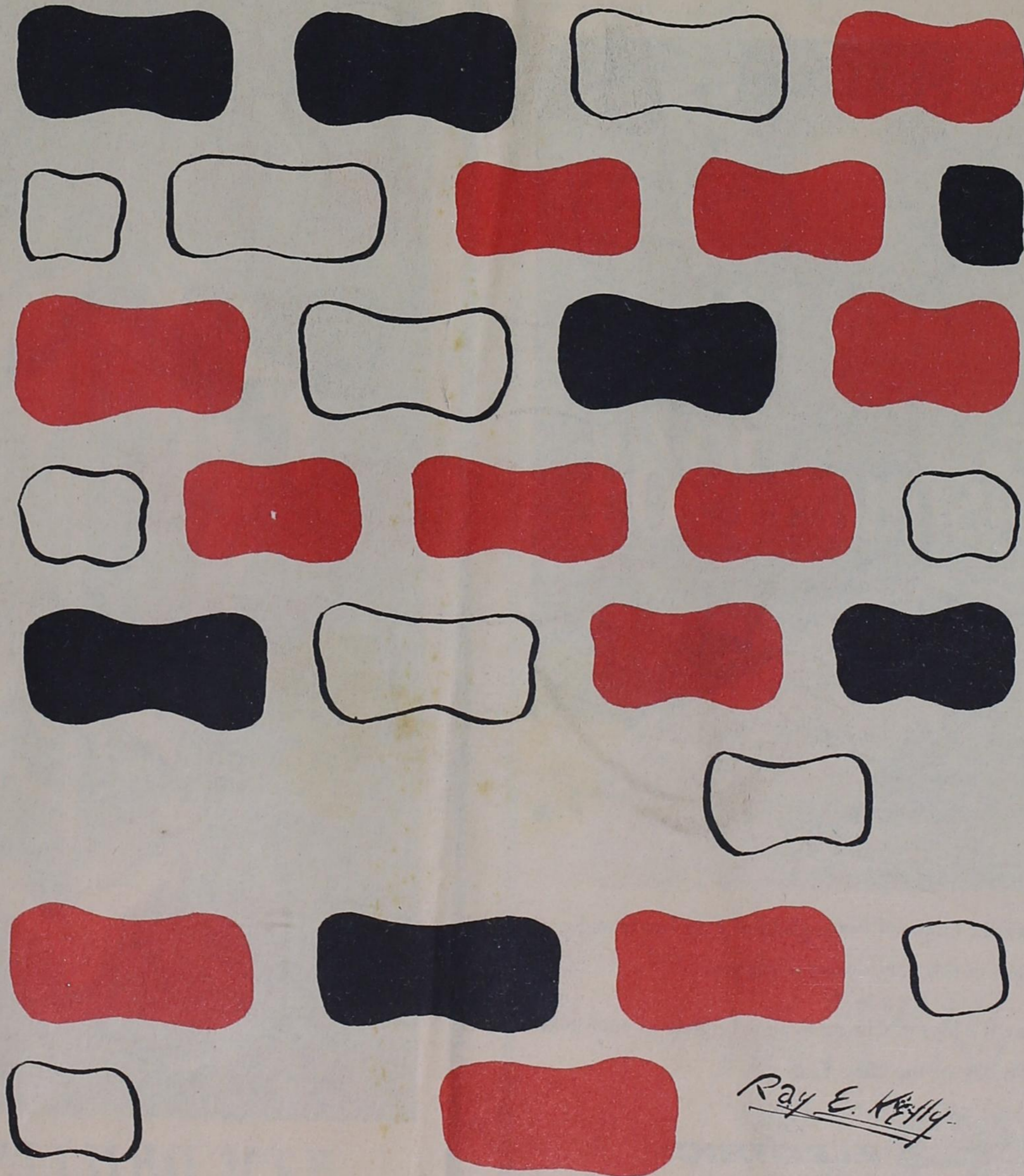
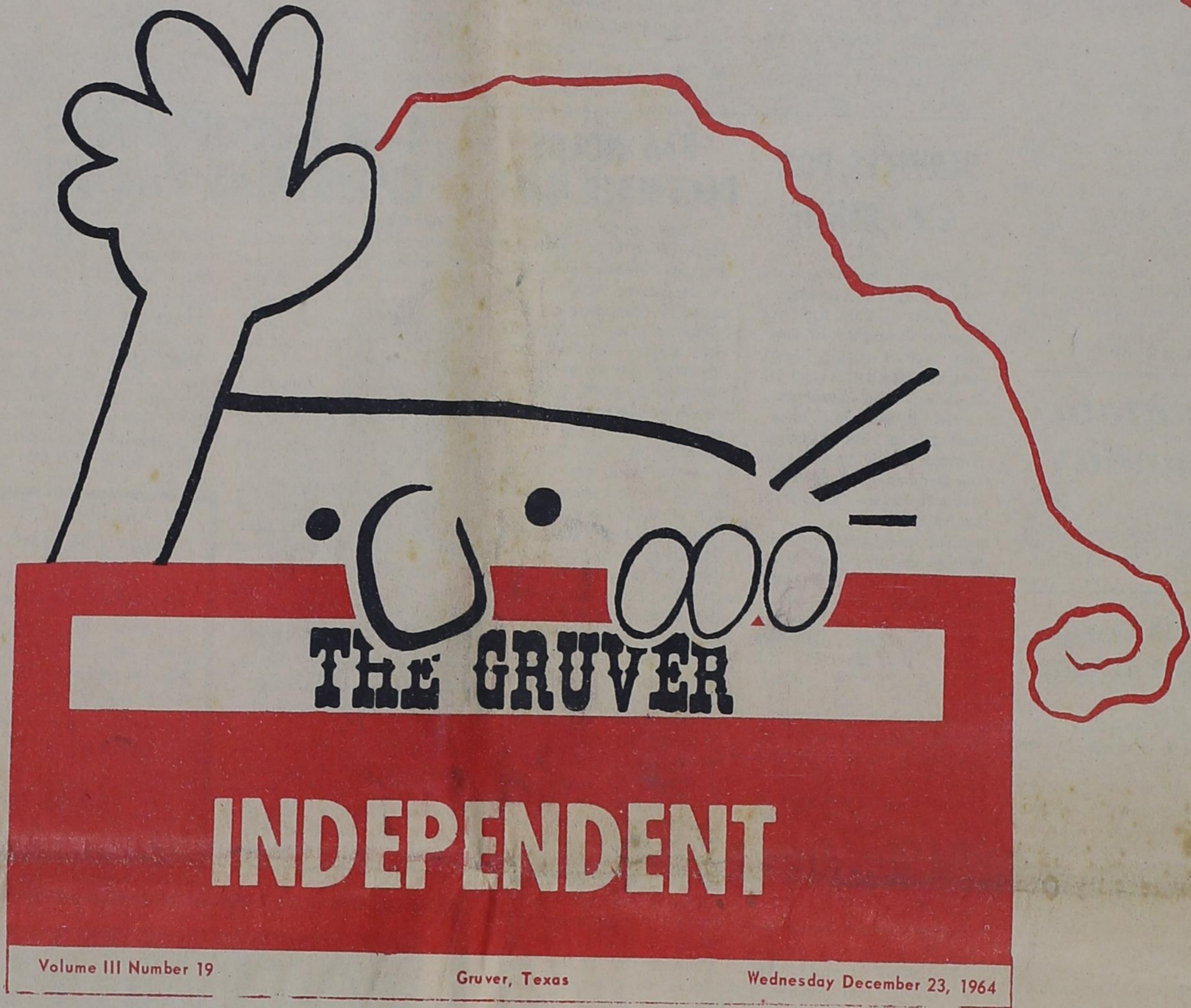


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Merry Christmas*



rites for MEARL WEIDNER HELD



Mr. Mearl Weidner

Funeral Services were held Saturday December 18th for Mearl Weidner who died Thursday, December 17th, 1964 in the Pioneer Manor Rest Home at Spearman. Mr. Weidner had been a resident of Gruver since 1946.

Born July 13, 1886 near Hutchinson, Kansas, Mearl Weidner was the son of Chas. F. and Amanda Weidner. On October 29, 1911 he married Ora Lee Sullins in Chilhowee, Missouri. The couple lived in Iowa for twelve years before moving to Texas.

While making their home

in Iowa Mr. Weidner was a farmer and later a carpenter. In his early years he joined the Methodist Church. No children were born to the couple.

The final rites were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in the First Christian Church of Gruver with Reverend Robert Lamson, pastor. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Dan Shrader and Mrs. George C. Lowe sang "Beyond the Sunset".

Pallbearers were Buddy Gruver, Buddy Lowe, Leon Red, Eddie Vaughn, Tommie Joe Bergin and Gordon Gross.

Burial was in the Gruver Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman

Survivors include his wife, Ora Lee, of the home; and neices and nephews, Ralph Anderson, Knobnoster, Missouri; Ethel Hinton, Bluespring, Missouri; Mrs. Noble Watson, Stinnett, Texas; Everett Sullins, Charlene McClellan, Mrs. Clifford George of Gruver.

GREYHOUNDS CLIP THE TEXHOMA RED DEVILS

The Greyhound teams took both their games Friday night with the Texhoma Red Devils as the Girls clipped Texhoma 46-38. The Boys followed as they won 46-37.

The boys stayed behind throughout the first three quarters. Gruver was able to tie the score as the first quarter ended as Billie

Lieb sank his two free shots at the end of the first period. The half time score showed the Red Devils leading 25-19 and the Texhoma team led by the same margin, 35-29 as the half closed.

Gruver started the fourth period with eight straight points and led for the first time with only three minutes gone in the four-

th quarter. Sam Tipton and Billie Lieb continued throughout the quarter netting points for the hounds.

Sam Tipton netted 22 points for Gruver as Billie Lieb scored 10.

The Girls were led in their scoring attack by Anita States as she netted 31 points for the night, followed by Karen Wright who

scored twelve points.

Texhoma scored three points as the game began but never saw a lead again in the game. The Gruver girls led 7-6 as the first period ended and increased their lead to 15-12 at the half. Gruver's lead mounted as the third period ended with the score 32-19.

GUESTS FROM MEXICO VISIT GRUVER

The Gruver State Bank was visited by an honored guest, Enrique Berves of Banco Mercantil de Chihuahua, Mexico. Mr. Berves is the Manager of the Bank of Chihuahua, Mexico.

The Honored guest accompanied Jose Luis Jaramillo to Gruver. Jose Luis Jaramillo is the son of Mrs. Terrazas and the brother of Lilo Terrazas.

Enrique Berves and Jose Luis Jaramillo come from a town with the population of about 11,000 in Mexico. Mr. Berves was entri-

qued by the customs of the United States. Mr. A. R. Bort, Kenneth Irwin and Bob Thom showed them through the Gruver State bank Saturday. Mr. Berves compared the functions of this bank with the bank of

his home country.

Lilo gave the guests tours of the Bort Feed Lots, and showed them the Gruver Elevators, Inc. The men arrived in Gruver Friday December 18th and left December 19th for their home in Mexico.

SERVICES FOR C.P. BEHNE

Funeral services were conducted Monday December 21st at 2:00 p.m. for Charlie P. Behne of Guymon, brother of Mrs. Lloyd Andrews of Gruver and Mr. Buck Behne of Spearman.

Mr. Behne died unexpectedly at his home in Guymon late Thursday morning December 17, 1964. He lived at 1004 N. Ellison in Guymon.

The final rites were conducted in the First Christian Church with Reverend, J. W. Doke, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the Elmhurst Cemetery under the direction of Henson Funeral Home of Guymon.

Mr. Behne was a well-known cabinet maker and carpenter. He was born August 25, 1900 in Levenworth, Kansas and was the son of Henry and Henrietta Behne.

Several Gruver residents attended the funeral on Monday.

Several Gruver residents elected to secure officers for County Council. The President and Secretary must come from Gruver. The meeting was adjourned.

PTA HOLDS DECEMBER MEET

Highly enjoyable to the large crowd which gathered for the December meeting of the Gruver PTA was the program presented by the students from the 1st and 5th grades. Following the Invocation given by Harley Murrell, a short business meeting was presided over by PTA president Mrs. Jack Gillispie at which time Mrs. Aubrey Rasor was elected to fill the Secretaryship for the group following the resignation of Mrs. Asa Thompson who has moved from the Gruver area.

The First Grade students under the direction of Mesdames Omar Cotter, Turner Hoy, and Joe Ellison presented an informative and entertaining skit on the alphabet and the phonetic system which is being used in the Gruver schools. The program was concluded by the numbers of the Fifth Grade under the direction of Mesdames Clark Winkler and Charlie Knight and Mr. Richard Williams appropriately offering "Christmas From Many Lands" with the group presenting the Nativity Scene with various students taking the roles of people from many lands with the entire group providing a

4-H GROUP HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Members of the Gruver Junior 4-H enjoyed a round of caroling at various homes in the Gruver area on Thursday night and then returned to the Memorial Building for refreshments for their share in the Christmas season. Attending were Sherilee Maupin, Leslye Wardlaw, Cindy Glasgow, Glenna and Vicki Thoreson, Pat Byrd, Barbara Smith, Beverly Heath, Geneva Walker, Linda and Yolanda Valdez, Mike Ralston and Wes Maupin. Adult sponsors for the evening included Mesdames H. C. Snodgrass, O. V. Walker, Jr. C.C. Heath, Albert Valdez, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Glasgow, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maupin.

musical background for the scene.

The next meeting of the Gruver PTA will be held February 1, 1965 with the members of the Gruver Greyhound Bands under the direction of Mr. Jerry Sparks presenting a concert.

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Christmas Cantata Presented Sunday

Well attended was the impressive presentation of John Peterson's arrangement of "The Wonder of Christmas" at the Gruver Methodist Church on Sunday evening with Mrs. K. E. Irwin directing the members of the choir who were accompanied by Mrs. Aubrey Pedy at the piano and Mrs. Gene Wood at the organ.

The cantata was presented in the darkened Sanctuary with only the altar area lighted which was highlighted by poinsettias, greenery and red tapers which were lighted by Jimmy Hoy and Harley Murrell. The Reverend R. L. Kirk, Jr. was the narrator for the story in song which was preceded by recordings of Christmas carols as the audience gathered. Soloists for the cantata included Charlie Knight, baritone; Charles Gilliland and

Buddy Murrell, tenors; Jane Hoy, alto; Arlene Barkley, soprano; and Joe Wallin, baritone.

PTA Council Met Recently

Hansford County Council met in the Gruver High School Homemaking Department November 11, 1964. Mrs. Spoonemore presided at the meeting. Sixteen second graders of our school gave a short musical program. Mr. Day, Spearman school counselor gave a very interesting talk on special education, with emphasis on the retarded child. The County Council is investigating the possibility of having a class in the county. A nominating committee was

Morse Community Tree Slated

As is the traditional custom in the Morse Community, a Christmas tree will be held in the school auditorium on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. The program will be made up of numbers from the three churches in the community and some group singing. Then, Santa Claus will make his annual appearance to bring the boys and girls many gifts as well as treats for everyone. Everyone is invited.

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FIRST GRADE LETTERS

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade.
I am a girl six years old.
Please bring me a coat.
Love,
Yolanda Reyna

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I
am a girl seven years old.
Please bring me a bicycle
and a coat.
Love,
Donna Case

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade.
I am seven years old and I
want a bike and I want
dishes.
Love,
Denise Gober

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I
am seven years old and I
want a cowboy pistol, and
a Winchester.
Love,
Jimmy Beasley

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade.
I am a girl eight years old.
Please bring me a doll, and
a suitcase.
Love,
Peggy Case

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade.
I am a boy. I am six years
old. Please bring me a play
gun.
Love,
Randy Lucas

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade.
I am a girl six years old.
Please bring me a buggy,
doll, dishes and a bike.
Love,
Debra Ann Lowry

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade.
I am a girl seven years old.
Please bring me a dolly and
bike.
Love,
Tamara Wright

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade.
I like you. This is what I
want this year. I want a
sinker, and a cake set, and
a Thumbelina cry and shut
and open eyes doll.
Love,
Tina Clawson

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. My brother
wants a truck. I am six
years old. I am a girl.
Love,
Luka Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade,
and I am seven years old.
Now I want a Baby Brig't
and I want a desk for me to
study on.
Love,
Rama Estes

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I
am a girl seven years old.
Please bring me a doll, and
a purse.
Love,
Geneve Sistrunk

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gun, art
board, and a pistol.
Love,
David Bergin

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys.
I want a Bonnie Bright, and
a Barbie doll. My brother
wants cows.
Love,
Janean Flathers

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade
and Mrs. Ellison is my
teacher. I would like for you
to bring me a Pat-a-burp-
doll.
Love,
Beverly

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade
and Mrs. Ellison is my
teacher. I have been a good
girl. I would like for you to
bring me a doll.
Love,
Mona

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade
and Mrs. Ellison us my
teacher. I want you to
bring me a One Man Army
Gun.
Love,
David

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade
and Mrs. Ellison is my
teacher. I have been a good
girl. I would like for you to
bring me dishes.
Love,
Ronetta

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade
and Mrs. Ellison is my
teacher. I have been a good
girl. I would like for you to
bring me dishes.
Love,
Ronetta

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade
and Mrs. Ellison is my
teacher. I have been a good
girl. I would like for you to
bring me a Barbie doll and
clothes.
Love,
Janice

Dear Santa,
I am in the first gr 1e
and Mrs. Ellison is my
teacher. I have been a
good boy. I would like for
you to bring me a race car
set, a pop gun and sled.
Love,
Brad

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade
and Mrs. Ellison is my
teacher. I have been a good
boy. I would like for you to
bring me a bulldozer.
Love,
Marlin

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade
and Mrs. Ellison is my
teacher. I have been a good
boy. I would like for you to
bring me a gun and a knife.
Love,
Ramon

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade
and Mrs. Ellison is my
teacher. I have been a good
boy. I would like for you to
bring me a gun and a knife.
Love,
Ramon

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy.
I like school. I can read.
I want a Superman suit.
Love,
Lee McMillan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
Please bring me "Bam-
Bam". Don't forget Mrs.
Hoy and all the children.
Love,
Jeannette Schad

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy.
I want a drum. Remember
Mrs. Hoy and all the boys
and girls.
Love,
Raymond Spradlin

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I like
school. I want a piano.
Love,
Argelia Webster

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy.
I go to school. I want a
train for Christmas.
Love,
Mike Grusing

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I am
in Mrs. Hoy's room in school.
I like school. I want a
bike.
Love,
Regina Finney

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I like
school. I want a piano.
Love,
Cora Blount

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I go
to school. My teacher is
Mrs. Hoy. Please bring me
a Sweetie Pie doll and a
chalkboard.
Love,
Pandy Silva

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. Did
you know I had my tonsils
out? Please bring me a horn
and a G. I. Joe.
Love,
Roger Ayres

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy.
Just ask Mrs. Hoy. She will
tell you. I want a horn and
a guitar, and a play rifle.
Love,
Travis Southern

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I like
school. I want a Barbie
doll.
Love,
Linda Christie

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I am a
good boy.
Love,
Brian McMillan

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. Please
bring me a Chatty Cathy
doll.
Love,
Donna Gail
Taylor

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bi-
cycle. I am good.
Love,
Flora Mae
Ford

Dear Santa,
I have been a good
girl. Please bring me a
doll and a Doctor Set.
Love,
Debra Soapes

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good
girl this whole year. I am
not asking you to bring me
nothing, but I want to be
sure that you recharge the
battery in Rudoff's big red
nose so that he will have a
light to guide him to Gru-
ver this year without get-
ting lost. Be sure to not
step on my cat when you
come in the door.
I love you more than
anybody else. Your little
friend.

where they live.
Thanks, Sants. See
you soon.

Your friend,
Kenny Red

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring us a gas
pump for Christmas and a
toy for our little sister,
Marva. We would like to
have some candy and gum
too. Thank you.

Davin and Darin
Winger

Dear Santa,
My name is Radell Bay-
less and I am eight years
old. I have been a good girl
most of the time this year.
I am in the second grade. I
have a little brother and
his name is Rusty and would
you please bring him G I
Joe and all of his equip-
ment? I want a tressy doll
for Christmas. Please re-
member my Mother, Daddy,

big brother and sister.
I love you,
Radell Bayless

Dear Santa,
I'm sending you a letter
'cause I've never "sended"
you a letter before. I want
a real electric train and a
helicopter with batteries.
I want a tool.set too.
I'll try to be good.

From
Jimmy Ray Brandvik

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old. I have
2 brothers; one is 1 1/2 years
old and the other one 6 mo.
old.

I would like to have a
doll, dollbed and dishes.
My brother would like to
have some trucks, a ball
and a train. My little bro-
ther would like some clo-
thes and some pull toys.
We will leave you some

cookies and milk on Christ-
mas eve.

Thank you,
Tammy, Harland
Earl Judkins
Stinnett, Texas

Dear Santa,
My brother, Lonnie wants
a fire engine, a guitar, and
a gun. Dana wants a baby
cupcake and some dishes.
Rosalyn wants a baby doll.
I want an Alvin Putpet and
a Give-a-Show Projector.
Danny Gilliland

Dear Santa,
I would like a train, ce-
ment truck, road grader, and
tool set. I am 3 years old.

Thank you very much and
we'll see you at our house
a day early.
My sister Rama and I
will be at Grandmothers
for Christmas.
Love,
Brad Estes

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl almost
5 years old. I have been a
good little girl (well as

good as I could be anyway)
this year.

I would like a Barbie
doll with legs that bend and
has a lawn swing, a Ken
also. They need some clo-
thes. Barbie especially nee-
ds a coat because it gets
so cold sometimes here. I
need a suit'case for them.

I want a typewriter
to play with. I like to play
with my mummies but she
says I am going to break it
so I want one of my own.

I have a little brother
Jody. He is a good little
boy. He talks some now,
and he likes horses and
balls so bring him a foot-
ball and some little horses,
a horse truck and little
trucks.

Please remember all the
other little boys and girls
throughout the world.
We love you
Vana and Jody
Bradford



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A sincere appreciation for your friendship, and "Thank You"
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SECOND GRADE LETTERS



Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I want a Bonnie Bride and a Barbie.

Love,
Serena Shearer

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle.

Love,
Andrea Lopez

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and Mrs. Ellison is my teacher. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a bulldozer.

Love,
Kevin

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. Mrs. Ellison is my teacher. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a grader and a race car set.

Love,
Curtis

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and Mrs. Ellison is my teacher. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle.

Love,
Dennis

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and Mrs. Ellison is my teacher. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie doll and clothes: and Bonnie baby.

Love,
Debbie

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and Mrs. Ellison is my teacher. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me Tiger Joe, race car set.

Love,
Rusty

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and Mrs. Ellison is my teacher. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me Bonnie baby and clothes.

Love,
Sheila

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and Mrs. Ellison is my teacher. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a Jack-in-the-box.

Love,
Scotty Barkley

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and Mrs. Ellison is my teacher. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me training wheels.

Love,
Cheryl Harris

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and Mrs. Ellison is my teacher. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a tressy doll.

Love,
Mindy

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and Mrs. Ellison is my

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 7 years old. I want a cattle truck. My sister wants a skipper. And my mother wants a fur coat, and my daddy wants a hat.

Love,
Monte Cluck

Dear Santa,
I am a girl 7 years old. I want some clothes for my Barbie. My mother and I think that you are very good. So does my daddy. I want some house shoes for Christmas. My mother wants house shoes, too. My daddy wants a gun. I liked what I had last year.

Love,
Diana Ralston

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the clothes you gave me, and thank you for the toys, but thank you for my mother and my father and thank you for my sister. And thank you for everybody.

I want a piano. Terri wants something. Father wants something. Mother wants a pair of shoes.

With love,
Glenna McGuffin

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the toys last year. I want Johnny 7 One Man Army Gun and Tiger Joe.

With love,
Larry Ross

Dear Santa Claus,
I thank you for the BB gun and the cowboy chaps hat and guns. I want a Tiettle Bee game and my sister wants one too. I do not know what my Mother and Father want.

With love,
Mike Evans

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the nice presents you gave us for Christmas last year. I wish you could go to the people

teacher. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Pebbles and Bamm Bamm.

Love,
Beth

across the sea.
With love,
Steve Stedje

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for bringing me my rose dishes and for bringing my Barbie doll. Thank you for bringing my sweetie set and I thank you for bringing a birthstone ring. Thank you for bringing my Barbie electric drawing set.

With love,
Jerilyn Miller

Dear Santa Claus,
I just wanted to tell you, thank you for the present you gave me last year. This year please do not forget the little orphans and do not forget all the people around the world.

With love,
Radell Bayless

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for things I got last year. I do not know what Clint and Kevin wants but I want agun and Tracy wants a Baby Bright. And I hope you do not forget the orphans.

With love,
Brad Hart

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for my cowboy toy. I want a BB gun and a cattle truck.

With love,
Don Bomer

Dear Santa Claus,
Get a toy for me at Christmas Day. Please I do not have a toy.

With love,
William Hearron

Dear Santa Claus,
I thank you for my doll. I would like to have a cow-girl hat, a car coat and a Kin doll. My brother wants a BB gun.

With love,
Jan DeWolfe

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for all the dolls I got and most of all the love at Christmas. I would like a cuddly, brown bear this Christmas for everyone.

With love,
Rebecca Cordes

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the nice presents that you gave me last year. But this year I know some of the things I want for Christmas--some clothes for my doll Ken and play dishes.

I love you very much,
Lee Westerfield

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for my doll you gave me last year and for my doll clothes. I want you to give the orphans some toys. I love you.

With love,
Nancy Gross

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike. I want a pair of skates and a pair of cowboy boots. And a football suit with all the pads and a helmet.

With love,
Billy Brooks

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for everything that you gave me last year. This year I want some trucks, a football suit with all the pads, and a helmet and some cowboy boots.

With love,
Gregg Carroll

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for fixing up my bike. I ride it every day. Thank you for my chalkboard. I write on it every day, too. I hope every one is as happy as I am.

With love,
Roxie Kirk

Dear Santa Claus,
I thank you for the little toys you gave me last year. I want a Johnny 7 One Many Army Gun.

With love,
Kim Mason

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old and I am a girl. May I have a doll? My mother, I think wants a cooking set. My sister wants a doll. I love my dolls from last Christmas. Thank you for them.

Love,
Dana Lee

Dear Santa,
I am a girl 7 years old. I want a Barbie doll and a Barbie house and clothes. I want a toy sewing machine. I want some stadium checkers. My sister wants a doll with hair.

Love,
Inell Byrd

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 9 years old. I want a bicycle for Christmas and a tractor. I want a car. I want a BB gun and a box of BBs and a football.

Love,
Pedro Muaricio

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 8 years old. I want a play gun. I want a tent. I want a dog. I want an electric football.

Love,
Kevin Holt

Dear Santa,
I am a girl, Santa I want an ironing board. My brother wants a truck. My other brother wants a teddy bear. I liked the things that you got me last year. I am 7 years old.

Love,
Melanie Yanke

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old. I want a bicycle. I would like a varoom motor too. My brother wants a tricycle for Christmas. My little brother wants a rocking horse.

Love,
Randy Patterson

Dear Santa,
I am girl 7 years old. I want a Skipper doll and a play sewing machine. My little sister wants a Skipper doll and something else. I do not know what my big sister wants.

Love,
Jessie Smith

Dear Santa,
I am girl. I am 8 years old. I want a watch, Pease and a drivers set. I am in the 2nd grade.

Love,
Laurie Dahl

Dear Santa,
I am a girl 8 years old. I want a watch with a chain on it. My big brother wants an electric blanket. I am in

the 2nd Grade.
Love,
Carol Ann Harris

Dear Santa,
Please will you bring me a Bride-dress. Please will

you bring me a doll. We have been nice boys and girls. We like Christmas.
Love,
Denise H.

1964 SCHOOL TAXES DUE NOW
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Gruver Independent School District.

Season's Greetings

Just dropped by to tell you how much we appreciate your patronage and to wish you all the joys of this festive holiday season! Good luck and much happiness!

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W.J. Eddleman

Christmas GREETINGS to All and GOOD WISHES

It is pleasant at Christmas time to include with messages of good will and happiness... an appreciation for the many courtesies that have been sent our way. We want you to know we are sincerely grateful for the confidence you have shown. So, thanks and Merry Christmas!

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HERE COMES CHRISTMAS

And as usual, it's come too fast... it's upon us before we realize it, bringing the happiness and hurry that is such a large part of every Christmas Season.

Pause a moment, won't you?

We'd like to tell you how much we've enjoyed your friendship... how much a pleasure it has been to be of service to you.

And especially... from all of us, to all of you our very heartiest wishes for a wonderful Christmas!

T.C. HARVEY JR.
AERIAL SPRAYING



Dear Santa,
I want a Big Job. I want a set of Walkie Talkie. I want a caterpillar.
Love,
Daniel Boyd

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a train. I want an airplane.
I love you,
Joe Mauricio

Dear Santa,
I want a doll bed. Santa will you bring me a doll? I will be a nice girl. Santa, Francis wants a doll. Francis would like a Chatty Cathy. I would like a Rock Baby. I would like a walking dog.
With love,
Eula Blount

Dear Santa,
I want Skipper pajamas. My sister wants some luggage. Be good to all children.
Love,
Darla Riley

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a sewing basket and all the things that come with it. Raymond would like to have Stonny and all the things that come with it. Some girls might like to have a doll. Some boys might like to have a boat. Don't forget other boys and girls.
Your friends,
Raymond and
Nawana
Spradlin

Dear Santa,
I am a girl 7 years old. I want a tiny tears and a stroller and a dresser and a stool and a comb and a brush set.
My mother wants some pants and my daddy wants some gloves and my brother wants a coat.
Love,
Cindy Edwards

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 7 years old. Heres what I want for Christmas, I want a Johnnie-to-Man and a Varoom bicycle and an army suit. A army play rifle, a real football, a rifle, football suit. That is all I want for now. Good-bye, Santa.
Love,
Steven TeBeest

Dear Santa,
I am a girl seven years old. I like what I got last year. This year I want a new doll. Rex is my brother. He likes what he got last year. The tractor you gave him it broke when we moved into town. He nearly cried when it broke. I am going to get a Jr. risk game. I am going to get a new coat for Brenda and Judy.
Love,
Renee Casdorff

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 7 years old. I want a football and a Johnnie-70-M. A. I want a varoom bicycle and thats all! Santa Claus!
Love,
Andy Boyd

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 8 years old. I want a show projector. My sister wants a baby cupcake and some dishes. My brother wants a gun! My other sister wants some blocks and a doll.
Love,
Danny Gilliland

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a Johnny-7 one man army gun. My brother wants a Winchester set. Lesa would like a Barbie and Ken. My baby brother would like a teddy bear.
Love,
John M.

Dear Santa,
I want a race car set. I want a train set. I want some trucks. I want some

books. I want some guns. I want some crayons. Rusty wants some chalk. He wants a bat. He wants a ball too.
Love to you
Keth Gibson

Dear Santa,
I want a typewriter. Please, and please give Merry Jo a typewriter, too.
With love
Sandra Willis

Dear Santa,
I want a cry baby and a buggy. I am a girl. Will you give my brother a army set. Will you bring my mother a present. Will you bring my daddy a saddle. We will move to Hereford. Will you bring me needles. Will you bring me some dishes. Will you bring me some doll clothes.
With love,
Kay

Dear Santa,
I want a football. I would like to have a Winchester set too.
Love
Clint Irwin

Dear Santa,
I want a Johnny 7 OMA set. And give my brother

one too.
Love,
Robert Valdez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Would you please bring me a Pat-a-Burp doll for Christmas? Please don't forget Mike Rhett and Michelle. They have been good too.
Love to you
Melanie Schaefer

Dear Santa,
I want an army set. Please give Steve a jet. Give Johnny a nice present. Please give Charles a truck. Please give Keith a machine gun.
Love to you,
Garland Dahl

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big dolly with eyes that move. I want her to talk. I want her to change her clothes, too.
With love,
Denise Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I want a big piano. I want some skates.
With love,
Juanita Lopez

Dear Santa,
I want a piano for Christmas. If you can't bring me a piano, you may bring me a Barbie and Ken. If you can't bring me a Barbie and Ken, you may bring me anything.
With love,
Antoinette Olivia Bort

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good boy this year. I would like a big radio and a pair of boots.
Love,
Danny Nye

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good boy this year. I would like a bicycle and a record player. My brother David would like a bicycle, too. Thank you
Love,
David Hext

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good boy Santa. I would like a train. I would play with it every day.
Love,
Cody Alexander

Dear Santa,
I think I have a nice girl this year. I want a "spank me doll" and cowboy boots and snow boots, I also would like new clothes and house shoes.
Love,
Vickie Scribner

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good girl this year. I want

MORSE LETTERS

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy, and I would like a big radio and a pair of boots.
Love,
Danny Nye

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good boy this year. I would like a big press, so I can print my own newspaper. I also would like a watch, a robe and house shoes.
Love,
Lynn Parks

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a bicycle and a record player. My brother David would like a bicycle, too. Thank you
Love,
David Hext

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good boy Santa. I would like a train. I would play with it every day.
Love,
Cody Alexander

Dear Santa,
I think I have a nice girl this year. I want a "spank me doll" and cowboy boots and snow boots, I also would like new clothes and house shoes.
Love,
Vickie Scribner

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good girl this year. I want

a white Bible, a pair of school gloves, and a kitty muff. I am in the third grade. My teacher is Mrs. Langley.
Love,
Katina McCloy

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth. My little sister Teresa wants a doll and a bed for the doll for Christmas. I would like a record player and a bicycle for Christmas.
Love,
Debra Langley.

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I am in the third grade. I want a piano. I want to learn to play a piano. I want a Ken doll and clothes. I want a light for my bicycle. I want a hat for my father and a tie. I am 8 years old. I want a pretty hat with a ribbon on it. I want a big bag of ribbons. I wish everybody Merry Christmas.
Love,
Teresa Dortch

Mother is making cookies for the room. My teacher is Mrs. Langley. My little sister Carey wants a necklace. My little baby sister Carla wants a Teachme doll.
Love,
Carol Hurley

Morse 2nd Grade Letters

Dear Santa, I think I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I have worked very hard in school. For Christmas I would like a Barbie and Ken doll.
Love,
Cherry Hurley

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. I have worked very hard in school. For Christmas I would like a plug and needle for my record player. I also would like a piano practice book so I can learn to play the piano better. My sister, Vickie, would like a beauty vanity
Love,
Teresa Dortch

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Holiday Greetings

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CHRISTMAS

in Other Lands

CHINA

In China, the Christmas festival is called Sheng Dan Jieh, or the Holy Birth Festival. The Christmas Tree is called the Tree of Light. No candles are used but many paper flowers, chains and other paper ornaments are used for decorations.

DENMARK

Christmas dinner in Denmark centers around rice cooked with a whole almond baked inside. A prize is given to the one in whose portion the almond is found. Also on the Christmas dinner menu is usually found roasted goose, stuffed with prunes and apples, red cabbage, potatoes and currant jelly. Dessert is usually apple cake covered with whipped cream, fruits and nuts.

GREECE

Special loaves of bread are baked in Greece for Christmas. Each loaf is marked with a cross on top. Hidden inside is a silver coin. After the house has been sprayed with frankincense, the parents of the household break the bread into small pieces, one for the patron saint, one for the house, another for the domestic animals and the remainder is divided among the family. Each portion is dipped in wine and eaten. The one finding the coin will be considered the prosperous one for the following year.

SWEDEN

Christmas gifts in Swedish homes are wrapped in paper and sealed with red sealing wax. The name of the one to receive the gift is written and a dedication or poem about the gift is added. This is known as Julklappan. All gifts are placed in a basket by the tree which is usually decorated with the Swedish national flag.

LIMA, PERU

Christmas in Lima, Peru, is observed as a church holiday. Services are held and a religious procession is staged in the city. Christmas Eve is a time for merry-making with music, festivals and joyousness. Many of the merry-makers are masked for this celebration.

SPAIN

Almost every home in Spain traditionally stages a Nacimiento, or Christmas Crib. Children dance around singing songs of the Nativity. Song, dance and laughter are features of the Yuletide in Spain.

VIRGINIA, U. S. A.

Negroes in Virginia had a Christmas custom of their own. A sheet was placed over the dining room table with a few boxes used to keep the sheet above table level. Names on paper were pinned to the cloth. During the night, gifts were secretly placed under the names pinned to the cloth. On Christmas morning, the sheet was raised by its corners, revealing the presents underneath.

PUERTO RICO

Children of Puerto Rico expect Santa Claus to come flying through the air like a bird. Instead of stockings for gifts and goodies, the children make small boxes which are placed on roof tops or in the courtyard. Gifts are dropped into them as Santa flies through the air.

HAWAII

It is thought in this new state that Santa Claus travels by boat. In the morning, Hawaiians attend church. During the day there are games and sports. Christmas dinner is eaten out of doors.

PHILIPPINES

An offering of flowers is not unusual in the Philippines at Christmas. A happy greeting is "Buenos Pasques." Christmas is a religious celebration with many plays and dramas called "pastores" about the life of Christ.

In many countries Christmas is exclusively a religious observance and gifts are not distributed. In Belgium and Holland children receive their gifts from St. Nicholas on December 6. An angel accompanied St. Nicholas in Czechoslovakia on Christmas to distribute gifts to the children. Presents are brought to Danish youngsters by an elf named Jule-nissen while in Greece it is the patron saint St. Basil. Syrian custom has the youngest child of the Wise Men presenting gifts. In America, of course, it is the traditional Santa Claus making the rounds on Christmas Eve, laden with gifts.



Blessings
at Christmas

GRUVER
INSURANCE

Merle Delano

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. I have worked very hard in school. For Christmas I would like a rifle. My brother Don wants an electric train.

Love,
Dale Seaton

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in the 2nd grade. I have worked very hard in school. For Christmas I would like a bicycle and a gun holster set, and a hat. My big brother would like an army set. My little sister would like a doll. My big sister would like a doll too. She would also like a bottle.

Love,
Curtis Feeny

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good boy. I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. I have worked very hard in school. For Christmas I would like a Roy Rogers gun and holster set. My little brother Max would like a Roy Rogers gun and holster set too. He is 4 years old.

Love,
Romie McCammond

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. I have worked very hard in school. For Christmas I would like a Roy Roger gun and holster set and an electric train.

Love,
Jay Mac Jasper

I have been a good big boy. I have worked very hard this year. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas I would like a Buffalohunter set. I also would like a toy typewriter and a motor for my bicycle and a siren.

My little sister, Linda Lou would like a Barbie and Ken doll.

Love,
Van Duane Lewis

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old. I am in the second grade. I have been a good boy. I have worked very hard at school. For Christmas I would like a Winchester gun and holster.

Love,
Ricky Brumley

Phillips Dumps Gruver 74-55

Phillips dumped the Gruver Boys 74-55 Monday night at the Phillips Gymnasium. Height and sharp shooting gave the Phillips Black Hawks the edge over the Hounds.

Gruver led only once in the game and that was midway of the first quarter. Mack Hoel led the scoring for the Greyhounds as he netted 18 points. Sam Tipton followed with 14 points.

Gruver controlled the backboard but found the goal hard to find when shooting. The Black Hawks led 15-12 at the end of the first period and also led 34-24 at halftime. The third period score stood at 50-35.

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.

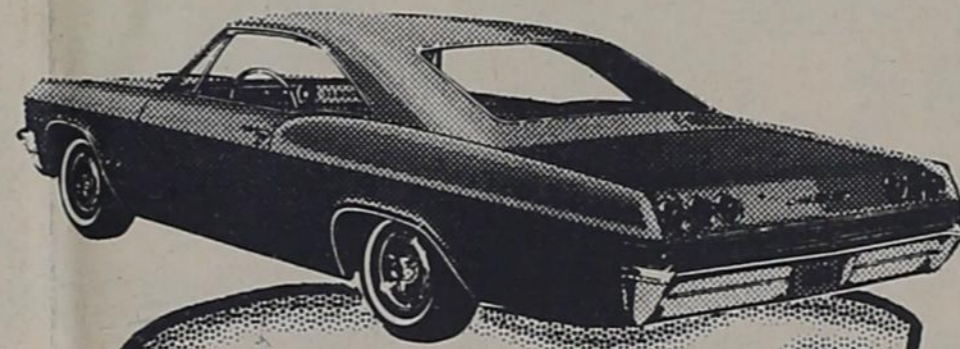
Christmas Blessings to All

We pray that the joy and peace which was given to the world at His Birth will abide in your heart forever.



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SPEARMAN FLORAL AND GIFTS

COAST FROM MORSE

Annie Clifton spent Saturday visiting Bob and Josie Hayes in the Spearman hospital.

Mrs. Mack Dortch, Mrs. Desmond Kelly and Mrs. Roberta Kelly spent Thursday in Amarillo seeing the eye specialist and shopping. Mrs. D. Kelly attended a Child Evangelism Training session at the Amarillo Bible Church and Mrs. Dortch and Mrs. Roberta Kelly spent the afternoon at the Thurmon Convalescent Home visiting Mrs. Gay. The group met relatives at noon, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dortch and Mrs. Lloyd Woodruff for dinner together at Wyatts Cafeteria.

Many of the college students are home. Among these are Donna Cator of McMurry, Abilene; Britt and Jon Jarvis of Texas A and M; Sharon Parks, Bill Pittman and Joyce Schick of Lubbock Texas Tech; Wayne Board of West Texas State University, Canyon and Tommy Womble of Hardin Simmons, Abilene.

Larry Kelly, son of the Desmond Kellys has arrived home for the holidays. This is his first Christmas at home in three years. He has been in Hollywood, California working in a TV studio since he graduated from the Pasadena Playhouse. His plans now are to go to the Army on January 7th.

Mr. Frank Karr still remains seriously ill in the Spearman Hospital.

Desmond Kelly and Larry and Eschol Blankenship of Gruver went to Perryton on Monday to visit the draft board.

Sunday dinner guests in the Kelly home were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dortch. Callers in the afternoon were Eschol Blankenship and Mrs. Annie Clifton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miner of Hereford spent last weekend in the home of their son and family, the Grant Miners. The Grant Miners are spending the Christmas Holidays with her parents in El Paso.

Mrs. John Thompson and Mrs. Desmond Kelly went to Spearman on Friday afternoon for a Christmas lesson and party in the L. M. Womble home for the Good News Bible Club for boys and girls.

BOARDS HOST DINNER
Mr. and Mrs. Lex Board hosted a pre-Christmas dinner on Sunday in their home. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Payne and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. O'Bryant of Phillips and their son, Wayne.

WCS MEETS
The WCS of the Methodist Church met last Wednesday afternoon for their Christmas party and meeting. They met in the home of Mrs. P. M. Dixon. A gift exchange was held and Mrs. Lynn Davis, Gene Dixon and Mrs. Joe Walker led the program on Christmas. Refreshments were served to Mesdames, M. W. McCloy, Jack Johnson, Sr. Lex Board, Gene Dixon, H. H. Jones, Lynn Davis and Scot, Roberta Kelly, Joe Walker and one guest Mrs. Thane McCloy and the hostess.

P.T.A. MEETS
The Morse P.T.A. met in special meeting on Thursday night to present a Christmas program. The speech students and music students presented the program.

SCHOOL DISMISSES
The Morse School dismissed on Friday and will reconvene on Monday December 28th and will again dismiss for New Years Day.

PARTIES HELD
On Wednesday afternoon, the Good News Club Parties were held in the home of Mrs. Tom Dortch which is the regular meeting place Mrs. Dortch is teacher with Mrs. Desmond Kelly assistant. The Primary group met from 2:30 until 3:45 and sung carols, learned a Scripture verse and

saw a visualized story of the Birth of the Christ Child. Refreshments of Christmas cookies and koolade were served to Vicki Dortch, Kim Brumley, Linda Lou Lewis, Stan Miner, Jo-Jo Brown, Lucy and Steve Finney, Tammy and Clay Reid, Ronda Carter, Clifford and Sam Fleming, Gayle Reising and David Schick.

The Junior Group met from 3:45 until 5:00 and had the Christmas story. Christmas cupcakes and koolade and favors were served to Charis and Becky Fleming, Teresa Dortch, Denny Nye, Curtis Finney, Ricky Brumley, Van Lewis, Cherry and Carol Hurley, Susie Brown, Debra Langley and Sarah Graves.

H. D. CLUB MEETS
The Home Demonstration Club met last Thursday afternoon for their Christmas Party in the home of Mrs. Tom Dortch. Gifts were exchanged around the Christmas tree and refreshments were served to Mrs. Ella Parks, Mrs. Mary Gillispie, Mrs. Jack Johnson, Sr., Mrs. H. B. Parks, Mrs. A. E. Henderson, M. W. McCloy, Mr. S. Jack Crowl, Mr. S. Lynn Davis, Linda Webb, the agent and one guest Mrs. Lex Board.

Oldest of all carols, it has been said, was that sung by the heavenly host when the birth of the Saviour was announced to the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem. Probably, the practice of singing carols at Christmas arose in imitation of this, as the majority of carols declared the good tidings of great joy, and the title of Noel, nowell or novelle, applied to carols, would seem to bear out this idea.

Smiles Brighter and Hearts Lighter As Community Greet Christmas

Season's Sights, Sounds Proclaim It's a Joyful, Peaceful Time

By ANNA MANG

It's Christmas, time to greet a friend, wrap a gift, help the needy. It's Christmas, time to sing a carol, light a candle, trim a tree. It's Christmas, time to send a card, surprise a neighbor, delight a child. It's Christmas, time to welcome visitors, spread the festive board, gather the family together for everything good from food to fellowship.

Most of all, it's Christmas, time to say a prayer, count many blessings, rejoice. It's Christmas, time to celebrate anew the very first Christmas of all, the Birthday of Christ.

It's Christmas, and throughout this community the sights and sounds of a joyful, festive season appear. All through the town, twinkling lights, fragrant flowers and greens and a myriad other decorations show to every beholder the glad spirit of Christmas. Bells ring out and voices sing out, proclaiming the wonderful news.

Christmas is here. And because Christmas is here, steps are lighter, smiles are brighter, hearts are merrier.

On the way to Christmas, there may have been hours when everything seemed just too hectic — too many plans to make, too much to do, too little time. But as the great day arrives, there is time to pause, to see and to treasure the glow and the glory of Christmas. Then it is clear that every moment of preparation, every personal effort to make Christmas more complete was indeed well worth it.

Most Memorable

No two Christmases are ever alike — but this one, surely, must be the most memorable of all. Each year it seems so, and each year it's true. Every Christmas is more delightful than the last, if only because it is enriched by one more memory of Christmas past.

Memories and traditions mount up to make the Christmas customs of today. Most such customs began so long ago that their exact and accurate origin is hidden in the mists of time, and several theories may be put forward to explain why and how each custom developed.

Happily, the wealth of legend and lore woven about Christmas is pleasing rather than confusing. Especially at this season, a touch of the magical and mystical is more to be welcomed than a deluge of precise factual detail, and one of the special charms of Christmas customs is the hint of mystery surrounding them.

For Decoration

Candles, apples, colored papers — these were among the early tree ornaments.

Later, individual countries developed their own tree-decorating ideas. Straw windmills and birdcages appeared on Lithuanian trees, while the Poles devised ornaments from feathers and ribbons. Tree decorations contributed

by Scandinavian countries were as various as fish nets and miniature flags.

The modern array of tree ornaments is vast and imaginative, but even so many families like to add their own personal, "old-fashioned" touch to the tree, with decorations such as paper chains and strings of popcorn or cranberries.

Lighting Candles

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, is credited by some legend collectors with decorating the first lighted Christmas tree. He lit candles

and placed them on the boughs of an evergreen — a custom that would be frowned on today, when fire safety is the rule in Christmas decorating.

By lighting the candles and tacking the tree, he hoped to show his family some small reflection of the glory and inspiration of the heavens on the first Holy Night.

Mr. Moddrell stated that there are 18,000,000 blind people in the world, and that 37,000 people in the U.S. and Canada become blind each year.

STORY OF INTEREST

I. W. Ayres was in the office this week and related this interesting incident to us. It made us realize at this season of the year that there are many very honest and appreciative people in the world.

He said he was on his way to Amarillo when he noticed his tractor had been moved in the field. He stopped to see about it and found a note with a ten dollar bill in the seat for the use of the tractor.



WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Don Dillow are the proud parents of a baby son born December 9th at 3:24 a.m. in the Hansford County Hospital. The young lad weighed six pounds ten and one half ounces and his name is Don Edgar.

Proud grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cotter, Sr. of Gruver and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dillow of Spearman, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cator are the proud parents of a young son born December 12th in the Spearman Hospital and weighed in at seven pounds and five and a quarter ounces.

He has been named Marshall Alvin. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cator and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prachar of Spearman. Great-grandparents are Mr. George of Walsh, Colorado and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Davis, Sr. of Gruver.

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STRAWN FARM AND RANCH
Leslie Barkley

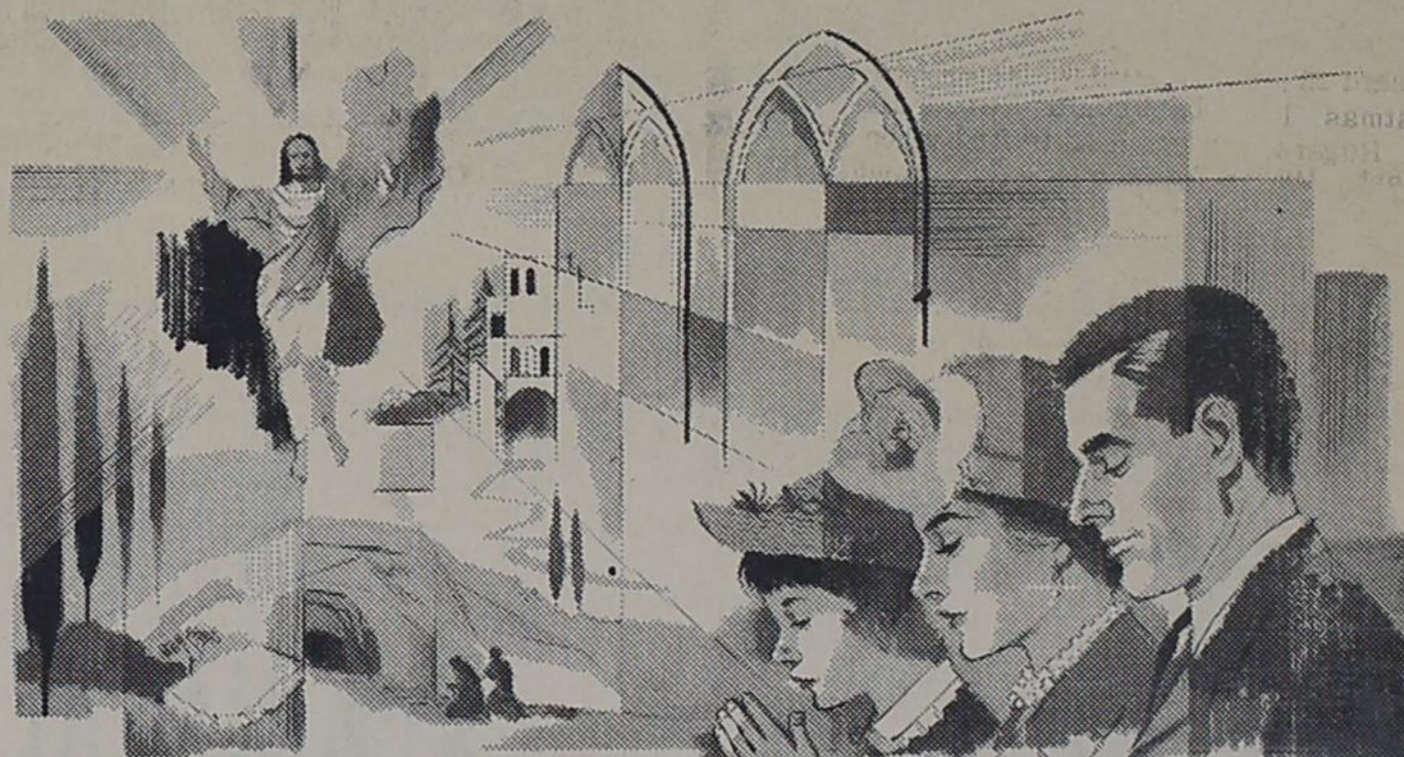


Merry Christmas

Thank you for your friendliness during the past year — May we extend our warm greetings and good wishes to each of you.

AYERS BRAKE AND ALIGNMENT

GRUVER CHURCH DIRECTORY



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

pastor, Reverend Bill Butts

- Sunday School-----9:45
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- Training Union-----6:30
- Evening Worship-----7:30
- Wednesday Evening Lesson Study-----7:00
- Prayer Meeting-----8:00
- R.A.'s Wednesday-----6:00
- G.A.'s Thursday-----
- Y.W.A. Wednesday-----7:00
- W.M.U.-----
- Sunbeams-----

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

minister, Alfred White

- Bible Study-----10:00
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- evening worship-----6:00
- Bible Study..Wednesday-----8:00
- Ladies Class..Jr..Wed-----2:00
- Ladies Class..Sr..Wed-----2:45

THE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

pastor, W.L. Porterfield

- Sunday School-----9:45
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- Youth Meeting-----6:30
- Evening Worship-----7:30
- Wednesday--Bible Study-----8:00

THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

pastor, Paul DeWolfe

- Sunday School-----9:45
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- Sunday Evening Worship-----7:00
- Wednesday Night Service-----7:30

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

pastor, Reverend Robert Lamson

- Sunday School-----10:00
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- Chi-Rho-----7:00
- Adult Bible Study-----8:00
- Wed. Juniors-----4:00
- Prayer Meeting-----Wed-----8:00

THE OSLO LUTHERAN CHURCH

pastor, Robert Cordes

- Sunday School-----9:45
- Adult Bible Class-----9:45
- Morning Worship-----11:00

THE GRUVER METHODIST CHURCH

pastor, Reverend R.L. Kirk

- Sunday School-----9:45
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- M.Y.F.-----7:00
- Evening Worship-----6:00
- Wed. Day Bible Study-----7:00
- Wednesday Choir Practice-----8:00
- Thursday W.S.C.S.--monthly-----3:00
- Dorcal Circle--Thursday-----9:30
- Mary Martha Circle--Thursday-----3:00



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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams left Monday for Austin, Texas for a friends wedding, sightseeing and fishing on the coast and on to visit Robert's folks in Dekalb, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Helton, Idalou, Annette and Cloit visited in the A. R. Henderson home on Monday night to watch the Colored Television Christmas Program. Jim Helton, who is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, is home on leave for the Christmas Holidays visiting in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Helton, Sr.

Mr. L. A. Williams spent several days in the Sanford Hospital quite ill. He is home now and doing fine.

Mrs. Chester Heath has been ill at her home but is improving now and feeling much better.

Mrs. D. F. Sloan is improving in the Guymon Hospital and hopes to be home for Christmas with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Williams, Ti and Tod left for Winters today to spend Christmas with Jerry's Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carral in Winters, Tex. as.

Mrs. Joe Evans was the winner of the electric slicing knife given away Saturday evening at the Gruver Drug.

Also home from McMurry College in Abilene is Carlita Knight, visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlie Knight.

Wesley Eddleman left Saturday for Sierra Blanca where he will spend the holidays with his sister and her husband the Womacks. Wesley flew from Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cooper and Chris and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper were guests Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Erickson and Carmen. The group erected their Christmas tree and had supper.

visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Osborne and daughter of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Karr and daughter of Morse have moved to Gruver where they will make their home. Frank will be working with Punkin Edwards.

Mrs. Kay Robinson of Panhandle is spending this week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Otho Gammill.

Mona Hale is home from Dallas for the Holidays visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hale.

Horace Hays is in the Spearman Hospital undergoing treatment. His condition is improving.

Bob and Josie Hays are in the Spearman Hospital undergoing tests and treatment.

Francis Shapley is home for the Holidays from McMurry College in Abilene visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Shapley.

Reports come from Calgary, Canada that J. W. Garrett is recovering nicely from the surgery which he underwent. He is in the Holy Cross Hospital there. J. W. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Garrett.

Mrs. Gwenfred Lackey visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taber and Charlotte Bergin on Monday.

Visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Williams, is Day Nell Williams who is a Freshman student at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas.

Visiting at home over the holidays is Eschol Blankenship from Lubbock Tech. He visited with his brother and family, Mr. and Sonny Blankenship in Tulsa and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dortch in Morse on his way home. He is visiting his parents, the A. L. Blankenships at

this time. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reeves of Pampa were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Turner for the weekend. Mrs. Reeves is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turner.

Home from Howard Payne College in Brownwood are Roy and Larry Kauffman visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kauffman for the holidays.

Also home from Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, is Patsy Johnson. She is visiting in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson.

Bill Pittman, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, is visiting for the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Erlis Pittman.

Pam and Jim Cooksey of Texas Lutheran College in Seguin are visiting over the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cooksey.

Nickie Hanna of DeKalb, Texas and Freda Womble of Hardin Simmons University in Abilene are visiting in the home of Freda's parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Womble for Christmas.

Home from Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana is Euline Green visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Green. Euline is an assistant professor there and is working on his Masters Degree.

Home from Panhandle A and M College in Goodwell is Ronnie Williams spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Williams.

Sammie Cluck of Baylor University in Waco is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cluck.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ross have as their guest, their son, Ronald who is a student at Texas Tech College in Lubbock.

Visiting in the home of her mother is Lillie Mae Smith, student at McMurry College in Abilene. Lillie Mae is visiting Mrs. Edna Smith.

Home for the Holidays

from Texas Tech in Lubbock is Bob Gillispie visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gillispie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Riley and RonnaSue are in Gruver spending several weeks before they move to Stratford from Hereford. Ronnie will be associated with the Farm Bureau office of Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher have returned from Houston after Gay had surgery. They arrived home Friday night and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Richie Fletcher of Waco and Cindy Cutter also of Waco.

Home for the Holidays from Abilene Christian College in Abilene is Kenneth Lee visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lee.

Lyn McClellan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McClellan, is home from school at Lubbock and Texas Tech for the Holiday season.

Tommy Lowery, is home from Panhandle A and M College in Goodwell, Oklahoma for the holidays visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Lowery.

Miss Kathryn Peddy, Traveling Secretary for Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, is home for the Holidays visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Elsie Mae Peddy.

Ginger Murrah, freshman student at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene is home for the holidays visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murrah.

Mrs. Bertha Chancler and Mrs. Kathy Bailey and son Barry have left for Oregon by train where they will visit relatives over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bakehouse have returned home from their vacation to Aransas Pass, Texas for the Holidays with their family.

Visiting in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shapley is Tony Shapley of Texas Tech College in Lubbock. He

First in Latin . . .

Christmas carols first were written in scholar's Latin. The Blessed Jacopone of Todi, of the Franciscan order, led the way to a wider enjoyment and appreciation of joyous Christmas songs by writing musical poems in the language of the common people.

The saint, who lived from about 1230 to 1306 A.D., had a good precedent for his interest in carols in St. Francis himself. To St. Francis is traced the creation of the first creche or manger scene, in 1223 A.D. Villagers gathered around the scene and sang hymns to the Christ Child.

"The Boar's Head" . . .

"The boar's head in hand bear I,

Bedecked with bays and rosemary."

"The Boar's Head Carol," source of this quotation, appeared in the first collection of English carols, printed in 1521, and is still sung on Christmas Day at Queens College, Oxford.

Other colleges of Oxford had their own versions of the same song. "The boar is dead; lo, here is his head," remarked the carol sung at St. John's, while "The boar's head in hand I bring, With garlands gay and birds singing" was the version heard at Balliol.

Even in early times, the "boar" romantically referred to as traditional at the feast was probably a pig. The wild boar is believed to have been

will spend the holiday here. Visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roper, is Jeff Roper, student at West Texas University in Canyon.

LaNetta Blankenship is home from Texas Tech University in Lubbock visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blankenship of the Michigan Wisconsin Plant.

Larry Kelly accompanied Mrs. Cease Cluck and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Riley to Borger Saturday on business.

extinct in Britain early in the 12th century.

Feast of Stephen . . .

"Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen."

This familiar carol commemorates two famous men. One is King Wenceslas, who ruled in Bohemia in the 10th century A.D. He was noted for his generosity to the poor, and practiced this generosity on Christmas and on St. Stephen's Day, December 26.

St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr, noted in legend as a follower of Christ who, at the time of the Nativity, had been in the service of King Herod. When he was permitted to see the Star, he left Herod to serve the Child.

Today the "feast of Stephen" is remembered primarily because of the carol, "Good King Wenceslas." His day is now more commonly observed, especially in England and Canada, as Boxing Day, when presents are given to servants

and others who have rendered services throughout the year.

Shepherd Maiden . . .

Shepherds are familiar figures in Christmas stories and carols, such as "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."

More novel, but equally established in tradition, is the story of the shepherdess who visited the stable on the first Christmas night.

"D'ou viens-tu, bergere?" (or, "Whence Come You, Shepherd Maiden?") was brought to Canada in the 17th century, by early French settlers. In the carol, a questioner asks the shepherdess where she has



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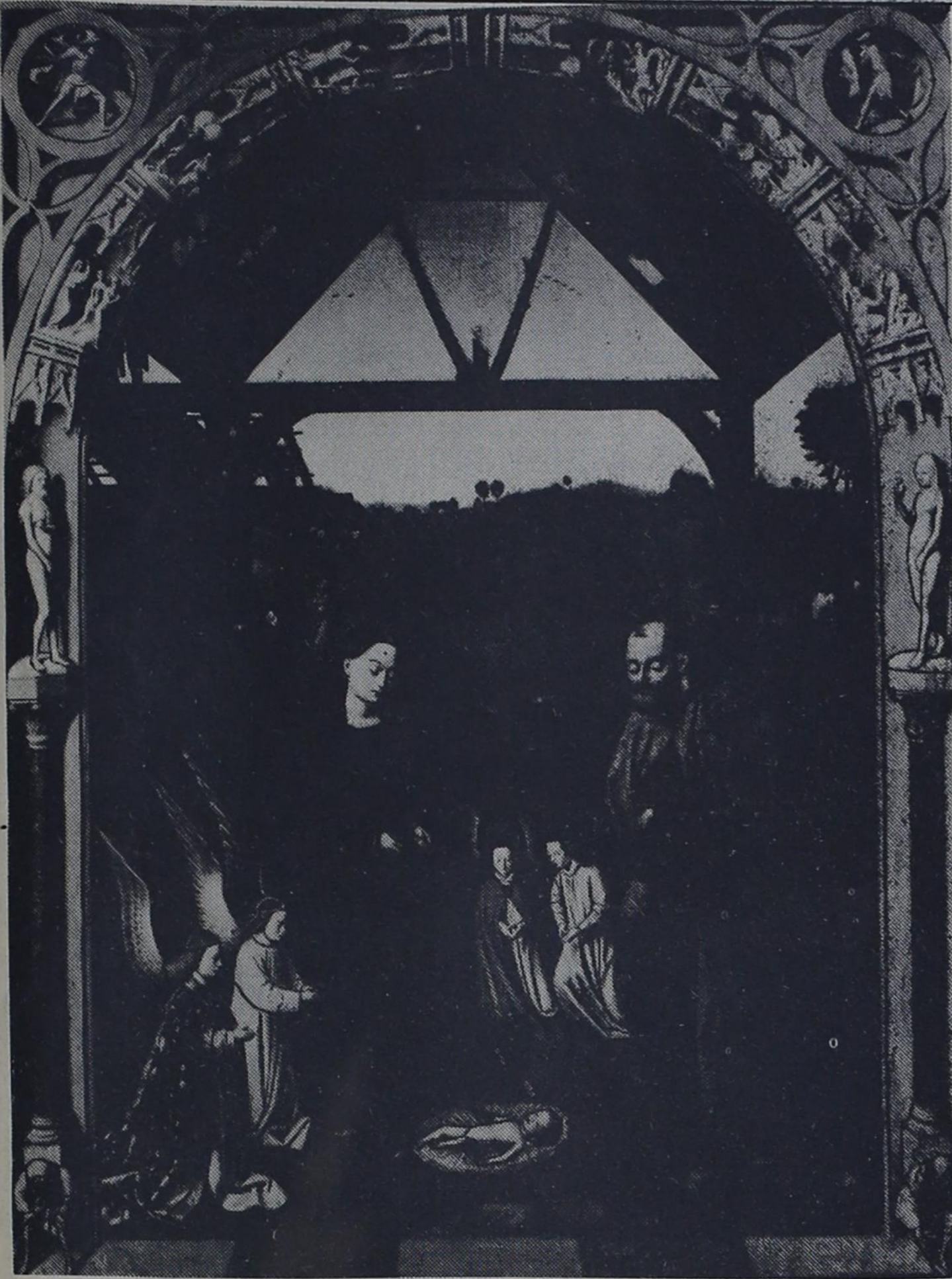
At this time of the year, as on no other occasion, we are privileged to give expression to our thoughts concerning those whose friendship and good will we cherish.

It's an old tradition which we enjoy anew each Yuletide . . . and so . . . our thanks, sincerely and in great abundance to each of you. May your Christmas be the happiest.

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To everybody, everywhere, we extend our sincere wishes for an old-fashioned Yuletide...warm with friendship...richly endowed with happy memories...bright with promise for the future...abounding with good health and good fellowship...a season filled with deep and lasting joy.

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'O Holy Night' in Art

Early Paintings Tell the Christmas Story — And the Story of Changing Times

From earliest times, artists found, in the story of the Nativity and the events surrounding it, a source of inspiration and a challenge to their talents. The Madonna and Child, the Holy Family, the Magi, the manger scene — these are the subjects that have engendered some of the world's most famous paintings.

And, as students of both art and history know, such paintings not only portray a scene, they also tell something of the times in which they were painted.

As the Middle Ages drew to a close and the Renaissance dawned, new light was spreading over the world. Mid-15th-century artists were turning from theories of painting which depicted more stylized poses and ornate detail, liberally touched with gilt, to an approach which emphasized more realistic, lifelike figures and landscapes, as seen in paintings of humble peasants adorning the Christ Child, true-to-life stable animals and even blacksmiths working in the background of the manger.

In "Adoration of the Magi," a painting by Giovanni di Paolo which is now in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., the Three Kings are depicted in an elaborate, decorative style. The background of the painting, however, shows a more lifelike interpretation. The landscape of fields dotted with crops, crisscrossed with roads and bathed in sunlight is refreshing — and a treatment new to the times.

Another "The Adoration of the Magi" at the National Gallery is even more indicative of a world in transition. This tondo (circular) painting was begun by one artist, Fra Angelico, and finished by another, Fra Filippo Lippi. The principal part of the painting, attributed to Fra Angelico, has an idealized, other-worldly atmosphere.

Realism appears in the solid, substantial figures of the foreground — typical Renaissance forms, the work of Fra Filippo. Both of these "Adorations" were painted in tempera on wood. Tempera, a mixture of pigments and dyes with egg yolk to produce a dull finish on a surface prepared with egg white for adhesion, was a common medium for medieval Italian artists.

In "The Nativity" also in the National Gallery, the Flemish artist Petrus Christus used oil paints on wood, thus marking another advance of the early Renaissance. Flemish artists were the first to use oil extensively in painting; they came the technicians and scientists of their age. They ground and mixed their own pigments to achieve the colors they wanted. And they carefully observed nature, even undertaking anatomical studies.

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TWO ARTISTS painted this "Adoration of the Magi," (lower right) begun by Fra Angelico and completed by Fra Filippo Lippi about 1445. Samuel H. Kress collection.

FINDING THE BEAN "Twelfth Cake" was a highlight of 16th century celebrations of Epiphany, January 6. From the finding of a bean and a pea baked into the cake, a king and queen of the day were chosen.

From 'Nativity' To 'Adoration'

AS THESE PAINTINGS tell the story of the first Christmas, they also reflect the world of the early Renaissance, in advanced techniques and a newly-lifelike mode of art. All are from the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

"THE NATIVITY," above left, was painted by Flemish artist Petrus Christus about 1440-50. From the Mellon Collection.

"ADORATION OF the Magi," upper right, is the work of Giovanni di Paolo, a 15th century Sieneese. Mellon Collection.

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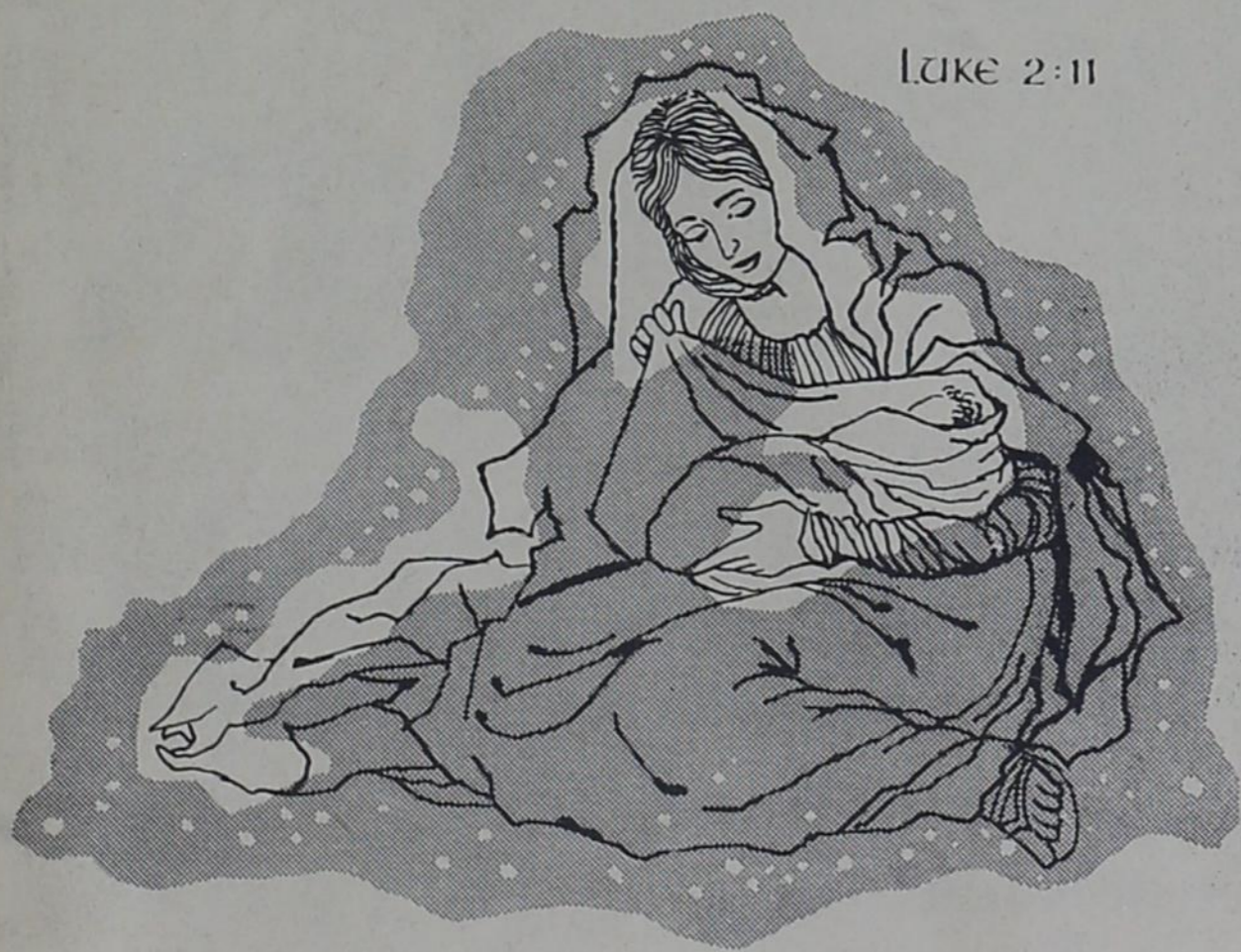
May you and those about your Yuletide hearth enjoy a Christmas of Peace... may all your days be filled with lasting contentment.

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The Little Shepherd

The littlest shepherd was always left behind. It was not particularly that he was so young, for he was almost to the age of manhood. Instead, it was because he was small, frail, and afflicted. One foot was considerably smaller than the other and it possessed no strength. Consequently, the lad could never run and play like other children. It was only through the aid of a crutch that he walked at all, and this with great difficulty.

Since early childhood, the little shepherd had tried to ignore his affliction and to convince others that it did not hinder his usefulness. But his elders still considered him a cripple and would assign him only the most menial of tasks. He was not even allowed to take a regular watch over the sheep.

"What would you do if wild animals appeared?" they asked of him.

the sheep if they decided to run? You cannot run."

"The sheep would not run from me. I would call them by name and they would return to the flock."

The elders knew there was much truth in the little shepherd's words. He knew each sheep in the flock by a special name and when he spoke to them each would raise his head and listen attentively. Yet the elders still did not think him capable of standing a night watch over the entire flock. This was a man's job, they argued.

On this particular night, however, they said to him: "We must go to Bethlehem, as instructed, and we are told to have no fear for the safety of our sheep. The trail is much too difficult for you. Stay here with the flock and we shall return with the sun."

So the littlest shepherd was left alone, and frightened. He knew full well he would face stern discipline

from his elders if anything should happen to the flock.

For hours, he spoke to the sheep as if they were little children and then he sang to them. But the night wore long and, in the course of time, the little shepherd closed his eyes for a minute of restless sleep.

When he opened his eyes, he knew something was wrong. He called to the sheep and, one by one, they raised their heads, except the last-born... the lamb so new to the flock that he had not yet given it a name. The littlest lamb of all was missing from the flock.

The little shepherd was much afraid and did not know what to do. He called out to the little lamb, but there was no answer. He listened, as carefully as he could, but there was nothing other than the usual sounds of the night. The little shepherd knelt on the hard ground and prayed for guidance.

Somewhere, deep within him, a voice seemed to repeat, "Find the sheep that is lost," so he took up his crutch and went searching into the night.

The trail was rough and steep and the little shepherd had not gone far before the crutch slipped from his grasp and fell away, clattering against the rocks as it disappeared into the night.

The little shepherd was desperate. He wanted to call for help, but he knew none would hear. Slowly, painfully, he continued to search, the uneven hillsides forcing him to put unaccustomed weight on his weaker foot.

On and on he struggled, ignoring the soreness of his

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"What any other would do," he replied. "I would sound the alarm to arouse those who slept. I would keep loose stones to throw at the animals and drive them away."

"And, what if some of the sheep strayed from the fold?" they inquired.

"I would fetch them back again," he replied.

"You, a cripple?" They laughed. "You would fall and break your neck on the hills. How would you catch

Christmas Waits HAPPY NEW YEAR



The origin of the Christmas Waits seems to be dated back to the fourteenth or fifteenth century. They were probably musical watchmen who were required to prove their vigilance by playing on a musical instrument of some kind at regular intervals. Later the Waits became organized bands of musicians who were available as entertainers for weddings, banquets and other festive occasions. Today, in England, the Waits are unorganized bands of boys and men who parade the streets during the holidays, singing Christmas carols and playing musical instruments for a small gratuity.



Christmas Town!

Santa's here! The air is a-tingle with excitement. Good cheer and friendly warmth shines in every face, in every window.

In these last joyous moments of this most joyous of days, we proudly and happily say:

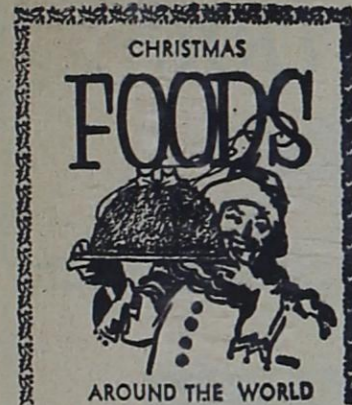
It's always a pleasure to serve you... It's a special pleasure now to wish you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



In America, the favorite Christmas dish is turkey and dressing with traditional cranberry sauce. Other countries have their favorite foods. In Austria, for example, raisins, currants, chopped figs and dates are made into a cake called Fruchtbrot and served hot.

Czechoslovians serve baked carp with spicy sauce on Christmas Eve. In Denmark, the Christmas meat is goose. Plum pudding and mincemeat have long been favorites with the English.

In Sweden, the main dish at dinner is roast pig served with bright red apple in its mouth. Goose is also a favorite Christmas meat. Instead of turkey, the Norwegians serve such meat dishes as roast ribs of pork, pickled pork or barbecued young pig.

Popular in Poland is chopped meat rolled in cabbage served with vegetables and sour cream. It is called golumpi.

Hungarian families serve cakes in the shape of horseshoes and filled with poppy seeds or walnuts. Flat hard cakes in the shape of beasts, birds or fish are traditional in Holland.

Germany has many traditional Christmas foods, not the least popular of which is the Christmas cake called Pfefferkuchen. Characteristic of France is the truffled turkey and black pudding. The first course of the Finnish Christmas dinner is dried eel fish served with boiled potato and cream sauce.

Regardless of the foods served or the tradition back of various dishes, Christmas dinners everywhere abound with good cheer and good fellowship.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts—(Col. 3:15).

If we allow Christ's spirit of peace to rule our hearts, our minds and our lives, our existence will be a truly harmonious one.



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foot, oblivious to the branches and thorns which tore at his clothing and then his flesh. He knew that he must find the lamb and return it to the flock. He no longer feared discipline from his elders; they could inflict nothing worse than the tortures he was now enduring. His heart went out to the little lamb, lost and alone, easy prey for wild animals, or else sure to die of starvation.

But, it was hopeless. Exhausted, the little shepherd sat down against a tree to rest. He knew that he was very, very tired and also very, very lost. Remembering that prayer had sent him searching into the night, he knelt again on the rocky ground.

"If I am lost, forever, Oh Lord, it is Thy Will. But, if it pleases you, send down light to guide the lost lamb

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STRENGTH FOR THESE DAYS

Whoso trusteth in Jehovah, happy is he.—(Prov. 16:20).

The true road to worthwhile and happy experiences lies through the placing of our plans in God's care.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Traditions

December 25, Christmas Day, also is the date of the winter solstice, the turning point of the year, when winter begins its decline towards spring.

In merry old English, country gentlemen, in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, held open house for all. With daybreak on Christmas morning, neighbors came to the manor for a feast of blackjacks and Cheshire cheese, toast, sugar and nutmeg.

Christmas was abolished in England by the Roundhead Parliament in 1643. For twelve years the observance of Christmas as a holiday ceased.

It was long believed in Poland that on Christmas night the heavens opened and the scene of Jacob's ladder was re-enacted. Only the saints, however, were permitted to see it.

The "revelion" or Christmas Eve supper at midnight is more important to French people than the Christmas Day dinner.

In Denmark an interesting custom prevails. Broken crockery is accumulated through the year and on New Year, this crockery is tossed against the door of favorite friends.

Before Christmas Polish children write letters telling what they want for Christmas. These are placed on the windowsill or by the fireplace where tradition says it will be picked up by the Wise Men.

Scandinavian squires prepare Christmas trees for the birds. It is a long pole to the top of which is attached a large sheaf of grain.

An old superstition of England was humorous. On Christmas Eve the young ladies knocked loudly at the door of a pig sty. If a hog grunted first, the lady's husband would be an old man. If a pig grunted first, her husband would be young.

Scottish superstition says nothing is to be taken out of the house on Christmas Day unless it is a present for someone.

One of the most popular festivals of Puerto Rico is Bethlehem Day, it celebrates the coming of the Magi, or wise men, on the twelfth night.

HOW TO MAKE BAYBERRY CANDLES

The branches of the bayberry shrub are thickly beset with gray, wax-giving berries.

Cover the berries with water and boil perhaps an hour. The oil comes to the top. Strain through a cloth to remove small twigs. When this wax becomes cold it will form a cake at the top of the water. It should be heated again, preparatory to molding the candles.

Pour into candle mold, or fasten several wicks to a piece of wood, which can be dipped into the hot wax. Use tall container of small diameter. Each coat should chill and become hard before dipping again.

Bayberry candles are more brittle and less greasy than tallow. They are translucent green and when the flame is extinguished the resulting odor is sweet and pungent.



We have chosen to give a book to the library instead of sending Christmas Cards. Merry Christmas to you all!

Merry Christmas
Mr. and Mrs. R.Y. Jones
(Beula & Jonesy)

Joyous Greetings



We hope this Christmas marks the close of a memorable year for you . . . one filled with good friends and good days.

We hope that tomorrow . . . and the years after tomorrow will continue to be filled with the best of everything for you.

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Happy Holidays



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back to the fold."

And, there was light! A bright and glorious star in the sky. It shone not upon the little shepherd, but illuminated the far hillside where the flock rested comfortably in sleep.

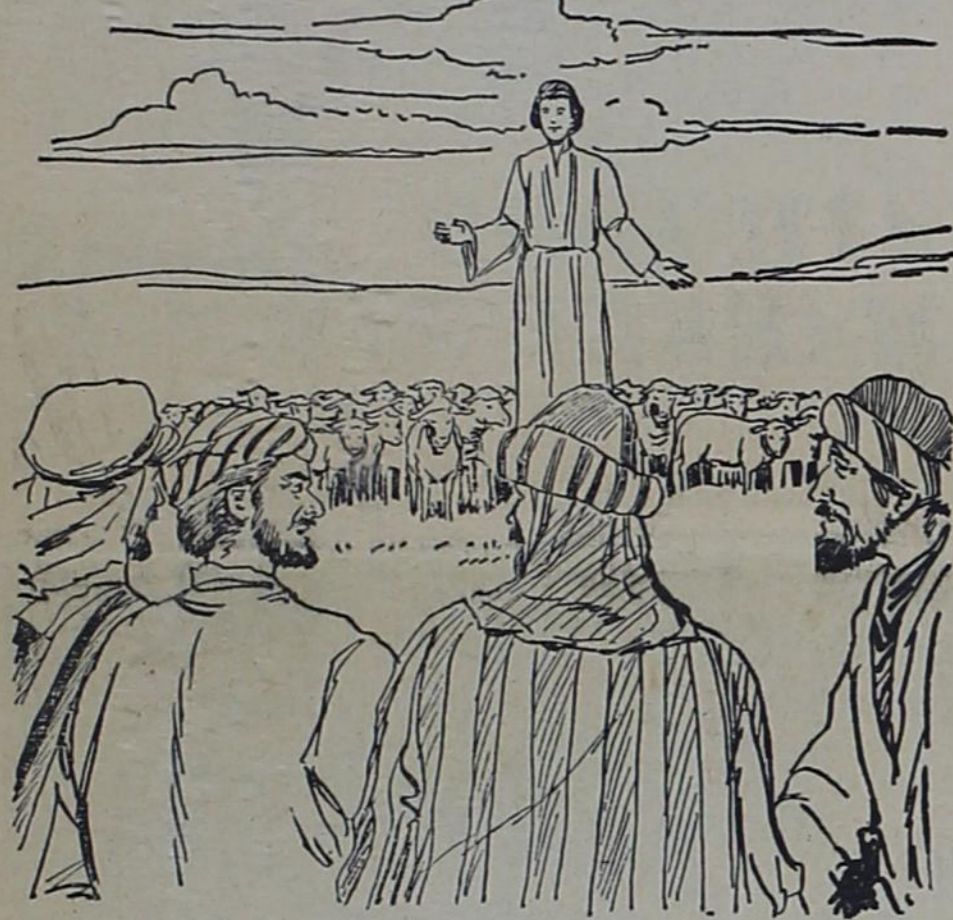
With joy in his heart, the little shepherd made his way down the hillside, knowing that all was well; which it was. The sheep were all accounted for, even the littlest lamb of all, which rested contentedly at his mother's side.

The little shepherd was so happy that he sang to his flock until the dawn. With the morning, the elders came into sight and he ran down the trail to tell them that the flock was safe and all was right with the world.

The elders were so excited about their visit to Bethlehem they failed to notice the little shepherd was without his crutch until they gathered about the campfire.

"Come," they said, "let us find it or make another."

But the little shepherd said to them, "Do not search, nor make another. I have no further need."



And, this was true. With use, the weak foot became stronger and eventually the little shepherd grew into a strong, wise, and holy man. In later years, it is said, he became a loyal and tireless worker for Christianity.

It is said that among those who knew him, few could call him by his given name. He was known simply as "the one of great faith." This we do not know, but we are certain that his descendants roam the earth and speak in many tongues.



Season's Greetings

from the Keepers of the Flame

The directors, officers and employees who serve you at Western Gas Service Company wish you a glorious holiday season and hope that you enjoy the fullest of blessings for 1965.



When Christmas Groups Gather, It's Game Time

Everyone's a child at Christmas time, and that's why there's nothing as much fun when family and friends gather as game-playing. Since Christmas groups usually include both children and adults, games that both can enjoy are best.

The following games can be played with no special equipment, other than that on hand.

Charades . . .

Christmas charades is a lively game that the whole family will enjoy.

Divide the group into two

teams. Individual members of teams are then called upon to act out a word, character, phrase, scene or situation — and since it's Christmas, all the charades should have Christmas overtones.

Subjects are supplied on a slip of paper by the opposing team and then passed on to the "actor." From here on, it's his job to see how quickly he can get his teammates to guess what he is acting out.

"The Night Before Christmas," "Jingle Bells," "A Partridge in a Pear Tree," and "Filling the Christmas Stocking" are just some of the many,

many subjects that can be used.

Word Play . . .

A popular pencil-and-paper game is called "word play." The object of the game is to see how many words can be made from a phrase such as "Merry Christmas to All." A time limit is set, and the rule is that no letter can be used in any word more often than it appears in the phrase.

In other words, words made from "Merry Christmas to All" can include no more than one "e," "i" or "o," while they could contain as many as two "m's" or three "r's."

Since word play involves competition among its players, it's advisable to allow the children to compete against one another, while the adults bat-

tle it out among themselves.

Santa's Sleigh . . .

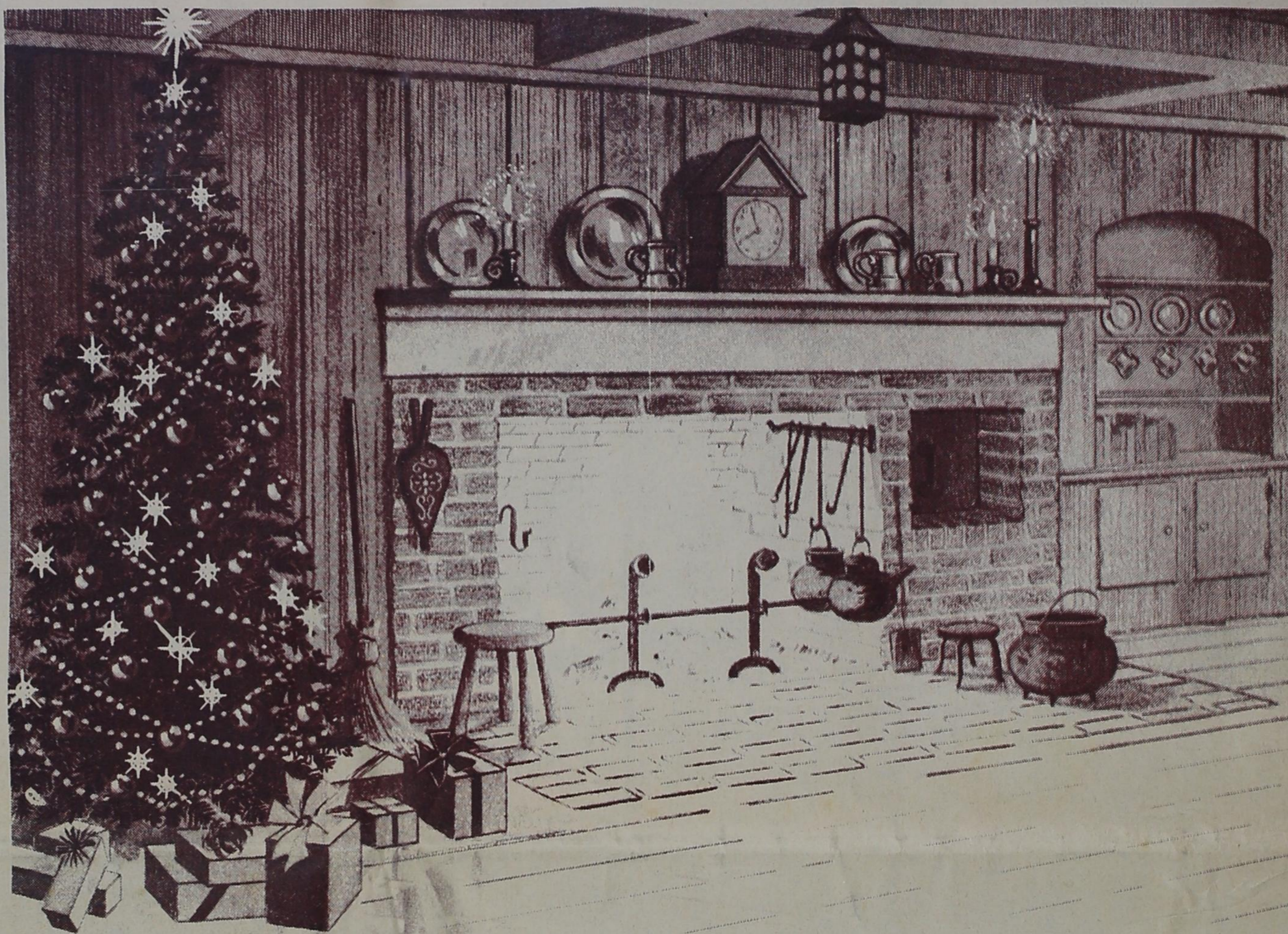
"Santa's Packing His Sleigh" is a quiet Christmas game that provides fun and hearty laughter. It starts simply enough with one member of the group saying, "Santa's packing his sleigh, and he's bringing a toy dog."

Then each person repeats the sentence, adding another gift to Santa's sleigh. The object of the game is to repeat correctly, in order, the complete list of gifts in Santa's sleigh — and it's harder than it sounds.

As the list gets longer and longer, more and more players just can't seem to remember the whole list and its order, so consequently they drop out, until only one is left.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

In northern Europe it is the Christmas tree but in southern European areas it is the Christmas Crib that is used as the center of Christmas festivities. In France it is called Crèche, or cradle. Italians call theirs the Presepe, or manger. Germans have the Krippe or crib, Czechs name theirs lesicky. In Spain it is called the Nacimiento or Nativity Scene.



THE FESTIVE SEASON

The festive season has arrived! Every window shines with delight...every tree glitters with excitement...every hearth is a cheery glow inviting one and all to draw near and enjoy the festive season.

We hope all in your family circle find a special warmth and happiness during this joyous time. May every nook and corner of your home be bright and alive with the good cheer of the festive season for all days to come.

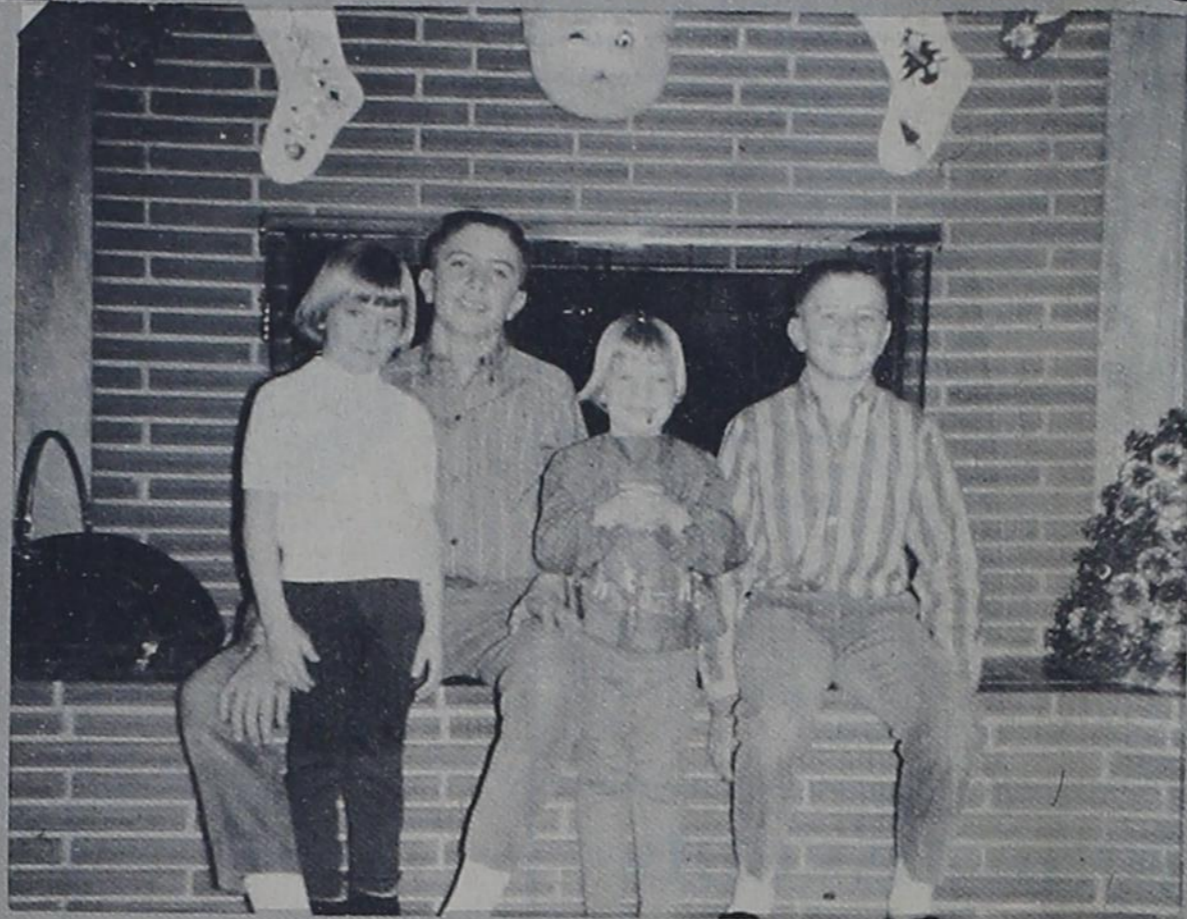
Our warmest thanks . . . our warmest wishes to one and all.



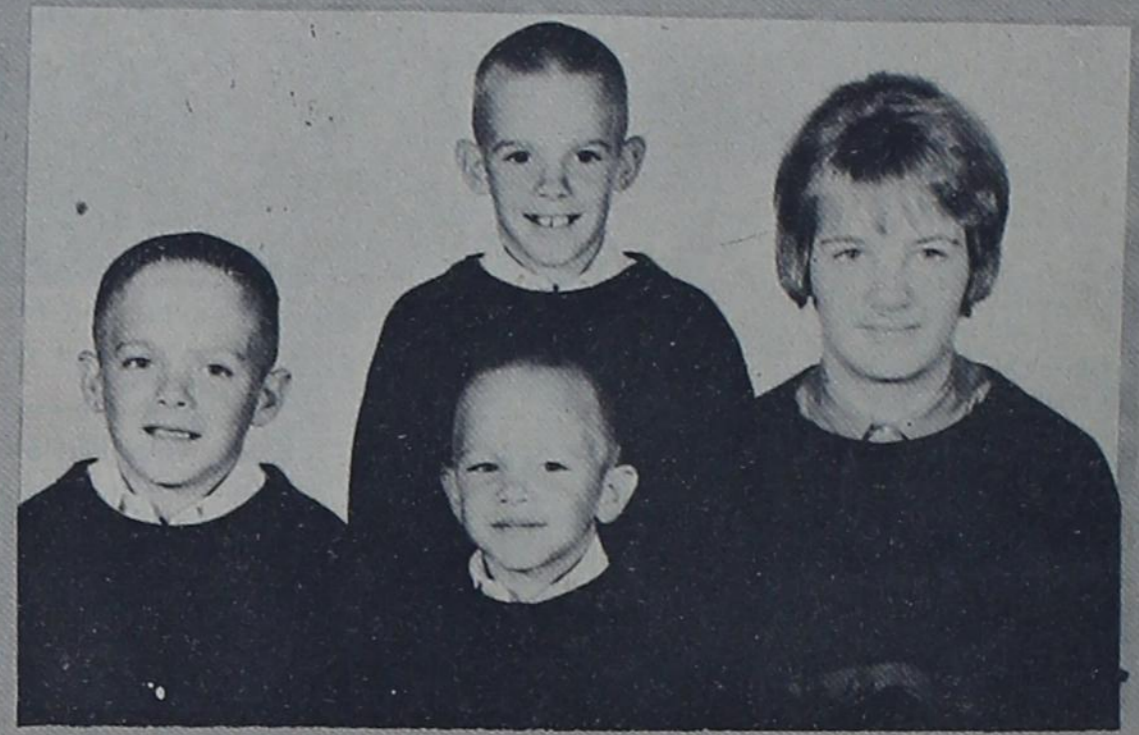
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Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

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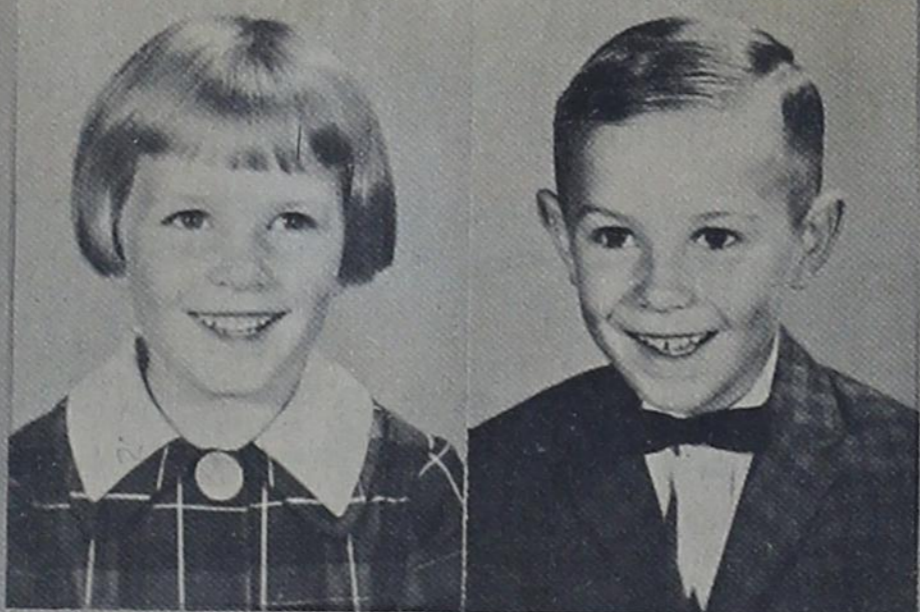
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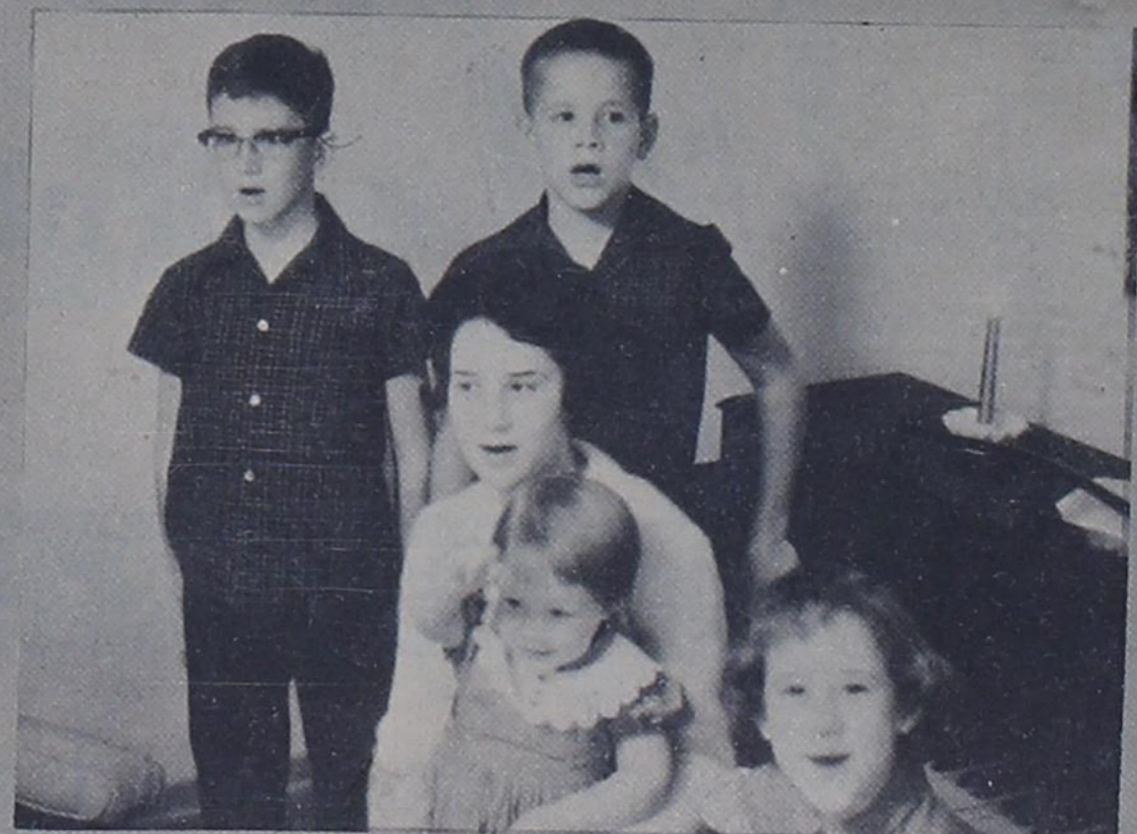
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Mrs. Baskin is the proud winner of the mink stole



Grover Taylor and son Jimmy took home the new bicycle, also given away at the new farm store



Emory Roper of Stratford won the TV given away at the Taylor Evans Grand Opening

The Gruver Independent Office will be closed December 24 through January 1st. If you need anything or would like to turn any news in, call Mrs. D. H. Kelly, FI7-2320

Rudolph of the Red Nose Adds To Fame of Santa's Reindeer

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!" Here, just as Santa said them, are the names of the "eight tiny reindeer" who drew his "miniature sleigh," according to Clement C. Moore in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

But, since Moore wrote his poem in 1823, Santa must have added some new reindeer. It's certain that he has at least one famous sleigh-puller not mentioned in the poem — the red-nosed Rudolph.

Rudolph made his first public appearance in 1939, in the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," with words and music by Johnny Marks.

The story of Rudolph, whose red nose made him first a joke and then a hero, seems to have the indefinable appeal that makes a Yuletide tradition. As the other reindeer in the song predicted, when Rudolph's red nose led the team through a dark, overcast Christmas Eve, it seems likely he'll go down in Yuletide history, a permanent part of the legend and lore of Santa Claus.



With reverence and pride we take this opportunity to wish each of you a Joyous Christmas. May it be filled with many moments of real and enduring happiness for you and your family.

A JOYOUS NOEL TO ALL

FIRST STATE BANK

Spearman

Greeting Cards Chronicle Manners, Customs, Events

It all began in 1843 when John Calcott Horsley, a prominent London artist, drew the first Christmas card. Horsley's pioneering greeting was a tryptic, a prime example of contemporary recording. The central panel showed a jolly family with young and old tipping toasts from brimming glasses, while the two side panels gave a sobering effect with scenes of the poor being clothed and the hungry fed. From that time on Christmas cards have faithfully chronicled the manners, customs and events of their times. One Christmas card collec-

tion, that of Norcross, Inc., greeting card publishers, houses hundreds of cards that capture for posterity the fads and foibles, changes and evolution in sports, fashions, modes of transportation, current events, filial love, amusements, even children's pastimes and music making.

According to Miss Esther Mooney, who is a curator of the collection, many of the cards are gems of social comment.

"In an English card of 1892," said Miss Mooney, "the formality existing between children and parents in that Victorian era is quite clearly expressed by the artist. He depicts a little girl on bended knee at her mother's feet solemnly offering her a Christmas bouquet. Just 40 years later, a Christmas card of 1930 shows how relaxed filial relations had become with its breezy greeting that says, '3 cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!'"

Christmas card artists have always been quick to pick on innovations as subjects. The advent of the horseless

carriage was duly recognized in a card of 1910. Cut out in the shape of a car of that vintage, it cheerfully puns: "You 'Auto' be Happy As you, on Pleasure's Motor-Car Steer merrily thro' Christmastide ... Speed gaily as fun always 'Auto!'"

And in 1950, the early days of television were noted in a Christmas greeting which shows Santa tuning in TV.

An historic event is frequently the inspiration for a Christmas card. When Lindbergh flew the Atlantic, the artist drew his "Spirit of St. Louis" flying over New York on a 1927 Christmas card.

During World Wars One and Two Christmas cards became unblushingly patriotic. Verses like "On Christmas Night ... With Holly Berries Gleaming Bright, Our Thoughts fly true O'er Ocean Blue and take a Christmas Wish to you" on a 1917 card brought balm to homesick doughboys.

Personalities who were household words of their times often popped up in Christmas

cards. A topical card of 1934 offered five famous faces for the price of one. It showed the Duke of Windsor (then the Prince of Wales), Mussolini, Garbo, Chevalier and Mae West all wishing the lucky recipient seasonal greetings in their own particular style.

In 1959 Christmas cards entered the space age when Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov decorated his season's greetings with pictures of three Lunik satellites. And after John Glenn's space flight, American card companies

came out with a spate of cards that featured space ships, orbiting Santas and rockets. In the prosperous 1960's Christmas cards have blossomed forth with a rash of current status symbols. Victorian cards showed the magic lantern or the piano every well-to-do Victorian home possessed.

On Christmas greetings of today, it's the transistor radio and the stereo hi-fi, the set of golf clubs or the scooter, elegant ladies in furs and golden Cadillacs that mingle with the holly and mistletoe.

Birthday News . . . "Nowell" or "Noel" means birthday news or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ. The earliest carols were songs of the Nativity, the Incarnation and the Annunciation. Later, ones on shepherd themes and the Epiphany were composed, and there were also many of folk origin on the festivities of the Christmas seahomesick doughboys. These latter included such household words of their times as "The Holly and The

SIGHTING ROBINS Popular motif on early Christmas cards was the English robin — possibly because English postmen, who delivered the cards, in those days wore red uniforms and were often called "Robin."

Ivy." Many of the surviving old carols were originally part of the medieval mysteries and miracle plays.

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For Christmas Enjoyment, Traditional Recipes Featured Plum Pudding As Favorite Finale of Feast

By MARIE DILLON



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Drawing from Book of Knowledge

For centuries, plum pudding has provided a flaming finale to the traditional Christmas feast. Early in the 18th century, English cooks used the following quaintly worded recipe in making their holiday dessert:

"Take a quarter of a Peck of Flower and dry it, three Pounds of Currans, wash'd and pick'd clean, set them before a Fire to dry, half a Pound of Raisins of the Sun, wash'd and stoned and shred small, half a Pound of blanch'd Almonds, beat very fine with Rose-Water, a Pound of Butter melted with a Pint of Cream, but not put in hot, a Pint of Ale-Yeast, a Penny-worth of Saffron steep'd in a Pint of Sack, ten or twelve eggs, but half the Whites of them, a quarter of an ounce of Cloves and Mace, one large Nutmeg grated, a few Caraway-Seeds, Citron, Candied Orange and Lemon Peel slic'd; you must make it thin, or there must be more Butter and Cream; You may perfume it with Amber-greece ty'd in a Muslin Bag, and steep'd in the Sack all Night.

"If you see it, take half a Pound of Double-refin'd Sugar sifted; then put some of the Sugar, and beat it up with the White of an Egg, and beat it with a Whisk, and a little Orange flower-water, but do not over-wet it, then throw in all Sugar by Degrees, then beat it all near an Hour; the Cake will take so long a baking; then draw it, and wait it over with a Brush, and put it in again for half a quarter of an Hour."

A 19th century recipe for plum pudding suggests that just before serving, the holiday hostess turn it out of the bowl and put on top of it a few squares of cut sugar. Then she should pour on a little brandy, set it afire and proudly present it to her guests.

The author of this same Victorian recipe cautiously urges that "only a little be given to the young people, as it might affect them."

Today, plum pudding, from Mother's modern kitchen or the neighborhood bakery, still retains its position among the traditional Christmastime treats.

"THE WAY I SEE IT"

by Pastor Robert Cordes

THE KING WHO DIED FOR HIS PEOPLE

The story of Christmas is the story of God becoming man. Why did God do this? So He could live like us and die for us and open the door to heaven for us.

The Babe in the manger whom we worship is a real human being, but He is also God. He is the King of glory, who reigns eternally with His Father in heaven.

This great King took it upon Himself to rescue His people from sin. In love He stooped down from His throne and became a little Child. He went all the way to the cross to take away the sting of death and win eternal life for us.

Christmas was no sudden idea on the part of God. It was the fulfillment of a plan He made at the very instant our first parents

sinned. For hundreds of years the world waited while God made the world ready to receive His Son.

Christmas is a miracle because it is God taking on human flesh and dwelling on earth. By all human logic Christmas should not have happened. A virgin bearing a Son without human conception. Or a God coming to suffer and die for His people. A miracle but it shouldn't have happened.

But it did happen, God gave His great gift of love... for people who were rebellious, unkind, sinners. He gave Him for us--for you.

Have you received this Great Gift of a Savior this Christmas? What about thanking God Almighty for His gift of salvation? Christmas this year will not be over--Christmas

for you now will be an eternal ongoing thing--lasting every day as we pause to think of God coming to earth so humble to make us His own children again. Christmas is not over. For The king went on to die for His people and now lives in our hearts as we are baptized into Him and believe His promises.

NAMES of Christmas



Christmas is known by a variety of names in other lands. In Greece it is called "Geneblia," feast of the Nativity. Noel is the term used in France. An Italian name is "Nativita" from which probably derived the Spanish "Navidad." The German "Weihnacht" signifies holy night. The likeliest derivation of our own "Christmas" is from the Hebrew "mas" which means tribute.



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GIVE THEM THE FLOWERS NOW

by Leigh M. Hodges

Closed eyes can't see the white roses,
Cold Hands can't hold them, you know.
Breath that is stilled can not gather
The odors that sweet from them blow,
Death, with a peace beyond dreaming,
Its children of earth doth endow;
Life is the time we can help them,
So give them the flowers now!

Here are the struggles and striving,
Here are the cares and the tears;
Now is the time to be smoothing
The frowns and the furrows and fears,
What to closed eyes are kind sayings?
Naught can avail after parting,
So give them the flowers now!

Just a kind word or a greeting;
Just a warm grasp or a smile--
There are the flowers that will lighten,
The burdens for many a smile
After the journey is over
What is the use of them; how
Can they carry them who must be carried?
Oh, give them the flowers now!

Blooms from the happy heart's garden
Plucked in the spirit of love;
Blooms that are earthly reflections
Offlowers that blossom above.
Words cannot tell what a measure
Of blessing such gifts will allow
To dwell in the lives of many,
So give them the flowers now!

Submitted by
Camelia McClellan



Star of Hope

Today, the brilliance of The Star shines in the hearts of men as once it lit the sky above the shepherds. Its light still shows the way toward hope and peace for all the world. May we again lift our eyes, our hearts, our lives toward The Star. May our Faith be renewed by its Holy light.

NANCY'S

Little Towns Of Bethlehem Celebrate

Several states, all over the United States, can boast of having their very own little town of Bethlehem.

In New England, for example, there's a place named Bethlehem in New Hampshire, and another in Connecticut.

Moving across country, Bethlehems are found in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, Indiana and Iowa.

People from nearby communities and neighboring states flock to Bethlehem, Conn., every Christmas to have their greeting card envelopes imprinted with a special seasonal message, then mailed from the town post office.

Last year, due to the demand, there were ten different greeting designs available for Christmas card senders.

Creche Is Constructed
Also contributing to the holiday atmosphere in Connecticut's semi-official Christmas town, is the creche constructed by nuns at a nearby Benedictine monastery.

In the creche, which emphasizes the primitive simplicity of the Nativity, are life-sized figures of the Virgin and Joseph, dressed in peasant garb, and a crib with the Christ Child, covered by a bright patchwork quilt.

At Christmas, the nuns also make, and offer for sale, liturgically-inspired tree ornaments.

Each Christmas, Bethlehem, Pa., is the scene of an impressive candlelight carol and communion service.

Traditional Since 1741
Celebrated, complete with organ and orchestral music, in the Central Moravian Church, it has been a tradition since 1741, when Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf, holding a lighted candle, led his people into a cabin and named their settlement Bethlehem in honor of the Christ Child.

Decorated trees also play an important part during Bethlehem's nationally famous Christmas festival on the Hill-to-Hill bridge connecting various parts of the city.

Every Christmas since 1951, a 60-foot star erected by townspeople has guided visitors to Bethlehem, Georgia.

On Christmas night, a carol service is held beneath the star.



The Blessed Season

"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him."

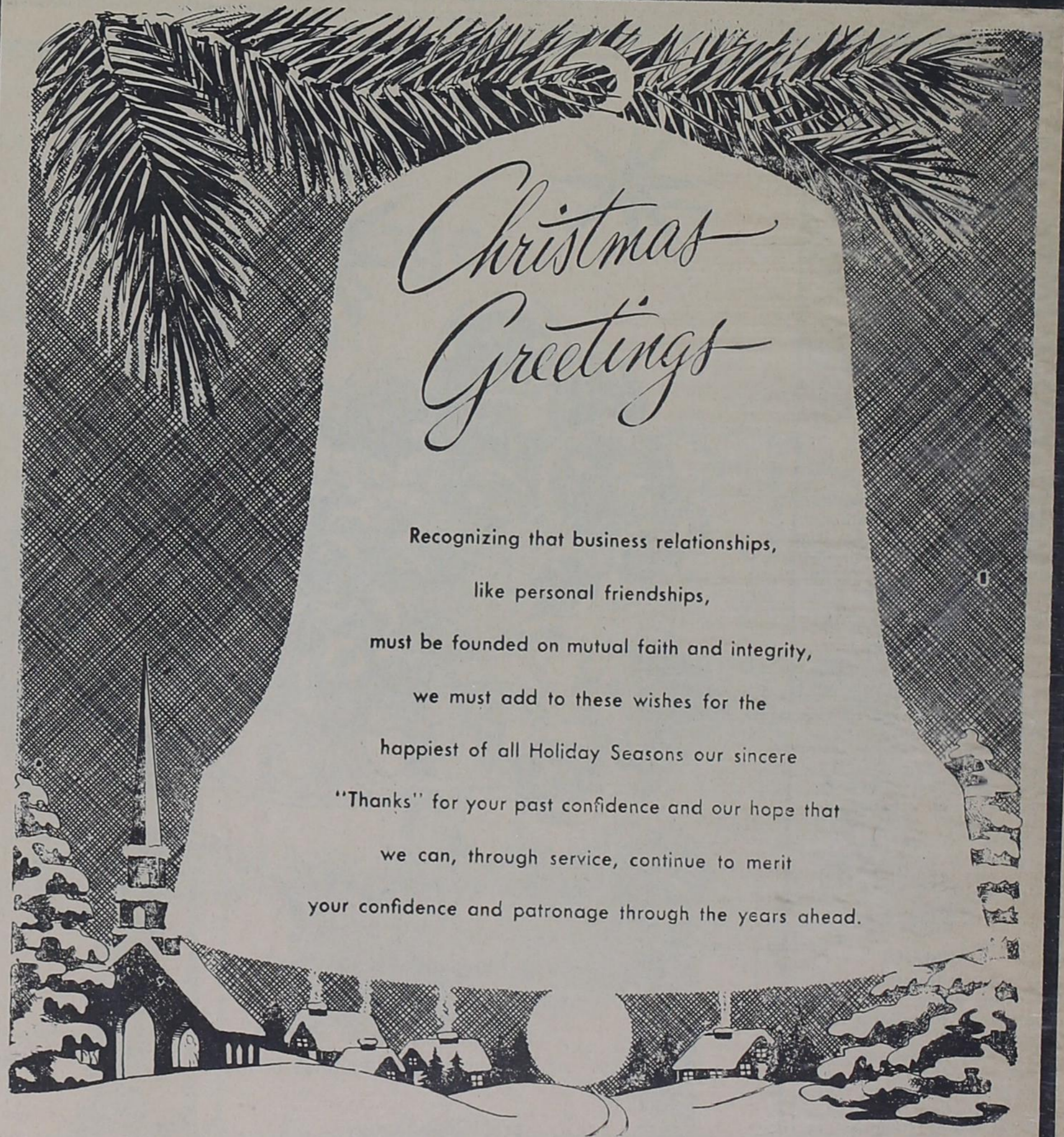
Today His spirit and wisdom still shine, undimmed by years. The Grace of God which was upon Him was His great and loving gift to us.

May his spirit and wisdom be yours. May God's grace be upon you in all the days to come.

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

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Christmas Greetings

Recognizing that business relationships, like personal friendships, must be founded on mutual faith and integrity, we must add to these wishes for the happiest of all Holiday Seasons our sincere "Thanks" for your past confidence and our hope that we can, through service, continue to merit your confidence and patronage through the years ahead.

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MUSIC CLUB CHRISTMAS

The Gruver Music Club a member of the National and State Federation of Music Clubs met Tuesday, December 8th for their annual Christmas Party. The event was held in the Memorial Building at 7:30 p.m.

Some forty-five gathered for the evening. Christmas Decorations were throughout the basement

The members and their husbands enjoyed bridge and forty-two throughout the evening.

Refreshments of snacks punch and coffee were served. The affair was hosted by Mrs. T. J. Bergin, Mrs. Don Hart and Mrs. Arnold. Bayless



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In Russia

Russian children hang up their stockings on New Year's Eve, in anticipation of Grandfather Frost's visit. Though Communists eliminated the religious celebration of Christmas, they allowed the children's festivities of the season to remain.

Ideas Vary On Customs Of Yule

Some people enjoy a White Christmas, while some people go swimming or picnicking on December 25. Some people say it's traditional to serve turkey at the holiday feast, while some people favor a Christmas goose, and still others contend that carp or fried eel is the very thing for a tasty Yuletide dish.

Around the world, Christmas customs vary, but on one point nearly all are agreed. It's a season to celebrate.

In the United States and Canada, the "melting pot" origins of the population result in a medley of Christmas traditions from all over. Americans and Canadians from Central Europe still prepare their traditional Yuletide foods with carp, while those from Italy might hanker for some Christmas capioni, made with fried eels.

Especially during a severe winter, residents of the Northern U.S. and Canada would be glad to change places, or at least change weather, with those Australians, South Americans and others who enjoy summer activities at Christmas.

On the other hand, North Americans have made their own contributions to Christmas around the world. For instance, there's Santa, white-bearded and red-suited, who is now replacing St. Nicholas and other Yule gift givers in many countries.

In Greece

Young people of Greece foretell their romantic future at Christmas by tossing olive leaves on the burning Yule log. Tradition decrees that if the leaves, symbolizing the girl and man, curl toward each other, the lovers can expect their happiness to be long-lived.

If the leaves burn apart, their romance may be fraught with difficulties. The best result, however, is if the leaves burn to a crisp. This means their love is deep and all-enduring.

In Japan

December 25 is not a national holiday in Japan, but you'd never know it from the colorful store decorations and the happy squeals of youngsters gifted by "Santa Claus San."

Department stores may have as many as 100 Santas.

In Germany

The celebration of a West German Christmas is filled with tradition, foremost of which is the Christmas tree, dating back 400 years. Until recently, trees were trimmed with candles, and although artificial lighting for tree ornaments has been introduced, the candles are still preferred by many.

"Iesous"

"Iesous ahatonhia!" These words of joy and exultation come from Canada's first Christmas carol.

If they seem somewhat incomprehensible, the explanation is simple. They are written in the language of the Huron Indians. The meaning is, "Jesus is born!"

The carol of the Huron nation was written by Father Jean Brebeuf, Jesuit missionary who came to the land of the Hurons in 1626.

Father Brebeuf worked with the Hurons in the Canadian wilderness for 23 years, helping them and composing for them a poem in their own language. Then, during an attack by the Iroquois, he was captured and tortured to death.

In his martyrdom, his words live on, for the Hurons remembered their carol, "Iesous ahatonhia!"

Baptist News

The YWA girls met December 16th in the fellowship hall. They had visitation for their community mission activity.

On December 23rd the YWA's met and went Christmas caroling.

The Intermediate G. A. Girls met with the Junior G. A. Girls for a caroling party on Tuesday December 15th. After singing at a number of homes, the group met in the fellowship hall for sandwiches, hot chocolate, and cup cakes.

On Monday December 21st the Intermediate G. A.'s met for their regular meeting. The Stewart chairman, Betty Dewess was in charge. A short officers planning meeting was held, followed by refreshments, served by Vickie Wells.

The Norma Edens Sunday Class met for a Christmas social Thursday morning in the home of Lee Bradford.

There was an exchange of white Elephant gifts and the class presented Mrs. Edens with a lovely blouse for her good work the past year.

Those present were: Norma Edens, Ann Dorman, Wanda Estes, Christine Brandvick, Clydene Battenhorst, Virginia Taylor and the hostess Lee Bradford.

A good time was enjoyed by everyone.

The whole family went along to select the log, as this was thought to bring good luck for the coming year, and to frighten away any witches.

If the log burned out quickly, or did not burn brightly, it meant bad luck ahead.

On Christmas morning, the children of the household beat upon the log and called for gifts to come forth. They were scolded by their parents, sent outside and, after a time, called in to open the gifts, which had been set near the log.

The first Christmas carols were danced to, according to Encyclopedia International. Carolers took hands and formed a ring, singing as they went round.

White House Guides Yule Traditions

Many of the cherished traditions which make Christmas merrier in the United States had their start in the White House.

George Washington, first President of the United States, surrounded himself with family and grandchildren at cheerful Christmas parties, and set the theme of a "merry Christmas" for his country. Washington also furthered the use of American holly as a decoration by growing the glossy-leaved tree on his estate at Mount Vernon.

Andrew Jackson was fond of giving large, colorful parties for young and old on Christmas Day. Frozen ices, a novelty at that time, were served, and there was a small, frosted pine tree, surrounded by toys.

Franklin Pierce introduced the modern Christmas tree to the White House in 1856.

Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, told reporters he planned an "old fashioned Christmas" including a Christmas tree, for his family, and urged others to join him in observing the custom.

Conservation-minded Theodore Roosevelt once refused to allow a Christmas tree in the White House. His son, Archie, smuggled one in, however, and the President finally relented.

First lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.

Holy Tree Blooms Every Christmas

Every Christmas, the phenomenon of the blossoming Holy Thorn Tree occurs in England and Washington, D.C.

Faithfully on December 25th, a tree called the Holy Thorn or Glastonbury Thorn blooms in the ancient English town of Glastonbury. Sometime during the same month, an off-shoot of the same tree bursts into bloom in Washington's Cathedral of the Close.

According to legend, two days before Christmas 63 years after the birth of Christ, St. Joseph of Arimathea neared Glastonbury, carrying with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper.

While pausing to rest at the top of a hill overlooking the town, he drove his staff in the ground, where it immediately took root. The next day, Christmas Eve, it had turned into a thorn tree covered with blossoms.

Message Of Christmas Lives Anew

"And lo, the Star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was." Matthew 2:9.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:16.

From two who became His disciples come the words that tell the story of that Holy Night, the first Christmas. Matthew the tax collector wrote of the Star that shone in the east, and of wise men who followed it to find and worship Him.

Luke the physician wrote of shepherds watching in the fields and herald angels singing in the heavens.

At church services during this Christmas season the words of the tax collector and the physician will be read and studied once again, with ever-deepening meaning.

And as the story is told anew, it is also reflected in the many observances of Christmas, both in churches and in homes.

The joyful sound of carols harks back to the first of all carols, the words of the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The glow of candles symbolizes the birth of Christ as the Light of the World, and it also mirrors the eternal gleam of the Star of Bethlehem.

The spirit of giving takes guidance from the gifts of the Wise Men, who brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him.

Above all, at Christmas, mankind experiences once again the reverence, wonder and rejoicing of the wise men, of whom Matthew says,

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him."

FROSTED AND FRINGED

Christmas cards of 1870 were frosted and fringed with heavy silk. The folder-type card, so much in evidence today, was not popular during the 19th century, when single cards were more frequently seen.

FORGOTTEN MAN

MOSCOW — The 85th birthday anniversary of the late dictator Josef Stalin received no notice in the Russian press Monday.



The happiest, heartiest, liveliest Christmas ever...!

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... a thousand "Best Wishes" to you during every Christmas moment

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Once again holiday bells ring out, the air fills with the fragrance of holly and poinsettia and everybody dreams about an old-fashioned wibne Christmas. As you trim the tree and stuff stockings, we extend best wishes for the merriest Christmas ever!

NORTHRUP KING SEEDS F.A. Shapley

HOMEMAKING NOTES

by Linda Webb, H.D. Agent

Two Hansford County entries in the District "Make-It-With-Wool" contest in Lubbock December 12th, came home as winners this past week-end.

Rebecca Hutchison, 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hutchison of Spearman, was named first place winner in the 14-17 year age group in the contest. This entitles her to an all-expense paid trip to the State contest in San Marcos, Texas January 8-9 1965. She also received a skirt length of wool fabric, a length of pellant and a gift certificate from one of the Lubbock fabric stores.

This wonderful honor is greatly enhanced by the fact that Rebecca was competing against 86 other contestants in her division for first place.

Cindy Hutchison, Rebecca's sister, placed second in the 10-13 year age group in the contest. She also received a skirt length of wool, and a length of pellant. Competition for this age group ends at the district level, but we can be proud of both of these girls for the fine job they have done on their garments.

Also doing a fine job as contestants from Spearman were Janice Trindle, Kyra Crum, and Linda Holt. Although these girls did not place because of the really tough competition in this "Make It With Wool Contest", their garments were beautiful and very well made - something they may be quite proud of.

Looking for something extra special for breakfast on Christmas morning? Here's a recipe you should really enjoy - Sour Cream Coffee Cake.

BATTER
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
2 cups sifted all-purpose

flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 8 oz. carton (1cup) dairy sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla

TOPPING

3/4 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1. Cream butter and sugar together

2. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

3. Sift dry ingredients together; add alternately with sour cream and blend well.

4. Mix brown sugar, flour and cinnamon together for topping.

5. Cut in butter with pastry blender or two knives. Add pecans.

6. Pour 1/2 batter into greased and floured mold or loaf pan. Sprinkle with 1/2 of topping. Add other half batter and top with remainder of topping.

7. Bake. 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes. Cool 10 minutes and remove from mold. Serve warm. Serves 16.

Christmas Eve is sometimes our busiest time. With a hundred last minute things to be done, we may want to hustle the youngsters off to bed early so they'll get a good night's rest and Santa Clause will have time to do his work. But let's save time enough to remember the real meaning and significance of Christmas. When the children hang up their stockings, is a good time for the whole family to sing some of the carols together—perhaps including among the others "O Little Town of Bethlehem", and "It Came UP on the Midnight Clear".

Christmas Eve, before the children go to bed, is the time, too, for the reading

of the story of the Nativity or the first Christmas Eve. It may be read from the Bible or a book of Bible stories—or someone who can do it well, may retell the old story.

Better than the observance of Christmas Day, is keeping Christmas together as a family. Family unity is stronger than at any other time of the year; as you pause to reflect on the Christmas season, perhaps you will enjoy Henry Van Dyke's "Keeping Christmas".

"Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and to think what you owe the world; to see what your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look beyond their faces to their hearts hungry for joy?..."

"Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to bear in mind the things other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke; and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you..."

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world...stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death...and that the blessed life that began in Bethlehem 1900 years ago is the image and brightness of Eternal Love?"

"Are you will to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christ-

mas. And if you can keep it for a day, why not for always? But you cannot keep it alone."

The office will be closed through December 23 to January 4, 1965, for Christmas and New Years holidays. I want to wish everyone a very 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year'.

BACK FORTY PHILOSOPHY

by Jack Shaw

It was late in the evening when I spied a newspaper caught on a Johnson grass stalk on the south side of my forty acres. A very enjoyable evening was spent looking through that uptown newspaper.

Of all the columns to catch my eye, the one about the new Rayburn Office Building lingered the longest. This new building is to house about one third of congress and costs at least \$100 million. Some building this is! Every door in the building costs \$300 each. The building includes a six story parking lot under ground, eight high speed elevators, a large swimming pool, a gymnasium, and the latest inter com system. This does not mention the \$20,000 carpet, kitchenette, stove and eight foot steel safe in each room.

It makes us thankful that congress has equipped itself in a practical manner to get down to work on legislation for the war on poverty.

Miss Patsy Ann Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson, Gruver, is currently enrolled at Wayland Baptist College.

Miss Johnson, a 1964 graduate of Gruver High School, is a freshman education major. She is serving as vice-president of Young Women's Auxiliary and as enlistment chairman of Future Teachers of America.

What's in a Name? Shakespeare Called Play 'Twelfth Night,' But He Chose Different Subject

"After dinner at the Duke's House, and there saw 'Twelfth Night' acted well, though it be but a silly play and not related at all to the name."

So wrote the English diarist, Samuel Pepys, in recording the events of January 6, 1663.

Later critics have taken a more enthusiastic view of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" than did Mr. Pepys, but they have to agree that the comic gambol bears no relationship to its title. Apparently, the play was so named because it had been written to be performed on Twelfth Night.

Had Shakespeare chosen to do it, he had ample materials at hand to create a play that was really about "Twelfth Night."

Epiphany, the Twelfth Night of Christmas, traditionally the night when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child, was a most important festival in Shakespeare's time, and many customs surrounded it.

Characters ready for Shakespeare's pen were such traditional folk as "Patrick O'Tater," "Lady Bluestocking," "Captain Blunderbuss," and others. At Twelfth Night frolics, the young people, especially, dressed themselves in costumes to suggest these characters.

Shakespeare, however, preferred to write of Sir Toby Belch, Malvolio, Olivia and others, and critics can only speculate upon what might have been if he had taken

"Twelfth Night" for his theme as well as his title.

NEWS FOR THE BLIND

The Braille Foundation was organized in 1899 and has developed 5 monthly Braille journals and a large monthly journal, as well as a quarterly Talking Magazine, which enjoys the largest circulation of any Talking Magazine service to blind people in the world, and a taped monthly magazine.

It was explained by Mr. Moddrell that the Foundation under took a research program six years ago, and after counseling with blind people and various organizations, it began producing the very first volume that was ever successfully put together by any organization—a series of books which

combines Braille, inkprint and color pictures. The main purpose of this project is to place in the hands of blind parents material which they could use with their preschool sighted children. However, today the books are enjoyed as much by blind children as by the parents. All State schools for the blind are provided with these books. To date the CRBF has developed a seven-volume library, with plans to develop this into a sixty-one volume FULL VISION LIBRARY.

The Foundation is supported entirely by voluntary contributions, and provides these free services, and many others, for blind and near blind children and adults.

In the state of Texas, there are 35,000 blind people, and in this northwest Texas area there are 5,000.

Dolls Play Dual Role



Used Today as Christmas Toys And for Figures in Creche

On Christmas morning, little girls throughout the land will lovingly cuddle new dolls and declare to one and all how wonderful a gift they have received. At the same time, beautiful creche dolls will be displayed in churches and homes as part of the Christmas setting.

This dual role—as toy and as religious symbol—is a function that dolls have filled for centuries, according to Encyclopedia Americana. And it is generally believed that the first use of dolls was religious, rather than for entertainment.

Historians report the doll originally was used as a representation of human figures in religious sanctuaries. The word "doll" itself, in fact, is derived from the Greek word "eidolon," meaning "idol."

Archaeologists have unearthed dolls in the ruins of tombs thousands of years old. And their presence in the tombs is assumed by some historians to mean the objects were included as idols.

Among some ancient societies, dolls were thought to possess

mystical powers. Many primitive tribes included such figures in burials as a spirit to keep the deceased company in another world. Today, in addition to the creche dolls of Christendom, dolls hold a religious importance in the Orient, where annual doll festivals are held to celebrate the birthday of Buddha.

As toys, dolls have existed for centuries. The earliest toy dolls known were discovered in the Near East and Greece. These primitive dolls were made of clay, stone or bone.

Typical was the legless paddle doll of ancient Egypt which was made from a single, flat piece of pottery or wood. Although dolls today may be extremely complex and filled with electrical gadgets, dolls of the 17th and 18th centuries frequently were even more elaborate.

They became so elaborate, in fact, that they were sent to court, and in times of war special dispensations were made to assure their safe transport to a peaceful refuge, like works of art.

May
all the joys of
Christmas
be yours

**Hale
Pharmacy**

Christmas Greetings



Our best wishes of the season to all our friends and loyal patrons. May good fellowship abound in your house during every Christmas moment.

Come let us in good fellowship be
Around the table and around the tree.

GRUVER 66 STATION

Johnny Cotter

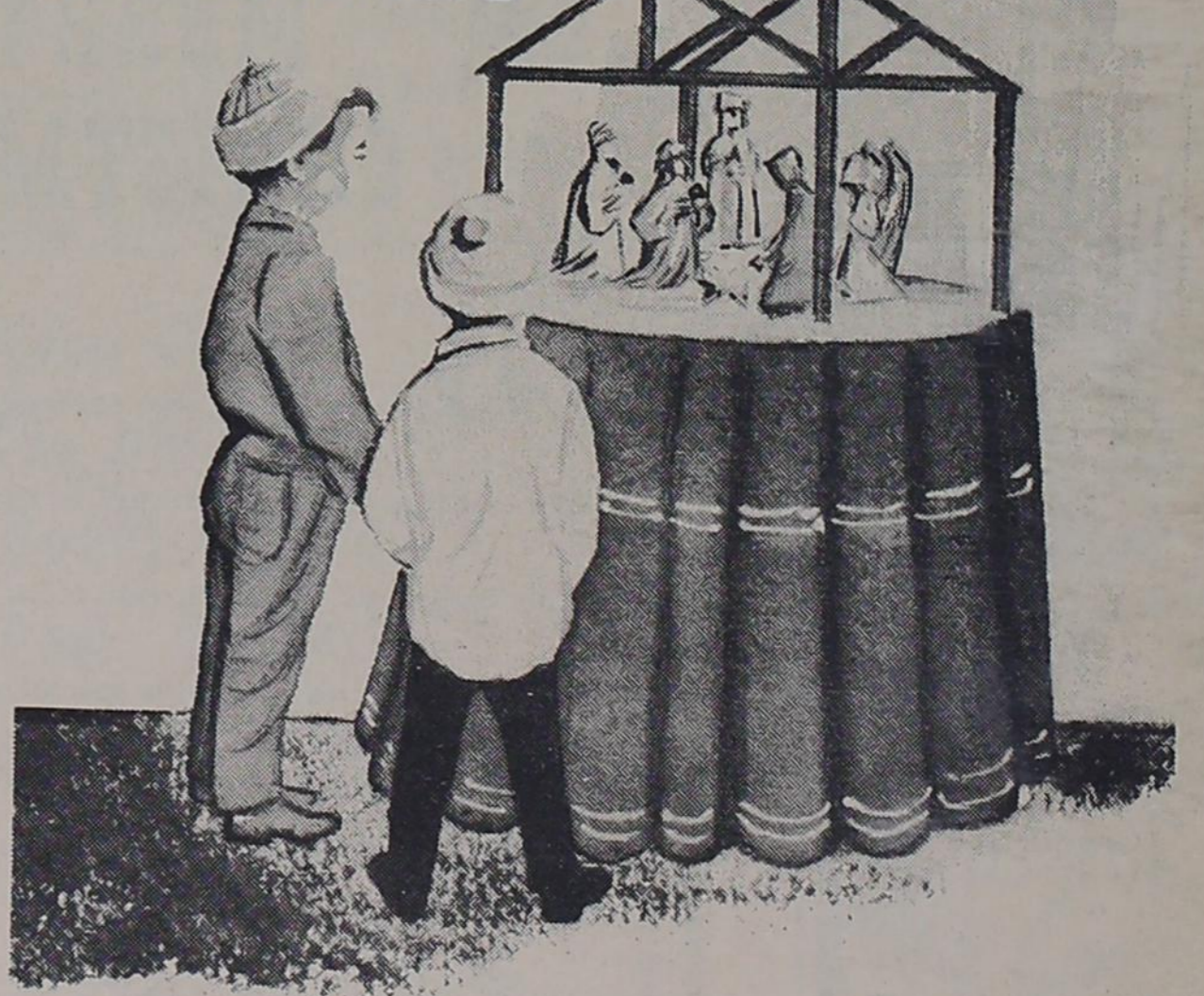
it's a NEW YEAR



To Faithful Old Friends,
To Cherished New Friends
To Those Whose Friendship
We Hope to Earn
It is a Pleasure to Extend
Best Wishes of the Season
May Your New Year Be One of
Happiness and Prosperity!

**Lee Roy Mitchell
Dirt Contractors**

An Image of Christmas



As this scene and a hundred others remind you of the happiness that is Christmas, we hope they will also remind you that we value your loyal friendship... look forward to meeting and serving you... and extend our very best wishes to you.

**GRUVER LUMBER
COMPANY**

COUNTY AGENTS REPORT

by Robert Adamson

Christmas - what kids look forward to for one whole year and parents pay for the next.

GRAIN SORGHUM IN FEED LOT RATION

The following information was sent to me by Dixon Hubbard, Area Extension Livestock Specialist. This article will be in two parts.

In spite of the fact that milo and other grain sorghum are widely used alone or in combination with barley in feed lot rations, feeders frequently report gains and feed conversions that are less than should be expected from the textbook analysis of this grain. On the other hand, some experience in feed lots have shown excellent results from the use of milo or grain sorghums in a feed lot ration. Experiment station trials have attempted to explain the variation which have occurred in the feeding of this grain.

In two trials conducted at the California Experiment Station with yearling steers, barley and milo were found approximately equal in feeding value. This was true whether fed as rolled or ground grain. The barley or milo made up 65 per cent of the concentrate in a feed lot ration averaging slightly over 80 per cent total concentrates. Daily gains, feed intake and feed efficiency were similar for each test ration.

In these California trials there has no advantage of increased feed intake or feeding value of steamed rolled grain compared to that ground with a hammermill. Economic or other management practices rather than expected changes in feeding value should govern the choice of method when preparing milo or barley for feeding

in a mixed ration.

In another trial recently conducted at the Wyoming station, rolled milo produced gains equal to rolled oats and rolled barley. In this trial, however, the rolled barley was slightly more efficient.

In another trial swine were fed pelleted and ground corn, barley and milo. Results showed milo and corn equal for producing pork, both exceeding barley. Hogs fed milo or corn produced the most economical gains and there was no advantage for pelleted milo over the ground grain.

In contrast to these trials, in a summary of seven experiments conducted at the Arizona station comparing barley to milo as a grain in cattle fattening rations, the barley rations showed an advantage of 7 per cent in gain and 11 per cent improvement in feed efficiency. In the rations studied, milo grain made up from 50 to 65 per cent of the grain in the ration.

Digestion studies at Arizona, made in combination with the fattening trials, showed the milo used in those trials to have an exceptionally low protein digestibility. The dry matter digestibility was also below that expected for a high concentrate ration.

These digestion trials showed the protein digestibility of milo to be slightly less than 48 per cent which is considerable below the textbook value of approximately 75 per cent. These trials, which used the nylon bag technique, indicated a more rapid rate and greater total digestion of barley than of milo.

Ensiling milo grain for 21 days with moisture content varying from 23, 29 and 34 per cent resulted in remarkably improving the utilization. Simply adding

23 per cent moisture to the grain was no better than dry ground milo. Similar findings to these have been reported in Texas trials.

Cancer Films Available

Mrs. Elmo McClellan, R. N. Public Education for the Hansford County Unit of the American Cancer Society, has announced that films on cancer are available to local clubs and organizations interested in having a program on America's number two killer disease. Films available include "Breast Self Examination" which shows the simple technique of checking for unusual lumps or thickening in the breast; "Time and Two Women" which deals with uterine cancer; and "Life Story", a film about the diagnosis of cancer of the colon. "Man Alive", a cartoon feature, in a general film showing Cancer's Seven Danger Signals. "Smoking and You", an adult film; shows the relationship between smoking and various lung diseases including cancer.

"We should also be glad to show adults the films the Cancer Society has produced to educate students about the hazards of smoking. We know the parents would like to know what their children are being taught about smoking and health," said Mrs. McClellan.

Groups who wish to schedule a Cancer Society film should contact Mrs. Elm McClellan, R. N. at 902 Garrett, Gruver or Mrs. Ted McClellan, Box 368, Gruver. Mrs. Ted McClellan is the Hansford Unit president.

THANK YOU

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards and loving kindness during the illness and death of our loved one. May God bless each one of you.

The family of Mearl Weidner

In South Pacific

For Fiji Islanders, Christmas starts at 2 a.m., when carolers wake the villagers with serenades. At dawn, when everyone is awake and assembled, some attend church while others take care of preparing the feast.

IN NEW ZEALAND

Not all living Christmas trees are spruce or fir. In New Zealand there's one called "Christmas tree" that doesn't even need decorating - it blossoms with its own red flowers. The tree earned its name since it blooms in December and January.



Candles Glow At Christmas

Many traditional candle customs brighten today's Christmas celebrations.

From Ireland comes the custom of putting a lighted candle in the window on Christmas Eve to light the Holy Family's way. The candles denote a house where the Holy Family would have been welcomed, not turned away as they were at the inns in Bethlehem.

In Germany, too, candles are placed in windows to provide a glowing welcome for the Virgin Mary and a host of angels who the Germans believe pass over the countryside each Christmas.

In many countries, such as Germany, beautifully decorated candles are an important part of Christmas celebrations. Enhanced with religious and other figures, they add an artistic and reverent touch to holiday festivities.

Similarly, many still celebrate the medieval custom of lighting a giant Christmas candle that burns brightly until Twelfth Night.

Why a Tree?

Why a tree at Christmas? One early legend says that all the trees burst into bloom on the night Christ was born.

Folk tales of ancient times tell of a huge tree in a forest, lighted with many candles, some of which were straight and some bent. At the top was an infant with a halo.

The tree was meant to represent humanity, the candles people good and bad; and the infant, the Baby Jesus.

Another explanation links today's Christmas tree to ancient feasts of the winter equinox, when trees were adorned with trinkets. St. Boniface, an English missionary to Germany, is said to have told converts that the fir should be their holy tree, replacing the oak, sacred in Druid tree worship, and thus beginning the custom of a decorated fir.

Many are the legends, but one thing is certain. Nowadays Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the tree.

Youngsters Told Where Santa Is "Right At Home"

Along with "Why is the sky blue?" and "Why can't I see the wind?" the favorite question of children everywhere is very often, "Where does Santa Claus live when Christmas is all over?"

Parents faced with this puzzler needn't get involved in explanations of just what and where is the North Pole. They can answer, with a straight face and a map to back them up, "Why, Santa Claus, Indiana, of course!"

Or how about Bells, Tennessee; Evergreen, Alabama; Holly, Washington; or Noel, Missouri, as suitable quarters for Santa?

These are just a sample of the many towns and villages all over the country that are named in the spirit of Christmas, in the hope of preserving the good will and cheer of this happy season all year.

In Holland

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph would cause no excitement in the Netherlands, where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas' sleigh.

The great horse is named Sleiþner, and the Dutch children fill their wooden shoes with hay for him. This gives him energy to get St. Nick to every house.

TALLEST TREE

Tallest Christmas tree? In the U.S. the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Ind., "tree" - the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. At Christmas, the 246-foot structure is decorated with electric candles and stars.

IT'S A HOLIDAY

First of the United States to give recognition to Christmas Day as a legal holiday was Alabama, in 1836.

IT'S CHRISTMAS



We hope the true spirit of Christmas reaches into every home in this community.

DON'S GULF STATION

GREETINGS

A wish for your happiest New Year and a future of undimmed peace and success.

FARM FRESH EGGS

ROY THOMAS

Christmas GREETINGS

The Holiday spirit lights new friendships and rekindles old ones year after year. At this one season we pause to remember our friends... and to tell them that we are thinking of them.

The business you have given us is sincerely appreciated, and we hope you are pleased with the way we have served you. We want you to think of us, not only at the Holiday Season, but all through the year, as a friendly firm.

May your Christmas be happy; full of good health and happiness.

TEXACO SERVICE STATION & GRUVER FARM SUPPLY



Merry Christmas

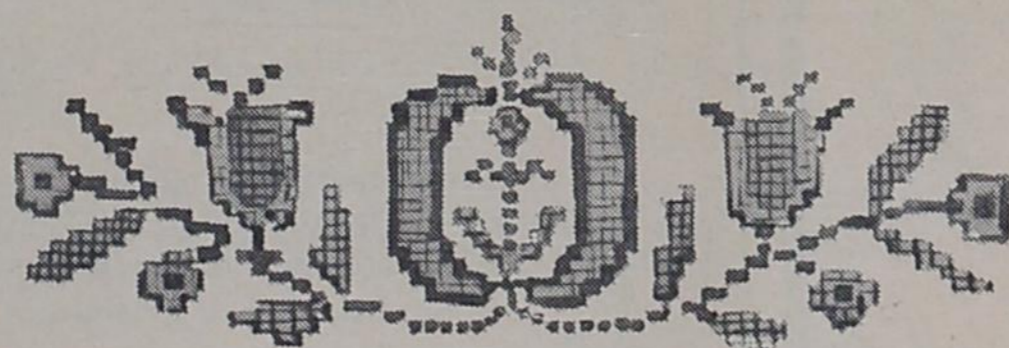
Flo Gammill
Verna Walker
Ann Taylor
Devona Harris

THE BEAUTY BOX



MERRY CHRISTMAS

OUR gratitude and appreciation for your friendship attaches a special warmth to these words of greeting. Your continued good will has made us fortunate beyond measure... and it is with special warmth that we greet you and offer you our most heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas.



WESTERFIELD'S Gruver, Texas



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B TEAM BURNS RED DEVILS 49-36

by Robert Bort
The Gruver Greyhound B team took an early lead and made it stand as they shipped the Texhoma Red Devils 49-36 here Friday night. It was their 6th win against only two losses. Frank Silva again led all scorers with 18 points. Midway in the first quarter the score was Silva 8 Texhoma 0 as three jump shots and a lay up by Frank accounted for the Gruver points. But some other boys started hitting and when the buzzer sounded

it was 11-3 for Gruver. In the second quarter, free throws totaled much of Gruvers scoring as Steve Butts hit five of them and Silva two. By the end of the second quarter Gruver had doubled the Red Devils score at 22-11. Free throws continued to dominate scoring for the Hounds in the third quarter. The Greyhounds hit six free throws and five two pointers and had the score doubled again 38-19 at the start of the fourth quarter. In the fourth, quarter, Tex-

homa came alive but it was too little and too late. Gruver continued to hit free throws for a 49-36 final score. Texhoma had fouled 21 times as compared to Gruver's 8 and had prac-

tically given the ball game to Gruver on free throws. Besides Silva's 18, other scorers were; Steve Butts 9, Benny Wilson 7, Mike Blankenship 6, Dennis Stedje 4, George Odom 3, and Gene Leatherman 2.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 29, 1964
Gruver A Team Girls vs White Deer, here, 7:00 p.m.
Gruver A Team Boys vs White Deer, here, 8:30 p.m.
- January 5, 1964
Gruver A team Girls vs Texhoma, there, 7:00 p.m.
Gruver A Team Boys vs Texhoma, there, 8:30 p.m.
- January 7, 1964
Stratford Tournament begins
Eighth Grade Boys and Girls vs Panhandle, there, 6:00
Seventh Grade Girls vs Panhandle, there, 5:00 p.m.
- January 8, 1964
Stratford Tournament Eliminations
- January 9, 1965
Stratford Tournament finals

Meet The Faculty



Mrs. Winkler

by Marian Jeffries
Mrs. Beulah Winkler is now teaching for her fourteenth year in the Gruver Public School system. Thirteen of those years she taught sixth grade but this is her first year as fifth grade teacher. Before coming to Gruver to teach she taught two years in Baylor County, Texas and five years in Spearman as a fifth grade teacher. Mrs. Winkler received her Bachelor of Science Degree from West Texas state University after attending Weatherford Junior College in Weatherford, Texas for two years. Her major was elementary education and her minors were in English and government. Mrs. Winkler and her husband, Clark, who works with the State Highway Department, have one daughter and four sons, Janelle, their daughter, a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College, is now a teacher in an Austin public school. She and her husband, Fred M. Talkington have two sons, Mark and Carr. Mardelle, their oldest son, is employed by Westronics of Fort Worth and is a student at Arlington State College. Allen is employed by Retail Credit of Fort Worth, and is also a student at Arlington State. Wayne, a 1964 graduate of Texas Wesleyan College is employed by Red Ball Freight. He and his wife, the former Jacquelyn McNeil, have one daughter, Laurie Ann, Gary, the Wink-

ler's youngest son, is a junior at the University of Texas, majoring in architecture. All five children are graduates of Gruver High School. Mrs. Winkler had this to say about the choice of her career, I chose teaching in hopes that in some small way, I might help the students to be better prepared for the tests and trials of the future in order to be better citizens." She said that teachers are challenged every minute of the day if they maintain a strong educational system. "We the teachers have to be prepared at all times." She also said that she is very proud to be a citizen of Gruver and a teacher in the Gruver School System. Mrs. Joe (Skeet) Ellison, one of the first grade teachers, has taught fifteen years. She was born and reared in Stephenville, Texas just a few miles from FortWorth. She went through grade school and high school and spent her first two years of college there in Stephenville in Tarleton State where she met and married Joe Ellison a football boy from Aspermont, Texas. They have only one daughter, Jolinda, who attended grade school and graduated from Gruver High with the 1960 class. Mrs. Ellison received her education from Tarleton State, Stephenville, Texas,



Mrs. Ellison

West Texas University, Canyon, Texas, Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico, Oklahoma A and M Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Central State Teachers College, Edmond, Oklahoma and Panhandle A and M Goodwell, Oklahoma. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education with a minor in English. Ms. Ellison comments, "I chose teaching because I love children, and nothing pleases me more than working and playing with children. My happiness springs from the grad-

children as here in Gruver. The cooperation and mutual respect of the parents, and the school personnel have contributed to making this school one of the outstanding systems of the Panhandle area." "Last year when I asked permission from Dr. Strawn, head of the teacher education program at Goodwell, to do my practice teaching here, he readily consented, saying Gruver had a such an excellent school. Guymon and Texhoma are the usual schools for the placement of practice teachers, so this was a fine compliment to Gruver. "I am not one who sees more importance in one school subject than in another. I believe a knowledge of all academic areas and participation in extra-curricular activities are necessary for a well-rounded individual. Here in Gruver, I believe we have a balanced blending of these elements."

What Is Christmas

by Camelia McClellan
To some, Christmas is presents under the Christmas tree, snow on the ground, and the sound of Christmas carols. To others, perhaps it is

the smell of woodsmoke in the air from a neighbor's fireplace. Maybe it is the excited hustling and bustling of shoppers or the secrets traded among friends. Christmas is this and many other things, but what is the real Christmas? Many centuries ago, a Savior was born to the world. This Savior was born on a cold night in a lowly stable. It is the celebration of his birth, along with "Peace On Earth, Good will to men." That is the real Christmas. With these thoughts in mind. We wish you a Merry Christmas/

SCHOOL MENU

- Monday, January 4th
Corney Dogs, Buttered Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Fruit Cup, Milk and butter.
- Tuesday, January 5th
Spaghetti and meat, Candied yams, Green Peas, Hot Rolls, Chocolate Cake, Milk and Butter.
- Wednesday, January 6th
Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Combination Salad, Hot Rolls, Honey Butter and Milk.
- Thursday, January 7th
Chili with Beans, Celery and Carrot Sticks, Pineapple Slice, Crackers, Cinnamon Rolls and Milk.
- Friday, January 8th
Oven Fried Fish, Buttered Spinach, Baked Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Ice Cream, Milk and Butter.

Thought for the week:
"What a man possesses is not as important as what possesses him."
Selected

LOVE

How many and often and how devious are our ways of communicating those precious moments when we feel more concern for someone less than for ourselves. Sometimes we are timid about the love we feel. For fear of embarrassing the other person or ourselves, we hesitate to say the actual words "I love you". So we try to communicate the idea in other ways. "Take Care" or "Don't drive too fast." These remarks carry the message "I love you." Any expression of a person's concern for another says, "I love you." Sometimes we must look and listen very hard for the love it contains. At such times, when we listen in-

tently, we are unconsciously expressing our own love, our concern, for the other person. The first duty of love is to listen. We say, "I love you" in many ways-with valentines and other gifts, with smiles and tears, sometimes by gentleness, by thoughtfulness, and by listening. In the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, he says, "Love is patient and kind." He also says, "Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude." All of us know we are some of these thin. And when we are held in such bonds, we are not free to love. We communicate "I love you" only when these bonds are broken, perhaps merely for a moment, and we feel more concern for someone else than for ourselves. Then patience and kindness of love can be expressed through such weak people as we know ourselves to be.



Bearing Gifts Christmas Spirit

by E. C. Baird
Submitted by Judy Bayless
I am the Christmas spirit! I enter the home of poverty, causing palefaced children to open their eyes wide, in pleased wonder. I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a bright spot on his soul. I cause the aged to renew their youth and to laugh in the old, glad way. I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and brighten sleep with dreams woven of magic. I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world. I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild, wasteful way, and send to anxious love some little token that releases glad tears--tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow. I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what might have been and pointing forward to good days yet to be. I come softly into the still, white home of pain, and lips that are too weak to speak just tremble in silent, eloquent gratitude. In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the face of God and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched. I am the Christmas spirit!

SUPPORTING THE GREYHOUNDS

1964-65 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

			Boys	Girls
November 24	STINNETT	There	37-40	41-30
November 27	SPEARMAN	Here	51-41	46-47
December 1	DARROUZETTI	Here	73-49	56-44
December 3-4-5	SUNRAY TOURNAMENT			
December 8	STINNETT	Here	38-45	52-42
December 10-11-12	GRUVER TOURNAMENT			
December 18	TEXHOMA	Here	46-37	46-38
December 21	PHILLIPS	There	55-74	
December 22	SPEARMAN	There		
December 29	WHITEDEER	Here		
January 5	TEXHOMA	There		
JANUARY 7-8-9	STRATFORD TOURNAMENT			
January 12	PANHANDLE	Here		
January 15	STRATFORD	There		
January 22	PANHANDLE	Here		
January 26	CLAUDE	There		
January 29	PANHANDLE	There		
February 2	STRATFORD	Here		
February 5	DARROUZETT	There		
February 9	SUNRAY	There		
February 12	CLAUDE	Here		
February 16-18-19	DISTRICT TOURNAMENT AT GRUVER			

*Gruver's Score is first.

Gene Cluck

The Huddle

Peddy Butane

Paul Gumfory

Don's Gulf Station

First Baptist Church

Gruver State Bank

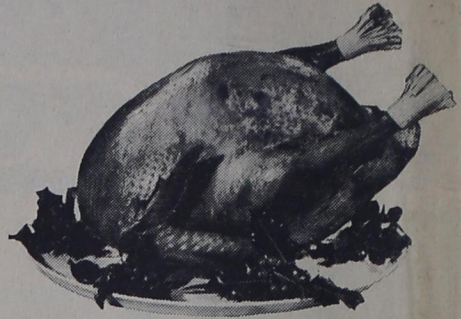
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T.C. Harvey Aerial Spraying

Jones Pipeline Contractors, Inc.

Hansford County Parts & Supply

Merry Christmas



Juicy
TANGERINES lb. **19c**

Candee
SWEET POTATOES lb. **15c**

Crisp
CELERY lb. **15c**

Ocean Spray Fresh
CRANBERRIES pkg. **27c**

Bond
STUFFING MIX pkg. **29c**

Libby's crushed—sliced—spears
PINEAPPLE can **25c**

Fisher's
MIXED NUTS 14 oz. Can **79c**

Duncan Hines
CAKE MIXES 3 for **\$1**



Norbest Hens 15 # average
TURKEY lb. **43c**

Pinkney Sunray
HAMS whole LB **49c**

TURKEY TOMS 18# and up lb. **39c**

Del Monte
SWEET PICKLE CHIPS tall jar **27c**

Shurfine
PUMPKIN 300 can **10c**

Tender Crust
BROWN 'n SERVE ROLLS pkg **27c**

Shurfine
APPLE SAUCE 303 can **15c**

Gerber's strained
BABY FOOD 3 for **29c**

Shurfine whole kernel yellow
CORN No. 303 can **15c**

Shurfine
FLOUR 5 lbs. **39c**



Swifts
ICE CREAM 1/2 gal **69c**



Morton frozen
PIES 35c
fruit or cream



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BUCCANEER STAMPS
DOUBLE STAMPS
ON WEDNESDAY

Specials for
December 23-24, 1964
Wednesday & Thursday

FOODLINER