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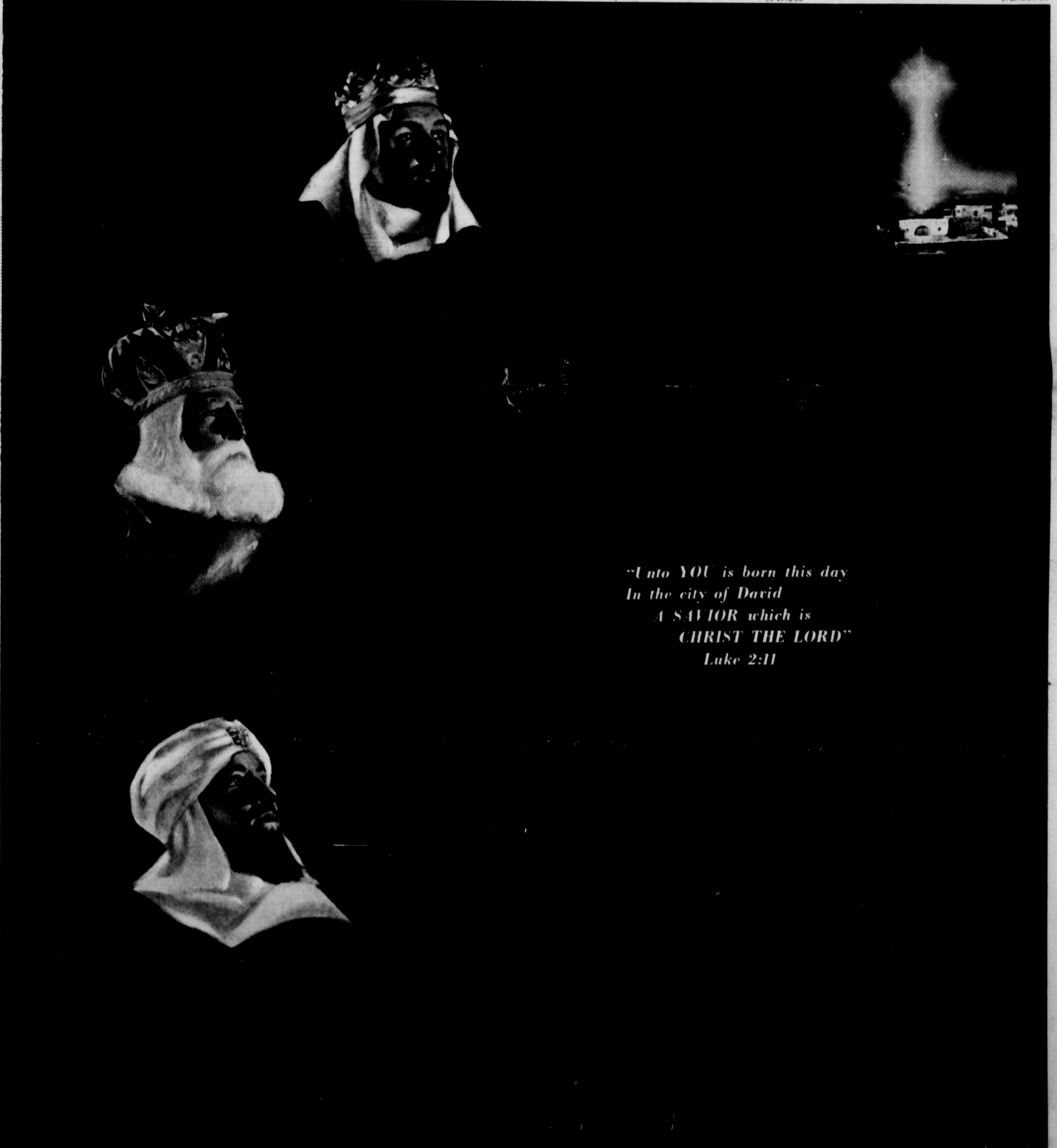
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*"Unto YOU is born this day
In the city of David
A SAVIOR which is
CHRIST THE LORD"
Luke 2:11*

News Of Interest To Women

WSCS Luncheon Held Tuesday

The WSCS covered dish luncheon was held Tuesday in the church parlor with 22 in attendance.

The occasion was hosted by the Edna Doughty Circle.

The dining table was laid with a green cloth and featured a centerpiece of poinsettias.

A Christmas program in the sanctuary followed with Barbara Lewis in charge, assisted by Lucy Brock, June Parish, Lemoyne Lee, Betty Suser and Ramona McDonald.

Honor guests attending the luncheon and program were Mrs. M. O. Carter, Mrs. R. C. Hyde, Mrs. M. Morris, Mrs. Zella Welch and Mrs. Beatrice Zahn.

Girl Scouts To Have Party Thursday

Girls of Scout Troop 185 will hold their first Christmas party Thursday, December 20 at 4 p. m. in the basement of the Methodist Church.

Refreshments will be served and gifts will be exchanged.

This will be the last meeting until after mid-term exams.

Mrs. Lemoyne Lee, leader, is assisted by Mrs. Virginia Barton and Mrs. Betty McAlpine.

Mrs. Nettie Robbins and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brotherton and son of Canyon visited Mrs. G. C. Green Sunday and all attended church.



MR. AND MRS. GARY LEE POUNDS AND "MARTINI"

Alaska Couple To Spend Holidays Visiting Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lee Pounds of Soldotna, Alaska are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Williams, her parents.

Mr. Pounds is employed by the Standard Oil Company in Soldotna.

They have lived in Alaska about two years. Their pet poodle Martini, accompanied them on the long drive to Earth. They plan to return to Alaska after the holidays.

Mr. Williams is a welding technician for Missouri Valley Construction Co. at Plant X.

Mrs. Mary Gilmore visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Carl Gregory. Others visiting at the Gregory home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kellough and family of Clovis and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kellough of Muleshoe.

Study Club Hosts Husbands At Salad Supper Thursday

The Altrui Junior Study Club members and their husbands enjoyed a Christmas salad supper Thursday evening, December 13 at the Earth Community Room.

Couples exchanged gifts and games of 42 were enjoyed following the supper.

Those present were Mrs. Bob Belew, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crable, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Elmore, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore, Mrs. Cecil Maddox, Mrs. Carroll McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Sigman, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Robnett, Mr. and Mrs. Roney Smith.

Hostesses for the occasion were the Mms. Lewis, Moore, Smith and Crable.

The next meeting will be January 10, 1963.

Laing Home Scene of Party For SS Class

The Young Married Peoples' class No. 1 of the Earth First Baptist Church gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Laing Monday evening for a Yule Season party.

Rev. M. B. Baldwin brought the message, "Living Christianity Every Day".

Refreshments of spiced tea, coffee, Christmas cookies, dips and candy were served from an ivory lace covered table. The centerpiece featured singing angels. Red and white carried out the color scheme of room decorations.

Games were played followed by exchanging of gifts.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, class teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wheatley, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Runyon, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stockstill, Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Baldwin and the host couple.

Kitchen Korner

Christmas is not complete without the traditional egg nog. Today it is possible to buy egg nog from the milkman or the corner grocer--

Here is a typical recipe: Traditional Christmas Eggnog

6 eggs, separated
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups light cream
2 cups milk
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla
Freshly ground nutmeg.

Beat egg yolks and sugar until thick and lemon-colored. Beat in cream, milk, salt and vanilla. Beat egg whites until they hold stiff peaks; fold into egg yolk mixture. Serve in chilled punch bowl; sprinkle with nutmeg. Makes 2 1/2 quarts.

Fruit Cocktail Pudding

3 cups flour
3 cups sugar
1 T. soda
3 eggs
1 qt. fruit cocktail, drained
1/2 t. salt
2 t. vanilla

Combine and mix together above ingredients. Spoon in greased and floured pan.

Sprinkle over top of mixture 1 1/2 cups brown sugar and 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans.

Bake in slow oven (325) for 1 hour. Remove, let cool and cut in squares. Top with whipped cream.

This recipe fills one pan 12 by 20 by 2 1/2". Makes 50 two inch squares.

This recipe was sent in by Mrs. Fred Clayton.

Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Baldwin returned home Thursday following a two-day visit with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baldwin of Corpus Christi.

Myers-Miller Vows Read Thursday In Quiet Ceremony

Mrs. Opal Myers of Earth and Henry Miller of Olton were quietly married Thursday at Portales in the Methodist parsonage.

The bride wore a dress of blue and beige accessories.

The groom owns a farm at Olton.

The couple will be at home in Olton in the near future.

Annual Christmas Party Is Held In Sanders Home

The Annual Christmas party for members of the former Good Earth Garden Club was held Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sanders.

A buffet dinner of ham and the trimmings was served from a table covered with a white Belgian linen cut-work cloth.

Following the dinner, secret pals were revealed and gifts were exchanged.

Games of 42 were enjoyed by those attending.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Melton Welch, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Littleton, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Doug Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stockard, Mr. and Mrs. John Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Billy H. Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Higgins, Mrs. Bill Braden, Mrs. C. O. Taylor, and the host and hostess.

Mrs. S. H. Salley and Mrs. Clyde Goodwin visited Mrs. Dora Bulls Sunday afternoon.

Layette Shower Is Held Monday In Martin Home

A layette shower, honoring Mrs. Ronnie Johnson was held Monday, December 10 at the home of Mrs. Perry Martin.

The serving table was laid with white net over white satin and featured a centerpiece containing a pink stork, mounted on a styrofoam circle, surrounded by pink net ruffles. Miniature packages and flowers were placed around the centerpiece.

Refreshments of pink and white individual cakes and coffee were served.

Hostesses for the occasion were the Mms. Elvis Clayton, Fred Clayton, L. H. Dent, Robert O'Hair, Hershel Patterson, Bob Ussery, Houston Stephens, Joe Pierson, Johnny K. Martin, Carlis Bills, Ray Stansell, Ronald Cleavinger, M. R. Phillips, Cullen Hay, R. O. Dickson, Perry Martin, A. D. Taylor, Harvey Evans, Bill Beasley, Bill Mann, T. V. Murrell, W. C. Maxcey.

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Walt Williams Injured Thursday At Kimbell Gin

Walt Williams, employee of the Kimbell Gin was injured about 5:30 p. m. Thursday when he was caught between two cotton trailers being moved on the gin yard.

He was taken to the Green Hospital in Muleshoe where examinations showed no internal or serious injury. He sustained body bruises and was admitted for observation.

His condition Tuesday was described as satisfactory.

McGeath Family To Get Together For Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McGeath are looking forward to an especially joyous Christmas this year when all their children and grandchildren will be home for the holidays.

Their son, PFC Ivy McGeath, stationed on Okinawa will arrive in Oakland, Calif. December 18 and will be home for the holidays. He is due to receive his discharge December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall and children of Las Vegas, Nevada will arrive December 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carter and children of Albuquerque and Marilyn McGeath of Lubbock will also be present at the family re-union.

Mrs. McGeath reports that a big Christmas dinner will be served for her family in the dining room of the drive-in.

Yule Dinner Fetes School Employees Monday Night

Springlake School employees were feted at a Christmas dinner Monday night at the school cafeteria.

Travis Jaquess gave the invocation.

A delicious dinner of ham, salads, green beans, pie and coffee were served.

A program followed with a reading by La Don Messer. A group of Springlake students sang a selection of Christmas carols. Carolers were Joan Dawson, Diana McNamara, Cathy Clayton, and Pansy Been accompanied by Janice Cowley.

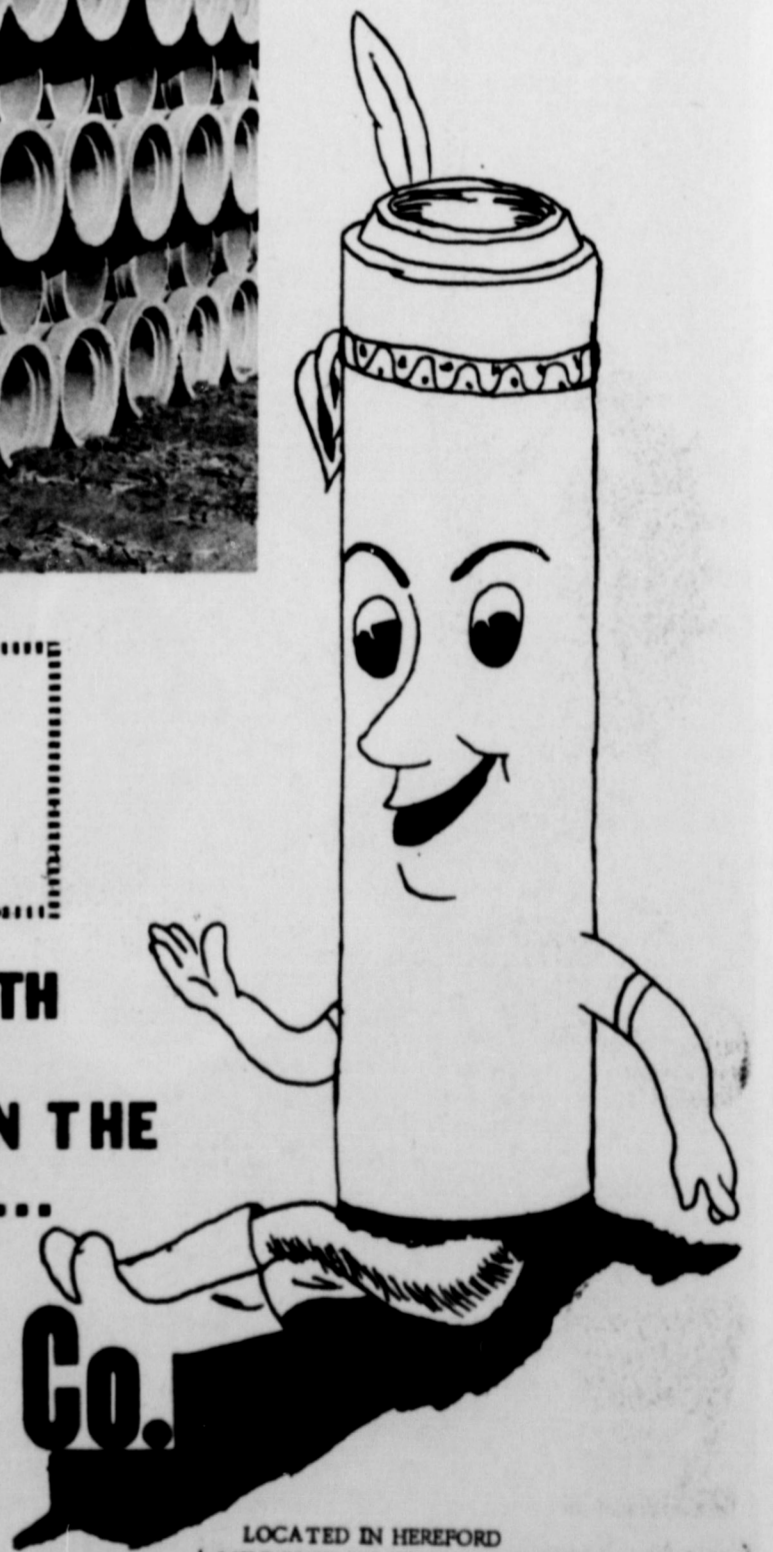
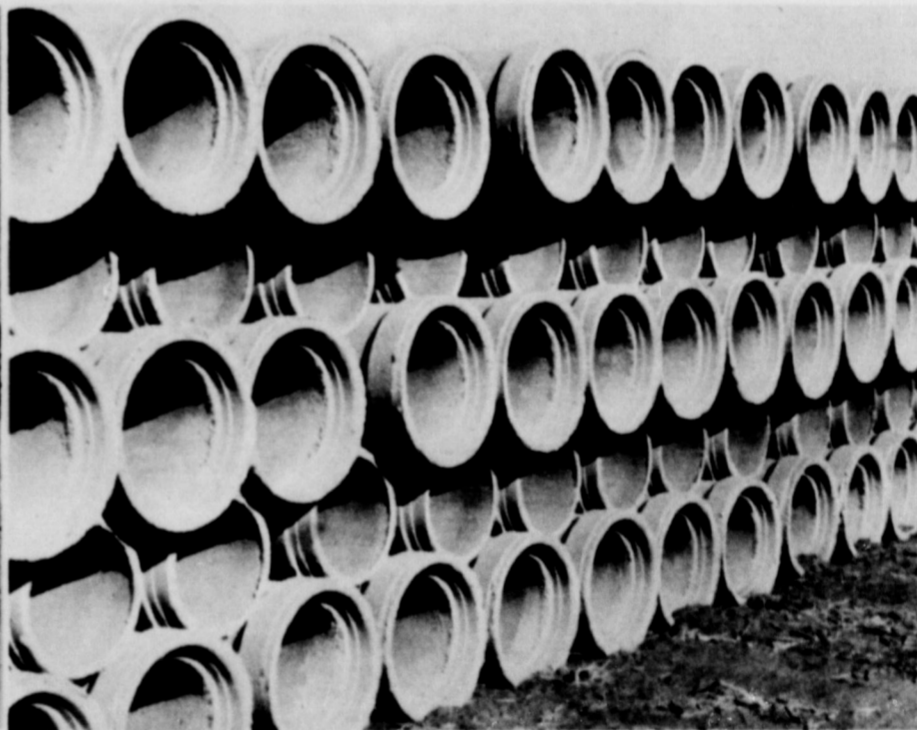
An exchange of gifts closed out the evening.

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Terry Green To Preach At Earth Baptist Church

Terry Green, 22, son of Mrs. G. C. Green and the late Mr. Green, will fill the pulpit of the Earth First Baptist Church December 23. Terry surrendered to the ministry Sunday December 2 at church services and the church voted to license him.

Born in Amarillo, Terry completed 12 years of schooling here graduating from Springlake in 1958 and was active in the school band. He attended Texas Tech for a brief period until

the death of his father. He has been a member of the Earth Baptist Church since he was 8 years old.

Terry has the distinctive honor of being a member of the Sons of Texas, Lubbock Chapter. To qualify, the member must have ancestors who were instrumental in establishing the Republic of Texas.

He is the father of two sons, Mike, 2 and Mark 1, and is residing at his mother's home.



TERRY GREEN

philosophy has been his life long insistence on the importance of both religion and advertising in business.

Born and reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Mr. Babson went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating, he turned instinctively to financial and business activities in which his father was engaged.

His exertions, however, undermined his health; he contracted tuberculosis and he was sent West "as good as dead"! It was while he was convalescing from this dread malady that he worked out some of the possibilities and problems of business

forecasting. His weekly releases are used by over 400 newspapers and his financial reports by 20,000 corporations and estates. His research work is carried on by a large staff of experts. Mr. Babson founded Babson Institute for Men; and in cooperation with the late Mrs. Babson, developed Webber College for Women—both nationally-known educational institutions. Here young men and women may concentrate on the fundamentals of honest and efficient business administration. Later, he founded a Midwest Institute of Business Administration, located in Eureka, Kansas, the center of the United States. He has been active also in the estab-

lishment of other mediums of service to the public, such as the Gravity Research Foundation located at New Boston, New Hampshire.

Mr. Babson has probably done more than any other man to create among his millions of newspaper readers an interest in simple business problems, and to instill a broader vision in businessmen, enabling them to meet the ups-and-downs of the business cycle.

James Tiffie Of Springlake Dies Suddenly Monday

James Lewis Tiffie, 35, died Monday at 1:30 a. m. in the Littlefield Hospital following a sudden illness of acute appendicitis.

Failing to respond following the operation, it was found he had an enlarged heart. Heart massage by doctors proved unsuccessful.

Mr. Tiffie apparently had been in good health, as he had operated a bolt puller all day Friday. He had purchased a lot at the east edge of Springlake about three weeks ago, where he had started a used car business and wrecking yard.

A native of Wolf City, he attended Wolf City, Paradise and Roton schools and had lived in the Springlake area for several years.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Springlake Baptist Church with Rev. R. D. Heard

assisted by Rev. M. B. Baldwin, officiating.

Burial was in the Springlake Cemetery under the direction of Payne Funeral Home, Amherst. Survivors include his wife,

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two sons, Jim and James, and a daughter, Margie of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tiffie of Roton; two brothers, W. B. of Dallas and A. B.,

Jr. of Amarillo; four sisters, Mrs. W. A. Locke, Dallas; Mrs. Al Ramsey, Arlington; Mrs. Ed Teague, Springlake and Mrs. F. D. Holly of Garland.

News-Sun To Publish Babson's Business And Financial Forecast For '63

The News-Sun will publish "BABSON'S BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL FORECAST FOR 1963" on December 27.

A careful checking of the Babson Predictions made in the BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL FORECAST FOR 1962 upholds the remarkable average of the past years by being 80% correct. Below is the score for the last twenty years. It holds the best and highest record for the Annual Forecasts on U. S. Future Business.

FORECAST FOR	% ACCURATE
1962	86
1961	83
1960	80
1959	84
1958	86
1957	88
1956	85

1955	84
1954	86
1953	84
1952	88
1951	86
1950	81
1949	80
1948	91
1947	93
1946	95
1945	87
1944	91
1943	94

WATCH FOR BABSON'S BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL FORECAST FOR 1963, in our issue of December 27.

American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his

Take the Family out for Christmas Dinner

MENU

Assorted Relishes

Soups

CREAM OF CHICKEN SUPREME FRENCH ONION SOUP

Salads

TOSSED GREEN SALAD FRUIT SALAD HEARTS OF LETTUCE

ROAST YOUNG TOM TURKEY SAGE DRESSING, GIBLET GRAVY, CRANBERRY SAUCE

\$2.50

BAKED SWIFT'S PREMIUM HAM, FRUIT SAUCE

\$2.45

ROAST LONG ISLAND DUCKLING, APPLE DRESSING

\$2.65

BROILED SOUTH AFRICAN LOBSTER TAIL, LEMON BUTTER

\$3.75

BROILED NEW YORK STRIP STEAK

\$4.00

BREAST OF CHICKEN SUPREME, RASHER OF BACON, CORN FRITTER CANDIED YAMS WHOLE KERNEL CORN BROCCOLI HOLLANDAISE

\$2.85

ROAST LEG OF SPRING LAMB, MINT JELLY

\$2.50

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Tenderness of CHRISTMAS



Christmas is tenderness in many ways: the tenderness of a first snowflake on a child's cheek... the tenderness of a mother telling her child the story of the Babe in the Manger... the tenderness of an old man's quiet strength as he kneels in prayer.

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SHURFINE Cranberry Sauce
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JELLO
3 for **23¢**

BORDENS MELLORINE
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JOHNNY ADAMS, 8, receives bubble gum from Santa Claus Saturday at Wayne Jackson's Gulf Station. The jolly old red suited gentleman talked to a large number of youngsters and passed out candy and gum.

Sudan Tourney

The Springlake 8th grade girls defeated Farwell Saturday for the Championship of the Sudan Invitational Basketball Tourney.

Susan Britton paced the unbeaten Springlake team with 9 scores, followed by Dalpha Banks with 8. Patty Tatum was high for Farwell with 9 points.

The final score was 25-22 the result of a very close and exciting game.

Second place award went to Farwell.

Boys Championship was won by Friona and Muleshoe took 2nd place.

The Springlake 8th grade girls downed the Friona team Saturday, 34-27, at the Sudan Invitational Basketball Tournament. Susan Britton was high scorer for Springlake with 14 points, followed by Joan Dawson with 10. Sue Rodgers scored 14 for Friona.

It was a heart-breaking loss for the Friona girls as they had a record of 22 straight victories. The Springlake 8th grade boys lost to the Friona boys by a score of 38-21 and they were automatically eliminated for the remainder of the tournament. High scorer for Springlake was Terry Parish with 9 points, followed by Jose Triana with 6. Bobby Jordan and Danny Baize each had 12 for Friona.

Scout News

Girl Scout Troop 185 met at the Methodist Church Thursday December 13.

Refreshments of cookies and Cokes were served by Beverly Britton and Cindy Barton.

A business meeting was held, followed by a song session.

The girls completed Christmas candles which were started at the last meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Rogers of Farnsworth, Texas visited Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parish. Mrs. Rogers is Mr. Parish's cousin.

Uncle of Resident Dies Tuesday At Quanah Hospital

Ernest Clay, 83, of Quanah, Texas died Tuesday in the Quanah hospital following an illness of several weeks.

He had been a resident of Quanah for 30 years and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held Thursday in the Quanah Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, four sisters and one brother.

Mrs. Nora McCarty of Muleshoe, mother of Mrs. R. J. Mitchell, Earth is among the sisters.

Special Assembly Be Held Friday At Springlake School

The Springlake School Christmas Assembly will be presented by the elementary students at 10 a. m. Friday December 21 at the auditorium.

A business meeting of the local PTA unit will precede the assembly and will begin at 9 a. m. Included in the business will be reports on the State PTA Convention, given by Rowena Cleavinger and Betty Parish.

Coffee will be served.

A skit will be presented at the assembly by the first grade entitled "The Angel Song". They will also sing "Away in a Manger" and spell out the words.

Welcome, Joy and Christmas as they recite appropriate readings.

Second grade students will present a play "Christmas Mix" and "Christmas-tide" a choral reading, will be presented by the third grade.

Becky Littleton, Jane Holt and Leslie Haberer, third grade speech students of Mrs. Arvilla Haberer, will give recitations.

The following Christmas songs will be presented by the fourth grade: "Silver Bells, Winter Wonderland, White Christmas, Joy to the World, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, and Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem".

Everyone is invited to attend the PTA meeting and special Christmas Program.

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Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a record player and some records. I guess that will be all.
Your friend,
Kenneth Anderson

Dear Santa,
Here I am writing you this few lines just to say what I would like for Christmas. I like to have a basketball bat, watch, football. You nice Santa,
Your friend,
Eddie Cantu

Dear Santa,
I wanted a bike for Christmas. And a B.B. gun for Christmas. What will you get for Christmas, Santa? And some B.B.'s for my gun. I hope you come to your house Santa. My sister said she wanted a big doll and some toy dishes. I don't know what my little sister wants. I'll tell you why she can't talk that's all for now Santa.
Your friend,
Pablo Sanchez

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a make-up kit, a sewing machine and a new wardrobe and a typewriter, I am 13 years old and in the 6th grade.
Your friend,
Helen Washington

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a bicycle and two guns. I want some cowboy boots and a cowboy hat. I want a B.B. gun too. I want a train and a rifle.
Willie Lee Finch

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a bicycle and a Boy Scout Cooking hat. I am ten years old and in the fifth grade.
Yours truly,
Willie Wilborn

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a make-up kit and a sewing kit and new wardrobe and a typewriter. I am 12 years old and in the 6th grade. Remember my little sister Joyce and baby brother Nathan.
Merry Christmas
Paula Wilborn

Dear Santa,
My name is Melissa Been. I would like to have a big horse, a peddle motor scooter, a stove and ice box, a doll, a real pretty cap and sweater to match and some of those real furry house shoes. There will be lots of coffee and cookies and candy waiting for you.
Love Always,
Melissa Been

Brownie Troop Visits Old Folks Homes Thursday

A group of Brownie Scouts, accompanied by their leaders, enjoyed the afternoon Thursday, visiting the elderly folks at Amherst and Littlefield.

The girls left from the school and went to Amherst where they visited and presented gifts at the Old Folks Home. Then a visit was made with the elderly at the Littlefield Old Folks Home where one of the ladies visited was Camille Haber's great-grandmother.

From the experience, each girl saw an urgent need to return for another visit soon, as the old folks derive a great deal

of pleasure from visits by young children.

Before leaving Littlefield, the group enjoyed refreshments at a drive in.

The eleven Brownies were accompanied by Mrs. Helen Barton, Mrs. Millie Armstrong and Mrs. Nellene Dent.

Earth Team Wins Over Amherst 97-53 Thursday

The Earth Pump and Machine basketball team bounced Amherst Thursday night 97-53.

The game, played at Amherst, was the first game of the season for Amherst.

High point scorer for the Earth team was Carroll McDonald, with 43. The other Earth scores were well distributed among the other members of the team who are Jerle Taylor, Sandy Sanders, Joe Ellis, Dois Waddell, Max Goforth, Jimmy Herring, Jimmy Castleberry and Carroll McDonald.

R. D. Brown, Plainview, brother-in-law of Mrs. Joel Jones, underwent eye surgery Thursday in St. Anthony's Hospital, in Amarillo. He is reported doing fine.

Majority of City Firms To Close Christmas Day

A few firms will remain open Christmas day due to the busy cotton harvesting season, but the majority will be closed, some to close two or more days.

Those planning to close are: Adrian Food Store, Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1; Barton & Watson Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; Brown & White, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; C. and C. Cleaners, Dec. 25, 26, 27; Citizens State Bank, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; City Hall, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; City Shoe Shop and Taylor Furniture, Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1; Dent Farm Supply, Dec. 25; Earth Beauty Salon, Dec. 24 through 27 and Jan. 1; Earth Cleaners, Dec. 24, 25, 26 and Jan. 1; Earth Dry Goods, Dec. 25; Earth Elevator, Dec. 22 noon through 25th, Earth Floral, Dec. 25; Earth Furniture Exchange, Dec. 25; Earth Gulf Station, Dec. 25; Earth Laundry, Dec. 25 and 24; Earth Locker, Dec. 25; Earth New-Sun, Dec. 22 through 30th; Earth Oil and Gas, Dec. 25; Earth Pump and Machine, Dec. 24 and 25; Earth 66 Station, Dec. 25; Earth Tire and Supply, Dec. 24 and 25; Farm Chemical, Dec. 24 and 25; Balco Ford Sales, Dec. 25; Gift and Fabric Shop, Dec. 25; Higginbotham-Battlet, Dec. 24, 25, 26; Kansinger Radio Shop, Dec. 25; Layman Bros. Butane, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; Lucille's Beauty Shop, Dec. 24, 25, 26 and Jan. 1; Neal Bookkeeping, Dec. 25; Patterson Bros. Groc., Dec. 25 and 26; Piggly-Wiggly, Dec. 25 and 26; Pioneer Natural Gas, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; Rainbow Beauty Salon, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; Rutherford and Co., Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; Gen. Tele.

Co. of the S. W., Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; Sanders Lumber Co., Dec. 25; Southwestern Public Service Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; Stephens and Son, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; Taylor's Market Basket, Dec. 25 and 26; Unique Fashions, Dec. 25; White's Auto, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; Winders Fertilizer, Dec. 25; Wolverine Drive-In, Dec. 25 and 26; Quicksail-Pryor, Dec. 25.



THE LIONS ROAR

The Earth Lions met Tuesday December 18 at the Earth Community Room for the regular weekly luncheon and meeting. It was announced that Santa Claus will arrive Monday, December 24 on a firetruck and will be in front of the Fire Department at 3 p. m. to talk with all the boys and girls.

Lions were asked to meet at 5:30 Saturday, December 22 to sack candy at the Community Room.

A P. A. system is planned for the afternoon of December 24, ringing forth Christmas carols. Three Lions were selected to meet with the Cub Scouts Tuesday night at the Pack Meeting to receive toys for the needy, donated by the Cubs, Lions Norman Hinchliffe, Edwin O'Hair and Phil Raught will pick up the toys.

Christmas and New Year's Greetings

Dear Friend:

The gladdest, the brightest day of the year is now here. Though nearer the end of life, we are always happy when Christmas comes. It is the same Christmas that has blessed the world since the heavenly choir sang the glad refrain of "Peace on earth and good will to men" to the shepherds of the hill country long ago. Without Christmas it would be a sad, cruel, cheerless world. We may be poor, but Christmas teaches us we are rich. We may be sad and sorrowful, it sings to us songs of hope, that lift us from despair. There can be no poverty of soul that is heir to "mansions in the skies." Sadness cannot live in the heart where Jesus abides.

We are better because of Christmas. The Christmas message to the world is our message to you.

There has been much sorrow in some of our homes during this year now closing, but Christmas paints brighter and better days to come. Sometimes we despair almost of life, but Christmas paints bright clouds. The holy Christmas spirit is peace stilling angry waves. It is plenty smiling away frowns. It is love dissipating hate.

We are soon to enter a New Year. It should be to us a better year. We have had experiences that should bring us nearer to our Savior. I am wondering about your plans for 1963. God's mercy has been so great, so rich and so abundant, that we should re-dedicate our lives to Him. Service is what our Master desires. Short of that we are not pleasing Him. So many avenues for service that we can ever find something to do.

A happy Christmas and joyous New Year to you!

In tenderest love,

M. B. Baldwin

M. B. Baldwin
Pastor-First Baptist Church

School Dismisses Friday At 2:30

School superintendent, Bill Mann, announces that classes will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays at 2:30 p. m. Friday, December 21.

Buses will run at this time. Classes will resume Jan. 2.

Welcome to Earth



MR. AND MRS. FRED W. AUSTIN

Welcome to Earth to Mr. and Mrs. Austin who moved here from Walden, Arkansas. Austin is employed as bookkeeper for Brown-White Equipment Co.

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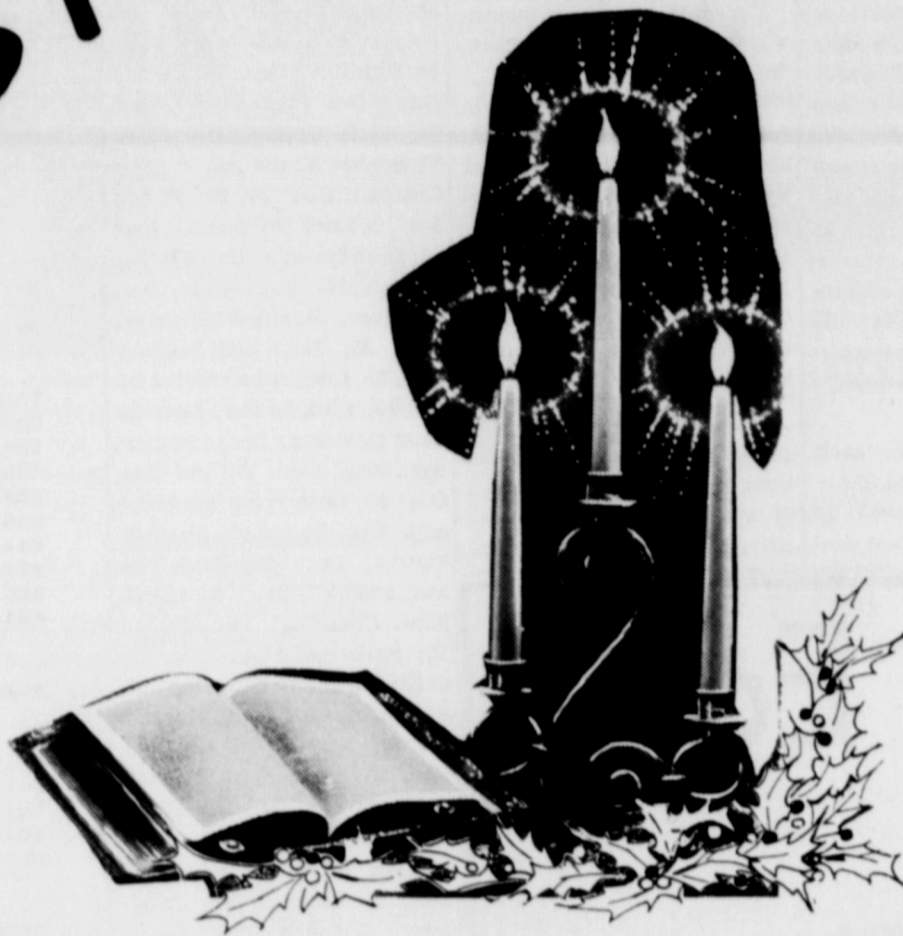
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EVELYN PEEVY

Sunnyside News

by TEENY BOWDEN

Correction: Mr. Fred Cox is from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada instead of Alaska as reported last week. His wife was also with him visiting Monday through Wednesday.

Buddy Cummings, stationed at Greenville Air Force Base in Mississippi, has been selected for a Technical Training Course as a Personnel Specialist.

Mrs. C. W. Thomas of Lubbock visited Monday morning with Mrs. W. E. Louder and Mrs. Howard Bridges. She and Mrs. L. B. Bowden visited with Mrs. John Spencer Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bridges and boys and of Earth and Mrs. Thelma McClanahan of Springlake visited Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges.

Mrs. Lloyd Blanton, who is a club mother for the Springlake FHA Chapter, helped serve refreshments at the annual Christmas Party at the Springlake School Monday night. Those attending included Sandra Crisp, Brenda Townsend, Wanda Jenkins, Linda Blanton and Marian Crisp.

Wynona Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Adams, was admitted to the Littlefield Hospital in Littlefield seriously ill, but she improved rapidly and was discharged Thursday.

A tea honoring Mrs. C. W. Thomas of Lubbock was given in the L. B. Bowden home Tuesday afternoon. Those attending were Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Ezell Sadler, Mrs. James Powell, Randy and Denae, Mrs. Alton Louder, Mrs. J. E. Shirey, Mrs. Raymond Lilley, Mrs. E. R. Sadler, Mrs. Roy Phelan, Mrs. Tex Conrad, and Mrs. Howard Bridges.

Several attended the Spanish Story Hour at the church Tuesday afternoon.

Fourteen attended the Brotherhood Meeting at the church Tuesday night. Mr. Earl Phelan and Mr. J. C. Holbrooks served venison steaks with all the trimmings to the group. Mr. Troy Blackburn furnished the steaks. Mrs. Robert Paschal and Mrs. Earl Phelan prepared them. Rev. Leonard Lane a former Missionary to Nigeria was the guest speaker.

Mrs. James Powell and children visited Thursday in Littlefield with Mrs. Lowell Westmoreland and children.

Mrs. C. W. Thomas of Lubbock and Mrs. L. B. Bowden visited Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. D. Cox and Mrs. Rachel Elsie. Mrs. Tommy Alain also visited for a few minutes.

The WMS night circle met Wednesday night for the circle program from Royal Service. Mrs. Troy Blackburn had charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones left Wednesday night for Wichita Falls after receiving word their son-in-law, Jimmy Newberry was critically ill. He was admitted to the Base Hospital at Shepherd Air Force Base with a ruptured appendix Tuesday. He passed away shortly after the Jones arrived. They brought Wanda home Friday morning. Mr. Jones' mother from Ralls, and two sisters and Mrs. Jones' mother from Hico, Texas and two sisters as well as Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Jones from Texline spent the day with them Friday night. The Funeral Services were held in Tucuman, New Mexico Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bowden took Mrs. C. W. Thomas of Lubbock to visit the rest of the week with friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan visited in the Plainview Hospital Friday with Mr. Orville Huxford, the father of Mrs. Lloyd Morris of Tullia. They also visited with Mr. A. J. Morris in Halfway.

The Adult IV. Sunday School Class enjoyed a Christmas Supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley Friday night. Those attending were Mrs. T. J. Holcomb and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tex Conrad and Juanelle, Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Holbrooks.

Jimmy Shirey attended the Football Banquet at the Springlake Lunch Room last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shirey was shopping in Plainview on Monday. They and Mrs. Joe Edd Wheat and Jimmy shopped again in Plainview Saturday.

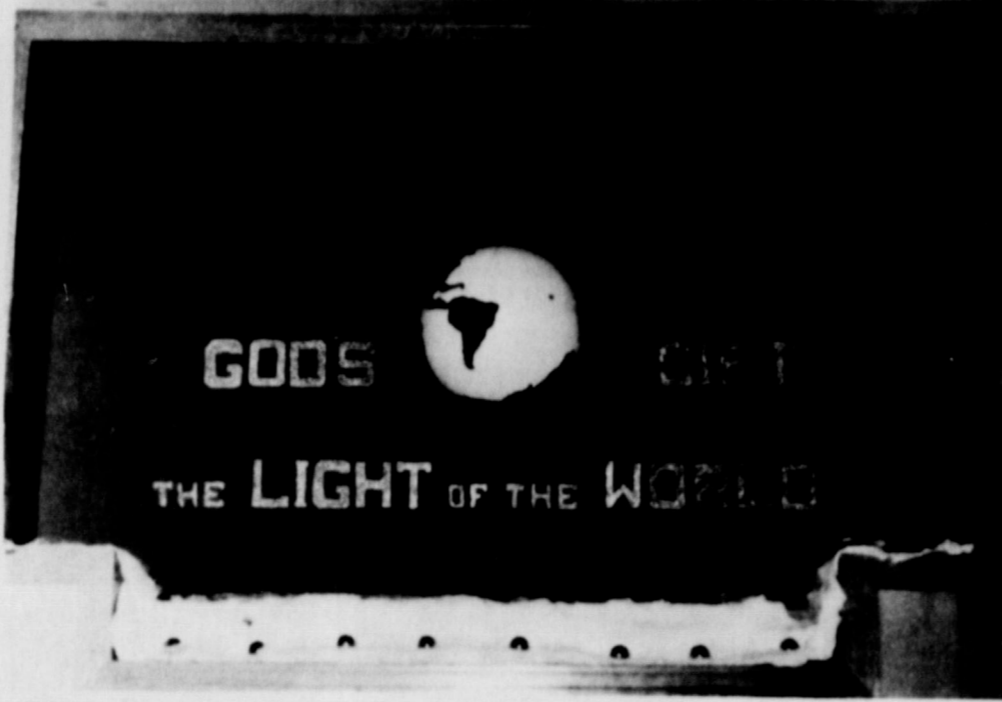
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dixon arrived from Rockport, Texas Thursday night and visited Thursday night and again Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley and family.

Mrs. Weldon Bradley visited Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Summers of Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges attended a meeting of the Castro County Mutual Insurance Directors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoelton Thursday night to elect officers for the coming year.

Phil Bearden of Springlake spent Friday night with Ronald Blanton.

Mary Kay, Cecilia, Barbara, Debra and John McSpadden of Dimmitt went home Friday ni-



GOD'S GIFT, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD--John 3:16 and John 8:12. The above scene dominates the wall behind the choir section at the Earth First Baptist Church.

ght after a two week visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Blanton and family while their grandmother was in the hospital.

Brent Hendrick was honored with a Birthday Party in his home Friday afternoon. Those attending were Mrs. Gerald Graham, Mike and Tommy, Mrs. Eddie Hayden, Kelly and Kim, Mrs. Bill Matlock, Jeff and Hoby, Mrs. Richard Bills, Randy and Elaine and Randy Powell. Brent was celebrating his third birthday.

Steven Jackson was admitted to the Medical Arts Hospital in

Littlefield Saturday with a high temperature. It was not known Sunday the reason for the temperature or the degree of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges visited Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Bridges and boys of Earth.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Waggoner arrived from Detroit, Michigan Sunday night after his completion of duty with the National Guard. They plan to make their home in the community

93 attended Sunday School with 56 in Training Union Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hart of Hart visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lilley and Mr. Raymond Lewis and children went to Lubbock Sunday night to meet Donnie Lilley who arrived by plane there from his base in North Carolina for a few days leave. Mrs. Lewis was in the hospital and didn't get to see him until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Blanton and family were in Lubbock Sunday to attend an early Christmas Dinner with Mr. Blanton's family.

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Ecclesiastes 1:7

WAC Meeting Held Monday

The Women's Athletic Club met Monday at the Springlake School Homemaking Department with President Matt Patterson presiding.

A number of items were discussed and put aside for the next meeting.

Coaches Eldon Davis, C. L. Berry and Jodie Mahan outlined the aspects of their respective teams for the current basketball season.

Ed Haley, athletic referee discussed the fine points of good basketball playing and reviewed outstanding rules of the game.

The next meeting of the WAC will be January 7.

Couch Suffers Minor Damage Sunday Night

A couch was damaged by fire Sunday night about 9 p. m. in a trailer behind the Earth garage.

Damage was confined to the smoldering couch which was carried outside by Glen McGeath and others and the fire extinguished before the arrival of firemen who had been called.

A very frightened pet cat cowering in the rear of the smoke filled trailer, made a fast dash for freedom after the couch was removed. The kitty was last seen streaking north.

The trailer is occupied by Lloyd Dye, owner of the Earth Garage.

Our Sincere Apology

Our sincere apology to Mrs. H. F. Hodge, and the Hodge family for somehow omitting Mrs. Hodge's name from her card of thanks in last week's issue.

We cannot give a logical explanation as to why the News-

Sun seems to be plagued by mistakes, however we do know they are all unintentional.

But, may we add, we do profit by our mistakes. When we found we had made this unforgettable omission of her name from her Thank You, we called to apologize, and found Mrs. Hodge sweet, kind and understanding. So we felt we had profited greatly by finding another lovely understanding lady who realized our mistakes were oversights.

Earth News-Sun Will Be Closed For Holidays

The Earth News-Sun will be closed December 21 through December 29 in order that the staff may enjoy a week of holiday vacation.

We will re-open December 31. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Middleton and family will go to Holdenville, Oklahoma to visit their parents and other relatives.

Eldon Trotter will spend the holidays with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Al Callahan in Xenia, Ohio.

Mrs. Harold Britton plans to enjoy the holidays at home with her family.

Mrs. Rose Rylant, Jack Sr. and family also plan Christmas Day at home and will spend a day or so in Hobbs, N. M. visiting relatives.

Evelyn Peavy, newest addition to the staff, will be at home over the holidays.

Fred Austin Is New Bookkeeper For Earth Firm

Fred W. Austin has been employed at Brown and White Equipment Co. as bookkeeper.

Formerly of Kingman, Arizona Mr. Austin was engaged for two years in farming and electrical wiring in Waldron, Arkansas, previous to moving to Earth.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin have two married daughters, Mrs. Wayne Camp of Earth and Mrs. Ruth Hayes of Phoenix Arizona, one married son, Fred Jr. of Amarillo, Texas.

The couple is residing in the Eula Whitford home, 3 miles east of Earth.



TWIN COWBOYS RIDE THE CHRISTMAS TRAIL. Donny, left, and Danny try out the bucking broncs at White's Auto Store Saturday night, hoping that Santa will leave a horse or two under their tree. They are the two-year old sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owens who live in the Dodd Community. Mr. Owens is employed by Fluff Myers.



THE CUB SCOUTS OF DEN 4, Pack 614 presented Mr. and Mrs. Arter and their children with a Christmas tree that they decorated, assisted by the Den Mothers, Mrs. O. D. Scheller and Mrs. Barney Scheller. The boys are left to right; Aaron Scheller, Gary Ballard, Dean Scheller, Vaughn Hazelette, Danny West and Donald Templeton.

Boy Scout News

Cub dens were inactive this week due to holiday activities. The Webelo den met Monday

evening at the Log Cabin with four boys, Den Chief Eddie Mitchell and leader Jim Glasscock in attendance.

The boys studied Webelo requirements and practiced for their part in the Pack Meeting Tuesday night.

Amarillo Visitor Breaks Arm In Fall From Pony

J. W. Pierce of Amarillo suffered a broken left arm Saturday

afternoon while riding bare back on a Shetland pony.

The accident occurred on a farm 4 miles west of Earth when Pierce brought the pet

pony to a sudden stop and he fell off.

He was taken to Dr. Holt's office where X-rays revealed a shattered wrist bone. The arm

was placed in a cast.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce had arrived Saturday to visit Mrs. E. R. Hawkins. They returned home Sunday.



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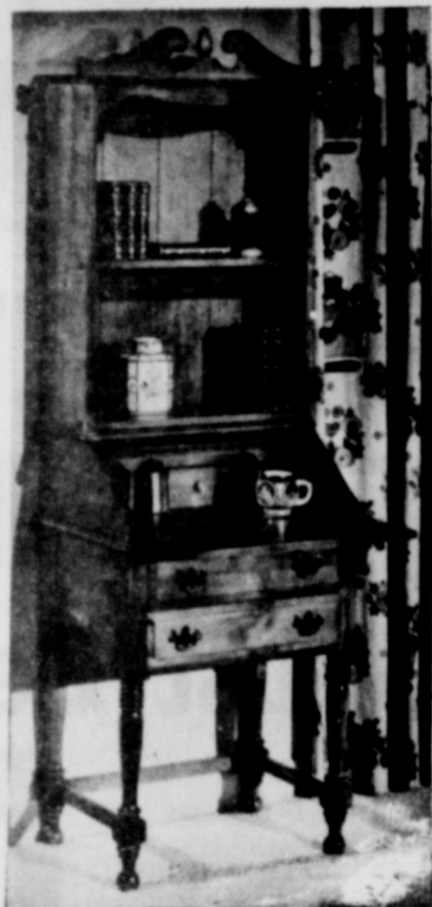


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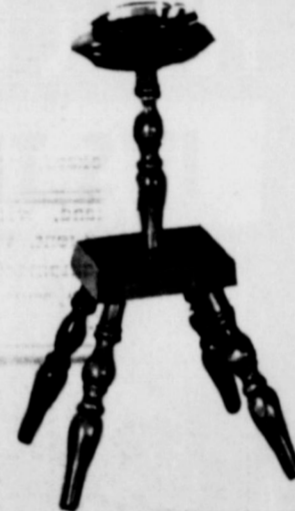
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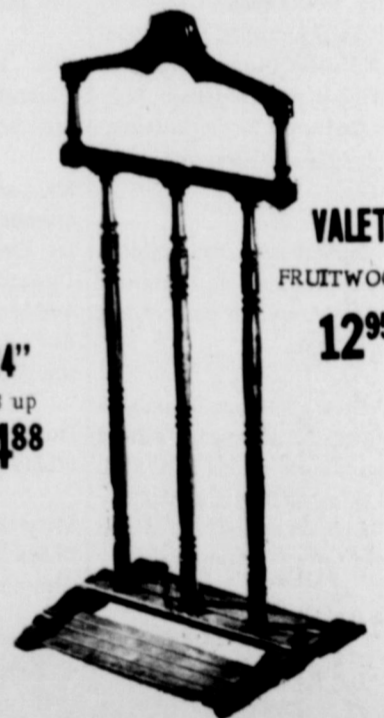
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VALET
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TEA CART
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Debbie Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Green was ill with asthma Sunday and Monday

Mrs. S. C. Beavers was in Clovis Wednesday on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brock and Stacy Lubbock visited the Skeeter Brocks Sunday night and attended the Christmas Musical at Springlake School.

Lieutenant Richard F. Fuifer and family who have been visiting the Gene Brown and M. R. Burton homes left Sunday by car for Norfolk, Va. where they will leave by plane for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Mrs. C. L. Berry substituted Thursday for Mrs. E. G. Gaston, first grade teacher, who was ill.

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Springlake Hosts Tourney Here Starting Today

The Springlake High School Invitational Basketball Tournament will begin at high noon Thursday, December 20 in the high school gym with eleven schools participating.

The Farwell-Sudan girls open the 3-day session at 12 noon Thursday.

Schools participating are Farwell, Three Way, Lazbuddie, Amherst, Sudan, Bovina, Springlake, Pep, Olton, Lockney and Morton.

A number of the teams have demonstrated championship ability

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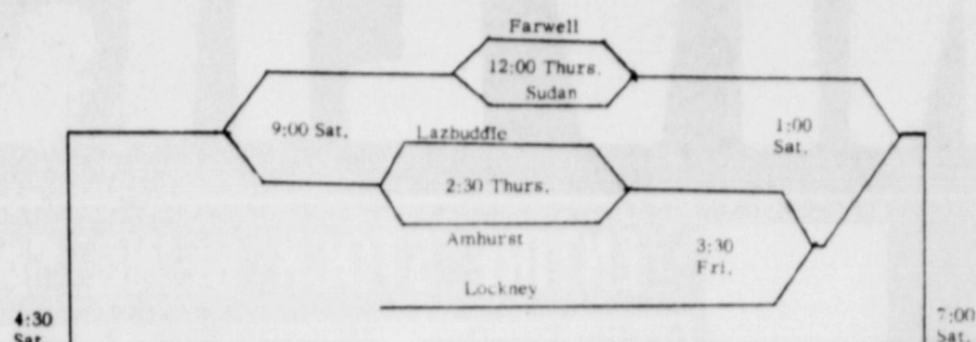
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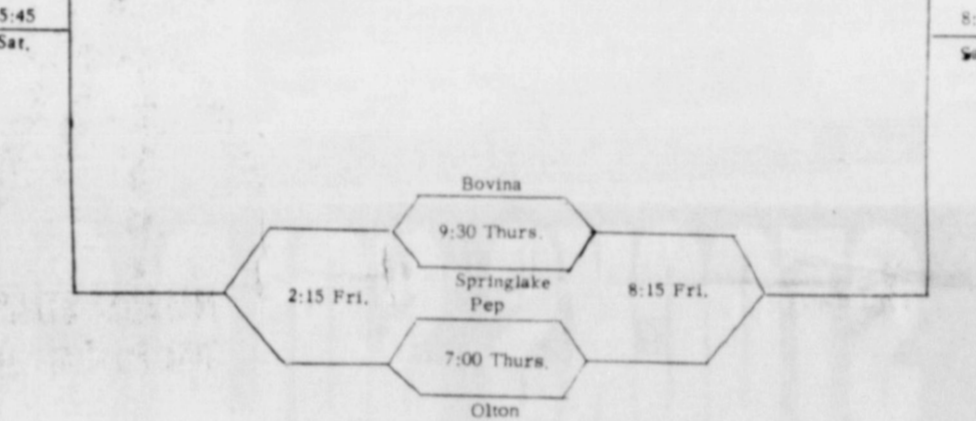
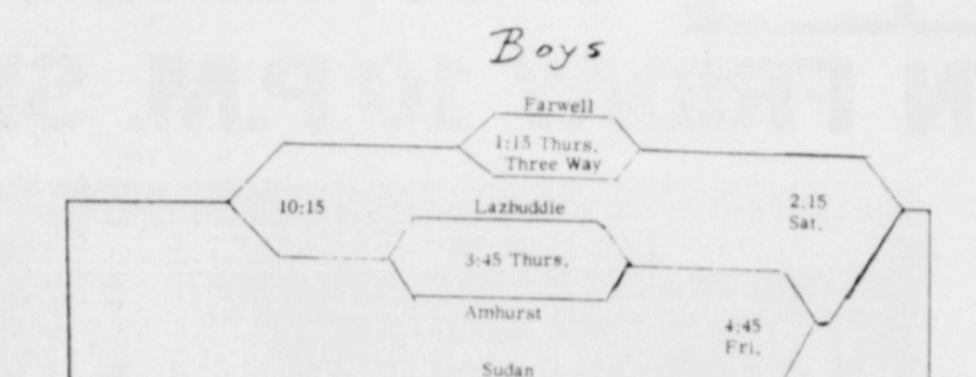
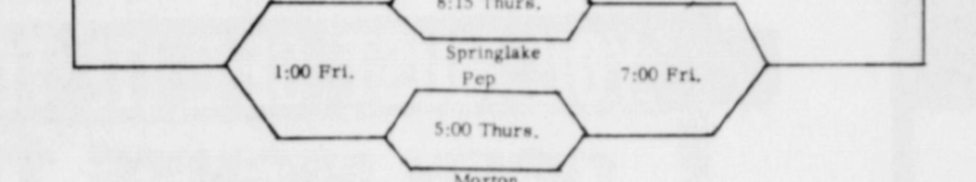
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Farwell Tourney

The Springlake Varsity teams defeated Lazbuddie Saturday at the Farwell Invitational Basketball Tournament to win the Consolation Awards.

Barbara Barlow, Carolyne Gregory and Dale Dent were awarded plaques when they were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The local team, going against exceptional competition, did an excellent job during the three day tournament.

Dale Dent and Carolyne Gregory paced the Springlake cagers down the wire. Barbara Barlow, outstanding guard, with grim determination, helped hold down the opponents' scores.

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The Springlake High School teams lost a win schedule Thursday night, at the Farwell Invitational Tournament, both being won by Adrian.

Adrian jolted the Springlake boys with a 50-33 score with Sam Brown meshing 21 for the winners. Dale Dent hit 20 for Springlake.

The Adrian girls downed the Springlake team, 41-39. Carolyn Gregory scored 24 for the local team and Donna Brownley looped 22 for Adrian.

Dale Dent paced Springlake to a 54-35 win over Lazbuddie Friday night in the Farwell Invitational Tournament. Dent scored 17 points and Gerald Foster of Lazbuddie also meshed 17.

Springlake girls downed Lazbuddie 49-33 with Carolyne Gregory scoring 21 points. Pat Peterson netted 11 for the losing team.

P. L.

Toni Inglis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Inglis, is confined to her home with chicken pox.



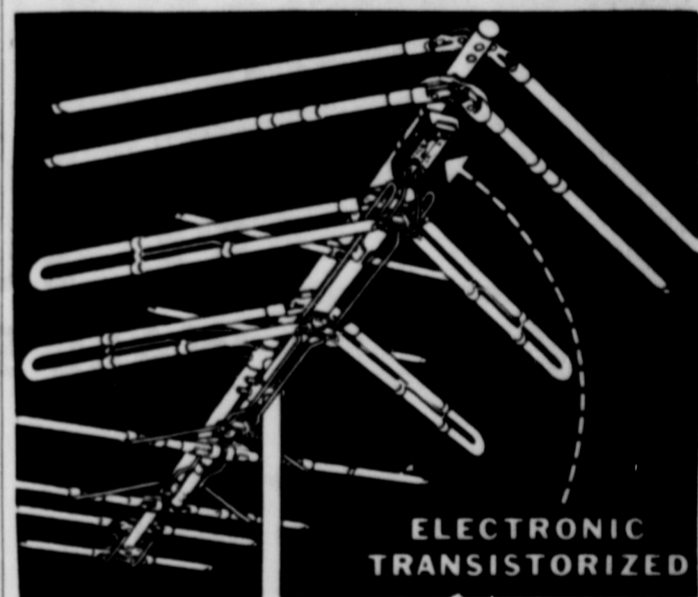
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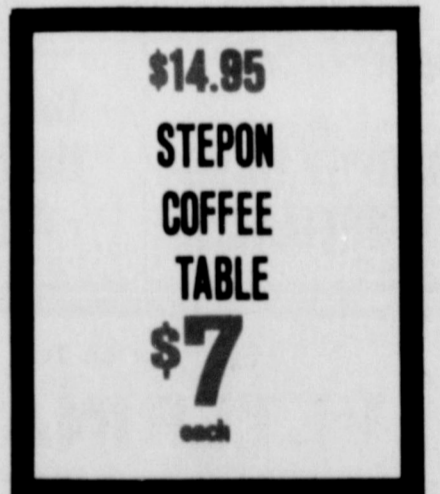


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Joy and Reverence Mark Holy Season

Candlelight and music, pag-
eants and prayers fill churches
everywhere as Christians cele-
brate, 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 gath-
ered from around the world
and showing the true brother-
hood of man, Christmas in all
its beauty and glory goes out
to hearts young and old.

"Christes Masse"
To Western Christian believ-
ers, December 25 carries all
the deep religious meaning
appropriate to the anniversary
of the birth of Christ. As the
date for the celebration of
"Christes Masse," the Mass of
Christ, it was selected some
centuries after the Nativity—
selected from a number of
possible dates, among them
January 6, March 21, March
29, April 9, May 20, September
29 and November 17.

In some Eastern Orthodox
churches, Holy Night comes on
January 6, Christmas Day on
January 7. The Armenian
church celebrates Christmas
on January 19.

Generally, researchers are
agreed that the correct date
and year of Christ's birth are
lost in the past, although some
tentative conclusions can 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 con-
tinue 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 re-
searches about Christmas can
be a rewarding experience.
Any tendency to take Christ-
mas for granted disappears in
the fascinating study of the



"I CAN HEAR THOSE FIRE SIRENS NOW..."

early Christian church and its
growth in the face of resist-
ance.

A comparison of Biblical
references with archaeological
and historical researches dis-
closes that Christ was prob-
ably born before 4 B.C.—in
other words, the present year
is not 1962 of the Christian

era but at least 1966.
Evidence to support this re-
lates 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 death of Herod at about
this time—and when he died,
according to the New Testa-

Santa Sets Up Shop Far From Home

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tion, visitors may view Santa
and his helpers as they make
toys and other gifts.

"Santa's Workshop" or
"North Pole," on the side of
Whiteface Mountain at Wil-
mington, opens in June and
continues operations until No-
vember. Eight reindeer are
among the live animals pres-
ent in the village.

Connecticut's "Christmas

ment, the young Jesus, Joseph
and Mary were living in Egypt.

Date for Taxes

That the birth of Christ may
have occurred as early as 7
B.C. is deduced from archaeo-
logical 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 ap-
peal of the Roman Saturnalia,
a festival held at the turning
of the year.

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before Christmas. Here, elves
help Santa, and reindeer-rep-
licas include the red-nosed
Rudolph.

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meaning of Christmas is well
remembered and represented,
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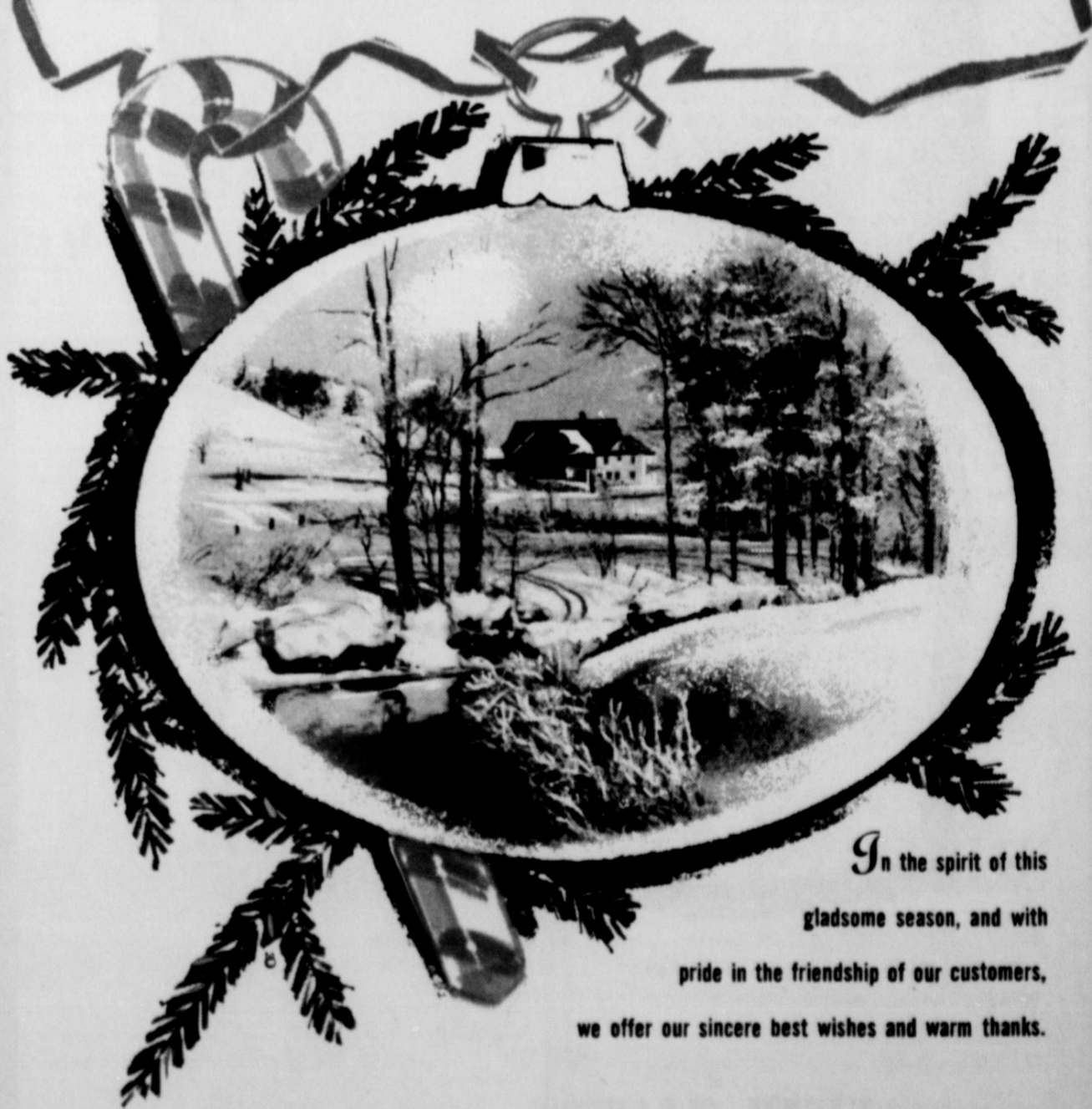


Silent Night

As on that holy night when Christ was born, the joyous message
of His birth re-echoes throughout the busy world, filling
every heart with peace and good will. May this true Christmas spirit
enrich your life and the lives of your loved ones.

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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, unit-

ing 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 18 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

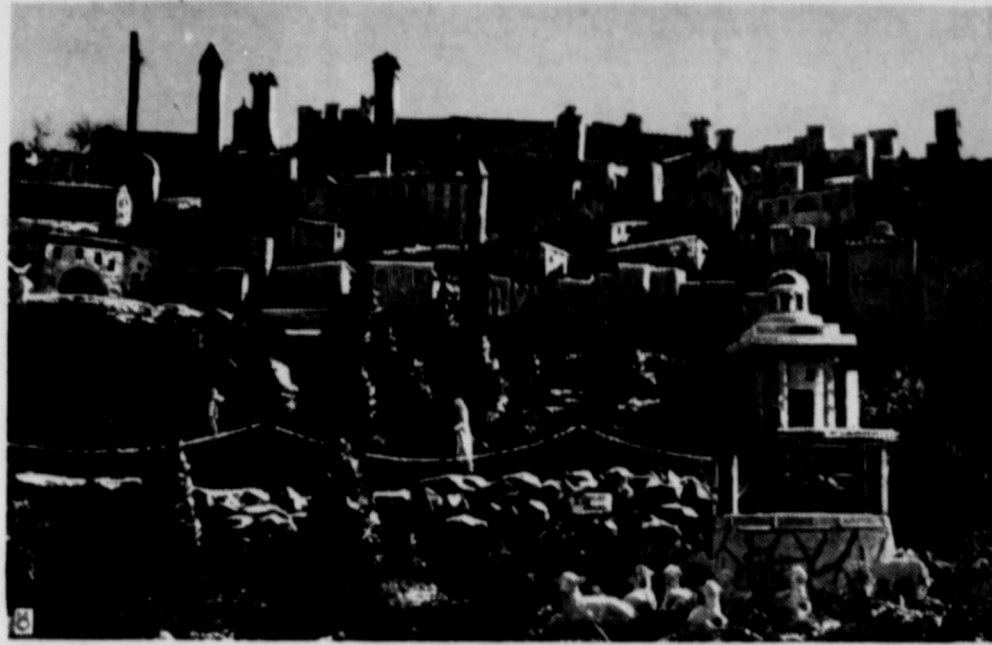
Eve, the figure representing Jesus is added.

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 cus-



"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.

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 Hol-

land 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.

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.

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tomary 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 summery, picnics and boating excursions are part of the celebration.

In Germany

Many modern Christmas customs come from Germany, including the lighted evergreen tree. Appropriately, gift-giving season in West Germany today starts after Christmas bonuses are distributed on December 1.

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

HELPING SANTA

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

There are 531 local Boy Scout Councils in the United States to serve boyhood throughout this great land of ours.

Merry Christmas

May all the happiness of the Yuletide season be yours as you gather with your loved ones during this delightful time of the year.

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Little but Legend Known Readers Still Loyal to Dickens Favorite

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.

"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 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!"

Evergreen Still Tops As Tree

Nowadays Christmas trees are made out of almost everything, from aluminum to plastic—but the world's favorite Christmas tree is still the evergreen.

Many legends explain how the evergreen became associated with Christianity and Christmas. One is the story of St. Wilfred, according to The Book of Knowledge.

Speaking to a group of converts, the saint sought to illustrate how they had broken away from the heathen worship of the Druids.

He chopped down a giant tree—an oak, since this kind of tree was one of the chief objects of Druid worship. As it fell with a crash, it split into four pieces. From the center a young fir tree sprouted.

St. Wilfred told the converts that the fir should from then on serve as their "holy tree."

"It is the sign of an endless life," he said, "for all its leaves are evergreen, and it points toward heaven."

"It is the wood of peace, for all your houses are built of the fir. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child; gather about it, not in the wildwood, but in your homes."

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.

Marzipan Has Sweet Story

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.

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.



"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.

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.

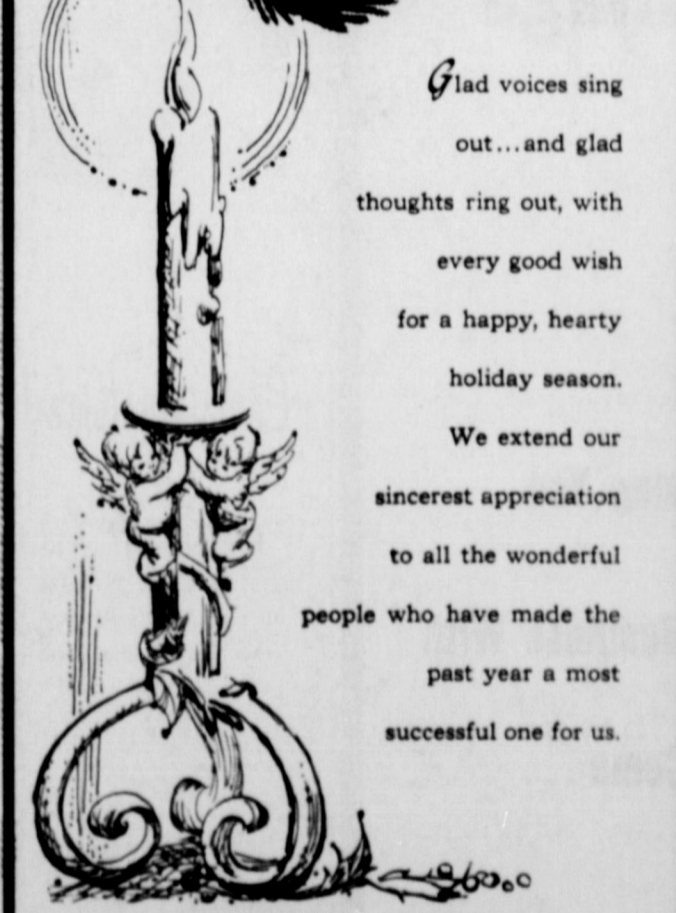


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STAR SINGING
As they go from house to house at Christmas, modern carol singers may be aided by the rays of an electric lantern or a flashlight. This reflects an old custom known as Star singing.

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.



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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.

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.

Beasts and Birds Share in Yule Legends

In the lore and legends of Christmas, the beasts of the fields and the birds of the air play their part — and appropriately so, for the oldest and holiest Christmas story of all tells of shepherds with their flocks — shepherds who went to seek and find a Holy Babe lying in a manger.

Animals of the manger in the time of Christ were likely to be the sheep and goats, cattle, horses, donkeys and pigs. All of these figure in Yuletide songs and stories — even the pig, who has held the place of honor at many a Christmas feast.

Telling of the First Christmas Eve, the famous carol,



"Away in a Manger," says, "The cattle were lowing," and religious paintings through the ages have depicted both the cattle and the other animals in the manger, as well as the flocks of the shepherds.

Feeding Birds

In Scandinavian countries people place sheaves of grain and bits of suet on trees and rooftops, so birds can feast.

They Feast

Because an ancient tradition holds that animals helped to spread the glad tidings of the birth of Christ, barnyard animals in many countries are still served a special supper on Christmas Eve.

From Spanish Lore

On the first Christmas, says a Spanish legend, a cow in the manger breathed on the Baby Jesus to warm him.

Cattle Speak

An old German legend has it that cattle kneel in their stalls at midnight on Christmas Eve. Then, for a moment, they have the power of speech. Other legends broaden this to include all animals.

Kneeling Deer

Early French-Canadian settlers in Quebec bewildered the Huron Indians by their strange — to the Indians — preparations for the celebration of Christmas. As a result, many legends about the Day developed among the Indians.

On Christmas Eve, the Indians believed, the deer knelt to the "Great Spirit." In the hope of seeing this wondrous sight, the Hurons would hide in the cold winter night of the forests for hours.

Food for Puss

Cats get special treatment during the Christmas season in French sections of Canada. Special food is set forth for Puss, since according to legend, if the cat meows in the house on Christmas Eve, bad luck will follow.

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.

Science Seeks Source Of The Star

Since St. Matthew first described the star of Bethlehem, its mystery has fascinated mankind. Was it a miracle? Or was it a brighter-than-usual star or other celestial object?

Astronomers, while seeking to identify the star, emphasize that it may have been indeed a miracle that can't be explained in terms of natural phenomena. However, research has provided material for conjecture that the star may have been a natural occurrence.

One Discovery
A Danish astronomer, Tycho Brahe, discovered a new and brilliant star in the constellation Cassiopeia in 1572, according to the Encyclopedia Americana.

Since that discovery, The Americana says, it has been suggested that this might be an especially brilliant star visible only at long intervals.

A reported appearance of a bright star in that part of the heavens about the middle of the 13th century, coupled with a vague account of a similar appearance a little more than 300 years earlier, led to the thought that these might possibly be former appearances of the star of 1572.

If, as this might indicate, the star appeared at intervals of 310 to 315 years, three intervals of 300-odd years from the time it was first reported would carry it back to about the time of the birth of Christ.

Another Theory
Johannes Kepler, a German astronomer, made discoveries that led to still another theory about the star of Bethlehem. In 1604, he observed a configuration, or close grouping, of the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars.

He determined that such a configuration occurred each 805 years, and calculations established that the same grouping might have appeared in 6 B.C. — which, some research indicates, may have been the correct year of Christ's birth.

Since legends identify the wise men as astrologers, this theory accounts for the fact that, as reported in the New Testament, only the wise men saw the star.

While the three planets grouped together would shed unusual brightness, the average observer might not notice them, while the wise men, as astrologers, would.



We heartily wish, for you and yours, a most merry and festive Christmas... as filled with the joy of giving as jolly St. Nick himself... as full of happy wonder as the shining faces of children gathered around the tree. May your heart and home be brimming with all the most precious blessings of the Christmas season.

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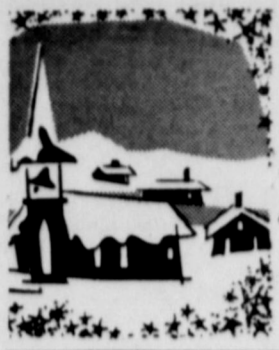


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Season's

Christmas...a time to rejoice as we hear again the message of the Babe of Bethlehem, told in song and story. Christmas... a holy time. May it bring you peace.

Greetings

Christmas...a time to gather with family and friends around the tree...to exchange gifts and greetings. Christmas...a happy time. May it bring you joy + + +



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"First Nowell"



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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 Fidelis" 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.

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 legion 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 illuminated 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.

One of the many nice things

about Christmas . . .

. . . is the opportunity it gives us to send Holiday Greetings to the people we serve, and to say "Thank you" for the pleasant associations of the past year. All of us at General Telephone wish all of you and yours a very MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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CHRISTMAS especially reminds us that we should thank God for His greatest gift to us: "For unto you is born this day a Savior which is Christ, the Lord." Let us also remember how Christ ministered to others, especially to those who are among the less fortunate. Let us ever preserve a social conscience as Christ commanded us: "What ye do unto the least of these, ye do unto Me." To you and your loved ones, we extend our most sincere wishes.

Season's Greetings



Members Of The **First Baptist Church**
EARTH, TEXAS

"O Tannenbaum"



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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.

Merry Christmas

All systems are "go" . . . and so are our wishes to you, for a "way-out" Christmas Season!

AZTECA CAFE
EARTH, TEXAS
MR. and MRS. A. G. FLORES
Plenty of Homemade Hot Tamales and Take Home Orders



Thanks Folks


For your Hometown Loyalty and Patronage throughout the year.

We have enjoyed serving each of you and hope to see you often throughout '63.

Paul and Patsy Poynor

May your remembrances of this holiday season bring you everlasting recollections of joy and friendship.

Poynor's **WHITE STORES**
Phone 257-2711 Earth, Texas

Greetings and Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

May the blessings of this beautiful season bring you joy and happiness!



West Plains Hospital & Clinic, Inc.
Muleshoe, Texas

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an electric football set. I would like to have a big bruiser too. There are lots of things my family wants. My little brother wants some drums and a steamshovel. My sister wants a Thumble Lina.

Your friend,
Jerry L. Barden

Dear Santa,
I hope you will bring me what I want. I would like to have a tiny thumblelina and a suit of clothes for her. I would like to have a watch. I would like to have a baton. I would like to have a watch for my mother too. This is what I want for Christmas.

Love,
Debra Carson
P.S. I want a bike too.

Dear Santa,
I want a Susie Smart and a typewriter and a tumbline, record player, popcorn machine, records, coke machine, swing set, some stuffed kittens dokeys, a real phone some skates, a kissy bear and a real horse, a dog and a Lark 1963 car for my daddy, we already have a Lark 1961 but he wants another one. My mother wants a ford 1963 and a new sofa.

Love Always,
Lupe Garcia

Dear Santa,
When Christmas comes I want a gray boat neck sweater, Big Bruiser, football, skates. The thing I want most of all is a trampalene. I want a pelet gun too.

Yours truly,
Danny Bo-ne



Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a watch for Christmas and I want a shop king for Christmas.

Your friend,
Monte Winder

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas an alarm clock, a teddy bear and a little thing that makes snow-cones. I would also like a Barbie doll and some clothes and her sports car.

Merry Christmas to all.
Your friend,
Jimmy Banks
P.S. I will like those gifts very much if I get them.

Dear Santa,
When Christmas comes I want a Barbie and Ken doll, and a watch. I hope you bring me what I want. I wish I could have a bike. My brother wants a saddle.

Your friend,
Janice Hestand

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl For Christmas I would like a Kitten doll, a big doll bed, and a Welsh Winkey stroller that lets back.

Love,
Mary Carlene Jones
P.S. My brother wants a set of barbells and dumbbells.
P.S. Bring mother and daddy something for Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I hope everybody has a Merry Christmas. Do you know what

rifle. An a twenty two.
Your friend,
Donnie

Dear Santa;
For Christmas I would like a electric football set, a pogostick a football suit. A camera, a watch, a cehmestry set, a snow cone set, There are some I would like to mention of my family but there is not too much room.

Your friend,
David Holt

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas. For Christmas I and my sister want a tiny thumblelina, with clothes, and a pet milk bottle, some dishes, instead of some dishes my sister wants a baby buggy.

Your friend,
Karen Dear

Dear Santa,
I want a walking doll for Christmas, and a littleradio and a watch.

Lole DeLeon

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a doll and a watch, and a radio anda camera. I would like to have a bike and a basketball, and a pretty dress, a set of dishes.

Your friend,
Maria Vega
Don't forget what I want.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a little brown puppy. I would like a

trailer house not very long, just to play in. I would like it to be two story trailer. I want a play stove, dishes, beds, two beds, kitchen. I would like a T.V. to put it in my house, and a record player, too. I want the beds to be old furniture. I want a old mattress bat not blankets or pillows.

Your friend,
Camille Gay Haber
P.S. Davey wants a watch and a modie T. Ford car.

Dear Santa,
I am a fourth grade pupil as

you know.
Well Santa I want a C.R. Roby, that is suppose to be a doll. If you would, would you give me some money in the mail box Keep it a secret between us. You know why I want it.
And for Christmas I want one of those big dogs that you sit on the bed. I want a white one. Please try to get me what I want.
Your friend,
Janis Carol Bridge
Milk is an important source of protein and riboflavin, as well as our most important source of calcium.

OUR FONDTEST WISHES
FOR A VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL... AND
SINCEREST
THANKS
FOR
YOUR
PATRONAGE

EARTH DRY GOODS
W. C. and Lillie Belle Maxcey

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas an alarm clock, a teddy bear and a little thing that makes snow-cones. I would also like a Barbie doll and some clothes and her sports car.

Merry Christmas to all.
Your friend,
Jimmy Banks
P.S. I will like those gifts very much if I get them.

GOOD Wishes for Christmas

Bells and baubles, candlelight
... folks so merry, spirits bright
... rush and bustle, scheme and hustle... joys to make the Season right! Thanks for letting us serve you thru the year.

EARTH LOCKER
Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett and Family,

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

At Christmas, let us lift up our eyes to the glorious heavens ... let us open our hearts to the holy message of hope, joy and peace everlasting.

LAYMAN BROS. BUTANE
Earth, Texas

Joyous Greetings
to all our friends

From the bottom of our hearts, we wish our friends and patrons all the joys of a wonderful holiday season. May every star you reach for be yours ... may every hope you have be fulfilled ... and may you ever be rich in love and companionship.

SUNNYSIDE GROCERY
Mr. & Mrs E. R. Sadler & Employees

Greetings of the Season

with many thanks for your loyalty and good will

For your faithful patronage this season ...

It was a pleasure serving you ...

We are very happy indeed to take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate the privilege and pleasure of serving you. It's our sincere wish that Santa brings you just what you're hoping for and that life holds many joyous occasions in store for you and all those who are dearest to you.

CAMPBELL COTTON GIN, INC. — FLAGG GIN, INC.

Mr. & Mrs. B. Campbell
Mr. & Mrs. O. C. Fry mgr. & Staff

Paul L. Fry mgr. & Staff

Annual Graveside Ceremony Honors Xmas Classic Author

On Christmas Eve, 1911 a small but hardy band of children and adults carrying oil lanterns plodded through snow in the gathering dusk to the Trinity (Episcopal) Church Cemetery at 155th Street, hard by the Hudson River in New York City.

There the marchers arranged themselves about the grave of Clement Clarke Moore to pay homage to the author of that immortal poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" ("Twas the Night Before Christmas).

Thus began a tradition that has endured to this day. Over the ensuing 50 years the Christmas Eve processions have been held with interruption, in the relative calm of a moonlit evening.

Each December 24, the children of the Chapel of the Intercession gather, with their parents and other grown-ups at the chapel. The Vicar reads the beloved Christmas poem and the procession forms. Lighted lanterns are handed the marchers and the proces-

sion wends its way down the steep hill to the grave a quarter mile away.

There a great Christmas wreath is reverently laid on the poet's grave and the Vicar offers prayers of thanksgiving and blessing as the golden Cross of Crucifer gleams in reflection of the light of the lanterns held high by the marchers. It is a truly moving ceremony.

Frequently, as many as 500 children and adults participate but usually the procession numbers about half that. All who wish to join in the annual tribute are made welcome; it is not necessary to be a parishioner.

Born in July, 1779, the son of the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Moore, Clement Moore lived a long and fruitful life. His early writings won him the title of "poet of Chelsea" a section of lower Manhattan where he lived.

Dr. Moore wrote his famous poem in 1822 for his children Charity, Clement and Emily. It was included in a published volume of his works but went

virtually unnoticed until it was reprinted by the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel. It was picked up by newspapers throughout the United States and, later, by periodicals in every other part of the world. Soon thereafter it attained its deserved status as a classic.

A man of many accomplishments, Dr. Moore was a talented organist and served in that capacity of St. Peter's Church at 20th Street and Ninth Avenue. He was noted for his generosity, too. He donated a number of valuable real estate plots to churches and seminaries.

Upon his death in 1863 he was buried in the old graveyard of St. Luke's Church on Hudson Street in the city's west side. On November 29, 1889 the body was removed to Trinity Church Cemetery.

In the same cemetery is the grave of Alfred Tennyson Dickens, son of Charles Dickens. A wreath is also placed on it by the marchers in honor of his illustrious father's story "A Christmas Carol."

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.

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.



From all of us to all of you...with hearty good wishes for the holiday season, and with warm appreciation for the privilege of serving you, now and in the years to come.

BROWND-WHITE EQUIPMENT CO.

EARTH, TEXAS



EARTH THEATRES

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.

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.

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.



Best Wishes to You

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

EARTH AUTO PARTS

EARTH, TEXAS

Greetings




For all our friends we wish this to be a season of significance. A holiday when peace mingles with merriment, love with good fellowship, good works with good will. And may the spirit of Christmas abide with you and those dear to you, now and always.

WINDERS FERTILIZER

EARTH, TEXAS



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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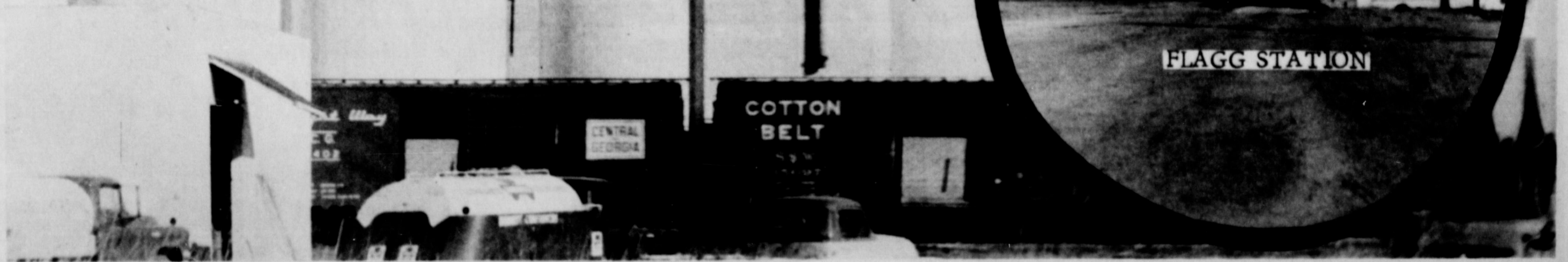
Greetings

DIMMITT
WHEAT GROWERS
INC.

The spirit of the holiday season brings to us a fuller appreciation of the true value of old acquaintances and loyal friendships. So it is only natural at Christmastime for us to feel grateful for the fine relationships that we have enjoyed over the past years with so many of our faithful patrons and friends. At the same time that we express our gratitude, we would like to extend our sincerest wishes for a joyful, healthful and bountiful Yuletide to all.



FLAGG STATION



DIMMITT WHEAT GROWERS, INC.

FLAGG - DIMMITT



Dear Santa,
I want a Kissy doll, and a Daisy Smoke Bang Rifle, and a Odd Ogg and a Lark flash camera kit, and a Playmobil, and a Dino the animal.
Your friend,
Susie Adrian

I am writing this letter to let you know that my sister Kristi, my brother Ronnie and I will be

at our Grandmother's house in Oklahoma for Christmas. We want you to leave our toys at Grandmother's.
Kristi wants a doll and dishes, Ronnie wants a lodder and a bike, Larry wants a bicycle, Bazzoka and a football suit.

Merry Christmas
Love Larry,
Ronnie, Kristi.

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you will bring me a firetruck, some boxing gloves, a bike, some coveralls.
I have been a pretty good little boy and hope you will bring me these things.
I have a little sister and she has been good too. She wants a baby doll and a telephone.
I hope you will remember all the little boys and girls
Love
Randy Bills

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a tool set. I want a little monkey for my little sister nine months old. I want you to say Hello to the little workers.
Love,
Lee Fred Free
Coleman, Texas



Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
How are You? I hope you do

not have a cold. I hope I have been a good girl although I have been a little bad. I want a Tiny Tears doll with playpen. My baby sister is nine months old. She wants a teddy bear. Say Hi to the little helpers.
Love,
Glyneth Free
Coleman, Tex

Dear Santa,
I am four years old. I can't write yet, so my mommy will write my letter. Mommy and Daddy say I have been a good boy. If you think I have been good enough, please bring me an electric football game, a new rifle, and a wrecker truck. Remember, I will be in Oklahoma City this Christmas. Please don't forget anyone.
I love you,
Kreg Stockstill

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at Springlake school. I have been a good girl this year. Will you please bring me a

Barbie doll, a Barbie dream house and a Barbie car. I will leave you something good to eat. I will be at my grandmother's and granddaddy's house in Oklahoma City.
I love you,
Kim Stockstill
Please don't forget any of the little children.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a watch, race set and a Remco Barracuda Atomic Sub. My brother would like to have a coke truck with a bunch of cases, and a pony cart and a Odd Ogg.
My sister wants a doll case and a doll, bring her a SURPRISE!
From Mike
Vicky and Doug.

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a playmobil, because I didn't get one last year. I want a kissy doll too, and a camera kit and, please let Lonnie have that overcoat before he gets madder than he is, because he is blowing the house down. Now for one. I haven't finish yet, and I want a odd egg, and a metal shooting rifle, and Mother wants a house, and I don't know what Daddy wants, he hasn't said yet. Will I guess I better go. (good-by).
Love Always,
Susie Adrian
P.S. I want a pair of twin beds because I'm getting tired of sleeping with DeAnn.

Dear Santa,
I was hoping you would get me a football and be-be-gun. I got a football but it is wornout. What I really want is a be-be-gun. If you go to my house, I will leave some milk and cookies on the kitchen table. My little sister says she want a set of dishes. My big sister said she wanted a Coke-Cola machine. My little brother said he want-

ed a steamshovel. We all will leave some cookies on the kitchen table for you.
Your friend,
Efen Zamirana
P.S. If you can't find our house it is a gray house.

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas two cameras and a kissing doll too. And a box of candy.
Your friend,
Lina Ramon



Joy...

at Christmastime

May the Star of Bethlehem beam its blessed light of love and peace on you and your loved ones ... and through all the world, always.

Earth Pump & Machine Co.
REX AND WENDELL.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



To Mother, Dad, and "young 'uns," too ... Grandma, Grandpa, all of you ... we send our warmest wishes, true ... for Christmas joys to please the "crew".

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST PATRONAGE
HOPE TO SERVE YOU IN THE COMING YEARS

EARTH BARBER SHOP



Let us, at Christmas, pray that the spirit of the Nativity may be with us always.

Let us, with faith reaffirmed and resolve renewed, pray that we may live as He would have us live, ever seeking to attain "Peace on earth, good will to all."

WATSON BROS. BUTANE
SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS.

O, Holy Night

As you celebrate the Birthday of Him, who was born in Bethlehem upon the Holy Night of long ago, may the true spirit of Christmas surround you and your loved ones, lifting your hearts anew with its glorious promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

FEEDERS GRAIN, INC.
SUDAN, TEXAS. PHONE 225-5321

GREETINGS

The scene is set for Christmas—every heart aglow with a spirit that makes this the happiest of Holidays. To all our cherished friends we extend this sincerest of greetings—May Christmas fill your heart and home with all its brightest cheer and may good health accompany you throughout the coming year.

King Furniture & Appliance
DIMITT, TEXAS Mr. and Mrs. Bill King

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.

The first Olympic Games recorded occurred in 776 B.C. in Greece.

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.

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.

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."

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.

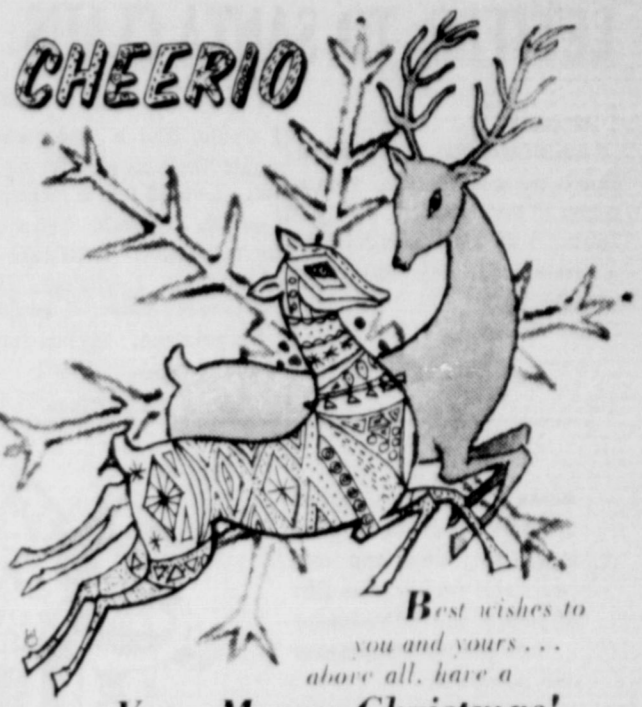
There are some differences — for instance, the shepherd on the Western ranges of the U.S. has changed the shepherd's robes for levis, and the flocks he watches are much larger, numbering sheep by the thousands. But the meaning of shepherd — "to herd, guard, lead," says a dic-

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 newborn 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)



Best wishes to you and yours... above all, have a Very Merry Christmas!

EARTH TEXACO STATION
BAZEL GLASSCOCK

Christmas Joy

May the blessed light that shone from that bright Star of Bethlehem on the night of our Saviour's holy birth... shine always in the hearts of men everywhere. Our sincere wishes for a joyous Christmas to all our friends.

Rutherford & Co.
EARTH, TEXAS

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.

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



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Joyous as a carol, happy as the season are our good wishes for you and yours.

CHRISTMASTIDE

To follow the light of a star... to worship and to pray... to give of our plenty to others... to share the joy of Christmas... these are the true gifts of Christmas... ours today as when the wise men sought a humble manger. May we treasure them always.

PAYNE FUNERAL HOME
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl. I am seven
I am in the second grade. Please
come to my house. I love you
Santa. I want a Kissie doll and
a barbie doll. My sister want
some records.

Love,
Vicky McClure

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am 8 years old.
I would like a trampoline. I
would like a bicycle for my sis-
ter. I would like a Johnny Red
Cannon. I would like a truck
for my cousins. I will take care
of my toys. I will take you to
come to my house. I would like
a bazooka gun. My box number
is 308.

Love,
Nicho Diana

Along with his gaily decked
presents, may Santa bring
into your home and into
your heart the priceless gifts
of peace and contentment
... of enduring happiness
and good will.



Philip Ross Middleton



Wishing you
all the joys of
the Christmas Season,
and sending you
our sincerest thanks
for allowing us
the privilege
of serving you.

TAYLOR'S MARKET BASKET

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor and Sons



Dear Santa,
Please come to our house. I
am a little girl. I am ten years
old. Please bring me a talking
doll. I am in the second grade
I will see you at Earth.

Love,
Mary Almazuer

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy. I am nine
years old. I am in the second
grade. Please come to my home.
I am a good boy to my teacher.
Please bring me a boy bicycle.
I like you Santa.
I live in Earth, Texas, That's
all that I going to tell you.
good-by Santa.

Love,
Jessie C. Robles

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy eight years
old.
I like you Santa.
Please come to our house. I
want a bb gun and boots.
Love,
Randy Gene

Dear Santa,
Please come to my house. I
am in the second grade. I want
a Johnny reb cannon a bazooka a
Tommy booste gun and an a-
pache set I am a good boy.

Love,
Tommy Clayton

Dear Santa,
Bring me a bicycle and a radio.
I love you Santa. I nine years
old. I am in the second grade.
I want a Johnny Red Cannon. I
want a Record Player and a gun.
I am at school.

Love,
Rafail Posanda

Dear Santa,
I want a tecter tottera gazooka
and a Johnny Red cannon set.
I love yuo.

Kenny O'Hair

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. Please
bring me a sled I will take care
of it. I am a little boy please
come to my house.

Love
Lindel McNamara

Dear Sanat,
I want a doll.
I am a little girl. I am years
old nine. Please come to our
house.

Love,
Lupe Rodirqaez

Dear Santa Clause,
Please come to my house. I
am a little boy eaight years old
I want a record player for Christ-
mas. I am in the second grade
I work at school. I make good
grades. I live at Earth, Texas.

Love,
Catarina Garia

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl. I am eight
years old. Please bring me a
doll, and my sister a doll. Ple-
ase come to my house. Please
bring my brother a rattler. I
like school.

Love Joanna

Dear Santa,
Please come to see me. I want
a record player an pache cal-
vary set, and a sled I will take
god care of my toy.

Love,
Jimmy Berry

Wide and short-legged animals
like weasels waddle along in a
trotting walk.

One-third of the 21,000 credit
unions in the U. S. serve indust-
rial employees.

Heavy animals such as ele-
phants always keep two or three
supporting feet on the ground.

Credit unions currently hold
only 0.5 per cent of the money
saved by the U. S. Public.

Season's Greetings

To all of our wonderful friends
and neighbors... we hope that Santa
arrives bearing a sleigh-load
of all the good things in life.
May the season find you rich in the
blessings of Happiness, Peace and
Health. The season's best to all.

Tri-Co Bowling Center

MULESHOE, TEXAS

PEACE... JOY... and HAPPINESS

Across the ages, the sacred message of
the Babe of Bethlehem spreads a wonderful radiance
through our hearts, our homes, our
churches. We greet you at Christmas with the wish
that peace, joy and happiness may ever be yours.

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EARTH, TEXAS

We Are Thankful

To Have Had The Pleasure
of Serving You Farmers

and

We Sincerely Hope This Has Been
A Prosperous Season For You and Yours.

WE WISH YOU THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAY
SEASONS FROM ALL THE EMPLOYEES AT...

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EARTH, TEXAS



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Party Line..

Mrs. Artie Cone of Dimmitt visited Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Nancy Patterson.

Mrs. Bill Freeman and children and Mrs. J. C. Randolph were in Littlefield Friday on business.

Mrs. Jack Rylant, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rylant, Jr. were in Lubbock Thursday on business.

Mrs. J. O. Vaughn returned last week to the Plainview Hospital for further surgery.



OUR FONDEST WISHES FOR

A *Merry Christmas*

Knowing that we have so many wonderful friends... old and new, gives us a warm glow at this happy time! Thank you all!



Gatewood Ford Sales

EARTH, TEXAS

Boy Scout News

Den 2 met Tuesday afternoon at the Scout Hut with 9 boys present and the Den Chief, Kelley O'Hair, and Michael Lewis of the Webelos Den. The boys completed and wrapped their gifts for their parents. Wreaths made of plastic bags and coat-hangers were also started by each boy. Ruell Gauna served refreshments. Den mothers supervised the activities. Boys were reminded of their trip to Amherst this Saturday, December 15 to take the wishing well and dried food planters to the Convalescent Home there.

Tony Barton transferred from Den 1 to Den 2 this week.

Den 6 met at the Jaycee Building on Tuesday afternoon with 10 members present, and the Den Chief, Gary Hestand. The boys completed parent's gifts and wrapped the gifts for their mothers. The boys practiced songs to be led at the Pack meeting. Dennis Cowley led the pledge to the flag and Donnie Wheat served refreshments.

Den 4 met Wednesday afternoon with 6 members present and Den Mother, Mrs. O. D. Schellar and Mrs. Barney Schellar. The boys completed the decorating of a Christmas tree that they delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Arter and their children. The boys made the decorations at their den meetings and

should be rightfully proud of their handiwork and their thoughtfulness for others. An Earth News-Sun photographer took pictures of the boys and their tree prior to the delivery to the family.

Den 3 met Thursday afternoon at the Scout Hut with both den mothers and their den chief present. The boys made napkin rings, pill cups and place cards to be used for Christmas by the elderly in the Muleshoe Rest Home. Butch Hamilton led the pledge to the flag. Christmas carols were sung by the group. Rickey Welch served refreshments.

Den 3 is to serve refreshments at the pack meeting of December 18. Most dens had their last meeting of the year this past week, except for the pack meet-

CARD OF THANKS

Our hearts overflow with sincere appreciation to everyone who expressed their love and sympathy in so many comforting ways during our recent sorrow. We are deeply grateful for the food, flowers and other kindnesses. The many comforting words did so much to ease our loss.

May God's richest blessings fall upon each and everyone who shared our grief.

Mrs. H. F. Hodge
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hodge and family
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Morris and family
Carthol Rogers and family.

Dear Santa,
I want a B.B. gun, a T.V. set and a train.

Yours truly,
Leo Brown

Dear Santa,
I'm three years old, and I have

ing. The pack has added 22 boys to their register since the Go Roundup started on September 15. The roundup ends on Saturday, December 15. The Cub Scouts wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Letters to



Santa Claus

blond hair and blue eyes. I would like to have a red fire-engine with a real siren. My little sister Sherri would like to have a baby doll, that wets its diapers and

drinks a bottle. I have been a real good little boy this year.

I live in a house trailer and the chimney isn't big enough for you to come down so I'll leave the front door unlocked for you. There will be cookies and milk on the table for you.

Your friend,
Jerrald Earl Peevy, Jr.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a tea party set.

Remember my sister, Maryann. Trudy Mae Brown

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a doll, table and some dishes. I am in the second grade, bring my brother T.C., a gun.

Alice Maria Hestman
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a car, a truck and a tractor.

Joseph Finch
Grade 2

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and a shot gun.

Your friend,
Willie Ray Hood

CHRISTMAS

Time to wish all our loyal friends and customers a Christmas season filled with joy and happiness, and express our sincere gratitude for their patronage.

SPRINGLAKE SUPERETTE
Sooner or Later Your Favorite Food Store

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



PARSONS
FUNERAL
HOME

All you and Earth's coming year hope is the spirit of Christmas. May it once more lift your heart to bring you peace and brotherly love to all. May its radiant joy and blessing permeate each with you and your loved ones - now and always.

Percy and Margaret

Letters to



Santa Claus

Dear Santa Clause,
Please send me a bike and a B.B. rifle. Remember my brother Norman.
Yours truly,
Charles Brown

Dear Santa,
We went to Lubbock and saw you. You told me to write to the North Pole. I hope that all the other boys and girls get some toys, too. I want a trac-

tor, bicycle, games and new books that my big sister can read to me. My big brother wants some things to go with his train. My big sister wants books and games. Well, good-by, Santa Claus, and I will wait until Christmas again.
Love,
Kleta Haberer

Dear Santa Claus,
I am three years old and I've been a pretty good boy. I'd like a fire truck, train and a front end loader so I can play in the sand.
Please don't forget all my little friends.
Thank you,
Brent Hedrick
Sunnyside

Dear Santa Clause,
Will you please bring me a Cushman Scooter, an Art Set, a pair of Cowboy boots, basket-



WAGON TRAIN PARTNERS... Rev. M.B. Baldwin, pastor of the Earth First Baptist Church, and Brian Sanderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Sanderson, are shown seated in the red and white wagon being pulled by M.R. Phillips, minister of the Earth Church of Christ. Could it be that each one is wishing for a red wagon for Christmas? The above scene was taken in Whites Store.

ball set, a vault pole, and a twenty gauge shotgun.
Yours truly,
Taft E. Finch

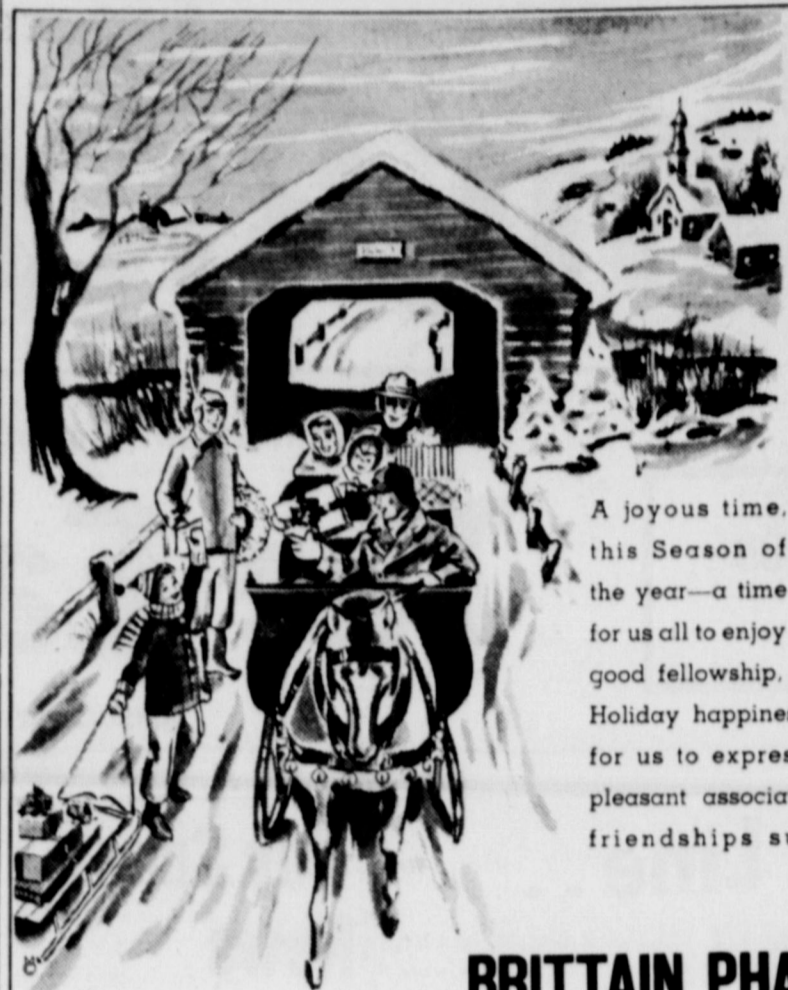
Dear Santa,
Please bring me some cowboy boots, and a truck.
I am seven years old and in the second grade.
Billy Ray Finch

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me some cowboy boots and a gun.
I am seven years old and in the second grade.
Bobby Ray Finch

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a walking and talking doll and a kool-aid maker.
Daisy Ruth Washington
P.S. I am in the third grade.

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a sweater and pants and a basket ball and a basket ball goal.
Your friend,
James Hood

some dishes. I am 11 years old and in the 4th grade.
Joyce Finch



A joyous time, this Season of the year—a time for us all to enjoy good fellowship, good cheer and Holiday happiness. A time, also, for us to express gratitude for pleasant associations and warm friendships such as yours.

BRITAIN PHARMACY

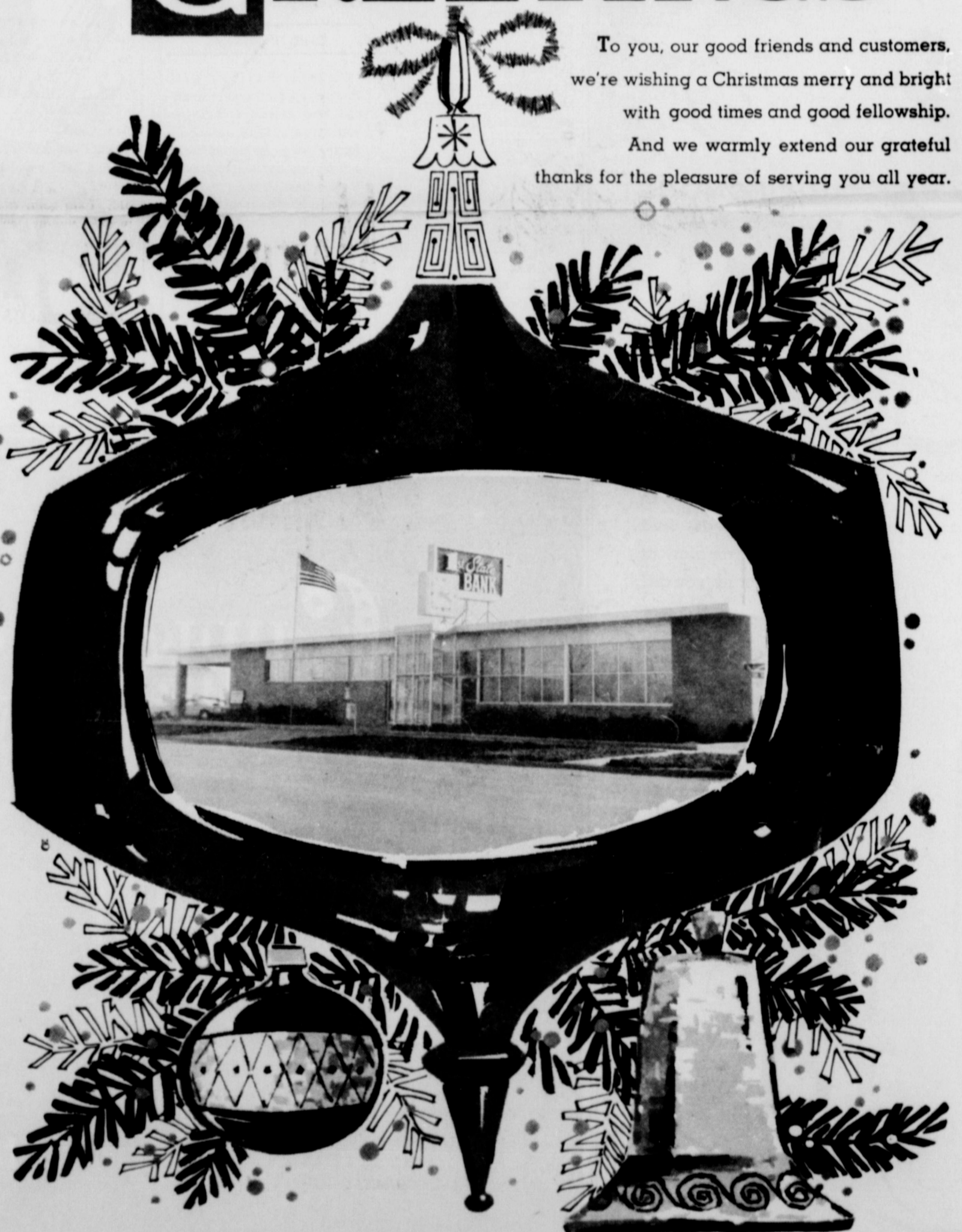
LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

HARVEY BASS APPLIANCES
MULESHOE, TEXAS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To you, our good friends and customers, we're wishing a Christmas merry and bright with good times and good fellowship. And we warmly extend our grateful thanks for the pleasure of serving you all year.



FIRST STATE BANK

Member F.D.I.C.
DIMMITT, TEXAS

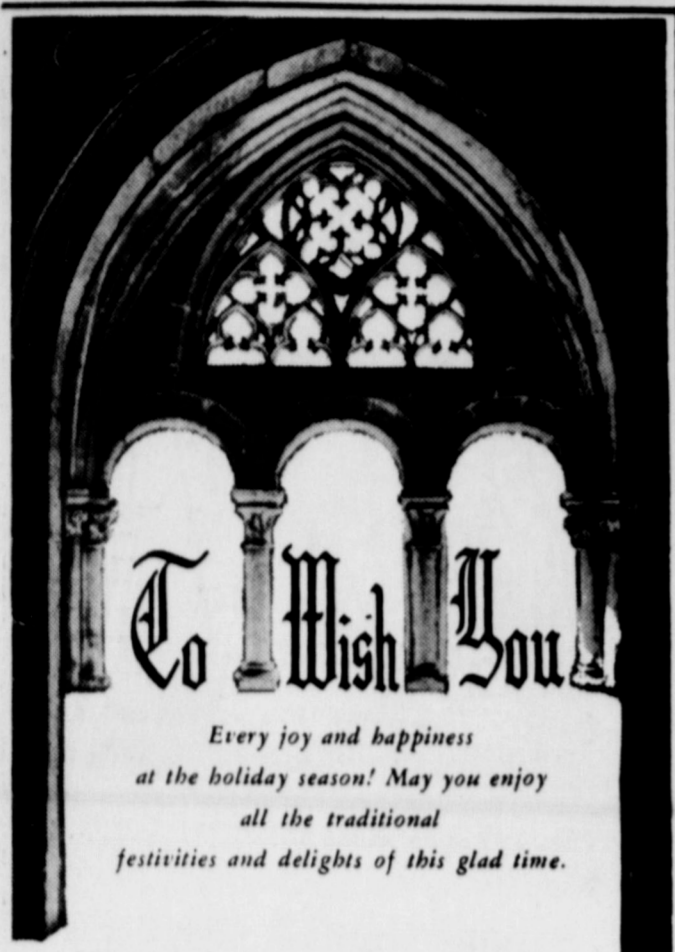


Christmas Prayer

Almighty God, Who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy Children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

— THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

SOUTHWESTERN
PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY



H. S. SANDERS LUMBER

HOMER AND JESSIE EARTH, TEXAS

Letters to Santa Claus



Dear Santa,
I am six years old and in the first grade. Please bring me a play wedding dress, a Thumbelina doll, with clothes and a bed. I want a cootie game and etch-a-sketch. Bring Mike a BB gun and electric race car set and bring Jan an etch-a-sketch and an electric give-a-show projector.
Remember all the little girls and boys.
Love,
Pat Cleavinger

Dear Santa,
Please come to our house and bring me a bat and ball, I want a shooter and a bicycle. My little baby sister wants a doll I want a Johnny Red Cannon set and a toy train. I am eight years old.
Love,
Randy Fulen Wider

Dear Santa,
Please come to our house. Please bring me a record player Please bring me a boat. I am nine years old, I live at Earth, Texas.
Love,
Luis Palacio

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl and I am seven years old I love you Santa. I make good grades at school. I want a wagon a radio and a bicycle. I love my brother and my two sisters. I guess that's all for this year.
Love,
Debbie Kelly

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade and I am seven years old.
Please come to my house Christmas Eve night. I work very hard. My teachers name is Mrs. Harper, I make good grades in school. I want a thirsty cry baby. I am a little girl.
I will take care of doll. My little brother want a road grader.
Love,
Connie Crable

Dear Santa,
Please come to my house. I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the second grade. I make good grades in school. I work very hard in school. I love you Santa. I want a Barbie doll and a Chatty Kathy and a Kissy doll.
Love,
Earlene Walker

Dear Santa,
I am little boy. Please bring me a bicycle please come to my house. I am in second grade. Please bring me a Big Clwon. The teacher I like you Santa. That is all that I am goin to tell you good-buy Sant.
My name is
Conrado Perez Jr.

Dear Santa,
Please come to my house. Bring me a Cotton Candy Maker Bring me a Barbie doll.
I am make good grades I will promise that I will take care of my present.
Love,
Shelley Gaston

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. I am nine years old please bring me a wagon, a record player and a gun. I go to school at Springlake. Please bring me a boicikil.
Love,
Osar Flores

Dear Santa,
Please will you come to my house. Santa I want to have some good toy to play with. I will take good care of my toy.
Love,
Felix Longoria

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle. Do you no who I am I am a little boy. I will you to Earth.
Love,
Amandio

Dear Santa,
I want a tractor and a bicycle. I am a little boy. I am in the second grade. I am eight years old. I am going to my grandmothers and my grandfather. I am making good grades I like my pets.
Love,
Lorenzo Padila

Dear Santa,
Please come to my home. I work at school. I am in the second grade. I am seven years old. I want a boys bicycle. I live in Texas.
Love,
Boby Cleavinger

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl. I am eight years old. Bring me a musekit and talking doll and 58 games. Please come to my house. I love you, and I love my present, and I love my tractor. Sant please wake me up. I like my pat.
Love,
Glenda Tique

Dear Santa,
I want a gun. I am a little boy and I am seven years old.

I want a tractor and a play train I want a bicycle.
Love,
Carlos Ortiz

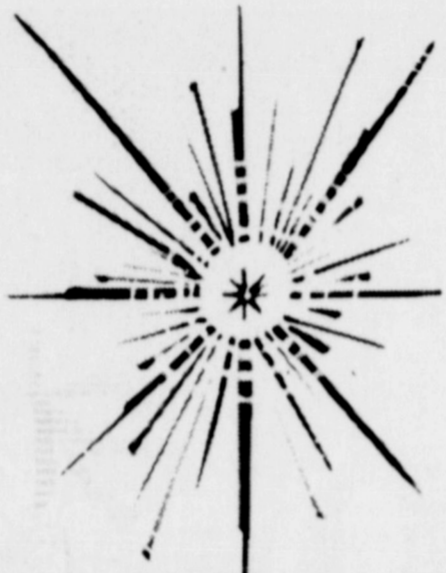
Dear Santa,
Please come to my house. I have been making good grades. I am seven years old. I want a bazooka, and an apache Calvary set and a Tommy booster machine gun. I love you.
Love,
Brian Sanderson

Dear Santa,
My mother wants a new stove for Christmas. My oldest sister would like a writs watch. My sister younger than her would like a bike. My brother would too. My older brother wants a car. My brother younger than him does too. My father wants a trip to San Antonio. I want

a Big Bruiser and a Jimm Jet. Your friend,
Isaias M. Hernandez
P. S. I want a B.B. gun too.

Dear Santa Clause,
My sister wants a Ken and I want a Barbie doll with some clothes. My brother wants something but I can not think what he want. My father wants a new house and my mother does too. My sister and I want a rug for Christmas and a Happy Merry Christmas.
Love,
Beverly Cooper

Dear Santa,
I hope everybody will have a merry christmas, these are the your I want; A B, B, gun, and a full size bike, and a tennis set.
Your friend,
Rudy Marroquin



Merry Christmas

Christmas is here...and we wish for you all its deepest pleasures... expressed in greetings from friends and loved ones... experienced anew in the inspiration of the ageless Christmas story. And, as the Wise Men followed a Star, and found the Babe of Bethlehem, may you and yours find spiritual peace and joy at Christmas.



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DR. W. D. HOLT

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From Tears to Twist..

The first day of school was sheer torture for young Susie Granado when she was left by her mother in Mrs. Bill Morris's room. The first picture, taken on Suzie's first day in the Springlake Elementary School was published in an earlier edition of the News-Sun. The photographer was kept busy snapping pictures of the 6 year olds and Suzie was only one of many who shed torrents of tears. Today, the same Suzie is full of life, and happy with classmates, teacher and school. She is well adjusted and cooperates with everyone. In the second picture, she is shown demonstrating the twist to her teacher and classmates, which she does for just about anyone who will take a few minutes for a floor show.



Dear Santa Clause,
I am a good 8 year old second grader. I want a doll and some dishes and fruit and candy. Please bring my little brother Glen a horse and a car,
Mary Helen
Washington

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a talking and walking doll, some dishes a table and two charis and a cotton candy maker.
I am in the third grade,
Dorisene Renfro

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a doll and a Piano and a Telephone and dishes, for I am a good girl. I am going to have a green christmas tree,
Margarette Hood
A second grader

Dear Sant Clause,
Please bring me a coat, pants, shoes, shirts, bicycle, and glove.
I am 13 years old and in the fifth grade.

Your truly,
Robert Finch, Jr.



Once more the Christmas message is renewed in our hearts. May the spirit-lifting joys of the season be yours.

Hammons Funeral Home

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

Letters To Santa



As it came in the hush of that Holy Night, so long ago, may the wonder of the Christmas miracle once more fill your heart with a transcendent joy!

KNIGHT REST HOME
AMHERST-LITTLEFIELD

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a B.B. gun and a truck and a train and a car and a cowboyboots and a bicycle and a cowboyhat and two guns.
I am 9 years old and in the third grade.
Yours truly,
Sammy Joe Finch

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a B.B. gun for Christmas and a bicycle and some story books and a truch.
Yours truly,
Robert Washington
P. S. A third grader

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a gun, a truck, a car, and a bicycle.
Yours truly,
Gerald Thomas

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a bicycle and two guns, I want some cowboy boots and a cowboy hat. I want a B.B. gun too, and some fruit
for Christmas,
Yours truly,
Billy Thomas
A fourth grader



Star of Wonder...

The miraculous light of a star shone in the heavens, and angel voices heralded the coming of the Saviour, on that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago. May the spirit of the Nativity... the awe and wonder of simple shepherds, the rejoicing and reverence of the wise men... be with us in this blessed Christmas season, and may it inspire us always in our hope for peace, brotherhood and understanding.

A VERY MERRY



CHRISTMAS

It means so much to us at this time of the year to send you our sincerest wishes for a joyous Yuletide. We hope your holiday will be filled with good health, good cheer and spiritual satisfaction.

RODEN DRUG
LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

MEMBER F.D.I.C.
AMHERST, TEXAS

Research has shown that the manure from a 50-cow herd can mean as much as \$150 a month in increased crop yields, according to the New Holland Grassland News.

a basketful of Good Wishes

Please accept our sincere good wishes for a happy, joyful Yuletide... rich in love and warm friendship!



Earth Gift & Fabric Shop

MR. AND MRS. CLYDE PARISH



TWO SPRINGLAKE GRADUATES are among college officers-South Plains College Rodeo and Ag Club officers are: From left to right, 1st row, Sidney Hart, Post, president; Cheryl Allred, Vega, treasurer; Robbie Hale, O'Donnell, reporter, Judy Upchurch, Earth, secretary; back row, left to right: Bowie Wesley, Happy, vice president; Sherrill Overturf of Levelland, Student Council Representative; Jerry Gage, A ton, entertainment chairman; Burl Branscum, Earth, National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Representative, Earl Gertsenberger is club sponsor, Rodeo activity is underway.

Local Graduates Elected To College Club Office

Judy Upchurch and Burl Branscum, students at South Plains College, Levelland are among the Rodeo and Ag Club officers recently elected.

Judy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Upchurch, was elected secretary and Burl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurlo Branscum, was elected National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Representative.

Judy, a 1961 graduate of Springlake High School was elected District FFA Sweetheart in her sophomore year and Most Friendly, Class president, sophomore year, member of the Student Council, senior year, Cheerleader in sophomore year, football queen candidate in her senior year, member of the FHA for 3 years and was active in

athletics in junior and senior years.

Burl, a 1959 graduate of Springlake High School was chosen Best-All-Round Cowboy one year, class treasurer and Most Western, senior year, senior class favorite, FFA Rodeo committeeman and director, junior and senior FFA president, participated in football during his freshman year and member of the junior play cast. He is now a member of the college Rodeo team.

The Rodeo floss recently won first place at Levelland with Judy Upchurch appearing on the float.

Farmers have twice as much money invested in machinery as the steel industry and five times as much as the automobile industry.

TIPS for OUTDOORSMEN

by Vern Sanford

Panhandle Duck Hunting

In the Panhandle and other north Texas points, water often freezes over ponds, small lakes and other spots where duck hunters congregate.

If you have such a favorite hunting place and it freezes over, pour bluing on the ice. To the ducks flying overhead it will look like open water.

Natural Duck Blind

For the duck hunter who is lucky enough to have a regular shooting pond of his own, a little summer preparation will pay off handsomely.

If he has the forethought to stick willow buds in the mud around the pond the spring before duck season opens, the buds will have grown big enough to afford him and his friends excellent natural cover for shooting.

Inflating Air Mattress

Why waste breath inflating an air mattress on a hunting or camping trip when, for a few cents, you can buy a cylinder of gas such as is used on emergency rubber rafts?

If you balk at this expenditure, start the motor of your car and hold the mattress valve over the exhaust pipe until the mattress is filled.

There is no danger of monoxide poisoning, if reasonable care is observed.

Invert Scope

Owners of rifle scopes, with adjustments in mount and with tapered post reticule, can invert the scope so the post points down.

This gives full view of target.

Cold Weather Clothing

We Texans are so used to warm weather that when dressing for a winter hunting trip we either overdo it or under do it. Then we spend the rest of the day roasting or freezing.

Try to remember when selecting hunting clothes, that air space is very important. It gives more warmth with less weight.

Two pairs of middle-weight woolen socks will keep your feet warmer than will one pair of heavy woolies. Two light-weight wool shirts will do better than one heavy garment, etc.

Training Hunting Pups

If you can't afford the services of a professional dog

trainer and want to do the job yourself, remember these important rules in dog training:

Don't start training until pup is 8 weeks old, except for housekeeping and other simple behavior lessons.

Teach commands only as fast as the pup can absorb them. Quit the lesson the instant the pup stops wagging his tail.

Drinking Cup For Dog

Quail and coon hunters in Texas often run into long spells of dry, hot weather that make it necessary to take along water for the dogs.

Remember to also carry with you some heavy aluminum foil to quickly shape up a drinking vessel for the pooch when he gets thirsty.

Tracing Fallen Game

Much game is lost due to high weeds and other rough terrain.

To lessen this trouble, when you shoot a bird, squirrel, etc., mark a 2-foot line with your boot at one end, pointing toward the spot where the game fell.

Do this each time you down your game and you won't have to go after each kill as it falls. You can finish your shooting, then pick up your game at your leisure.

Tricking A Squirrel

Many squirrel hunters in Texas use dogs to rout out their game. If you hunt this way, here is a trick that will get a treed squirrel to show itself every time.

Carry a number of small dog biscuits with you that have been dipped in beef broth the night before. When a bushy-tail is treed and sticks to the far side of the tree, let dog smell biscuit, then chunk it to other side of tree.

Dog will go after biscuit and squirrel will scamper around tree to where you can shoot it.

Gun Rust Remover

Here's another tip on rust spot removing that sounds pretty good.

Rust spots on that gun of yours can be safely treated by rubbing the spots gently with a soft cloth and a very fine valve grinding compound. This, it is claimed, will not injure the bluing.

To Catch A Mole

Anybody who wants to catch a mole (a most peculiar desire), can do so, say the experts. Just dig a hole straight

down through the mole's tunnel, wide enough to sink gallon-size tin bucket.

When the mole makes his usual rounds, being blind, he will drop into the bucket and can't get out.

More Duck Decoy Action

Duck decoys often are inclined to be sluggish, especially when the water is calm. Speed up action by adjusting weight cords so they are about 18 inches longer than water is deep. Decoys will then be livelier, swim faster, and look more natural.

Removing Screws In Gun

When removing screws to dismantle a shotgun or rifle, make sure the screwdriver blade fits the slots.

If the blade is too large, or too small, it can damage the surrounding metal.

If necessary, file the blade to the proper size before using to loosen small, tight-fitting screws.

Cold Weather Shaving

A hunter camping on a lease in very cold weather would do well to shave, or at least keep his whiskers trimmed close.

If he doesn't, vapor is apt to form frost on the bristles and freeze his face (even in Texas).

Shave at night to avoid face chapping.

Efficiency of U. S. farmers has released people from farming to make the many machines used not only be agriculture but by industry and in the home.



The joy of Christmas knows no bounds. You hear it in glad greetings... you see it in happy faces. That it may be fully yours, is our sincere wish for you.

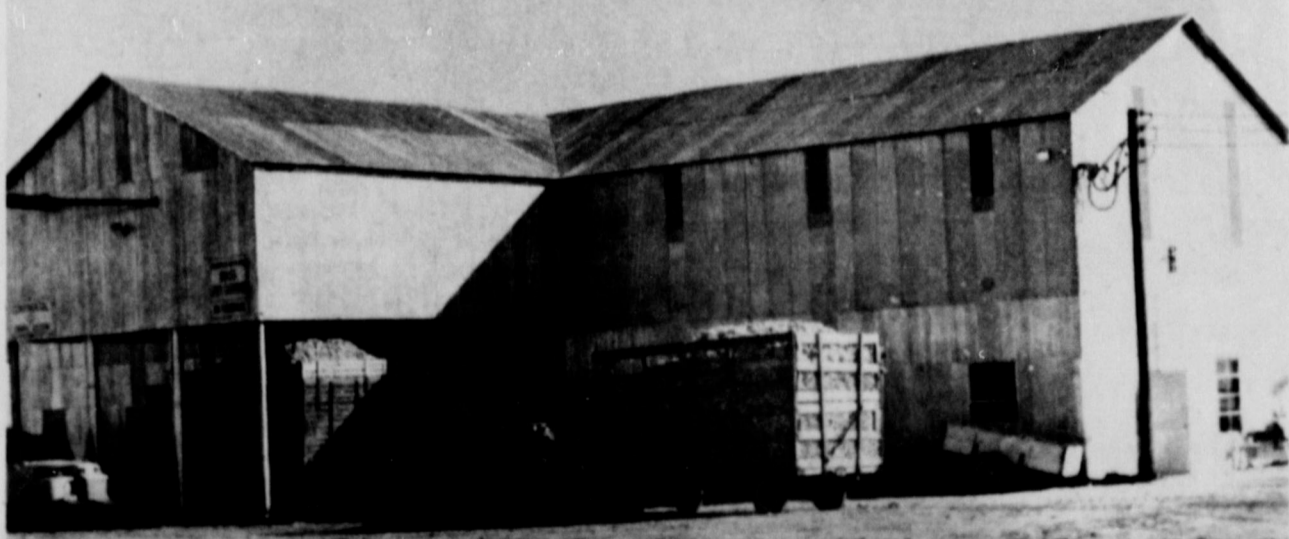
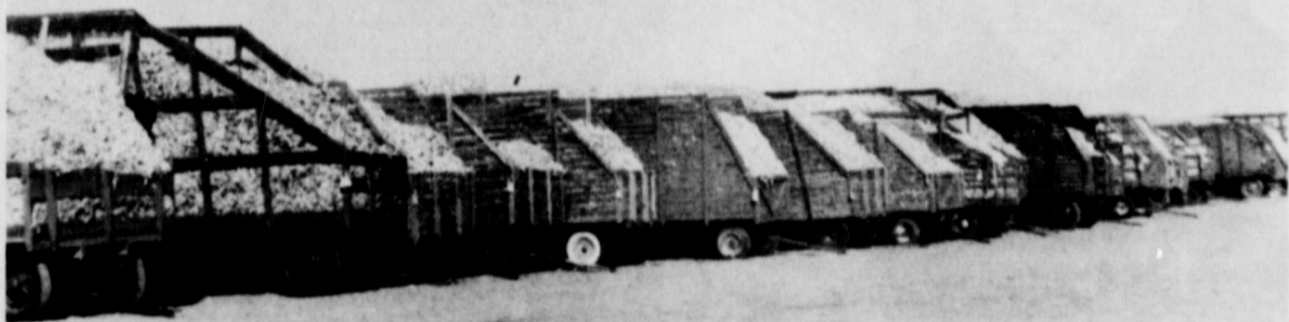
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ALSO JANUARY 1st.

LUCILLE' BEAUTY SHOP

Merry Christmas To All

Thanks Folks For Making This, Our First Year A Huge Success



MULESHOE GIN CO.



We are glowing with warm wishes to our faithful old friends and our cherished new friends. May this Christmas Season bring happiness and joy, peace and contentment to all.

THOMPSON CHEVROLET CO.

EARTH - OLTON

High School Honor Roll Is Announced

The following Springlake High School students qualified for the "A" Honor Roll for the second grading period of six weeks.

Seniors: Steve Holt, Dale Dent and Lane McCord.

Juniors: None

Sophomores: Alice Jaques

Freshmen: Jill McCord and Donna Kay Rudd.

The following students qualified for the "B" Honor Roll for

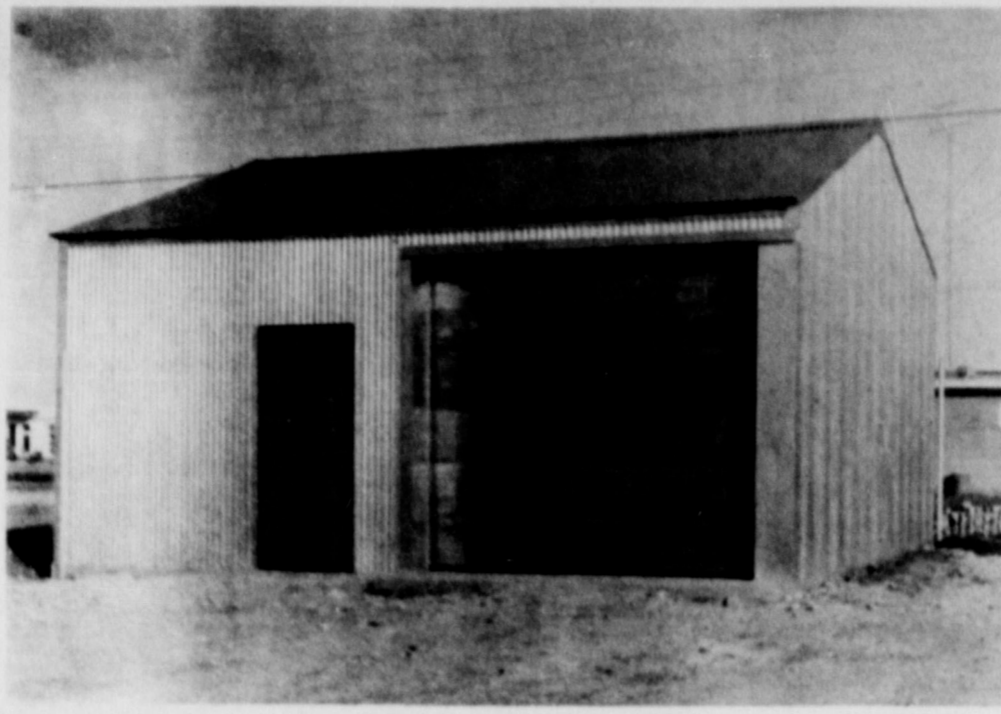
the second period of six weeks.

Seniors: Linda Oden, Janet Cooper, DeAnn Adrian, Ilene Angeley, Boyd Clayton, Wanda Jenkins, Troy Layman, Don Sanders, Gayland Stephens and Janice Cowley.

Juniors: Janice Blackburn and Diana Glasscock.

Sophomores: Kenneth Schaefer, Joan Sanderson, Danny Byers, Karen Barton, Ivey Jean Carr, Sandra Crisp, Beth Dent, Peggy Upchurch, Marilyn Coker and Sue Parker.

Freshmen: Donna Street, Veta Rudd, Lynn Hamilton, Carla Glasscock, Ken Dawson, Jerry Don Sanders, Harriet Ray, Bob



NEW STOREROOM and GARAGE. The new facility for the General Telephone Company of the Southwest has recently been completed. It is located behind the Wolverine Drive-in and will be put into use shortly. The small door opens into a storage room and the remainder is to be used for the company truck. The 24x24 galvanized metal building was built by the Commercial Contracting Company.

Coker, Diana Gregory, Patsy Robbins, Jan Randolph, Diane Jackson, Helen Phillips, Dwala Boone and Junior Richardson.

Scout News

Den 6 met Tuesday afternoon at the Jaycee building with 10 members present and the den mothers, Mrs. Jerry Barden and Mrs. Edwin O'Hair. The boys started work on their gifts for their mothers for Christmas. Monte Winters served refreshments. Dennis Cowley led the pledge to the flag. The boys practiced singing Christmas Carols.

Den 2 met Tuesday afternoon at the Scout Hut with 6 members present and the Den Chief, Kelley O'Hair. The boys began work on their gifts for both parents and also did some work on gifts to be taken to the Amherst Convalescent Home later this month. Singing of "Jingle Bells" opened the meeting and the repeating of the Promise closed the meeting with special emphasis placed on "good will toward others". Mrs. J. B. Eagle and Mrs. Wilson Lewis supervised activities. Samul Lewis served refreshments. Ruell Gauna was elected denner.

Den 4 met Wednesday afternoon at the Scout Hut with six members present. The boys decided on the song they would lead at the pack meeting, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer". Each boy made some decorations

to be put on a tree that is to be decorated next week and taken to a needy family. Mrs. O. D. Schellar, den mother, met with the boys.

Pack Leaders Meeting Plans were completed Wednesday

morning by Den mothers for the Pack meeting to be held on December 18 at the Springlake Lunchroom at 7 p.m. A uniform inspection will be held of all boys, which is necessary for re-chartering purposes. Gifts will be brought by the

Cub Scouts and turned over to the Lion's Club for their baskets at Christmas time to the needy. Also plans are being made for each parent to bring scrap materials suitable for making tree decorations to the Pack meeting to be put on a tree that will also be turned over to the Lions Club, who sponsor the Pack. It was also decided that the pack buy a Flag from the Boy Scouts to be used by the Pack. A program involving all Cubs has been planned and will be worked out by each den.

Den 3 met last Thursday afternoon at the Scout Hut with 9 members present. Mrs. James Lackey directed the singing of Christmas Carols and the making of Christmas gifts for mothers. Games were led by the Den Chief, Melvin Salley served refreshments. Mrs. S. H. Salley attended part of the meeting time. Den 3 will be responsible for refreshments at the Pack meeting on the night of December 18 at the Springlake lunchroom.

Webelos den met Monday night at the Scout Hut with 4 members present and a new den chief, Eddie Mitchell. C. L. Berry met with the boys who studied Webelos requirements,

Webelos den will not meet next Monday night due to the fifth grade Tonette concert. All boys are reminded to remember the pack meeting of Tuesday night next week. Webelos den

is to have the closing ceremony for the pack meeting.

Christmas is the time of the year when mother has to separate the men from the toys.



SPUDNUT SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rundell

232 MAIN

MULESHOE



Blessed Christmas

Blessed Christmas, time of happy hearts and uplifted spirits, is with us once again.

And, at this glad season, our wish is with you... the wish that your Christmas may be rich in happiness, friendship, lasting joy.

South Plains Hospital & Clinic

AMHERST, TEXAS



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

SINGLETON FUNERAL HOME

MR. AND MRS. FRANK ELLIS - MULESHOE, TEXAS



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.

CENTRAL COMPRESS

GUY NICHOLS - SUDAN, TEXAS

Scout News

Den 1 met Monday after school at the Scout hut with 4 boys present. The boys completed their Christmas gifts for their parents and started Christmas wreaths which the boys are to finish at home with the help of their parents. Den 1 will not meet again until after Christmas holidays except for the pack meeting. Gregory Slover served refreshments. The group practiced their song for the pack meeting and sang "Jingle Bells" for the opening of the meeting. Both den mothers met with the boys.

All Cubs are reminded to bring their gift to the pack meeting for the Lions Club Christmas baskets.

Den 2 and Den 6 will go to Amherst Saturday to visit the home for the elderly. All boys are to meet at the Scout Hut at 9 a. m. Christmas gifts will be distributed at the home at this time that have been made by the boys. Parents are invited to go if they so desire.



I love the Christmastide,
and yet,
I notice this each year I live;
I always like the gifts I get, but
How I love the gifts I give!



COACH JODIE MAHAN discusses sportsmanship at the Athletic Banquet held December 8 at the Springlake Cafeteria.

Christmas Party Hold in Matlock Home Friday Night

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Matlock entertained in their home, Friday night at 7:30 with a Christmas party. Candies in pink angel hair were used on the serving table and card tables, covered

with pink paper cloths. Punch, dainty sandwiches, chips, dips, cake and strawberry delight were served to the guests. Afterward, canasta was enjoyed by the group.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bridge, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Byers, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Washington, the host and hostess.

ONCE A YEAR

How seldom Christmas comes, only once a year; and how soon it is over--a night and a day! If that is the whole of it, it seems not much more durable than the little toys that one buys of a fakir on the street corner. They run for an hour, and then the spring breaks, and the legs come off, and nothing remains but a contribution to the dust heap.

But surely that need not and ought not be the whole of Christmas--only a single day of generosity, ransomed from the dull servitude of a selfish year--only a single night of merry-making, celebrated in the slave-quarters of a selfish race! If every gift is the token of a personal thought, a friendly feeling, an unselfish interest in the joys of others, then the thought, the feeling, the interest, may remain long after the gift is forgotten.

Henry Van Dyke

Springlake News

BETTY MATLOCK
December 13

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Matlock and Hoby shopped in Plainview Wednesday.

Mrs. Jack Story and Vera of Idalou were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Matlock, Sunday. Others calling in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bradley of Sunny-side, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Matlock Hoby and Jeff, Mrs. Clifton Adams, Johnny and Sherry of Circle, and Mrs. Bud Matlock, Debbie and Sammy.

Mrs. Betty Watson of Plainview visited in the home of Mrs. Fay Washington, Tuesday. Mrs. Dorothy Washington and boys visited also in the afternoon.

Among the sick over the week-end was Les Watson and Robert Huckabee. Randy Stephens also had the chicken pox last week. Also Susan Parish had strep throat. Cynthia Busby had a throat infection.

Mrs. Gayle Jones shopped in Littlefield Wednesday.

Just A Hint

A certain well-known publicist used to phone bare acquaintances a few weeks before Christmas and ask, "What size collar do you wear?" This "hint" brought him much valuable loot from people who had planned only to send him a greeting card.

On Christmas the suckers would get plain cards from the journalist, saying, "To Joe, the greatest guy who ever put his head in a size 15 collar".

To all of you, whose friendship and loyalty have made this such a happy season for us, we send our warmest Holiday Greetings...and a sincere wish that the New Year may prove memorable for the many joys that it will bring to you and yours.

Greetings

B.W. ARMISTEAD, O.D.
and
GLENN S. BURKE, O.D.

WE WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 24 and 25th

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

Noel, Noel

Let the joyful sound of bells ring out our sincere best wishes to all our friends, for a very Merry Christmas!

Rilcot 90 Division
TEX-SE-COT Seed Co.
SPRINGLAKE-LITTLEFIELD-HART-DIMMITT

O, come all ye faithful

Church bells ring... choirs of jubilant voices proclaim the glory of the Day. We too speak out to wish our friends all good things. May this Christmas season bring much happiness and great joy of spirit to you and those dear to you.

TRACY PERKINS ROOFING
LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

At Christmas

Let us rejoice, for once again Christmas brings to us the inspiring faith of good will to all... the joyous promise of peace on earth. May the blessings of this Holy Season fill every heart with complete happiness and shine radiantly throughout the year.

NORTHERN STAR SEED FARMS
O'BRIEN, TEXAS

BUY NORTHERN STAR NO. 5 COTTON SEED
BRED ESPECIALLY FOR MECHANICAL STRIPPING.

Letters to



Santa Claus

Dear Santa Clause:
This is what that I want for Christmas, I won't a thumbina doll and I want a purse and a table a chairs. A teaseat and a coke machine and that is all that I want.

Your friend,
Sarah Keener

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll kit, some dishes, some shoes, a shirt and a sweater. Bring me a dress, and a doll that can talk and walk and some fruit and candy.
Merry Christmas
Betty Jo Thomas



O, Holy Night

Angels singing brought the tidings of the Christ Child's birth. Once again, we hear and rejoice as the sacred story is told in well-loved carols, and in the inspired words of the Bible. May Christmas happiness be yours.

FROM ALL THE PERSONNEL AT

Springlake Elevator



KNOW YOUR CLASSROOMS . . Mrs. Mary Maddox has taught three years at Springlake School and was a teacher in the Hereford system for one year. She attended WTSC, receiving a BS degree. Back row; left to right: Juanita Garcia, Janice Martin, Buddy King, Caesar Palomino, Dairo Ozuna; 2nd row: Jr. Marques, Oscar Flores, Paula Nunn, Cathy Haliburton, Ruby Alcola, Rita Marroquin, Anevon Castello, Maria Reyes, Mrs. Maddox, 3rd row: Becky Littleton, John Kelley, Terrell Ott, Sammie Matlock, Dennis Cowley, Lenn Lackey, Leah Galloway, Renee Clark, Douglas Autry, Julio Elizando, Bruce Bridges. Front row: Jane Holt, Donald Templeton, Laura Caraway, Josie Barita, Joyce Arter, Vicki West, Norma Cantu and Ben Garcia.

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a Ken doll. I would like a scatch a-graph and a knit-wit. Would you bring me a tennis set, a banton. I want a T.V. set too. I want some clothes and a snowcone machine. It makes snowcones, I want some chothes for my barbie and if I get a ken doll I want some clothes for him. Merry Christmas to you.
Your friend,
Karen Armstrong

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a B.B. gun and some cowboy boots. I am 13 years old and I am in the 7th grade.
Your truly,
O. E. Thomas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and some dishes and some shoes, a skirt, and sweater and some candy, apples, and oranges and a paino.

Merry Christmas
Margie Ann Hood

Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas and a watch. I hope I get what I want. I hope I've been a good girl. I hope you have a Merry Merry Christmas, I will say my pray every night before I go to bed.

Your friend,
Brenda Roberson

Dear Santa,
I am writing you this few line only to tell you this, I have 4 brothers and 3 sisters and I was wondering if you could bring them this for my four brother, one pair of guns each. And for two of my sister, one little doll each. And for my other sister, a jewle box. Santa my mother never get any Christmas so I was wondering if you could bring her a set of dishes. And for my father a billfoll, Santa I hope you do get here with the gift I asked you to bring. And last of all my baby brother if you can please bring him a rubber lamb.

Sincerely
Juanita Samarron
boys names
Refugio, Manuel, Frank, Julio, this is the baby, and Sanitago, Jr. Girls names, Juanita, Ufina, and Teresa. My address is
Juanita Samarron
J. T. Gibson
Olton, Texas

Dear Santa,
I like to have a train and a car to make. The Dec. 5, 1962 is my birthday and best day and Christmas.

Your friend,
Melvin Salley



Greetings of the Season

The Holidays are here . . . with all their flurry, hurry, fun and frolic!
In the midst of all the merriment and bustle, we want to make a special point of pausing in the day's occupation to wish every one of our friends and their families all the joys of the Holiday. Serving you all has indeed made our Season bright and happy.

OLTON STATE BANK

MEMBER F.D.I.C.
OLTON, TEXAS

With warmest good wishes, we greet you at Christmas.
As you reflect upon the true meaning of this Holy time, may rejoicing and the sublime spirit of peace and good will be yours.



THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE THROUGH THE PAST YEARS

Little's

MR. and MRS. W. B. LITTLE AND EMPLOYEES.