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#### **JANUARY**

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of Texas Department of Public Safety reminded Texans today that a color photo-graph becomes a standard part of all drivers' license issued after Jan. 1, 1968.

Emmett Burrows, city night policeman at Hart the past several months has resigned and moved back to Olton.

Announcement has been made by Norlan Dudley, President of the Farmers State Bank that the interest of Kenneth Warren of Lubbock in the bank has been purchased by Robert L. Hawkins and that in its regular meeting on January 3 he was elected to the Board of Directors.

This week marked the opening of a statewide newspaper campaign, organized by Secretary of State John L. Hill to promote voter registration in Texas.

Hart school superintendent, Andy Gardenhire announces that school census is being taken at this time.

Postmaster Jewel Brooks was quoted today as saying the  $6_{f}$  stamp is still one of the best bargains in history. Postmaster Brooks estimated that the increase in postal rates that went into effect January 7 will add only \$2.25 a year to the \$16.00 a year the average household spent on postal services under the old rates.

Marin Perez, 21, of Hart, was arrested Sunday near Hart by Castro County Sheriff's Department. He was charged with burglarizing an Olton home and possession of a stolen television set.

Sp/5 Bernice Dale Fincher, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Fincher has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement by the 12th U. S. Army Security Agency Field Station. The award was presented to Specialist Fincher at Kuma Station, Chitose, Hokkaudo, Japan, Dec. 22, 1967, by his commanding officer, Col. Donald H. McKinzie.

Trophies on display in office of principal Weldon "Doc" Bates were won by High School Girls "A" team who placed second, in Amherst tourney, eighth grade girls who won first in Happy tourney, eighth grade boys who won consolation and h grade

January II, near Quang Ti, Viet-nam. Espinoza, 22, was married to the former Geneva Guzman a graduate of Hart High School. He had been in Vietnam six months and in the Marine

Corps for one year. Rebecca Futrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Futrell was chosen Lions Club Sweetheart and will serve the Lions for the next club year.

#### FEBRUARY

The Hart High School Senior Class presented their annual play Monday evening with a cast of 14. The play entitled "Antics of Andrew" was a tremendous hit with the large audience attending.

The Paul Brooks family had as guests in their home two young men from Africa, Louis and Francois Naude.

Rebecca Futrell and David Harris were named Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1967 by the Outstanding American Foundation. They were selected on the basis of ability and achievement, the two will compete with other winners in for the Governor's Texas trophy.

Sam McGilland Cecil Seaney new managers of the BigN Fertilizer were hosts to a barbecue supper at the Community Room of Farmer's State Bank, Approximately 35 were present.

Members of the Hart FFA captured honors at the Southwestern International Livestock Show held in El Paso.

The Boys' and Girls Junior High Basketball teams became district champs as they scored and easy victory over Nazareth.

Debra Davis, daughter of and Mrs. Doyle Davis Mr. showed the grand champion barrow at the Hereford Junior Livestock Show.

Boy Scouts from troop 246 spent a weekend at Camp Haynes

near Silverton.

Moonlight and Roses was the theme for the Best Beau Banquet held by the Hart FHA Chapter Feb. 17, 1968.

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#### MA RCH

Tony Martinez, 17 year old Hart youth saved the lives of two young children here when the Mobile home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ledioso burned, in which a third child died. Martinez, a neighbor saw smoke coming from the home and went in for the children who were trapped.

Ted Averitt has been employed as the Superintendent of schools in Hart according to a spokesman for the school board. His wife also has 12 years teaching experience in elementary education. Superintendent Andy Gardenhire resigned his position earlier this year.

Hart Girl Scouts held their annual Father-Daughter Banquet Tuesday evening. Approximately 55 Girl Scouts and their fathers attended.

Senator Ralph Yarborough will be the principle speaker at the 28th annual membership meeting of Swisher Electric Cooperative Inc. Over 1,000 members and guests are expected from the Panhandle area.

Hart school board renewed several contracts and accepted resignation of G. C. Graves, effective at the end of the school year.

Hart youngsters captured top awards at the Castro County Jr. Fat Stock Show in Dimmitt. Grand Champion steer was exhibited by Cindy Hill and Grand Champion Lamb was shown by David Dalton.

A forty year career will come to a close at the end of the month for Earl Brock, Dimmit manager of Southwestern Public Service Company. He will be replaced by Ralph

Glover, formerly of Olton.

The Teachers' Appreciation Banquet was held March 18. Master of Ceremonies was the Rev. Fred Brown, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Graddy Tunnell attorney from Plainview gave the address on 'Man's Attitude''.

Doug Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. <sub>2</sub>C. B. Martin has been named a distinguished Student at Texas A&M University.

Hart Lions Club named Louis J. (Bud) Steirt local farmer, "Man of The Year" at the annual ladies night banquet held in the School Cafeteria.

Darrell Davis has been named new Depot Agent.

Tony Martinez was pro-claimd a hero by Hart residents when he entered a burning trailer home and saved the lives of two small girls. Tony received several awards for his act of heroism at an assembly held at the 29th Annual Safety Conference.

#### APRIL

"Three Coins In A Foun-tain" was the theme of the Junior-Senior Banquet held in school cafeteria. the

Hart FHA chapter had a successful bake sale with proceeds approximately \$75.00. Proceeds will go for a project to help Martha Wakefield from Seminole, who received serious burn injuries in an automobile accident.

David Nelson, local farmer was elected to the school board and B. R. Bennett, incumbent returned to his position was by write-in votes.

"Hobgoblin House" a three act play, was presented April ll by the Junior Class.

Hart school board president Ralph Futrell, announced that Elmer V. Six of Seminole had been hired as Hart Elementary Principal.

"Spring is Singing" will be

the theme for the Music Festival to be presented by the high and elementary junior school choir.

Top students at Hart High School and Hart Junior High School were announced with David D. Harris as valedictorian and Lynda Shive salutatorian. David Bass captured honor of valedictorian and Cindy Dyer ranked second to be named salutatorian for the eighth grade.

#### MAY

Hart voters went to the polls May 4 to name their chosen candidates in several hotly contested races. Of particular interest to area residents were the races for county sheriff and the commissioner for precinct l.

Swisher-Castro, Bi-County P.T.A. council met May 7 in the First Baptist Church in Hart.

Miss Lynda Shive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Shive, and a senior at Hart High School was awarded the Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizen Certificate of Award and a pin at the school awards program.

A blood drive for Brett and Matt Aven, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Aven, was conducted.

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 158 held court of awards and capping ceremonies in the First Methodist Church with approximately 50 parents, friends and relatives present. Troop 158 is Hart's first Senior Scout Troop.

Hart Elementary School held their Junior Olympics April 29 and 30.

Baccalaureate Services for Hart High School were held May 5 in the First Baptist Church.

Graduation exercises Hart High School were held May 17 at the school auditorium.

#### JUNE

Clean-up Week, as proclaimed by mayor E. E. Foster, began June 10 and continued through June 15. Reports of tornadoes, a

fierce looking black cloud and damage to crops were all part of the evening when turbulent weather rolled into the Residents were alerted area. about the possibility of tornadoes and many sought shelter in storm cellars.



boys who consolation.

Fifteen members of the Hart FFA placed high in the barrow show at the Amarillo Fat Stock Show. More than six hundred barrows were exhibited.

Lynda Shive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Shive has been named 1968 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Hart High School.

A fire in the Hart Grain sub-station near Edmonson caused approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 worth of damage. Cause of the fire was unknown.

Tommy Lawrance Pass-more 30, of Amarillo was arrested in an Amarillo restaurant in connection with the September attempted burglary of Farmer's State Bank.

Victor Espinoza Jr., sonin-law of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Guzman was killed in action

Hart Jr. Riding Club was named first in the Morton Jr. Rodeo parade.

Paving, curbing and guttering was completed in the northeast part of town. Several other streets were retopped. Margaret Swindle, daugh-

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swindle was named 1968 Queen of the Hart Jr. Riding Club.

Paul Brooks cut the Hart area's first load of wheat for the season. Hart Grain Company received the load.

Hart High School cheerleaders returned home from Cheerleading school held June 9 to 16 in Cisco. They earned and returned home with the

TRIMMING THE TREE are students in Mrs. Bill Bell's fourth grade class. Classes were dismissed Thursday afternoon for the holidays and will resume Thursday, Jan. 2, 1969.



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matter at the Post Office in Sue Cannon ......Manager Hart, Texas. Lela Gallion ... Society Editor

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## School Menu

#### Jan. 2 to 3, 1969.

THURSDAY- Hot dogs and chili sauce, French fries, lettuce wedge, apricot cobbler, whole pickle, milk and butter.

FRIDAY - Hamburgers, mustard onion pickle relish, potato chips, lettuce and tomato, red velvet cake, milk and butter.

### FTA Members Hold Supper

The Maroon and White Chapter of FTA entertained Thursday night Dec. 12 with a spaghetti supper, with Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bates as special guests. A short business meeting

followed the supper, in which handbooks were distributed to the 26 members present.

The group had pictures made which were to be used in the annual.

Junior Scout troop 23 met Tuesday Dec. 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Farmers State Bank for their Christmas Party.

Special guests present were Mrs. Steven Moore and Michelle, and Mrs. Vernon Mapp and Teresa.

Girl Scouts present were Jana Mapp, DeAnn Richburg, Retha Aven, Rhonda Rowland, Elsie Arrizola, Patricia Smith, Lesa Nelson, Tammy Bates, La Donna Hart, Sandy Heck and LeAnn Friday.

Leaders Marilyn Covington and assistant Shirley Nelson were assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. Mapp.

Next meeting was slated for Jan. 7 at 3:30 p. m.



Dean Editor

## **Consolidation Of Schools**

#### Dear Editor:

On a subject as controversial as some of the recommendations of "The Governor's Committee On Public School Education", one must beware lest we generate more heat than light in discussing them.

Realizing this, I have tried, as best I may, to arrive at some rational conclusions.

Of the several recommandations of the Committee, the one most affecting our community as a whole, is that of redistricting present school systems so that every operating school district will contain 2600 children in average daily attendance in a 12 grade system". There are a few exceptions - such as the so-called "sparse area district", but none that would exempt us from redistricting. Consequently, I should like to address myself to this one problem.

I must say that I oppose the recommendation for several - and I think - apparent reasons.

FIRST: the Committee concludes that no school, smaller than the stated 2600 pupils, can offer an adequate curriculum for the high school student's preparation for the pursuit of higher education.

I would point out that even a cursory examination of our own high school curriculum makes obvious the falseness of the Committee's conclusion.

Granted, we are sorely in need of a vocational department added to our school, which the administration is presently endeavoring to secure. But no student in our high school can possibly study all offered courses in his four years of high school, nor, is he or she deprived of any basic courses needed. One has only to study any college catalog to discover that the freshman-sophomore years' requirements are the continuation of the same basics offered in our high school.

SECONDLY: there cannot but be a loss of the personal relationships of student-toteacher and student-to-student.

One of the underlying causes of college student unrest today is that they - and rightly - resent the loss of their individuality.

Strangely, the larger the school, the correspondingly fewer persons with which a

student is acquainted. He loses his individuality and becomes a punch-card number. The opportunity for teacher-individual student dialogue is curtailed and classroom

student dialogue is curtailed and classroom discussion becomes all but an impossibility since the teacher and most of the other students in the class are strangers, thus inhibiting individual expression,

Further, students traveling distances by bus would have little opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities such as sports and social events. Agreed, these may not be our prime consideration, but they are, nevertheless, important in the student's personal development.

THIRDLY: I suspect that the drop out and truancy problems would be magnified. Most of us are aware that even in a school district the size of Hart, school officials are plagued with these problems. Traveling long distances, the feeling of "being an outsider", and lack of personal acquaintance with very many students cannot possibly improve the situation.

improve the situation. You will notice that all these considerations deal with the problem from the students' perspective. This, ideally, should be our first concern. I think they are reasons enough for us to take a serious second look before the Committee's recommendations come before the Legislature - which is scheduled to happen in the next session.

But, that there is reason for further consideration, I think all will agree. It is an axiom that when the local school ceases to operate, and is transferred elsewhere, the community of which the school was a part loses its vitality and finally dwindles away. I would predict, unequivocally, that this very situation would happen in Hart.

This is, certainly, the age of "bigness". We have big business, big government, big hospitals, specialization, and even big charity. One of the fallacies of our generation is that bigness automatically means quality to many people's conception of things.

Personally, I cannot agree. At least, the "personal touch" is lacking in bigness. I know that each of our citizens and

school patrons is concerned. To do nothing about that concern would be a disservice. I urge a campaign by concerned citizens

to let our legislators know how we feel before and during the consideration of the Committee's proposal for redistricting by our governing bodies.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concern by means of this forum.

Cordially: W. H. Fred Brown

## **A Letter To Santa**

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Put into my stocking a dash of human kindness.

And add some of the Breadth of Vision that will make me realize that, in truth, I am my brother's keeper.

Pour in some of the oil of Graciousness- the mark of a true gentleman.

Give me strength to play well my part in this big, busy world and to so regulate my life that when I pass on no man can say of me: "He lived for self alone."

Leave for me a generous package of Good Cheer, so that when my neighbor is weighed down with despair I may go to help him look up and hope anew. Bring me a Jack-in-the-Box like the one that set my boyish heart to a pit-a-pat in the days agone, only let it be labeled Faith and give me the chance to unlock its magic for every heavy heart that comes my way.

Make all the children of the earth glad, dear Santa, but don't forget the grownups. Write upon the minds and hearts of all who have relinquished the carefreeness of youth for the stern verities of the daily struggle the message that real happiness consists not of material things, but in day's spent in the service of one's fellowmen.

- Author Unknown

(Editor's Note: This letter was sent to us by a former Hart Student who is attending school in Canyon.)

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STOCKING STUFFER Here's a stocking stuffer for a gourmet on your Christmas list -- meattongs. They're not only handy but save precious meat juices, says Extension Home Economist Gwendolyne Clyatt. Good cooks use tongs rather than a fork for handling sausage links, franks and chops and avoid piercing the meat. A fork tends to tear bacon, but by grasping the ends of bacon slices with tongs, the slices can be lifted and turned easily.

HOLIDAY DEATH TOLL Year's holidays.

unsafe drivers off the roads cohol by drivers and pedesand lower the toll. All avail- trians leads to some 25,000 able DPS officers will be on deaths and at least 800,000 duty during the two holiday per- not-fatal crashes in the nation iods. Director Col. Wilson E. each year. (Pat) Speir said full use will also be made of radar, heli- cause of accidents, alcohol is copters and VASCAR as enfor- found to be the causative factor cement aids. Latter is a computerized device by which patrol ing to an accident. During holcar officers can accurately

clock speeders in any direc-

tion.

## **Drinking Driver Spoils Biggest Holiday Season**

The biggest holiday season of the year is here--Christmas and New Year's-and pardon the unhappy thought, but that means more deaths on our streets and highways caused by drinking drivers stated Major Luther Moore, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety for this Region.

The drinking driver prob-PREDICTED-- Department of lem has been rising steadily Public Safety predicts 33 will through the past years until die in traffic accidents in Pexas now---one to four percent of during Christmas and New drivers on the road are accounting for about 50 to 55 per-DPS will activate "operation cent of all fatal crashes. Stat-Motorcide" in an effort to get istics reveals that the use of al-

Besides being the direct in many other violations leadiday periods it has been found that alcohol was a causative factor in 80 to 85 percent of

motor vehicle and pedestrian accidents.

Especially tragic, is the fact that much loss of life, limb, and property damage involves completely innocent people. In a grim crash statistic last year, a family of ten was wiped out by aust one drinking driver.

Major Moore lists some SAFE HOLIDAYS facts about alcohol that all drivers should know:

1. Alcohol is not a stimulant and is classified as a depressant.

2. Even small amounts of alcohol tend to reduce judgment, self-control and driving ability.

3. Coffee and other stimulants will not offset the effects of alcohol. Only time can eliminate alcohol from the blood stream.

4. It takes at least three hours to oxidize (eliminate) one ounce of pure alcohol, which is about two cocktails.

duce visual acuity as much as wearing dark glasses at night. specialist.

6. You do not have to be obviously intoxicated to be "under the influence" to be an unsafe driver.

Major Moore also stated that all uniformed enforcement personnel during the holiday period will be especially alert to the drinking driver and remove them from the streets and highways for protection to others and themselves.

Bright holiday spirits can be dampened rapidly if proper precautions are not taken, warns Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Be sure that materials placed around or under your Christmas tree are fireproof and never block an exit with the tree. Have a happy holiday, but have a safe one too.

#### BE SUBTLE WITH SPICE

Spices in cookery parallel cosmetics in grooming. Both should be subtle in order to achieve a particular effect with-5. Two cocktails, which is out becoming to noticeable, about 0.4% of alcohol may re- says Gwendolyne Clyatt,Extension consumer marketing



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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**DECEMBER 26** R. A. Futrell

DECEMBER 27 Vic Hart

**DECEMBER 28** Dwight Lewis

**DECEMBER 31** Larry Sanderson

JANUARY 3 Wister Clevenger

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**DECEMBER 27** Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bell

**DECEMBER 28** Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hardy

DECEMBER 30 Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Futrell Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Malone

#### RETURNS HOME Robert Brooks went to Carlsbad N. M. this weekend to take his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Iva Wester home after they have spent several weeks here visiting in the Brooks home.

#### IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Pat Patterson is in the Golden Spread Rest Home in Dimmitt. Mr. Patterson is still on the critical list in the Dimmitt hospital.

HAS FLU Lloyd Farris spent from Sunday to Friday in the hospital in Dimmitt with a severe case of flu which was diagnosed as the Hong Kong flu.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. New-

Christmas Carols were re-

to the meeting which was held

in the home of Mrs. Leon San-

ders of Dimmitt

CAROLS REHEARSED

#### IN HARTLEY

in her home.

FATHER DIES

nesday in Texline.

VISIT SHARPS

Ervin Decker of Texline,

who was severely burned Dec.

5 and hospitalized in North-

west Texas Hospital, Ama-rillo, passed away Saturday

morning from a heart attack. He was 49 years old and the father of Mrs. Don Jameson of Hart. The funeral was held Wed-

Ricky Hinshaw of Denver City spent Friday afternoon here visiting with a former

Mrs. Mable Aven will have her annual Christmas dinner

for her children and grandchil-

dren Saturday evening Dec. 21

classmate Kenneth Sharp.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Tump McLain spent one day in Hartley visiting their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gilcrease and family.

#### IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Sam McGill is in the Dimmitt hospital this week with pneumonia. She is reported to be doing better at this time.

hearsed Monday evening at a meeting of the Treble Tones. Mrs. Worth Jones took Carolyn Cole, Frances Cunningham, Sharon Brooks, Jeton Jones, Sue Bates and Bonnie Seymore

VISIT TAACKS Mrs. Melvin Malone and sons of Plainview spent from Tuesday to Friday here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rov Taack.



We all want to be a success.

We do not like to be a loser.

I have seen big strong foot-

ball players sit on the bench and cry because their team was los-

ing a game. Some of us have

had our own victories in the

past year. And we should thank

the Lord for them and try for

even better service in the com-

ing new year. Some have lost some battles

in the past year. But we can thank God for another chance.

Webster says to succeed is " to attain the desired ob-ject or end," Dr. Herschel

Ford tells of a young man who came into his office and said, "I have just received a salary

increase. This means more tithe in my church envelope."

"I have just received an extra

bonus and this means more tithe for the Lord." This young man

found out how to be a success-

journey in this New Year, and

we have not been this way be-

fore. Therefore, we will need a guide, and probably as never

the Saturday Evening Post every

week and the Reader's Digest

We may need to resolve to read the Bible, and adopt it as a standard of life. Some read

We are starting out on a

ful Christian.

before.

At Christmas time he said,

every month, but never God's Word

David said, "I will keep thy statutes. I will meditate in thy precepts and have respect unto thy ways. I will not forget thy word, I will keep thy law, yea I shall observe it with my whole heart."

How can we know God's word and His law if we don't know what He says?

How can the Bible be our guide if we never read it? If you are going to take a

trip to a place where you have never been before, the first thing to do is to get a guide

or a map. The Bible is God's road map through life. There are many caution and danger and stop signs in God's Word. To neglect them or disregard them or to say, "Well, they don't apply to me" or "it don't mat-ter" or "everybody is doing it" can only result in a life of hurt and wreck and ruin and wreck and ruin.

God wants us to be successful, happy and useful. That is why He has given us a guide on this journey we call life. To keep us on the right road, in the right direction, until we

safely reach our destination. The Bible is our sure guide on this journey into the unknown. So in this New Year do not neglect or reject it.





IN DIMMITT man enjoyed dinner Sunday in the home of Mrs. Don Newman and family in Dimmitt.

Infinite dome of sky. Still earth swathed in white. In the serenity of Nature We sense lasting harmony. NEWMAN GEN

Joe & Glenno

Christ Child born in Bethlehem so many years ago bring His message of Peace and Good Will into every heart on this joyful Christmas Day.

#### Taxpayer: ----KITCHEN KORNER Sign That Return

#### By Lela Gallion

Since the Christmas dinner is over and we all usually eat so many left overs we certainly do not want the same things on New Years and an almost complete change is much more appealing. Of course there is the blackeyed peas that are a must on New Years Day although I must confess I never saw or heard of a blackeyed pea until we moved here, the first time I saw them I thought they were just another kind of bean, another little note, I never saw a brown bean either just white beans. It just goes to show you learn something new almost every day and Ihopeto continue to for a long long time. Have you made your New Years resolutions for 1969? I made one but will I stick to it, if I do I will admit what it is.

Ever been at a loss as to what to serve with chicken? Here are a few suggestions

Roast chicken - candied sweet potatoes, cauliflower

Fried chicken - Lima beans. mashed potatoes, corn on the cob and biscuits

Chicken Fricassee- Dumplings, corn on the cob Chicken Pie - Green peas,

tossed salad Chicken salad - Potato

chips, celery, pickles and peas

#### **ITALIAN SPAGHETTI**

2 lb. hamburger meat 1 med. onion green pepper, if desired 2 T. chili powder 3 T. fat (bacon drippings are good)

1 can tomatoes salt and pepper to taste

Brown meat in hot grease. Add other ingredients and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes. While this simmers cook 1/2 box spag-hetti until tender. Add 1/2 lb.



cheese and stir until melted. Put a layer of meat mixture and a layer of spaghetti in a large baking dish until ingredare used. Cover with ients cheese slices and bake in 450 degree oven until cheese is melted.

Especially good with pinto beans and tossed green salad.

#### DUTCH CARROTS

2 lbs. carrots, sliced 2 T. butter

1/2 tsp. salt 1 med. onion, sliced

1/2 c. water

1/2 c. top milk or evaporated milk

Alternate layers of carrots and onions in a greased baking dish. Add butter, salt and water. Cover and cook with an oven meal. Just before serving, add hot milk. Serves 6.

#### CANDLE CAUTIONS

The lighted candle adds a special festive touch to the Christmas season but be extremely careful in placing candles around the house, advises Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Candles placed too near paper decorations, Christmas card displays, or the boughs of the tree can ignite trouble.

A

Way back, "Since Buck was a Yearling," Internal Revenue has been telling taxpayers to SIGN those tax returns --both husband and wife if a joint return. In pointing out the more common errors made by tax-

payers throughout the country, IRS says FORGETTING TO IRS SIGN was still a major problem last year. However, in the Dallas District very few tax-payers FORGOT TO SIGN their returns. It appears that the Texas tax folks talk to Texas taxpayers a lot more about SIGNING THOSE RETURNS. We

know Texans are often accused of talking more or too much. We're not sure whether Tex-ans--even those working for IRS--talk more than the average American; but Texas taxpayers' following IRS's advice does disprove the old saying--"You can tell a Texan, but not very much." It appears that IRS told the Texans TO SIGN, and THEY SIGNED.

Hart Future Farmers and nie Seymour. Future Homemakers held their Following the exchanging of annual Christmas party Monday night in the school cafeteria with approximately 110 students present.

**Hart Future Farmers** 

**Hold Christmas Party** 

Entertainment was a group of students from Tulia High school, Paul Sharp, Van Bonds and Kenneth Bean, and two sisters from Hart, Donna and Bon-

HOLIDAY CAKES

- 2 c. sifted flour
- 3/4 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 c. finely diced assorted can-

died fruit 1 c. chopped walnuts or pecans

- 2/3 c. margarine
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 2/3 c. light or dark corn syrup 2 eggs 2/3 c. orange juice

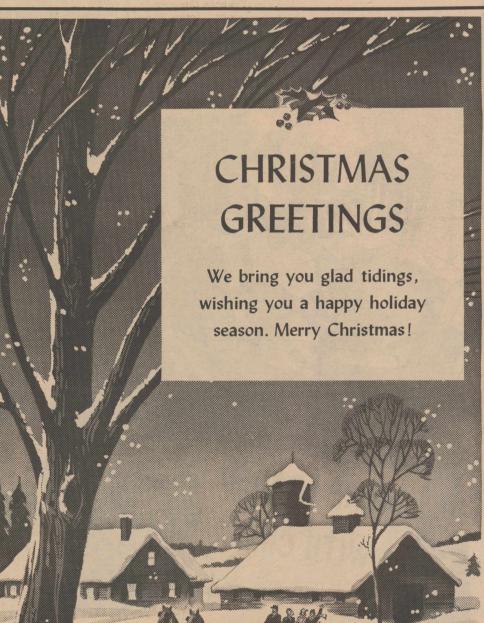
Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Dredge the fruit and nuts with 1/2 cup of the dry ingredients. Cream margarine; add sugar; cream until light. Add corn syrup;

"gag" gifts, sandwiches, homemade cookies and punch were served by members of the FHA.

Special guests were Mr.and Mrs. Ted A veritt, Mr.and Mrs. Lanny Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wescott.

mix well. Add unbeaten eggs, one at a time, and beat well after each addition. Add dry ingredients alternately with orange juice; mixing well after each addition. Gently fold in fruit mixture. Bake in one (9 x 3 1/2-inch) tube cake pan in a 325 degree F. (slow)oven for 1 1/2 hours; or a greased (7 1/2 x 3 3/4 x 2 1/4-inch) loaf pan in a 325 degree F. (slow) oven about 1 1/4 hours or in greased cupcake pans in a 325 degree F. (slow) oven about 25 minutes.

When cakes are cooled, frost with a thin confectioners icing. Store in covered container.





For the Yuletide and the coming year we wish all of our many friends a full measure of happiness and health. **Jones Seed** & Farm Supply Worth & Othella Jones

# **COX AUTO PARTS** AND COX SHAMROCK Claude And Bessie Mae

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DOWN THE CHIMNEY Legend says that St. Nicholas and the Italian gift-giver,

WISHING YOU HOLIDAY JOY! HART LUMBER CO. H.H. Buchanan



## **Black Coffee Doesn't Sober Up Drunks** Befana, rang bells on their way down the chimney to de- Only Time Can Erase Effects Of Alcohol

up drunks -- it just keeps some of them awake, the Texas Safety Association noted today while warning the state's drivers not be misled by false notions about drinking and driving.

"Many drivers wrongly believe they can end an evening's drinking spree with a couple of cups of black coffee, get in their cars and drive home safely. This dependance upon the non-existant sobering effect of black coffee just puts wide awake drunks behind the wheel," Robert F. Miller, Vice President for Traffic Safety said.

"Contrary to popular belief, coffee will not overcome the effects of alcohol -- only time and body processes can accomplish this."

The Safety Association official also dispels the notion that a full stomach helps sober folks up. It may tend to slow the rate at which alcohol is absorbed into the blood stream, but it doesn't keep the alcohol

Black coffee doesn't sober from reaching the brain -- it as five drinks in a four-hour only delays it.

> The most important factors contributing to alcoholic influence are the amount of alcohol absorbed into the blood and the amount of time allowed for the elimination of this alcohol.

Miller emphasized that the Safety Association is not taking issue with the merits of coffee as a beverage, nor is it presumptive enough to suggest that no adult driver can have one drink with his dinner and an hour later get behind the wheel of his car and drive safely.

"In fact, a research study reported by the Secretary of Transportation to Congress, show the driving ability of many normal adults is not often severely influenced by having two drinks in two hours.

been published by the Baton no longer feeling the effects of Rouge Area Council on Alcoholism to show levels of intoxication in relation to consumption. The chart indicates that the average adult driver in good health weighing 120 pounds may have three drinks in a fourhour period and rarely be under

period and rarely be under the influence of alcohol. If he adds a sixth drink, he is possibly influenced and with another two to three drinks, he is definitely intoxicated.

In the body weight charts, one drink is figured as one ounce of 100 proof liquor or 12 ounces of beer. A person is pre-sumed to be intoxicated when the blood alcohol concentration reaches .10 or more.

While the body weight charts do show how much the average adult driver may drink before he is definitely intoxicated, Mr. Miller warned that other factors such as health, fatigue, emotional condition, food intake, type of alcoholic beverage and drinking habits, also affect levels of alcohol influence.

He also cautioned drivers that during the period the body Miller pointed out that a is eliminating alcohol, they may chart based on body weight has be easily convinced that they are is eliminating alcohol, they may

alcohol and that they are sober. "This may be a delusion," he added. "The individual is falsely comparing his peak feelings of impairment with the declining impairment that he feels as his body eliminates the alcohol from his blood. He is not



Rebecca Futrell Longhorn Trails Trails Tona Clevenger SCOUT NEWS Members of Troop 23 travele ternoon to Golder Home in Dimmitt

#### LONGHORNS VICTORIOUS!

Yes, the Longhorns were victorious and brought home two second place trophies after two hard-fought championship battles.

'Horns named to the All-Tourney teams were Donnie Black, Rebecca Futrell and Margaret Swindle. Congratulations!

#### SMASH SILVERTON

The 'B' Teams travel to Bovina Thursday to enter the Bovina 'B' Team Tourney Good Luck!

#### GO B TEAMS

The FFA hosted the FHA in a Christmas party Monday night in the cafeteria. The Tulia Talent Team and The Seymour sisters entertained. Gifts were passed out and food was finally served. The FHA wishes to express their appreciation to the boys for a great party. SIFT SILVERTON

Boy, gang, isn't it great, super groovy etc. that this is the last day of school for two weeks? Hope everyone enjoys themselves.

#### SINK SILVERTON

DEDICATION LINE

-"Spooky" - To Yolanda from Don't know , do you? -"Got to Get a Message to You" - to Luis L from me. -"Stand by Your man" -To Mary Q. from you know who -"You Are My Special Angel" - to Oscar L. from Mary Q.

-"Long Tall Texan" - to Pancho O from Mary Q. -"Say a Little Prayer for

You''- To Oscar M. and Joe Q. from S. Q. and M. G. -''Cherish''- from Linda to

Kenneth

-"The Party's Over" - to the FFA Boys from FHA girls -"Yes, Robert, There Really Is A Santa Claus"- to Scrooge from Blame It on Who You Want To.

#### VISITS MOTHER

Mrs. Bud Roberson and children of Amherst spent Saturday here with her mother, Mrs. Vasca Kittrell. -"This Diamond Ring" to Kenneth and Linda

-"We Didn't Do It All"-THE PHANTOM (S.H. H.B.) -"Groovin"" - to Joe Q. from Sonia P.

-"Beautiful Dreamer" to Oscar L. from a secret admirer

#### Dear HHS Students,

Being a friend of the Phantom I would like to extend my very best of wishes in hoping that you will have a very Merry Christmas. No one knows me because

No one knows me because of my FOXY tricks. I will be in town tonight (Friday) between 11:00 - 12:30, If anyone would like to know me. I Challenge You.

#### The Fox

Dear Santa,

One day a girl brought her doll to school. I liked her doll very much and I would like to have one just like it. This doll was about 5' 81/2"

tall, 139 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, and a sexy smile. He could walk, talk, dance, sing, and kiss.

Do you think you can bring me this doll? Please do, because I will cry if I don't get him. Thanks a lot, Santa.

#### A Girl Without a Doll

Dear Santa,

This letter is from two lonely boys, that have been good little boys this year. We want two life size dolls that can speak and walk. One of the dolls we want is 4' ll'', has short hair, and is very active. The other is 5' 2'', real mean, and she is destructive. This is all we want except for the makeup presents from last year.

Bye, Santa we love you!! Stone and Blaze

#### WATER THAT TREE

A Christmas tree adds beauty and spirit to the happy holiday season, but proper care of the evergreen is important to avoid needless tragedy, cautions Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. A tree should be stored in water which is checked every day, especially if it is near a heating system. Two weeks is the maximum a tree should remain up. Members of Girl Scout Troop 23 traveled Tuesday afternoon to Golden Spread Rest Home in Dimmitt to sing carols for the residents of the home. The Junior Troop also took

cookies to present as Christmas gifts. Special musical numbers

were presented by Tammy Bates, DeAnn Richburg, Patricia Smith and Sharla Carson.

Other girls making the trip were Lisa Nelson, Jana Mapp, LeAnn F riday, Sandy Heck and Rhonda Rowland. Adults attending were Mmes. Marilyn Covington, Shirley Nelson, and Lowell Richburg.

### Jewel Brooks Is TOPS Queen

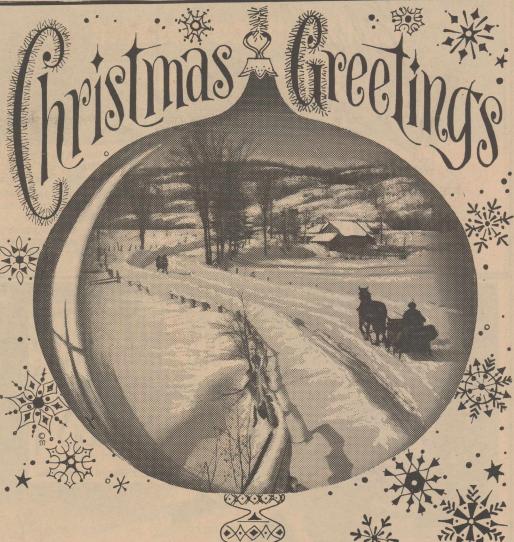
Hart of Texas Tops Club met Monday at the Community Room with Ann Bell presiding. The roll was called with

weight losses and gains recorded.

The minutes were read and approved as read.

Queen of the week, Jewel Brooks received a gift from the grab bag for the most weight loss of the week. After a short business meet-

ing, the meeting was adjourned and exercises and games were enjoyed.



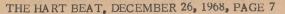


Jimes change... but the warmth of the Christmas spirit lives on forever. Enduring, too, is the gratitude we feel for the privilege of serving our fine customers.

> May your Holidays be happy

## **King Blacksmith**

W.T. "Dub" King & Family





As the holiday season unfolds with all its merriment and magic,

we send greetings in the good old-fashioned spirit of "dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh," and wish you many memorable delights. To all our friends and customers, our hearty thanks for a year of good will.

## FARMERS GRAIN

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#### TREE PRECAUTIONS

Christmas trees can be the source of much sparkle and add a great deal to the season cheer but they may become safety hazards too, cautions Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. The tree trunk should be sawed at an angle to allow a more rapid in-take of water to keep the tree fresh.

#### LIGHTING HINTS

Christmas lights help make the holiday season bright. To keep the season joyous make sure to take proper precautions decorations, holiday with cautions Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Check all lights for frayed wires and short circuits. Discard home-repaired and other dangerous electrical equipment. Also be prudent in your use of holiday bulbs. A few can go a long way toward brightening your holiday and save your electrical circuits unwanted strain.

#### NO FIRE FOR CHRISTMAS

A Merry Christmas is fine, but make it a safe one too, advises Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Check to see that there are no fire hazards in your home. Fires, many caused by carelessness, take thousands of lives and cause billions of dollars worth of damage each year.

#### PROTEIN BARGAIN

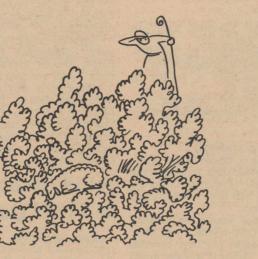
Eggs are a protein bargain. Two medium size eggs provide the protein equivalent of a serving of lean meat, accord-ing to Gwendolyne Clyatt, Extension consumer marketing specialist.

#### OUT WITH THE OLD

Unless you use a spice often, buy small amounts and keep in tightly closed containers. Spices should be renewed at least once a year, says Gwendolyne Clyatt, Extension consumer marketing specialist.









... we sincerely thank you for your patronage. Holloway's Dry Goods John & Vera Holloway

NEW ILLUSTRATIONS that are inside the new English version of the Bible are pictured above. The new Bible is now available at most book stores.

## **New Look At Old Literature**

"Avoid discussing politics had one, this version of the and religion," runs the familiar advice to the hostess, "if you would have pleasant conversation at your dinner party." But the balance sheets of

publishers in the last couple of years indicate that religion may indeed be a subject for discussion that interests today's dinner guests more than any others.

Proof of this lies in the distribution reports of a 600 page paperbact volume which bears the title, "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version. It's translation into language as contemporary as the morning newspaper.

In a country in which it has generally been assumed that everyone who wanted a Bible

New Testament was snapped up by 12 million readers within the first two years of its publication.

No one could have been more surprised than its publishers; the American Bible Society. The new translation had originally been intended primarily for persons, both in this country and abroad, who were relative newcomers to the English language. With English rapidly becoming the most popular "second language" in most areas of the world, the Bible Society felt a need for a version of the Scriptures that could be grasped by persons for whom the archaic usages of the King James Version were a discour-

aging puzzle. But when the Today's English Version came out in September, 1966, it quickly caught on with many other persons as well. Some of the more enthusiastic response came not from readers new to the English language but from a segment of population presumably the highly skilled in its use--students tn college campuses.

The reaction of many persons to the modern version may be summed up in the comment of a 12-year old girl: "This can't be the Bible," she said as she glanced up from the pages. "I can understand it!" Gone, in Today's English Version, are the "thees" and "thous," the "verilys" and "untos." Current measurements of time and distance help the present-day reader make sense out of parables and Father in heaven takes care of them. Aren't you worth much more than birds?

Nor does the new version mince words in dealing with "the facts of life." The Christmas story in Luke states that Joseph went to Bethlehem "to register himself with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. She gave birth toher first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger-therewas no room for them to stay in the

One reviewer writing in the Saturday Review characterized the style of the Today's Eng-lish Version as "racy vernac-ular." It includes such ex-pressions as "good-fornothing," "show-offs," and "be quick about it, friend" -- the latter being Jesus' words to Judas as he was about to betray his master.

A major contribution to the popularity of the TEV, as the Bible Society refers to the new translation, has come from the unusual illustrations generously sprinkled throughout the text. They are simple but sprightly line drawings, done by the Swiss-born artist Annie Vallotton who now makes her home in Paris.

The pert drawings, so unlike conventional Biblical art, use the same economy of line as do political cartoons to convey a mood, a situation.



Good wishes around you, good cheer abounding . . . may the heart-warming simple joys of Christmas be yours.

### J.B. & Juanita Allensworth & Boys **Bertha and Nora**

historical accounts.

In the parable of the three servants, the master gave to the first servant "five thousand dollars, to the other two thousand dollars, and to the other one thousand dollars. Then he left on his trip." The King James account of this incident uses the word "talent" for the monetary deliniation, thereby confusing many a Church School teacher.

Times of day are clarified in the TEV. "It was getting on toward evening when Joseph of Arimathea arrivee..."

The words of Jesus take on a new immediacy in the new version. "Which of you can live a few more years by worry-ing about it?" "Look at the birds flying around: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest, and put it in barns. Your

Her Pharisee strolls imperiously past the Temple pillar, hands piously folded over an ample belly and a holierthan-thou tilt to his smug face.

Her Prodigal Son sits on a rock in utter despair amid three amiable, fat pigs.

Her anxious Shepherd searches for his lost, curly lamb through a thicket of even curlier shrubbery in a design reminiscent of the how-manybirds-can-you-find- in - thispicture puzzles of children's magazines.

Translator of the TEV New Testament was the Rev. Dr. Robert G. Bratcher, of the translations staff of the American Bible Society. The son tf missionaries to Brazil, Dr. Bratcher developed a sensativity to languages early in life

He worked almost exclusively from the manuscript of an up-dated edition of the Greek New Testament, published by the United Bible Societies only a few months before the TEV came out.

Dr. Bratcher worked mostly at home, writing out his manuscript in longhand. Each evening, with the family at the supper table, he would ask his wife or one of their three children to read aloud his day's work. If the reader faltered over a phrase Dr. Bratcher re-worked it until the words came easily and naturally.

"The harvest part was trying to blot out all my academic and theological training and put myself in the shoes of a reader for whom English might be only a second language," he recalled.

Once a portion of the translation passed muster at the Bratcher supper table, it was duplicated and copies sent to 20 outstanding Bible scholars and translators for further suggestions.

Their recommendations were carefully weighed, but the finished product is basically the work of Dr. Bratcher.

The enthusiastic response to be given the TEV New Testament was indicated in the first letter to reach the Society after the book's publication on September 15, 1966. A Methodist pastor in New Jersey wrote: "I am using copies in my confirmation class. Last night one of the young people

said, 'This Bible's really great; I can really understand it.' "

A hospital chaplain reported "a positive physical reaction among patients when I used the TEV at the Protestant chaplaincy services...They all sat right up, listened intently...and wondered why they had never heard this message before.. They spoke about the words 'coming alive' for the first time."

A 15-year old boy from Virginia wrote: "Ihad been searching for a long time for a New Testament which spoke to God like I do-- 'you' instead of 'thou' etc., and also gave the message in simple direct English without all those hifalutin' words..I was about togive up in despair...Then yours hit me. I flipped for it. I love it-- the format, the pictures, the translation itself-especially the translation..."

There have been some who have criticized the TEV sor not possessing the majesty and the beauty of the English of the King James Version.

Dr. Bratcher is the first to acknowledge that the TEV is not expected to wipe out the more traditional versions "Ideally, of course, there should be three translations in each of the major languages;" he said, "a traditional version like the King James, a version for scholars like the Jerusalem Bible, and common language translation that can constantly be brought up to date as the language changes."

#### REVIEW

#### spirit stick.

JULY

Hart school board announced that three new teachers had been hired and the resignation of one accepted,

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Don Ewing was honored with the presentation of a plaque from the Hart Varsity Basketball girls.

Dixie Irons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Irons, escaped serious injury when a pickup backed into her as she was standing behind her parent's car.

Kenneth Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Sharp was employed as a trainee at Farmer's State Bank,

Richard Cheatham, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cheatham of Hart, completed a year's preparation at Purdue University towards earning his doctorate on rhetoric.

Three young men, graduates of Hart High school and active in Future Farmers of America, received honor degrees at the State Convention in Lubbock. David Smith, David D. Harris and Roger Cleaver received the awards.

Mrs. Joe Bailey was seriously burned at her home when fire from a trash can blew over on weeds on which she was pouring gas.

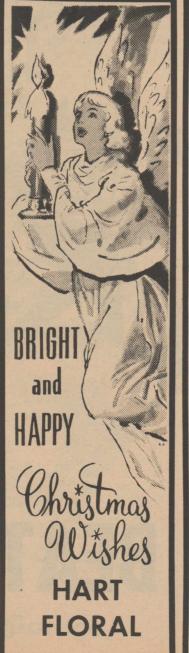
#### AUGUST

"Bigger and Better" was the motto of Hart residents as they prepared for the annual Hart Day Celebration Festivities. The day was a big success.

Mrs. Norlan Dudley was named Club Champion in the women's division of the city golf tournament held at Olton.

Miss Kayrn Jane Hughes daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes was proclaimed Miss Grain Sorghum, during competition at Dimmitt.

Registration began Aug. 27 for Hart high school students.



#### SEPTEMBER

Members of Battery C of the 166th gun battalion who served together for 40 months during World War II convened in Wichita, Kans. for a two-day reunion. It was their 23rd annual convention.

Dividend payments totaling \$30,000.00 were paid to members of the Federal Land Bank Association, Manager Billy Hackleman announced.

A trio of Hart bankers purchased controlling interest in Citizen State Bank of Earth.

Hart Senior Class completed their annual advertising campaiagn, selling ad space for the 1969 Longhorn Hart High School Annual.

Clinton Billingsly, former resident of Olton assumed duties of vice-president and cashier of Farmers State Bank.

Vernon Mapp was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dean Sanders as a member of the Hart School Board.

#### OCTOBER

Hart area's first bale of cotton was ginned by Hart Producer's Co-Op Gin Oct. 4. J. D. Murray brought in the 550

Bob Bennett resigned his post on school board.

Miss Dee Anne Clevenger represented Hart FFA in Miss Hi Plains Cotton Contest in Plainview.

Miss Reba English, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert English, was crowned Football Queen during Homecoming ceremonies held prior to the Anton-Hart football game.

An adult education class taught by Mrs.Warren Lemons began meeting each Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6:30 p. m.

Class Favorites were named at Hart high school and Hart junior high.

Hart High School Longhorns won their first district game when they defeated Nazareth.

#### NOVEMBER

Youth from the churches in Hart collected \$223.48 for crop in their annual Trick or Treat canvass for the Christian Rural Overseas Program.

Mumps in Hart schools were the contributing cause for a large number of absentees.

Deryl Clevenger, Hart farmer, was named Outstanding Aggie of the Year in 1968 in a reunion banquet held in Abilene.

The Junior Class of Hart High School presented a threeact mystery-comedy, "Finders Creepers", Nov. 19 in the grade school auditorium.

Little Danny Rice, two year old son of Napoleon Rice was listed in satisfactory condition according to hospital spokesman, after a near tragic accident when he ate a wafer-like piece of rat poison which he took from a trash basket.

A film "Texas Public Schools" was presented to Hart Lions in the Community Room of Farmers State Bank.

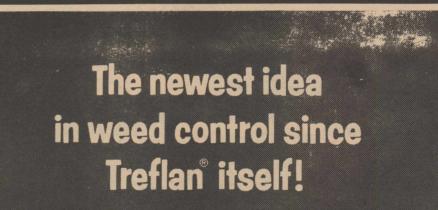
#### DECEMBER

Hart Future Farmers took orders for oranges and grapefruit.

Mrs. Dewayne Brown was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1968 and will be listed in the annual biographical compiliation "Outstanding Young Women of America".

Women of America". Santa Claus visited Hart Dec. 20. The jolly gentleman from the North Pole arrived at 2:30 for his visit to Hart children.

Fifth and sixth grade choirs presented a variety of Christmas music at the December meeting of Parent-Teachers Association.





This new idea in weed control works. In fact, growers report results as good or better than spring applications.

Here's how it works. Incorporate your Treflan now and bed-up. Then all you need do in the spring is plant your cotton or soybeans.



Dr. Bratcher and his associates are convinced that their efforts toward the latter are worthwhile when they receive letters like the one from an inmate of a rehabilitation center for drug addicts.

After reading the TEV he wrote: "I neve realized there was so much good common sense in the Bible. I wish I had read it before I got hooked. But now I need (its) power to keep me clean." Treflan won't lose any of its killing power over the winter. It stays in the soil to kill weeds as they germinate through next season.

Come in this week. Let's talk more about fall application of Treflan. We think it's the best new idea for weed control since **Treflan itself**.



(Treflan®-trifluralin, Elanco)



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May your spirit be filled with the inspiration and hope of the first Christmas, when a brilliant star blazed a bright path to the manger of the Saviour, thus heralding a new era of hope for mankind. We wish you the joys and pleasures of Christmas celebrated in warm tradition with loved ones and close friends.



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## **History Of Christmas Gifts Related Through Legends**

While millions of Americans give flowers by wire, perfume by the bottle and even gems (by gosh), few among those who give and receive the gifts this Christmas will realize what a long and delightful history the custom of gift-giving has. It was the Three Wise Men

who gave the first Christmas gifts in history, although the earliest Christians REFUSED to exchange presents. To them, the custom was a heathen one--because gift-giving played a prominent role in many pagan festivals.

In time, they accepted the exchange of gifts as an expression of rejoicing -- and legends about the bringers of gifts began to grow.

The jolly gent we know as St. Nick, for example, is based on the real-life St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) in the fourth century. Legendary even in his own time for his generosity, and his love of children, he is said to have gone on many a mysterious journey carrying secret gifts to the poor. On one of these expeditions, so the story goes, he dropped a bag of gold down a chimney. It fell by accident into a stocking hung up to dry by the fire--and prompted generations of hopeful children to hang up their hosiery, too.

Giving to the poor remained a vital part of Christmas celebrations in the centuries to come. In England, on the day after Christmas, clergymen used to open the church almsboxes and distribute the money to the needy. Later, it became customary to give boxes of money on that day to people who had served you during the year. December 26 is still known as

Boxing Day in Britain, The custom of bestowing gifts on friends and family members was popularized in England by King Henry VII, whose services are used extensively during the Christmas season. Henry's granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth I, made the most of this custom: she de-

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pended on Christmas gifts to replenish her wardrobe, and made it very clear to courtiers that they had better come across handsomely on Christmas Day. Court records show that the Archbishop of Canterbury gave her \$200 every Yule for clothes. Court ladies presented her with the first silk stockings worn in Europe, and even the roval dustman (garbage collector) came through with two bolts of fine linen for the royal lingerie.

royal lingerie. Father Christmas, as the English counterpart of Santa is called, rode high for another 40 years after the reign of Good Queen Bess. Then the Puritans took over. They abolished him and his gifts, and in-deed all Christmas celebrations, as fit only for heathen. The stern Puritans brought

their distrust of Christmas merriment to New England's shores as well; in 1659, the observance of Christmas in Massachusetts became a penal offense!

On the other hand, fun-loving Dutch settlers had already brought "Sinter Klass" to New Amsterdam. Later, a German colony moved to Pennsylvania along with THEIR gift-bringer, Christkindlein--who gave us the name "Kris Kingle". Other immigrant groups contributed their own legends and customs of Christmas giving. And in 1822, a Presbyterian divinity professor named Clement C. Moore sat down and combined many of these elements into a rather well-known poem be-ginning "' Twas the night before Christmas...? The "Visit from St. Nich-olas" described by Dr. Moore

was modest in comparison to some of St. Nick's later trips. Americans have long been generous Yuletide givers. Seamen used to bring their families rare and costly presents gath-ered from the Orient: spices, silks, china and teakwood. St. Nicholas was the patron saint of sailors as well as children, When it comes to flowers



THIS SMILING YOUNG LADY has just been visited by St. Nick. The flowers at her side are just one item in the well over \$27 billion a year spent on Christmas presents of all kinds, ac-cording to researchers at Florists' Delivery Service.

and other gifts, the ladies are not neglected. Though florists especially busy during are Christmas, many of them have a special arrangement whereby flowers can be sent to loved ones once a month. In this way-the holiday spirit can be enjoyed throughout the year by those closest to you. Any shop with an FTD emblem provides this delightful service.

Flowers are just one item in the well over \$27 billion a year spent on Christmas presents of all kinds.

Many of these gifts are wrapped with the aid of Christmas seals, yet few Americans have any notion of when or

where these originated. They were first used in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1904--the brainstorm of a postal clerk named change gifts on New Year's Day, Holboell, who dreamed them up as a benefit for a children's hospital.

The gift-giving customs of many lands form an interesting contrast to our own. Greek children rustle up their own gifts: on Christmas Day they go the rounds collecting raisins, wal- if they want to unwrap their nuts, figs and sweets. In New- presents Christmas morning. foundland, an important Christ- Almost the entire holiday must mas gift is -- fish! Local fishermen fish for the church on for in Iceland there are only Christmas Day, donating their four hours of light on Christcatch to the parish.

countries enjoy Some Christmas giving so much that they do it twice: the French exbut the children are visited by Pere Noel on Christmas Eve. Italian children receive their main presents on January 6, but they and their parents draw for little gifts on Christmas Eve from an "Urn of Fate."

And Icelanders must hurry be spent in church services-mas Day!





Father, we render thanks to Thee for the gift

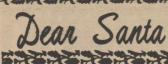
of eternal life given so freely in the person of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. May we humbly, by faith accept Thy gift.

Amen.



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#### Dear Santa,



#### Dear Santa

Brig me a gun Please bring a little truck for my brother and me a little race severo car

PSI also want a watch

#### Dear Santa

I want a football and a bicycle. I want a bebun na a walkie. I love you Santa, I love Christas. I want a trouble.

#### Mairo

#### Dear Santa,

I want a Little cat and a big deck. I want a bicycle. here come the Santa. I want a little toy it be a Santa. I want a little rabbits. I want a little girl.

Jo Ann Ellis

#### Dear Santa,

I want a fright facktery and a bebegun too. I want a football suit. and a 3 speed bicycle too. Marry Christmas Santa.

#### Siand Bruce

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Bring me a gun and a jeep and a animals and a pistol and bring me a football I am good I am happy you are coming

Ruben Garcia

I want a prow football siut and prow football. I want a Billy blast off. I want a cowboy siut I want some boots and some sperze. I want the tike take tiow game I love you merry Christmas.

Pat Six

Dear Santa My name is Johnny I try to Be very good Please bring me a machie gun.

Than Johnny

Dear Santa I am tryine to be very good for Christmas I want a doll.

Love Dolores Dolores

## Dear Santa

#### Dear Santa Claus, I am 7 years old, and I am in the first grade I have tried to be good. Please bring me a bike, a

sliky, and a little car race.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bicycle or a B.B.

gun. I love you pery much. My sister wants a easy bake oven.

Love **Russell** Davis

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I love you for every Thing. Santa I want a bicycle for Christmas please. I want a Easybake. I have bee good to my friends. You are my buddy.

from Brad and Tammye Hill

#### Dear Santa,

I want a bicycle and a little ball I think that you can breing me a dishs. I want a little doll that Thallk here come Santa, I love Christmas.

Sylvia Merry Christmas I love you

#### Dear Santa, I love you. I what a bicycle. I what a bebe gun. I dooll. Guess that will be all. what a helmiet and football.

Tito Rios

#### Dear Santa Claus. Love from Kathy for Christmas. I am 6 years old and live in Hart.

#### Kathy

Dear Santa Please bring a doll a radio little swin My little sister wants a toy dog. Ernestina

#### Dear Santa Claus

I want a tippe toes doll and a Ouigi board I also want some dishes and a twister I will leave you a coke on Chrotmas Eve

#### Love Marci

Dear Santa

My name is Luis For Christmas I need a jet and some swings.

#### I am very good.

Love Luis

#### Dear Santa For Christmas 3 guns for my little brothers, and 2 dolls for my sisters.

Thank you, Joe

#### Dear Santa,

I like Christmas Santa. I want a football. and a bebgun and a cowboy hat. I like stocing and toys. I

want Billblastof and a bicycle.

#### Frank

Dear Santa, I am writing a few lines jest to say hi. and tell you whate wante for Christmas whate I want for Christmas is a big bicycle. And a big football.

#### sind Johnny

#### Dear Santa,

I want a bebegun an a walkie talkie an a bicycle an I want a Friat set.

#### Love Kelly

Dear Santa Claus, I've been good this year. I want some stuffed animals an a doll. Please phill my stocking. An A dress on what ever you think.

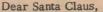
#### Love

Stacy Averitt

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I have beed a good girl. I need a watch I'm going to put the Christmas tree.

> Love Raena Entrekin



Will you send me some toys. To play with I don't have no toy to play with And two bicycle oen blue and a red and a car set.

#### From

#### David Arrizola

Dear Santa,

I wanted a little doll that Thallk I wanted a little dog that walk and bark. I hope you breing me a bicycle. here come Santa, I love Christmas, Mary Christmas

Francis I Love you Santa,

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. Please bring me a slinky, an elec-tric football game for Steve

and I. I want a race track and a Major Matt Mason.

> Thank you, Paul

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a gun for Christmas. And a little that shows pictures Thank you Santa Claus.

#### Isaias

Dear Santa I am a good boy and I am 6 years old for Christmas I want a johnny 7, and a major Matt Nelson Thank you Tracy

#### Dear Santa

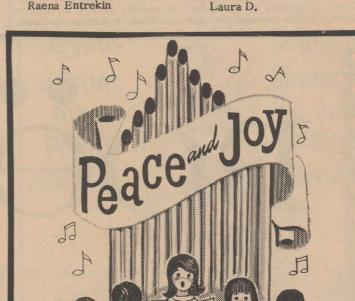
Im being real good for Christmas a swing set a doll that cries and a doll that shares her toys.

#### Thank you Eileen

Dear Santa Ive been good Please brin me a walking doll black hippie boot and a cash register an ice box and some shoes and a dress.

#### Thank you Laura Miller

Dear Santa, I want a baby party and a bike. I also want a Barbie doll Thank you.





Thank you Saul

Thank you Ianet

I am in the first grade and I am very good I would like an Easy Baker and a talking



We echo the joyous voices of the carolers in bringing you Season's Greetings for this time of peace and harmony.

Soila's Beauty Shop

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll for Christmas, I thank you for every thig and I hope that you will bring us some candy for Christmas oh thank you.

> Love Santa Claus, Shala Garrity

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bicycle and a bbgun and a basket ball goal.

Love, Ricky Rowland

Dear Santa Claus Please bring me dtl send with Present gown race car set Jeep very mother from farm tractor cut school rifle Tippy color doll truck

#### Anna Merie Ledesma

Dear Santa,

1. I want a little dall can walk and tallk.

2. I want a big bicycle. 3. I want a little cat.

4. I want a little dog.

5. can bark a wak and I Jop

that yuo breme a little car Mary Christmas

I live Sinticos Emelda

#### Dear Santa

I want a little doll that walk and a bicycle and a little ball I want a little dog and dishs here comes Santa.

> Amada I Love Christmas

Dear Santa Claus,

Could you bring a toy for Christmas. I like to have a bicycle and

rifle and a foodball and a stocking thet what all and my

Love Ricky Guzman

Dear Santa Claus, Bring me a gun set and a

race car set From Bryan Hankins

Dear Santa Claus, I like you very much. Can you bring me a Tippy Toes. Because I like her very much. Can you come up to see me. Can you bring me a bicycle.

#### Love Michelle Durbin

Dear Seanta Claus, I like to have a bicycle a rifle a football billifod truk. Danny Jasolove

Dear Santa Claus. I want a toy farm and a toy tractor. Can you want a toy truck. Can you wtn me a toy pistol. and in 18 days it is going

Frankie Noyola

Dear Santa Claus, Could you bring me a doll that talk and a little bear that we can play with It my brother likes you to and I like you to I like you very very much but I want you to bring me a presents Santa Claus Will you come to my house and I like you to.

Norma

I hope you are feeling well and getting prepared for your journey. I've tried to be good (but you know how it is some-times). I am five years old and would like to have a drum set, a Hot Wheels set, and a B.B. gun. I have two big brothers and I hope you remember them. I had my mother wrap my big brothers basket ball goal with lights so you won't have any trouble finding my house. Be sure and remember all my friends.

> See ya Christmas Eve. Chad Black

#### Dear Santa

I want a Football suit and a football helmet, I would like Tippy Toes with her own little bike and her own little pony and a buncha trucks.

I've been a good girl. Look for some cookies and milk and hope you like them.

> Love Robin Bowden Age 3 305 Ave. B. Hart, Texas 79043

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a giant Mich-igan shovel, 40 inch Hoppen-Dumpen - Tonka Volkswagan, Dune buggy, Sanitation truck, Service Truck, Transportation Fleet Heavy guage steel vehicles, Tootsietoy in a case -

I am 6 years - I try to be real nice - Come to see me will be looking for you. Bill Warren

Hart, Texas

#### Dear Santa Claus

i would like to have Baby First Step ( the one with short curley hair), I also want some clothes for her. Then Santa if you have a Ballerina dress I sure would like one and a Winnie the Pooh.

I've been a good girl this year and help mommie so maybe I can get these things.

I hope I hurry and get over these mumps so I can enjoy Christmas.

See you soon and be careful.

Love, Tamera Bowden Age 5 305 Ave. B. Hart, Texas

Dear Sante Claus,

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Will you come are you comeing Are you comeing to the bank. I like Cante Clause. My little sister has a suit just like Cante Claus and it is red.

It will be Christmas soon. I like snow very much and me and my little sister play with it. I love you very very much. Can you bring me something for Christmas. I want a doll and a presents. Cante Claus comes in a truck.

#### Irene R.

Dear Santa Claus

Santa Claur is going to bring me a rifle and car. He will bring me some colors and color book. I love you Santo Claus

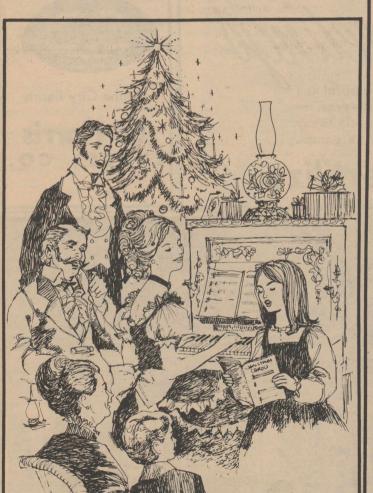
#### Paul Menchaca

Dear Santa:

I hope you are very kind this year. This is the first time that I've written you for anything so would please send me a Daisy air rifle with lever action if its not to much troble. Thank you very much either way.

Yours truely Hubert Brown





to Be a Christmas Eve a Merry.

## MERRY, MERRY

**G**ood tidings we bring to you and yours during this season of joy and happiness. Our special thanks to all our patrons on this Christmas holiday.



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Dear Santa Clause,

friends.

I want ytu to bring me a

bicycle. I want you to bring me

some guns for Christmas. I

would want a bbgun. I would

want a basket ball. I want a

football for Christmas. I been

nice to every body and my

I want you to buy me a doll.

Love Mary Ann Velasquez

I would like you to bring

I thank you for all my

toys thank you Santa Claus.

I love you Santa Claus. How are

you to day? I want you to buy

Love Sylvia Velasquez

Love Santa Claus,

Tony Zapata

my sister a doll too.

Dear Santa Claus,

Josie Garcia

ease bake oven.

Love

Dear Santa Claus,

## Dear Santa

#### Dear Santa.

I am in the first grade and I am 6 years old I want and Easy Bake can you please bring me one I also want a doll who shares her toys.

#### Love Teresa

Dear Santa

I want a gun for Christmas I am 6 years o and I am in the first grade.

#### Albert

Dear Santa Claus,

- l. I want a bicycle.
- 2. I want a B.B. gun.
- I want a basketball.
   I love Santa Claus.

Eloy Hernandez

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a buspy buzz buzz a sleepy Joe for Joan Annie and me. I also want a little flag. I have been very goot.

> Love Alice

#### Dear Santa,

I want a football and a bicycle. I want a bebgun. I wat a horse to I want books. Wakuie and I Love you Mary Christmas I want toys

to. Goodby Santa,

Rudy Valadez

#### Dear Santa Claus

#### I want a for Christmas I want a doll for Christmas will you come to my house. I want a bear for Christmas, I am a good gril. Winter is here Mondo

#### Margarita Maya

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a "Cheerfull tearfull". and a house coat. I am 6 years old and in the first grade.

> Love you lots Santa Leoria Welty

#### DISCARD WRAPPINGS

Christmas presents help you share the joyous holiday but loose wrappings and paper can become a real fire danger, warns Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Christmasmorning confusion can have the house in an uproar and a lighted match or cigarette that is carelessly dropped in the wrappings can have the house in flames. Discard or put away all wrapping papers as soon as presents are opened to avoid tragic possibilities.

#### MAKE HOLIDAYS SAFE

The Christmas season adds a joyous spirit to any home but often a confused one also. Many things such as trees and decorations make the home a little more difficult to get around than normally. Most families are more active in the home in this festive time of year. Be sure to be extra careful to avoid home accidents during the holiday season, advises Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. A safe holiday can lead to many more happy ones.

#### SHELLED OR UNSHELLED

What is the best buy -pecans shelled or unshelled? Gwendolyne Clyatt, Extension consumer marketing specialist, suggests a good general rule to follow in buying pecans: two pounds of nuts in the shell will yield one pound of nutmeats.



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

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'Pretty As A Picture' Party Made For Little Girls

If you are planning to give a party for your teenage daughter, niece or grandchild, during the holidays, make it as pretty as a picture party with everything done up as lovely and sweet as a young girl in a party dress.

Set the winter scene with mounds of snow white popcorn balls. Serve a Christmas red punch of cranberry juice and big saucerlike cookies decorated with fanciful designs. HOLIDAY PUNCH

1 qt. cranberry juice cocktail 1 l/2 c. orange juice 1 c. light corn syrup 1 c. water 3/4 c. lemon juice

Mix all ingredients. Chill. HOLIDAY COOKIES 3 c. sifted flour 1 c. firmly packed brown sugar 1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon 1/2 to 1 tsp. ground ginger 1/2 tsp. ground cloves 1/2 tsp. nutmeg 1/2 tsp. baking powder 1 c. margarine 2 eggs, slightly beaten

Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and spices into mixing bowl. Cut in margarine until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Stir in eggs and extract until smooth dough forms. Chill. Roll out dough, 1/3 at a time, to 1/8-inch thickness on

floured board, Cut into 5-inch rounds, using a large cutter. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in 375 degree F. (moderate) oven until edges are very lightly browned, 10 to 12 minutes. Makes about 1 1/2 dozen 5-inch cookies. Frost with Decorator's Frosting.

DECORATOR'S FROSTING (Butter Cream Type): Combine 1 cup softened margarine with 1 pound sifted confectioners sugar, beating until smooth. Chill 30minutes. Mix in desired coloring. Use in decorating tube. If frosting becomes too stiff, blend in a few drops of water. Flowers, leaves etc. can be held for several weeks if covered with plastic wrap and stored in refrigerator or freezer.

QUICK CANDIED POPCORN BALLS

2/3 c. light or dark corn syrup
2/3 c. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt

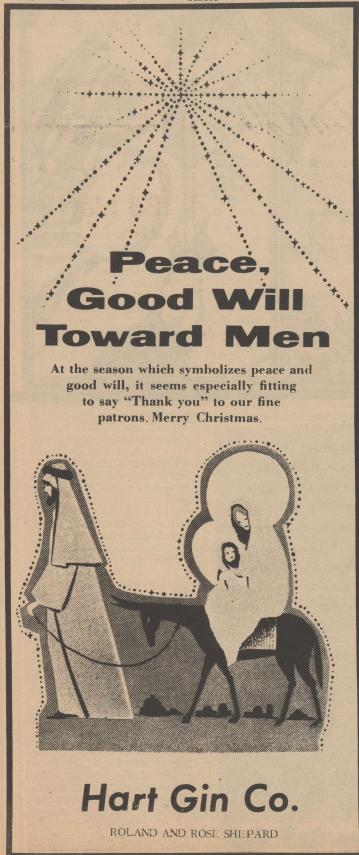
2 qts. white popped corn

Mix corn syrup, sugar and salt in heavy saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil and boils 2 minutes. Gradually pour syrup over popcorn, stirring constantly until evenly coated. Shape into balls, using as little pressure as possible.



JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 23 met December 17 in the Community Room of Farmers State Bank for their Christmas party. Those pictured are Jana Mapp, DeAnn Richburg, Retha Aven, Rhonda Rowland, Elsie Arrizola, Patricia Smith, Lesa Nelson, Tammy Bates, LaDonna Hart, Sandy Heck, LeAnn Friday, Michelle Moore and Teresa Mapp.



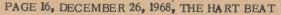


## UREEMINGS

Our warmest wishes to you and your family for a holiday season that's brimming with glad times and good fellowship. May your blessings be many, enriching your days and bringing you joy.

**Bob's Farm Supply** 

Bob Bennett & Jim Black





"Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." To humble shepherds keeping watch over their flocks in starlit fields, the triumphant message of the herald angels burst forth in fullest glory. And for the Wise Men from afar, the brilliant light of a Star shone in the heavens, guiding them on their way. Then to the sacred manger, shepherds and Wise Men came, to worship

and rejoice. Each year, as we hear the Christmas story and welcome anew the Christ Child in our hearts, we find a new meaning for life, a new hope for the future. For Christmas is not an ancient tale of bygone time. Christmas lives. Christmas is now. Christmas is ever wondrous, ever radiant with joy and promise. May all its blessings be yours.

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