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*"Voice of the Foothills"*



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## REJOICE... *for our Saviour is born!*

*May you and your family bask in the glow of His light and His love this holiday season.*



## Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Clause

The New York Sun - 1897

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Clause. Papa says, "If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Clause?

- Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intel-

lect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Clause. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Clause! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Clause, but even if you did not see Santa Clause coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Clause, but that is no sign that

there is no Santa Clause. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonder there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is no veil covering the unseen world which the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all

the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love and romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this

world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Clause! Thank God! He lives and lives

forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may 10 times 10,000 years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

### Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow,  
In a one horse open sleigh,  
Over the fields we go,  
Laughing all the way;

Bells on bob-tail ring,  
What fun it is to ride and sing a  
sleighing song tonight!

Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Jingle all  
the way!  
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one  
horse open sleigh,  
Oh jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Jingle  
all the way!

Oh want fun it is to ride in a one  
horse open sleigh! Hey!



### Deck The Halls

from Wales  
(This old song was first sung in  
Wales when Christmas merry-  
making lasted only as long as the  
great yule log burned.)

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
'Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Don we now our gay apparel,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Troll the ancient Christmas carol,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Hail the new! ye lads and lasses,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Sing we joyous all together,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Heedless of the wind and weather,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

### Sacrifice of Love

by O'Henry  
from "The Gift of the Magi"

One cold winter Christmas  
Eve, there was a family who  
lived in the slums of Brooklyn.  
The family lived in an old run  
down apartment, suitable for  
rats.

The wife wanted to buy a  
chain for her husband's dam-  
aged watch, but did not have  
enough money. She was frantic  
and overwhelmed in panic. She  
did not know what to do... Her  
Christmas would be ruined! She  
thought and thought, until she  
came up with an idea. She  
decided to sell her hair at the local  
salon.

She entered the salon and  
was quickly examined by the  
stylist. The hair stylist was  
astonished in not finding damaged  
or lice hair. The wife and the  
stylist bargained and bargained.  
It resulted in the wife receiving  
\$20 for her hair, which was just  
enough to buy the chain. She  
looked at herself and saw that

she looked hideous, but she did  
not care and cloaked her head  
with a shawl.

She quickly searched and  
purchased the desired chain  
and left for home. She wrapped  
the chain in newspaper and sat  
quietly awaiting her husband's  
return from work that after-  
noon.

The husband had returned  
and entered the house. He said  
nothing. The wife saw that he  
had a grin upon his face. After  
dinner, they sat next to the stove  
for warmth. The wife pulled on  
the gift and gave it to the hus-  
band. The husband looked con-  
fused, but opened it. He was in  
tears when he saw the gift, be-  
cause he had sold his watch to  
buy a gift for the wife. He pulled  
out his gift, which was a hair  
brush for his wife's delicate hair.  
The wife and husband cried and  
wept. The love within the family  
had proven that they would sac-  
rifice anything it took to see hap-  
piness upon their partner.

### A Victorian Christmas

Tasteful Giving - The Ladies  
World, Dec. 1892

It takes common sense and  
independence to accept a costly  
present from a rich friend, without  
making any return.

If you have money to spend on  
presents, do not waste on people  
richer than yourself, but on those  
poorer.

Above all, in sending presents do  
not send articles that cost money  
and are vulgar and tawdry. A  
piece of music, a note written on  
Christmas Day, wishing many  
happy returns, or a few flowers  
entail no obligation, require no  
work, and do their own work of  
love as well as costly gifts, and  
show a delicacy of breeding.



## Merry Christmas

### Merry Christmas!



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# A Scotch Folk Tale Retold

There was once an old gray Cat, who went for a walk on Christmas morning to see what she could see. As she was walking by a small lake, she saw a Robin hopping about on a branch.

"Good morning Robin Redbreast," she said, "Where are you going on this cold and frosty morning?"

"I'm going to the King," answered the Robin, "to sing him a Christmas Song."

"Oh, but wait before you go," said the Cat. "Hop down to me a minute and I'll show you the beautiful white ring around my neck."

But Robin looked down on Cat and saw an evil look in his eye.

"Ha! Ha! gray Cat." He said, "You can't trick me. I saw you show your white ring to the little gray mouse and you ate him! I'm not coming down to you! I'm flying straight on to the King!"

So he spread his wings and flew away. He flew, and he flew, and he flew, till he came to a fence. There sat a greedy old Hawk who was looking about for his breakfast.

"Good morning, Robin Redbreast," cried the greedy old Hawk, "where are you going on this cold and frosty morning?"

"I'm going to the King," answered the wee Robin, "to sing him a Christmas Song."

"Oh, but wait before you go," said the greedy old Hawk, come close and see my magic green feather.

But the wee Robin did not like the look in the eye of the greedy old Hawk.

"Ha! ha! old Hawk," he said, "I saw you peck at the tiny birds, and you'll not peck at me. I'm going straight on to the King!"

So he spread his wings and flew away. He flew, and he flew, and he flew, till he came to a hill-side where he saw a shy old fox looking out of his hole.

"Good morning, Robin Redbreast," said the sly old Fox. "Where are you going on this cold and frosty morning?"

"I'm going to the King," answered the wee Robin "to sing him a Christmas Song."

"Oh, but wait before you go," said the sly old Fox, "let me show you the black spot I have on the end of my tail."

"Ha! ha! sly Fox," said the Robin, "I saw you chase a small lamb, I'm not interested in the spot on your tail. I'm going straight on to the King."

So the Robin Flew away once more, and never rested till he came to a rosy-cheeked boy, who sat on a log and eating a big piece of bread and butter. The tired Robin sat on a high branch and watched the boy.

"Good morning, Robin Redbreast," said the boy, "Where

are you going on this cold and frosty morning?"

"I'm going to sing a Christmas Song to the King," answered the Robin.

"Come a bit nearer," said the boy, "and I'll give you some crumbs from my bread."

"No way rosy-cheeked boy," I saw you catch a goldfinch with your crumbs. I am not interested in your crumbs. I'm flying straight on to the King."

So, no matter who begged him to stop and wait the Robin flew straight on to the King. And he sat on the window-sill of the palace.

There he sat and sang the sweetest Christmas song he knew. He was so happy because it was Christmas time, that he wanted the whole wide world to be as happy as he. And he sang, and he sang, and he sang.

The King and Queen sat at the window, and they were so

pleased with his joyful song that they asked each other what they could do to pay him for his loving thought in coming so far to sing to them.

"I know what we can do," said the Queen, "we can find him a friend." Then the King clapped his hands and asked his servants to find a friend for Robin Redbreast. One servant knew a bird named Jenny Wren who lived in the kitchen courtyard.

"Bring her to me," said the King. Jenny Wren and Robin Redbreast, when introduced, liked each other very much. They sat side by side on the window-sill and they sang, and they sang. And they sang on that Merry Christmas morning and many Christmas mornings there after.

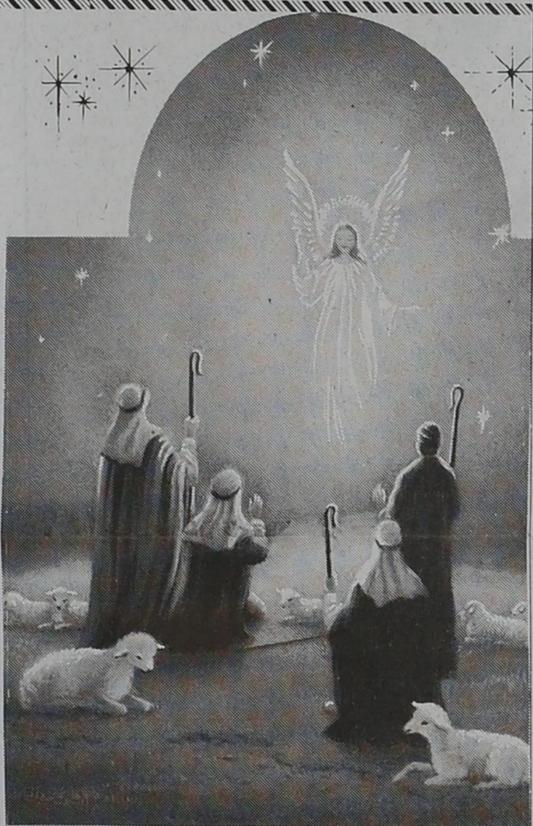
The End



Tribune, Matador, Motley County, Texas, Thursday, December 26, 1963

## In The Holy Land

Jerusalem and the Holy Land at this time of the year attract thousands of Christians from throughout the world. In Bethlehem they find the Church of the Nativity, traditional scene of the birth of Christ. From the Mount of Olives, where Jesus prayed and wept over Jerusalem, visitors can see the great beauty of the Holy City. Near Jerusalem is the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before he was killed. The tomb of Mary, mother of Christ, is close by. In Jerusalem is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, erected over the place where Christ was crucified and buried. And these are but a few of the many shrines and Holy places to be visited.



## O HOLY NIGHT

May God bless you and keep you in the circle of His precious love now and forever. Have a wonderful Christmas season.

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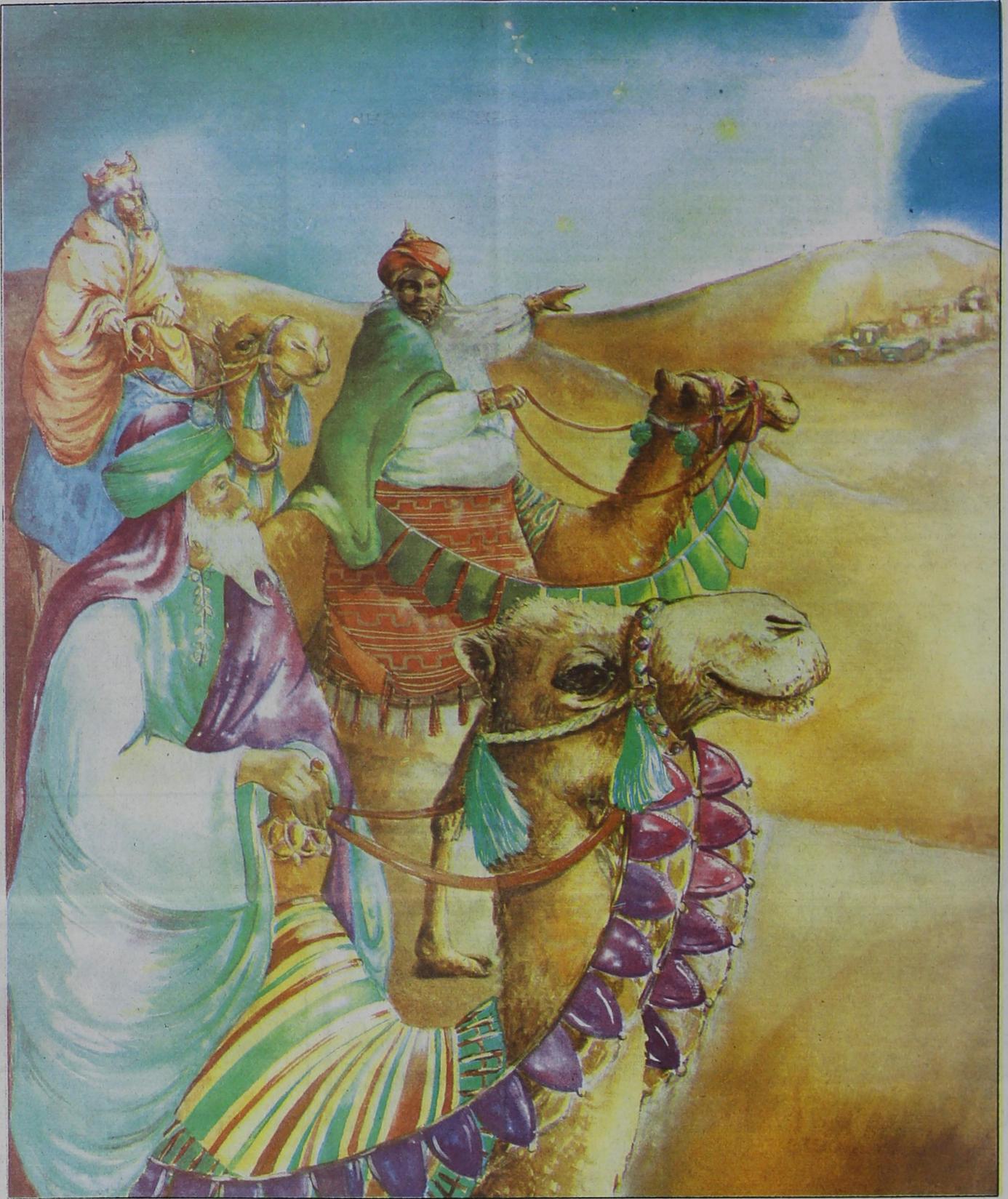
## JOY TO THE WORLD

We'd like to join with all of you in praying for worldwide peace and harmony this holiday season.



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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
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# Merry Christmas!

## Local Churches to hold Christmas Candlelight services

The First United Methodist Church of Roaring Springs will hold Christmas Candlelight services, Saturday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Paul Stearns extends an invitation to everyone to attend this special service.

The First Baptist Church of Matador will hold a Christmas

Candlelight service, Sunday evening, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Special music will be presented, as well as scripture readings. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the service.

Rev. Jack Boggs extends an invitation to everyone to attend this special service.

## Holiday Safe Driving Campaign targets drunk driving

Santa has a warning for Texas motorists: He knows when you've been drinking. He knows when you're .08.

So do thousands of law officers trained to identify drivers who've exceeded the state's legal limit for intoxication. And they'll be patrolling Texas streets and highways in December in an effort to reduce alcohol-related traffic deaths and injuries.

TxDOT's lively new campaign, which features several tongue-in-cheek holiday slogans based on Christmas carols, has a deadly serious message. If you drink this holiday season and get behind the wheel, you'll find more than coal in your stocking come Christmas Day. Expect penalties ranging from stiff fines and drivers license suspension to spending time in jail.

DWI prevention messages are appearing on TV, radio, billboards, gas pumps and decals and coasters in bars and restaurants statewide. The public education campaign is part of a concerted effort between Decem-

ber 19 and January 4 to change Texas' standing as the national leader in alcohol-related traffic fatalities. Impaired drivers are to blame for more than 1,700 deaths and 25,000 injuries in Texas each year.

"If alcohol is involved in holiday celebrations, we're reminding drivers to designate a driver who hasn't been drinking, or take a cab," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's traffic operations director. "It may be the season to be jolly, but we want Texas motorists to know if you drink and you drive, you go to jail."

Texas Department of Public Safety and more than 600 local law enforcement agencies will be out in force during the holidays to keep Texas roads and highways as safe as possible. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Restaurant Association, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, Diamond Shamrock and Mothers Against Drunk Driving also are participating in the campaign.



Well .... Let me think ... what do I want for Christmas?

Little Shelby Elliott seems to be putting quite a bit of thought into what she will ask Santa for Christmas, while brothers, Reagan, left, and Bryson seem more sure of what they may ask for. Bryson even does some explaining with his description of a Christmas desire. The three are the children of Shawn and Shonda Elliott of Matador.

## Matador City Council meets

# Clean-up available to residents for old cars and scrap metal

The Matador City Council met Thursday, December 11, for their regular meeting. Attending were Mayor Pro Tem Shane Jones, Council members Pat Seigler, Chuck Ream and Bert Darsey; Water Superintendent Steve Barton; and City Secretary Lara Davey. Danny McCaslan was present for Open Forum. He will be in Matador doing clean up of

old cars and scrap metal for individuals and asked the Council for property locations and a list of potential clean-up sites. Anyone interested in Clean-up should contact City Hall.

Minutes from the November 13 meeting were read and approved. A list of expenditures were presented and approved for payment.

Motley County ISD Superintendent Rick Copp was present to discuss the traffic concern around the school. It was determined that the speed limit for

the streets around the school would be reduced to 20 miles an hour. Mr. Copp will submit a formal proposal to Council. No action was taken on this matter.

An annual Christmas Bonus was determined for full time employees at \$100 and for part-time employees, \$50.

Two bids were submitted for the Heating and Air Conditioning Unit for City Hall. Hammond Sheet Metal was awarded the bid.

In his Water Superintendent report, Steve Barton asked

Council if he could charge a \$25.00 deposit to individuals for the use of the City trailers. The City has had to repair flats and damages on the trailers and this would cut down on the charges incurred to the City. Steve also addressed the fact of charging individuals to mow lots. This will be discussed in detail at a future meeting.

Chuck Ream announced a Nursing Home Meeting for January 13, 2004, and urged Council to be in attendance. A board of directors will be determined at this meeting.

## Roaring Springs City Council meets

The Roaring Springs City Council met for their regular meeting November 10. All council members were present.

Bids were opened and reviewed for the purchase of a new backhoe. Bids were received by from Warren Caterpillar, Lubbock, and Yellowhouse Machinery, Lubbock. A decision was tabled until other options can be considered.

Minutes from the October 13 meeting were approved.

Council voted unanimously to send letters to various property owners, requesting them to clean up their property.

The matter of stray dogs was discussed. The city cannot afford a facility to house stray dogs, so nothing can be done.

Mayor Marshall reported it is mandatory for an Economic De-

velopment Part A and Part B, board member to attend training sessions. A fine of \$1,000.00 could be enforced against the city for failure to attend these sessions.

The Council met in special session November 17. All council members were present.

Mayor Marshall explained a 911 Resolution between the City of Roaring Springs and Motley County. Council approved the Resolution with four votes for and one abstaining.

Council members discussed the cost of a new backhoe, and looked at options to keep the present backhoe. A decision was made to send the present backhoe for a service check, before making a decision for a new backhoe.

The Council met for their regular December meeting, Monday, December 8. All members were present.

Minutes from the November 10 regular meeting and the November 17 special meeting were approved. Bills were approved to be paid.

Council discussed purchasing covers for downtown and park trash barrels. This was tabled until other options can be investigated.

Council voted unanimously to pay \$500 to the Motley County Trappers Association. Anyone in the city limits of Roaring Springs should call the County Trapper or City Hall during regular business hours, if they have a skunk or other varmit problems needing trapping.

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## Motley County prisoners will now be housed at Spur

Motley County prisoners will now be housed at the Dickens Correctional Institute in Spur, due to the closing of the Floyd County Jail last week. Motley County Sheriff Jim Meador said he met with prison officials last week and arrangements have been made to house any Motley County prisoners.

An article in *The Floyd*

*County Hesperian-Beacon* last week stated that Floyd County Commissioners voted to close

the jail Monday, December 8. The Commissioners were responding to a letter from the

Texas Commission on Jail Standards with cancelled variances for the Floyd County Jail, and a lack of liability insurance.

## Roaring Springs Methodist Church will serve Christmas Day Lunch

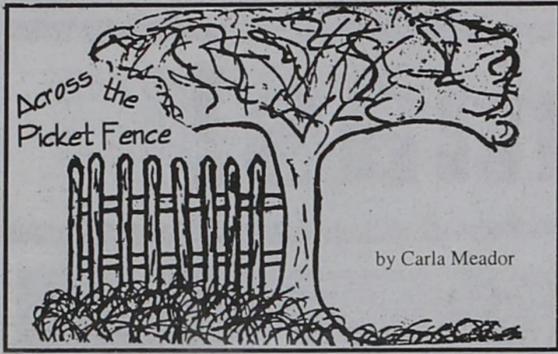
The Roaring Springs United Methodist Church will sponsor a Christmas Day lunch, December 25, at the church's fellowship hall.

The lunch will feature tur-

key, dressing and all the trimmings. Anyone, regardless of age, who will be alone at Christmas is invited to enjoy the lunch. No need to bring anything, all food will be furnished.



Grannie's Tea Party — These little ladies attended the Annual Library Fund-raiser, Grannie's Tea Party, hosted by Mrs. Joyce Campbell and Mrs. Janie Campbell, and assisted by Kittie Campbell. Pictured left to right are Victoria Fonseca, Cassidy Turner, Shelby Elliott, Megan Ford, Sage Guerrero, Chloe Glegghorn, Amber McKinney, Thalia Quilimaco, Mattie Brooks, Ashleigh Jones. In back is Miss Kittie Campbell holding Durdie Glegghorn. The mink stole that Kittie is wearing and some of the girls' hats were donated by Kate Hord and Karol deVries from their aunt's (Mrs. Myra Spears) estate, for use at the Tea Party. Funds from the event purchased children's videos for the Motley County Library.



# Motley County Lifestyles

# Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

## The Wooden Bowl

submitted by Rita Groves

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson.

The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered.

The family ate together at the table. However, the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped his glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about Grandfather," said the son. I have had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor. So, the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner.

Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mamma to eat your food in when I grow up."

The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents that they were speechless.

Then tears started to stream down their cheeks.

Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband

took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table.

For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family.

And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

On a positive note, I have learned that, no matter what happens how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I have learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you will miss them when they are gone from your life.

I have learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life." I have learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I have learned that you should not go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands.

You need to be able to throw something back. I have learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you.

But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I have learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I have learned that even when I have pains, I do not have to be one. I have learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone.

People love that human touch - holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I have learned that I still have a lot to learn.

As we make preparations to celebrate Christmas next week, it seems that everything is so hurried. For me putting out this special Christmas edition takes every minute of December until Christmas week, when I close for a little time off.

We all hurry around, shopping, running here and there, trying to purchase just the right gift for the special ones on our Christmas lists. We all go overboard! I'm just as guilty as the next person when it comes to the hustle and bustle of the season.

This week has brought a deeper understanding of the season for me. As we all hurry around preparing for the big day, we tend to forget what's really important. As I fluster with disgust of wondering how I'll get everything done, my dear cousin is preparing to say goodbye to her beloved daughter. The young 29-year-old mother of two little girls, 9-months and 2 years, is dying of terminal cancer. The report we received today (Tuesday) is that sweet Belinda probably wouldn't make it through the week. My heart cries with sadness for her mother and father, her four brothers, and her precious little girls. We all love Belinda. She is preparing to meet Jesus. She understands and has put everything in God's hands. And even though she is so sick, sweet Belinda still has deep concern for family members and their problems.

Belinda's immediate family is planning an early Christmas get-together. With God's grace, they will have Christmas dinner, a tree with lights, gifts and all the traditional trimmings, in an empty hospital room, Wednesday. She will

present her precious little girls with gifts from Santa and joy in their excitement.

God and His Angels are making preparations for a new Angel. Jesus is making preparations to greet her with open arms.

Yes, many preparations are being made during this holiday season. The most important preparation we should make is to prepare our hearts for Jesus.

God gave us His greatest gift with the birth of His son, Jesus Christ. He has blessed us all so richly.

I am especially thankful for God's gifts to me - my beloved son, my daughter-in-law and my precious grandchildren. My wonderful husband and parents; my sister and brothers and their families. God has blessed me greatly with a very large and loving family. I thank God they are all healthy and happy. This is the greatest Christmas gift I could ever desire. And although I have rushed around, purchased gifts and made my own preparations, the gift I most want my loved ones to receive from me is to know how very much I love them.

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Tuesday, December 23

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**Nothing Significant Has Changed**

Christianity is under attack almost daily. The hostility appears to be growing especially during this holiday season. Those that preach "tolerance" are apparently shocked that Christians are different from those who aren't. That very difference seems to alarm some people. However, when we read I John 2:6 it is very plain that there is a difference. We are to deny ungodliness and worldliness. We are instructed to live "soberly, righteously and godly in this present world." This was penned in the first century and time hasn't changed it.

Christ gave Himself for us - "that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works." Titus 2:15 That hasn't changed either!

The Apostle Paul writes - "Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord God Almighty." II Corinthians 6:17-18. No significant change found here!

The Apostle Peter writes - "You also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." I Peter 2:5. That hasn't changed!

Our Lord said - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 That hasn't changed!

Christians once showed the world how to live godly lives. It seems today those who aren't in the business of instructing Christians how to live. Now there's something that has changed!

Roaring Springs Church of Christ  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

**Christmas has Arrived!**

Large selection of beautiful Avon Christmas items.

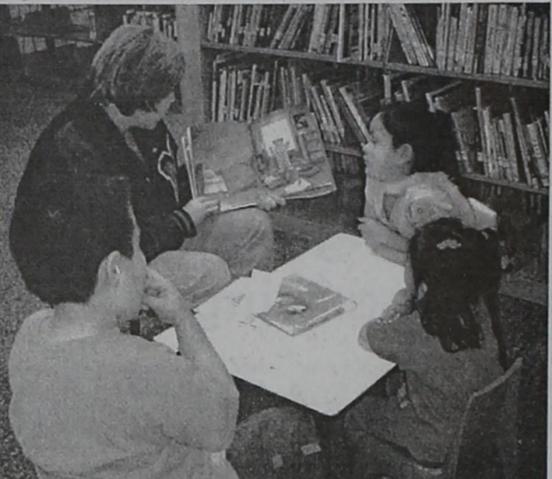
COME SEE!

**New to You**

Downtown Matador

Please note that the library will be closed for Christmas, December 23-26. Come in today, tomorrow, or Monday and stock up on books to carry you through the holidays. Also, you have until 4:30 on Monday, December 22, to sign up for the painting give-away. Maybe it will be a Christmas present for you or for someone on your list.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper for their gift to library of a year's subscription to *Guidedposts*. This is a very popular publication and we thank the Coopers for remembering us. The Motley County Library



Shea Rose reads *Jingle Bells Homework Smells* to Dominique Quilimaco, Samantha Quilimaco and Victoria Fonseca at the Library.

**Roaring Springs City Council**

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Council voted unanimously to keep present backhoe. Council discussed applying for a Home Improvement Grant.

This will be discussed again at the January, 2004 regular city meeting.

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# THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



## School Zone outlined

Motley County ISD, in conjunction with the City of Matador, is continually looking for ways to make the streets safe for all children. After much debate and looking at all the options available for keeping children safe while loading buses in the afternoon the following guidelines have been adopted.

Buses will load in the front of the elementary building in the afternoons. Lights and/or stop signs will be displayed on the buses from approximately 3:10 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parents are asked to continue picking their children up from Burleson Street and the exit south on Bundy Street.

When the lights and/or stop signs are being displayed on a school bus it is illegal to pass, even when parked. Should a parent need to enter the building between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., please park in the parking lot across from the main building. Any person with a handicap tag or license plate will be allowed to ease past the busses and parking the designated area.

The following streets will be designated at 20 MPH all day: Scotch Street from Walton Street (at the baseball field) to Bailey Street (Highway 62/70); Hazel Street from Scotch (by the bus barn) to Main street; Burleson street from Main Street to Bundy Street; and Bundy Street (in front of the school) from Burleson to Hazel. Bundy Street (in front of the school) will continue to be a One Way Street from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during school hours.

Streets will be posted with signs designating speed and the presence of children.

Motley County ISD and the City of Matador appreciates the help of everyone with implementing this plan and keeping all children of Motley County safe.

## MC student participates in Distinguished Youth of Texas program

Kaleigh Kerns, daughter of Danny and Amy Perryman of Roaring Springs, Texas, was selected to participate in the "Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program." It was held at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin, November 28-30, 2003. During the weekend event, two Texas students were selected to receive a \$1,000.00 U.S. Savings Bond and the right to serve as a State Program Titleholder for one year. In addition, both winners received \$250.00 to present to their respective schools from the Distinguished Youth of America Program. In all, more than \$5,000.00 in awards and prizes were awarded to students who rank high academically and

who are leaders in their schools and communities. The judging criteria used to select the two state titleholders includes the following: Scholastic Record, Service to School and Community; Personality Projection; and Interview. Program Founder, Warren Alexander, stated, "This program truly reflects the female youth of the twenty-first century. The candidates are intelligent, well-rounded students. Sixty percent of the judging involves written resumes, with another significant portion being the Judge's interview."

Kaleigh Kerns was sponsored for the weekend by the following: Rinker Materials, Alexander Fuel, Matador Motor, Seigler Funeral Home, Mane Place, Hitchin' Post, Petticoat Junction, Thayer & Washington, Motley Co. Tribune, Anna's, Corky & Monta Marshall, Matador Variety, Todd's Grocery (Spur), Wyatts Tractor (Spur), Jones Sports (Paducah). Thank you!



Motley County High School Theater Arts students presented a Christmas play to the student body on Monday.

## School will dismiss early

Motley County students will have early dismissal from school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Classes will dismiss at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 1:30 p.m. Friday. Students will return to class after the Winter Break on January 7, 2004, at regular time.

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### HACKBERRY CREEK CARE CENTER TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Hackberry Creek Care Center Steering Committee will host 3 informational meetings for the public on January 8th. The meetings are scheduled at different times and locations in the county to encourage the attendance of all interested parties.

Jan. 8th	1:00 p.m.	Matador	Senior Citizens Center
Jan. 8th	5:30 p.m.	Matador	Senior Citizens Center
Jan. 8th	7:00 p.m.	Roaring Springs	Community Center

These meetings are being held to allow everyone the opportunity to view the plans that the architect has drawn up and learn what opportunities the Nursing Home will bring to the County. Anyone interested in this project is welcome to attend any of the scheduled meetings and bring with them any questions about the facility or its functions.

Also, scheduled for the month of January is an Annual Membership Meeting. This meeting will be held on January 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center in Matador. This meeting will open the organization up to a general membership. The general membership of the Hackberry Creek Care Center will elect a board of directors at the meeting and will also have the opportunity to voice any concerns. The membership fee is \$5.00 per person per year.

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

The Bible group that is being taught by Mrs. Fredia Burns met in the home of Miss Lula Swim Monday, December 8. Mrs. Becki Swim Knight shared hostess duties and there were 16 present.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder were in Floydada Saturday on business.

Several of the Roaring Springs Methodist Church were in attendance at the Matador Methodist Church Sunday and enjoyed the stew and cornbread furnished by Rodney and Glenda Williams.

Mr. Marty Fletcher of Amarillo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Fletcher over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock were in Roaring Springs Wednesday to accompany Mrs. Becki Swim Knight to the airport. She visited in their home until Friday night and flew out to her home in La Mirada, Calif. after visiting here three weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim in Lubbock and in Roaring Springs with Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Miss Lula Swim. The House of Faith children met

at the park for a party. Small New Testaments were given to 39 children attending.

### WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Miss Lula Swim was hostess to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild when it met in her home on Wednesday night, December 10. Mrs. Pear Patten was in charge. Rev. Paul Stearns gave the blessing for the food. Mrs. Chelsea Read read the book, Christmas Child by Max Lucado. Gifts were exchanged. Those attending in addition to those already mentioned, were JoEtta Bumgardner, Rita Groves, Callie Giesecke, Mary Lumsden and Lea Peacock.

Mrs. Audrey Jones, who had been visiting with her sons and families in California, returned to her home in Roaring Springs recently. Her sister Mrs. Tinsey Parr and nephew, Dwayne Parr, longtime Bakersfield, CA residents, returned to Roaring Springs with her and plan to make their home here.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

If Christmas is not found in your heart, you will not find it under the Christmas tree. May you have a Merry Christmas.

### MINDY STARK RECEIVES DEGREE

Mindy Stark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark of Flomot, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education at the graduation ceremonies held at the University of Texas in Austin Saturday, December 6, 2003.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stark, brother, Lt. Wes Stark, stationed at the U.S. Air Force base in Del Rio, Lee, Teresa and Molly Stark of White Deer and Lanell Dillon and Devin Painter of Plainview attended her graduation ceremonies.

Mindy was a guest of her college friend, Audrey Hardy, a former graduate of the University of Texas in Austin, on a trip to Prague, Czechoslovakia. Among the tourist attractions they enjoyed from November 25 to December 2 were the Old Town Square, the historic center of Prague, Powder Tower entrance, the Tyn Church and the banks of Ultava River lined with palaces and public buildings.

### WEATHER REPORT

After 45 to 60 mile winds Thursday, December 11 and again Monday, December 15 dust was in the air and farmers were unable to continue stripping cotton. Traveling over "blow out" dirt roads in the area, the service station attendants are keeping busy fixing flats!

Mrs. Aleda Ross attended to

business in Lubbock, Monday and visited her daughter, Mrs. Stan (Elisa) Wigley and Mrs. Elizabeth Andestad.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Sunday were Michael Starkey, Ted Stalling and daughter, Taylor of Canyon.

Mrs. Julie Edwards and mother, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay were in Lubbock, Monday for Julie a medical appointment.

Visiting in Petrolia Sunday with Christi and Dwain Milam, Haley and Emily and celebrating Haley's second birthday with a party were great grandparents, Alma and Everett Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin, grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter and aunt, Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Warrenton, Virginia.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay attended the Christmas program presented Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church in Turkey. Her grandchildren, Walker and Ryleigh Carson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson of Turkey, were on the program.

Johnie Starkey accompanied his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey to Lubbock, Friday and to Plainview, Monday for medical appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Granbury Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Merritt and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn visited in Broken Arrow, OK from Friday until Monday with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Gwinn. They celebrated the George Gwinn's 50th Wedding Anniversary at a reception held Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ in Broken Arrow.

## OBITUARIES

### Dood Damron

Funeral services for Dood L. Damron, 89, of Matador, were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Gene Hawkins and Rev. Jack Boggs. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Damron died early Monday at Crosbyton Hospital.

He was born August 30, 1914, at the White Star Community, the son of pioneer Motley County residents, Chris and Annie Damron.

He had been a lifelong resident of Motley County. In his early years he was a cowboy, and later operated a custom boot shop in Matador for 62 years.

He was a Veteran of World War II, and a member of the Matador Cowboy's Reunion, and the Oddfellows and Rebecca Lodge.

He was married to Lora Ethel Carter in 1938. She died in 1965. He was later married to Maye Gossett. He was preceded in death by a son, David Lewis Damron in 1950, and by



his brother, Mose Damron.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Christina Damron of San Antonio and Marianne Damron of Wolforth; one step-daughter, Clara Sudduth of Muleshoe; 8 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested memorials to Matador-Cowboy's Reunion Association, or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch at Amarillo.

## NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to you all for the calls, cards, flowers, food, prayers and visits during and after my two recent stays in the hospital.

Bill Moss

We would like to thank all the Senior Citizens for their prayers and support while I was in the hospital recovering from a heart attack. To all, Tommye, Kay, Georgia, Rodger, and to my loved ones - Steve, Ann and Chris. Also thanks to the ambulance crew for taking me to the hospital.

God bless and love to all,  
Bud Barton

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God blessed Herman with a long life and though his passing is difficult, the love and concern of friends and family have made it easier for us to bear.

Thanks to Seigler Funeral Home for all they did to make planning a long-distance service as easy as possible. The care and concern that Pat and Nathan showed to us was very special. Thanks also to Rev. Jack Boggs for the beautiful service and to the ladies of First Baptist Church for the delicious meal prepared for us. We appreciate all of the pallbearers who were willing to serve on short notice: Garland Cartwright, Robin Darsey, Vaden Hays, Roy Hobbs, Clay Jameson and Terry Simpson. Thanks to Jim Meador for providing the escort service.

All of the flowers, cards, and phone calls have been much appreciated and have helped us through this time of loss. Matador will always be home to me and all of the people will have a special place in my heart.

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## Matador News

Ellis Terry is a patient in the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock with blood in his lungs. At newstime he is reported to be improving.

Charlie Renfro and Butch Renfro were both hospitalized recently being treated for pneumonia.

Mrs. Cora Hall, former Matador resident, was honored recently on her 90th Birthday, with a party at the fellowship hall at the Baptist Church in her home in Oregon. She received numerous cards and expressed her thankfulness to the Lord for taking care of her and giving her a mind and an eye to be able to read His word. She said in a let-

ter received at the Tribune, "May God bless all who read this note."

Mrs. Hall had received word from her sister, Dora Farrar, of the death of Lucille Meador Woolery. Services were held Oct. 2. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meador of Matador.

### Correction

Andy and Gay Green who were listed as Thanksgiving visitors in the Luther Green home, in last week's paper, are from Keller.

Omitted from the list were Ensign Adam and Meredith Green of Corpus Christi.

## Look Who's New



Josie Dianne Bonney

Rodney and Tanya Bonney of Childress would like to announce the arrival of their daughter, Josie Dianne Bonney. She was born December 1, 2003. She weighed 9 pounds 1 ounce and was 21 1/2 inches long.

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- \*Install smoke detectors or, if you already have them, install new batteries and test them.
- \*Install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- \*Have an operable fire extinguisher readily available.
- \*Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.
- \*Follow the use and care instructions included with your electrical decorations.
- \*Do not climb ladders, work

in high places or put up electrical decorations when you are alone - avoid injury by decorating with friends or family.

## Christmas Tree

- \*Keep tree away from floor heaters, fireplaces, or other heat sources and make sure it does not block any exits.
- \*Never use candles as tree ornaments, even on artificial trees.
- \*Do not use electrical ornaments or light strings on artificial trees with metallic leaves or branch coverings. This could create an electrical shock.
- \*Use miniature lights, which have cool-burning bulbs.

## Lights

- \*Use only UL-listed lights, and no more than three strands linked together.
- \*Examine your old light strings each year, discarding worn ones.

\*Review the original package for light strings to verify proper wattage and voltage.

- \*Use power strip to avoid overloading wall outlets and extension cords and to protect your decorations from electrical surges.
- \*Fasten the bulbs securely and point the sockets down to avoid moisture build up.
- \*Unplug light strings before replacing bulbs.
- \*Turn off the Christmas lights and all other electrical decorations when you sleep and when you leave your home. Consider using a timer to automatically turn on and off your electrical decorations according to your schedule.

## Outdoor Decorating

- \*Before using any light strings, animated displays or other electrical decorations outdoors, make sure the product is

approved by a nationally recognized certification organization and marked "for outdoor use."

- \*Never use indoor extension cords outside.
- \*Keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground and out of puddles.
- \*Make sure trees decorated with lights are not touching power lines.
- \*When connecting light strands, wrap a plastic bag around connections and tie ends with teflon tape.
- \*Do not staple or nail through light strings or electrical/extension cords. You could damage the wire or insulation, which could lead to an electrical shock or fire.
- \*Do not decorate after dark when it is difficult to see electrical cords and easier to pierce one while hanging light strands.

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# Bob Wills' Texas playboys to perform at Crowell's Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball

Crowell, Texas -- Legendary Leon Rausch and Grammy Award winner Tommy Allsup, fiddler players Bob Boatright and Jimmy Young with Curly Hollingsworth at keyboard along with the other members of the Bob Wills band will be in Crowell on Saturday evening December 20 to play at Crowell's third annual "Cowboy Christmas Ball." The music and

dancing will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Crowell Activity Center on Main Street in downtown Crowell. Period dress is suggested but not required.

Special guest performers to begin the evening entertainment with fast moving, toe tapping, Cajun and western music will include Ginny Mac, George Uptmor, Ronny Schultz, Wendell Sollis and Barry Branch. For the

kick-off of this year's Christmas Ball at 8:00 p.m., join this special musical talented musicians playin' bayou tunes.

J.W. Sollis of the Crowell Chamber of Commerce said, "Crowell is proud and honored by the presence of this group of musicians, and we hope that this year's Christmas Ball and our future Christmas Balls will carry the wonderful tradition of

Western and Western Swing music well into the future."

Tickets are now on sale, and can be purchased by calling J.W. Sollis at the Crowell Chamber of Commerce, 1-940-684-1670. Seating is limited. Motel space is limited, full hook-up RV parking space is available.

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2003, by the Clerk thereof, in the  
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Cause No. 656-TS  
Styling: City of Matador v. R.B.  
Dawson, Mrs. A/k/a Nancy Dawson.  
Legal Description: 1. Lots 6, 7,  
Block 92, Original Town of Matador,  
Motley County, Texas.  
Cause No. 665-TS  
Styling: City of Matador v.  
Conrado Zarate

Legal Description: 2. Lots 3, 5, 6,  
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Matador, Motley County, Texas.  
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Tuesday of said month, at the North  
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# Christmas Cooking

## Tips for Successful Cookie Baking

- ♥ To measure dry ingredients, use individual dry measuring cups sold in set of graduated sizes - 1 cup, 1/2 cup, 1/3 cup and 1/4 cup - in metal or plastic.
- ♥ To measure flour, stir in a bit right inside the package, then gently spoon into exact-size cup until overflowing. Level off with spatula or knife. Be careful not to shake cup, tap on counter or otherwise pack down flour.
- ♥ For nuts, coconut or small fruit, spoon into cup and pack down lightly.
- ♥ For brown sugar, fats and solid shortening, pack down firmly in right-size cup.
- ♥ To measure liquids, pour into glass measuring cup and read measurement at eye level.
- ♥ Use large eggs in all recipes.
- ♥ Use stick margarine or butter only, not whipped or tub type.
- ♥ Keep an oven thermometer in your oven to check temperature. Adjust setting if necessary.
- ♥ Use cookie sheets at least 2 inches narrower and shorter than your oven for proper heat circulation.
- ♥ Always place dough on a cool cookie sheet (dough spreads on a hot one.)
- ♥ Bake on 1 cookie sheet at a time, using center rack unless recipe states otherwise. But fill another sheet while the first is in the oven.
- ♥ Check cookies at the minimum baking time. One minute can make a difference. More important than specified time is how a cookie looks, feels and smells.

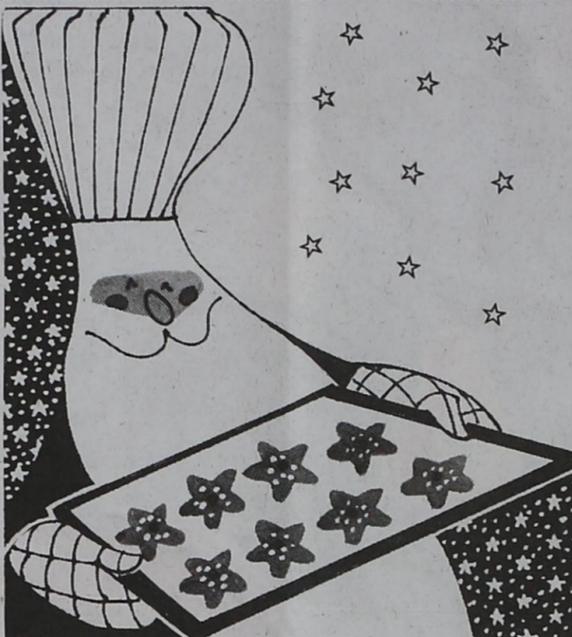


## Ginger Cookies or Gingerbread Men & Women

- ★ 1 cup butter
- ★ 1 cup sugar
- ★ 3 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- ★ 1 egg
- ★ 1/3 cup molasses
- ★ 1 tbsp. ground ginger
- ★ 2 tsp. cinnamon
- ★ 1 tsp. ground cloves
- ★ 1 tsp. salt

Sift and measure flour. Add salt, baking soda and spices - sift twice again. Cream butter until light and fluffy, gradually blend in sugar till creamy. Add beaten egg and molasses, add flour mixture. Turn onto floured board. Knead till smooth. Shape into 3 rolls, 2" in diameter. Wrap each roll in wax paper. Chill overnight in fridge. Cut crosswise with a knife in 1/8" thick slices. Bake 8-10 min. at 350. Dust with sugar on top when baked. Decorate and hang on your tree for little visitors.

★ To make gingerbread men & women. Roll out chilled dough on floured surface (1/8"), cut out and bake as above.



## Christmas Stollen

A Fleischmann's Yeast recipe. Makes 2 stollens.

- ★ 1 cup warm water
- ★ 3 tsp. granulated sugar
- ★ 2 envelopes dry yeast
- ★ 3/4 cup milk
- ★ 2/3 cup margarine
- ★ 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- ★ 1 tsp. salt
- ★ 3 eggs beaten
- ★ 6 to 6 1/2 cups flour
- ★ 1 cup slivered blanched almonds
- ★ 1 cup mixed candied fruit
- ★ 1 cup golden seedless raisins
- ★ 1/2 cup candied cherries halved

Dissolve yeast in warm water, in which 2 tsp. sugar has been added. Let stand 10 min., then stir well. Combine milk, margarine, sugar and salt in saucepan. Heat over low heat until margarine is melted; cool to lukewarm. Add liquid mixture to dissolved yeast. Beat gradually, additional flour to make a soft dough. Turn out onto lightly floured board. Knead until smooth and satiny. About 8 to 10 minutes. Knead in almonds and fruits. Place in greased bowl, turn to greased top. Cover with a greased waxed paper. Let rise in warm and humid place until doubled in bulk about 1 1/2 hours. Punch down dough. Turn out onto lightly floured board. Divide dough in half, roll each piece into 12 x 8 inch oval. Fold in thirds lengthwise overlapping folds. Place on greased baking sheets. Cover and let rise until doubled about 45 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees F for 20-25 minutes or until done. Remove from baking sheet and cool on wire racks. Frost with a Confectioners' sugar frosting while warm. If desired decorate with whole blanched and candied cherries.

## Sugar Plum Loaves

Makes 2 loaves

- ★ 2 tsp. dry yeast
- ★ 1/2 c. water (110 degrees)
- ★ 2 tsp. sugar
- ★ 3/4 c. milk, scalded
- ★ 1/2 c. sugar
- ★ 1/4 c. shortening
- ★ 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- ★ 4 3/4 - 5 1/4 c. all-purpose flour, sifted
- ★ 1 tsp. grated lemon peel
- ★ 2 beaten eggs
- ★ 1 1/2 c. mixed candied fruits and peels
- ★ confectioner's icing
- ★ nuts and candied cherry halves

1. Stir yeast into water. Add 2 tsp. sugar and allow yeast to become active (about 10 min.)
2. Combine milk, 1/2 c. sugar, shortening, and salt. Cool to lukewarm.
3. Add about 2 c. flour and the lemon peel. Beat until smooth.
4. Add eggs and beat well.
5. Stir in yeast mixture. Add fruits and peels. Stir in enough flour to make a soft dough.
6. Cover and let rise for 10 minutes.
7. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic (6-8 min.). Place in lightly greased bowl, turning once to grease surface.
8. Cover. Let rise till double (about 1 1/2-2 hours).
9. Punch down. Divide dough in half. Round each half into a ball. Cover and let rest 10 min.
10. Pat balls of dough into two round loaves, place on greased cookie sheet, Pat tops to flatten slightly. Cover and let rise till double (about 1 1/2 hours).
11. Bake at 350 degrees about 30 minutes. (Cover tops with foil after about 25 min. to prevent over-browning.)
12. While still slightly warm, frost with confectioner's icing and decorate with nuts and candied cherry halves.

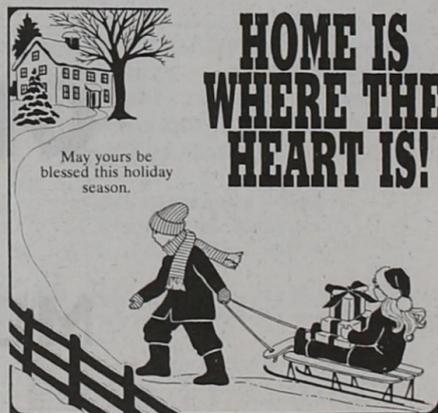


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# Dear Santa, I want a...

Dear Santa,

We will all leave milk and cookies for you. It is ok if you watch TV while you eat the cookies. We have all been nice this year. We love you Santa. Thank you for what you bring.

Merry Christmas,  
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Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Clause? I have been a good girl. I would like a Strawberry Shortcake, Wendy Waters, Share Bear, and a Guitar. I also want you to bring a bag of Mint M&Ms for us all.

Love,  
 Morgan

Dear Santa,

I am a good boy. I want some more Tonkas, the Rescue Hero Tower, and a Horse. Have a safe trip.

Love,  
 Judson

Dear Santa,

Does Rudolph have a red nose? Can you bring me a toy army tank, my Mom a car, and a football?

From,  
 Matthew

Dear Santa,

I like your elves. Please bring me a Andy Robot, and a Christmas party for everybody in the whole wide world.

From,  
 James

Dear Santa,

I want a YuGi Oh, 12 of the Starter card decks of Jowy and Exodia and ExodaB. I have been a good boy.

Love,  
 Jamie Jameson

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolph really good to you? Can you bring me a Barbie, trampoline, and a basketball hoop.

From,  
 Ginnie

Dear Santa,

I want Yugi Oh cards of Exodab and Exodiad and Forbidden One and \$100. I've been good.

Love,  
 Kolby

Dear Santa,

How are you and the reindeer doing? Can the reindeer really fly? Please bring me a BB gun, a hot-rod, and also a 4-Wheeler.

From,  
 Dillon

Dear Santa,

I want 3 baby rabbits and a cage.

Love,  
 Macie

Dear Santa,

I want a baby rabbit and a cage.

Love,  
 Michael

Dear Santa,

I want a little rabbit.

Love,  
 Megan

Dear Santa,

I want a baby poodle.

Love,  
 Natalie

Dear Santa,

I want a horse and a Barbie computer with cds.

Love,  
 Thalia

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie oven.

Love,  
 Bradie

Dear Santa,

I want a hamster, cage and some feed.

Love,  
 Maegan Jameson

Dear Santa,

I want a BB gun and a motorcycle.

Love,  
 Mickey

Dear Santa,

I want a fast and furious car with a remote control.

Love,  
 Matthew

Dear Santa,

I want a red GG Mon.

Love,  
 Joshua

Dear Santa,

I want a football.

Love,  
 Joey

Dear Santa,

I want a trampoline.

Love,  
 Bryant

Dear Santa,

How has your family been doing? I would like peace on earth. I want a football and a basketball. I hope you and Mrs. Clause have a happy Christmas.

Sincerely,  
 Juan Flores

Dear Santa,

How have you been doing? Are you okay? If I was good, may I have 3 things? I would like a pet ferret and a Game Boy Advance and some Pokemon games. I also wish for my Mom to let me go to my Grandpa's house all the time.

Your friend,  
 Dominique

Dear Santa,

I hope you, Mrs. Clause, the elves, and the reindeer have a good Christmas. I would like these things, a model of the titanic that breaks and sinks, a red Texas Tech football jersey with Symons on the back, football equipment, and a 3 pound 2ft basketball.

From,  
 Hance Davey

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing? I have been good this year. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Can I please have a Rossi gun, russel terrier, and one more thing a 1 foot monster truck.

Love,  
 Britt Simpson

Dear Santa,

How have you been? I've been good this year. I am nine years old now. I saw you in Amarillo at the mall. I would like Texas Longhorn football equipment with #10 Vince Young on the back and Taylor Made three hundred series golf clubs.

Your friend,  
 Austin Taylor

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolph true? Can I go to the North Pole? Please bring me a \$100, basketball hoop, video games, golf balls, and golf clubs.

From,  
 Andy Arocha

Dear Santa,

How are you doing today? Are you having a good Christmas? Is Rudolph ok Santa? Santa can you bring me a SSS3 and a swimming pool. Santa can you bring me a football?

From,  
 Conner Mason

Dear Santa,

Santa, how is Rudolph doing? One day can I ride in your sled Santa? Can I have a real 4-Wheeler and a Play Station game?

From,  
 Jacob Wooseley



**Santa, I've been real good ...**  
 Seth Baxter gives a big smile as sits on Santa's lap when it was his turn to tell his Christmas wishes. Seth is the 7-year-old son of Don and Colleen Baxter of Matador.

Dear Santa,

I want a horse, a truck, talking cooker, and a play radio. How are your raindeers doing? Do you like it in the North Pole? How is Mrs. Clause doing?

Sincerely,  
 Bryson Elliott

Dear Santa,

I hope you bring every person in the world presents. I want a digital blue, a baby horse, and a barbie. Thank you for the presents last year.

Love,  
 Shelby Nicole Elliott

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a horse, a gameboy, a playstation two, a boy miniature beagle, and a vcr. How are you doing at the North Pole? Is it fun there? One day I want to go to the North Pole!

Sincerely,  
 Reagan Elliott

Dear Santa,

How have you been doing? I had a great year! I would like a Play Station 2, Highway 35 video game, and a RC Land and Sea Vehicle 2.

Your friend,  
 Neal Potts

Dear Santa,

How have you been? Well, I would like a camera, baby kitten, and a makeup set, if that is not too much. I will tell you about me. I am 9 years old and I am in the third grade. I have five brothers and I live in Roaring Springs. Plus, I have a nephew and a big sister. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Sincerely,  
 Taylor

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph doing? Can Rudolph's nose really turn red? Will you bring me a trampoline, Barbie and a video game too.

From,  
 Gaby

Dear Santa,

I want a angel and a Barbie oven.

Love,  
 Kaylee

Dear Santa,

Hello! I want a bottle of paintballs and two paintball guns and two sheds of armor. The reason why I want 2 of them is because I want to play with my Dad. Is there really an elf named Bernard?

Love,  
 Parker Meredith

P.S. Dear Santa, I am the puppy (Marc Anthony) and I want a female miniature chawawa for Christmas.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for last years presents. I want a football that tells how far you throw. And anything else.

From,  
 Seth Baxter

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a blue rope bag for Christmas. I also need a new pair of chaps. Have a safe trip.

Merry Christmas,  
 Brody Rankin

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I am four years old. I have been very good this year. This year for Christmas, I would like a babydoll that talks to me, barbies, a beautiful ballerina doll, a pretty bride play dress, a Belle dress, and a sparkle clock for my bedroom. I will leave you some milk and cookies for a snack. Also, I will be at my O'ma's and Pawpaw's house for Christmas this year, so can you leave most of my presents there, the rest you can bring to my house. I hope you have a safe trip!

Your friend,  
 Mallie Green

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I have been very good this year. I am almost 2 years old. For Christmas this year I would like toy cars, a Little People fun park, a wagon, and some play balls. I will leave you some milk and cookies for a snack. This year I will be at my O'ma's and Pawpaw's for Christmas so you can leave some of my presents there and bring the rest to my house. I hope you have a warm and safe trip!

Your friend,  
 Mitch Green

**It's Always Nice To See You!**

Won't you drop in again soon? We'd love to wish you a Merry Christmas in person.

Meanwhile, happy, happy to you and yours!

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# SEASON'S BEST



## Greetings!

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Hoping your efforts are rewarding and that your Christmas be blessed with joy.

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Jim Meador - Sheriff      Rickey Lawrence, Deputy  
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# Glory to God in the highest

In those days Ceasar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to men  
on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2: 1-20

## Come Worship The King



That little dear thing,  
Asleep on His Mother's soft  
breast.  
Ye bright stars, bow down,  
Weave for Him a crown,  
Christ Jesus by angels confessed.  
Come, children, and peep,  
But hush ye, and creep  
On tiptoe to where the Babe lies;

Then whisper His Name  
And lo! like a flame  
The glory light shines in His eyes.

Come strong men,  
and see This high mystery,  
Tread firm where the shepherds  
have trod,  
And watch, 'mid the air  
Of the Maiden so fair,  
The five little fingers of God.

Come, old men and grey,  
The star leads the way,  
It halts and your wanderings cease;  
Look down on His Face  
Then, filled with His Grace,  
Depart ye, God's servants, in Peace. ...

G. A. Studdert Kennedy



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John 14:27



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## CHRISTMAS IN COW COUNTRY

by Susan Gahr  
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Ya know a cowboy  
Never throws nothin' away.  
"Ya know ya might just need that some day."  
So ya browse thru old horseshoes  
An' sort out the trash.  
We got more "foundation material"  
Than we every had cash.

Mamma goes to welding  
Horseshoe racks for the boys  
To hang all them essentials  
Hats  
Ropes  
An' Cowboy Toys.

Napkin holders for wives to spruce  
up their table.  
Levi Pocket pot holders  
to make cooking more able.

Wild rags for young punchers  
with dreams full of glory.  
Can't wait to set down  
to hear wild wooley stories.

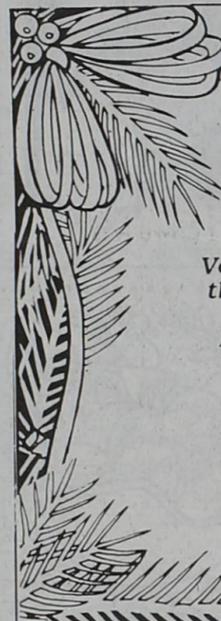
Prickly Pear jelly made by the gallon.  
Frijoles a boilin' to fill empty bellies.  
Why! Coffee an' biscuits kept us alive!  
Then -- we'd set down for pinto bean pie!

We're grateful for all that we've had ...  
Got the best memories a family can have.  
Good grub -- it weren't fancy.  
Good amigos -- the best.  
Good cows and good horses - we got no regrets.  
There's no place better we'd rather be.  
Than Christmas in Cow Country ...  
My family and me.

Snowy Motley County  
ranch scenes from days  
gone past ...



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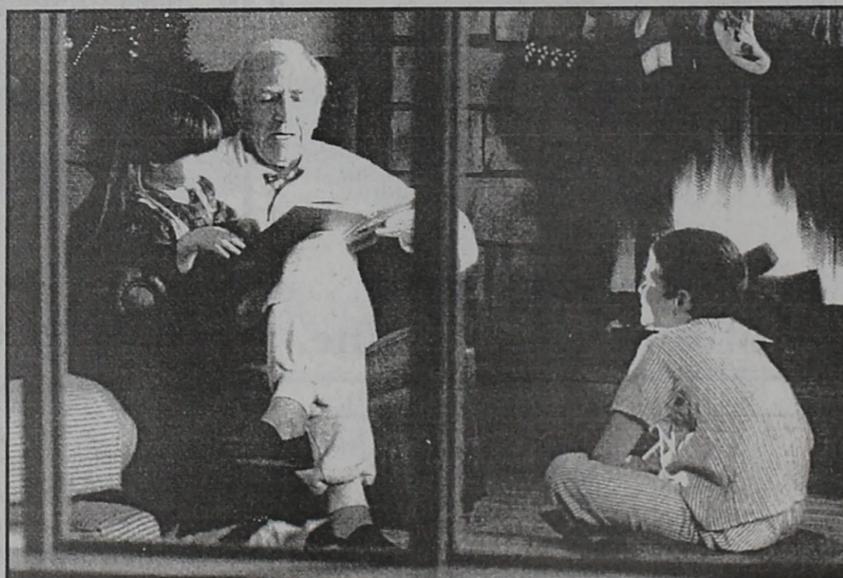
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# CHRISTMAS PAST

from Cow Country  
by Tanner Lane

Time, cannot wither Christmas.

Christmases past linger in the crumbling dugouts, decaying, dilapidated farm and ranch structures that were homes of the pioneer Plains and Caprock-edge settlers.

And memories come back afresh at this season ... of the often rather meager supplies they had with which to observe this hope-filled holiday.

Distances were great. There was a dearth of trees for the traditional cedar one of Christmas on the balding Plains.

Decorations were apt to be tin can lids and tobacco sacks for the buffalo hunters or cowpokes caught out on the remote rangelands on Dec. 25.

A thorny mesquite, decked with a red bandanna neckerchief, has been known to serve as a Christmas tree for a lonely fence rider.

Cowboys' "Christmas Balls" were held on the large ranches. Folks rode in from miles around to enjoy two or three days and nights of merriment. Corn meal was sprinkled on the floor for the lively square dancers. Tables groaned with food.

Christmas in the settlers' homes was not so elaborate. However, these folks could improvise. One settler utilized a

new-born piglet to fill a boy's wistfully-hung stocking. A good wife managed some "sugar syrup" candy with a few hoarded peanuts for fill.

Rag dolls could be made by enterprising pioneer mothers. And clever dads could carve fascinating windmills out of wood; or put together flyable kits from brown paper and sticks.

Young folks had Christmas fun on wolf, bobcat or coyote hunts. And there were romantic buggy rides on "big moon" nights.

When ingredients were available, there were "taffy pullings" and parties for older town and country kids.

Later, as the settlements developed, community Christmas trees were held, usually in churches or schools, and on Christmas Eve. Gifts were distributed and Santa presided. Your take in presents was dependent on "how good you had been." Sacks of cheesecloth containing apples, oranges, nuts and candy were liberally distributed to all.

There was a treeless Christmastime in 1909 at Lubbock's Methodist church. Of course, there were not green trees for the festive occasion. A dead peach tree, donated by G.A. Rush, was used. It was

dusted white and popcorn strands and balls were placed on it. The result was a "very nice Christmas tree."

The next year a ladder was dressed with tissue paper. Bells and tinfoil brightened it. And, with all the presents around the bottom, the "non-tree" Christmas tree was an "object of beauty."

There was the time in 1906, when a heavy snow floated down on the small town of Lubbock for four or five days before Christmas and drifts were higher "than a man." Supplies due from the railheads of Canyon city, Big

Spring and Colorado City were delayed.

The community tree at the Presbyterian Church stood half decorated. Things looked bleak for the discouraged band of pioneers. But there was a Christmas, even if it was observed between the second and third week of January.

The freight wagons finally showed up. They brought enticing "store bought" presents of handkerchiefs, hair ribbons, china dolls and a few candles.

There was a program, all right. Eight-year-old Grace

Hurd recited "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

A "community Christmas tree" has been held in Carr's Chapel Methodist Church of the Harmony community, Floyd County, for more than half-century.

So are community "trees" held annually in the Valley View community (Lamb County); Westway Community (Deaf Smith County); Hicks Chapel (Bailey County); Meadow, Big Four community (Crosby County); Lum's Chapel (six miles south of Littlefield) and many others.



The Goodfellows may have got their start back in that earlier day, when an impoverished person really was in a bad way. After all, wasn't everybody poor?

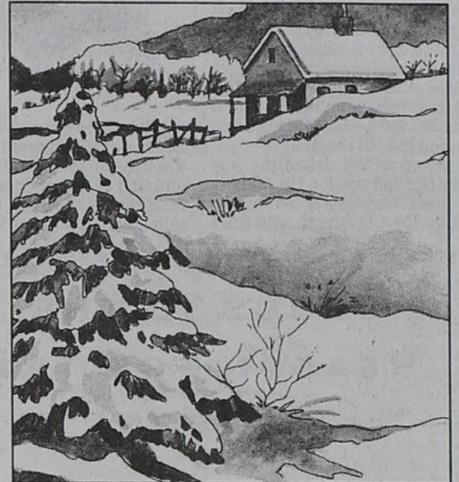
One Christmas a minister, finding himself in possession of a couple of \$10 bills slipped to him by ranchers in need (they thought) of a little extra prayer in view of over enthusiastic celebrating, used the "found" money to assist the large family of a needy widow.



It's the perfect opportunity for us to send you all our holiday best... along with our thanks.

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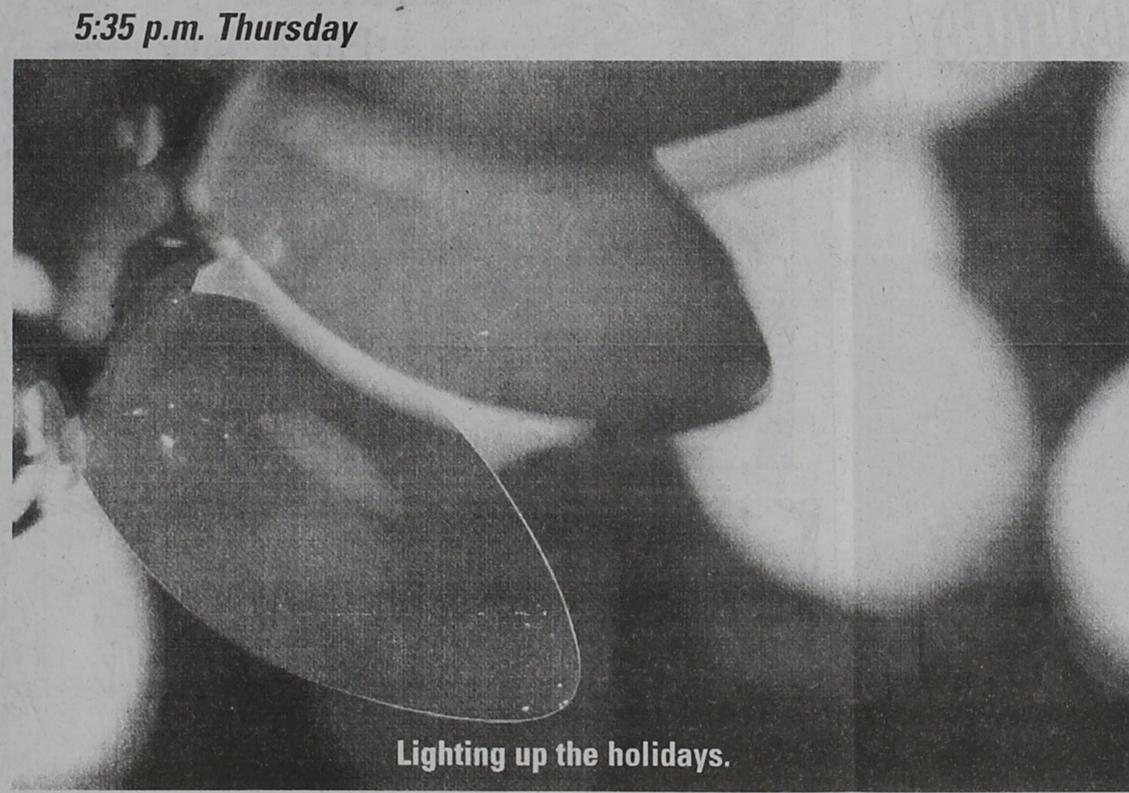
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# The Doll and the White Rose

I hurried into the local department store to grab some last minute Christmas gifts. I looked at all the people and grumbled to myself. I would be in here forever and I just had so much to do. Christmas was beginning to become such a drag. I kind of wished that I could just sleep through Christmas. But I hurried the best I could through all the people to the toy department. Once again I kind of mumbled to myself at the prices of all these toys. And wondered if the grandkids would even play with them.

I found myself in the doll aisle. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a little boy about 5 holding a lovely doll. He kept touching her hair and he held her so gently. I could not seem to help myself. I just kept looking over at the little boy and wondered who the doll was for. I watched him turn to a woman and he called his aunt by name and said, "Are you sure I don't have enough money?" She replied a bit impatiently, "You know that you don't have enough money for it." The aunt told the little boy not to go anywhere, that she had to go get some other things and would be back in a few minutes. And then she left the aisle. The boy continued to hold the doll.

After a bit I asked the boy who the doll was for. He said, "It is the doll my sister wanted so badly for Christmas. She just

knew that Santa would bring it." I told him that maybe Santa was going to bring it. He said "No, Santa can't go where my sister is... I have to give the doll to my Mamma to take to her."

I asked him where his sister was. He looked at me with the saddest eyes and said "She was gone to be with Jesus." My Daddy says that Mamma is go-



ing to have to go be with her. My heart nearly stopped beating. Then the boy looked at me again and said, "I told my Daddy to tell Mamma not to go yet. I told him to tell her to wait till I got back

from the store."

Then he asked me if I wanted to see his picture. I told him I would love to. He pulled out some pictures he'd had taken at the front of the store. He said "I want my Mamma to take this with her so she don't ever forget me." I love Mamma so very much and I wish she did not have to leave me."

But Daddy says she will need to be with my sister." I saw that the little boy had lowered his head and had grown so very quiet. While he was not looking, I reached into my purse and pulled out a handful of bills. I asked a little boy, "Shall we count that money one more time?" He grew excited and said "Yes I just know it has to be enough." So I slipped my money in with his and we began to count it. Of course it was plenty for the doll.

He softly said, "Thank you Jesus for giving me enough money." Then the boy said "I just asked Jesus to give me enough to buy this doll so Mamma can take it with her to give my sister." "And he heard my prayer." "I wanted to ask him for enough to buy my Mamma a white rose, but I didn't ask him, but he gave me enough to buy the doll and the rose for my Mamma." "She loves white roses so very, very much."

In a few minutes the aunt came back and I wheeled my cart away. I could not keep from thinking about the little boy as I finished my shopping in a totally different spirit than when I had started. And I kept remembering a story I had seen in the newspaper several days earlier about a drunk driver hitting a car and killing a little girl and the



Mother was in serious condition. The family was deciding on whether to remove the life support. Now surely this little boy did not belong with that story.

Two days later I read in the paper where the family had disconnected the life support and the young women died. I could not forget the little boy and just kept wondering if the two were somehow connected. Later that day, I could not help myself and I went out and bought some

white roses and took them to the funeral home where the young women was. And there she was holding a lovely white rose, the beautiful doll, and the picture of

the little boy in the store. I left there in tears, my life changed forever. The love that little boy had for his little sister and mother was overwhelming. And in a split second a drunk driver had ripped the life a that little boy to pieces.

## Christmas Memories

by Susan Gahr  
(copyright 2003)

Turning back the hands of time  
to view old memories.

Little Girls,  
little boys,  
toys beneath a Christmas tree.

Eyes a twinklin'  
belly laughs  
little boots scoot with all their stash!

Beans in a pot makin' a brew,  
bisquits with honey to pour on top, too.

Back in the caverns of my mind,  
memories wash over my soul.

Sweet Christmas memories  
of years gone by.  
Worth more than all the world's gold.



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# The meaning of Christmas

Just a week before Christmas I had a visitor. This is how it happened. I just finished the household chores for the night and was preparing to go to bed when I heard a noise in the front of the house. I opened the door to the front room, and to my surprise, Santa himself stepped out from behind the Christmas tree. He placed his finger over his mouth so I would not cry out. "What are you doing? I started to ask him.

The words choked in my throat, as I saw he had tears in his eyes. His usual jolly manner was gone. Gone was the eager boisterous soul we all know. He then answered me with a simple statement, TEACH THE CHILDREN! I was puzzled. What did he mean? He anticipated my question, and with one quick movement brought forth a miniature toy bag from behind the tree.

As I stood there bewildered, Santa said, Teach the Children! Teach them the old meaning of Christmas. The meaning that a now-a-day Christmas has forgotten!

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a FIR TREE and placed it on the mantle. Teach the Children that the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind. All the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man's thoughts turning to-

ward heaven.

He again reached into his bag and pulled out a brilliant STAR. Teach the Children that the star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago.

God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of that promise.

He then reached into the bag and pulled out a CANDLE. Teach the Children that the candle symbolizes the Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness.

Once again he reached into his bag and then removed a WREATH and placed it on the tree. Teach the Children that the wreath symbolizes the eternal nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection.

He then pulled out from his bag an ornament of HIMSELF. Teach the Children that Santa Clause symbolizes the generosity and good will we feel during the month of December.

He reached in again and pulled out a HOLLY LEAF. Teach the Children the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly berries represent blood shed by Him.

Next he pulled out a GIFT from the bag and said, "Teach the Children that God so loved

the world that He gave His only begotten Son. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift. Teach the Children that the wise men bowed before the holy babe and presented Him with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We should give gifts in the same spirit as the wise men."

Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound, and from his bag he pulled out a BELL. Teach the Children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of a bell, it should bring people to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return.



Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a CANDY CANE and hung it on the tree. Teach the Children that the candy cane represents the shepherd's crook. The crook on the shepherd's staff helps bring back strayed sheep from the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brother's keeper.

He reached in again and pulled out an ANGEL. Teach the Children that is was the angels that heralded in the glorious

news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest, on earth, peace and good will.'

Santa looked at the tree and was pleased. He looked back at me and I saw the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Remember, teach the Children the true meaning of Christmas, and not to put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One who is, and I bow down and worship Him, our Lord, our God."

## Prince of Peace.



For to us a child is born to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

## 'Twas the night before Jesus

by Union Fork Creek Baptist Church

'Twas the night before Jesus came, when all through the house, not a creature was praying, not one in the house; The Bibles were lain on the shelf without care In hopes that JESUS would not come there;

The children were dressing to crawl into bed, Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head. And Mom in her rocker with baby on lap Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap. When out of the East there arose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here, With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!

The light of His face made me cover my head It was Jesus! returning just like He had said. And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the book of Life which He held in His hand Was written the name of every saved man. He spoke not a word as He searched for my name; When He said "it's not here" my head hung in shame. The people whose names had been written with love He gathered to take to His Father above,

With those who were ready He rose without a sound While all the rest were left standing around. I fell to my knees, but it was too late; I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate. I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight; Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear; The coming of Jesus is drawing near. There's only one life and when comes the last call We'll find that the Bible was true after all.

"It is not for you to know the times or the season, which the Father hath put in his power". Acts 1:7

Jesus is the reason for the season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

May Peace, Joy, Hope and Happiness be Yours during this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year!



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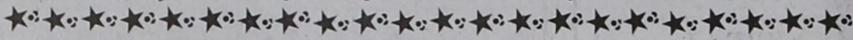
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Plainview, Texas



# Dear Santa ...

Dear Santa,

I will give you milk and cookies. Can you bring me a Barbie video camera.

Love,  
Katie

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a tractor with a bucket on the front and I will not forget to leave you milk and cookies by the fireplace!

Love,  
Tucker

Dear Santa,

Hope you are doing well. We are all doing fine and waiting for you to make your trip on Christmas Eve. We have tried to be very good this year.

Our Pre-K class has been learning all about your reindeer and elves and our teacher Mrs. Parks has been helping us countdown the days until Christmas. Here is a list of what each of us would like for you to bring.

Sage Guerrero: I want a bread machine, Barbie movie, Barbie cd, Barbie doll, new books and clothes.

Garrett Jameson: I want a knife, gun, bullets, new boots, clothes and a TV.

Esperanza Talemaniza: I want a Barbie computer, Barbie doll and clothes.

Thalia Mendoza: I want shoes, computer, clothes and a doll.

Autumn Woolsey: I want a bread machine, Barbie bike, Barbie computer, clothes, shoes, Barbie stroller and clothes for my doll.

Chris Ward: I want a talking grill, shoes and clothes.

J.T. Cooper: I want a talking grill and a football uniform with helmet and pads.

Michael Silva: Batman pillow, bike, clothes, and Batman shirt and shoes is what I want.

Joseph Lopez: Batman pillow, pants, shirt, shoes, karaoke machine, car and pickup is what I want.

Grant Potts: I want round house for Thomas Tank engine.

Chloe Gleghorn: I want a Barbie computer, singing machine, and a Barbie doll.

Summer Rayvon: I want a Barbie Swan Lake doll, Barbie shoes and a Santa Claus doll.

Ruby Klebahn: I want a Barbie doll, puppy dog and clothes.

Amber McKinney: I want a Barbie doll and clothes.

Brendon Fisk: I want a Hot Wheels, jump rope and an airplane.

Santa would you please remember all the other boys and girls all over the world and bring them the things they want. We will leave you a snack and maybe something for your reindeer too.

Wish Mrs. Claus and everyone a Merry Christmas here at Motley County I.S.D.

Love you!  
Mrs. Parks and Pre-K

Dear Santa,

I want a Butterfly Barbie.

Love,  
Raleigh

Dear Santa,

I want a horse.

Love,  
Mattie

Dear Santa,

I want a giant robot that I can ride in.

Love,  
Marcus



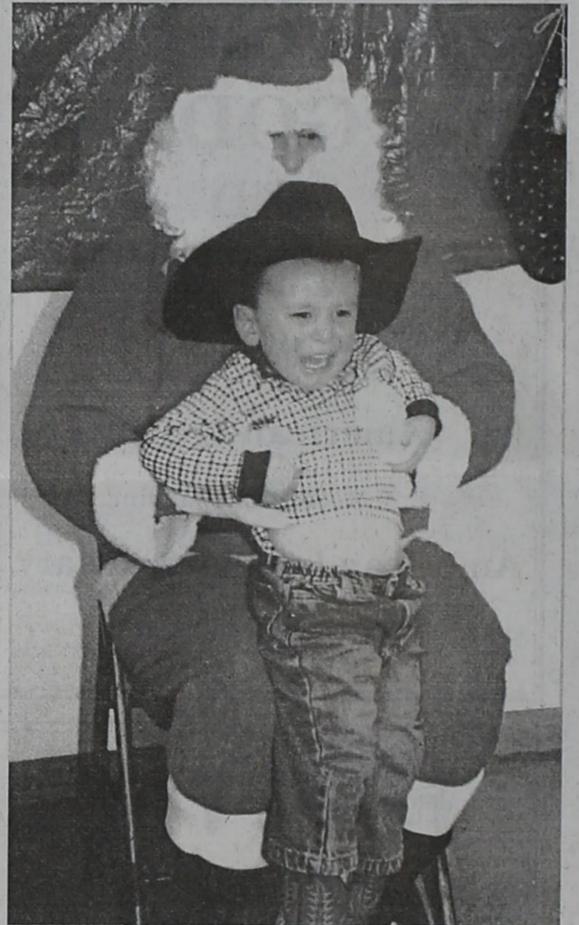
Mom, you think this guy's okay? ... Five-year-old Summer Rayvon doesn't seem quite sure about this fat old man with the white beard. She is the daughter of Shane and Haley Rayvon of Roaring Springs.



Two-year-old Madison Pigg visited with Santa Clause during Late Night Shopping in Matador, Thursday, December 4. She is the daughter of Jarrett and Erica Pigg of Turkey.



Let there  
be  
Peace  
on Earth!



Get me out of here! — Two-year-old Cameron Stafford wasn't ready for a visit with Santa and he was making his get-away when this picture was taken. He is the son of David and Cynthia Stafford of Matador.

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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth Peace among men  
with whom he is pleased.



**"Honor All Men.  
Love the brotherhood.  
Fear God. Honor the King."**

James 2:17

May the true message of Christmas be heard  
by all in this and every season.  
God bless you all.

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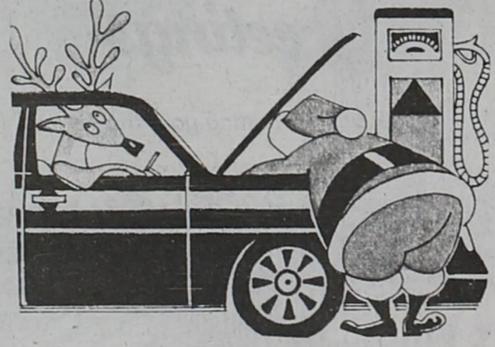
**Christ, the Savior, is born**  
*Glad tidings and heartfelt thanks to all our friends. May your holidays—and all days—be filled with His blessings.*

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Season



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