One prankish aspect of Christmas was the practice of "barring out the schoolmaster." In some Pennsylvania Dutch communities, the schoolboys chose a day before Christmas to lock their teacher out of the classroom. If the schoolmaster was able to get through the bolted doors and windows, he imposed heavy penalties. Most often he was defeated and had to meet the children's demands for candy,

nuts or special indulgences that amounted to a day of play.

A Christmas Lovefeast is held for the Moravian children in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. On Christmas Eve afternoon, they assemble in the front section of church. After the congregation sings several hymns, the sacristans and assistants pass out the Lovefeast, a sweet roll and coffee, to every child. Before the close of the service, each child is given a lighted candle. These burn until benediction is pronounced.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill are the proud parents of a daughter named Hollan Denise. She was born on Monday, December 13 at Cowper's Hospital in Big Spring. She weighed 7 pounds and 12 1/2 ounces. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mashburn of Stanton and Mrs. O. J. Hill of Jasper, Alabama. Great-grandmother is Mrs. P. A. Dugger of Lamesa.



Christmas Blessings
Away in a manger... let's remember Christ born on His holy day.

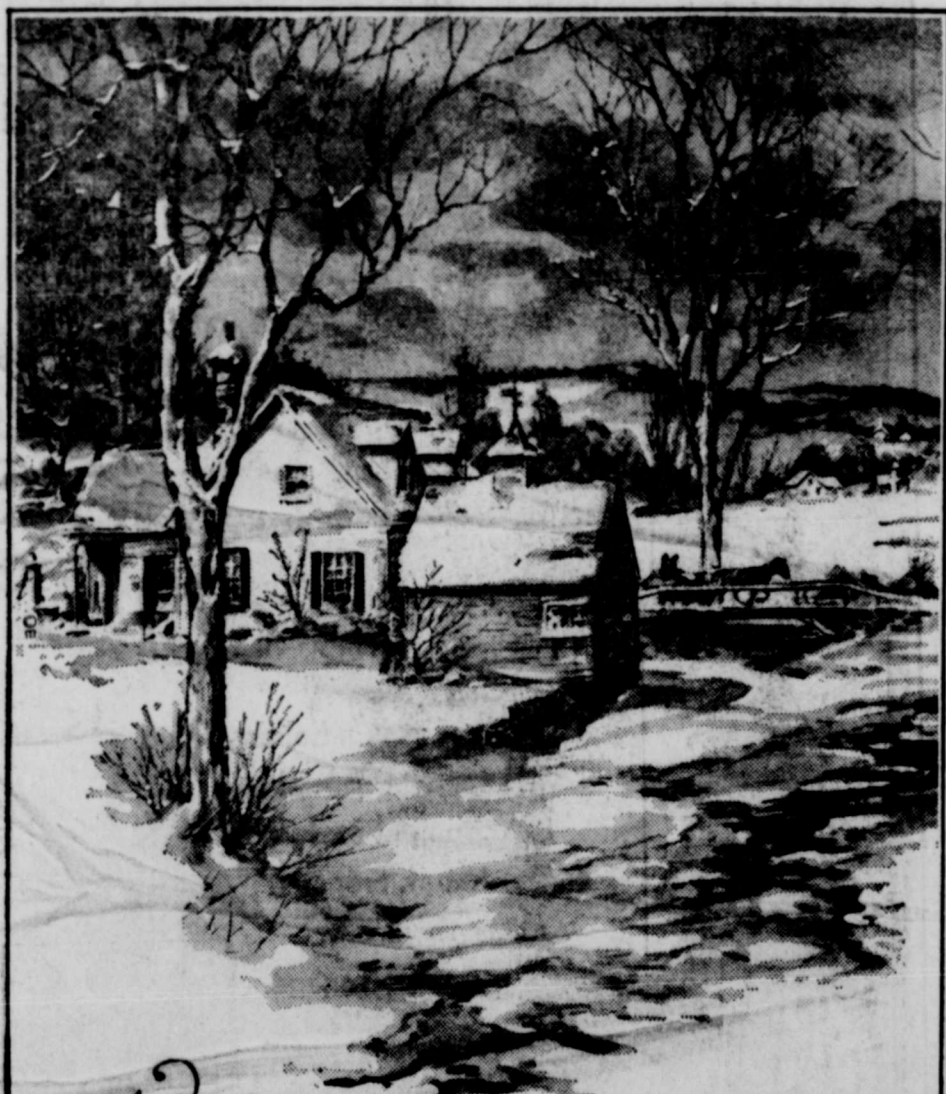
CLAY'S Upholstery

GREETINGS

In most grateful appreciation, we wish you and your family all the peaceful joy and happiness of that Holy Night when hope was given to all mankind.



Gregg's Flowers



Christmas greetings

In the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas we extend best wishes to all. We hope you and your loved ones share in the many old-time joys and blessings of the season.

Stanton Food



Christmas Jay

It is the time of Our Dear Savior's Birth... and the world over people share the peace, love, contentment that illuminated the first Nativity Scene.

For Joy You've Given Us, Our Sincere Gratitude.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram

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Intangible Gifts Are Bringing Best Blessings, in Abundance

Among the treasures and pleasures of Christmas, gifts loom large—as all who greet the Yuletide as a season of laughter and a time to be glad of heart well know. Tangible gifts, large and small, have their place in

the holiday scheme of things. They're the outgoing expression of the generous Christmas spirit.

It's the intangible gifts, though, that seem to shine most radiantly, Christmas after Christmas.

The delighted smiles of children and the wonder in their eyes, the privilege of aiding the less fortunate, the opportunity to cherish and strengthen friendships and family ties, the renewed spirituality, the solid foundations of health, happiness and love, faith and hope—these are the intangible gifts.

Blessed indeed is the Christmas that brings an abundance of such gifts!

FORTUNA WAS THE ROMAN GODDESS OF GOOD FORTUNE!



HOLY NIGHT

Rejoice. Rejoice. The Prince of Peace has come. He brings great joy. Many thanks to all our loyal friends for the joy of serving you.

Hightower Laundry



CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST IN SONG is a centuries-old tradition, as shown in the Christmas hymn above. The Latin hymn appears on a leaf from an illuminated Antiphony of 15th-century Italy, now in the Library of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City (Gift of Louis L. Lorillard, 1896). More familiar today is "Joy to the World" above right, by the English hymnist Isaac Watts, set to music by Handel. Song sheet by Hollmark.

By Any Name, Santa Always Pleases Children, Guards Fortunes of Many, Adults, Too

When what's-his-name arrives in town, everyone is glad to see him.

Who's that again? Oh, Santa Claus, of course. Or he could be—depending on where he is—St. Nick, Pere Noel, Father Christmas, St. Nicholas, Kris Kringle.

Washington Irving called him Father Knickerbocker. To Russians, he's Grandfather Frost.

This magical man of many names not only brings gifts, he also has a lot of special gifts and powers, according

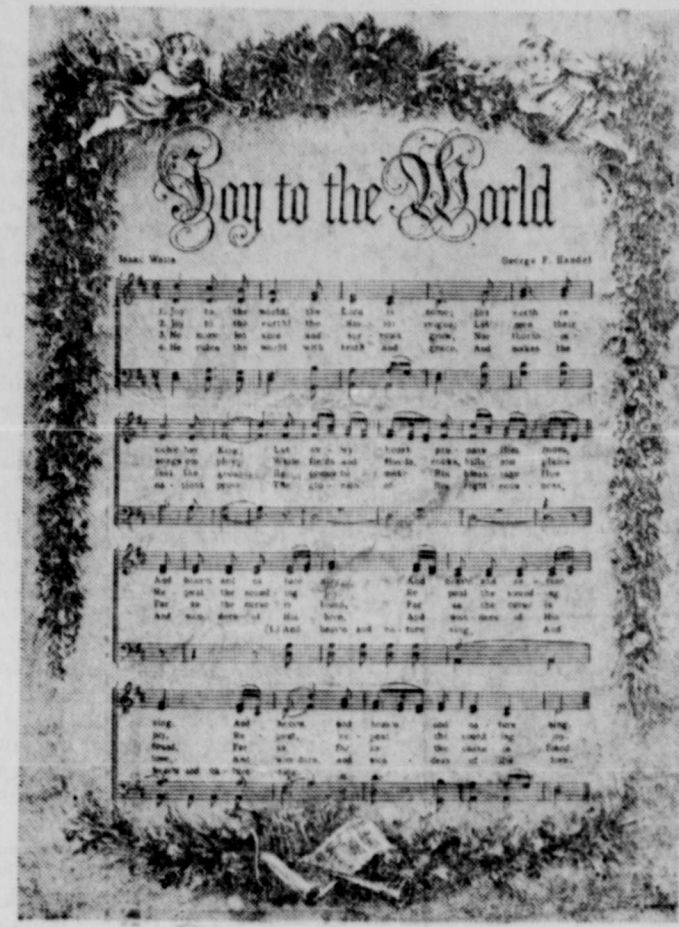
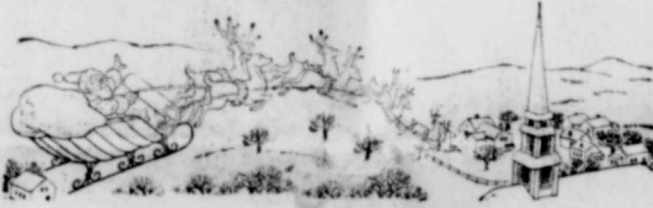
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tunes of children, merchants and sailors. He takes a special interest in helping single girls find husbands, and the earliest pawnbrokers called him their patron.



Told in Rhyme

The story of the Nativity and its meaning for mankind is a favorite poetic theme, as is the holiday cheer of hearth and home.

Poets as diverse as William Shakespeare, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, John Greenleaf Whittier and T. S. Eliot have made their contributions.

Numerous carols first were poems—witness Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat,
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep.'"

Probably the overwhelming winner among widely-known secular Christmas poems is Clement Clark Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

The poem, written for his own children in 1822, is popularly called, "Twas the Night before Christmas."

Religious Cards Take Lead In Popularity

"Sorry, we don't have any more Christmas cards, only some religious ones."

These words, supposedly spoken by a saleswoman to a last-minute shopper for greeting cards a good many years ago, wouldn't be meaningful now.

During recent Yule seasons, greetings with a religious message have led the way in popularity. The wryly-humorous idea that anyone looking for cards wants some that show only the convivial side of Christmas was never very funny, and now it definitely isn't true.

Early cards pictured dancers and skaters, holly and mistletoe, robins and other birds, beautiful women and charming children and flowers by the score.

Such themes still appear, but they take second place to religious messages—especially, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

There are an estimated 437,000 blind people in our nation today.

Greetings FOR Christmas

*Special delivery!
It's a friendly message
brimming with the
best of holiday cheer. We
hope this Christmas
is the merriest
and happiest
for you and all
your loved ones.*

Martin County Farm Bureau

Christmas Joy, Peace

To all men of good will...to all our good friends...we send greetings for a happy holiday. We appreciate your loyal patronage.

Stanton Electric & Gift Shop

In the Spirit of Christmas

*Happiness. Joy. Peace.
That's the spirit of Christmas.
It warms the heart. It
brings young and old together.
And it brings to mind just
how much we value your support.*

STANTON VARIETY

Merry Christmas to all!

To each of you, a holiday filled with its own special excitement and enchantment. From us, many thanks for your patronage.

Currie's Little Store

Oilpatch Outlook

Adobe Oil Co., Midland, filed application for a 12,000-foot venture in Martin County, three miles northwest of Stanton and six miles east of the one-well Sale Ranch (Strawn) oil field. It is No. 1 Kelly.

Drillsite is 1,320 feet from north and east lines of section 5, block 36, T-1-S, T&P survey.

Operators have added four new producers to the Martin County sector of the Spraberry Trend Area.

Morueco Corp., Mt. Carmel, Ill., has completed No. 2 Sedgwick 1/2 miles southeast of the nearest producer in the field.

Through shot holes at 9,141-9,393 feet, which have been acidized with 1,500 gallons and fractured with 80,000 gallons, plus 200,000 pounds, it pumped 80 barrels of 37.5-gravity oil, plus eight barrels of water on a 24-hour potential test. Gas-oil ratio was 703-1.

Location is 7,000 feet from south and 2,609 feet from west lines of the east half of league 252, Ward CSL survey, 10 miles north of Tarzan.

RK Petroleum Corp. completed No. 1-B John Woodward through perforations at 8,441-9,135 feet, which had been treated with 3,000 gallons of acid and 100,000 gallons and 200,000 pounds of fracture material.

On a 24-hour potential test, it pumped 208 barrels of 37-gravity oil and 36 barrels of water, with a gas-oil ratio of 696-1.

It spots 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 25, block 36, T-3-N, T&P survey,

seven miles northwest of Lenorah.

Adobe Oil Co., Midland, is responsible for two of the developments.

No. 1 Key flowed 226 barrels of 39.7-gravity oil, and nine barrels of water, through a 16-64-inch choke and shot holes at 8,180-9,190 feet, which had been acidized with 2,000 gallons and fractured with 30,000 gallons. Gas-oil ratio is 831-1.

Wellsite is 1,454 feet from south and 1,320 feet from west lines of section 19, block 36, T-2-N, T&P survey, seven miles northwest of Lenorah.

Adobe's No. 3-L Sale Ranch is 1,320 feet from north and east lines of section 20, block 37, T-1-N, T&P survey, 10 miles northwest of Stanton.

On a 24-hour potential test, it pumped 221 barrels of 39.7-gravity oil, plus 11 barrels of water, through perforations between 8,067-9,095 feet. Gas-oil ratio is 776-1.

The producing section had been acidized with 2,000 gallons and fractured with 80,000 gallons and 240,000 pounds.

Adobe Oil Co. staked site for No. 1-B Glass as a 3/8-mile southeast offset to production in the five-well west portion of Glass (Spraberry) field of Martin County.

It spots 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 13, block 39, T-1-N, T&P survey, 10 miles north of Midland.

The field has two more producers 20 miles to the east.

Prudential Minerals Exploration Corp. accounted for a 1 3/4-mile northeast outpost to production in the Sulphur Draw (8,700 Dean) field of

Martin County. It is No. 1 Spencer.

Drillsite for the project, slated to 9,400 feet, is 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 48, block 36, T-4-N, T&P survey, 7 1/2 miles northwest of Patricia.

Universal Resources Corp., Dallas, staked site for No. 1-C Slaughter as a 3/4-mile northwest stoupt to production in the Sulphur Draw (8,790 Dean) field of Martin County, 26 miles northwest of Stanton.

Slated to 9,300 feet, it spots 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 5, block 36, T-3-N, T&P survey.

Adobe Oil Co., Midland, slated five new development projects in the Spraberry Trend Area of Martin County.

Slated for 9,150 feet, No. 1 Holcombe is located 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 41, block 36, T-1-N, T&P survey, four miles northwest of Stanton and 1/2 miles west of the nearest producer.

No. 1 Hooper spots 1,320 feet from north and east lines of section 36, block 36, T-2-N, T&P survey, one mile east of the field and three miles northeast of Lenorah township. Proposed depth is 9,200 feet.

Drillsite for the No. 1-A Johnson is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 19, block 35, T-2-N, T&P survey, 2 1/4 miles southeast of the field area and 3 1/2 miles northeast of Lenorah. Scheduled depth is 8,900 feet.

Located four miles northeast of Lenorah, No. 1 Wurtz is surveyed 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 20, block 35, T-2-N, T&P survey, one mile east of production in the Trend Area. Proposed depth is 8,950 feet.

Adobe's No. 1 Alsip is located 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 2, block 37, T-1-S, T&P survey, six miles northwest of Stanton, with an objective of 9,250 feet.

Meridian Oil Corp., San Antonio, filed application to drill No. 2 Mims as a two-mile east outpost to the Martin County part of the Spraberry Trend Area, 12 miles northeast of Stanton.

Location for the project, which is scheduled to 9,000 feet, is 1,320 feet from north and east lines of section 21, block 35, T-2-N, T&P survey.

John L. Cox, Midland, staked No. 1 Covington, 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 5, block 38, T-2-N, T&P survey, four miles southwest of Tarzan, in the Spraberry Trend Area, Martin County. Objective is 9,500 feet.

Producers were added to two field areas in Midland County, with a projected staked to another field.

Atlantic Richfield Co. has completed No. 3-A June Sanders Tract as the fifth

Pennsylvania producer in the Sweetie Peck multipay field of Midland.

T&P survey, 18 miles southwest of Midland.

On a 24-hour potential test, it flowed 39 barrels of 48.3-gravity oil, plus 20 barrels of water, through an 18-64-inch choke and perforations at 10,276-10,336 feet, which had been acidized with 3,000 gallons. Gas-oil ratio is 3,700-1.

Total depth is 13,360 feet, 7-inch casing seated at 13,294 feet, with a plugged-back depth of 10,429 feet.

Location is 660 feet from south and 2,034 feet from west lines of section 16, block 41, T-3-S, T&P survey, 20 miles southeast of Odessa.

Tom Brown, Inc., Midland, has completed No. 3 Fasken 1/2 miles east of the nearest producer in the Spraberry Trend Area of Midland.

Through perforation section at 7,021-8,505 feet, which had been acidized with 5,000 gallons and fractured with 130,000 gallons plus 260,000 pounds, it pumped 97 barrels of 39.6-gravity oil, plus 23 barrels of water on a daily potential test. Gas-oil ratio measured 927-1.

It spots 1,320 feet from north and east lines of section 16, block 36, T-2-S₃₄, E&P survey, 15 miles east of Midland.

Texaco Inc. staked site for No. 2-AA Midland Fee 1/2 miles east of the nearest producer in the Midland County portion of the Moose (Queen) field.

Projected to 4,460 feet, drillsite is 1,980 feet from north and 2,034 feet from west lines of section 41, block 41, T-3-S,

New Years Greetings

It is a special occasion, the hour of midnight. The moment is here to ring out the old and welcome the new. The old year is gone, consigned to memory. Coming up now is a fresh, new supply of time. We have plans and dreams.

There is time, at the moment of change, for reflection. We must briefly look over the shoulder to estimate progress and achievement. We must recognize where we are, and where we are going. If we fail to do this, then January 1 is important only because we change the date on our calendar. We can look to the future—but we must build on the past.

Ring now the bells loud and clear. Gather together with family and loved ones. Share the warmth of this moment, this time with one another, in the spirit of togetherness.



The tin can started life as the "tin canister".

Greetings

Best wishes for
a Christmas
season filled
with merry
moments and
jolly spirits.
And, a big
bundle of cheer.

West Texas Telephone Co.



REJOICE

It's the Holy Season, time when hearts are filled with gratitude, love and good will. In this spirit we extend our warmest wishes and thanks.

Vic and Jan McElrath



PEACE ON EARTH... GOODWILL TO MEN

Angels sang on high. Shepherds and Wise Men gathered to adore the Christ Child, come to save mankind, and joyful praises resounded everywhere. During this holy season, let us remember the message of that first Christmas.

The Stanton Reporter

Buddy, Jan, George, Jimmy

Have a merry season full of love.

Serving you is a joy for us!

Friendly Food

Dear Santa,

405 W. 5th
Bobby 262 Stanton
Got o the sedre Santa.
Please send a pick up. My
Bicycle screaming. Bring &
toy.
Deiming
Bye

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a talking
doll, a little bitty basketball, a
bag, and a little baby doll
with a bottle.
Thank you
Love,
Brenda

Industry is hit by an esti-
mated 1,000 eye injuries every
working day of the year.

ORANGES ARE TOPS IN CITRUS FRUITS

Oranges top the list in pop-
ularity of all citrus fruits in
U.S. households, report Exten-
sion foods and nutrition spec-
ialists at Texas A&M Univer-
sity. According to a nation-
wide consumer survey con-
ducted by the U.S. Depart-
ment of Agriculture, nine out
of 10 homemakers reported
using fresh oranges and
orange juices in a one-year
period. Seven out of 10 used
fresh grapefruit and lemon
during the same period.
Homemakers interviewed in
the survey indicated that they
thought oranges were the best
of the citrus fruits for health,
taste and family appeal. They
considered grapefruits as good
for health, low in calories and
high in Vitamin C, and lemons
as good for flavoring.

THE INFORMED CONSUMER

BY CRAWFORD C. MARTIN
Attorney General of Texas



Column No. 3 — Unordered Merchandise and Negative Options

When you receive unordered merchandise through the mails, do you know your legal rights? A law passed by the 61st Texas Legislature in 1969 provides that where unsolicited goods are delivered to a person, he has the right to refuse to accept delivery of the goods and he is not bound to return the goods to the sender. If such unsolicited goods are either addressed to or intended for the recipient, they shall be deemed a gift and the recipient may use them or dispose of them in any manner without any obligation to the sender.

Lomax 4-H Club News

RALPH NEWMAN, Reporter
The Lomax 4-H Club met in the home of the Russell Tidwell's for their annual Christmas party Dec. 13th. Nine members were present for games and the exchange of gifts. County Agent, Bruce G.iffin met with the group.
Yearbooks were issued and reports on the progress of lamps that were started in a recent meeting in the McIlvain home were given. All are finding them useful in the home and an educational experience to have made.
The next meeting will be held Jan. 10th in the Gene Perry home with a program on "Police Accidents."

There are three exceptions to this law—first, when the goods are sent due to a bona fide mistake, and the sender has the burden of proof to show the error. Second, the law does not apply to goods which have been substituted for goods ordered. Finally, the act does not apply to goods ordered by the recipient.
In summary, if a consumer received merchandise which he did not order he can refuse the goods or treat the goods as a gift. The consumer is under no legal obligation to pay for the merchandise received in this fashion.

A related area is the negative option plan employed by Book and Record Clubs whereby an individual signs a contract with the club and items are automatically sent to him. Under this negative option arrangement, the consumer is obligated to pay for all items received UNLESS he returns a card to the company indicating his refusal to purchase the item. The common complaint with this plan is the failure of the consumer to realize his legal obligation if he fails to periodically notify the company of his wishes. In addition, some companies do not allow a sufficient time period to receive the option cards prior to mailing the merchandise. The consumer who signs up with one of these companies should understand his legal obligations under the contract and be alert when the option notices are received so that merchandise is not inadvertently ordered.

Stanton Music Club Meeting

The Stanton Music Club met for its annual Christmas program in the home of Mrs. Guy Elland.

Mrs. James Jones, vice president, presided in the absence of the president. No special business was transacted.

Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, program chairman, told of traditional programs that the club had held at Christmas time over the past twenty-five years.

The hymn of the month, "Silent Night" was discussed by Mrs. C. R. Welch and it was sung by the entire group. A surprise from the Christmas tree which was a china plate commemorating the writing of "Silent Night" was won by Mrs. Edmund Tom.

"The Birthday of the King" was sung by Mrs. Billy Reagor and accompanied by Mrs. Roy Koonce.

Mrs. Robert W. Waddell played a piano solo, "Song Without Words" by Mendelssohn.

Arrangement of "White Christmas", "Silver Bells" and "Thirty-Two Feet and Eight Little Tails" were sung by a trio composed of Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. James Jones and Mrs. Jesse Burns. They were accompanied by Mrs. Roy Pickett.

Refreshments were served from a Christmas table with holiday appointments which matched the beautiful decorations throughout the house.

Present were Mrs. Eugene Byrd, Mrs. George Dawson, Mrs. Doyle Hughes, Mrs. Roy Koonce, Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. Jesse Burns, Mrs. Roy Pickett, Mrs. Billy Reagor, Mrs. Edmund Tom, Mrs. C. R. Welch, Mrs. Robert Waddell and Mrs. Elland. One guest was present, Mrs. Troy Elland of Monahans.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. I have a little sister. She is 7 months old. She has been a good girl.

I would like to have a big tractor and trailer. Rebecca would like to have a baby doll. I also, have a cousin, Steven. He would like to have a tractor.

Santa, we will all be at my Mammy's house. So, please bring our toys there — Her name is Mrs. M. A. Yates and she lives in Lamesa.

Thank you
Rowdy Harrison

Dear Santa
I would like a Baby Tender Love that moves her arms and legs. And I would like a magic

bottle for Baby Tender Love. And I would like a bag for my babies to put their clothes. I have been a good girl Santa and I Love you. I will leave you some cookies and milk Christmas Eve. I've been good to the last baby you me but it didn't move its arms or legs. I still love it very much.

Love
Renee Louder

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I hope things are fine at your home.

I have been a very good girl this year and hope you can bring some of the things I want for Christmas.

I want a basketball and goal, a spirograph, guitar, a boom-

erang, Indian hat and drum (sticks) play telephone, suit case, a baton, typewriter and talking view master, basket for a girl's bike, pin ball machine, and a purse.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and will be looking forward to Christmas morning. Please bring the toys you think I should have and give all other boys and girls the toys they want.

Remember we have moved to a new house. I'll see you when you come to Stanton. Please bring a lot of candy also.
Monica Lea Goodrum

Glaucoma can very gradually rob its victims of their sight, without a pain or a symptom.



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PUMPKIN	DEL MONTE No. 303	15¢
CORN	Our Darling No. 303	4 FOR 89¢
Green Beans	Libby, Cut No. 303	4 FOR 89¢
Blackeye Peas	Ranch Style No. 300	15¢
Chocolate Chips	Hershey's 6 Oz.	25¢
Red Plum Jam	Kimbell 18 Oz.	3 FOR \$1.00
Toilet Tissue	Zee 2 Roll	4 FOR 89¢

Paper Towels	Zee Jumbo 3	for \$1.00
Anti-Freeze	Kimbell, Gallon	\$1.59
Motor Oil	Texaco, Quart	29¢

Dr PEPPER	6 Bottle Carton	49¢
CAN MILK	Kimbell, Tall 2	for 39¢
Facial Tissue	Kim, 200 Count	25¢
FLOUR	Gladiola, 25 Lg. Bag	\$1.99
Instant Tea	Kimbell, 3 Oz.	98¢
Breakfast Drink	Kountry Fresh, Qt.	29¢
NAPKINS	Zee 60 Count	15¢
Mandarin Oranges	Del Monte 11 Oz	35¢
Salad Dressing	Kimbell, Qt.	45¢
BABY FOOD	Gerber, Strained 6	for 69¢
LUNCHEON	Kimbell, 12 Oz.	59¢
Biscuits	Kountry Fresh, 10 Count 3	27¢
Marchino Cherries	Kimbell, 9 Oz.	43¢



7-UP	6 Bottle Carton	49¢
BLEACH	Kalex, Gallon	39¢
Kimbell, Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil	18" x 25'	53¢
CRACKERS	Saltines, 1 Lb. Box	29¢
Cake Mix	Kimbell, 2 Layer	33¢
Toilet Tissue	Regal, 10 Roll	79¢
SPINACH	Kimbell, No. 303	21¢
TOMATOES	Diamond, No. 303	21¢
BEETS	Kimbell, Sliced, No. 303	19¢
PEAS	Mission, No. 303	22¢
CATSUP	Kimbell, 14 Oz.	25¢
Shasta Drink	12 Oz. Can 6	for 69¢
Ginger Ale	Shasta, 28 Oz	25¢
Dog Food	Twin Pet, 15 Oz 11	for \$1.
Detergent	Tide Giant	85¢

MEATS

BACON	Decker	Lb. 65¢
SALT JOWL		Lb. 21¢
BEEF LIVER	Fresh Sliced	Lb. 49¢
SAUSAGE	Wright, 3 Lb. Roll	99¢
GERMAN SAUSAGE	Gooch, 12 Oz.	69¢
TURKEYS	Marlin Farm	Lb. 39¢

PRODUCE

BANANAS		Lb. 39¢
ORANGES	18 Lb. Bag	99¢
APPLES	8 Lb. Bag	99¢
GRAPEFRUIT	18 Lb. Bag	99¢
Y A M S		Lb. 9¢

FROZEN

COOL WHIP	Birdseye, 9 Oz	59¢
MINCE PIES	Banquet	29¢
PUMPKIN PIES	Banquet	29¢
T. V. DINNERS	Banquet	39¢

Super Special
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