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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The miracle of Christmas, holy source of hope and joy, once more spreads its wonders, its radiant promise across the land... and the Star shines, as on that hallowed night, with eternal light. The blessings that rise from the sacred manger are manifold and everlasting. Our wish is that you and yours may be blest with the divine comfort and inspiration of Christmas, now and always.

Moonlight Bonanza Winners Listed

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★ With Polly ★
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"Christmas" is a magic word that seems automatically to spell out happiness to all big, little, young, and old. Just the mention of Christmas brings floods of memories of happiness, contentment, family gatherings and prayerful thankfulness for the many blessings that has been ours to enjoy.

As we gather yonder in Oklahoma for Christmas with our daughter, Polly Jr., and with other relatives, including "Maw and Pappy" (Ross parents), we shall be humble in spirit for the many blessings throughout the year, and thankful indeed that we have been privileged once again to be with those we love. We are thankful, indeed, that we still have our dear "Maw and Pappy" with us. Although we observe with pain their steps have become slower, their hearts are never short of love. We are blessed with an abundance of love among our family. So what more could be desired. Nothing can bring more happiness than genuine love. My hope for all of you is that kind of Christmas that will leave your heart aglow with happiness that will last throughout the years to come.

The old weatherman played a trick on Earth-Springlake area people Thursday night, whenleet began to fall around 4:30 p. m., covering the streets and highways with a slick blanket of sleet and ice. By 6 p. m., when the town-wide "Moonlight Shopping Bonanza" in Earth was slated to begin, the streets were slick and hazardous. Highway warnings were out to cut traffic down to the very minimum.

Although the night was bitter cold and driving conditions were hazardous, several area people braved the storm to attend the Shopping Bonanza. Taylor Furniture registered 46 adults during the three-hour event. C. O. Taylor, owner-manager, said almost every person that came in his firm had Christmas Shopping on their minds and made purchases. He was well pleased with the Moonlight event.

Several other merchants registered approximately 40 adults, and felt the event gave them a chance to visit with several of the area people who shop Earth first.

Winners in the "Moonlight Shopping Bonanza" drawings at the various places were:

Sanders Lumber Co.; Mrs. Cullen Hay-Rubbermaid Parts Caddy, Ruddy Ortiz-Rubbermaid Parts Drainer and Tray.

Taylor Furniture: Polly Middleton-Life Size Santa Claus, White's Auto; Sherry Hutto-Toaster, Mrs. Dean Jones-Can Opener.

Earth Tire and Supply; Ed Haley-Electric Carving Knife.

Earth News-Sun gave five 3 year subscriptions to the paper. These were won by Lois Rudd, Mildred Haley, Grace Hooley, Alvin Kelley, and Mrs. James Packard.



IN TOP 10% IN THE NATION this group of high school students out of 22 took achievement tests and won certificates of Educational Development. These tests are leading up to college entrance tests. 1st row, Billie Street, Pam Avery, and Steve Busby; 2nd row, Mike Wages, Kirby Kelley, and Jimmie Littleton; 3rd row, Ricky Welch, Steve Sanderson, and Terry Bridge.

Local Youths Play In Band Concert

A good crowd, considering the weather, attended the Region I Band Concert in Lubbock Saturday at 7:30 p. m. at Monterrey High School.

Seven local band students from Springlake-Earth schools were chosen to appear in the 110 piece concert.

Local students selected to play in the concert were: Gaye Upchurch-1st chair-bass clarinet; Gary Kelley-1st chair-cornet; Sharla Haberer-1st chair-trombone; Becky Parish-2nd chair-clarinet; Deann Brock-4th chair-saxophone; Johnnie Kelley-6th chair-cornet; Steve Jackson-10th chair-cornet; and Marsha Dawson, alternate, French horn.

Try-outs were held Saturday, December 9 in Lubbock. Regional Band Directors judged each section of class A, AA, and C in High School, and Junior High School bands. Approximately 30 bands with 550 entries participated. Rehearsals were Thursday, Friday, and Saturday preceding the concert.

Santa To Arrive December 23 In Earth

Hey Kiddos! Santa Claus will be in Earth Saturday, December 23, at 10:30 a. m. with Christmas goodies for all the children.

He will come by Earth before returning to the North Pole for his Christmas Eve visit to all the children.

The Earth Lions Club is sponsoring Santa's visit. The club will distribute baskets of food to the needy families of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Haberer and family attended the Regional Band Concert at Monterrey High School in Lubbock Saturday night and visited with Danny at Tech over the week-end.

Local Firms To Have Name Change January 1

Tom Sanders made the announcement this week that the name change and combining of personnel of the Watson Bros. Butane and the Earth Service and Supply will go into effect on Monday, January 1. The two firms will then be known as Red-Fuel, Inc., of Earth and Springlake.

Offices will continue to be operated in both Springlake and Earth. The only changes in personnel will be the switching of some of the Springlake staff to the Earth office, book-keeping for both offices will be done in the Earth office.

Congressman Bob Price In Earth Friday

Congressman Bob Price will be at the Earth Community Building at 2:30 p. m. Friday, December 22. He is using this method in making it possible to visit with the people in making it clear what Congress is doing. The public meeting will enlighten everyone as to what has been happening in Congress; what legislation has been passed, and what to expect in the next Congress.

Price has been in the district all week. He will be in Olton also Friday at 12:30 noon. He has also been in Kress and Tulla.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Montgomery of Houston will be holiday guests in the home of the Phillip Haberers and Mrs. Zou Wilson. Mrs. Montgomery is Mrs. Haberer's aunt.

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HO, HO, HO—Santa Claus was seen in Pounds Pharmacy Thursday evening during the Moonlight Shopping Bonanza. Neal Pounds and admiring children are shown with him.



CLARENCE HAMILTON AND ED HALEY visited at Taylor's Furniture Thursday evening during the Moonlight Shopping Bonanza from 6-9 p. m.

News-Sun Office Closed December 22 Through 28

This Christmas issue is the last issue of the News-Sun to be published this year. The office will close Friday, December 22 and will remain closed until

December 29, allowing office personnel who are making long trips over the holidays to spend some time with their loved ones.

The next issue of the News-Sun will be published on Thursday, January 4, 1968.

Mrs. Allen Gover and Helen visited in the A. L. Kelley home Saturday afternoon.

Alvin Kelley visited in the A. L. Kelley home Sunday.

City Hall Closed December 25, 26

City officials met Monday night at the City Hall. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was decided to postpone the January 1st slated meeting to January 9, due to the New Year's holiday.

The City Hall will be closed December 25 and 26 for Christmas holidays.

Present were Mayor E. C. Kelley, Aldermen Eldon Parish, J. D. Chesney, Doug Parish, Neal Pounds, and Bill Bryant, City Attorney, Andy Stroebel, Water Superintendent Johnnie Enloe, City Marshal Alvin Pittman, and City Secretary, Betty McAlpine.

Services Held For Mother of Former Earth Resident

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 16 at 2:00 p. m. at Knowles Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Mae Beasley, mother of Bill Beasley, formerly of Earth. Mrs. Beasley died at Mesa, Arizona, December 13 at 11:00 p. m.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Beasley of Ft. Worth, and three children, Paul Beasley, of Ft. Worth, Mrs. V. T. Young, of Mesa, Arizona, and Bill Beasley of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parish attended the Regional Band Concert in Lubbock Saturday night.

Springlake Baptist Church Presents Cantata

A Christmas Cantata, "Glory to God" by J. T. Adams was presented at the First Baptist Church of Springlake, Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 p. m.

The Girls' Ensemble presented musical selections. The Ensemble was composed of the following: Jamie Washington, Vicki Parish, Ann Bearden, Lynn Jones, Sheila Blackwell, Susan Parish, Kathy Bibby, Jenna and Jemma Banks, Vicki McClure, and Linda Packard.

The Junior Boys' Choir sang "Silent Night". The choir was composed of the following: Bryan Sanderson, Tommy Clayton, Dean Walden, Brad Walden, Brad Bridges, Kevin Hinson, and Rube Campbell. Some of the members of the choir were absent.

The altar of the church was decorated with a candelabra, angel hair, and Christmas lights. Lighted candles were placed in the windows.

The program was directed by Jerry Field, and narrated by Rev. Don Holmes, pastor.

Two solos were given. They were "O Holy Night" by Sheila Blackwell and "The Shepherd's Song" by Susan Parish. Pianist was Mrs. Earl Parish.



GOOD GUYS OF JUNIOR HIGH are De'on Grigsby, daughter of Mrs. Virgil Grigsby, a seventh grader, and Criss Dent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tuffy Dent, an eighth grader. They were chosen for having the most Christmas spirit.

Earth Baptist Youth-Revival Held Sunday

Due to weather conditions the Youth-Led Revival scheduled Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16, was not held. Services were held, however, Sunday, December 17 at 11:00 a. m. and at 7:00 p. m.

A Youth Fellowship was held Sunday night following church services.

The Wayland Inspirational Choir, a 50-voice choir from Wayland College, did not come, due to inclement weather.

The revival was planned and promoted by the youth of the church.

Holy Land Slides To Be Shown At Local Church

Rev. M. B. Baldwin, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Earth will show slides of the Holy Land Sunday, December 24, at 7:00 p. m. at the church.

Rev. Baldwin made the trip to the Holy Land in 1961 and took these slides. There have been several requests for him to show them.

Some of the films will portray scenes of the Christmas story.

School To Dismiss Today For Holidays

Springlake-Earth schools will dismiss (today) December 21 at 2:30 p. m. to allow students and faculty opportunities to enjoy the Christmas holidays with their families and friends.

Classes will resume Tuesday, January 2.

New Officers Elected To Lamb County Jr. Livestock Show Board

The Lamb County Jr. Livestock show board met Wednesday night, December 13 at the county courthouse in Littlefield.

Many plans were discussed for the upcoming show in January. The county show will be held on January 12 & 13 at the county show barn in Littlefield. This is the only county wide show in Lamb County, and is for all FFA and 4-H members in each community.

Among other important business was the election of officers for the next year. Elected to office were: President, Don Carter of Amherst; Vice-President, Fred Long of Olton; Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Ray of Sudan.

Also elected were show superintendent, Don Carr of Littlefield; Asst. Swine Superintendents, Dexter Baker, Sudan; Luther Hill, Littlefield; George Tooley, Amherst; Delmer Givens, Olton; J. W. Dear, Springlake, Sheep Superintendents; Dale Hanna, Sudan; Archie May of Olton, S. A. Parmer, Sudan; Jerry Ray, Sudan; Johnny Hodges of Olton.

Steer Superintendent: Douglas Walden, Springlake, Asst. Steer Superintendents: James Cook, Littlefield; Fred Long, Olton; T. B. Wheeler, Olton; Don Carter, Amherst; Gene Templeton, Earth.

Some important business that was discussed was: The board members voted to let Beef Heifers show. They would be awarded ribbons only as this would be a trial case to see how many heifers would be entered. The heifer classes will be set up after entries are received.

It was also passed that there would be a separate class set up for Dorset lambs. In past years, they have had to show with the Hampshire. This year there will be a Grand and Reserve Champion Lamb selected as well as the Champions of each breed.

The board set up a workday to clean up the show barn on Wednesday, January 10th. Anybody who would like to help should be there Wednesday morning. The board members and other officials think this will be one of the best county shows ever. There should be a lot of livestock to see and they plan on giving nice trophies and ribbons.

Local Baptist Choirs Present Christmas Program

A Christmas Program was presented at the First Baptist Church of Earth Wednesday, December 20 at 7:30 p. m.

The Adult Choir and the Junior Choir presented selections. Joe Coombs, Minister of Music of the Church of Wayland College, was in charge of the program.

Businessmen Attend Breakfast

Approximately fifteen businessmen of Springlake and Earth attended a breakfast Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 a. m. at the Wolverine Drive-in.

Larry Milner, manager of the Industrial Development, Southwestern Public Service Company, of Amarillo, spoke on "What To Do To Secure Industry For Small Towns"; and gave the steps to take.

Cotton Harvest Nears End

Cotton harvest is nearing completion with a total of 11,917 bales ginned at eight gins.

Most of the gins report they are almost through. Several say they might gin from 50-150 more bales before finishing. Last week's total was 11,790 bales ginned.

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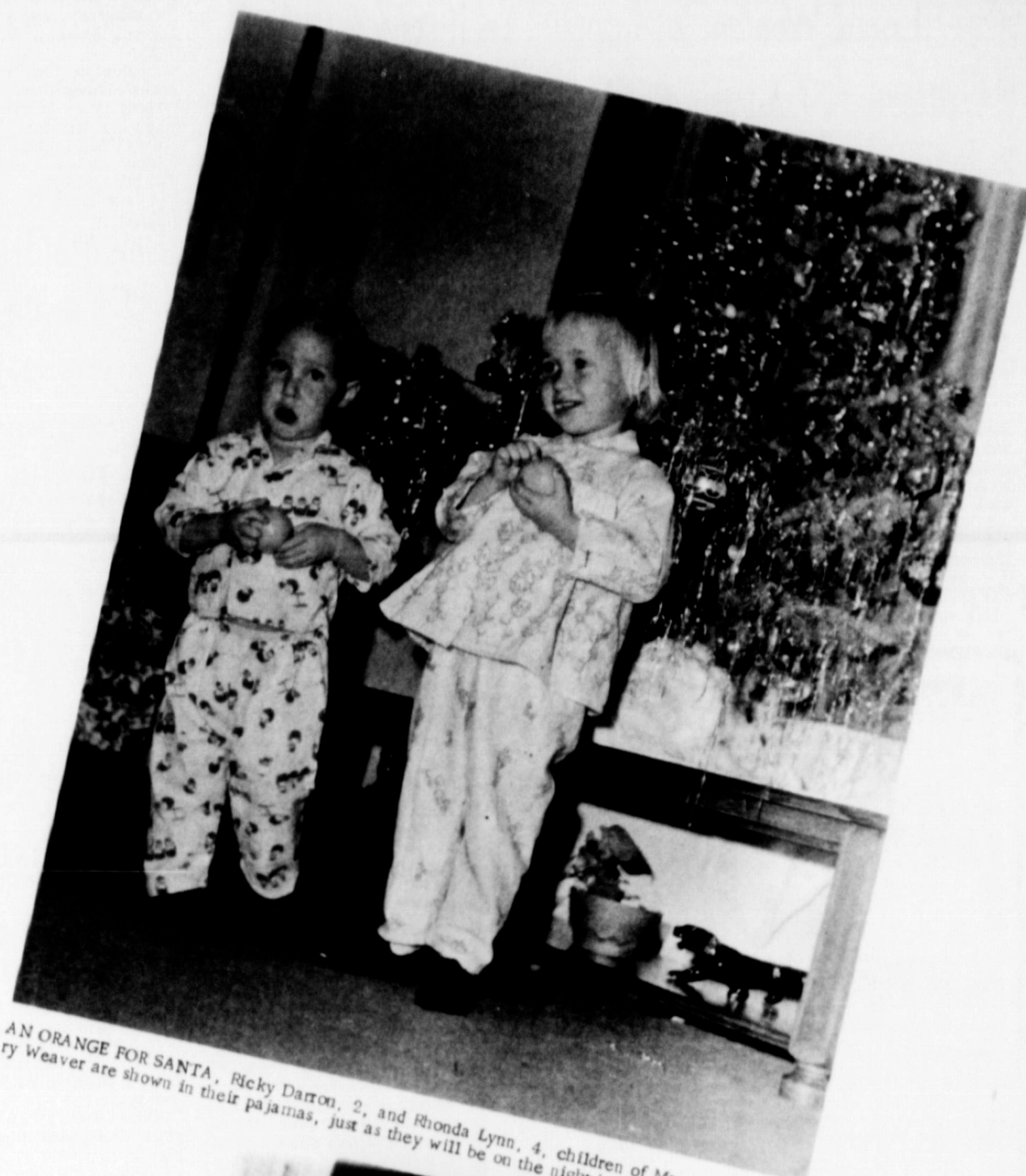
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OH MY! THAT BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS TREE, Tracy Tunnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tunnell is shown admiring his Christmas tree.



AN ORANGE FOR SANTA, Ricky Darron, 2, and Rhonda Lynn, 4, children of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Weaver are shown in their pajamas, just as they will be on the night before Christmas.



THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS may be seen in the eyes of Carle Dawn and Jeri Palge, children of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Been.



THE CHRISTMAS STORY FROM THE BIBLE was read by Bryan Hulcy, 17, to his sister Karen, 7, and his brother Greg. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Hulcy.

Nowell Is District Deputy Grand Master Of District No. 97

Elbert Nowell of Muleshoe has been named District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for Masonic District No. 97, which includes five Masonic Lodges in Lamb and Bailey Counties. Nowell is a Past Master of Muleshoe Lodge 1237. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe.

His appointment was made by the newly-elected Grand Master of Masons in Texas, J. W. Chandler of Houston, as the 132nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was concluded in Waco December 7.

District Deputy Grand Masters are appointed for each of the 132 Masonic Districts of Texas. They are the personal representatives of the Grand Master, head of the state's largest fraternal organization with nearly 250,000 members.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

This is my first Christmas, and I'm ever excited! Mommy has told me all about you and your reindeer, and how you bring gifts to all good little boys and girls.

I would like a dolly, a teddy bear, some new pull toys, and anything else you would like to bring me.

I have been a very good little girl.

Love,
Melissa Chaney

Letters to



Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

What I'd like for Christmas is for Polly and Ross to publish this:

Tribute, Christmas 1967
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Davis

Doubly blessed am I! To have parents such as these, they are the "peculiar people" of whom the Bible speaks. Thank you, Lord, for two, Yes two, Yet two,

If there was trouble in our home; that I never knew, I knew discipline by love and steadfast example. Stand on your own two feet! Finish the job begun! Require the best of yourself! The path is set by God!

Not only for me--How many of you have passed through their care? Strict, but fair; demanding the best, but helping and kind. Grady and me, your children and mine, with deep respect I submit my tribute. Oh, Doubly blessed am I!

Arveila Habeter

Dear Santa,

I'm a little boy 5 years old. I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a Bicycle, a Johnny Express Gun, and a Bonanza set, with all the Bonanza men and their horses. Please bring my brother Lexie a bicycle too. He also has been a pretty good boy too.

Thank you,
Rex Fennell

PTA TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TODAY.

A P.T.A. meeting will be held Thursday, December 21 (today) at 9:30 a.m. in the school auditorium.

The program will be "Christmas Around the World" presented by the grade school children. A coffee, honoring the P.T.A. grandparents will follow the program immediately in the new Homemaking building. Everyone is invited to attend the coffee. Let's give our grandparents a big welcome to our P.T.A.

PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Henderson and family were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Lucille Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Henderson and family visited Friday night in the home of Mrs. Lucille Henderson.

HINTS OF HOMEMAKER

To remove animal hairs from clothing or furniture, rub an ordinary hair comb with any woolen material to create static electricity in the comb, then move comb across loose hairs, which will adhere to the comb.

To remove egg stains from fabrics first wash with cold water until dissolved; then follow immediately with hot water and soap. Make certain that all of the egg particles have disappeared prior to applying the hot water.

For mothers with diaper pins that won't stick through the diaper fabric use a bar of soap for a pin cushion.

In order to restore crushed pile where the furniture legs pressed, remove the furniture and lay a wet towel, folded twice, over the spot. Then steam gently with a hot iron holding the iron firmly. This will lift the pile back into

former condition on the rug or carpet.

To remove paper stuck to furniture, do not scrape it. Instead moisten with a little linseed oil or sweet oil. Let paper remain until easily rubbed off with finger.

For an inexpensive window cleaning solution and for one which will cut household grease and water spots; mix equal parts of naphtha, ammonia and vinegar. Use 1/2 cup to 1 quart of warm water. Wipe window with solution and dry with black and white newspaper for a special shine. Mirrors look especially nice if dried with paper towels.

When glass tumblers stick together, in order to avoid breaking the glasses, place bottom glass in hot water and fill upper glass with cold water. Allow to stand a few minutes and gently separate glasses.

To remove corrosion around faucets and bathroom fixtures saturate a rag in vinegar and lay over corrosion. Let soak for a few hours and rinse away.

PARTY LINE

Mrs. W. H. Parish returned Thursday from a three week's visit with the Phil Cannons in Houston.

Mrs. Edna Worley returned last week from a visit with her sister Mrs. Nola Carter in Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson attended the Regional Band Concert in Lubbock Saturday night.

Mrs. Judith Jones, Tamara, and Tony attended the annual Winter Concert of the Olton schools in the High School auditorium Sunday afternoon. Janet and Lena Chester, sisters of Mrs. Jones, sang in the High School choir. Approximately 450 students, grades 3 through 8, participated.

Local Women To Appear In 1967 Edition of Outstanding Women of America

Three young women from the Earth-Springlake area have been selected to appear in the 1967 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America. The three selected are Mrs. Tommie Jean (Sheffy) Bills and Mrs. Juanice (Higgins) Glascock, and Mrs. George Ann (Gerlock) Walden. The three were honored because of their outstanding contributions and accomplishments. Their names were submitted by local Women's Clubs.



Mrs. Tommie (Sheffy) Bills

Americans Foundation, a non-profit foundation dedicated to recognizing and honoring outstanding Americans.

Selections for Outstanding Young Women of America are made by the Board of Advisory

Editors. Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold, honorary president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is chairman.

United States Senator Margaret Chase Smith, in her introductory message for last year's edition of Outstanding Young Women of America, said, "This book calls attention to the great capabilities of our young women and their ability to get things done."

Mrs. Esther Peterson, Assistant Secretary of Labor, says the



Mrs. Lynn (Juanice) Glascock

women included in the 1967 edition "are in the tradition of women who combine the best virtues—vision, vitality and personal strength. These young women leaders are lighting the way for more and more truly developed women of tomorrow."

The publication was conceived by the leaders of the nation's women's clubs. They felt that young women who give their time for community projects should be recognized. The recognition of these outstanding women can serve to inspire others to give their time to additional civic responsibilities. Local women's clubs through-



Mrs. Georgeanne (Gerlock) Walden

out the country submit nomina-

tions for the book each year. A different group of outstanding young women is included each year. Guidelines for selection include unselfish service to others, charitable activities, community service, professional excellence, business advancement, and civic and professional recognition.

Faculty Christmas Party Held

A Christmas dinner and party for the faculty and wives and husbands of Springlake-Earth Schools was held at 6:30 p. m., Tuesday, December 19 in the school cafeteria.

The Christmas motif was used in decorations.

A delicious meal of steak, chicken, and the trimmings was served to approximately 75.

A presentation of gifts was made.

Bill Anderson was Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Jimmy Coker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Coker presented a Christmas story, "Conrad". Mrs. Janice Varnell, pianist, and Mrs. Marie Slover led the group in singing Christmas carols. Mrs. Slover sang "O Holy Night".

Kevin Hinson Birthday Honoree

Kevin Hinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hinson, was honored on his eleventh birthday with a party in his home from 4-6 p. m.

Several friends from his school room were present. Games were played.

The Christmas theme was used in party decorations. Game favors were presented to the guests.

Refreshments of birthday cake decorated to resemble a football, cold drinks, and ice cream were served.

YWA Girls Meet In Home Of Pat Bryant

Y. W. A. girls of the First Baptist Church met Wednesday, December 13 in the home of Pat Bryant for a program during the Week of Prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions.

Refreshments of Cokes and cookies were served. On the program were Annita and Donita Kelley, Pat Bryant, Gaye Upchurch, and Donna Roberson.

Y. W. A. also met December 20 in the home of Annita and Donita Kelley.

The next meeting will be January 3.

Eastern Star Honors Masons

The Sons of Master Masons presented a Christmas program, honoring all Masons, Monday, December 11 at the Masonic Hall.

Master of Ceremonies was Galen Bock. "The Christmas Story" from the Book of Luke, was given by Jim Laing; A reading, "Unto The Least of These" was presented by Jimmy Coker; a reading, "But When He Knocks" by Kim Bock; "Silent Night" by a trio, Corey, Scotty, and Cokey Hopping; "Twas the Night Before Christmas", a reading by Stewart Laing; a piano solo, "Deck the Halls" by Kenny O'Hair; "The Story of Silent Night" by Kirk O'Hair; "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" by the all-boy chorus.

Following the program, the group was led in singing Christmas carols, led by Mrs. Oleta Sanders.

Refreshments of sandwiches, pie, coffee, and hot chocolate were served.

The regular meeting was presided over by Mrs. Elisabeth Laing, Worthy Matron and George Laing, Worthy Patron.

The Masons introduced their sons. The hall was decorated in the Christmas theme.

PARTY LINE

Camille Wheatley of Phoenix, Arizona, arrived by plane Tuesday for the Christmas holidays in the A. E. Wheatley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Neal, Allen, and Pam of Lubbock will spend Christmas with the Fred Userys and the Roy Neals.

Carl Taylor, who has been a patient in the Littlefield Hospital, returned home Wednesday.



Lydia and Esther S.S. Classes Have Christmas Party

The Lydia and Esther Sunday School Classes of the First Baptist Church met for a Christmas Party and Salad Supper Monday night in Fellowship Hall of the church.

Names of Secret Pals were revealed, names were drawn for another year, and gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. M. E. Kelley is teacher of the Lydia class; Mrs. R. S. Cole is teacher of the Esther class.

The hall was decorated with

holly and red bells. The gift table was centered with a gold Christmas tree with red bows. Tables were centered with an angel in a cloud of angel hair, surrounded with red Christmas balls.

Mrs. Betty Anderson was in charge of the program. Each one told of Christmas memories or traditions in her family.

Mrs. B. Campbell told the Christmas story, "The Small One". Twenty-two ladies were present.

LCC Associates Have Christmas Party in Martin Home

An L. C. C. Associate Christmas party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Martin Friday night. Members and husbands were guests.

The home was beautifully decorated for Christmas. The dining table was covered with a green linen cloth, and centered with a Christmas arrangement.

Refreshments of chips, dips,

and desserts, coffee and tea were served.

The group played 42. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Faver, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bills, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Lexie Branscum, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

Junior Honor Society News

On Wednesday, December 13, 1967, the W. L. Mann Chapter of the National Jr. Honor Society met. Hoyt Glascock led the opening exercises and then plans for the annual "Faculty Tea" were discussed. Mike Cleavinger adjourned the meeting and refreshments were served by Marian Dawson and Karen Hinchliffe.

FACULTY TEA
Wednesday, December 20, the W. L. Mann Chapter of the

National Junior Honor Society held its annual Faculty Tea in the Jr. High teacher's lounge. Cookies, coffee, and punch were served by the Honor Society members and student teachers were furnished for the lower grades. After school the members had a Christmas party which everyone enjoyed.

TOPS Club News...

Ten TOPS members met Thursday night at the Bank Annex. The group weighed in, then went Christmas shopping during the Moonlight Shopping Bonanza. Due to bad weather, no program was planned.

Present were Mrs. Blanche Hudson, Mrs. Pauline Hucks, Mrs. Florence Gover, Mrs. Joe Houchin, Mrs. Lois Rudd, Mrs. Elizabeth Packard, Mrs. Inez Inglis, Mrs. Pearl Cooper, Mrs. Emilie Clayton, and Mrs. Faye Hay.

Sunbeams Go Christmas Caroling

Sunbeams met Tuesday at the First Baptist Church to go caroling. The group called on several homes and sang for them.

Afterwards they returned to the church and had refreshments of chocolate Santa Clauses. Members present were Sheri Winders, Kirk O'Hair, Kevin Kelley, Donna Kay Green, and Kim Holder.

The next regular meeting will be January 2.

Group Prepares Bible Class Materials In Faver Home

Guests in the Lewis Faver home Sunday were Laquinta Clark, Gay Ellis, Renda, Linda, and Nancy Cantrell, Debbie Bell, and Keri Dawn Been. A delicious Taco dinner was served, then the group spent the afternoon working on Bible

Class materials for a pre-school Spanish class.

Several of the children were members of the Wednesday evening Bible class of the Church of Christ, taught by Mrs. Lewis Faver.

Springlake HD Club Has Christmas Party

The Springlake Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, December 14 in the home of Mrs. T. V. Murrell for a Christmas luncheon and party. Secret pals were revealed and gifts were exchanged.

The home was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif. The dining table was covered with a cloth of red net and felt. Individual serving tables featured Christmas centerpieces. Present were Mrs. Orlan Bib-

by, Mrs. L. C. Blaylock, Mrs. Ed Biles, Mrs. Marvel Caruthers, Mrs. Wayne Davis, Mrs. Harmon Cooper, Mrs. Bruce Higgins, Mrs. Arlon Hollingsworth, Mrs. Hilbert Wislan, Mrs. Floyd

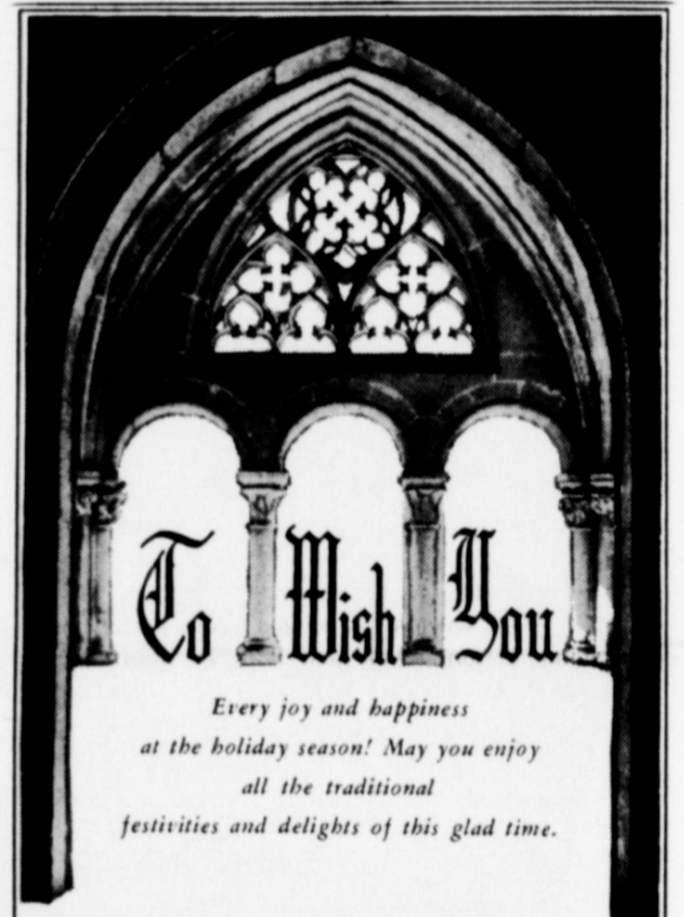
Bibb, Mrs. Ruel Fanning, Mrs. Edna McClure, Mrs. J. B. Eagle, Mrs. Bob Boone, the hostess, Mrs. Murrell, and three visitors, Mrs. Forrest Simmons, Mrs. Bud Skinner, and Mrs. Janet Cooper.

WMU Has Circle Program

W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church of Earth met Tuesday afternoon at the church for a circle program, "Culture and Worship Ways in Nigeria and Yugoslavia". A round table discussion was given by Mrs.

M. B. Baldwin, Mrs. LaJuana O'Hair, Mrs. Lillie Wuerflein, and Mrs. Lillian Hamilton.

Due to the Christmas holidays, there will be no more W. M. U., G. A., or Sunbeam meetings until January 2.



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Christmas Coffee Given In Home of Mrs. Joe Temple

A Christmas coffee was given in the home of Mrs. Joe Temple Wednesday, December 13 from 9:30-11:30.

The coffee honored former neighbors of the Temples in the Hite Park addition, new neighbors in the Miller addition, and directors and employees of the Citizens State Bank. Christmas decorations were

used throughout the home. The dining table featured a blue arrangement of bird feather flowers, vase, and candle.

Refreshments of coffee, hot spiced tea, and peach preserve cake were served. Special guests were Mrs. Mel Hasteley of Santa Paula, California, Mrs. J. F. Temple and Mrs. A. G. Temple and Jay of Lubbock.

Young Homemakers Have Christmas Dinner

A Christmas dinner for Young Homemakers and their husbands was held Friday night, December 15 at the Wolverine Drive-In.

A delicious steak dinner was served. Tables were decorated with pine cones, candles, and other Christmas decorations. The couples exchanged gifts and played bridge and dominoes.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald James, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Pounds, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Layman, and the Young Homemaker's Little Sister, Miss Melody Brock. The club presented her a Christmas pin.

Roping Club Has Christmas Party

Members and families of the Roping Club enjoyed a Christmas party Thursday night at the Earth Community building. Fellowship and games of cards and dominoes were enjoyed. Refreshments of candy, snacks, coffee, punch, and spiced tea were served.

Present were Mrs. Dewelyn Waide and boys, and Alan Waide, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Barton, Craig, and Welda, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Foster and David, Mr. and Mrs. Lexie Branscum, Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Stephens, and Mr. and Mrs. Jearl James.



IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN MRS. MOORE'S PRE-FIRST GRADE at Springlake-Earth Schools. Shown decorating the tree are Nellie Palacio, Gloria Cortez, Sebastian Padilla, and Alex Fuentes.

Rainbow Girls Plan Christmas

Earth Rainbow Girls met Monday, December 18, at 4:00 p. m., at the Lodge Hall.

A Christmas Party was planned for Friday, December 22. The girls will meet at the Lodge Hall at 5:30 p. m. and go Christmas carolling, then to the home of the Worthy Advisor for refreshments and exchanging gifts.

An Initiation Service will be held Monday, January 1 at 6:00 p. m., at the Lodge Hall, and all Past Worthy Advisors are invited to attend, as they will be special guests.

Following the meeting, Mexican Food was served by Mrs. Donald Kelley, with Miss Shirley Walker assisting. Attending were: Camille Haber, Mary N. Walker, Joan Temple, Susie Ruby, Susie Temple, Becky Littleton, Karen Hinchliffe, Kathy Myers, Connie Kelley, Susie Adrian, Pam Avery, Annita, and Donita Kelley.

Junior High Honor Roll

The Junior High Honor Roll for the second six week's period was announced this week by Principal Cecil Slover. They are as follows:

8th Grade "A" Honor Roll: Becky Littleton, Leslie Haber, Marian Dawson, Donna Lowery, Criss Dent, Karen Hinchliffe, and Carl Sulber.

8th Grade "A" and "B" Honor Roll: Sammy Matlock, Don Templeton, Regina Meeks, Bruce Bridges, Larry Radd, Darrell Carr, Scott Alexander, Hoyt Glasscock, Mike Cleavinger, La Donna Sigman, Janet Britton, and Sherry Pittman.

9th Grade "A" Honor Roll: Darla Dear, Tisa Haber, Guy Lynn Davies, and Gail Wages.

7th Grade "A" and "B" Honor Roll: Kim Welch, David Hanson, Paige Gaston, Bobby Cleavinger, Brian Sanderson, Shelly Gaston, Kevin Anderson, Doug Freeman, Tracy Lee, Bobby Angeley, Renee Jones, and Larry Thomas.

ANGELEYS PLAN CHANGE OF CLIMATE

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Angeley will leave for a lower climate, shortly following the Christmas holidays, to see if his breathing can be improved in a lower climate. Their plans are to stop at Kerrville for a while, however, they were uncertain of their destination.

Hello World



Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Zamora of Earth announce the birth of a baby boy, Patrick, born December 17 at West Texas Hospital at Muleshoe.

The baby weighed 5 lbs, 14 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Padilla of Earth. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roman Zamora of Earth.

The family also has twin daughters, four years old, Melinda and Belinda.

Mr. and Mrs. Nestor Padilla announce the birth of a baby boy, born December 5 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. The baby boy weighed 7 lbs, 4 oz.

Maternal grandparent is Mrs. Lilly Cortez of Earth. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Padilla of Earth. The little boy has three other sisters.

Final Warning

This is a final warning. The city will pick up any stray dogs reported running loose within the city limits. Many complaints have been made.

NOTICES...

A Christmas Band Concert for the Student Body of Springlake-Earth Schools will be held in the auditorium Thursday (today) December 21.

Town and Country Study Club will meet Thursday, December 28 in the home of Mrs. J. L. Hinson. All members are urged to attend.

PARTY LINE
Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Brockette were in Lubbock Monday.

PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of friends in Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Womack, formerly of Orlon, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Womack of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The brothers observing their anniversaries are twins.

Mrs. John Bridges shopped in Lubbock Monday.

Mrs. Beulah Coker and Mrs. Joyce Nix of Sudan were in Lubbock last Tuesday.

Mrs. Jan Cole spent last weekend in Childress in the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Coker and Mrs. Beulah Coker attended the funeral of a cousin, G. W. Stone, in Memphis Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Ellis of California will spend Christmas in the Claude Ellis home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Martens spent the week-end in Lubbock with Mrs. Janet Powell and Mrs. Linda Garner.

Mrs. LaDon Herring and Tod visited Monday in the M. W. Messer home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Messer and Marianne visited Sunday in the Ted Herring home in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Waldon and Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Walden and daughter Kelley were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cooper of Morton, Saturday. The Coopers were host at a Christmas dinner for her family. Mrs. Walden and Mrs. Cooper are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Parish and son of Lubbock were guests last week-end in the Eldon Parish and the Curtis Smith homes.

Mrs. W. B. Hucks of Springlake was in Lubbock Monday.

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Local Students Enter Greyhound Bus Co. Contest

A nation-wide essay contest on "Amazing America", sponsored by the Greyhound Bus Company was judged Friday. Each eighth grade student of Springlake-Earth Junior High School was to write no more than 250 words, poetry or prose, on "Amazing America". These essays were sent to the company and will be judged there. The first-place winner will receive a \$200 United States savings bond; second place, \$100 U. S. savings bond, and eight third prizes of \$50 U. S. savings bond.

These papers were judged by Mrs. Janie Bell and Bill Anderson. Local winner's essays are as follows:

AMAZING AMERICA

Almighty, immortal, extraordinary, and glorious-- These words describe Amazing America. But America defies a definite description, for America is not only the adjectives that describe it but the nouns make it up.

America's national parks, its modern cities, and historical shrines are constant reminders of the American heritage. Unlike any other nation, it has achieved greatness but is always striving for more, (not to be held up in the eyes of men but to be held up by men and their ideals.)

The American government is greatness in action. It is democracy based on the foundation of freedom. Freedom to pursue happiness in any way seen fit within the boundaries of the law.

America is magnificent not because its people agree on every issue but because they do not agree. It is outstanding be-



LOCAL WINNERS IN THE "AMAZING AMERICA" GREYHOUND BUS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST are left to right, front row, Leslie Haberer, Marian Dawson, Criss Dent, Susie Temple, Becky Littleton, and Mary Ortiz; back row, Robert Little and Hoyt Glascock.

Not many people can receive daily newspapers or good books. But people can in America!

Not many people can go to the church of their choice or they cannot even go to church at all. But in America people can go to any church they wish, or they don't have to go at all.

"America!" "Do you have equal job opportunities?" Yes, of course! America is the richest nation in the world because of its many industries, and because the people of America have the desire to help our nation prosper.

"Tell me, is this all?" No, this is only a small portion of what America is like.

And the only way a person can get the feeling of this great country is to strive and toil for the betterment of other people and America.

AMAZING AMERICA

America is amazing! America! Land of plenty, opportunity, freedom, democracy, and grandeur. Hotdogs, baseball, hippies, slums, and riots also make America.

America is a land of plenty. In America there is an abundance of food, and there is not reason for a person to go to bed hungry, for he can work for his food.

toward a better way of life. It is up to us to fulfill this responsibility and keep America Amazing.

PARTY LINE
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ellis, Andy, and Arlie were Sunday dinner guests in the Claude Ellis home.



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Yes, the characteristics of America are many and amazing, but the most marvelous thing I can think of about America is the pride. A pride so powerful it can be seen and felt. It is found not in words but in the heart. It is love for the country, the flag, and something Americans believe in. This love says more than all the words.

Amazing America is my country, your country, his country, her country, and their country. America is a life, a home, and a nation. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to Mexico, America is amazing.

AMAZING AMERICA

"War Protesters Provoke Arrests" and "Students Revolt" are typical newspaper headlines. Foreigners say America is wonderful, "Like heaven." We, as Americans, often do not realize America's grandeur.

America is amazing in beauty. Niagra Falls, water falling gracefully down its sides; the Grand Canyon, a multicolored splendor; the Smoky Mountains, pine trees enwreathed in blue haze, glorify America.

America is amazing in industry: Texas oil, Chicago's factories, the Midwest's golden wheat, the largest dams for electrical power, and the great Mississippi for transportation.

America is astonishing. There is plenty for all. An abundance of food, clothing, communication, transportation, job opportunities, and spaciousness testify America's bountifulness.

America is free. It is the "Land of Opportunity." As a result of the struggle for freedom, justice, and quality, every American has bestowed on him: freedom to worship, learn, make choices, travel, express views openly, criticize the government, use leisure time as desired, and the right to trial by jury. Many Americans take America's freedoms

for granted and do not serve her to their capacities.

The individual is the source of America's strength. All the people working together make up this great nation so that "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

America is the grandest nation in the world; generous, dedicated to peace, beautiful, free, religious, and concerned with every person, Americans! This is our country to have and to hold. We should treat it that way.

AMAZING AMERICA

"America!" "What is America?" asked a foreigner. Ask me and I'll tell you. America is the land of ample opportunities. America is the land where people have the freedom of speech, press, and religion. Only in a few countries do they have these freedoms. And America leads them all.

Not many people can walk up to a government official and criticize the government or tell how it should be run. But people can in America.



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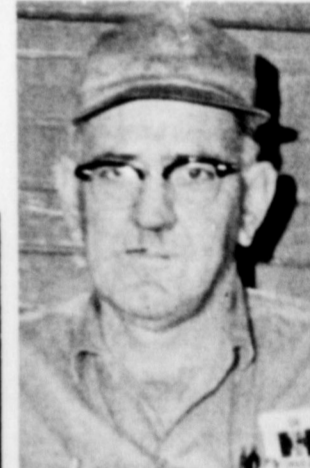
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Varsity Boys and Girls Continue Winning Ways

Springlake-Earth's ever improving Wolverines ran their win-loss record to 10-three Tuesday night in the Wolverine Gymnasium as they downed visiting Whitharral by a score of 61 to 45. This was the last game on schedule for the local basketball team before they will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays.

O. C. Thomas led the way in Tuesday night's victory as he tallied 19 points. Perry Don O'Hair tossed in 11 points for second high scoring honors, while Tim Matthews had eight and Randy Washington had seven for the winners.

The only losses the Wolverines have on their record for this season are against larger schools, one of them being class AA Dimmitt and the other two against Class AAA Muleshoe and Tulla, both powerhouses in three A schools in this area.

The Wolverettes extended their winning streak to 17 against no losses for the season as they handed the Whitharral girls a humiliating 72 to 21 defeat. All the Wolverettes got into the action, with the reserves playing most of the game. Susan Britton was high pointer for the night as she tossed in 23 points, as Vicky Gregory was second with 20. Marsha Dawson had 17 for the evening as Becky Sanders and Beverly Britton had five points each. Jan Hedges hit one field goal for two to round out the Wolverettes scoring.

Next game for the Wolverines and the Wolverettes will be January 2 when they travel to Sundown for a rematch of the two teams. In the first outing, the local teams defeated Sundown in the Wolverine Gymnasium, but the games were closer than most of the games played this season.



SANTA CLAUS WAS THE FEATURED ATTRACTION of the Moonlight Shopping Bonanza Thursday evening in Earth. Shown with Santa are two of his ardent admirers, Tamara and Tony Jones, children of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jones.

4-H Club Members Have Christmas Party and Installation of Officers

4-H Club members met at the Earth Community Building Monday, December 18 at 7:30 p. m. for a Christmas program and installation of officers.

Welda Barton, president, was in charge of the meeting. Opening exercises were held.

A Past President's pin was presented to Welda Barton. She was also presented a ribbon, for completing the record book on her horses.

Mrs. Helen Barton presented Mrs. Lady Claire Phillips a gift as a token of appreciation in her work with the club.

Mrs. Frankie Faver installed the following officers for the coming year: President-Druce Bridges; Vice-President-Mark Waide; Secretary-Welda Barton; Treasurer-Donald Templeton; Council Delegate-Kent Lewis; Reporter-Mike Cleavinger.

Francee Faver gave a humorous reading, Jimmy Coker gave a Christmas reading, Mrs. Doug Walden played the piano. The group sang Christmas carols. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Carolyn Coker, Mrs. Ann Hamilton, and Mrs. Faye Hay to 19 adults and 33 members.

Earth Methodist Choir Presents Christmas Cantata

A Christmas Cantata was presented by the Choir of the Earth Methodist Church Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 p. m. Director of the Cantata was Mrs. Norma Dawson.

The program was as follows: THE MUSIC AT CHRISTMAS: O Come All Ye Faithful, arranged by James Moffett; A Gallery Carol, based on words and tune in the Oxford Book of Carols; Arranged by Marlowe Johnson; Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, Tune; Hyfrydol--Pritchard--Lovelace; O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings, George F. Handel from "The Messiah" simplified; For Unto Us a Child is Born, George F. Handel, edited by Ira B. Wilson; Silent Night, Soloist; Marie Slover, Franz Gruber, arranged by Otis Gruber; What Child is This, English Carol, arranged by Hubert J. Hughes; Sweet Little Jesus Boy, Soloist; Yvonne Jones, by MacGimsoy; Sing Gloria, by Katherine K. Davis; Star of The East, by Amanda Kennedy; Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring, by J. S. Bach; Christmas Round-

elay, by Ralph E. Marryott; Songs of Joy, medley, arranged by Denman Thompson; Hallelujah Chorus, George Handel.

PARTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gover and family were in Littlefield Sunday where they had the family Christmas tree in the home of Mrs. Gover's grandmother and grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Upchurch and boys of Petersburg were week-end guests in the J. A. Gover home. Mrs. Upchurch is Mrs. Gover's sister.

Mrs. Elsie Hawkins will spend Christmas holidays in Amarillo in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thompson and Dennis S. Thompson.

Methodist Children's Department Presents Pageant

A Christmas Pageant, "Keeping Christmas Today" was presented by the Children's Department of the Earth Methodist Church, Sunday, December 17 at 11:00 a. m.

The pageant by Elaine Sutherland and Garland Knott portrayed "the old and the new."

Jimmy Coker was reader. Scene I portrayed a manger scene with the following: Mary Bren Belew; Joseph-Clint Dawson; Shepherds-Mell Don Truelock, Rosie Lewis, Carol Jean Kemper, and Pam Ott; Angels-Alayne Slover and Elaine Hills; Three Wise Men-Rusty Tunnell, Jimmy Randolph, and Paul Bell. Scene II was "How Do We Keep Christmas?" Scene III was "The Living Christmas Tree."

Music was furnished by the Kindergarten and the Elementary (3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades) Departments. They were: Kindergarten Department-Carrie Been, Biff Belew, Dane Clynch, Sue Jones, Tamara Jones, Sheila Jordan, Theresa Ott, Stephanie Parish, Shawndi Smith, and Mona Truelock; Elementary Department, 3rd and 4th grades, Fonda Goodwin, Camille Hinchliffe, Kim Jones, Beverly Bell, L'Ann Sulser, Gina Wisian, Dallas Clynch, Jr., Dickie Brown, Randy Bills, Royce Earl Jordan, and Cliff Wood; Elementary, 5th and 6th grades-Jimmie Coker, Randy Stephens, Hal Wood, Brad Haley, Scott Lee, Evan Hamilton, Kevin Alexander, Dar-

lene Sulser, Joan Coker, La Juana Marshall, Denece Temple, Marianne Messer, Pat Cleavinger, Cindy McAlpine, Melissa Been, Karen Kemper. Mrs. Marie Slover was in charge of singing. Pianist was Mrs. Janice Bell, organist, Mrs. Mary Kate Belew.

Teachers in the Children's Department who were in charge of the program were Mrs. Carolyn Coker, Mrs. Barbara Lewis, Mrs. Yvonne Jones, Mrs. Judith Jones, Mrs. Mary Alice Gaston, and Mrs. Gayle Littleton.

Explorers Have Special Guest

Explorer Scouts met Monday at 6:30 p. m. at Thompson Chevrolet building, their regular meeting place.

Eighteen boys were present. Don Ferguson, representative from the South Plains Council, Lubbock, visited the boys.

David Jaques, President, called the meeting to order. Committees met to set up future projects.

The next regular Explorer meeting will be January 8.

Junior High Girls Win One-Lose One

Opening the night of basketball, Friona's experienced seventh-grade girls annihilated the host team by a score of 36 to nine. There was never really any contest, as Friona led by 15 points before Springlake-Earth could get on the board.

For the local team, Tonie Sanders and Renee Jones accounted for the scoring as they each had four points. Barbara Buckner canned in a charity toss to give Springlake-Earth their total.

Monday night, the Springlake-Earth Junior High girls' teams played host to the Friona Squaws, and when the action was over, there was a split in winnings, as the visitors downed the local seventh-graders, while the host eighth-graders squeaked by their game by a margin of one point.

The local eighth-grade girls

had to battle down to the wire in the second game of the evening as they finally managed to pull victory from defeat, handing the visiting Friona eighth-graders a 28 to 27 loss, with the outcome not decided until the final whistle.

The charges of Coach T. A. Bell had to come from behind several times during the course of the game, and in the fourth quarter it seemed as though Friona had it wrapped up. The local eighth-graders didn't say die, however, and they came fighting back in the last few minutes to eke out the victory.

Janet Britton was high pointer for the evening as she tossed in a total of 21 points for the young Wolverettes. Susie Temple had six for the night as La Donna Sigman hit on a charity toss to add one point to the total.

PARTY LINE

Kay Phipps of Whitestone, N. Y., is visiting in the J. D. Phipps home. She will be here until December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Kelley and Kim and Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Gooch attended the Regional Band Concert in Lubbock at Monterey High School Saturday night.

County Junior Livestock Show Scheduled January 12, 13

Lamb County Junior Livestock Show Board met in Littlefield Wednesday night at the courthouse to discuss plans for the upcoming county show, January 12 and 13 at the county show barns in Littlefield. The event is the only countywide show in Lamb County, and is for all FFA and 4-H members in each community.

An election of officers was held. Elected were: President, Don Carter of Amherst; Vice-president, Fred Long of Olton; Secretary-treasurer, Jerry Ray of Sudan. Also elected were show superintendents for the show.

Swine Superintendent is Don Carr of Littlefield; assistants, Dexter Baker, Sudan; Luther Hill, Littlefield; George Tooley, Amherst; Delmer Givens, Olton; J. W. Dear, Springlake.

Sheep superintendent is John Bridges, Springlake; assistants, Dale Hanna, Sudan; Archie May, Olton; S. A. Farmer, Sudan; Jerry Ray, Sudan; Johnny Hodges, Olton.

Steer superintendent is Douglas Walden, Springlake; assistants, James Cook, Littlefield; Fred Long, Olton; T. B. Wheeler, Olton; Don Carter, Amherst; Gene Templeton, Earth.

Board members voted to let beef heifers show, offering ribbons only as this would be a trial case to see how many heifers would be entered. Heifer classes will be set up after entries are received.

A separate class was set up for Dorset lambs. In past years, these have shown with the Hampshires. This year there

will be a Grand and Reserve Champion Lamb selected as well as champions of each breed.

The board set up a workday to clean up the show barn Wednesday, Jan. 10. Persons wishing to hold should be there Wednesday morning.

Board members and other officials say they believe this will be one of the best county shows ever. A large amount of livestock is expected and nice trophies and ribbons are planned.

Phil Middleton of South Plains College spent the week-end in the Ross Middleton home.

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Sunnyside News...

By Tenny Bowden.

Ray Joe Riley was one of the eight directors of Water Inc. who made a four day tour this week at their own expense of the California Water Project which extends from Oroville Dam above Sacramento south to Los Angeles. The Sacramento River Delta produces an enormous rice crop. Oroville Dam is the highest dam in the United States, 770 feet above the Feather River bed. The dam is three-fourths of a mile thick at its base and will hold 31 million acre-feet of water. He returned home Thursday morning. Mrs. Riley, Kevin and Jody stayed with the Ray Rileys in Dimmitt Sunday through Tuesday night, and then with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Scott of Hereford until Wednesday night.

John Gilbreath was admitted to Plains Memorial hospital in Dimmitt last Sunday night with possibly a kidney stone. He was dismissed Monday, re-admitted Tuesday and dismissed again Friday.

Mrs. Bob Ott was dismissed from the Plainview hospital Monday. Her mother, Mrs. C. W. McClain of Temple arrived Wednesday morning to help her

out for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ogletree of Bangs, Texas visited last weekend with Mrs. Rachel Elsie and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Blair and family and their son and family in Dimmitt.

Oral Crabb of Oklahoma is back with the Ray Joe Rileys this week after a long absence. Mrs. Lowell Westmoreland and Zane of Littlefield visited Monday with Mrs. Alton Loudder and Mrs. Dwayne Loudder of Flagg. Mrs. Loudder went home with her and stayed until she brought her back Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Doug Loudder, Lyle and Dara stayed in Earth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Upchurch Monday through Tuesday night.

Alton Loudder, Doug Loudder, L. B. Bowden, Dwayne Loudder of Flagg and Lowell Westmoreland of Littlefield returned home Wednesday afternoon from a deer hunt near Junction. Doug brought back a nice six point buck that weighed out at 88 lbs. dressed.

The WMS Round Table met at the church Tuesday morning for the quarterly meeting. Mrs. M. D. Durham gave highlights



"I WANT A TRACTOR JUST LIKE THIS!" Tony Jones is shown at Whites Auto during the Moonlight Shopping Bonanza Thursday evening with his dad, Dean Jones, and manager Charles Doss.

of the book "George Washington Carver", Mrs. Ray Phelan gave highlights of the book "This is my Life", and Mrs. L. B. Bowden the highlights of the book, "My Appalachia".

David Harris was one of the Hart FFA boys to attend the district banquet in Floydada last Monday.

Debbie Curtis, Marsha Dawson, and Naomi Carr were on the Springlake-Earth "A" Honor roll for the 11th grade the last six weeks and Terry Crisp was on the "B" roll for the same class.

Steve Jackson was one of the six of the Springlake-Earth band members chosen to appear in the Regional I Band Concert in Lubbock Saturday night. He played the 14th chair, cornet.

Tommy Lewis of Olton, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lilley had his check-up at Hereford this week. He had made good progress although he will remain on the crash program of pattings which includes ten creeps and crawls as well as many other things each day. His eye exercises were increased although he had made outstanding progress on his eyes. He had advanced 18 months in reading, and 14 months in perception. They visited with the Raymond Lilleys on their way home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sadler, Mrs. Don Smith of Portales, and Mr. E. E. Lewis returned home from Mount Vernon, Missouri Wednesday night. Mr. Smith came for his wife Thursday morning. Mr. Lewis will visit for a while with the girls.

The WMS night circle met for the circle program Wednesday night. Mrs. Alton Loudder had charge of the program.

Rev. M. A. Pennington of Dimmitt spoke to the prayer meeting group Wednesday night about his work with the New Hope Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Mr. Floyd Ivey and Mokey

went to Raton, New Mexico last Sunday, and went mountain lion hunting Monday. Mokey brought home one Monday night.

Tress, Dena and Cheryl Powell of Dimmitt spent Wednesday night and Thursday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler. Mrs. Powell came for them Thursday evening, but Cheryl stayed through Sunday.

Eldon Lilley, J. Paul Waggoner and Roy Lilley of Dimmitt flew to Corpus Christi Thursday to go deep sea fishing. Because of the fog they were unable to fish, and also delayed their trip home. They got back Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Loudder of Flagg spent the day Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Loudder. Lance and Lane were there too since there was no school at Dimmitt on Friday due to the weather.

Seven attended the local Baptist Men's meeting at the church Tuesday night. The film "A missionary to Walker's garage" was shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Little and Mrs. Charlie Waide were admitted to Plains Memorial hospital Saturday afternoon after near asphyxiation in the B&J food store. They had all three noticed a headache which seemed to continue to get worse, but didn't smell anything. They ask people who came in if they could smell gas or fumes, but no one did. When they all got sick enough to have to do something they called the doctor. The lines were almost out and all she could tell was that he told them to come in. By then Mrs. Waide was sick at her stomach, and they called her husband who took them to the doctor. Weldon Bradley, Philip Jones, L. B. Bowden and Burch Little went back into the store later to try to find it if it was a gas leak thinking there could be an explosion if it was a gas leak. They found no gas leaks, but did find two large holes in one of the burners of the central heating unit. They closed off that burner, and the store will remain closed until proper officials of the gas company and etc. check out the heating system as well as the refrigeration unit he has been having some trouble with. They were all three dismissed from the hospital Sunday afternoon. The children stayed with Leslie and Sandy Loudder.

A mixture of rain, snow and sleet made a dangerous ice cover over the community Thursday through Sunday. Most of the cover, primarily sleet melted off the roads and walls Sunday afternoon, but there remains a good ground cover.

Pvt. Harold Spencer came in Saturday evening from Fort Polk, Louisiana on a two week vacation before entering aircraft maintenance school at a designated base.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ross and girls spent last week-end in Lubbock with her parents.

There was no ginning at all last week or this week. Three bales are on the yard, but they will possibly be taken to another gin. The gin here ginned approximately 340 bales this season compared to the average of 25,000 bales showing the vast damage the community did have due to the late fall storms, which took almost everyone out of the cotton business for this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ross and girls left Thursday for Mangum, Oklahoma, to be with her grandmother who is 83 and had fallen and was hospitalized. She didn't break any bones, but 49 stitches were required to repair a cut on her face. They also went to Gary, Oklahoma, while there to visit his mother who was also ill. They returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Houston Carson and Resa attended the Camp Fire girls' group meeting at the First Methodist church in Dimmitt Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Carson is an assistant leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Carson and Resa visited in Olton Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. L. Carson.

Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Durham attended the funeral services of Rev. Lewis Wakefield in Dimmitt Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ott of Big Square visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ott and Don.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sadler and girls were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tex Conard and Juanelle in Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Lec Carson of Olton and Mrs. Dubby George and Gregg of Dimmitt visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Beavers returned Monday from a three week's visit with her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rocky in Baird, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roney Stewart of Alexandria, Va., are house guests in the M. E. Kelley home. Mrs. Stewart is a niece of Mrs. Kelley.

Texas Dept. of Public Safety Estimates Traffic Mishaps Christmas Week-end

AUSTIN--Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said as of December 10, that DPS Statistical Services has estimated 55 persons may die in traffic mishaps over the Christmas weekend.

Garrison said that the combined efforts of state and local police agencies and private traffic safety support organizations will be directed toward keeping the traffic toll below the estimate.

"Operation Deathwatch will be in effect from 7 p.m. Friday, December 22 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 25," said Garrison. "During this period we will make every effort to inform each motorist of the need for attention of safe driving. For the first time in many years the uniformed services of the Department are at almost full strength, and every highway patrolman will be on duty as much as possible. In addition, we will have about 250 men from other uniformed services of the DPS who will supplement the highway patrol force doing patrol duty."

Traffic deaths will be tabulated and the totals announced three times daily to the news media from DPS headquarters

It has also been estimated that 45 persons will be killed in traffic accidents over the New Year's weekend. The "Deathwatch" will resume at 6 p.m. Friday, December 26 and continue through 11:59 p.m. Monday, January 1, 1968.

Last year 50 persons lost their lives in traffic over the Christmas weekend, and 39 were killed over New Year's weekend.

Cooperating with the DPS in its efforts to hold down traffic mishaps are the Texas Safety Association, the Texas Highway Department, the Texas Motor Transportation Association, the Texas Railroad Association and the Texas Association of Broadcasters.

"Traffic deaths are terrible tragedies at any time of the year," Garrison said, "and they are made even more terrible by the fact that they don't have to happen...at Christmas or any other time. We can each do a great deal toward cutting down on the number of mishaps by using a little common sense in our driving and showing a little courtesy."

PARTY LINE

Mrs. Clay Beavers returned Monday from a three week's visit with her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rocky in Baird, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roney Stewart of Alexandria, Va., are house guests in the M. E. Kelley home. Mrs. Stewart is a niece of Mrs. Kelley.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May love and hope dwell within your heart at Christmas and throughout the year ahead. Thanks for past patronage, we hope we may serve you again during '68.

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"THIS and THAT" From Circle-Springlake-Olton

By Mrs. Tom Stansell

Mrs. G.C. Bearden, Sr., who has been in West Plains Hospital of Muleshoe several weeks was very ill Friday and Saturday but was better Monday.

Mrs. Ann Blythe of Plainview was very ill in a hospital there Friday and Saturday but was slightly improved Sunday. She was visited Sunday by her sisters, Mrs. J.T. Gibson, Mrs. Jim Fuller and Mrs. Roscoe Thomas. Other visitors were J.T. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Cain, Jr., and Kathy, and Jim Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. N.W. Livesay shopped in Plainview Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gabelhart, daughter and son-in-law, Airman First Class and Mrs. Pat Perdue of Fairborn, Ohio, were dinner guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Stiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Arnold of Brownfield spent the week-end with Mrs. Arnold's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V.G. Estes.

Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Huckabee spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Clarendon visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Antry and Kathy.

Bro. Cecil Bunch of Lubbock preached Sunday at Springlake Church of Christ. He and his family were luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Dear, Lonnie, Myrna, Leland, Karen, Darla, Larry and Connie.

Mrs. J.B. James and Jennifer have been ill of colds.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller had as guests Wednesday Miller's mother and sister, Mrs. Z.Z. Miller and Mrs. Era Teague of Spade.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Smith of Lubbock spent Sunday afternoon with Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Smith.

Mrs. E.W. Walden and Mrs. John W. Adams attended the choir concert of Olton Public Schools presented Sunday afternoon in the High School Auditorium by Mrs. Bob Allford.

During the inclement weather last week Floyd Miller brought groceries from Circle Store to the Tom Stansell home. Such acts of kindness are truly Christian. It is very difficult to obtain needed things when there is just one person to run errands and also care for a member of the family who can neither be left alone nor exposed to cold or extremely cold weather.

Visiting recently with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Huckabee were Mrs. Huckabee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Henderson of Garland. Earlier in the week their son, Richard Henderson, of Richardson visited with the Bud Huckabees.

Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Kennedy had as visitors Sunday afternoon their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy, Kathy and Jimmy of Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Adams, Bill and Winona were dinner guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Rex V. Jenkins who are leaving Thursday for Quitman, Mississippi, where they will spend the holidays.

C. E. Johnson of Banning, California, called Saturday evening to his sister, Mrs. F.E. Bennett, because he feared she might be in an area with as much snow as he heard had fallen in New Mexico. Johnson remembered the snow storm of this country in February, 1956 and called to learn if last week's storm compared with that. He asked about Mrs. Bennett, the year's harvest.

Mrs. Bennett received a card from Mrs. Albert Scribner dated Saturday morning stating at that time in Lake City Colorado where they reside there was 27 inches of snow and it looked as if the snow would never stop. The Scribners are planning to be in the Olton area during the holidays but were not sure when they would be able to leave Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Chitwood, Joe Dale and Monte were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Chitwood of Olton. Other guests in the Chitwood home were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Chitwood, Mark and Kay, who reside in Canyon. They came to Olton Saturday morning in order to shop! The Olton Chamber of Commerce should send this news item to similar organizations of Canyon and Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Harrod and Duane, Jr., called Saturday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V.O. Harrod. Their daughter, Denise, who had been spending the week with her grandparents returned to Lubbock with the Duane Harrods.

Jackie Harrod, Sheri Dorris, and Janey Jones, accompanied by Mrs. Bob Allford, pianist, sang Mr. Santa, Winter Won-



A BEAUTIFUL ROBE FOR CHRISTMAS? Mrs. W.C. Maxey shows Mrs. Judith Jones some of her Christmas merchandise at Earth Dry Goods during the Moonlight Shopping Bonanza Thursday evening.

derland, Silent Night and Christmas Song at the Olton Class Room Teacher's Association annual Christmas dinner held in the school auditorium Thursday evening, December 14.

Mrs. Clifford Hopping was hostess to the Thursday bridge club. Guests were Mrs. Dolan Fennell, Mrs. Billy Wayne Clayton, Mrs. Jim Winder, Mrs. Jim Stephens, Mrs. Richard Green, Mrs. Douglas Walden and Mrs. Hollis Cain, Jr.

Jim Smith, student of Texas Tech, is spending the holidays with his mother and grandmother, Mrs. Bernice Smith and Mrs. L.A. George.

L. L. Laduke took Cristel Salivas, Sr., to Lubbock Saturday where he entered St. Mary of The Plains Hospital. Salivas is suffering of heart trouble and diabetes.

Paul Reyna, employed by Mrs. Feral Pickrell, was injured several days ago in a bull puller. He remains in a Littlefield hospital.

Spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Phillips were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Waldrup and Phillip of Stratford and Linda Waldrup, student of Hardin-Simmons University.

Other guests Friday night and Saturday were Mrs. Phillip's sister, Miss Gladys Holley, one of the librarians of Wayland College, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Holley, of Lubbock, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Waldrup, Linda and Phillip are flying to New York where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Waldrup's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ziska is the former Miss Gwendolyn Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Kennedy visited Monday morning with Mr. and Mrs. V.G. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wood of Greenwood, Arkansas.

Guests Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V.G. Wood were the host's father, G.H. Wood of Olton, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Wood of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wood of Cotton Center, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Adrian of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wood of Greenwood, Arkansas, and their son Ronnie, who was on leave from service in Vietnam. Ronnie left by flight Monday for the West Coast enroute for continued service in Vietnam.

Anderson, Mrs. James Byerly, Mrs. Floyd Ellinger and Mrs. Jay Bias, all of Grand Junction, three sisters, Mrs. Maggie Johnson, Leachville, Arkansas, Mrs. Alta Beard, Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Mrs. Pauline Deal, Haines City, Florida. 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

MRS. KIRBY HOSTESS FOR HD CLUB PARTY

The Olton Home Demonstration Club members held their annual Christmas party Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Jack Kirby. A Christmas tree in the living room and another in the den beautifully decorated the house.

Mrs. Lester O. Kennedy read the selection "Is There a Santa Claus?" Gifts were exchanged and the identity of secret pals was revealed. Each member took a Christmas package for Debbie Johnson, 12, resident of Gristown. The Club is also presenting a wrist watch to Debbie, who has been sponsored by the local group for several months.

Refreshments of fruit cake and spiced hot punch were served to the twelve members present and two visitors, Mrs. J.W. Lee, Olton, and Mrs. P.L. Pollard of Hale Center, mother of Mrs. Kirby.

OLTON STUDY CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

Olton Study Club held a candlelight Christmas dinner Monday evening at the club house. Each of the eleven tables had a large red or white candle in the center with miniature candles and wreaths as place favors. The serving table was covered with a red cloth with white overlay. It was highlighted with a green wrought-iron tree with each branch bearing a red candle.

Gifts were placed under a cedar Christmas tree with multi-colored lights and later distributed to members and guests.

Mrs. Larry Witten, her daughter, Melonie, and her son Rex presented the Christmas story. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Strait brought special music. Mrs. Strait sang "Blue Velvet" Strait played instrumental numbers on the electric guitar and also sang.

The group sang familiar numbers to the accompaniment of the guitar.

All of the 20 members of the club attended the annual event. Their husbands were Mr. and Mrs. Witten and children, Mrs. Ray Slatten, Mr. and Mrs. R.

Lazbuddie News...

By Mrs. C. A. Watson

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Morgan, Amherst visited Sunday in the Paul Templeton home. The folks spent the afternoon playing canasta.

The Lazbuddie Booster Club postponed the turkey shoot that was to be held Saturday, December 16, until a later date.

Pvt. Johnnie Mitchell is home on leave from Ft. Polk Louisiana to visit his wife Jennie and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Euel Mitchell and other relatives in the area. He will return to Ft. Polk sometime in January.

Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Beatles have moved to Oklahoma City the past week. He was employed at Sib Gin.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Sybert and children visited the past weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith. Dr. Sybert flew to California Tech, Calif. Sunday night where he will do some research paper work this week. His wife and children remained at the Smiths for the week.

The Leon Smith, Sr. family attended the funeral of R.K. Allen, 58, of Sudan, Monday afternoon. Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church, Sudan. Allen died from a heart attack Saturday in Sudan. The Allens were long-time residents of Sudan. PFC Bobby Morris is at home with his parents, the Walton Morris'. PFC Morris has been stationed at Ft. Polk the last few months. He will go to Ft. Benning, Georgia, when his leave here is up.

Party Line...

Mrs. Polly Middleton and Sherry Hutto were guests Wednesday night of Phil Middleton, student at South Plains College in Levelland, where they attended the Fred Waring Show. Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians were in Levelland to mark the opening of "The Dome" Coliseum on the campus.

Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Kelley and their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Stewart of College Park, Maryland, will go to Marlow, Oklahoma, Sunday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Kelley's mother, Mrs. J. C. Green.

Mrs. Don Baggett of Levelland was a house guest Monday night and Tuesday in the M.E. Kelley home.

Guests in the Forrest Simmons home were Mr. and Mrs. Bret Darland and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Darland of Morton.

Belinda, Blake, and Brett Bryant of Dimmitt were guests Saturday and Sunday in the C. L. Hamilton home.

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Mrs. Marie Ross returned Monday from Ingleswood, California, where she spent two weeks. While there she also visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Aldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Parish of Fresno, California, arrived Sunday night to spend Christmas holidays with Mrs. Gladys Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cornett and Joey.

Mrs. Marie Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Denny Parish of Fresno, California, shopped in Muleshoe Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Martin had Christmas dinner Saturday at the Congress Inn in Plainview as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Martin. Afterwards they went to the Martin's home for a Christmas party. Later they visited Robert O'Hair, who recently had surgery, at the Plainview Hospital.

Mrs. Chester Kelley, Mrs. Peggy Stephens and Amanda and Mrs. Nancy Landis were in Quanah several days last week. They visited Mrs. Kelley's father, Grover Park, who is a patient in the hospital there.

Tammy and Ronnie Landis of Littlefield are spending several days in the Chester Kelley home.

Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Iatham met their daughter, Mrs. Linda Hunt of Osceola, Arkansas, at the airport Sunday night. She will spend Christmas holidays with them. Her husband, Ronnie Hunt, will visit here later and they will return together to their home in Arkansas.

Mrs. Bonnie Haberer was in Littlefield Tuesday, where she was one of the Official Hostesses of the Chisholm Trail Museum.

Mrs. Mae Hamilton and B.T. Hamilton were in Lubbock Tuesday.

Dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Bonnie Haberer Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Dieter of Van Couver, Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Haberer, and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Haberer and daughters. Other guests in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Littleton, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Angeley, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Angeley.

Brad and Monaca Enloe of Amherst visited Saturday in the Ralph Rudd home in Springlake.

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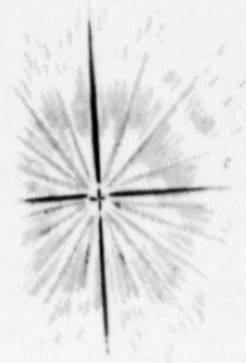
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A Very Joyous Christmas



Christ Was Born On Christmas Day
Hark The Angels Sang While
Rays Of Light From The Star Of The East
Llluminated The Sky, Guiding The Wise Men To The Lonely
Stable In The City Of Bethlehem
To Where Jesus Was Born In A Manger
Many Came To Pay Tribute And Offer Gifts
Among These Where The Three Wise Men And Shepards
So As Christmas 1967 Approaches The Entire Staff At
The News-Sun WISHES YOU
 A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH THE HOPE THAT ALL
 MAY FIND RENEWED FAITH AND LOVE IN REMEMBERING THE FIRST CHRISTMAS
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Box 542
Earth, Texas
Dec. 15, 1967

tric train, a bike, a race set,
and a reading book. How are
you? How is your wife? I have
been a good boy.

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I would like a
few toys, I would like a elec-

Love,
Dallas
Merry Christmas



Merry Christmas to All!

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IN A SETTING OF SNOW, the First Baptist Church in Earth looked beautiful Saturday morning as the news photographer drove down the street. Construction of the new educational building and office building is almost completed.

Star Route 1
Earth, Texas
Dec. 14, 1967

Dear Santa,

I just want two things for Christmas. I want a sting-ray bicycle 5 speed, I think I would like a green one. Then some Bobsey Twins books. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Fonda

Route 2
Olton, Texas
December 15, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm writing this few lines to say I wanted a bicycle to ride and a train and a Road Race Set. Well this is all the toys I want. Merry Christmas to you and a Happy New Holiday.

Your friend,
Jamie Guerrero

Letters to



Santa Claus

P.O. Box 305
Earth, Texas
December 15, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I am writing you this few lines to say hello. And at the same time hoping you are fine. Santa Claus I went a baked oven to play with my friend And Santa Claus a big doll and I think Santa Claus this is all I want this Christmas. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Your friend,
Eufemia

P.O. Box 241
Earth, Texas
December 25, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a B B gun and a bike

Box 284
Earth Texas
Dec. 14, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I want to have for Christmas a B B gun, bike, race car with track, and Winchester rifle. Come early, I guess this is all for this Christmas. Thank you.

Your friend,
Salbodor Padilla

and I whica you a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Bobby Castillo

Springlake
Dec. 15, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I like a B B gun and a Banana, sit for my bicycle and I will like two walkey-talky, for me and my bother.

Love,
David O.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 2 years old. My name is Michael Ann Field. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll for Christmas. And some new pajamas. I have a bigger sister Lindsey, who would also like a Baby's Hungry and a Matell Flower Making Set. I also have a little sister, Jeri Kate, she is 9 months old. She doesn't know much about Santa yet but please don't forget to bring her something to rattle or chew on. Thank you Santa.

Michael Ann Field

Box 383
Earth, Texas
Dec. 14, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been trying to get my Father to buy me a horse. Saturday we are going to New Mexico to look at a horse that is half Arabian Stallion and half Quarter horse! If I want a Palomino he will by it, which do you thing I should get?

Your friend,
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"North Pole," on the side of Whiteface Mountain at Wilmington, opens in June and continues operations until November. Eight reindeer are among the live animals present in the village.

Connecticut's "Christmas Village" is open for two weeks before Christmas. Here, elves help Santa, and reindeer-replicas include the red-nosed Rudolph.

In both villages the religious meaning of Christmas is well remembered and represented, with beautiful Nativity scenes illuminated by a lighted star.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tinsel

Tinsel on the Christmas tree began, so legend says, when spiders covered with webs a tree that had been decorated by a mother for her many children.

To reward the woman for her goodness to her children, the Christ Child changed the spider webs to gleaming silver.



Christmas Greetings

May your hearts and voices be raised in joyfulness and song throughout the holiday season.

Thank you for your patronage and hope we may serve you again in the forthcoming year.

EARTH ELEVATOR



THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS is read by Mrs. Frances Davis to her sons, Rodney and Gary.

Yule Is Time For Customs

As the world grows smaller, Christmas observances in different countries grow more similar. Santa Claus in red suit and white beard drives his reindeer-drawn sleigh to North, Central and South America and to many other countries as well.

In fact, when the first explorer lands on Mars, he shouldn't be too surprised to discover that Santa, and even Rudolph, got there first.

Sharing of Christmas customs, however, only serves to point up the fact that this is a holiday for everyone, and a holiday which draws ideas from all lands and times, uniting them in both religious and secular observances of the season.

In Mexico

Celebrating the posada is a Mexican custom focused on the Nativity.

"Posada" means "lodging" or "inn," and for the nine "posada" days from December 16 to 25, churches, hotels, social

groups and families throughout Mexico act out the story of the Nativity.

A procession of pilgrims comes to the place where the celebration is scheduled. They carry clay figures of Mary and Joseph, and they seek shelter from the "innkeepers" within.

At first the innkeepers refuse, then they admit the pilgrims to feast and rejoice. Figures representing Mary and Joseph are placed in a replica of the manger. On Christmas Eve, the figure representing Jesus is added.

In Holland

Gift-giving season in Holland traditionally begins on December 5 and is called "Strooivand" or "strewing night." Children place their shoes by the fireplace, filled with carrots and hay for St. Nicholas' horse — in the expectation that on the morrow the shoes will contain candy, fruits and toys.

In Scotland

Christmas feast favorites in Scotland include shortbread, a rich cake or cookie, and haggis, a kind of pudding. New Year's Eve, or Hogmanay, is the principal day for gifts and greetings, when children go singing from house to house, in hopes of a treat. New Year's visits are paid — and it's customary for the visitor to bring along a pocketful of coal.

In Portugal

Christmas is the occasion for a family celebration among the Portuguese. Families gather on Christmas Eve for dinner at the home of the oldest living relative. After the children have gone to bed, a crib or creche is placed before the fireplace, and around it are grouped the children's shoes, which serve the same function as Christmas stockings.

In Brazil

Papa Noel makes the Christmas Eve rounds in Brazil, in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. He trims the trees with popcorn and bits of cotton — to make up for the snow that never falls. Since Christmas weather in Brazil is sunny, picnics and boating excursions are part of the celebration.

Feasts

Many foods for Christmas feasting have been traditional since early days of Yule merry-making, although roast peacock, the feature of the feast in medieval England, is rarely, if ever, seen today!

Mince pie, with its spices and fruits, is said to symbolize the riches of the East, from which the wise men came.

Legend says plum pudding began when an English king and his men were lost in a forest on Christmas Eve. The cook used foods he had on hand, including part of a stag, plums, eggs, flour, to make a single dish all could share.

There Was Talk About Yule Toast

"Who sent the first Christmas card?" is a question for which, it seems likely, a completely accurate and satisfactory answer may never be found. Probably, the earliest cards were "do-it-yourself" projects — handwritten holiday greetings on hand-decorated notepaper.

Popular claimant for "first Christmas card" honors is the Cole-Horsley card, designed in Britain in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley, an artist, for Sir Henry Cole, director of the

Victoria and Albert Museum. Since the card showed a family group toasting the holiday with glasses of wine, the card supposedly stirred criticism by temperance adherents — even though the card also depicted "clothing the needy" and "feeding the hungry." However, another story has it that Sir Henry gained his knighthood as the result of the acclaim he received for sending the first Christmas card.

Box 2
Earth Texas
Dec. 14, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a extra good girl this year, So have my brother and sister.
I want a Sting-Ray bike, I

think I want a blue one. I would like some Nancy Drew books and some Bobsey Twins books.

Your friend,
Kathy Winders




The Season's GREETINGS

All of us here wish you a holiday as festive as the season's gay sights and sounds. A merry, merry Christmas to you and your dear ones.

Thanks for past patronage we look forward to serving you in 1968.

WESTERN AUTO
Muleshoe



GREETINGS

Here's a holiday tradition we really cherish . . . time out to tell you how much your loyal friendship and patronage mean to us and to wish you and your family a very healthy, happy and cheerful festive season!

FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION
OF SPRINGLAKE

... and wise men still seek HIM



BAILEY COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION
Muleshoe



FHA Receives Thanks From Viet Nam Orphanage

PHOTOS OF VIETNAM ORPHANTS were sent to the local F.H.A. girls after receiving gifts from the local chapter to be distributed to the orphans there.

YULE SERENADE

Serenading their neighbors with carols is a community enterprise in St. Louis, Mo. More than 50,000 carolers participate, under the guidance of

the St. Louis Christmas Carols association, established half a century ago. Voluntary contributions to the carolers are used to help handicapped and underprivileged children.

The Springlake-Earth F.H.A. has just received some pictures from the orphanage in Vietnam. As you know, we sent, with your help, thirty-three boxes of clothes to the orphans. The boxes contained baby clothes, jeans, shirts, blouses, dresses, and shoes. The clothes were distributed by Richard Breedlove of Littlefield who said that the children were overjoyed to receive the clothing. We wish to thank all those

people who helped to send the clothes to these orphans of Vietnam. We wish also to thank The John Deere Supply in Earth for giving us a discount on our tape and Whites Auto in Earth for giving us most of the paper we used. Again we thank you, Richard Breedlove wrote to us, "In the fighting we often lose the purpose for which we're fighting, but it is people like you that bring it back to light."

this year. My Daddy wants a unicycle. My Mother wants a long house coat. One of my brothers wants some ball bearings. My other brother wants a gun case. My sister wants a doll, and a sweatshirt.

Thank you,
Nesha Lewis

Box 177
Earth, Texas
Dec. 14, 1967

Dear Santa,

How are you? We are just fine. I have three sisters. For Christmas my biggest sister wants a stereo and a watch that goes around your neck. My other two sisters want a Tip It a Mrs. Beasley a Thirstee and a Kaboom. And for me I want a watch, a Hand's Down game and my birthstone.

Thank-you
Karen Eagle

Box 22
Earth, Texas
Dec.

Dear Santa,

I want a puzzle game and a talk 'n see for Christmas.

Love,
Margaret Washington

R. T. 2 Box 101
Earth, Tex.
Dec. 14, 1967

Dear Santa,

I have been an extra good girl this year. So have my two sisters. And this is what I would like to have a Seeken George Girl record, a typewriter and a game. This is what my sisters would like they both want the same thing and this is what they want a Baby Hungry. I hope you come to see my family!

Love,
Kelly Hayden

Box 14
Springlake, Tex.
December 14, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a pair of football shoes. We wish you a Merry Christmas. Good luck. We are going to make a Christmas play.

Your friend,
Coke

Rt. 4 Box 65
Dimmitt Tex.
Dec. 14, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a chemistry set and some little china dogs for Christmas. I want a pasword game, too. We are going to have a program and a party on the 21st.

Love,
Margaret Street

Springlake-Earth
Dec. 15, 1967

Dear Santa Clause,

Are you having fun. We are because of the white snow. It is fun to slide and play. I would like a two pair of pants and shirts. And I would like a two pair of shoes and socks. And I would like a coat. And I would like a Easy money and some dishes.

Love friend,
Sylvia

FROM QUEBEC?

"Angels We Have Heard on High" is a French carol, although some sources say that it originated not in France but in Quebec, Canada.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll, hula-a-hoop, sweatshirt, memory game. This is all I want for Christmas

Your friend,
Armando DeLeon

Rt. 1 Box 10
Earth, Texas
Dec. 15, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll, hula-a-hoop, sweatshirt, memory game. This is all I want for Christmas

PEACE... HAPPINESS



Out of a Holy night came a message of Peace on Earth, and the happiness of eternal hope, faith and joy. We wish for you this happiness, at Christmas, and for many years to come.

Hammons Funeral Home

LITTLEFIELD,

Season's GREETINGS TO ALL

We sincerely hope that this Christmas rings in a new era of peace and good will for all the world and much good fortune and joy for you and your family.

Thanks for your past patronage, it has been a joy to serve you.

FRY & COX, INC.

Muleshoe



Letters to Santa Claus

Box 248
Earth, Texas
Dec. 14, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a transistor radio and a doll that can cry and laugh.

Love,
Norma Valencia

Box 242
Earth, Tex.
Dec. 14, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a bannan seat bike and tiny tears and a big fluffy dog and jack-in-boxes a reindeer a teddy bear and that's all I want. I wish I could go to the north pole for Christmas.

Your friend,
Janie

Box 254
Earth, Texas
December 14, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

Just writing these few lines to say hello and at the same time to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want one pair of football shoes and clothe. I want a pool table and a leather football.

Your friend,
Armando DeLeon

Rt. 1 Box 10
Earth, Texas
Dec. 15, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll, hula-a-hoop, sweatshirt, memory game. This is all I want for Christmas

PEACE

We wish you the peace, joy and blessings of Christmas, and we join our heartfelt prayers with yours, that peace and good will may soon endure for all men.

Thanks for your patronage throughout the past years. We look forward to serving you again during the forthcoming years.

From The Staff Of
CAMPBELL COTTON GIN CO. INC.
Dodd Community

Marzipan Has Little but Legend Known Sweet Story About Visit of Wise Men

Sweet is the history of marzipan, a confection that is usually thought of as a Christmas candy. Today, it is still being made with the same kind of ingredients as those used hundreds of years ago.

It consists of freshly ground almonds made into a paste, whole eggs or whites of eggs, sugar, syrup and flavoring. Sometimes honey is added.

There are many legends concerning the word, "marzipan," says the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionery Institute.

One old tale attributes it to the bread eaten by St. Mark in the desert — "Marci panis," the bread of Marcus.

Records show that Bartolomeo Scappi, secret cook to Pope Pius V, made marzipan with the ingredients now found in modern recipes for the candy.

Kisses Are Numbered By Mistletoe Berries

Mistletoe figures in many legends from pre-Christian times. Druid tree-worshippers believed it had magical powers of healing. Romans thought that enemies who met beneath the mistletoe must kiss and declare a day's truce.

Today, kissing beneath the mistletoe remains a happy holiday custom. Correct procedure is that a berry must be removed for every kiss taken, and when all the berries are gone, there are no more kisses available.

Package Sorting Leads to Seals

Inspiration for the first Christmas seals came to Einar Holboell, a Danish postal clerk, as he was sorting packages one Christmas season. He envisioned all the packages bearing a special stamp, with the proceeds spent to aid people who suffered from tuberculosis.

The King and many of Denmark's leading citizens endorsed the idea, in 1904. Later, the plan spread to Norway and Sweden, and in 1907 was adopted in the U.S. More than 50 countries now use the seal.

SANTA'S ELVES

The little elves who help Santa in his workshop probably came from the Scandinavian countries. In Norway, Denmark and Sweden, children are told of the "Tomtar," little gray-bearded, elf-like men who hide presents for boys and girls on Christmas Eve.

Many legends have developed around the visit of the three wise men to adore the Infant Jesus. Even their number is legendary.

St. Matthew, the only book in the New Testament that refers to the visit, reports that wise men came from the east, without stating how many there were.

It was not until later, in a legend which can be traced back to the second century, that they were called "kings," according to The Encyclopedia Americana.

In even later times, they were distinguished as Melchior, Gaspar or Caspar, and Balthasar.

The magi originally stood for the priestly caste of the ancient Persian Zoroastrian religion. As the religion moved westward, it came in contact with Babylonian beliefs and practices and derived a strong interest in astrology, demonology and magic.

By the time it reached the Graeco-Roman world, it was practically identical, in the popular view, with astrology and magic. This explains the use of the term "wise men" by St. Matthew, since they were astrologers.

Bells

Ringling bells in churches, for solemn and glad ceremonial occasions, goes back to about 7 A.D.

In early Britain church bells tolled for an hour on Christmas Eve, announcing to Satan the coming of Christ. At midnight, joyous peals heralded Christ's birth.

STAR SINGING

As they go from house to house at Christmas, modern carol singers may be aided by the rays of an electric lantern or a flashlight. This reflects an old custom known as Star singing.

Early carolers in Europe used to make their rounds carrying a large, lighted star, representing the Star of Bethlehem. Later the star was replaced by lanterns and torches.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Holiday Cheer

Best wishes of the season to all of you whose friendship and patronage we value so highly. Here's hoping your holiday joys are sweeter than candy and much more enduring!

Brock Motor Co.
Muleshoe

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Once again we pause to observe, and gather new inspiration from the age-old story... the birth of our Saviour... and His divine, eternal presence. May every joy and blessing of this Holy Season come to you and your loved ones, bringing peace and happiness... making spirits bright!

Village Shop
Dimmitt

Yuletide Spirit Stays All Year

Nearly every community has its special way of observing Christmas — and in some towns and cities, the spirit of Christmas prevails, literally, the year around.

In Waterbury, Conn., an all-year reminder of the first Noel is the re-creation of the Town of Bethlehem on nearby Pine Hill.

This non-sectarian "Bethlehem" was constructed to scale after research and study of photos showing the Biblical country. The cave or manger where Christ was born, inns like the one where there was no room, and the Roman legation where the tax collection decreed by Augustus Caesar was to be paid are among the buildings represented.

"Poetic license" has been used to include some buildings which were not, or may not have been, located in Bethlehem, such as "David's Home" and Herod's Grand Palace.

Crowned by a Cross, Pine Hill has proved an ideal location for the project, since its

shape is similar to the limestone cliff where Bethlehem in Judea was built.

Other "Bethlehems"

Well-known "Bethlehems" in the United States include Bethlehem, Pa., and Bethlehem, Ind. The Pennsylvania Bethlehem emphasizes the religious meaning of Christmas during its annual celebration. A star erected on a nearby mountain top is lighted throughout the holiday season.

Star Is Beacon

Near Palmer Lake, Colo., an electrically lighted star on a mountain top is a Christmas-season beacon for motorists on highways many miles away.

Lighting Displays

Beautiful lighting displays for Christmas are famous in many U.S. cities.

In Altadena, a suburb of Pasadena, Calif., a mile-long avenue bordered by deodar cedars becomes "Christmas Tree Lane" at the holiday season. The deodars are illu-

nated by thousands of multi-colored bulbs for the annual spectacle.

Colored lights outline the buildings of the Country Club Plaza district in Kansas City, Mo., at Christmas time.

Denver, Colo., illuminates its Civic Center during the holidays with many thousands of lights.

Yule Towns

Yule-named towns have a special interest in Christmas. Arizona, Florida and Kentucky actually have towns named "Christmas." Then there are Christmas Cove, Me.; Nazareth, Pa.; Bright Star, Holly Grove and Holly Springs, Ark.; as well as Noel, Mo.; Noel, Va.; Mistletoe, Ky.; Wiseman, Alaska; and Santa Claus, Ind.

SHOE TREATS

Spanish children, at Epiphany, expect the Three Kings to bring them gifts, and they set out shoes filled with straw or grain for the horses the Kings ride.



YOUNG HOMEMAKERS AND THEIR GUESTS enjoyed a Christmas Party Friday night at the Wolverine Drive-In. Following a banquet, the group enjoyed games.

Manger Once Pagan Site

Gathered in the Church of the Nativity, thousands of Christians from around the world will worship in Bethlehem this Christmas. A highlight of their pilgrimage is, for most, a visit to the Grotto of the Nativity — traditionally, at least, the manger where Christ was born.

Opposition to Christianity in the first years of the new religion actually led to the preservation of the manger — an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock, near the center of the hill town of Bethlehem.

The Roman emperor Hadrian, who ruled from 117 to 138 A.D., sought to halt the fast spread of Christianity, and he had the cave converted to a grotto for the worship of the pagan god Apollo. The very fact that the cave was marked, though for pagan purposes, helped to preserve knowledge of the site of the Nativity. Later a silver star was set in

the stone floor of the cave, and since 1873 each regime to rule Bethlehem — now a part of Jordan — has posted night and day guard over the star.

REMEMBERS BETHLEHEM

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," a U.S. carol, was written by Episcopal Bishop Phillips Brooks in 1868, while he was rector of Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia, Pa.

On a trip to the Holy Land two years earlier, he had seen the "little town of Bethlehem" on Christmas Eve, and the vivid memory of this scene later led to the writing of the carol.

Berries Brighten

The bright red berries of the Christmasberry, an evergreen shrub native to California, are widely used as Christmas decorations.

This shrub, with its thick, dark green leaves, can grow to a height of 15 feet, The Encyclopedia Americana says.

Its flowers are white, its berries yellow or bright red. The Christmasberry is often known as the toyon.

Carols Spring From Many Sources

From the first angelic chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest," the sound of voices raised in song and rejoicing for the birth of Christ swells across the ages. Today, carols from many lands and many epochs fill the air at holiday time.

Sources of some carols are lost in the past, but many can be traced to interesting origins.

"Silent Night"

A broken organ inspired "Silent Night." So that the people of the parish might have a song at Christmas, Father Joseph Mohr, an Austrian priest, wrote the carol, and his organist composed the music. It was sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar accompaniment.

"Deck the Halls"

Expressing the merriment of Christmas, "Deck the Halls" is an English carol set to an old Welsh air. It refers to such ancient traditions as the "blazing Yule" log.

"First Nowell"

First published in English, "The First Nowell" is believed to be primarily a French carol. The French word "Noel" comes from the Latin word meaning birth. "Nowell" is the anglicized version. Both mean Christmas or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ. Tune is a medieval shepherd song.

"Adeste Fidelis" "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fideles" may have been written by the 13th century writer and teacher, Saint Bonaventure, but its exact origin is a mystery. There's no

secret about its popularity today. It has been translated into 120 languages, and there are more than 40 English versions.

"O Tannenbaum"

Most familiar of many Christmas carols originating in Germany, "O Tannenbaum," or "O Christmas Tree," celebrates the evergreen as an emblem of immortality. It has added familiarity in the U.S., since the tune is used for several college songs and for the state song, "Maryland, My Maryland."

"Merry, Gentlemen" An old English carol that sometimes suffers from a comma out of place is "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen." The meaning is not "God rest you, merry gentlemen," but "God keep you merry, gentlemen."

"Herald Angels Sing"

Charles Wesley, who during his lifetime (1707-1788) wrote hundreds of hymns, was inspired to write "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" as he walked to church on Christmas day and heard the London church bells chime.

Cards Show Changes

Greeting cards for Christmas show, each season, an increase in the number of religious subjects — but this has not always been true. In fact, the earliest Christmas cards often had designs that seemed to have no connection with the holiday.

Instead of Nativity scenes or symbols of holly and mistletoe, early American Christmas cards of the 19th century were decorated with roses and portraits of young ladies, according to The Encyclopedia Americana. Often, plump robins were pictured sitting on tree branches dripping with icicles. In this early stage pin-up girls were not unusual. Kate Greenaway drawings were frequently used, some cards picturing single figures from her drawings, others portraying dancing girls with garlands of flowers.

About 1870, cards were frosted and fringed with heavy silk.

In Italy

Santa Claus is gaining favor with Italian children, but the traditional gift-giver, especially south of Rome, is Befana. Usually represented as a gray-haired witch who rides a broomstick, she brings toys for good children, but a stocking full of coal or ashes for naughty ones.

Legends say, variously, that she misdirected the Magi or that she refused shelter to the Holy Family. Repenting, she now goes around the world on Christmas Eve, seeking the Christ Child and doing good to children.

Sea Inspires Lore Of Ships at Yule

Ships arrive on Christmas morning, carrying Jesus, Mary and Joseph, says the English carol, "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing." This is one of many legends developed by seafaring peoples to connect Christmas and ships.

Stories of the first St. Nicholas were carried from Asia Minor to Northern Europe by sailors, and children in Holland long believed that St. Nicholas arrived by ship from Spain. In Greece, St. Basilio comes on January 1 to deliver gifts, and he too is transported by ship.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a eight year old boy. I want all of these toys. B-B gun, Sting ray bicycle, and a lieutenant Johny Eagle, Super thing maker, Boxing gloves, Big Bowl Electric Football set, Kaboom Gino Army set, Basketball soot, Cotton candy maker, Remote Contrroll truck,

Dear Santa Claus,

Merry Christmas! I am a seven year old girl. Please send me a easy bake stove.

Your friend,
Kareen Hulcy

Your friend,
Kevin Kelly

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I am a seven year old boy. Please bring me a b, b, gun.

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

Merry Christmas! I am a good boy. Please bring me a pair of boots. Please bring me a gun. Please bring me a stick koesd. Please bring backs!

Your friend,
Jimmy Dale Nunn

Your friend,
Dean Moore

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I am a seven year old girl. I want little miss fussy for Christ-



WILL CHRISTMAS EVER COME? Chiff and Lecretia James, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jearl James, are eagerly awaiting Christmas day and anxiously looking forward to opening the lovely gifts stacked high underneath the tree.

mas. You are very nice. I love you. I am a good girl.

Your friend,
Vicki Freeman

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

Merry Christmas! I am a seven year old girl. I would like a Kaboom and I would like a Susy Homemaker and francey and francey trass up and francey sase and I would like a baby hungry and little miss-fassy.

Your friend,
Daneen Wilson

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

Merry Christmas! I am a eight year old and a good girl. Please bring me a susy Homemaker and a doll billfold and Purse.

Your friend,
Pam Eagle

December 14, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

Merry Christmas! Plesse bring me a Easy Baker. I have ben a good little gril.

Your friend,
Carrie Everett

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a seven year old girl. Please bring me a stingray bike. How are the eight reindeer. Merry Christmas Santa Clause.

Your friend,
Susan Clayton

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

Merry Christmas! I am a

seven year old boy. Please bring me a walkie talkie or other toys. I have been good.

Your friend,
James Hanson

Springlake School
Earth, Texas
Dec. 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for taking my picture yesterday in Mrs. Hooleys room you are very nice guy for taking my picture there. I like you very much Santa Clause.

Your Friend,
Amador Gutierrez
Olton, Texas
Dec. 15, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some clothes, a doll

and a watch. I been a good girl this year.

Your friend,
Robbie
Box 533
Earth, Texas
Dec. 14, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

How is the weather at the North Pole? I would like many things for Christmas but it would hard to name them all. All I would like is a Twister Game, M-16 Marauder, Snakes Alive, and a Dart Set. So I must close my letter saying "Merry Christmas"!

Your friend,
Billy O'Hair

Route 2
Earth, Texas
Dec. 14, 1967

er. This year I will clean the chimney so you want get dirty. But I will light the fire.

Youre friend,
Brad

box 258
Springlake; Earth
Dec. 14, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

Santa I saw you at taylure furniture yesterday night they were going to take a picture of you. Will you send me oranges, lemons, grapfruits, and a football have a happy new year.

Your friend,
Robert

R #1
Springlake, Texas
Dec. 15, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a bicycle, Pool table, and a candy maker than is all I want.

Your friend,
Micky

Box 116
Springlake; Tex.
December 15,

Dear Santa,

I want a football suit and a camera. My sister wants a jumping Jack, a sake's alive game, a kaboom game. Oh yes don't forget the other children in the world. My grangmother wants a warm house coat.

Your friend,
Rube

Route 2
Olton, Texas
December 15, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

I alaway wanted justed two things, I wanted a bike, and some dishs top. Well, this is all I want and wished you a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Nelda Guerrero



"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them . . ." May the words of the Christmas story be a joy and blessing to you at this holy season.

Onstead Furniture

Littlefield



WARM WISHES for Christmas

We want to take this opportunity to thank you, our good friends, for thinking of us through the year, and to wish you and your families every joy of the Christmas Season. This office was opened in Dimmitt to serve area people, we invite your patronage, drop in to see us often.

HI-PLAINS CREDIT CORPORATION

306 W. Bedford Dimmitt, Texas Phone 647-3415

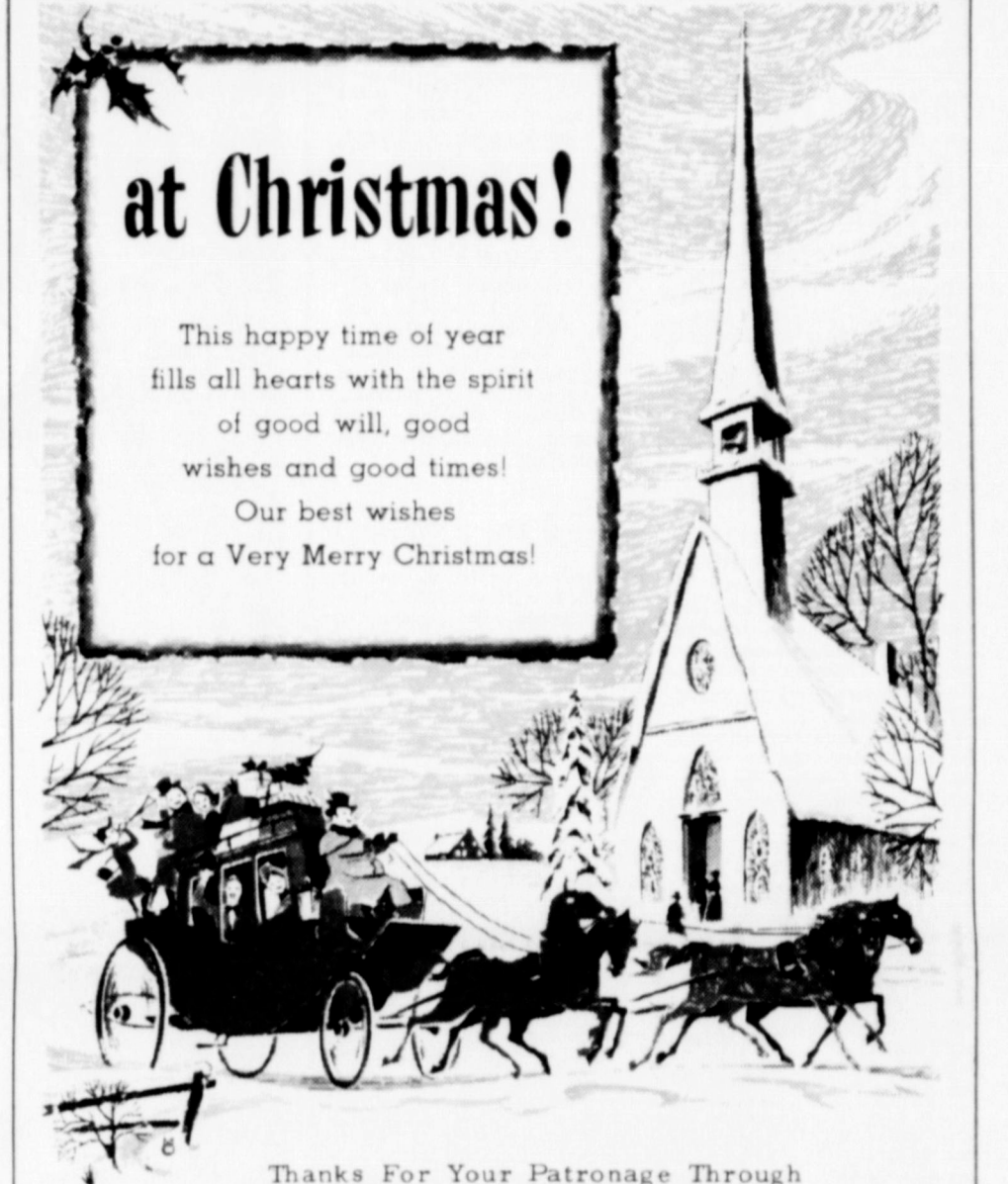
Spirit of Christmas



To rejoice in the glad message of the Christmas story . . . to treasure the blessings of home, family and friends . . . to know the rewards of giving . . . often richest when the gift is a smile or a greeting of warmth and cheer. May this spirit be yours this Christmas.

Kittrell Electronics

Dimmitt



at Christmas!

This happy time of year fills all hearts with the spirit of good will, good wishes and good times! Our best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas!

Thanks For Your Patronage Through The Past Years.

Tracy Perkins Roofing

Littlefield



Angels, bending near the Earth . . . in Heavenly chorus sang the joys of the first Noel. May your heart be filled with every Christmas joy.

From The Staff At

South Plains Hospital

Amherst

"Good Living" Shows Increase in Lamb County

There is more good-living today in Lamb County than there was in 1960. This shows up the array of household furnishings, electrical appliances and equipment that is to be found in the average local home. Nearly every family now has a refrigerator and a TV set. The great majority have washing machines and cars. Air conditioners, clothes dryers, dishwashers and hi-fi sets are to be found in many homes. The proportion of homes in the regional area equipped with clothes dryers has also

are car owners and, in the West South Central States, 78.8 percent. With respect to most of these items, the proportion of families so-equipped has increased during the 1960-67 period. Findings are based upon a special report on ownership of household durables, released by the Department of Commerce. It follows a sample survey that covered all sections of the country. Figures indicate that approximately 88.5 percent of the households in Lamb County now own one or more automobiles, as against 86.0 percent in 1960. Elsewhere in the United States, by comparison, 78.4 percent

Our Boys In Service

FT. POLK, LA.--Army Private Roy L. Spencer, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie D. Spencer of Earth, completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training December 8 at Ft. Polk, La. His last week of training was spent in guerrilla warfare exercises.

During his guerrilla training, he lived under simulated Vietnam conditions for five days, fighting off night attacks and conducting raids on "enemy" villages. He was taught methods of removing booby traps, setting ambushes and avoiding enemy ambushes. Other specialized training included small unit tactics, map reading, land mine warfare, communications, and firing the M-14 rifle, M-60 machine gun and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

FT. HOOD, TEXAS--Army Staff Sergeant Everett F. Cody, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cody, of Earth, received the Good Conduct Medal December 5 while assigned to the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Cody received the award for exemplary conduct, efficiency and fidelity in active military service. Sgt. Cody is a tracked vehicle driver in Company B, 1st Battalion of the division's 66th Armor. His wife, Rita, lives at 214 Fort Hood St., Killeen, Texas.

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C.--Marine Private Alva L. Lee, son of Mrs. Thomas R. Sessions of Springlake, was graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here.

He will now undergo from two to four weeks of individual combat training and then, after leave at home, will report to his first Marine Corps assignment.

The intensified Marine recruit training emphasizes rigid physical conditioning and survival techniques, both at sea and ashore, to develop self-confidence and endurance. Marksmanship with the M-14 rifle and 45-caliber pistol are equally stressed, and close order drill instills the traditions of Marine Corps teamwork.

A thorough study of basic military subjects, hygiene, first aid and sanitation, and the customs, courtesies, history and mission of the Marine Corps serve to polish the new Marine's recruit education and prepare him to join the Marine combat forces.

Vietnam-- U. S. Air Force First Lieutenant Arthur C. Splawn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard K. Splawn of Muleshoe, has received the Air Medal at Cam Ranh Bay AB, Vietnam. Lieutenant Splawn, an F-4C Phantom II systems operator pilot, was decorated for out-

standing airmanship and courage on successful and important missions under hazardous conditions. He is a member of the Pacific Air Forces. A 1959 graduate of Muleshoe High School, the lieutenant received his B. B. A. degree in 1964 from West Texas State University and is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi. He was commissioned in 1965 upon completion of Officers Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. His wife, Christy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baird of 208 Beech, Charlotte, Mich.

WITH U. S. COMBAT AIR FORCES Vietnam-- U. S. Air Force First Lieutenant Arthur C. Splawn (right), son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard K. Splawn of 419 W. Ninth St., Muleshoe, Tex., receives the Air Medal at Cam Ranh Bay AB, Vietnam, from Colonel Devol Brett, 12th Tactical Fighter Wing vice commander.

LAREDO, TEXAS-- Second Lieutenant Billy S. Gilbreath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Gilbreath of Muleshoe, has entered U. S. Air Force Pilot training at Laredo AFB, Texas.

Lieutenant Gilbreath will fly the newest Air Force jet trainers and receive special academic and military training during the year-long course. He will be awarded silver pilot wings upon completion of the Air Training Command flying program.

A 1962 graduate of Muleshoe High School, the lieutenant attended the University of Texas. He received his B. B. A. degree in 1967 from Texas Technological College and is a member of Phi Gamma Delta. Lieutenant Gilbreath was commissioned in 1967 upon completion of Officers Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

SAN DIEGO (PHTNC) Seaman Recruit Jerry W. Harris, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harris of Olton, Texas, is undergoing nine weeks of basic training at the Naval Training Center here.

He is receiving instructions in Naval customs, courtesies and organization, ordnance and gunnery, seamanship, damage control, first aid, swimming and survival, shipboard drills and sentry duty.

A program of physical fitness, military drill and inspections keeps the recruits mentally and physically alert during their training.

His Navy Classification tests will determine whether he will be assigned to a school, shore station or ship after his graduation.

Annual Taxes Paid By Railroads In Lamb Totaled \$17,231

Current annual taxes paid to the various government agencies by Texas railroads in Lamb County totaled \$17,231, it is announced by the Texas Railroad Association.

That amount was the county's share of the more than \$10,000,000 the railroads paid in Texas on their own right of way and other property.

The biggest railroad contribution was to the school systems throughout the state.

Large sums were also distributed to city, village and county governments and for road and bridge funds.

In addition, of course, was the large total in taxes the railroads' 39,410 Texas employees contributed on their own property. The vast majority of rail workers, many of whom live in Lamb County, own their own homes.

"With the future of our country and state depending to a great

extent upon the education of our youth, I am delighted that nearly half of the taxes paid by the railroads go to support the schools," said Walter Caven, general counsel of the Texas Railroad Association.

"Recognizing this need for education, many of the railroads operating in Texas also make scholarships available to a large number of students every year."

Pastor Wrote To Please Children

"Up on the Housetops" is a happy Christmas song written by an Ohio pastor, Benjamin Hanby, in 1864.

Believing that music was a part of religion, he held weekly songfests for children in New Paris, Ohio. Since he was short of money, when the children needed a new song, he wrote it himself.

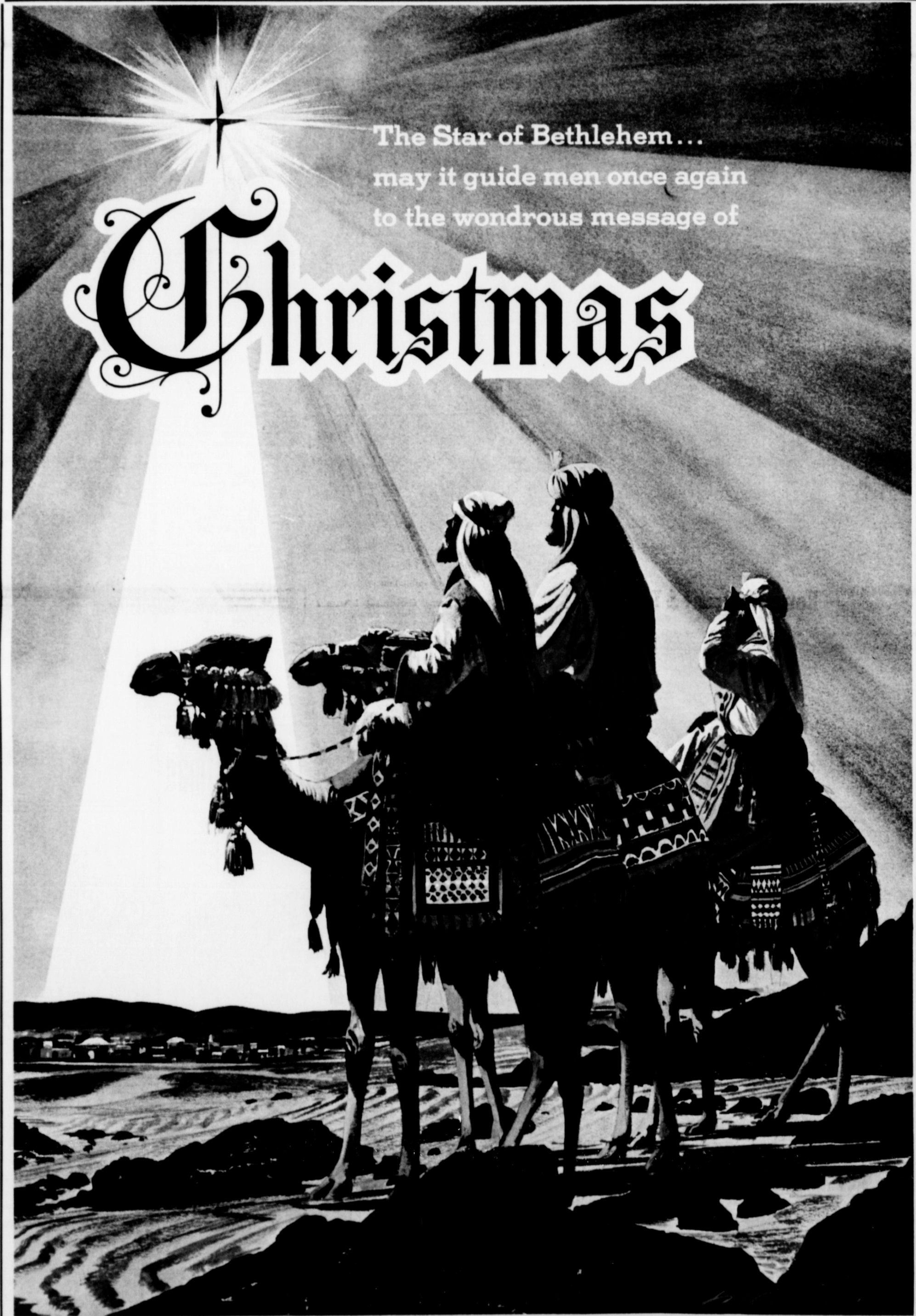
The song, which tells the joys of going "up on the housetops" and "down through the chimney with good Saint Nick" to the "click, click, click" of reindeer hooves, gained early popularity.

Its origin, however, was lost when the Chicago publishing house of George F. Root, publishers of the song, burned. Credit for the authorship was not restored until after Hanby's death.

SEASON'S WISHES

It's time again to wish you great joy all through this happy holiday season!

Sweetheart Lane
MULESHOE



The Star of Bethlehem... may it guide men once again to the wondrous message of

Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Season's Greetings TO ALL

ODOM **GLADYS**

Many thanks for your loyal friendship and patronage. If good wishes were snowflakes, we'd snow you under a blizzard of them! Have a wonderful holiday season!

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Letters to Santa

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I am a nine year old boy.

Your friend,
Roden Sanders

Please bring me B, B, gun or bring me a Joni Eagl,

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I am a seven year old girl. I want a po go stick please and a cotten candy maker and a easy bake and a baton please and a big doll please.

Your friend,
Wendy Branscum

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle please. I am a seven year old boy.

Your friend,
Carlton Gregory

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I am a seven year old boy. I want a boxing gloves four me.

Your friend,
Cornelio Salinas

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a boxing gloves four me.

Your friend,
Tony Longoria

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I am seven year old please send me a doll and please send me dishes.

Your friend,
Coleta Franklin

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I am a seven year old boy. 2 sets foine boxing gloves, 2 pea shooter, a Cotton candy maker, clother, shirts, Bach, Hands Down.

Your friend,
Andy Ellis



SLEET, SNOW AND ICE covered the area Thursday afternoon creating hazardous driving conditions. The blizzard caused a slack in the attendance at the Moonlight Shopping Bonanza. However, one merchant registered 46 adults during the three hour period.

Springlake School
Earth, Texas
December 12, 1967

Dear Santas,

How are you find I hope I wanta barbie doll and clothes. Santas I want a bilcy with blue pink pleas got is for me went one barbie and the bilby pleas. My fine French dolls with dreamy eyes. My brother want a airoplanes. Santa's talk the Elves by.

Your frind,
Gail Miller

12-14-67

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good boy this year so would you please bring me a Fire Truck, Helicopter and a Matt Mason Space Crawler. I am 4 years old. Thank you.

Yours Truly,
Shannon Peflham
Box 431
Earth, Texas

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Fire Truck, and some building blocks for Christmas. I good sometimes.

Gary Davis

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

Merry Christmas! I want a toy baby doll.

Flora Gomez

Messer lives at Earth, and I will be there Christmas eve, please bring me a Johnny Speed, a bike with training wheels, and 4 more surprizes, I have been a good boy. Be careful to you---

Love,
Tod Herring

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! Would you bring me for Christmas a baton and pair of shoes.

Your friend,
Joyce Ingram

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I am a eight year old girl. Please bring me a baby hungry, How is Dasher! Dancer! Prancer! Vixen! Comet! Cupid! Donner! Blitzen!

Your friend,
Kristi Thomas

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I am a eight seven year odd boy. I want a B-B gun.

Your friend,
Israel Reyna

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I am a seven year old girl. bring me a baton and a hoolahoop.

Your frind,
Sherri Higgins

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I am a seven year old boy. I want all the toys B-B gun and a lieutenant Johnny Lago Boxing gloves cotton candy maker Pflight Factory please.

Your friend,
Donnie Well

Drop In To See Us Anytime
Rowe Abstract & Title Co.
Littlefield

Dear Santa Claus,
Please Santa Claus I want a Easy Bake.

Your friend,
Natividad DeLeon

December 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

Merr Christmas! I am a Eight year old boy. Please Santa Claus I would like a B-B gun a truck a bicycle. in a Happy New Year.

Your friend,
Rickey Mosley

Teresa
Dec. 12, 1967

Dear Santa,

I want a babys hungry And a new dress for Church, And sox to go with my dress, And don't forget the outhar girls and boys. And I've ben a good gol.

Love,
Teresa Lively,
Earth, Texas

P.S. Please let the boys in Vietnam have a nice Christmas.

Pat's Record Center
Littlefield

Peace on Earth

As the joy, light and love of this Christmas season, radiate their blessings upon all, we sincerely wish our good friends in the community a holiday filled with life's most treasured gifts.

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PLAINVIEW, TEXAS-----WAYNE MARTIN- mgr.

"A Child is born..."

In the city of David... a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Angels sang, shepherds left their tended flocks; wise men came in search of Him.

As we leave our appointed tasks, to worship in the spirit of the manger, we wish for all of our friends a Christmas filled with the hope and promise of the Season.

Thanks for your patronage during the past year. We hope to merit your patronage throughout the years to come.

Earth Co-op Gins, Inc.



Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. I want candy, fruit, and nuts. Please bring me bicycle and be-be gun. I have been a good boy. Remember my brother and sister please.
Love,
Danny Aguirre

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I want candy, fruit, and nuts. Please bring me a Miss Fussy. I have been a good girl some-times. Remember my brother and sister.
Love,
Beverly Hood

Dear Santa,
Please bring me, top, ship, horn.
Love,
Frank

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Stingray, and a set of guns, and a Cowboy suit and a watch.
Love,
Jody

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a doll that cry and laughs. Dear Santa Claus if you go to bring rudolph

to and tell rudolph that I love him and I love you Santa Claus.
Love,
Christina

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a doll that cry and laugh and a tupsy and a sting-ray and a dosxor set and a daton.
Love,
Meldon

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a go-cart and football suit and a GI Joe set.
Love,
Jeffery

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. And I am, good. Most of the time.
Love,
Ranae Winder

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a stingray and a baton and a watch.
Love,
Deborah

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a little pup are a set of guns are bicycle for Christmas.
Love,
Lloyd

December 12, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gun and a bike. I like you and I want to see you. I am a good boy. I have three brothers and two sisters. my name is Danny. I live in Texas and I go to school. I am 8 years old my sisters is 7 years old and my brother is 6 years old and my other brother is 5 year old.
I love you,
Danny R. James,

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some football equip-ment. Some walkie-talkies, a twister game, a tip it game, a kicking tee.
Love,
Dickie

Dec. 13, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cuppus and a hat. And a big bike and a goodtoy and a bear play money round ball and a car. I am a ten year old. I want a walkie-talkie. I want some huoes. And a trains dear bout books.
Your friend,
Kenneth Smith

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a easy-bak oven, Kaboom, twister, dishes.
Love,
Brene Belw

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Tupsy and a baton. Please bring me those things that I want I love you forever.
Love,
Christmas
Mary Lou

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a walky talky doll and a bicycle toy; and that's all I want for Christmas.
Love,
Dorothy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a truck and a gun and a bicycle set and a football set suit and a toy watch and some boots.
Love,
George

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Betsy Wetsy and a stingray bicycle and a icebox and a stove and a kiss!!!
Love,
Kim D.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy eight years old. Please bring me candy, fruit, and nuts. Please bring me a bicycle and bebe gun. I have been a good boy. Remember my brother.
Love,
Ronnie Elliott

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy. I want candy, fruit and nuts. Please bring me a red cowboy suit, and Indian set. I have been a good boy.
Love,
LeRoy Perea

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. Please leave me some candy, fruit and nuts. I would like very much to get an army set and bebe gun. I try to be good. Remember my little sister.
Love,
Allen Moore

Dear Old Santa,
I go to school and I am in the first grade. I try to be a good boy. Please leave me some candy, fruit and nuts. I would like to have a bicycle and bebe gun. Remember my sisters, I will Thank You Santa.
Your friend,
Kieth Clayton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 22, a bicycle, I tried to be good this year. Don't forget other boys and girls, Merry Christmas to you.
Love,
Kirk Waide

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a wagon, and a BeBe gun, and a car, and a record. Don't forget other boys and girls.
Love,
Ruben Martinez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a truck, and a wagon, Merry Christmas.
Love,
Chololo Lopez

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven years old. I want candy, fruit and nuts. Please bring me an Indian suit and Tonka car. I have been a good boy. Remember my brother.
Love,
Ricardo Moron
Dec. 12, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 8 year old and I want a bike and I want a train and a aeroplanes and a tractors. And I want a book and a coat.
Your friend,
Joe
Box 415
Earth, Texas
December 12, 1967

Dear Santa,
I want a car, I want a Teddy Bear. Please Santa bring me a stocking.
Ray Hill

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Easy Bake oven.
Love,
Belinda Hampton

Don't forget other boys and girls, Merry Christmas to you.
Love,
Teri Samarron

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a record player, and records, and flower thing-Maker, I have tried to be good this year. Don't forget other girls and boys, Merry Christmas.
Love,
Pamela Kay Ott

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll, and a baton, and a incredible etibles set and a Easy Bake Oven. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Merry Christmas to you.
Love,
Donna Hockenberry

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a recorder, a real dog, a sleeping bag, and organ. I have tried to be good this year. Don't forget other boys and girls. Merry Christmas to you.
Love,
Ronnie Chesney

To wish you all the joys of the Christmas Season

Rich in spiritual blessings... warm with the love and friendship that are so much a part of this sacred, happy time... Christmas comes to gladden every heart. We sincerely wish for you, our friends and neighbors, a full share of the many joys of the Christmas season.

May We Add Our "Many Thanks"

TO YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEARS, MAY WE SERVE YOU DURING THE FORTHCOMING YEARS.

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SUNNYSIDE GRAIN CO.
Sunnyside

3-WAY GRAIN CO.
Springlake

A TO Z GRAIN CO.
Earth

Yuletide Wishes

To you and your loved ones, we extend our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

Ray Lynn Britt and Family
(District Clerk)
Littlefield

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As old as our faith, as young as our hopes, is the spirit of Christmas. May it once more lift your heart, lighten your cares and brighten every corner of your life. May its infinite joy and glorious promise abide with you and your loved ones... now and always.

Percy and Margaret Parsons
Frank and Sally Ellis

Joy and Reverence Mark Holy Season

Candlelight and music, pagants and prayers fill churches everywhere as Christians celebrate, at special services, the birth of Christ. The joy and wonder of Christmas, with its message of new life, hope and promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men," finds expression many ways.

In choirs singing the praises of the Babe of Bethlehem, in scenes symbolizing the birth of a Child in a manger, in the gleam of candles reflecting the light of a Star, in the sound of voices raised in carols gathered from around the world and showing the true brotherhood of man, Christmas in all its beauty and glory goes out to hearts young and old.

"Christes Masse"

To Western Christian be-

drawn. Since it is the meaning of the day that counts, the date that has for centuries symbolized the coming of the Saviour will undoubtedly continue its holy significance in Christendom.

To those who like to ponder on the world as it was when the Infant Jesus was born, and on the growth of Christianity, some delving into the researches about Christmas can be a rewarding experience. Any tendency to take Christmas for granted disappears in the fascinating study of the early Christian church and its growth in the face of resistance.

A comparison of Biblical references with archaeological and historical researches discloses that Christ was probably born before 4 B.C. — in other words, the present year is not 1967 of the Christian era but at least 1966.

Evidence to support this relates to the reign and death of Herod. An eclipse of the moon in 4 B.C., which coincided with a Jewish religious festival, has helped historians to fix the date of Herod at about this time — and when he died, according to the New Testament, the young Jesus, Joseph and Mary were living in Egypt.

That the birth of Christ may have occurred as early as 7 B.C. is deduced from archaeological discoveries indicating that one of three major tax collections in the reign of Augustus Caesar may have taken place then.

Selection of December 25 as the birth date of Christ may have been an effort on the part of early Christian leaders to counteract the pagan appeal of the Roman Saturnalia, a festival held at the turning of the year.

Dowries Filled Early Stockings

St. Nicholas, the early bishop who was the first Santa Claus, is also credited with originating the custom of hanging up Christmas stockings.

According to legend, he wished to provide dowries for the three daughters of a bankrupt merchant. Since he wanted the gifts to be anonymous, he tossed bags of gold down the merchant's chimney. Accidentally, the gold fell into stockings the girls had hung by the fireplace to dry.

Factual handicap is that, though St. Nicholas lived in the fourth century, stockings weren't made with feet until the 11th century — but the Christmas stocking story is still a happy legend.

Readers Still Loyal to Dickens Favorite

"A Christmas Carol in Prose, Being a Ghost Story of Christmas" was first published at Christmas 1843, and since that time its popularity has never waned.

Generation after generation has laughed and cried over the story of the miserly Scrooge, who through the revelations of three spirits — Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come — became a man who "knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge."

Charles Dickens, creator of the "Carol," loved it as well as, or perhaps even better than, its many readers did. He told of crying and laughing again and again as, captivated by his story, he wrote the 30,000-word book in six weeks.

When Dickens gave readings from his works in England and America, the story of Scrooge was always the prime favorite with his audiences.

Perhaps the best known part of the story is Christmas dinner at the Cratchits, where Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present observed the family of his clerk, Bob Cratchit, making merry over a simple Christmas dinner, highlighted by a goose — "There never was such a



"GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE!" said Tiny Tim. "Since Tiny Tim first spoke these words at the Cratchits' Christmas feast, Charles Dickens' famous 'A Christmas Carol' has become one of the best known and loved of holiday stories. Illustration above is from The Book of Knowledge.

goose" — and a pudding — "Oh, what a wonderful pudding!"

And a favorite character is Tiny Tim, the Cratchits' crippled son, to whom the reformed Scrooge became "a second father."

One of the most famous speeches in the English language is, doubtless, Tiny Tim's, at the conclusion of the Christmas feast, "God bless us, every one!"

WHERE "XMAS" BEGAN

"Xmas," now generally considered poor usage as an abbreviation for Christmas, was often used as a holy symbol in the early Christian church. "X," in Greek, is the first letter of Christ's name.



Season's Greelings

Happy holidays to you and yours! We send warm wishes by the heartfelt, with the hope that the joys of the season may long endure.

Many thanks to our loyal friends! Your patronage has made this year a wonderful one for us, and we are sincerely grateful.

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O, HOLY NIGHT

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"THE MADONNA AND CHILD ENTHRONED" is a 15th century representation of a favorite subject for artists. Painted in tempera on wood, it is the work of Fra Filippo Lippi, a Florentine who is known for his use of color and graceful line. From The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Jules S. Bach Collection, 1949.

DECKING THE HALLS
Decorating with red and green, traditional at Christmas, traces back to the early use of red-berried green holly to "deck the halls."

HELPING SANTA
In Northern Europe, where Santa Claus arrives on a white horse, boys and girls put out food for the horse.

In France
In southern France "santons" are better known than Santa. "Santons" are clay replicas of members of the Holy Family, manger animals and saints.

Since the crèche, rather than the evergreen tree, is the center of Christmas home decoration in France, the santons play an important part.

HOLY NIGHT

May this season bring the spirit of love and understanding to you. We thank you for your loyal patronage.

WHITES AUTO

EARTH

CHARLEY DOSS-ALMA STOCKSTILL

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At this season of joy our Heavenly Father, we render thanks to Thee for the gift of eternal life given so freely in the person of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. May we humbly, by faith accept Thy gift.

Amen.

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. I want a bicycle, bebe gun and anything else you have also candy, fruit, and nuts,

Your friend,
James Herriage

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. I want candy, fruit and nuts. Please bring me bicycle and bebe gun. I have been a good boy. Remember my brothers and sisters. Please.

Your friend,
Serafin Salinas

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven years old. I want candy, fruit and nuts. Please bring me a bebe gun and Indian set. Remember my little sister.

Love,
Bobby Gover

707 Northeast 3rd
Box 217, Earth, Texas
December 1, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy 8 years old. Please bring me some walkies talkes and a gun and a stopwatch. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year.

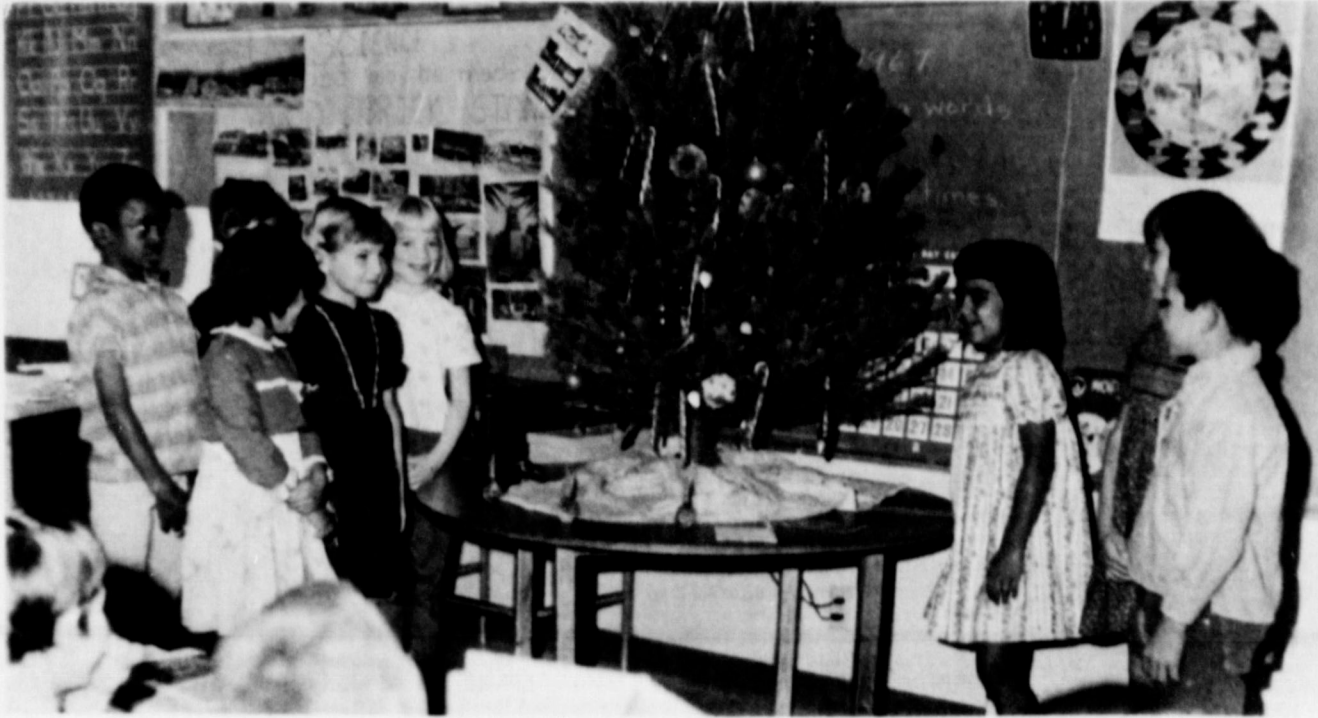
Your friend,
Rodney Geissler

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I want some silly sand, a creepy crawler set, a record, and some other things you have. Please bring me some things and put them in my stocking.

Love,
Petra Lewis

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring Mark a cowboy set. I have been a good boy. Please bring Cindy a doll and a buggy.

Love,
Mark and Cindy



THOUGHTS OF SANTA CLAUS are uppermost in the minds of children in the second grade class of Mrs. Lola Sanderson. They are left to right, back row, Ray Hill and Brene Belew; front row, Deanna Campbell, Pam Ott, and Teri Sammarron. To the right of the tree are Elena Gonzales, Jill Barden, and Choloto Lopez.

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Jimmy Don Robbins and I live on Elm Street in Earth, Texas. I have a little brother who is nine months old and is named Johnny Clinton. We have both been good boys this year.

For Christmas I would like to have a Spirograph, a road race set, and a good picture of myself. I would also like to have a new toy box to put my toys in when I finish playing with them. I would enjoy a typewriter of my own so I can type letters and things for myself.

Johnny would like to have several stuffed toys to play with until he gets old enough to play with other toys.

Yours truly,
Jimmy and Johnny Robbins

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll that talks.

Love,
Herlinda Guerrero

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baseball set, Batman suit, and a Batman car.

Love,
Troy Fields

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Bat Man suit, a G.I. Joe and a Johnny West.

Love,
Arturo Rodriques

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Roy Rogers suit, Spurs for my boots, and a Incredible Edible set.

Love,
Gaylon Conner

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll, some dishes, a walking doll and a cuddly puppy.

Doniece Taylor



The Spirit of Christmas

Born on that silent night so long ago, the Christ child brought into the world a spirit of love and peace. May His eternal life and presence enrich your heart through all the years ahead!

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Just want to say, folks, it's that time of year
For greeting good friends and wishing them cheer.
May your holiday season be merry and bright
May your fondest plans turn out just right!
Yes, here's to the season of carols and holly
Here's to a Yuletide that's prosperous and jolly!

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THE VERY BEST OF HOLIDAYS.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. Please bring me some candy, fruit, and nuts. Please bring me a Baby Hungry. I have been a good girl. Remember my sisters,
Love,
Lindsey Field

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Clock, Silly sand, and Incredible Etchles. I have tried to be very, very good. My report card hasn't been the best, but it's pretty good. Have a very Merry Christmas.
Love,
Clint Dawson

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I want candy, fruit and nuts. Please bring me Miss Fussy and bicycle. Remember my brother,
Love,
Beth Pounds

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a sleeping bag, and a baby first step.
Love,
Donny Owen

I wish you Merry Christmas and don't forget other boys and girls.
Love,
Alayne Slover

Dear Santa Claus
I am a little boy 5 years old. I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a gas pump a gun and a truck with horses in it. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year.
Your friend,
Gregg Geissler

Dear Santa,
We have been very good boys this year. I think, Please bring everybody lots of toys and things. My little brother wants a guitar and a Super City. Save something for yourself, Mrs. Santa, and your helpers. I've got candy on my Christmas tree for you, when you come.
We Love You,
Rory & Kirt Jones

This is where we live, so Roudolph will find us.
Rt. 1
Dimmitt, Texas 79027

Dear Santa,
I want a twister game, hands down game, fright factory, wood burning set, electric target for B.B.'s.
Signed, Mark Barton
707 Northeast 3rd
Box 217, Earth, Texas
December 1, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kent and I'm 2 yrs. old. I have been a pretty good little boy. Could you bring me a little Moline tractor and plows and a See 'n' Say toy; or just any thing would be fine. And please bring my little brother, Kelby, a rocking horse and some pull toys. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Love,
Kent Bradley

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you. For Christmas I want a Susie home maker and nurse seat and a Maroclesl for Christmas. And I have been good this year and I hope you have a happy Christmas this year. When Christmas is hear and girls and boys are so happy this year. I hope you like my letter. good by will right you back soon.
Your loving friend,
Gussie Sanders

Springlake School
Earth Texas
December 12, 1967

Dear Santa,
How are you find I hope, I want a bobble dolls and her clothes and dishes the color to her hair Santas you every is a talk yuld no; to bout or noto tout in you they tolk me you no resht dt is. Teme for me to coes.
Your frind,
Joyce Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a doll Santa because mother is going to by it I hope you come to my home. Please come to my house on Christmas I hope you will be here soon.
Love,
Santa,
Pamela
Dec. 12, 1967

Dear Santa,
I want a play drum, and a gun to play cowboys and indians. And I will have my stoking up so don't forget to put candy in it.
Your friend,
Brent

Dear Santa,
I want a football sat an and gun set truck and tractor set to.
Good by,
Your friend,
Glen W.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a stingray for Christmas. And a Jane West.
Love,
Tammy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and a bed and a new coat and a monkey dress and a play dog.
Love,
Jessie

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a chemistry set and a chemistry lab and a toy mouse for my cat Dusty.
Yours truly,
Randy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football suit. I want a watch.
Love,
Buddy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football suit. I want a watch.
Love,
Simlan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a walking doll and dishes, baton, Barbie doll, chalk board and book, ball, please bring those things.
Love,
Kim Herriage 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you and I want you to bring me a baton and a little doll and a little dog. I want you to bring me some little dishes.
Diana Ruiz

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dolly has long hair and I want a watch and I want a dollhouse and I want a coat.
Love,
Sally

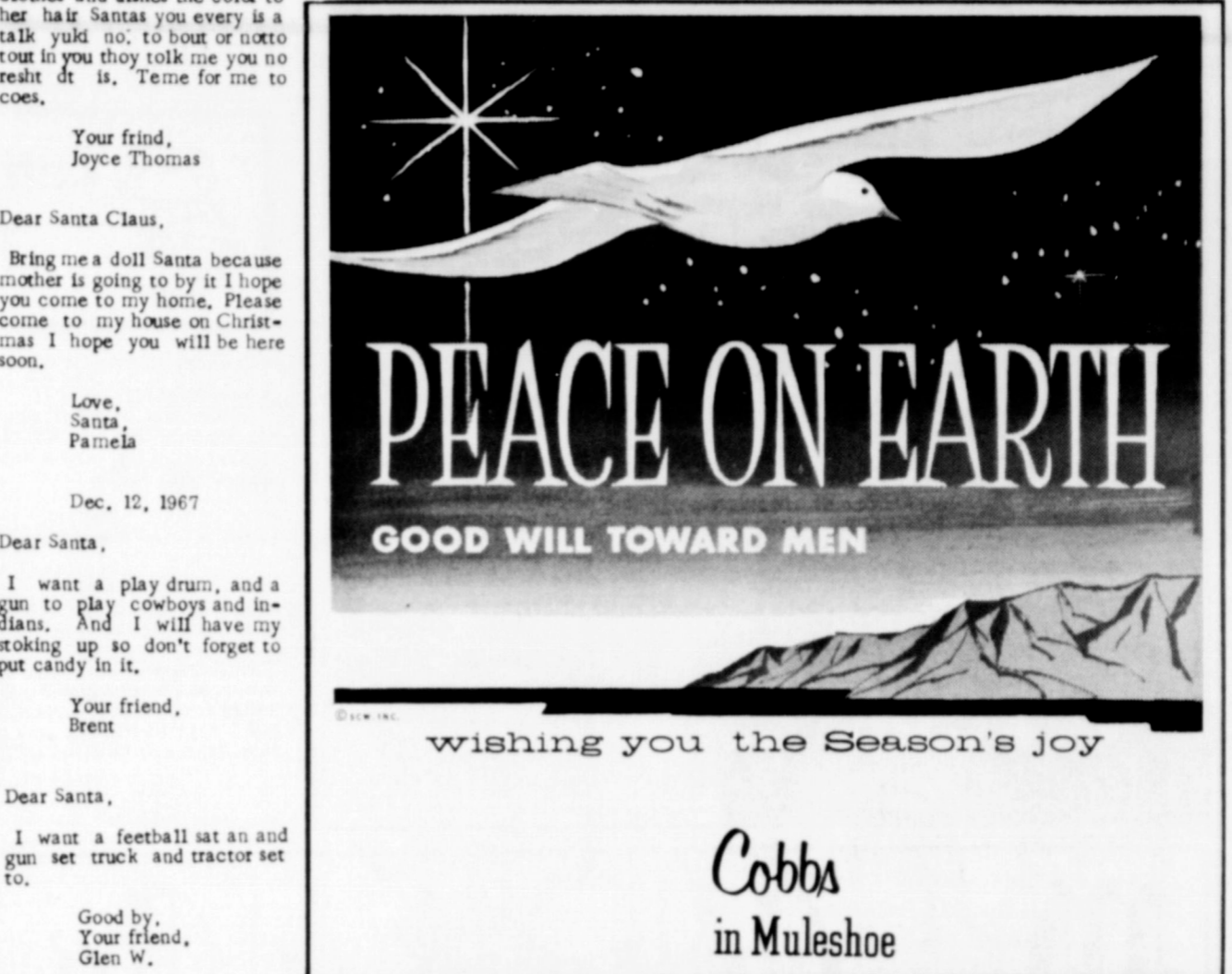


GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Charles D. & Viola Jones
DAVID, JANA, JERRY & LARRY
County Clerk - Lamb County

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a pair of house-shoes for my mother, I want a pair of pants for my father. Also a bag of Gravy Train for my dog, Rusty, for Christmas. I want a pair of pants for my sister, she is little, and shirts. I want a doll, a game called Monopoly, a purse, a umbrella, a dress, a pair of pajamas. And of course a Dydes Set With Magic Bottle. And last of all a picture of you or doll of you.
Your friend,
Diane Acquire

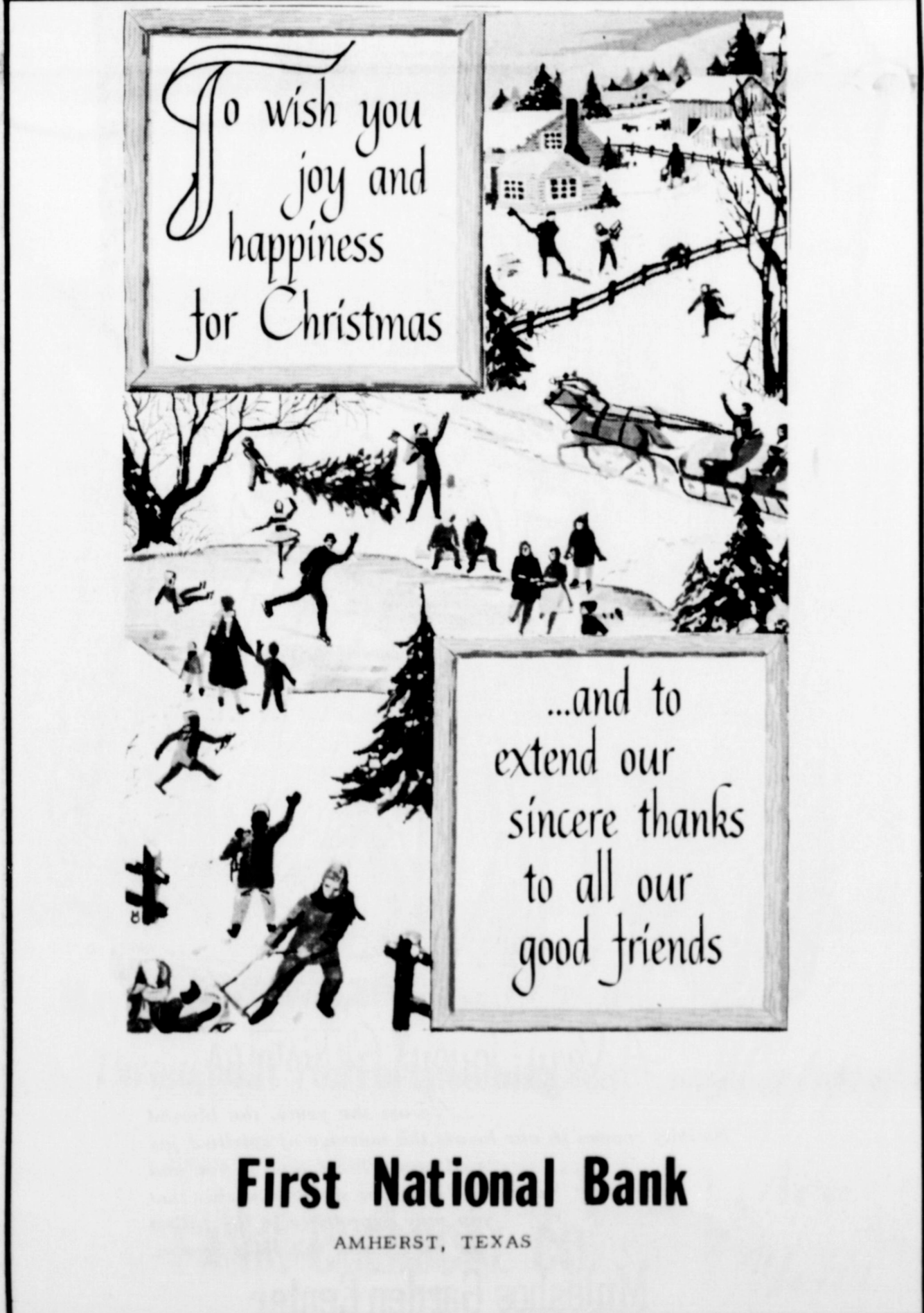
F.S. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, have fun Santa Claus. And also buy me a furry coat. And a incredible edibles to eat.
Dear Santa,
I want a guitar for Christmas. And a film projector. And a baloon set. I have been good this year. How are you. I am fine. I hope you can come this year. All the boys and girls are waiting for you. Merry Christmas. And a merry New Year.
Your friend,
Gay Hegdes



PEACE ON EARTH
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

wishing you the Season's joy


Cobbs
in Muleshoe



To wish you joy and happiness for Christmas

...and to extend our sincere thanks to all our good friends

First National Bank
AMHERST, TEXAS



THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Once again we pause to observe, and gather new inspiration from the age-old story . . . the birth of our Saviour . . . and His divine, eternal presence. May every joy and blessing of this Holy Season come to you and your loved ones, bringing peace and happiness . . . making spirits bright!

N. O. DRAKE & CO.
Dirt Contractors
SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS 986-2541

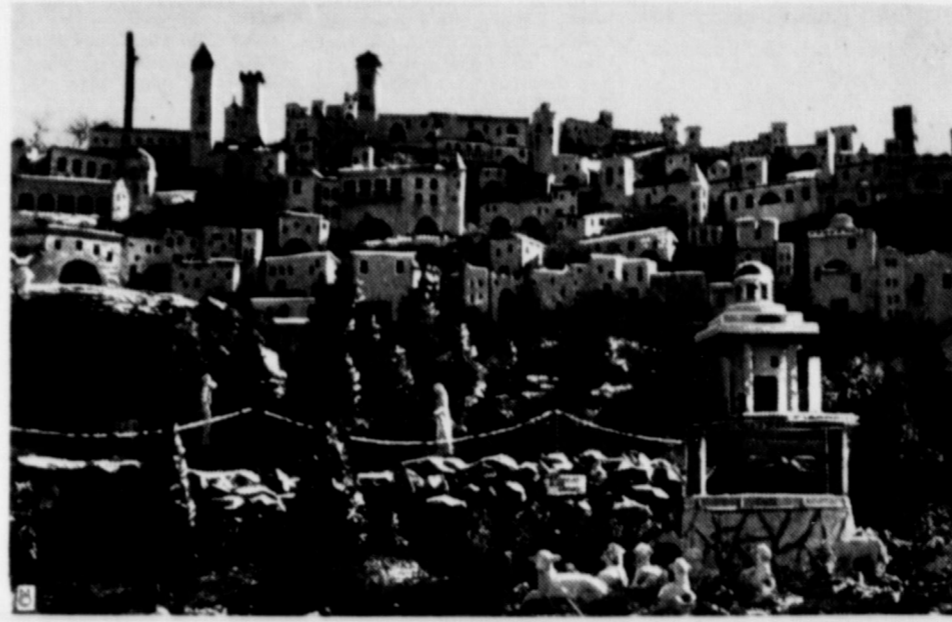
Dear Santa,
I wish to have a walking doll,
I have a friend her name is
Cathie. We have a Christmas
tree in school. We have lots of
Mrs. Hooley. She is very nice.
Santa Clauses. The Christmas
tree has balls and bells. Many
children have been sick in this
school. My teachers name is
Mrs. Hooley. She is very nice.
I guess this is all I write to you.
Good by.
Your friend,
Hortencia Rodriguez



We wish
You All
a Very
Happy
Holiday
Season

Thanks for your patronage throughout the past years. We hope we can be of service to you during the forthcoming year.

E. C. RODGERS
FURNITURE
Littlefield



"BETHLEHEM" IN WATERBURY. Non-sectarian re-creation of the Town of Bethlehem spreads across Pine Hill, near Waterbury, Conn. Permanent scene is intended not as a shrine but as an inspiration, with an educational purpose, too. In most respects, the scale model follows as accurately as possible the appearance of Bethlehem in Judea, as it appeared at the time Christ was born.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 8 year old I would like a boby magic, Mr. Pierre's Glamour School, Musical jewel box, and a New Little Orphan Annie.

Love,
Sherri Winders

Dear Santa,

I would like a batman cave and a bike with a motor. I have been a nice boy some-time.

Love,
Rodney Davis

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like to have a people pal doll and a few stuffed toys. Merry Christmas. And I hope the Offens have a nice Christmas like know I will.

Love,
Cynthia

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me go go boots and a puzzle and a play cash register and a record player. please remember my sisters and baby brother and bring us some candy fruits and nuts.

I love you Santa,
Cathie Everett

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a baton, and a doll, and a watch! I have been a good girl.

Merry Christmas,
Love,
Dawn Branscum

Box 163
Earth, Texas
Dec. 12, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,

Here are some things I want; a toy adding machine, Mr. Pierre's magic-hair wig, a Cindy doll, Folding doll stroller, Unity, Type writer, and Operation game.

Your friend,
Donna Green

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want some stuffed toys and a people pal. I want a bike too. I like to ride on it in the summer and I want a ring.

Love Your Friend,
Cindy Dent

Dear, Santa,

Here I am writing you this letter Santa I wish I has a talk doll and a how how and a doll and a coat and a walk doll. Santa I will put some cookies for you Santa. I will be a nice girl Santa. We are going to sang in school

Your friend
Mary Lou Elizondo

Box 1,
Earth, Texas
December 12, 1967

Dear Santa,

Santa I want you to bring me a rifle and a little gun for my little siser my littlet siser a little doll for. And my biges brother a recordpearryr.

Love,
Tommy



At this special time we're sending your way, warmest wishes for Holiday pleasure and joy. May this be the merriest of Yuletides for you and yours.

Thank You For Your Patronage Through The Years, You Will Always Be Welcome At

RODEN DRUG

Phone 385-4250- Littlefield

Merry Christmas to All

May the beauty of the season be reflected in the hearts of all men. We extend our warmest Yuletide greetings and thank you for your thoughtful patronage.

DIMMITT WHEAT GROWERS COOPERATIVE
DIMMITT

A Very Joyous Christmas

Across the years, the blessed Nativity renews in our hearts the message of spiritual joy and peace. We extend to you and your loved ones our sincerest wishes that you may experience to the fullest the wonders of this Holy Season.

Mulshoe Garden Center

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a B-B gun and some B-B's, and a football game. I want a pair of boots. I gts that is all.

Merry Christmas to all,
Carey Don Wright
Age 10
Room 7
Grade 3



A Blessed Christmas...

LET US REJOICE ANEW IN THE SHINING WONDER OF CHRISTMAS... MAY THE PEACE AND HOPE AND LOVE OF THIS HOLY SEASON BE WITH US ALWAYS.

Curtis R. Wilkinson
County Attorney
Littlefield

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll that talks.

Love,
Linda Salazar

Dear Santa Claus,
Please give me a new doll for Christmas. And a doll house. And some doll clothes.

Your friend,
Donna Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a real baby for Christmas and a hoola hoop and a TV this Christmas night, Merry Christmas.

I love you Santa,
Diana Ozuna

Box 329
Earth Texas
Dec. 12, 1967
George

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football and a Bike and two gun and a Christmas record player, Merry Christmas.

Your Friend,
George Flores

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a laton for Christmas, and a dog. I hope you will come. Happy new year.

With love,
Dalinda Garza



Letters to Santa Claus

Box 591
Dec. 12, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a record player, I want a Bike, I want a ball and I want a necklace and I want a Setou dish. I has been a good girl, Merry Christmas I am a Happy Gril.

Sandra Zombrom

Dec. 12, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a record player and I want Bike, I want a ball and I want a necklace and I want a dish and I has been a good girl, Merry Christmas. I am a happy girl.

Mary Ann Escdlaute

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Tricky Tommy Turtle set and a Green Gost set and I hope you can get my toys here.

Your friend,
Max Price

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a real baby doll for Christmas and a hula hoop and I have been a nice little girl. I love you Santa Claus very much. Thank you and a projector.

Your friend,
Ester Elizondo

Star Rt. 2 Box 104
Hart, Texas 79043
December 12, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll that crys. And I want a ice maker. And a sand maker.
Santa Claus I have been good.

Your friend,
Dina Jo Hampton

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Miss Beasley and a King Kong punching bag and I love you and I wished I could see you in real life.

Love,
Jaton Scheller

Dear Santa,
I want a bebe gun and two guns and a bicke to ride to the store and to my friends and I will let him ride my bicke and a football and a ripeal to.

Richard Weaver
to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
How do you fell? Is your wife fell all right? I want a race set with two cars and put to gather. And some binocwlers.
And please come Christmas eve.

Your friend,
Bryan Weldon Taylor

Dear Santa,
I wanta doll and a taperecord and a doll buggy and a goodtoy and I event want a football and a beasball. I love you very much Santa Claus.

Your nice,
Gwen Porch

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bow and arrow and a B, B, gun and a pool table and want 25 boxes awant B, B, and Santa please bring it Christmas night.

Your son,
Larry Don Wood

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle for Christmas.
I love you Santa Claus too.

Terry Allen Minor

Box 306
Earth, Texas
December

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a rancecarset, and a B B gun, and a neebike.

Your fined,
Mark Hatfield

Dear Santa,
I want BB gun and electric train and I want bicycle and I want 30 boxes of B B and I have been nice.

Your friend,
Timmy Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gun and a B B gun, and a neebike, and a baseball, and a time.

Your friend,
Jose Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a watch, football Hel-

ment and shoder pades, and a football and a wallet, and a pair of gloves.

Your friend,
Ardis Conner
Box 105
Earth, Texas
Dec. 12, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I want a football and a football helmet and a football. A not a desk.

Your friend,
Royce Jordan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a machine gun, and a football and a football suit and a football helmet. I want a bicycle and a race car and a watch and sag of candy and and baseball suit and a baseball bat and a baseball glove and baseball.

Your friend,
Sammy Diaz

P. O. Box 251
Springlake, Texas
79082
Room 7, Grade 3

CHEERFUL GREETINGS

So That Our Employees May Have More Time To Spend With Their Families During The Christmas Holidays, We Will Close At Noon Saturday, December 23 and Open Again Wednesday Morning December 27.

ARMISTEAD-BURK OPTOMETRISTS
B. W. Armistead, O.D. Littlefield Glenn S. Burk, O.D.

Best Wishes to You



May Christmas Ring with Joy!

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 GOODWILL WE CHERISH.

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May Happiness And Prosperity Be Yours
Throughout The Forthcoming Year

FROM THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF AT

FARM CHEMICAL CO.
SPRINGLAKE

Happy
New
Year



GREETINGS

of the Christmas Season

Christmas! The word awakens a host of happy expectations... stirs the imagination with visions of turkey and treats, gifts and greetings, laughter and friendship. It's a sparkling season, a joyous season... a season that beams a spiritual light into our hearts. We wish all its delights for you.

State Representative Bill Clayton & Family

Springlake

Letters to



Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Johnny Express and a G. I. Joe.

Love,
Hoby Alan Matlock

Dear Santa,
I am a little seven year old first grade girl. I want candy, fruit and nuts. Please bring me a book and Baby Hungry.

Your friend,
Florentina Lopez

Dear Santa,
I am a little seven year old girl in first grade. I want some candy, fruit and nuts. Please bring me Baby Hungry. I have been a good girl.

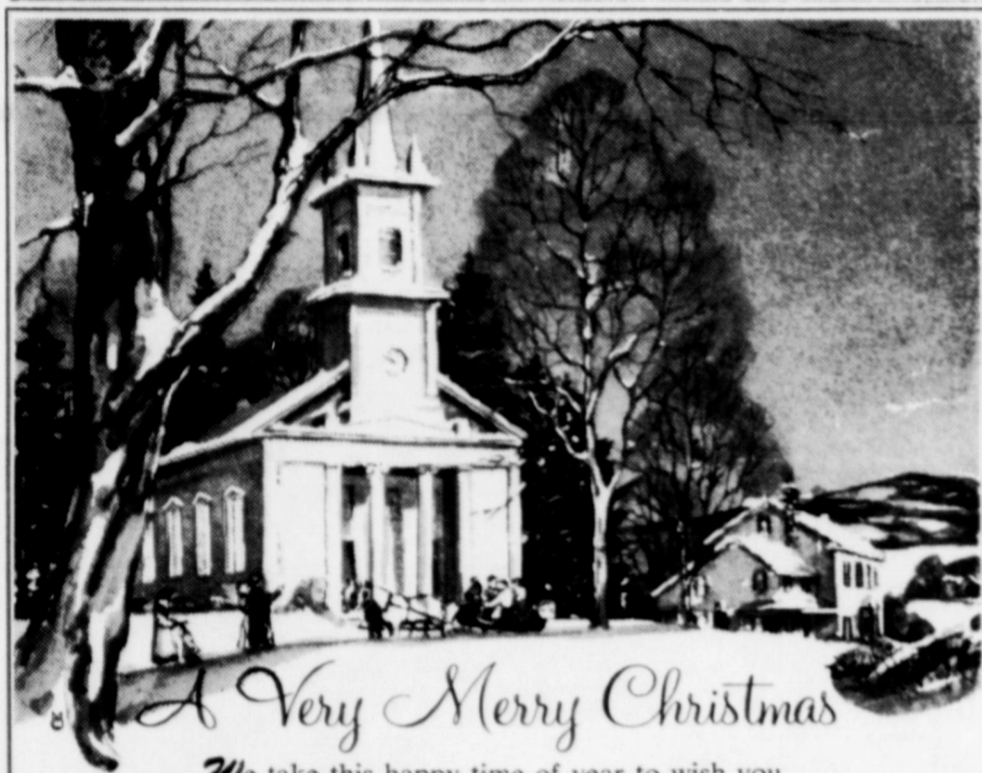
Your friend,
Mona Price

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 22, and a football, and a be-be gun. Don't forget the other girls and boys.

Love,
Paul Bell
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Johnny Express, a Johnny Eagle gun and a air rifle.

Love,
Timothy Nunn



A Very Merry Christmas

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

HERBERT DUNN

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS



TOPS NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS are left-to-right; Mrs. Jo Houchins, Weight Recorder; Mrs. Inez Inglis, Leader; Mrs. Pauline Huels, Secretary; Mrs. Florence Gover, co-leader, Not shown is Mrs. Irene Haberer, Treasurer. They were installed at the Christmas dinner Thursday night at the Wolverine Drive-In.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a Race and Drag Set, a briefcase, and a basketball and goal set. And some football shoes that has steel cleats. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.

Your Friend,
Randy

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a Baby Tweaks so I can play with her. Please go see the other boys and girls too.

Love,
Elaine Bills

Dear Santa
This coming Christmas I would like to have a baby boo, Fun Flowers set and a Type-writer. My sister Patsy would like to have a Baby First Step and a bicycle. My brother Mike would like to have a

Gun, Train set, and a Doctor Kit. For all of us an Easy-show projector.

Love,
Cindy, Patsy, & Mike

P. S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like two pairs of pants, And two shirt and three pairs of skirts and blouses. Six pairs of socks, I want a furry coat. And two pairs of pajamas. And one pair of house shoes. And I would like a mini pag, Some dishes and a doll. And a table and chairs. And a carriage. And a Easy money game. I would like four pairs of dress for my mother, and my father four pairs of cowboy shirts and pants. And a umbrella. And also panty and pette-coat. And buy Vicky a dress. And last of all please give me a picture of you, if you don't have a picture it's

o, k, for me. And some pair of shoes.

Your friend
Sylvia Aguirre

P.S. I love you Santa Claus, I draw a picture of you and a Christmas tree. Merry Christmas, have fun.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a train. Buy my Daddy a bill-fold, I want a Bibi gun, I want a shirt for n Daddy. I want a pretty dress for my Mom. Two pairs of hats for my Mother. I want a suit and levis and shirt and a big truck, And a giant Michigan and a Mighty Dumptruck.

Your friend,
Danny Aguirre

P. S. Santa Claus have fun and happy new Year. Buy Vicky a dress and Danny a pretty coat. I right this for my brother.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baton, a susiehomemaker oven set, and a doll. Don't forget, other boys and girls. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jill Barden

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some dishes, and a doll, please bring me a coloring book.

Love,
Elena Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I want candy, fruit and nuts. Please bring me Miss Beezly and jump rope.

Love,
DeAnne Clayton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Incredible etidles, Super girl, and two mice with ahouse. Don't forget other boys and girls.

Love,
Karole Kemper



Bells ringing,
carol-singing tell
the joys of Christmas.
We wish you all
the best of a merry season,
with warm thanks for
your good will.

Harvey Bass Appliance

MULESHOE

Dear Santa Claus:

I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a bebe gun, a bonanza set also candy, fruit and nuts. Remember my brothen.

A friend,
Danny Owen



SEASON'S
GREETINGS

Home is where the heart is at holiday time, and we hope both your home and your heart are filled with joy as you gather with your dear ones to celebrate in the true spirit of love and good fellowship.

Production Credit Assoc.

JIMMY HOLT, Mgr.
Littlefield, Texas



Peace on Earth

The joyous Christmas Season

is here again...to brighten our hearts,

to lighten our cares.



To all our wonderful friends, we hope this

glorious holiday will bring everything that

makes for a life of happiness and contentment.

WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS THIS YEAR AND HOPE TO SERVE YOU IN 1968

FEEDER'S GRAIN

SUDAN, TEXAS

SUDAN, TEXAS

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

Please bring me Baby Snuggly and her full allsets, Easy Baker Oven, I tried to be good this year. Don't forget other boys and girls. Merry Christmas to you.

Love,
Janet Fields

Dear Santa,

Please bring me Silly Sand, Easy Bake Oven, Incredible Etebles, I have tried to be good this year. Don't forget other boys, and girls, Merry Christmas to you.

Love,
Connie Dear

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a record player, and a flower thing maker, I have tried to be good this year. Don't forget other boys and girls. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Anita San Miguel

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a tractor, a organ, a record-player, incredible etible. I have tried to be good this year.

Love,
Tommy Graham



THE EXCITEMENT OF CHRISTMAS may be seen in the eyes of the children in the Special Education Class of Mrs. Betty Anderson's. Seated are Rudy Sanchez, Barney Vega, Dianna DeLeon, Eddie Hill, Michael Smith, Rickey Posada, and Rose Cervantez. Standing are Lape Ortiz, Ramon Martinez, Guadalupe Fuentes, Louisa Garcia, and Lila Montemayor.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll.

Love,
Linda Jo Hood

Dear Santa,

Would you bring me a doll and dishes.

Thank you,
Hattie Thomas

I want a big and little doll.

Dear Santa,

Would you bring me a little doll and dishes.

Thank you,
Oletha Thomas

I want a big and little doll.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a baton and a doll and a record player and I have been very good and I love to see a Santa Claus and remember what I want and Saturday December 16 we are going to Olton and I am going to see you. You are handsome, I love you.

Your friend,
Irene McGraw
P.O. Box 22
Springlake

may it be filled with every happiness!

PAYNE FUNERAL HOME
PHONE 246-3351 AMHERST

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll, a bicycle, a records, Merry Christmas.

Love,
Josie Montreal

Dear Santa,

Please bring me an organ, a record, a doll. Don't forget other boy and girls, Merry Christmas to you.

Love,
Kathy King

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bicycle, and a doll.

Love,
Irma Villapido

Dear Santa,

Please bring me and Batman, Robin.

Love,
Anthony Ramon

Dear Santa,

Santa, please bring me a necklace and records and doll. And Teddy-Bear. Don't forget other boy and girls.

Love,
Debbie Pittman

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a washer for my dolly.

Love,
Shaaron Raught

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a walking doll, A play stove and some dishes.

Love,
Tammy Fulenwider

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bicycle, a watch, and a Batman utility belt.

Love,
Mark Bridge

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a organ, a baton, a flower thing maker, a kaboom, and a some record's.

Love,
Deanna Campbell

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll and some dishes to play with.

Love,
Angelita DeLeon

Dear Santa,

Please bring me some dolls to play with.

Love,
Graciela Guana

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a gun to play with, a BB gun, and a G.I. Joe.

Love,
Mike Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bicycle, a Robot, and a Batman set.

Love,
Santiago San Miguel

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bike.

Love,
Daniel DeLeon

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Johnny Eagle Express, a watch, and a BB gun.

Love,
Lexie Fennell

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Road Racing set, and a fire engine.

Love,
Michael

A Merry Christmas

May you enjoy
warmth
and cheer
friendships
dear...
and every joy
of the
holiday season!

**Merle Norman
Cosmetic**
In Muleshoe

A Star shining in the East... angels singing... a Holy Babe lying in a manger... and on earth, Peace, Good Will to All Men—these are part of the true, deep meaning of Christmas. And now, as the world glows with the sights and sounds of Christmas... as happy voices sing the story of His birth, our wish for you is that you may find in this wonderful season abiding spiritual comfort and joy.

We are thankful, indeed for your patronage, both at the Central Compress and at the Gins. Your business has been treasured throughout the years we have been in business. May we merit your continued patronage throughout the future years.

NICKELS GIN
PLEASANT VALLEY

CENTRAL COMPRESS
SUDAN, TEXAS

Season's Greetings

Numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a season of peace. But it is into those hearts where overflowing goodness continually goes out to others that Christmas brings a full measure... and a sharing of the joy they experience at all seasons of the year. May you be among those who enjoy Christmas the year 'round... for the spirit of Christmas is a part of our lives now and ever.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEARS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

Flagg Grain Inc. **Dodd Grain Co.**

Flagg Community Dodd Community
George Blanton Carl Gregory
Manager Manager

Candles Gleam, Bells Ring, St. Nick Arrives — It's Merry Christmas!

Christmas comes but once a year — and into that magic "once" are packed years and years of well-loved traditions. Candles gleam brightly, bells ring merrily, glad carols fill the air.

Up goes the tree and on go the ornaments and lights, in many a home and in many other places, too, both in and out of doors. Evergreen branches, holly and mistletoe decorate the season.

Children eagerly await Santa Claus, his sleigh and his reindeer. Stockings are hung, and greetings and gifts, gaily wrapped, spread the spirit of Christmas.

How did it all begin? The manger scene, in churches and homes, testifies to the religious meaning and real beginning of Christmas. To be glad and grateful, to give and to help others are expressions of that meaning.

The legends and customs of the holiday season, however, come from scores of sources, and many ancient festivals have contributed their part to Christmas as a time of merry-making.

Giving Gifts

First of all Christmas gifts were gold, frankincense and myrrh, the wise men's gifts to the infant Jesus. Gift giving at the season of the year now celebrated as Christmas can also be traced back to pre-Christian times.

The ancient Romans exchanged gifts during their Saturnalia, a festival honoring Saturn, the pagan god of agriculture. Hanging gifts on trees figured in Druid tree worship in early Britain.

Helping Poor

Principles of Christianity are reflected in Christmas giving to the poor and unfortunate. An old legend says that on Christmas Eve the Christ Child roams the earth, dressed as a beggar, in search of food and shelter. People believed that any kindness shown a beggar expressed a love for Jesus.

Source of Santa

Origin of Santa Claus as a gift giver is usually traced to a real St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, in the fourth century A.D. St. Nicholas was renowned for his generosity, and he still retains his role as a gift giver in many countries, arriving on January 6 — traditionally the date of the visit of the wise men.

Yule Greens

Evergreens at Christmas are an emblem of life eternal. Ancient peoples believed that the greenness of evergreens in winter was a promise of the creator that spring would come again.

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Singing Carols

Caroling at Christmas may be a carryover from the Roman songs of the Saturnalia, or so some researchers believe. Early Christian songs were solemn and somewhat forbidding. The simple, touching carols best liked today didn't gain widespread popularity until the 14th and 15th centuries.

Decorating Trees

In ancient feasts of the winter equinox, trees were adorned with trinkets. Like many pagan customs, the evergreen tree became associated with Christian observances, and legends link it to the birth of Christ. One story says that on Christmas Eve, all the trees of the forest bloomed and bore fruit.

Lighting Candles

Candles at Christmas symbolize the coming of Christ as the Light of the World. Since earliest times, man has used lights — torches, watchfires, beacons — on occasions of joyous celebration.

Custom of placing a candle in the window on Christmas Eve is usually attributed to the Irish. It was thought that Christ wandered the earth on that night, and a candle would show Him a home where He was welcome, or help to light Him on his way.



THE NATIVITY. Page from a medieval Book of Hours shows the Nativity scene as illustrated and illuminated by the Limbourg brothers, famous illuminators. Books of Hours, or "Belle-Heures," are hand lettered and individually illustrated prayerbooks intended for private devotions. This one was prepared for Jean, Duke of Berry, sometime before 1413. From The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Cloisters Collection, purchase, 1954.

Times Have Changed but Shepherds Still Watch Over Sheep at Night

Sheep and shepherding are closely linked with the Christmas story, and they also serve as a symbol of the kindness and loving care that was part of Christ's message to mankind.

When darkness falls on Christmas Eve, today's shepherd is watching his flocks by night and, probably, looking at the stars in the heavens, just as the shepherds of old did.

There are some differences — for instance, the shepherd on the Western ranges of the U.S. has changed the shepherd's robes for levis, and the flocks he watches are much larger, numbering sheep by the thousands. But the meaning of shepherd — "to herd, guard, lead," says a dic-

tionary definition — hasn't changed.

Sheep still must be watched by night, because, for some reason known only to the sheep, night is the time they are most likely to decide to roam to faraway places. In sudden storms, the shepherd, his horse and dog must guide the flock to shelter.

The ailing sheep or the new born lamb are sure of the herder's gentle care, and when part of the flock has strayed, he searches with a diligence that recalls the parable of Jesus:

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he finds it?" (Luke 15:4).



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THE STAFF AT CITIZENS STATE BANK: Extend their best wishes for a Merry Christmas. They are left to right Bob Harber, Mrs. Juanice Glasscock, Patsy Randolph, Mrs. Leola Randolph, Mrs. Ann Jones, Helen Gover, Mrs. Joe Temple and Joe Temple, president.

There's something very special . . . very precious . . . about Christmas that lifts it far and above all the other days of the year . . . a never-failing source of peace and courage. You see it in the happy faces of whole families, as they worship at Church on Christmas morning. You hear it in their voices . . . as they wish a Joyous and Holy Christmas to everyone. Most of all, you feel it in your own heart, as surrounded by your loved ones,

There you experience anew, fully and richly, that first Christmas morn so long ago. May we rejoice once more in the blessings of Christmas . . . and find in its splendor and humility, a renewal of hope, a fulfillment of faith to fortify our courage and sustain our spirits through all the days ahead.

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