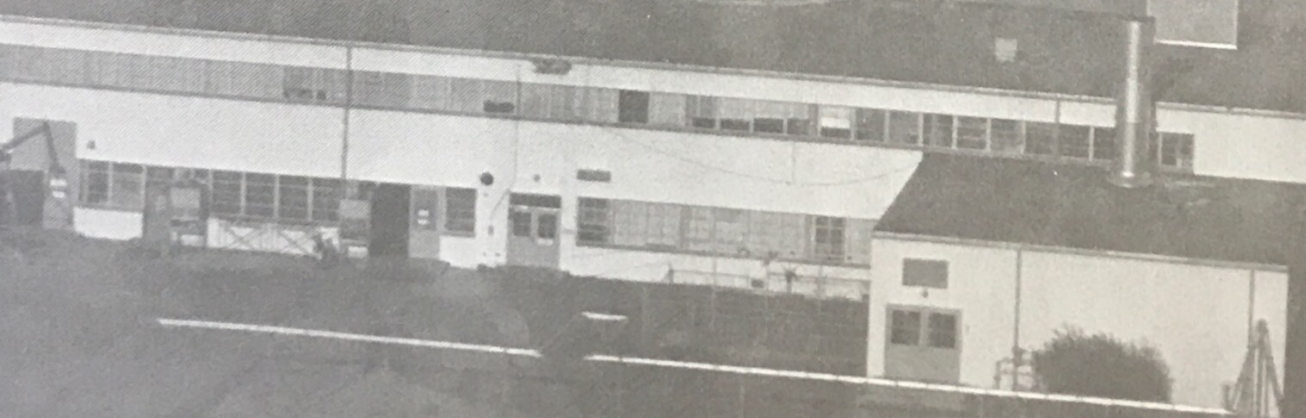


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Oklahoma's Mt. Rushmore

Bicentennial spirit catches on at 507th

PERHAPS the most mammoth bicentennial display in the nation was formally unveiled in ceremonies held outside the 507th's Headquarters building during the November UTA.

The exhibit - a giant 8-color painting covering 6400 square feet of the hangar roof - depicts the silhouette of a revolutionary soldier side-by-side with a modern-day reservist.

It is an exact reproduction of the Air Force Reserve Bicentennial emblem located in the upper left-hand corner of the cover of the THUNDERCHIEF - magnified 971,600 times.

The display was largely the product of hours of hard work by Rita Dobie, wife of SSgt. Skip Dobie of the Information Office.

Rita, a mother of two, laid out 200 grids of masking tape over the corrugated aluminum roof and along with numerous members of the 507th, contributed to the brush-painting of the roof.

Oklahoma City Mayor Patience Latting was guest speaker at the dedication, which featured an F-105 four-ship fly-by lead by Maj. James K. Webster, Capt. Tom King, Capt. John LaBarre and Maj. Art Hansen, all of the 465 Tactical Fighter Squadron.

Other honored guests were Maj. Gen. James G. Randolph, commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center and Mrs. Randolph; Brig. Gen. Edwin D. Woellner, mobilization augmentee, chief of staff, Headquarters Air Force Reserve; Honorable James F. Howell, state senator, Midwest City and Mrs. Howell; Paul Strausbaugh, executive vice president, Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Strausbaugh; and Paul Patton, director of communications, Oklahoma Bicentennial Commission.

Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer, group commander, applauded 26 members of the unit who volunteered 200 off-duty hours to complete the project.

Mayor Latting praised the modern reservist, noting that in past conflicts and near conflicts, reserve forces had played an important role in total national defense capability.

"I believe that the success of the dedication ceremony shows the close relationship that we as reservists share with our local communities," said Col. Scheer. "Our interest in a stronger America, as citizens and reservists, has never been more keenly felt, or strongly needed as in the 200th year of the life of our nation."

ON THE COVER: The largest bicentennial endeavor in the nation covers 6400 square feet of the 507th's hangar roof. The emblem measures 80 feet by 80 feet and is rapidly earning the nickname - Oklahoma's Mt. Rushmore!

ON THE BACK COVER: MSgt. Jim Clark, CAM Sq portrays Santa Claus during a visit to Bethany Children's Convalescent Hospital. A small hand reaches up to stroke his beautiful beard.

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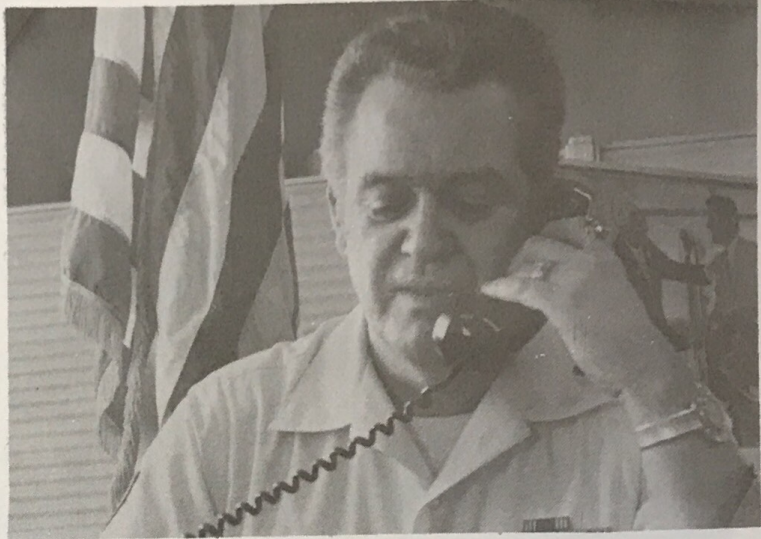
MSgt. Clem honored as one of top recruiters

When MSgt. Art Clem entered the Navy in 1942, the thought that 30 years later he would be honored by the Air Force had never crossed his mind. MSgt. Clem has, however, been given one of the highest awards ever given to recruiters. He was rated in the top 10% of Reserve recruiters in the United States.

MSgt. Clem is not new to recruiting. The Navy recognized these talents in 1946 when he was made a recruiter after only four years of service. In 1949, rather than re-enlist in the Navy, he joined the Air Force where he served throughout the Korean conflict.

MSgt. Clem and his wife, Betty, have been married 27 years and have two daughters. After the Korean conflict, he returned to civilian life and spent several years in management for a financial institution.

He joined the Oklahoma Highway Department later where he was a field supervisor until 1970, where he moved into a position with the Governor's branch office as Branch Manager of Community Affairs.



In 1972, he returned to the Air Force as a full-time recruiter assigned to the 507 Tactical Fighter Group.

MSgt. Clem says he plays "fair" tennis and golf, but his real love is coin collecting. His current collection contains over 1000 rare or unusual coins including a 1893 "S" Silver Dollar.

MSgt. Clem said, "I enjoy the work and feel that the Oklahoma people have tremendous pride and are wonderful to talk to."

LIVE & LEARN

by Chaplain
Robert Helmich

This Is Reverence

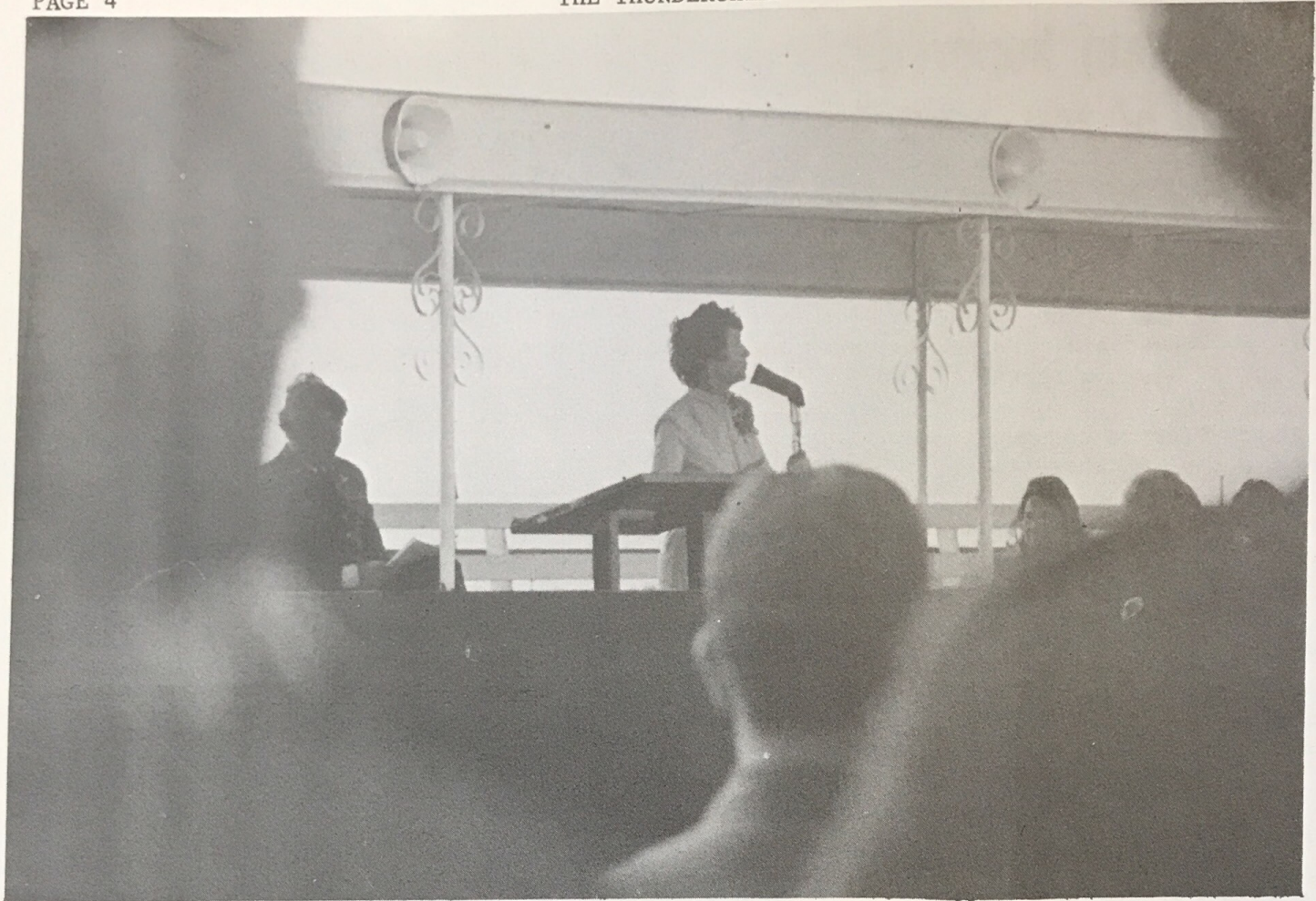
"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." The glib irreverence with which some people speak of God is revolting. This is one of the saddest indexes of our time and one that may indicate a national attitude and spiritual condition which may prove to be our undoing.

The magazine MODERN SCREEN ran a series entitled, "How the Stars Found Faith". The article included Piper Laurie's account of an experience while visiting in Korea and riding back through enemy patrols. These are Miss Laurie's words: "I felt just wonderful because I knew, somehow I just knew, there were not four of us, but five of us going back in that jeep. And guess who the fifth passenger was....it was

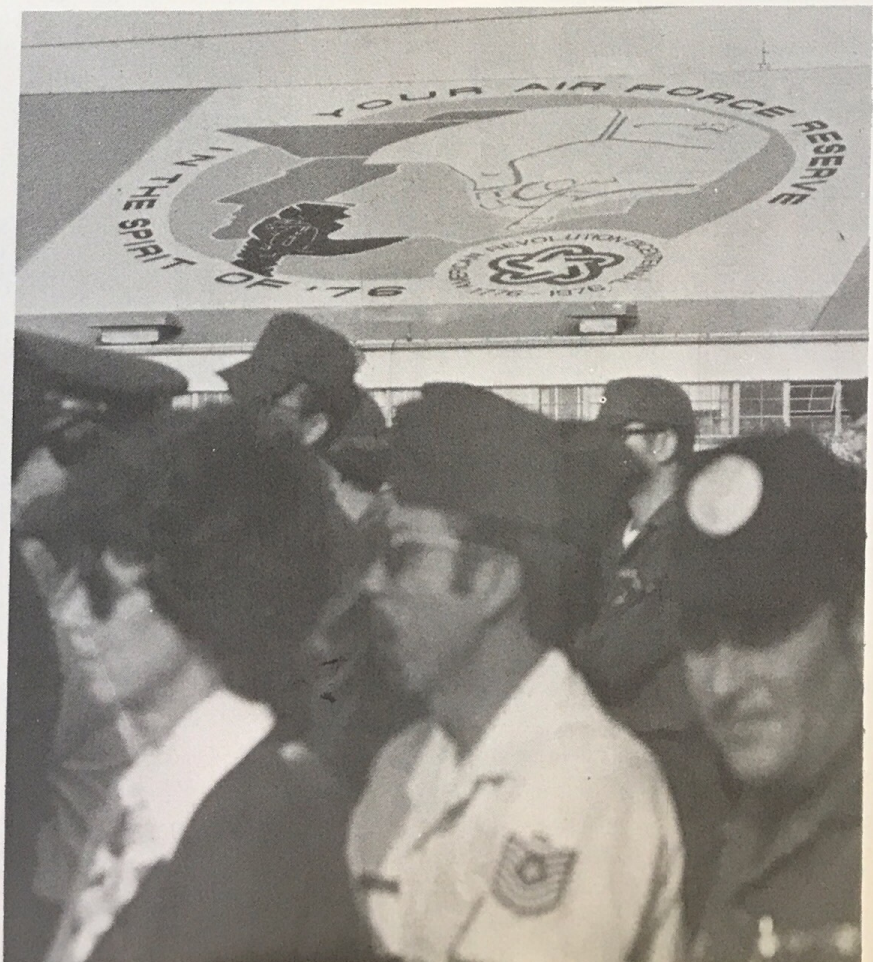
good old God."

Jane Russell also got into the act. She stated: "I Love God. When you get to know him, you find he's a livin' doll." And then there was Tallulah Bankhead who, as a guest star on the Jack Parr show related this statement from an interview with a renowned band-leader concerning his attitude toward prayer. He said, "I talk to that Cat Jesus Christ every night."

This is quite a contrast with the attitude of Isaiah who said. "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.....Then said I, woe is me, for I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts." Isa. 6:1-5.



TOP: Mayor Patience Latting of Oklahoma City speaks to members of the 507th during dedication ceremonies of Air Force Reserve Bicentennial Symbol, November 16, 1975 . The 507th Tactical Fighter Group and Air Force Reserve joined the dynamic communities of Oklahoma City and Midwest City in saluting the Spirit of 76 .



Street view of 80 foot x 80 foot painting as seen through the crowd.



TOP: Maj. Gen James G. Randolph, commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, addresses the gathering. Left to right, SSgt. Skip Dobie and Rita Dobie, artist; Brig. Gen. Edwin D. Woellner, mobilization augmentee, chief of staff, Headquarters Air Force Reserve; Lt. Col. Robert C. Helmich, chaplain; Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer, group commander; Mayor Latting and Mrs. Scheer.



LEFT: Mayor Latting greets special guest, Mrs. Paul Strausbaugh, before ceremonies.

Five percent pay increase activated

A five percent increase in pay rates became effective for reservists as of October 1.

The new rates increase the pay of a Sergeant with three years of service to \$16.20 per drill period (four times that amount per reserve weekend). A Master Sergeant with ten years of service will now earn \$25.36 per drill period which amounts to \$101.44 per weekend.

Captains having served eight years will now earn \$42.11 per drill period or \$168.44 per reserve weekend. A Major with 16 years experience will earn \$53.69 per drill period.

The five percent increase is easy to figure for your particular rank and years of service. Just multiply .05 times the amount you were making under the old criteria before taxes.

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Test yourself – See where you stand

Where do you fit in dress and appearance? Note to readers: The following true and false quiz is reprinted from the Langley AFB, VA., FLYER. Since the subject dress and appearance is now a TAC Inspector General's "Special Interest Item", it will pay to know how much you actually know about it. If you miss none or one, you're OK and won't have any trouble with inspections. Missing two or three means you're borderline and might be slightly out of Air Force Regulation (AFR) 35-10 requirements. Four or more wrong should indicate you need to brush up on AFR 35-10 and maybe yourself, too.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ: 1. True. 2. False, optional small pearl earrings are authorized only while wearing the mess dress. 3. True. 4. True. 5. True. 6. True. 7. False, the flight or work utility uniform may not be worn while eating in an off-base restaurant. 8. False, when worn by men it's mandatory that the jacket be zipped. 9. True. 10. False, only women may wear the sweater as an outer garment outdoors.

1. A T-shirt must be worn by men when wearing uniform combinations 1-6.

2. Women are authorized to wear small earrings with any uniform combination.

3. It is mandatory to wear a nametag unless you are a three-star general or above.

4. Women may wear oxfords, but not loafers, when wearing the service uniform, combination A.

5. All the uniform items sold at the clothing sales store conform to Air Force specifications.

6. While operating a bicycle in uniform, one must wear the proper headgear or helmet.

7. The flight or work utility uniform may be worn while eating in an off-base restaurant.

8. The optional lightweight jacket, when worn by a man is zipped at the discretion of the wearer.

9. Both men and women must wear headgear with the white special-purpose uniform when away from their work area.

10. Both men and women may wear the sweater as an outer garment when outdoors.

CAREER PROGRESSIONS

TO SERGEANT

Lola Blair Matous Schatz
Betty Pittman Duboise Gooden
Michael Shipley

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Dennis Diener James Looney
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Stanley Jackson Thomas Nation
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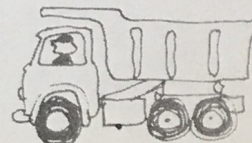
James Edwards
Billy Medley

FUN with SAFETY

Toys for very small children should be chosen with extra care. Playthings that are safe for older children become hazardous in the hands of little ones who are unaware of the dangers of sharp points and edges or brittle glass or plastic. When choosing a toy for a toddler or infant, make sure it --



- * is too large to be swallowed.
- * does not have detachable small parts that can lodge in the windpipe, ears, or nostrils.
- * is not apt to break easily into small pieces or leave jagged edges.

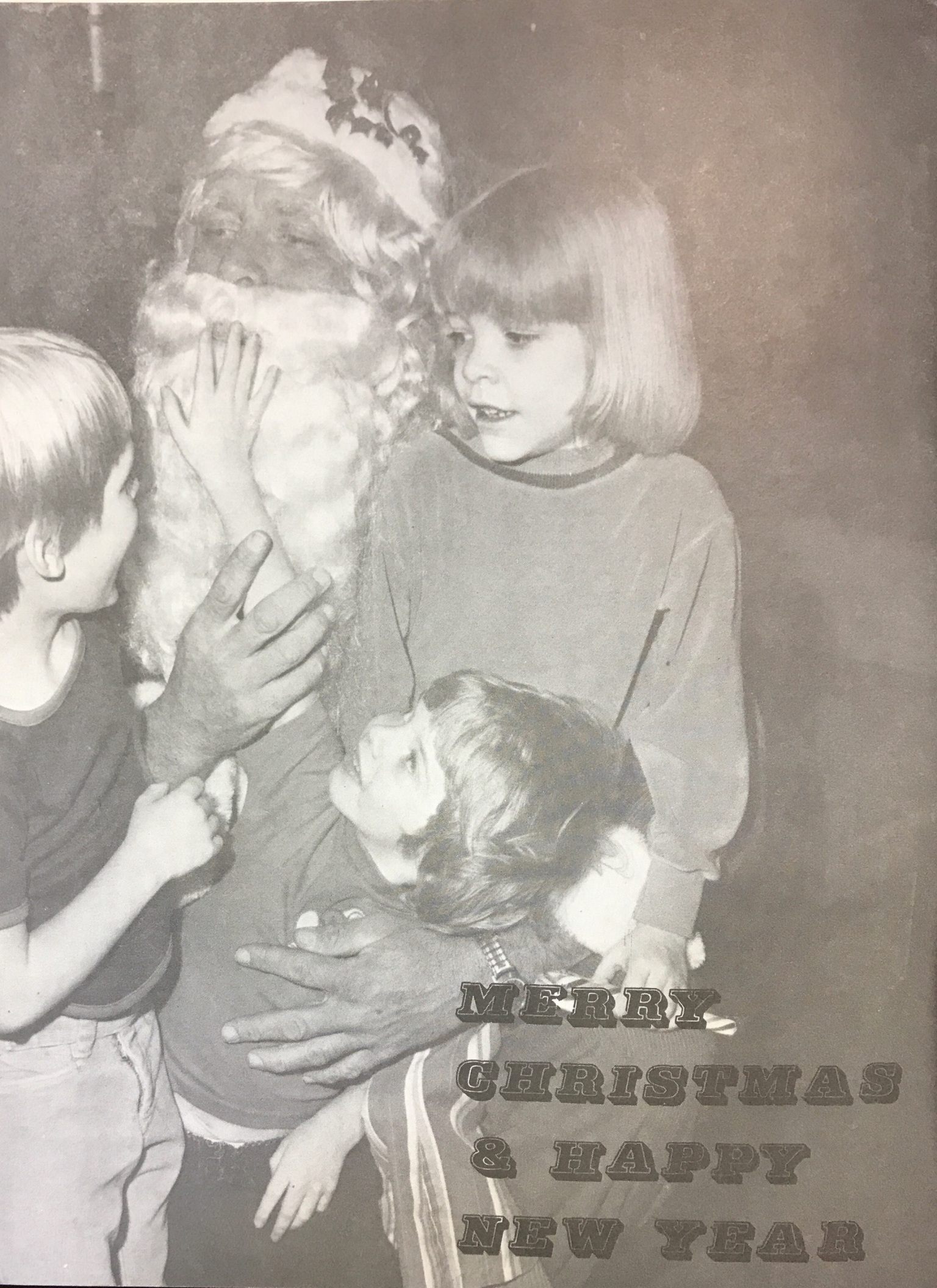


- * does not have sharp edges or points.
- * has not been put together with easily exposed straight pins, sharp wires, nails, etc.



- * is not made of glass or brittle plastic.
- * is labeled "non-toxic" -- avoid painted toys for infants who put playthings in the mouth.
- * does not have parts which can pinch fingers or toes or catch toes.
- * does not have cords or strings over 12 inches in length.





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