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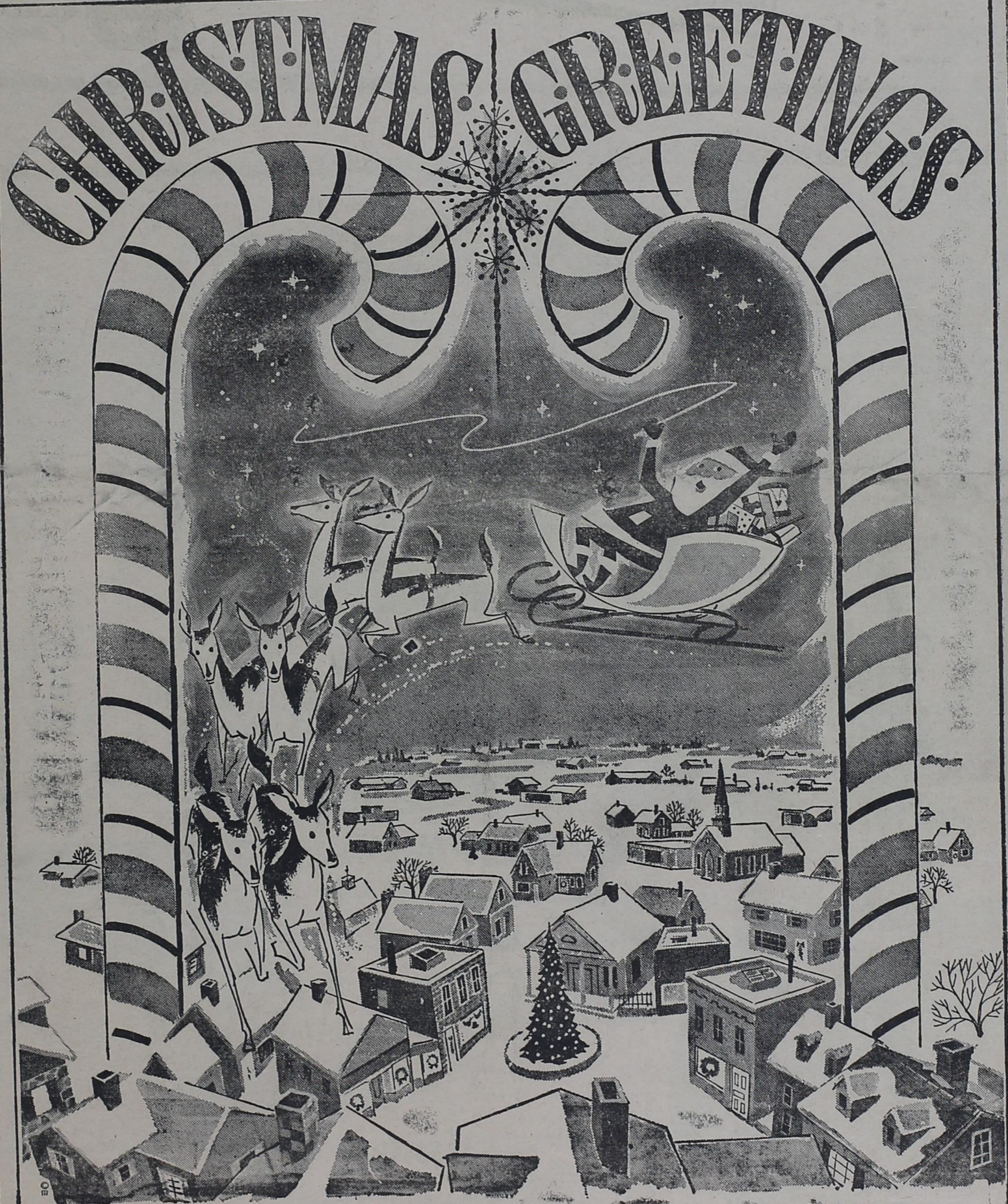
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ROPEVILLE, HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

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THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1966

If there is an X in this box
it is notice your subscription
has expired and an invita-
tion to renew.



It's Christmastime, and here comes Santa with a sleighful of our warmest holiday greetings to all of you whose friendship and good will we cherish. With genuine appreciation of your kind patronage and friendly good will, we extend our sincere thanks and best wishes for every happiness during the holiday season. A very merry Christmas to all!

THANKS—

"Thank you."
That's the comment today from Postmaster Martin.

"The people of Ropesville cooperated magnificently and we have had the best Christmas season ever. It now appears that every piece of mail that will enter the post office by 5:00 p.m. December 23rd for local delivery will be delivered before Christmas Eve. There will be no backlog of holiday mail still to be delivered Christmas Day," the Postmaster said.

"The use of ZIP Code and a pattern of early mailing helped us move more mail with greater efficiency than ever before," the Postmaster commented. "Without the excellent public response we would not have been able to do the job alone."

Everyone at the Post Office wishes you a Happy Holiday Season, and thanks you sincerely for your cooperation. Merry Christmas.

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RAY MARTIN
ROY COLLARD

DELLA RYALS
EMMA JEAN NANCE

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
 Christmas and get out of school are my favorite holidays. I would like a set of barbells that are small and a big one.

Sincerely,
 Ricky Streety

Dear Santa,
 I want the rest of my train set, and a motorbike, and some bell bars and a nod hat, and some 22 bulets.

Sincerely,
 Kem Nobles

Dear Santa,
 I want a B.B. gun for Christmas and a want a Gene and a batman suit and a Robia suit size 8 and a size 12 for Mike and Gene.

Sincerely,
 Mike Polasek

Dear Santa,
 I want a doll that crys and laughs and that pouts. And I wan a baton. And a home-maker. And I want a picture of you Santa. Have a happy Christmas Day. And I love you Santa.

Love,
 Grace Garcia

Dear Santa,
 I want a B.B. gun for Christmas and I want a Brcycle

Sincerely,
 Clifton Dawson

Dear Santa,
 I want like a gun and a G.I. Joe and a bicycle and a Man with a bear suit and a Bonanza Wagon and a jonny express and a Movie camera.

Sincerely,
 Robert Lee Levels

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas this year I would like a Pussycat Doll and a Stin-ray bike, a basketball.

I have a little brother he is two yeass he might like a tri-cycle too.

I have a little brother he is three months he might like a squeeze toy to chew on.

Sincerely,
 Sherri Collins

Dear Santa,
 I know how to write a letter to anyone. I want cowboys and Indians with cattle in it, and a B-B Gun thats all I want.

Love,
 Ruben Soliz



Holiday Greetings

We wish you a
 Happy and Holy
 Christmas

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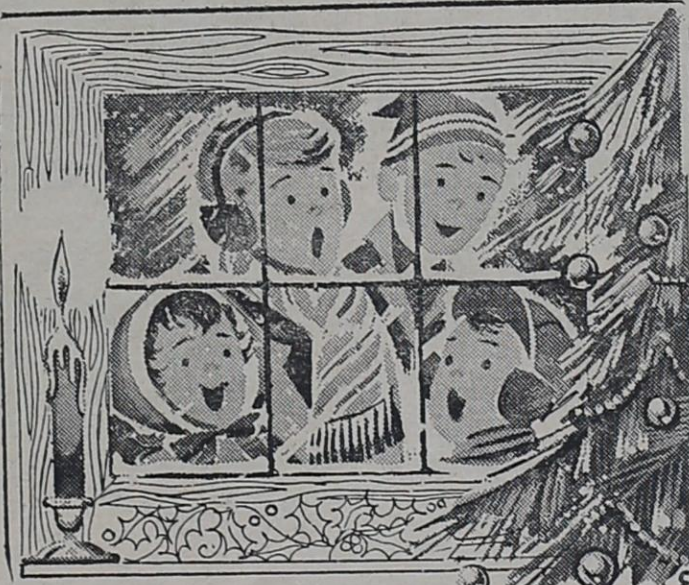


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GREETINGS

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CHRISTMAS TIME



May you
 enjoy all the
 happiness that
 comes to the young
 in heart at Christmas Time!

ELLIS PHARMACY

LEVELLAND



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ROPESVILLE



And the angels sang, "On earth peace, good will toward men." May the Christmas message bring you joy.

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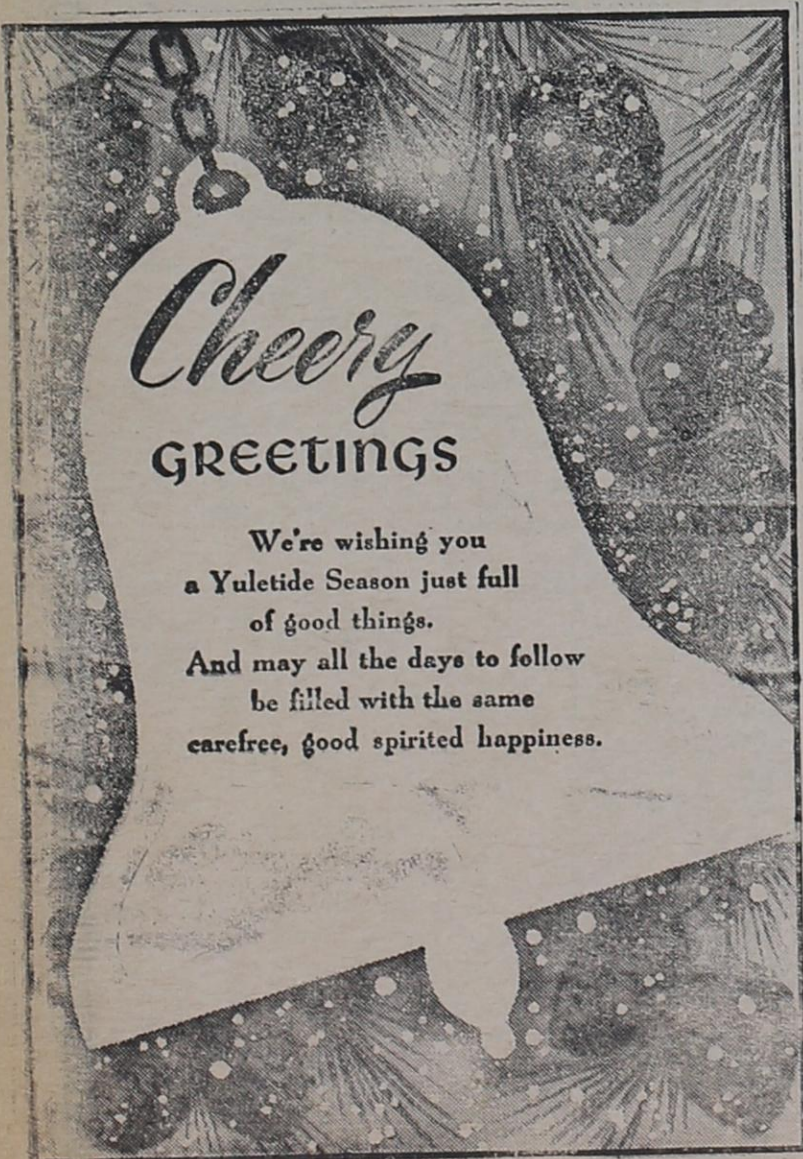
**Christmas
 Greetings**

Our sincere thanks and
 heartfelt good wishes to all.

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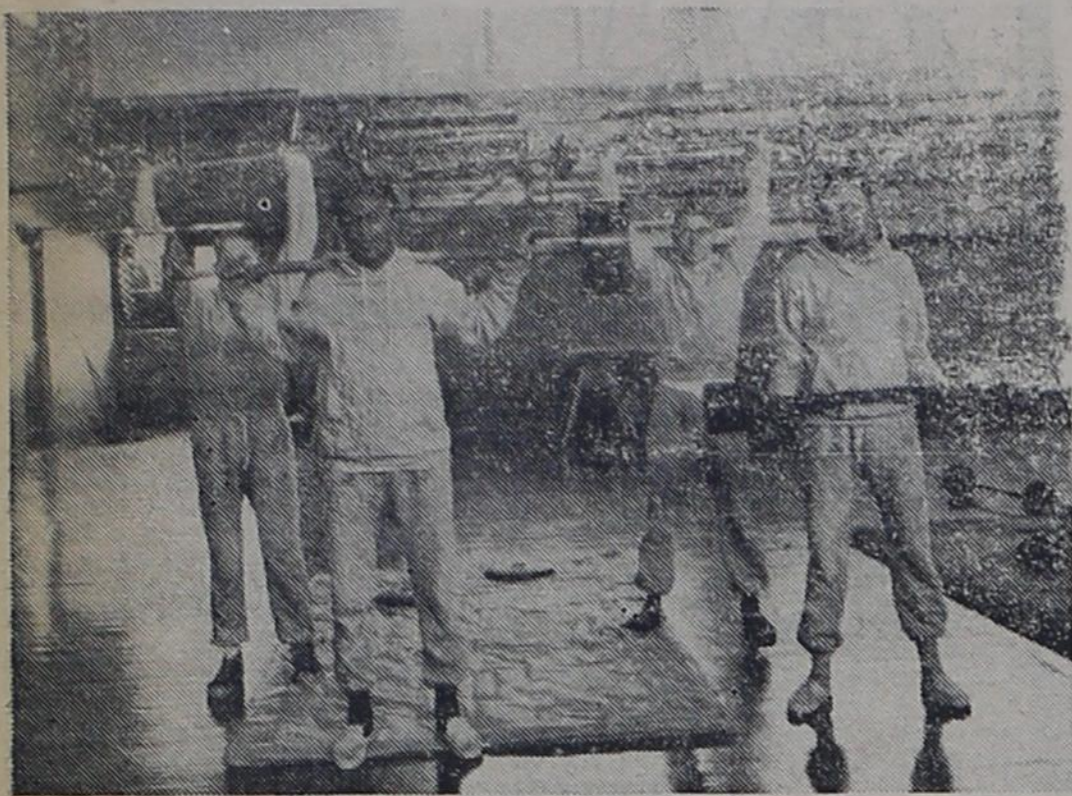
**Cheery
 GREETINGS**

We're wishing you
 a Yuletide Season just full
 of good things.
 And may all the days to follow
 be filled with the same
 carefree, good spirited happiness.

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 LEVELLAND

Junior High News



The above picture shows several 7th and 8th grade boys during a typical Physical Education Class. We have about 25 boys participating in this program. The boys work on weights three days each week. They climb ropes, tumble, play ping-pong, shuffle board and do running exercises the other two days.

If you are at school today be sure and visit the rooms.

We have our Christmas decorations up and some classes have some beautiful scenes.

Back row: Danny Lennox, Ted Roberson; Front row: Andrew Escabedo, Domingo Garcia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Connor are here visiting in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson.

NOTICE

We received the following telegram Tuesday from George Mahon:

"Pleased to advise farmers Home Administration today approved emergency loans to eligible farmers in Hockley County because of adverse weather conditions during year. Apply at local office. Regards, George Mahon."

NOTICE-

Mayor Boots Moore asked us to announce that a City Ordinance was passed several years ago that prohibits the sale of, or shooting of fireworks in the City limits.

You may shoot them on your private property, providing you can contain the effects therein.

PASSES AWAY

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p.m. in the Seagraves Church of Christ for Robert Lee Reed, 81.

Mr. Reed passed away early Sunday at his home there. He was the step-father of McGuire of Seminole, former resident of Ropes.

From Panama To Texas Via Car

(The following article was written by Jerry Jeffcoat, '58 graduate of Ropes and now a Staff Sergeant with the U.S. Army Special Forces. Jerry and his family are here spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Jeffcoat.)

After a three year tour of duty in Panama with the 8th Special Forces, a friend by the name of Edward Watson of Minihota and myself returned to the USA via the Pan Am highway. We departed the Canal Zone at midnight of 29 November and arrived in Brownfield at 9:00 p.m. of the 7th of December.

The first 18 hours of the trip were between Colon, Panama and San Jose, Costa Rica. The morning of the second day was spent taking pictures of this beautiful capital city of Costa Rica. The most interesting of sights was the art factory outside the city. The colorful ox carts used in the area were made by hand and also painted with colorful designs and pictures.

The second night was spent

in Managua, Nicaragua, on the shore of the only fresh water lake that has sharks and tarpon thriving. Normally these fish are salt water fish.

The third night was passed in Tagucigalpa, Honduras. It was really cold there, and mountainous; our first taste of what was to come.

The fourth night was spent in Santa Ana, El Salvador. We had to stay here most of Saturday and part of Sunday because the border between El Salvador and Guatemala was closed. The time was put to good use by the way of shopping for souvenirs and taking pictures of the old Mayan Indian ruins of Taxumal, about ten miles away.

The fifth night was spent about one mile from the Guatemala Mexico border. From this time on, we did not waste much time as we were weary of traveling and looking forward to the good ole USA. We made half of the trip in the last two days. Normally, one would need five days to pass through Mexico and we made it in two.

One last comment on El Salvador and Guatemala. These two countries were especially unique in the fact that, I for one, felt like I had been placed in a time period long past. Just about everyone carried a "Hog-Leg" and they were not bashful about pulling and using them at the smallest excuse.

We entered Brownsville at 4:00 a.m. of the seventh day and we parted company at San Antonio at noon of the same day. I arrived in Brownfield at 9:00 p.m. of the same day. If any one should ever consider the trip, I highly recommend it and can give you some pointers that could prevent some of the mistakes we made.

HAVE GUESTS SUNDAY

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sipe Griffith of Hobbs, New Mexico and their son. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Gene Griffith and baby daughter, who are home on furlough from Maryland.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Ropes Farmers Co-Op Gin

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football. I want a football shoes I want a boy doll.

John Cowan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a fire truck. I want a football suit. I want a watch.

I hope I have been a good boy.
My sister wants a Baby First Step.

Darry

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. I want a Lost in Space suit with Space people in it and a Monster too.

Your friend,
Hugh Wayne Jackson

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like to have a BB gun and G. I. Joe clothes and a watch. I would like people in other lands to have a merry merry Christmas this year. I would like to have tiger drums.

Sincerely,
Adrin Snider

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Bring me a BB gun and a .007 and a sled and an airplane and a ship and a top.

Sincerely,
A. C. Harris Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good girl. Please Santa Clause I want a puzzle for Christmas.

Love,
Sonia Camacho

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good girl. Will you come to my home? Please bring a Barbie doll and dishes for my sisters.

Sincerely,
Oralia Mendez

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish I had an airplane and a drum, a Teddy bear and a watch too and a boat and a ring.

Sincerely,
Georgie Cruz

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good boy. Please may I have a BB gun and toy airplane and a Space Suit.

Love,
David Cantu

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good girl. I want a ball and a watch and a baton. And I hope you will come to our home.

Love,
Ninfa Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a doll and some dishes to play with. I want a color book and some crayolas.

Love,
Catalina Romo

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a present, and some dishes for my sisters.

Thank you,
Maria Zuniga

Dear Santa Claus,
Please may I have a BB gun a Drum and a watch.

Sincerely,
George Oahoa

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a color book and crayolas and a magic ball.

Love,
Martina Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Baby Magic, car and trucks.

Cruz Saldivar

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle and a walking doll, record player and some dishes and a cake maker and some candy and a tear Bear.

Love,
Martha Zepeda

Dear Santa,
I want a doll at crys and walks and some dishes and a ball.

Love,
Linda Cruz

brother and one for me. And some candy.

Love,
Baltazar Padilla

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 4 years old. Please bring me a gun, rifle and a truck. Thank you.

Dickie Allen

Dear Santa,
I will name the things I want. I want a Thing maker of fighting men. A new bicycle coustmen skooter, and I want you to fill my stocking with candy. I do not like oranges and please leave me a dollar on the tree. I will leave you a piece of cake of pie. How are you. I am just fine. I hope you are to-How is Rudolph?

Your friend,
Rex Darby

Dear Santa,
I want a dump truck, a game of life and a Jonny Eagle Red river gun. I have been a good boy. I will be at my granny's house on Christmas.

Love,
Mike Brooks

FAMILY GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Price were in Lubbock Sunday for an early Christmas dinner for his relatives in the home of a niece, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ross, Don David and Milton, 3024-57th Street.

Present were Mrs. Lon Parrish and Nellie Averell of Levelland; Mrs. Lee Crone, Crosbyton; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crone and Sue Reese of Ralls; 3-C Bill Crone and 2-C Jay Smith, Clovis, A.F.B.; Mr. and Mrs. Nolan O'Briant of New Deal;

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jordan, Loyd and Linda of Meadow; Mr. and Mrs. James Perry, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Milligan Brenda and Danny, all of Wolforth; Mr. and Mrs. Jehue Price, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richards and Stacy, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy O'Briant Tina and Tawna, Mr. and Mrs. George Young and Kevin, Lindsey McCrummen, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Williams and Stanley, and Mrs. G. M. Ross, all from Lubbock.

All 44 reported a wonderful time.

TOPS CLUB NEWS

The Tops Club met Monday night, December 19, with the meeting being opened by the Leader, Inez Price.

Invocation was given by Iva Ree Young, followed by the pledge and song. A business meeting followed. More names were added to the Christmas card list.

Installation services followed, with Betty Whitehead as Installing Officer. Officers for 1967 are: Wanda Allen, weight recorder; Iva Ree Young, secretary, Mabel Hobbs treasurer; Nell Hobbs, vice-leader; and Celeste Thomas, leader.

Present were Odessa Walling, Wanda Allen, Joyce Beaty Mabel Hobbs, Nell Hobbs, Iva Ree Young, Inez Price, Betty Whitehead and Celeste Thomas.

Inez Price won the gift for the most weight lost last week.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Sunday, December 18, the following people met in the E. J. Abney home for their annual Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Shipp, Patti and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shipp and Mitzl, Mrs. Dean Rutherford, Mrs. H. A. Rix, Mrs. Jim Godwin, Lou Ann Godwin and Rex Butner, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Peveler, Judy and Darla, and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Abney, all of Lubbock;

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lawson, Donnie and Darlene, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sherrod and Tonya of Idalou; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Shipp of Muleshoe; Richard Lindsey and Troy of Cotton Center; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shannon, Charls and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Shannon, and Harold Abney of Ropes.

Mrs. Glynn Braden was listed among the ill last week.

Last Rites For Mrs E. A. Christopher

Mrs. E. A. Christopher, 55, Ropes community, and we, passed away at 12:05 a.m. Sunday in West Texas Hospital in Lubbock. She had been a patient for two weeks.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Ropes Church of Christ with Earl Danley, minister of Southside Church of Christ, Lubbock, officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home of Lubbock. A native of Erath County Mrs. Christopher had been a resident of Ropes for 30 years. She will be greatly missed by her many friends in the Ropes community, and we, along with all those who knew her express our deepest sympathy to the survivors.

4-H Club News

The Ropes Starlight 4-H Club met in the school cafeteria for a pot luck supper. A business meeting and program followed.

Louella Means sang Silver Bells, she was accompanied by Susan Berry. Denise Carpenter led the motto and pledge. Pam Ream gave a report on the United Fund. Sammy Means reported that gifts would be presented to Mrs. J. C. Pointer and Mrs. L. S. Rosser in appreciation for their gift to our club.

The group then sang some Christmas carols and delivered a box of food to a special friend.

The Hockley County Junior Leaders were honored with a Christmas Banquet at the Women's Building in Levelland Monday night. Attending from Ropes were Paula McCormick, Becky Carpenter and Mrs. Roy Carpenter. Ropes Jr. Leaders were in charge of the food.

The boys Foods and Nutrition class will meet Thursday December 29 at 10:00 o'clock in the home of Mrs. J. T. Drake and will complete their books.

4-H boys and girls remember that the second Monday of each month is our regular meeting time. Please mark it on your calendar.

Reporter,
Pam Ream

Ropes YH Meet

Ropes Young Farmers and Young Homemakers had their annual Christmas party Friday, December 16.

Members and their families enjoyed supper and afterwards the adults played forty-two and the children just played.

Those present were the families of Kenneth Means, Edwin Whitehead, Ronnie Jones, Doc Moore, Butch Henderson, John Smith, Gerald Ward and Keith Streety.

Words cannot express our appreciation to everyone for the wheelchair presented to Annie Mae last week. She is able to get out of the chair without aid, and it is a great help. She can now do many things she was otherwise unable to. Especially we thank Mrs. Tyree Martin and Ben Stephens for gathering the donations which bought the wheel chair. Our deepest thanks to everyone who had a part.

Ulys and Annie Mae Gregg

Whiteface heifer yearling. Contact Olane Caswell, Meadow, phone 539-2252. 2to

Have you registered to vote? You don't need a poll tax but you do have to register before January 31, 1967. All people, regardless of age, have to register. Remember to register so you may vote.

Brother and Mrs. Buck Griffith are spending the holidays in South Texas with relatives.

Harry Marrett is on the sick list this week.

James L. Means has been listed among the ill.

Mrs. Nancy Martin received word Tuesday night that her only sister-in-law, Mrs. W. W. Clements, had passed away at Stanton, Texas.

Mrs. Ulys Gregg will leave the 26th to spend a month in Weatherford with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Terry are on vacation this week.

Young Homemakers

Frenship Young Homemakers met Wednesday afternoon in the Homemaking Cottage by Mrs. Ann Wright, Mrs. Pat Preston, Mrs. LeNora Stockton and Mrs. Frances Easter. They toured the facilities at Girls-hip High School and the town assisted by Mr. Curly Bolen, public relations director.

LAST RITES FOR MRS. L. T BLEDSOE

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 14, 1966 at 2:30 p.m. in the University Baptist Church at Denton for Mrs. Ursie Gibbs (L. T.) Bledsoe.

Officiating at the services were Monte Campbell, Pastor, assisted by Dean Burke of the Highland Baptist Church, Denton.

Burial was in Prairie Mound Cemetery under direction of Goen Funeral Home, Denton.

Mrs. Bledsoe had been a resident of Denton for seven years, and passed away at Sanger Manor, Sanger, December 13 at 2:30 a.m. after an illness of two years. She was born October 29, 1902 at Loc, Oklahoma, and was 64 years of age.

Survivors include her husband, Sanger Manor, Sanger; two daughter, Mrs. Mary Rappelt, Lubbock and Mrs. Donna Jeanes, Denton; five sisters Mrs. Lois Clark, Wilson, Oklahoma, Mrs. Mabel Coleman of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Myrtle Rose, Colorado Springs Colorado, Mrs. Jessie Anglin of Austin and Mrs. Allene Chitwood, Sun Valley, California;

three brothers, Raymond Gibbs, Rush Springs, Oklahoma, Cliff Gibbs, Fort Hood, and Weldon Gibbs, Lubbock; and two grandchildren.

LAST RITES HELD

Services for D. W. Huckabee (6, 2600 York Ave., Lubbock, longtime Lubbock County resident, were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Woodrow Baptist Church.

Burial was in City of Lubbock Cemetery under direction of Sanders Funeral Home. Mr. Huckabee passed away at 8 a.m. Monday in West Texas Hospital, Lubbock, following a brief illness.

He moved to Lubbock County near Woodrow in 1923 and farmed until 1943. He operated a grocery store in Woodrow from then until 1955, when he retired.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. R. W. Richardson, Route 1, Ropesville, and Mrs. Walter Edney, Route 6, Lubbock; five sons, C. A. Huckabee of Brownfield, I. O. Huckabee, Plaza Apartments, Lubbock, O. B. Huckabee, Morton, Adrian Huckabee of Corpus Christi, and the Rev. Davis Huckabee of Kirk, Colorado; two sisters, Mrs. A. H. Gearheart of Lubbock and Mrs. Bob Black, of Star; a brother, T. W. Huckabee of Star; 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

HAVE VISITORS

Guests for the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Beaty and Brady are her grandmother, Mrs. Maude Watts of Gulfport, Mississippi, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brady Watts of LaPlace, Louisiana, her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler and Cathalee of New Braunfels, and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Beaty and Darlene of Weatherford.

Martha Smith has been on the sick list this week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith.

The Doc Moore family has been ill this week with a virus.

ON SICK LIST

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spradlin of Seagraves were in Ropes Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Jane Christopher.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2:30 in the First Baptist Church at Anton for Macon M. McReynolds.

Interment was in the Anton Cemetery under direction of Hammond Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Mr. McReynolds passed away Wednesday in the Littlefield Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle; two daughters, Mrs. Dessie Williams of El Paso, and Mrs. Vetta Lancaster of Muleshoe; two sons, Jesse of Abernathy, and Theibert of Anton; three brothers, Hollis of Crowell, Amos of Oklahoma City, Jake, Fort Worth; three sisters, Mrs. Ola Weather of Clyde, Mrs. Gladys Day, Knox City, Mrs. Maude Smith, Rule; 5 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

He was a brother-in-law of Bob Thomas of Ropes.

Attending the funeral from Ropes were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Thomas.

High School Eagles 1966-1967

Basketball Schedule
1-3 Sundown T
1-6 Wellman T
1-10 *Southland T
1-13 *New Home H
1-17 *Wilson T
1-20 *Cooper H
1-24 Meadow H
1-27 *Southland H
1-31 *New Home T
2-3 *Wilson H
2-7 *Cooper T
2-14,16,17 Dist. Tourney H
*District Games
B Games 5:30 P.M.
A Games 7:00 P.M.
COACHES:
Phil Guinn (Boys)
Dean Andrews (Girls)
Junior High Eagles
1-9 Wilson H 7:00
1-16 Cooper T 7:00
1-23 Southland H 7:00
District Tournament
New Home, Brackets to be drawn as in the high school district.
January 30, 1967
February 2, 1967
February 4, 1967

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Following is the calendar for the Ropes Public Schools for the school year, 1966-67:
December 23 - January 3, For Christmas (out afternoon of Dec. 22, and begin January 3)
March 3, TSTA Meeting.
March 24 - April 3, Easter. (out afternoon March 24 begin on April 3)
May 26, School Closes.
Junior High Graduation, May 25, 8:00 p.m.
High School Graduation, May 26, 8:00 p.m.

Deadline for news and ads to be printed in a Thursday issue of the paper must be in by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. This is necessary so that we may get it set up, and the paper on the press Wednesday afternoon in order to make the mail by Thursday morning.

FARM SALE

The Ropes Lions Club will have a farm sale on the Co-Op Gin yard January 7, 1967. All listings are welcome. They will sell anything.

NOTICE

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Peace and Good Will

Homer Henderson
 "Glory to God in the high-est, and on earth peace, good will among men with whom he is well pleased!" What makes this song of the angels perpetually meaningful is the fact that Christmas after Christmas we mortals find our selves in need of peace on earth and a new measure of good will among men.

Often it is difficult not to become Scrooge-like and chuckle bitterly at the angels' song as some kind of divine joke, a sarcastic punchline to the story of man's continuing war on earth and pride and prejudice among men. What does God mean? Peace on earth? We talk more peace, negotiate more peace, make more policies for peace, and spread more propaganda for peace than any other people on earth except those with whom we are waging war. They too constantly speak of peace. Perhaps they too want peace, on their terms, of course. And we want it on our terms. So we fight on through the generations destroying the peace to obtain somebody's peace terms. Peace on earth? Humbug!

And what about that good will among men? Here is another excellent topic for speeches and sermons and devotionals, and we are indebted to the angels for it. However, to suppose that such good will might actually be realized among men on this earth, to say nothing of realizing it among men in this family or this neighborhood or this town would simply create more problems than good will is worth. For example, is good will among men really important enough to spend tax money on? Is good will worth the national pain of civil rights legislation and freedom marches? In short, we may sum up our response to the angels' song with our ancient Christ-

mas greeting: Humbug! But the angels sing a fugal chorus which gives hope to our bitterness and makes Scrooge smile and turns humbug to joy: "... among men with whom he is well pleased!" Get that! In spite of our wars and lack of good will, God is well pleased with us. This song is not a joke; it's a joyous gift. That God could be pleased with us mortals is a unique expression of the limitless love with which He loves us.

All around us on earth, we know the judgment of our lives. We send our sons off to die in oriental jungles and allow our brothers to suffer in ghettos of indifference. But now, even now, we can seize new hope for us because there is renewed strength in the favor of God's grace. Christmas after Christmas, God causes the angels to sing over every jungle and ghetto and in the heart of every Scrooge hymns of peace and good will. God loves us enough to teach us the tune so that what we sing in our hearts we may one day live in our lives. Not humbug Merry Christmas!



New Arrivals

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spradlin of Seagraves on birth of a son weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces at 5:14 a.m. Tuesday at West Texas Hospital in Lubbock. The father is a farmer.

The Community Building will be open for skating each Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00. Mrs. Parker will be in charge.



IN HOSPITAL

H. A. Sullivan of Hobbs, New Mexico, entered Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday for lung surgery. He is a brother of R. N. Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan formerly lived in Wolforth where he operated a grocery store.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. Hattie Pointer was honored with a birthday dinner Sunday. Present were all her children, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pointer and Mr. and Mrs. Abb Russell of Ropes, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pointer and Mrs. Jack Bennett of Lubbock, and a niece, Mrs. Larry Adkins.

VISIT PARENTS

Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Embury and Tony Davis left on Tuesday morning for their home in Brigham, Utah. They had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Sullivan.

While here they all went to Georgetown where they attended the wedding of a friend.

IN ROPES

Visitors last weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Whitener, Sammy and Louella were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morton of El Paso.

VISITS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Clark of Albuquerque New Mexico were guests Saturday night in the home of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Morris.

IN LEVELLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Russell were in Levelland Sunday visiting at Heirtage Manor with his mother, Mrs. Reba Russell, and Mrs. Eula Honsinger.

IN BROWNFIELD

Mrs. C. T. McCormick was in Brownfield Monday for dental care.

ON SICK LIST

Teresa Whitehead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Whitehead has been ill this week.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

From 11:00 p.m. until midnight on Christmas Eve, there will be a service of Holy Communion at the Methodist Church. When the service is ended, it will be Christmas morning. All who wish in the Ropesville community are invited to attend.

UNDER MEDICAL CARE

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and family will leave on Monday for Houston where she will have a medical check up.

VISIT BROTHER

Visitors Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Moore were his brother, Rev. and Mrs. Austin Moore of Little Rock, Arkansas.

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HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Price had as guests Thursday Mrs. B. C. Moore of Georgetown, and her sister, Mrs. Stella Steward of Stevensville.

VISITS SISTER

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Redman, Jr. and family will leave Friday for Portland, Oregon where they will spend Christmas with his sisters, Mrs. Sylvia Winslow and Mrs. Venida Fuller.

VISITS HERE

Mrs. Bennie Tendil, Ricky and Renea of Levelland visited overnight Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield.

ON SICK LIST

Mrs. Arzie Martin was in Lubbock Monday for medical care. She is suffering from a broken rib.

HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dale Exum and family of Corpus Christi are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Exum.

NOTICE

The Tax Office of the Ropes Independent School District will be closed from Thursday, December 22 through Wednesday, December 28 for the Christmas holidays. It will also be closed January 2 for New Year's Day.

ON SICK LIST

Mrs. John Ayers has been on the sick list this past week with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allen were in Levelland Tuesday attending to business.

RETURNS HOME

Weldon Tudor has returned home from Becton where he has been employed for the past six weeks.

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VISITING SISTER

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Cantrell of Yuma, Arizona are here visiting her sister, Mrs. John Ayers.

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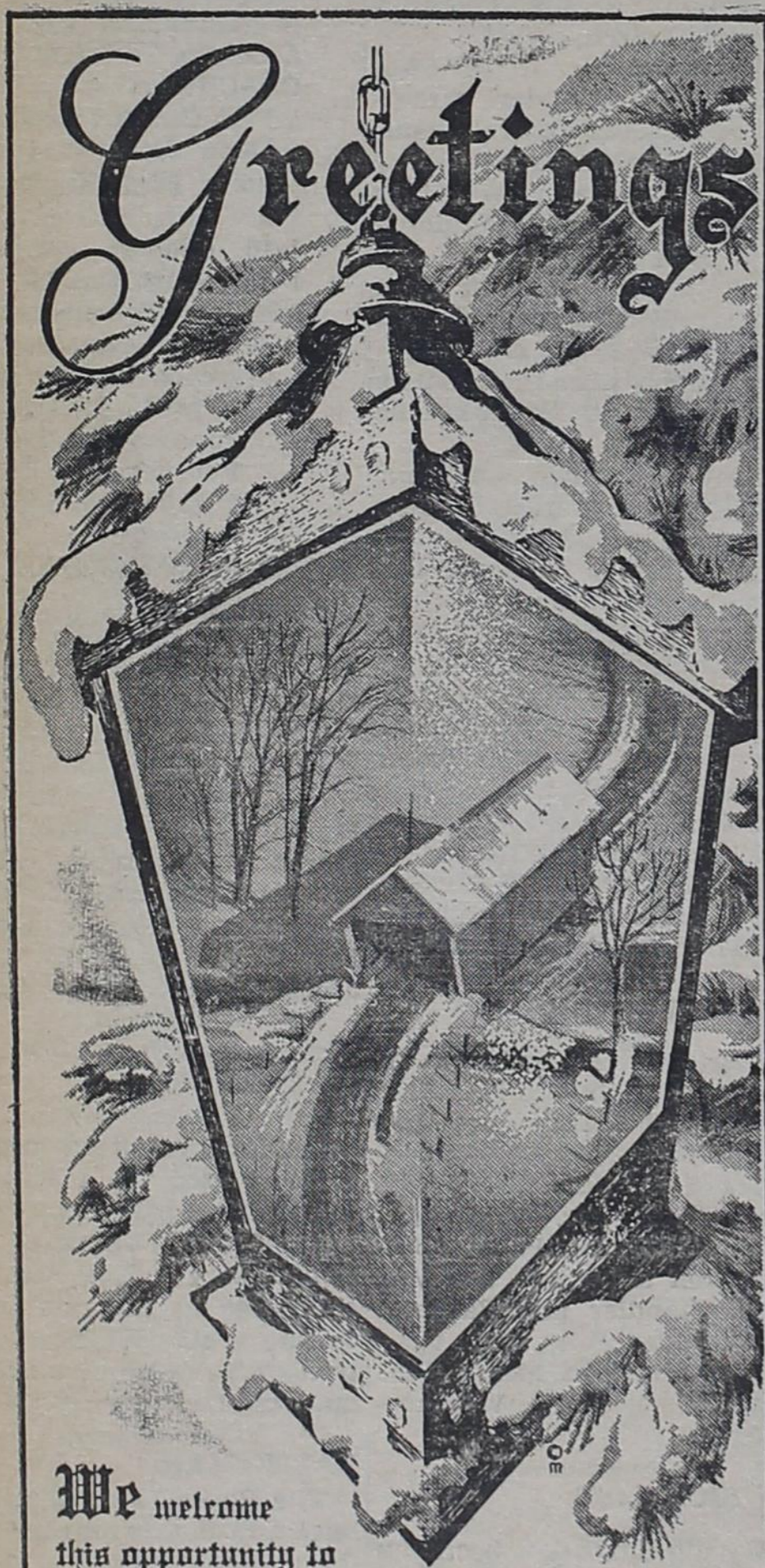
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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I am five years old. I want a Batman utility belt, a Drag race set, a Ricochet rifle, a Man from U.N.C.L.E. gun, a Johnny Speed, a Cowboy belt, a Batman slot car and some candy.

Love,
Kenneth Chambers

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Ko boom toy iron
Chearful Tearful
Love,
Donna Marcy, First Grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some snow a Susie Homaker
Love,
Donna Kay Ivy, First Grade

Dear Santa Clause:
Please bring me some snow shoes and G I Joe.

Love,
Kim Lemon, First Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been wanting a little Baby Secret, and transistor radio and a gown. That is all.
Your friend,
Cynthia Carol Means

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me some snow, G.I. Joe bicl
Love,
Joel Drake First Grade

Dear Santa Clause:
Please bring me some toys. Here is what I want bicycle, gun, Batman set, racing car set, G.I. Joe.

Love,
Steven Sims, First Grade

Dear Santa Clause:
Please bring me some shoes a Susie Homemaker.

Love,
Alice Martinez, First Grade

Dear Santa Clause:
Please bring me some snow shoes, a Susie Homemaker.
Terry Allen, First Grade

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me some snow shoes, a Susie Homemaker.
Love,
Sabra, First Grade

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. I have been wanting a "Big Horn" anset, also I want a "Lost in space" set, a "Captain Action" nd help other's to have a ery merry Chistmas and a appy new year.

Your friend,
Monte Moore

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a very good boy this year. Please may have a Mike Hazzard, two G.I. Joes and a combat field ack, and a G.I. Joe footlocker fav others have a very Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Rodney Wilson

Dear Santa,
I hope you come soon. I want a fat cat and a B.B. gun but I know that I wont get it. And I want a bat man suit.
Sincerely,
Brady Louis Beatty

Dear Santa Claus,
I've tried to be a very good boy. Please may I have a bicycle with lights and one or two arrows. I hope you and Mrs. Santa are well.

Your friend,
Scott Drake

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a bicycle if you can and I wish we bought a horse when we leave. I hope we leave after Christmas.

Love,
Paul Garza



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