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**It's Christmas Time
In Hart**

—ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EDITION—

Color Keynotes Decorations

A look through the merchandise mart suggests Christmas this year will be traditional with lots of green, gold and bright herry red. Holly wreaths and small decorative trees are shiny green trimmed with velvet bows, garlands of della robbia fruits, bright red cherries, strawberries and "just-for-fun" polka dot mushrooms.

Tinsel string, fluffy foil fringe

and gold paper garlands offer trimming possibilities artfully festive and fascinating. Small mirrors on an invisible nylon thread, or multi-faceted glittering ornaments reflect a thousand dancing lights in a holiday room.

Oversize ornaments, much too big for the tree hang in clusters and carry Christmas into every corner of the house. Some resemble frosty decorated icicles; others use velvet, jewels and glitter for fancy festive baubles.

No cranberry strings or popcorn strings in the stores — but there's more than a hint this will be an old-fashioned Christmas.

SANTA CLAUS

"He was dressed all in furs from his head to his foot and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot—he was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, and I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself."

These words from Clement Clark Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas" gave to the world the popular image of Santa Claus. For appearance sake, we presume, Santa's clothes are now pictured a clean, bright red, but he's still "a jolly old elf."

Cheatham Is President Of Wayland Club

PLAINVIEW---Thomas Richard Cheatham son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cheatham, Hart, has been elected president of Speech Club at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview.

As vice-president of the Speech Club, he will help lead members in promoting activities in drama, debate and forensics. The club usually sponsors one play each year, as well as

interscholastic forensic meets. A 1962 graduate of Pewitt High School, Naples, Cheatham is a sophomore majoring in mathematics and religion and minoring in speech. He serves as class senator and vice-president of Texas Student Education Association.

Lacy-Myrick Win League

Hart couples bowling league closed out the season last week at Dimmitt, with Lacy-Myrick winning the league championship.

A new couples league will start Friday night, Jan. 17. Persons interested in joining the league should call or see Jane Alexander or C.W. Seago.

High averages in the league were chalked up by Jerri Newson with 157 and Bob Lacy with 175.

Soila Reyna led the women with a 234 high game, while the high game for men was a 254 by Bill Hill. Audrey Talley had the high series of 527 while Darrell Lacy had the high men's series, 605.

Joan Lacy and Pancho Rubalcaba had the high increases in average, both with 12-pin increases.

Final standings showed: Lacy-Myrick, won 42, lost 14; Seago and Sullivan, 35-21; Newson-Lacy, 31-25; Smith-King, 30-26; Alexander, Reyna-Warren, 27-29; Hills of Hart, 24-32; Talley-Ishmael, 21-35; and Jackson-Rubalcaba, 14-42.

Chi Psi Meet Held

The Chi Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Thursday, Dec. 19 in the home of Mrs. Bob Bennett. A business meeting was conducted followed by exchanging gifts and revealing secret pals for the past year. All members drew names for secret pals for the coming year.

Refreshments of small sandwiches, cookies, coffee and Cokes were served. Members present were Mmes. Jack George, Newlon Rowland, Bob Reed, Glyn Reed, Lanny Tucker, Rodney Smith, W.T. Sanders, Malcolm Atwood, Willis A. Hawkins, Jr., Melvin Aven, Walt Hansen, J. V. Wescott, Joe Percy Hart, Bill Rich, David Willis, Howie Parker and Bob Bennett.

OUT OF HOSPITAL

Mrs. M. A. Martin of Hart who has been hospitalized since Aug. 4 has been transferred to the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Merrill of Lone Star. Mrs. Martin was injured in a car accident near Lubbock in August and has been in Methodist Hospital until recently.

May the Joy and Peace of Christmas always be with you



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FOR DAY OR NIGHT CALLS

Davises Host Church Gives MYF Has Dinner Party Food Boxes Carol Party

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Davis were host at their home last Sunday for Christmas dinner to their children, grandchildren and his sister.

Children present were Roger; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Davis, Vivian and Leslie of near Kress; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Light and Cynthia of near Olton; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ray Davis and Diane of Hart; and Mr. Davis' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cobb of Clovis, N.M.

FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mitchell were called to Sulphur Spring last weekend for funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Lulu Boyd.

IN LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Aven were in Lubbock Saturday on business and visited with friends.

Members of the Church of Christ met Friday night, Dec. 13 at the American Legion building to prepare boxes of food and gifts to be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home at Portales.

Approximately 40 members were present for sandwiches, coffee or punch. About 40 boxes of cakes, pies, cookies and candies were prepared, along with 200 popcorn balls.

Two crates of oranges a bushel of apples, several toys and 35 books of stamps were collected to send to the Home.

The stamps will go toward the purchase of a new bus for the children.

The offering was delivered to the Home Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Max Stephens.

IN LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wilson and LaGlenda were in Lubbock Sunday to attend a Meeks family reunion.

Approximately 25 members and guest of the M.Y.F. of the First Methodist Church met at the Church Wednesday night and sang Christmas carol at the homes of friends.

They also took a basket of fruit, vegetables, meat and canned food to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Johnson, leaders of the M.Y.F., and Robert Lewis Hawkins, song leader, accompanied the youth.

After the caroling service, the group returned to the church for refreshments and fellowship together.

Pagan Feasts Are Source Of Customs

Most of the customs now associated with Christmas were originally pagan or non-Christian, according to The Encyclopedia Americana. Saturnalia, a Roman feast celebrated in mid-December, provided the model for many of the merry-making customs of Christmas. From this celebration, for example, were derived the elaborate feasting, the giving of gifts and the burning of candles.

Lights also played an important part in most winter solstice festivals. An obscure figure in the early mythologies of the East emerged as a sun god. From the 1st century B.C. this figure, Mithras, was adopted by an increasing number of Roman soldiers and others. Mithras' greatest festival was that of the winter solstice, the time when the god began to return to his worshippers.

In the 5th century the Western church ordered a feast celebrating the birth of the Savior to be observed on the day of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun and at the close of the Saturnalia.

Among the German and Celtic tribes the winter solstice was considered an important point of the year and to commemorate the return of the sun they held their chief festival of Yule, which, like other pagan celebrations, became adapted to Christmas.

The Teutonic Yule feast also provided customs for the Christmas festivities, such as the Yule log and wassail bowl.

HOME FROM SCHOOL

Students home from college for the holidays are Jack Sharp, and Carol Futrell of Wayland, Johnnie Kittrell, Don Sharp, Mike Reed of Levelland; Judy and Jo Sanders; Dero Sergeant and Mike Morrison of Texas Tech in Lubbock.

New Joy To Young Hearts

You can bring happiness this Christmas to children in hospitals, orphanages and in the families of the unemployed by refurbishing the toys your own children have outgrown or no longer enjoy. In many communities, civic and fraternal groups have organized programs for this purpose.

The easiest way to make old toys in basically good condition look like new again is with colorful quality enamels, and here are some tips to help you do the job.

First and most important of all be sure you use only suitable enamels, particularly those that contain less than 1 per cent of lead. While most enamels meant for interior use contain no harmful ingredients, be sure to tell your paint dealer that you will be painting toys. He will sell you the right product. Under no circumstances use outside paint on toys or children's furniture.

Kids Like Color

Bear in mind that children prefer strong, bold colors, the primaries; red, yellow and blue, the bright secondaries; orange, green, purple. It takes a more sophisticated taste to enjoy pastel and less lively darker shades. They also like the shininess of gloss enamel.

Wash the toy with detergent to remove finger marks and other soil. If old finish is glossy, it should be dulled with sandpaper, so new finish will adhere better. Any cracks or holes should be filled with water putty or plastic wood which should be permitted to dry before sanding smooth.

Easy To Use

For small articles, you'll find self-spraying enamels in aerosol cans easiest and most practical to use. If more than one color is to be applied, protect the already painted areas with masking tape.



Blessings to one and all this day.

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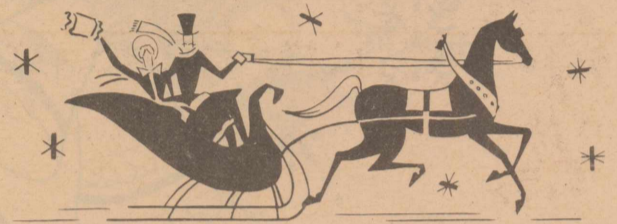


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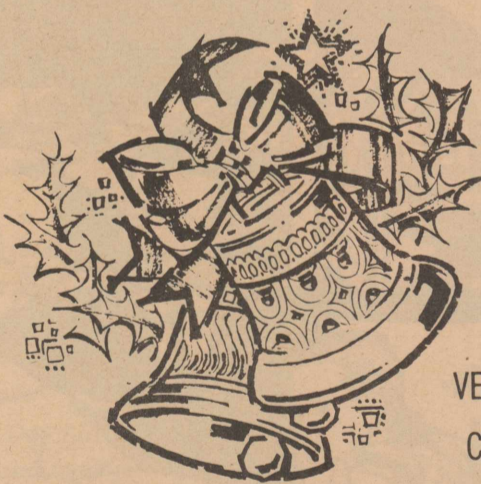
GREETINGS

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

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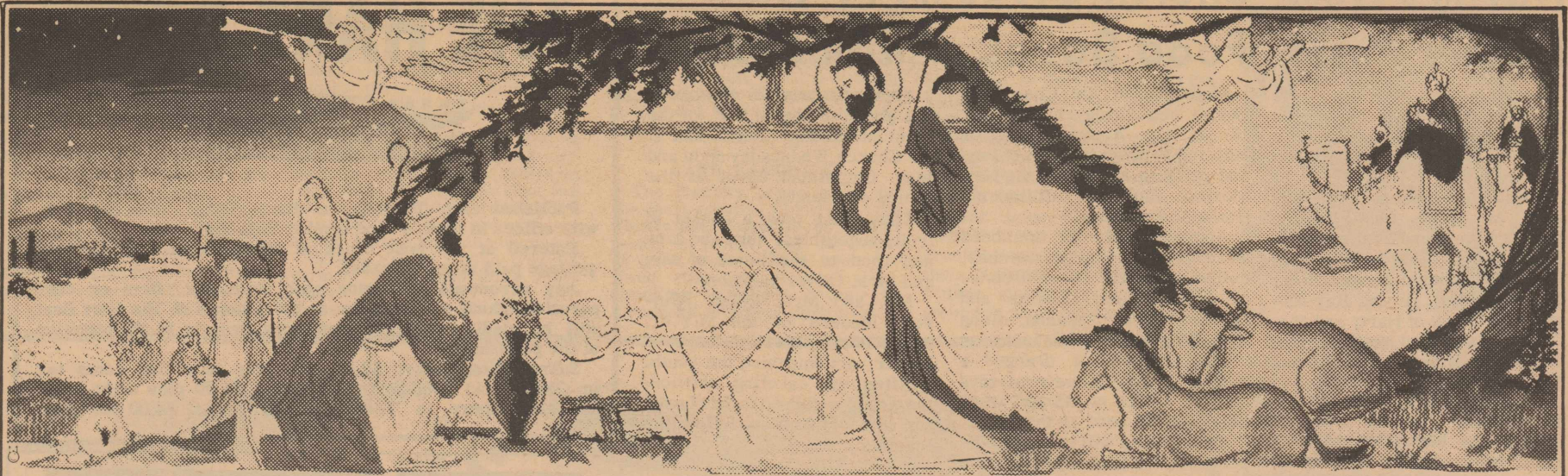
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**HAPPY
HOLIDAY**

May you enjoy it as much as we've enjoyed being able to serve you.

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Best Wishes for CHRISTMAS



Glad Christmas greetings and good wishes, friends and neighbors! It is our sincere hope that the joyous spirit of this happiest of all holidays will light up your home and your heart with peace and good will. May you ever be blessed by the rich rewards of having friends and loved ones around you. As you observe Christmas with those near and dear to you, may you rejoice anew at the true meaning and eternal glory of this Holy time. May it bring you inspiration for every day of a more abundant life.



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Night Before Christmas...”*

All through the house there's a stir of breathless excitement of this Christmas Day to come! Of the beautiful trees bedecked with tinsel, candy cane and gay, shiny-ornaments. Of the gifts to be given and received and then opened ...

And though a dream the night before, the Day fast becomes a memory rich with the sound of voices and laughter expressing good wishes and good cheer as relatives meet and friends greet. For above all, this is a Day of brotherly love and warm friendships.

And in this same joyous spirit—we add our own wishes that this Day and the coming year as well—brings you the joy of dreams and expectations come true!

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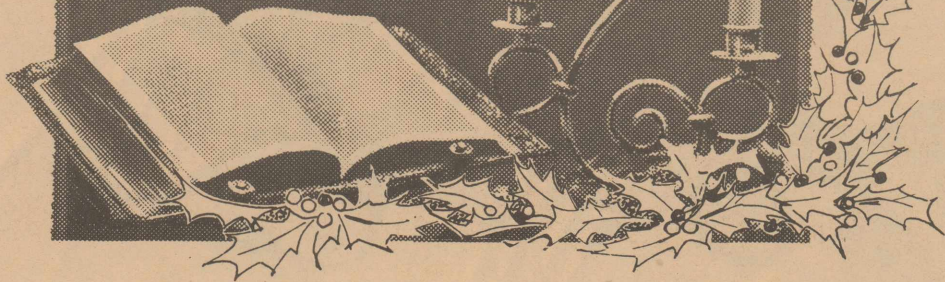
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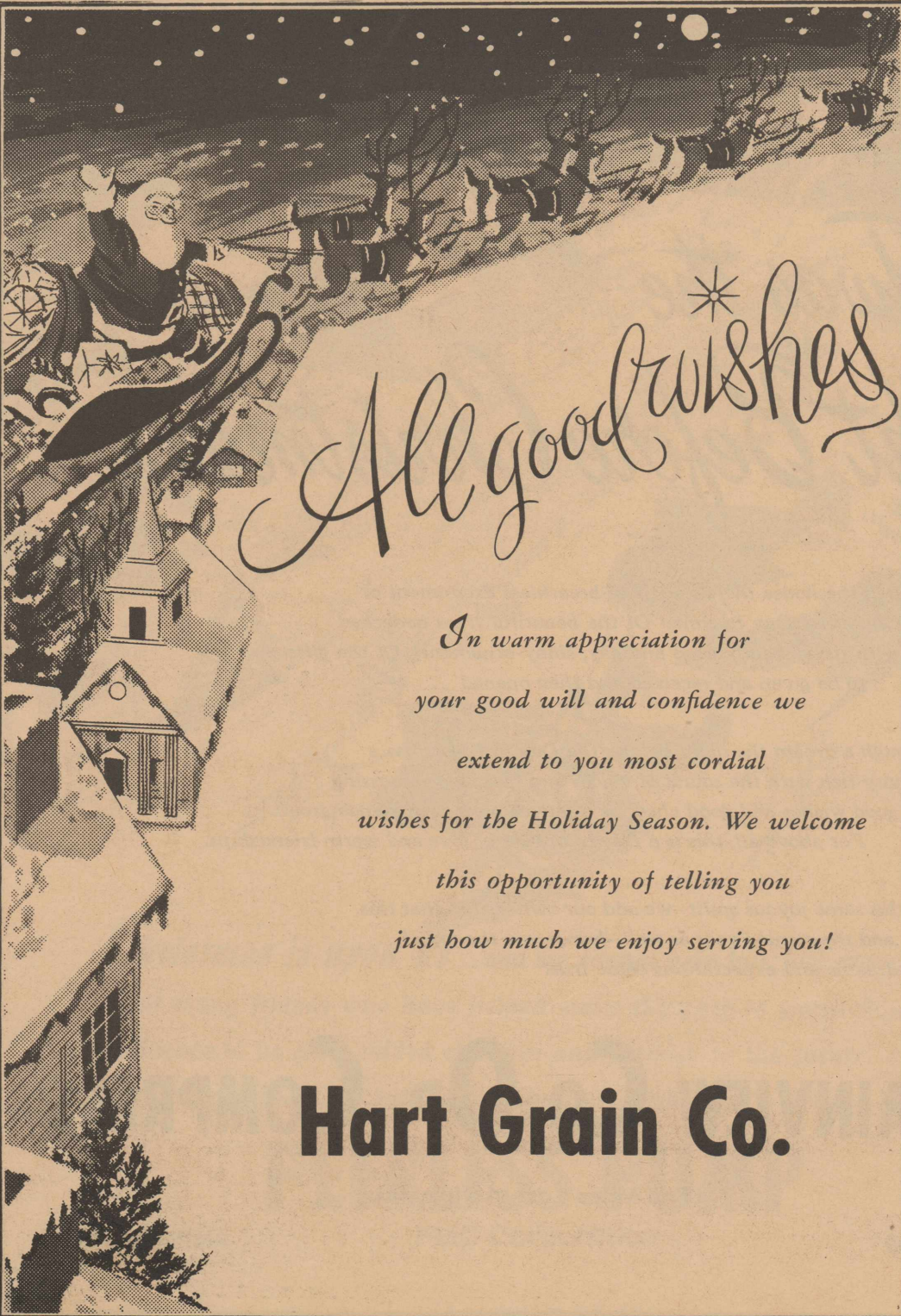
Christmas Greetings

The Christmas candle reflects the bright spirit in which we send you our best wishes for a Season filled with Joy and Happiness.



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Hart, Texas



All good wishes

In warm appreciation for your good will and confidence we extend to you most cordial wishes for the Holiday Season. We welcome this opportunity of telling you just how much we enjoy serving you!

Hart Grain Co.



CASTOR BEAN MACHINE--The machine above is shown as it harvested beans on the R.J. Murray farm. In this area, there were 1800 acres of castor beans planted. Twenty-five cars have been shipped from Hart.

New School Tax Man Hired Here

Robert C. Hudson of Lubbock has been hired as school tax assessor and collector and business administrator for the Hart school.

Hudson graduated from High School in Ropesville and received his Bachelor degree in business administration and finance at Hardin-Simmons University and did post graduate work at Texas Tech in Lubbock. He has served four years in the United States Navy.

He will assume duties at the school house Dec. 27. The tax office at the school will be open Dec. 27 and 28 for the convenience of the school tax patrons.

School Buys Rent House

Superintendent Paul Kennedy announces the school board met in a special session last week and bought the rent house of Ed Harris on Avenue E for a teacherage.

He said that the school board does not intend to go into competition with people who own rent property, but need places for teachers to live.

VISIT MORRISONS

Mrs. A. C. Jones of LaMesa, Calif., arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Morrison.

22 Bowl In League At Dimmitt

Eleven couples from Hart Bowled in the Moonlight Couple's Bowling League at Dimmitt Saturday night Dec. 21.

Mrs. Betty Seago and Eugene Hochstien came out on top with Johnnie Sullivan and George Book in second place.

Couples bowling included the Calvin Alexanders, C. W. Seagos, Ray Ishmaels, Alvin Talley, Pete Steirets, Stewart Newsoms, Bob Lacys, D. L. Lacys, Joe Baileys, Houston Sullivans and E. I. McLains.

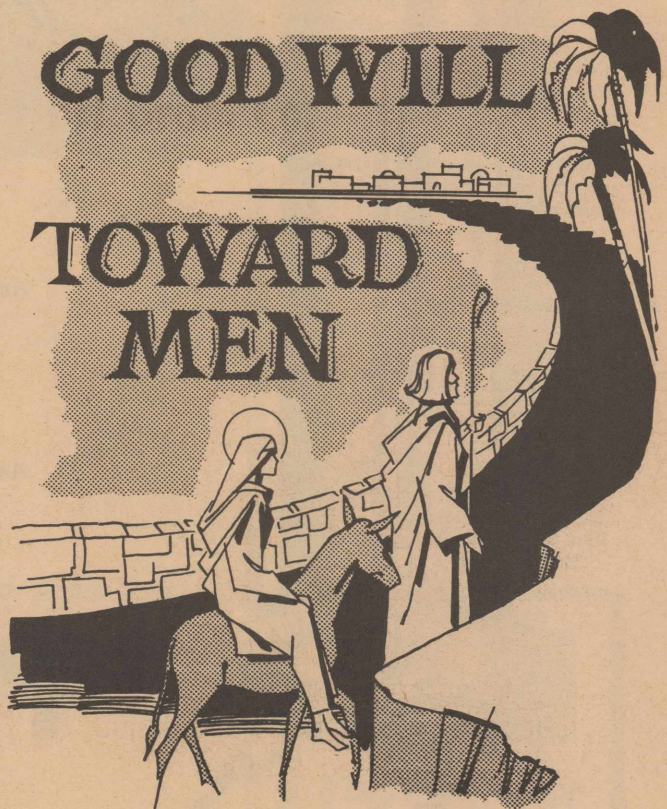
BASKETBALL

Hart basketball teams will enter the tournament in Farwell Jan. 2-3-4.

IN AMARILLO

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Maples were in Amarillo recently where Mr. Maples had minor surgery on his nose.

GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN



SOILA'S BEAUTY SHOP

Candles Cast Festive Glow On Traditional Yule Scene

Candles have cast a glow over Christmas festivities for centuries.

One of the very earliest of legends tells of the Christ Child wandering the streets of the world in search of shelter on Christmas Eve. Lighted candles are placed in windows to welcome Him.

From Germany comes a similar belief that the Virgin Mary and a host of angels pass over the countryside each Christmas Eve. Candles are put in the windows of German homes as an invitation and guide to the food that is traditionally left for them.

Many of the Christmas traditions that have sprung up around the use of candles had their origin in pagan rites.

The pagan Yule, nearly coinciding with today's date for Christmas, was accompanied by the burning of a giant log during the twelve days in which it was thought that the sun stood still. From this stems Yule log tradition.

In medieval Europe the custom arose of also lighting a giant Christmas candle that would burn brightly till Twelfth Night.

During their Saturnalia Romans fastened candles to trees to dispel the darkness, thus indicating the sun's return.

There is an old story that Martin Luther brought a fir tree into the nursery one Christmas Eve for his wife and children. To show them the glory of the night when Christ was born, he decorated the tree with lighted candles, representing stars.

Today, electric lights have taken the place of candles on Christmas trees, but candles still burn brightly in churches and homes throughout the world.

One of the most impressive holiday uses of candles is in the candlelight carol and communion services held in many churches at Christmas time.

Appropriately enough, one of the loveliest of candlelight ceremonies takes place each year in the Central Moravian church at Bethlehem, Pa. Complete with traditional organ and orchestral music, the program includes reading of the Christmas story, prayers and carols.

Holy Day Helped Comfort Sorrow

Even when Christmas wasn't merry, history shows that the holy holiday has brought comfort and hope into the midst of sorrow and hardship.

Such was an early Christmas in the New World, observed in 1535 at a small fortress on the banks of the St. Charles river near what is now the City of Quebec, Canada.

Jacques Cartier, French explorer, and his band of 110 settlers were beset by cold and hunger, as well as fear of the nearby Indians, whose friendly attitude seemed to have changed. More than half the members of the colony suffered from scurvy.

Bravely, the men celebrated Christmas. Mass was said in a log cabin, at an altar made from a wooden table; evergreen branches decorated the walls; carols were sung and the best of the meager food supplies were used for a "feast."

For Kissing

Secular and religious Christmas customs met in the old English "kissing bunch." This evergreen ball had mistletoe, for kissing, hung from the center.

But it also contained small dolls to represent Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as well as an array of fruits and colorful ornaments.

ENGLISH CUSTOM

In England, ash fagots often are burned for good luck on Christmas and a common custom is for each of a group of girls to mark one fagot as her own. The girl whose fagot first takes fire is supposed to be the first to marry.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our good friends and their loved ones, we extend our sincerest wishes for a Christmas season filled with cheer.

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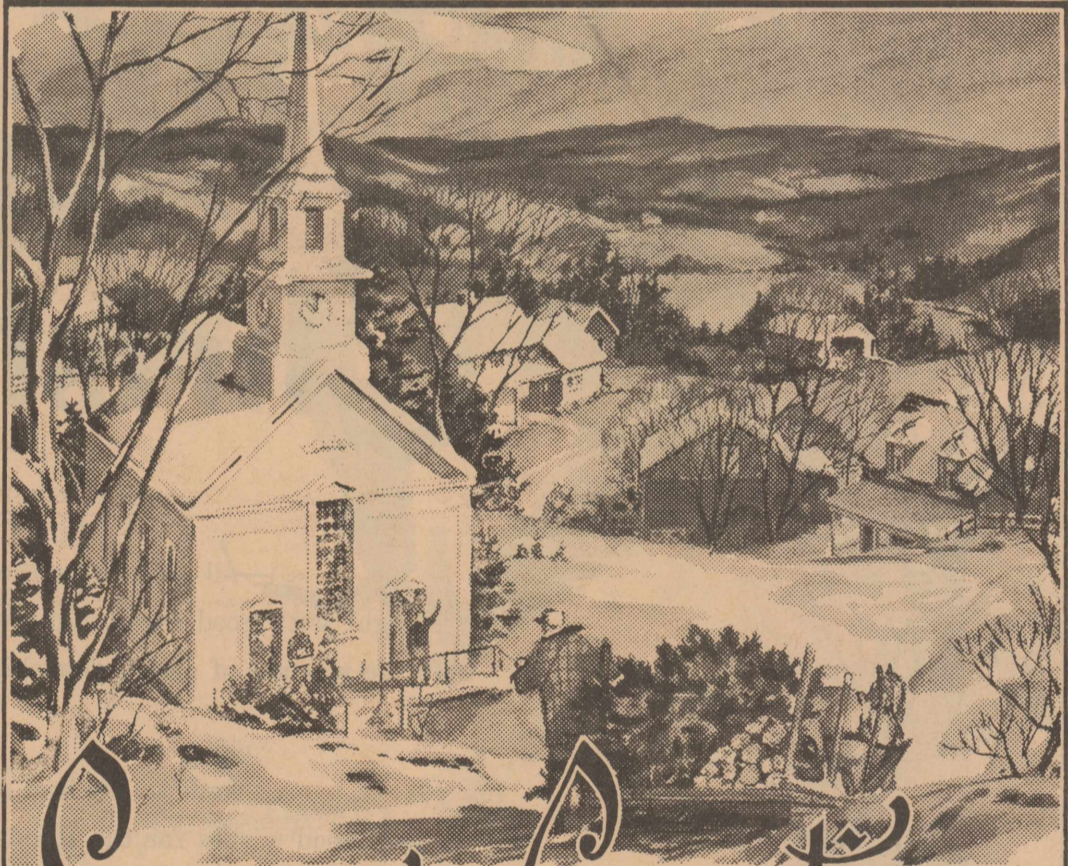
Happy Holiday

Flying high are our hopes for your happiness during the Holiday season. But deeply rooted is our appreciation of your patronage and good will in the past year. We shall look forward to the opportunity of continuing to serve you throughout the new year.

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"MERRY CHRISTMAS"



Season's Greetings

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CHRISTMAS PARTY---Shown above is a scene from the seventh grade class section two Christmas party Friday Dec. 20. Members of the class exchanged gifts and refreshments were served. The class presented their Christmas tree to Donnie Sennett.

Snow Scenes Say, "It's Christmas"

By ANNA MANG

Where the sun shines bright, the air is balmy and never is heard the discouraging howl of a blizzard, Christmas is still a winter wonderland.

In northern climes the plaint is, "We just don't have snow for Christmas the way we used to," and even in climates where decorated palm trees substitute for evergreens and holiday picnics are more likely than sleigh rides, snow and plenty of it seems an essential part of the vision of the Yuletide.

Country snow scenes are popular greeting card subjects and Christmas illustrations in Southern states, South American countries and many other places where snow seldom or never falls. Songs and stories tell of a Christmas world wrapped in wintry white.

It Was Rainy Season

The popularity and persistence of the "winter wonderland" idea seems more remarkable since "snow for Christmas" must have been improbable, if not impossible, as a part of the Holy Night. Rain was more likely, especially on the date officially celebrated as Christ's birthday. December 25 is right in the midst of the rainy season in Bethlehem.

Early art depicting the Nativity and the events following it was faithful to the probabilities. In these paintings, the shepherds watched in fields free of snow, and the Holy Family fled to Egypt under sunny skies, their route marked by palm trees. Later, snow appeared in paintings of the Holy Night.

White Means Purity

Part of the explanation may be that white, rather than red and green, was early chosen by churches as the color of Christmas. White is, of course, the symbol of purity and innocence, and a landscape white with snow thus becomes a proper expression of the true spirit of Christmas.

Other explanations may be found in the origins of Christmas customs. Many of the pagan rites which were absorbed into the Christian celebration came from Northern Europe and, if not associated directly with snow, at least reflected the need for warmth in winter.


The Yule log, for instance, became a part of the early Christmases, and certainly an open fire indoors is enhanced by a blanket of snow outdoors.

Had Snowy Source

Consider, too, that a number of modern Christmas customs — the tree and its lights, for instance — came from Germany, where cold, snowy winters might logically contribute to the legends and lore of the season. The first lighted tree was, supposedly, created by Martin Luther as a symbol of a starry sky on a snowy night.

In modern times Irving Berlin and Bing Crosby have substantially strengthened the vision of a "White Christmas." Bing singing Berlin's famous song is now a traditional part of the Yule season.

While many, perhaps most, people may be able only to dream of a white Christmas and create its semblance with cotton or spray-on snow, it's a safe assumption that the happiest season will continue to be envisioned as a snowy winter wonderland.



Merry Christmas

All aboard for the merriest Yuletide ever
...bright with good cheer, light with laughter and filled
with the warmth of close friendships and family reunions.

And to our host of friends and neighbors
we send good wishes for the Holiday Season and offer our
deep appreciation for their continued loyalty and good will.

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Electric Service Bills To Come In Envelopes

Electric service bills for Dimmitt customers will come in envelopes beginning next week, it has been announced by Earl Brock, manager for the Southwestern Public Service Company.

The change from the postcard bill, which has been in use for a number of years, is the result of the installation of new electronic billing equipment, Brock said.

"I think the chances are slim that anyone would throw away an envelope with our company's return address on it, without first seeing what it contained, but it seemed wise to point out, at the start of this new billing procedure, that the statement will be coming in an envelope in the future", Brock added.

The new envelope, white in color with a green block, is clearly marked on the outside as an electric service bill. Enclosed along with the new statement is a return envelope. The stub from the bill should be enclosed with the payment, the same practice that has prevailed in the past.

He also said Dimmitt customers would be billed at the same time of the month that they have been in the past.

He further pointed out that there is a feature in the new billing system which might encourage more customers who have checking accounts to use the bank draft method of payment. He said that the objection to this method on the part of some customers in the past has been that they didn't know how much their bank account had been charged.

Under the new billing system, the customer using the bank draft method of payment will receive a copy of his statement at the same time that the billing for Dimmitt customers is made. The statement will be clearly marked that it should not be paid because a bank draft will be drawn, but it will inform the customer of his monthly charges for electric service.

A small pamphlet, announcing the new billing procedures, will be enclosed in the first statements, scheduled to go out next week, Brock said.

VISIT WARRENS

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Stuht and two children of El Paso, enroute to Wisconsin for the holidays, visited Sunday of last week in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warren.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Marsellis Kendrick was dismissed from Castro County Hospital in Dimmitt last week after spending a few days for blood poisoning on his hand, caused from infection in blister.

Boys Ranch Gifts Told

Many people are giving to their favorite charities, churches or hospitals or cemetery fund in place of sending Christmas cards this year.

The three Love boys at the Buckner Boy's Ranch at Burnett will receive gifts this year from the following people who gave for their gift in place of sending cards. Messrs. and Mmes. Milton Sharp, Preston

Upshaw, Howard Mitchell, Charlie Martin, O.D. Dinwiddie, Denzil Leonard, Boots Rogers, L. W. Farris, Ralph Futrell, and Carl Rambo and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hawkins Sr made a donation to the Hart Cemetery Fund along with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Welty and family.

IN LUBBOCK

Mmes. Lee Harris and Judd Davis spent last Sunday in Lubbock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kittrell and daughter.



Peaceful as a snowy landscape, lively as a playful fawn is the Christmas we wish for you. We are ever grateful to you for your thoughtful consideration and gracious patronage.

B & K GROCERY

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bennett

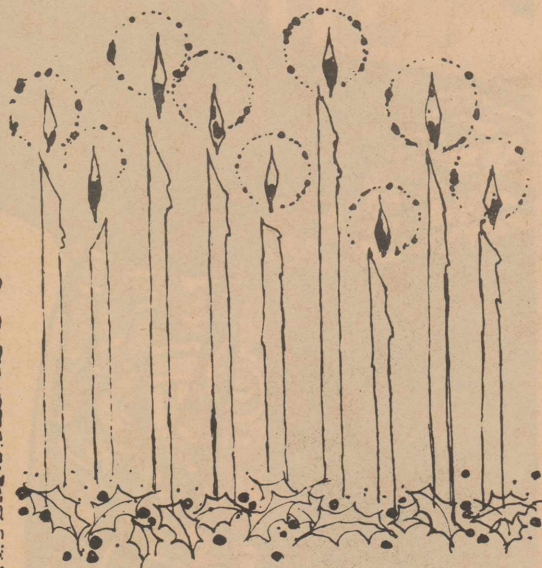
and

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lambert



A Christmas Message

Peace on Earth, good will toward men... the glorious message of Christmas... once more lifts the hearts of all mankind. May its inspiration abide with you and yours, and bring you great joy now and always.



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Christmas



As the wise men followed a guiding star to the place where He was born, may our hearts turn to Him this Christmas, with love and adoration. As we hear again the blessed story of His birth, may we experience anew the joys of that first Christmas, long ago. May the spirit of inspiration of the day abide with us through all our lives. And may the Star of Bethlehem light the way to "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." These Christmas wishes we share with you, in the true spirit of this Holy Season.

Greetings



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"SEASON'S GREETINGS"

Merry Christmas

Greetings and best wishes to you for a happy holiday season. May your Christmas be the merriest!



MAC MOTOR SERVICE

The Doyce McAdams Family

Winning Christmas Essays

What does Christmas mean to you?

Students in grades one through six in Hart Schools were asked to submit essays on this subject, with three winners to be selected.

First prize of \$5 goes to Vicki Durham; second, \$3 to Jim Tucker; and third, \$2 to Barbara Hansen.

Judges noted that all of the essays were excellent and the choice was a difficult one.

Other essays were submitted by Debbie Hansen, Ruth Harris, Pam Shive, Andy Rogers, Carol Miller, Dirk Rambo, Danny Smith, Harold Bennett, Robert Brooks, Beverly Hill, Janet Elliott, Douglas Heck, Marsha Seago, Paula Sue Harris, Silvia Gonzalez, Belinda Manoquin and Roder Brooks.

Printed below are the three winning essays:

What Christmas Means To Me

BY VICKI DURHAM
FIRST PLACE

Christmas to me means "Peace". Peace and happiness to all men around the world. A time for everyone to join their friends and relatives in worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ's birthday. I hear the story of Baby Jesus's birth read over and over and never tire of the beautiful verses. When I hear about the shepherds seeing the star out on the desert and following it to the little stable, with their gifts for this precious baby, there is a warmth and friendship toward the baby

Jesus that brings joy and gladness to all who will listen.

Christmas to me is a very happy time from the beginning of December when all the family helps with trimming the tree until the last gift is opened and the last bite of wonderful Christmas food with its trimmings is eaten. I look forward to Christmas Eve when late in the afternoon, I watch cars come with relatives. I know then we will have a wonderful time playing, laughing and singing together. My favorite time of all is just before opening the gifts when everyone gathers around the tree and beautiful Christmas carols are sung. The children and grownups all join together singing the songs of Christmas that have been written only for this occasion. We quietly sing "Silent Night". Last of all someone offers a prayer for all the world and the families and friends that are near. Then we get to open those packages that have been so mysteriously lying under the tree for so long. The gifts we have shaken and rattled and tried to guess what was in, now can be opened and enjoyed.

Christmas day is filled with joy and happiness for all of my family. When at last the day is over, I go to bed with a sad sort of feeling that this joyous season is over. Then I go to sleep wishing that the Spirit of Christmas could stay in the hearts of our people the year around.

What Christmas Means To Me

BY JIM TUCKER
SECOND PLACE

Christmas, to me, means a time of giving to those you love. It doesn't mean just giving gifts, but giving your time to do something nice and special for someone.

Christmas is a time for happiness and a time for celebrating the birthday of Jesus. Christmas means going to church and praying, worshipping, and singing songs about Jesus when he was a baby.

Christmas means the time of year when you buy a Christmas tree and have lots of fun decorating it.

Christmas is the time when you write to Santa Claus, asking him to bring you something you especially wanted. It

means hanging your stocking in hopes that Santa will leave it full of candy and fruit. It is the time when you leave cookies and milk under the Christmas tree for Santa because he has made such a long trip.

To me, Christmas means the time when you go to Nanny's and Granddad's house to visit and see all the pretty packages under the Christmas tree.

It is the time of wondering what could be in all those packages and wondering if the time will ever come to start opening all of those packages.

Christmas is wonderful!

What Christmas Means To Me

BY BARBARA HANSEN
THIRD PLACE

Christmas means a lot to me and should to others. It is a joyous time for giving. It is a feeling of togetherness when the whole family helps put up the tree and decorations, sing songs, wrap presents, and make candy, cookies, and cakes.

When we sit down at the table, we should be thankful for the many things God has given us.

My family and others never tire of the wonderful story of Christ's birth read from the Bible. It is a feeling of humbleness when we listen to the story. I like best the part where the star leads the shepherds to the manger where Christ lay.

It is a season for peace and good will to men; love thy neighbor; to be kind to one another. It is a season for being gay and happy and worshipping God. I believe this poem can say it better than words:

One dark stormy night,
Came an angel with wings of light.

He told of a stranger,
Who lay in a manger.

His cross he bore,
Peasant clothes he wore.
He cured people lame,
With blind do the same.

He was the Son of God,
Had powers very odd.
His name was Jesus,
In his hands he keeps us.

TO NEW MEXICO

Bob Kendrick of Kerrville, who has been visiting with son, Marsallis and family, has gone to Albuquerque, N.M. to visit in the home of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Jones.



Season's greetings

Our Christmas message is wreathed in good wishes and garlanded with gratitude for the privilege of serving all our many friends.

HART GIN

Nanny Farm Party Held

The Martin home was the sight for the annual Nanny Farms Christmas party Tuesday night with Mrs. Ralph Perry of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Martin, Jr. as host. A charcoal steak dinner was served in the garage, which was decorated for Christmas with a western theme.

After dinner games were played, followed by an hour of singing.

Those attending were Messrs. and Meses. R. A. Futrell, Theron Morrison, Vernon

Mapp, B.H. Rogers, Fred Bass Jr., Arthur Cheves, Carl Rambo, Everette Heller, Marvin Gardner, Weldon Davis, Alvis Jolly and Albert Jones.

PARTY TIME

Provide plenty of ash trays for your adult guests.

Make sure the path to your door is well lighted and remove hazards which might cause your guests to fall.



Today in Williamsburg, restored capital of Colonial Virginia, the visitor can turn back the calendar two centuries and celebrate Christmas much as the colonists did—according to the customs which they had brought from England.

Christmas in Colonial Williamsburg was primarily a holy day and churches and homes were decorated with greens. Candles burned in the windows to welcome carolers and the Yule log burned brightly upon the hearth.

There were public celebrations. Musicians played special concerts, and fireworks and cannon were exploded. Feasting, of the groaning board variety, was in order with dishes of roasted fowl and hare, marrow pudding, ham, oysters, sausage, shellfish, often capped by whole roast boar on a platter. A few gifts were exchanged as part of the celebration, but not nearly on the present-day scale.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm 4 years old. I have tried to be a good girl all year. Would you please bring me a Barbie and Ken dolls, Barbie Bed, a kitchen, range, refrigerator, sink set, and bring my big brother a bike. Please don't forget all my friends in Hart.
Love you,
Kimberly Davis.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Chatty Kathy Doll, a little rocking chair, a baby bed, and a doll play house. If you don't have all of these just bring me what you can.
I am 6 years old and am a good girl.
Love,
Susan Blankenship

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Doll and Some doll dishes. I am 8 years old and have been good girl.
Love,
Martha Tenario

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Chatty Kathy Doll and a bicycle. I am 7 years old and in the first grade.
Love,
Olga Sandoval

Child's Parents Are Gift Experts

Relatives should not hesitate to ask a child's parents what toys to buy the child for Christmas. This small gesture might prevent the child from receiving two or three toys of the same kind.

Parents, of course, will not suggest that relatives give their child a certain gift. They can, however, offer helpful advice, and they certainly are in the best position to know the type of gifts suitable to each child's skills and abilities.

This planning ahead can also make for goodwill from parents as well as children. Some parents, especially those with large families, are not too appreciative when relatives and friends bring children gifts which are noise-

makers or "sets" of one kind or another that separate into one thousand and one pieces.

Relatives with only one or two children to buy gifts for, should consider the idea of combining their money to send one big gift, perhaps a tricycle or a bicycle, instead of separate toys that the child may not enjoy. Here, too, it would be wise to first consult the parents. They might be planning to ask Santa to bring a bicycle on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cowboy gun and a little radio. I want a top too. Be good to my brothers and sisters too.
Love,
Mike Ojeda
I am 7 years old and in the first grade.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Snap Top, a Tiger Joe and a Pop Gun. Bring my sisters and brother something too.
Love,
Kent Irons

VISITS LOMANS
Mrs. Willie Harris of McLean spent Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Loman.

SAFE HOLIDAY

If your holiday plans include travel by automobile, be sure to start early and drive carefully. Road conditions are unpredictable at this time of year and extreme caution is advised. It will be much better to arrive at your destination a few minutes late than not to arrive at all.

MAKE ORNAMENTS

You can fashion your own Christmas tree ornaments with aluminum foil plates. With scissors, paints, glow papers, baubles, and foil plates, you can construct various designs and many color combinations. Foil plates are inexpensive and easy to work with.

GOING OUT

Give your "sitter" good instructions and be sure to tell her what to do in case of an emergency, such as a fire. If you have to many "socials" while out, let someone who hasn't drive you home.



To our many friends both old and new, we wish the joys of the season in fullest measure. May your holidays sparkle with the merriment of good times and good cheer, and glow with the radiance of warm friendships, family and home.

HART OF THE PLAINS GIN

Merry Christmas

TO YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD WILL

Alford's Longhorn Cafe



Sincere good wishes

for the Holiday Season to all our good friends! We've enjoyed serving you, and want to thank you heartily. Wishing you all good health, good cheer and every happiness the Holiday can bring!

WALT HANSEN GRO.

Holy Meaning of Christmas Expressed in Church Services

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Like the shepherds who left their flocks to seek the Babe of Bethlehem, men, women and children of this community will put aside not only

their everyday concerns but the more immediate interest in tree-trimming and package-wrapping and go to find once again the holy meaning of Christmas, in special services held by local churches.

Catholic churches will proclaim the birth of the King of Christendom by solemn midnight masses. To commemorate the Nativity, Protestant churches will hold candlelight

and communion services and children's programs.

The custom of saying mass at midnight derives from an old belief that Christ was born at that hour. Actually, mass may be said at any hour during the night before Christmas, and in some countries the first Christmas mass is said at four or five in the morning.

According to early Roman regulations, Christmas mass was celebrated "when the cock crows" — about three o'clock in the morning. Spanish-speaking people still call midnight mass "Misa de Gallo," while the Portuguese term is "Missa do Galo" — in both cases, "mass of the cock."

Candlelight services held in Protestant churches symbolize Christ as the light of the world, and the shining beams of the candles call to mind the Star that shone to guide the Wise Men.

Exemplifying the spiritual side of Christmas are programs which include special sermons, reading the Christmas story, prayers, carols and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

WISE MEN came from the East, three kings were they. They had long searched their hearts and studied the stars and their mission was to follow the brightest of stars.

These kings of men were not mere wanderers in a strange land, but men of purpose, seeking the fulfillment of prophecy.



Far from home and accustomed regal comfort, these weary travelers pushed onward, waiting the moment when the light of the star would signify they had reached journey's end.

They had traveled far, these kings of men, to kneel down and pay homage to a mere infant—a newborn child—the "King of Kings".

IN GERMANY

For German children the Christmas season begins with the hanging of a calendar

showing a painted house, on December 1. Doors and windows of the house often hide pieces of candy.



Naming Santa

Santa, the giver of many gifts, is a man of many names, too. While he is becoming almost universally known as Santa Claus, Santa or St. Nick, many European children still wait for the arrival of St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas was the first of Santa's names and came from a real bishop in the fourth century, A.D. He is said to travel not by reindeer but on horseback, and wears bishop's robes.

Over the years, Santa has gained still other names. In France he's Pere Noel, in Finland Father Christmas, in Germany Kris Kringle, in Russia Father or Grandfather Frost.

Santa Gets His Garb From Poem, Cartoon

Santa first appeared in his now-traditional guise as a plump, jovial, white-bearded and pipe-smoking old gentleman — "a right jolly old elf" — in the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," written by Dr. Clement C. Moore in 1822.

Earlier, "Santeclaus" had been pictured dressed as a bishop, in a book called "The Children's Friend," and in Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker History of New York," published in 1809, Santa was said to wear a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches.

Even Dr. Moore's poem did not, apparently, clothe Santa in a red suit. "He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot," says the poem.

Santa as he looks today was first sketched by Cartoonist Thomas Nast, in 1869. The cartoon showed Santa in his familiar red garb, smoking a pipe.

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Season's Good Wishes

As the holiday season glides merrily in, we would like to take the opportunity to express our appreciation to all the good people who have helped make this year such a wonderful one for us. Thank you . . . and best wishes for loads of Yuletide happiness!

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THE FAMILY TREE

BY MIKE BENNETT

"YOU'LL FEEL different about it, Bill, once you see how pretty an old-fashioned tree will be. What on earth are you stopping for?"

Dad opened the car door. "Jack, you and Eddie stay in the car where it's warm." I wasn't about to get out in that cold. Eddie was fast asleep.

There was silence for a long time. Then mother spoke up, "I'm sorry, Bill. I guess my idea is causing a lot of trouble. . . Now what are you stopping for?"

"Everything's fine. Just fine. Fine and dandy. . . except we have a flat tire."

Time Out

I don't know how long it took to change the tire. I fell asleep. When I woke up, we were parked in front of a farm house and dad was on the porch talking to someone. The man pointed across the road to a steep hillside.



The rope broke and the tree slipped forward across the hood of the car.

Mother got out of the car. "I'd like to pick the tree."

Dad frowned. "I may have to go a long way up the hill. It's steep, and slippery. I wouldn't recommend it."

"But I have walking shoes on, and I'll be careful. Honest I will."

"Well, all right then. Come on."

"Us, too?" Eddie was awake now, leaning out the car window.

"Sure, why not. Everybody help get the tree."

We examined every tree on the bottom of the slope. Dad made up his mind several times but mother would say, "Let's find a better one."

We looked, higher and higher

up the hill. We were almost to the top when it happened.

Accident

Mother was following the three of us and no one saw it. Suddenly we heard her gasp, looked around, and there she sat, looking helpless and frightened.

Dad dropped his axe and rushed to her side. "What happened?"

"It's my ankle. I think I turned it."

Dad muttered something. I knew it wasn't, but it sure did sound like he said, "Merry Christmas."

It took several minutes to get mother down to the car. Dad had to go slow to keep from falling himself. Often, he would start to slip and he would look like an acrobat, supporting mother with one hand and trying to find something to hold on to with the other.

The three of us were silent the whole time dad was back up the hill. When he returned, he had the axe and what looked like the most beautiful Christmas tree I had ever seen. He tied it to the top of the car with some rope and soon we were on our way home, still silent as church mice.

It happened just before we got back to the main highway. The rope snapped suddenly. The tree slipped forward, across the hood of the car.

Forgetting the windows were closed to keep out the cold, dad tried to reach out and catch the tree and in that split second, the car began to slide sideways, the two rear wheels coming to rest deep in the snow of the ditch beside the road.

Dad walked two miles to the nearest farm house and a kindly old man brought two old mules to pull us back on the road. The car wasn't hurt, but mother's ankle had really begun to swell and by this time dad was talking to himself.

Dad insisted the old man take five dollars for coming out into the cold. He did, reluctantly, wishing us a "Merry Christmas."

Last Straw

Nothing else happened, believe it or not, until dad was putting the last few ornaments on the tree, under the expert guidance of mother, naturally.

The footstool crumbled. That's dad, sitting there by the fireplace. Doc Smith says it's a back sprain, nothing a few days off his feet won't cure.

That "Merry Christmas" sign above dad's head he put there himself. Eddie, mom and me know it actually means "Don't Disturb!"

Mom says don't worry, though, dad will soon get into the spirit of things, especially when all the neighbors start coming in to see our tree. She called them all up to invite them and they'll come. Mom says folks have to see for themselves when you tell them you have the "most expensive tree in town."

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

IN JAPAN

Christmas is observed widely in Japan despite the fact that fewer than one per cent of the country's population is Christian. Each year, Tokyo's streets are bright with holiday decorations, and "White Christmas" is almost as popular as it is in America.

SECOND USE

Broken Christmas tree decorations can still be useful. Cut card-board into star shapes and apply fresh, white shellac. While the shellac is still wet place the fragments securely on the cardboard. When dry, the shellac will hold them in place.

FIREWORKS

Fireworks, outlawed in many sections of this country, are used elsewhere in the world to signal great events. In Central America, the setting off of fireworks traditionally celebrates the birthday of Christ. Fireworks continue through the night each Christmas Eve.



We take this happy time of year to wish you all the joys of the Holiday Season, and to join all men of good will in a prayer for worldwide peace and understanding. May your Holidays be merry and bright!

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Give Cranberry Relish A Try

Cranberry sauce sets well on almost every Christmas table. However, there are other fine ways to feature cranberries.

Why not try a fresh, raw cranberry relish with your Christmas turkey, ham or chicken? The flavor complements any meat and adds a welcome touch to the festive table.

CRANBERRY RELISH

2 oranges
1 lemon
2 apples

2 to 3 cups sugar
2 pounds of cranberries

Wash and peel oranges and lemon. Wash and quarter apples, removing all seeds. Wash cranberries. Grind fruit together, including some orange and lemon peel. Add sugar to desired sweetness. Mix well. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.

Know-How Preserves Beauty Of Plants

You don't really have to have a green thumb to have "luck" with house plants. You just need to remember that such plants need sufficient light and sufficient humidity.

If your plants are thin and don't flower properly, they need more light. If plants drop leaves or turn brown, they lack sufficient humidity.

Give your plants the light they need — utilizing incandescent or fluorescent lights if necessary. But, by all means keep plants away from radiators and other sources of dry heat.

Choose Toys To Suit Child, Not Yourself

Buy toys for the child, not for yourself, toy manufacturers say.

Elliot Handler, president of a leading toy firm has this to say: "Toys are a child's world, a private little existence in which parents or other adults are often unwelcome. If a toy must be operated by a parent, it loses considerable play value to the child. His imaginary play world will lose much of its appeal if a parent must be on hand constantly to spell out the rules and instructions, or to set it up.

"Toys are fun, but the right toy is even more fun, and just as easy to choose."

Cards Came Late in Yule Traditions

Many of today's Christmas traditions began somewhere in the dim past, but the practice of exchanging greeting cards is just a little over a century old.

In 1848 William Maw Egley, a "starving" young English artist, came up with the idea of designing a Christmas card and reproducing it on pieces of pasteboard for the public to buy.

Egley's card showed a family Christmas dinner, formal dance, skating, carolers, almsgiving, a Punch and Judy show and other aspects of a celebration resembling the one in Charles Dickens' "The Christmas Carol," published a few years previously. Unfortunately, Egley's friends were not enthusiastic about his idea.

New Year's Apology

The "daddy" of all holiday cards was designed and etched in 1812 by J. A. Boerner, a young Londoner, who wanted to apologize to friends for his failure to pay a New Year's Day visit. Mr. Boerner's card made it clear he was tied to his home by depicting him with his coat caught in the locked doorway of his house.

In 1843, Sir Henry Cole, a busy English "missionary" of culture, hit upon the idea of sending out little missives at Christmas. John Calcott Horsley of the Royal Academy, famous for his campaign against nude art, designed the cards and Sir Henry sent out 1000 to friends.

It wasn't until the early 1860's that cards were issued for general distribution by a large English publishing company.

Christmas greetings were introduced into the United States by the Marcus Card company of London. They became popular immediately, and in 1874 Louis Prang, a German immigrant, started a Christmas card business at Roxbury, Mass.

Custom Lost Fashion

At the turn of the century, he ceased publishing rather than compete with imports flooding the market. For the next decade or so the custom of exchanging cards fell out of fashion.

Only after World War One did American manufacturers begin to achieve success in the card business. Then inexpensive printing and lithographing processes brought Christmas cards within everyone's reach.

Despite its relatively recent start in this country, the custom has caught the fancy of the American public to the extent that it sends billions of Christmas cards every year, according to Mrs. Peggy Gilbert of Norcross, Inc.

IN NORWAY

Norwegians hide an almond in the Christmas pudding. Tradition says the finder will be married in the next year.



*Greetings
to all...*

Christmas is upon us...and we cannot help but feel grateful

to our many friends who have helped make the past so worthwhile and whose confidence in us gives added strength and promise to the future.

In fullest gratitude we extend our sincerest wishes for A Joyous Holiday Season.

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CHRISTMAS SEALS

Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the fight to stamp out tuberculosis, have been with us since 1904.

The idea was conceived by a Danish postal clerk in 1903, while mailing Christmas packages and letters. Einar Holboell mentioned the idea to his fellow workers and they thought it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise appeared on the first seals in 1904.

A Danish-born American, Jacob Riis sold the idea to the American public in a 1907 magazine article and a Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

IN AMARILLO

The Ed Harris family spent Sunday in Amarillo with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mills and family.

HOLIDAY FIREWORKS

In the United States, fireworks are associated with the celebration of the Fourth of July. Our neighbors to the South use fireworks to celebrate the birthday of Christ.

In some sections of the Americas, particularly on Christmas Eve, fireworks are as traditional as going to church or setting down to a family feast.



EDDIE NICHOLSON

Helping Mold Attitudes Is Important To Coach

"Seeing boys and girls mold good attitudes and become good American citizens," is the most rewarding thing about teaching to Coach Eddie Nicholson of Hart School.

Nicholson, who is head basketball coach and backfield coach in football, has been teaching at Hart School for the two years he he has been in the profession.

He also teaches speech in grades 12, eighth grade English, seventh grade reading and spelling and ninth grade driver's education.

He says he enjoys English and "it always came easy to me."

"I like to work with boys and girls," he says.

"I like to help make them better citizens."

In agreement with most other teachers, Nicholson believes dedication to the profession is a necessity.

"Without it, we would have no standards or goals to achieve," he says.

"One must be dedicated to the profession and strive to uphold the adopted ethics," he adds.

He says that athletics was probably the major factor in influencing him to become a teacher.

A graduate of Plainview High School and West Texas State College, he majored in physical education and minored in English.

Interested in all kinds of sports, he also likes to read and is a hi-fi fan.

He is making plans to continue his education by working on his Master's Degree.

Merry Christmas

WE WISH OUR FRIENDS A SHINING HOLIDAY!

Longhorn Barber Shop

Story of one Solitary Life

Author Unknown

HERE IS A YOUNG MAN who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While he was still a young man, the tide of private opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life.

CHRISTMAS CHEER TO EVERYONE!

RICHBURG'S PLUMBING SERVICE

Lowell, Bobby & DeAnn

Season's Good Wishes

PARSONS FUNERAL HOME

With sincere gratitude for the warm friendships which we have enjoyed, we extend greetings of the season to all of you, whose good will and loyalty we count among our most cherished possessions. May the holidays find you in hearty good health, surrounded by devoted family and friends.

Percy & Margaret Parsons

Choice of Tree Differs From East To West

In New England and the Northeast, balsam fir and white spruce are the most popular Christmas trees, while Pennsylvanians often prefer Scotch pine, spruce and red pine.

In the South, red cedar and the scarce but beautiful holly tree are often used, as well as pine.

In the West, cedars and Arizona cypress are favorites, and on the West Coast a wide variety of trees, Douglas fir, blue spruce, Engleman spruce and other locally grown trees are all popular.

Holiday Stains Need Attention

Removing Christmas stains from fabrics—such as ink, candle wax, glue or chocolate—calls for prompt action.

Carbon tetrachloride is best to remove ballpoint ink. Soak garment in warm soap or detergent suds, wash and rinse in clear water. If discoloration remains on white or bleachfast material, use a mild bleach and launder again.

Scrape excess candle wax off garment with a table knife. Place stained spot between white blotters and press with hot iron. Then

rub gently with turpentine and wash in warm suds.

For glue stain, soak fabric in warm suds until dissolved; launder in fresh warm suds.

For chocolate or cocoa stain, wash in hot suds. Treat remaining stain with weak solution of household bleach or hydrogen peroxide and launder again in hot suds.

CARD FAVORITES

The Nativity Scene is by far the most popular Christmas card illustration, followed by winter scenes. In recent years, the works of great masters have been featured. One modern-day artist, Grandma Moses has become famous for Christmas illustrations.

Epiphany Marks Visit Of Wise Men

Traditionally, Twelfth Night of Christmas, or Epiphany, marks the visit of the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child in Bethlehem.

Twelfth Night observances are still popular in Europe and in many sections of this country. In the old tradition, the Yule Log, burning since Christmas, is extinguished on this day. In this country, some communities gather their Christmas trees for a public bonfire, with everyone gathering around to sing Christmas carols.



TOYMAKERS . . . A toy that makes toys is offered by one manufacturer this year. Kids can make their own plastic boats, cars, jewelry, cabins, decorations, signs and comic buttons. Comes with over 50 individual molds; clay for making additional molds, sheets of colored, clear and metalized plastic, and instruction booklet.

Season's Greetings

At the holiday season, our thoughts turn with special warmth to our loyal friends and customers. We want to say how pleased we are to be privileged to serve the folks in this community and we wish for all a Yuletide that really rings the bell for good fellowship, contentment and good cheer . . .

to everyone

WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE

Dimmitt, Texas

Bells, Bells, Bells

Through the ages, bells have served many purposes — announcing the approach of vehicles, for instance, or signaling the beginning of curfew. Early associated with churches, by medieval times the pealing of the bells had come to signify the rejoicing of the Christmas season.

An early custom was the tolling of church bells on Christmas Eve, during the hour before midnight. The tolling announced the death of Satan, and at midnight joyous peals told of the birth of Christ.

In England, where bell-ringing is an honored, family-taught art, the tuneful bells ring out at seven-thirty on Christmas morning.

It takes years of training and practice to learn the ringing of complex "changes," as the different chants and tonal combinations are called.



May the spirit of peace be with you!

Bailey

Motor Service



PACK MEETING----Shown above in the top row are David Warren, Paul Harris, Ralph Bell, Kim McGill and David Harris; middle row, David Jackson, Keith Lemons, Brent Sanders, James Warren and David Hawkins; front row, David Armstrong, Dennis Hill, Stanley Dyer, Theron Hawkins and Duane Clevenger.

Cub Scout Meet Held

Pack 246 Cub Scouts of Hart had their regular meeting and Christmas party Thursday night at the American Legion building.

The cubmaster, Miles Jackson, gave the cub scout sing and called the meeting to order.

Den 2 brought in the flag and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Bobcat awards were then presented to the following boys: Stanley Dyer, Theron Hawkins, Duane Clevenger, Bret Sanders, James Warren, David Armstrong, and Dennis Hill. The pins were pinned on the boys by their parents.

Miles Jackson presented den mother pins to Arlene Dyer, Irene Cox, Joan Clevenger and Virginia Hansen.

A skit of Christmas carols was given by Den 3.

Wolf rank awards were presented to David Harris.

Arrow points of one silver and one gold under the wolf rank was presented to David Harris, David Jackson, Mark Porter and David Hawkins.

A game of shoe scramble was played by some of the cub scouts.

A skit of Alvin and the Chipmunks was given by Den 4.

Bear badges were presented to Kim McGill, Ralph Bell, and Paul Harris.

One gold and one silver arrow points under bear were presented to Kim McGill and Paul Harris.

Church Class Party Held

Ladies of the Dorcas Sunday School class and husbands met in Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church Thursday night for the annual Christmas party.

The tables were decorated with Christmas arrangements and a tree was in the center of the long table.

A ham and salad supper was served after Bro. Denzil Leonard gave thanks.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Futrell, teachers of the classes, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hart, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Newman, Miss Nellie Wingreen, Mrs. Nora Ray, Mrs. H. E. Loman and Bro. and Mrs. Denzil Leonard.

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David Warren earned his lion badge.

Paul Harris was presented a dener badge and Kim McGill a assistant dener badge.

Announcement of committee men and den mothers meeting would be the second Thursday in January at the American Legion building was given by the cub master.

The awards banner and the attendance banner were both won by Mrs. Miles Jackson's Den 4.

A pinata filled with candy, made in the form of Santa Claus was broken by the boys and candy was given to everyone.

Mrs. Joan Clevenger's Den 1 presented the closing ceremony.

Please help support the Hart Cub Scouts by attending the pack meeting held every last Thursday of the month and encourage all boys eight years and older to join cub scouts.

CHURCH SPEAKER

Gill Lamb, part owner and operator of K.M.U.L. in Muleshoe, spoke in the morning worship service of the First Methodist Church Sunday morning. His topic was on temperance.

Joy at CHRISTMAS

To our many good friends and neighbors, we send a special greeting at this wonderful season of the year. Heartily, we wish for all a holiday time glowing with happiness . . . packed with fun and festivity. And to all we say a most sincere "Thank You" for your patronage throughout the year.

FROM ALL THE FOLKS AT
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Merry Christmas

To all our friends we send the warmest greetings of the season and our sincere wishes that you will have a Christmas that you will long remember for its hearty cheer and outstanding joy.

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HOLIDAY CANDLES

Don't deny yourself a candle-light atmosphere at Christmas if such is your desire. Just remember that the candle represents a potential fire hazard.

Never place lighted candles on a Christmas tree, or in the window. Do not use them in any manner with decorations that are flammable. Light them only in rooms where someone will be able to watch them closely.

Extinguish candles whenever you leave the room or the house.

Actors Go A-Caroling

Community caroling in Hanover, Va., for the past 10 years has been provided by a group of actors from Barksdale theatre and friends.

Moving about the town in red costumes and carrying lighted candles, the carolers concentrate on houses with children and elderly people.

They approach the houses singing "Jingle Bells," render two more carols, and move away singing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

"O Christmas Tree" Means Fir

Traditional for trimming, the fir is the tree most people think of when they sing "O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how lovely are thy branches."

Although there are close to 40 species of firs found in Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas, and North America, the holiday favorite — the Douglas fir — is not even a true fir.

Originally named false hemlock with yew-like needles, the Douglas fir is neither a yew, hemlock, spruce nor fir. But it does have some of the characteristics of all four evergreens, and its identity confused botanists for years.

The Douglas fir's graceful, upturned growth and ability to hold its needles when cut have put it in the top spot for Christmas use. It also produces top-quality lumber. The state of Montana is an important source of Douglas firs.

Next popular Christmas tree is the balsam fir. Also called

Canada balsam or Balm of Gilead, according to The Encyclopedia Americana, balsam grows from Newfoundland to Virginia, west to Iowa and north and west deep into

Canada.

Balsam retains needles well and give off a pleasing fragrance. It is especially well-liked in the Eastern United States.



MAY GOOD WILL AMONG ALL MEN REIGN IN THE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS—AND FOREVER!

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Christmas Wishes

It's Christmas time again... and we take pleasure in wishing for you and your loved ones a very joyous holiday... glowing with happiness... packed with fun and festivity. May the many glad memories of the season long endure.

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Charles Black, Mgr.

It happens every year at about this time. Somehow, hearts are lighter; friendships are warmer; a new spirit of good cheer is abroad in the land. You see it in every face, hear it in every voice, sense it everywhere in a hundred different ways. We would like to pack all of this Holiday spirit into our Christmas greetings to you!

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