

Christmas 1991

Seasons Greetings,

Anita Barns and the Nichodemus Historical Society,

Christmas season, more than any time of the year give^s all of us an opportunity to reach out and share a little good will. It's especially satisfying when we extend ourselves into other societies across some boundries and become familiar with other lifestyles.

When I read in the newspapers and magazines about the conditions of the inner cities, I can't help but become sad and depressed. The situations seems so complex, tangled, and deep, that people in their relationships have found difficult to change.

I feel that you have hit on a secret to success for a number of your people. We both live in the Kansas countryside and in it there is space to grow mentally and spiritually, a chance to get out and see the limitless sky. It's an opportunity to get away from violent influences and restore some healing that needs to be done. Also here surely we do not have the hard-core prejudice, though I'm sure we've had a part in it.

Anyway, this is my attempt to relate to you in a positive way, being open to building some bridges of trust and friendship. I enjoyed visiting your Homecoming Celebration, the style show, the picnic, and the other activities. If Nichodemus becomes a national historical site you'll have lots of other visitors too. Good Luck to you! Hope to see you again next year.

*Merry Christmas
Donna Wygle*