



Served with our very best wishes
for a festive Yuletide!
Family Restaurant

We Will Close At 2:30 Christmas Eve
And Re-open Monday Dec. 29th At 6 a.m.
Harris Avenue



Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Baucom
303 W. Edinborough

Santa Not Always Plump and Jolly!

Whoever heard of a skinny Santa? At one time, Santa was described as slim and tall, believe it or not. Today we are accustomed to thinking of Santa in terms of Clement Clarke Moore's "plump and jolly old elf", described in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," that we take it for granted that Santa has always looked that way.

But until Moore wrote his now-famous poem, there were differing notions as to Santa's appearance. He was described as slim and tall in some accounts, short and fat in others. No doubt many thought of him as being dignified, for he was known as St. Nicholas at that time.

But then Moore wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas," which appeared in print for the first time in the *Sentinel* of Troy, New York, just before Christmas in 1823. At that time it was published anonymously. By 1837, after having been printed every year in the *Sentinel*, it had been attributed to Moore.

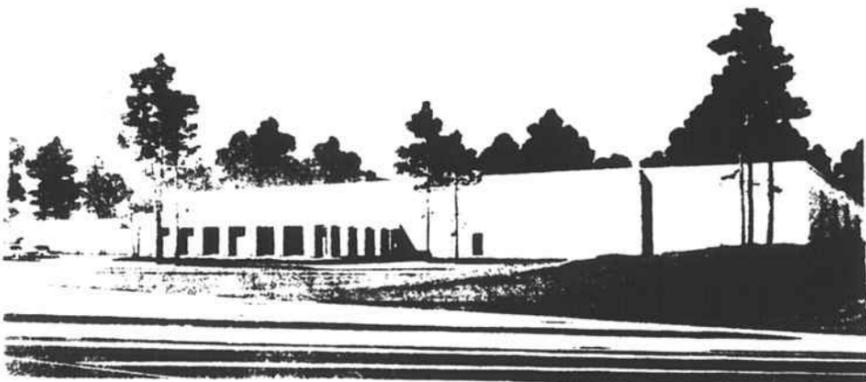
The amusing and endearing description of Santa — "a little old driver, so lively and quick . . . his eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! his cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry —" captivated the imaginations of readers and later, an engraving of Santa accompanied the poem to further establish him in the public's mind as a fat and jolly type.

With the passage of time, Moore's poem has become a traditional part of the Christmas scene.



At this holy season, may
we take the opportunity to
wish you every blessing!

**Webb's Tire Service
and Wheel Alignment**



YULETIDE CHEER

Here's hoping your
Christmas stocking is
overflowing with lots
of goodies...and that
health and happiness
bless you and yours
at this holiday season.



Raeford, N. C.



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May yours be a Merry Holiday —
And we also extend a big "thank you"
for your patronage.

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Merry Christmas



A sincere wish for a Merry
Christmas and thank you for
letting us serve you.

**Hugh's Texaco &
Alignment Service**

Campus Avenue



holiday greetings
to all our friends

May we take this oppor-
tunity to wish you the best
of everything at Christ-
mastime.

New York Life Insurance

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It's time to
greet all our
friends...and wish
them the very best
—good health, good
friends and good
times! Thank you for
your patronage.

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