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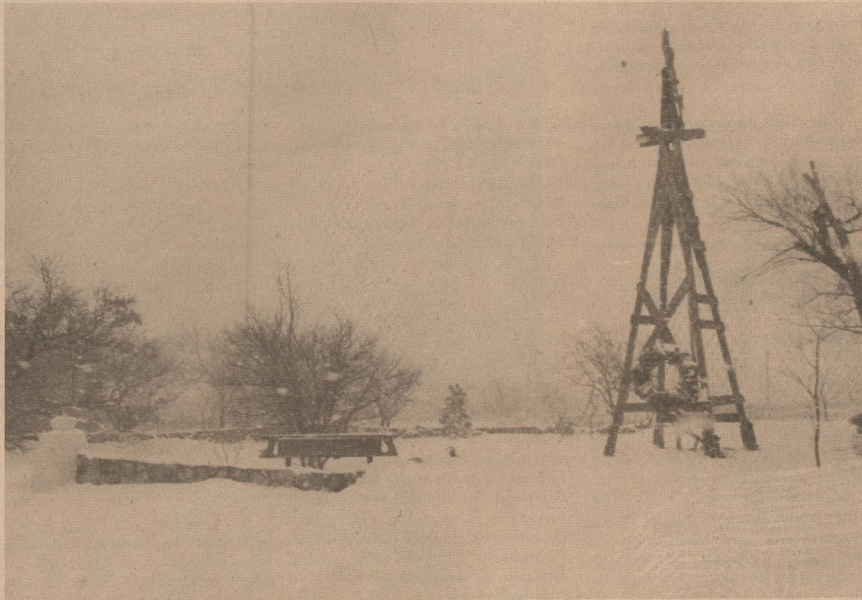
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WINTER WONDERLAND



PIONEER PARK IN MATADOR ON SNOWY DAY, MONDAY DECEMBER 14.

(Staff Photo)

Boys Ranch Christmas Drive

The annual drive to provide new suits and clothing for the 398 young residents of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch is still in progress.

The gift of a new suit or a clothing package through the Christmas Suit Fund is something a boy will remember throughout the year. The suits or needed clothing such as jackets, trousers and shirts replace those that have been worn out or outgrown. In many cases, these are the first new suits some boys have ever known.

The purchase of new clothing for the boys has become a favorite way of Christmas giving among those who contribute \$50.00 for this purpose. Special discounts by merchants and differences in clothing prices for younger and older boys make the average cost

of \$50.00 possible. Gifts of any amount are also necessary to ensure the Ranch's goal of providing for every youngster.

Boys Ranch President, Roy E. Turner, said, "The challenge of outfitting so many boys is tremendous, and so we are fortunate to have people who continue to share whatever they can at Christmastime." Mr. Turner added that boys ages four through 18 are now shopping for the clothes of their desires. Among them are members of the Boys Ranch Senior Class who will wear their new suits at graduation time.

Contributions to the Christmas Suit Fund may be mailed to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890 Amarillo, Texas 79174.

SANTA Mailbox

Santa has put a Red Mailbox at the Post Office in Matador. Children are welcome to mail their letters free in this mailbox.



Eric Farley Champion In Gymnastics Tournament

Eric Farley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farley of Flomot, won the championship title in the 3-B advanced class at the SPTA Gymnastics Meet held in Brownfield Saturday, Dec. 12. He is a member of the Tri-County Gymnastics team that has classes each Friday at the Flomot Community Center. The Coaches are Albert Treto and Joe Herrera of Plainview.

This is the first of four gymnastic events that will conclude with the Gymnastics World Meet in Lubbock this May, 1988.

Others in the class 3-B advanced class competing in the tournament were Brandi Jameson of Matador, placing 5th and Leigh Ann Pipkin of Matador, 7th.

Fire In Flomot

The Flomot and Matador Volunteer Fire Departments responded to a fire east of Flomot, Tuesday morning, Dec. 8. Gusting northwest winds caused smoldering cotton burs on the Seab Washington farm to ignite into flames.

Before the fire was brought under control, a trailer holding round bales of hay was burned and then jumped across the pavement moving in easterly direction, burning seven acres of blue stem grass located on the Herb Martin and Clois Shorter land.

In the past week, several residents reported cotton modules, trailers and cotton stripper baskets of cotton burned due to fires caused by rocks in stripper, dry weather and high winds.

GIN REPORT

This is the total of bales ginned at the gins in Motley County as of December 10.

MOTLEY COUNTY - 2203
WEST TEXAS - 2345
RED BALL - 3100
FLOMOT CO-OP - 2728
CAPROCK - 2960

COMMISSIONERS TEND TO REGULAR BUSINESS ON SNOWY DAY

The Motley County Commissioners met December 14, in the Courtroom with Commissioners: John M. Russell, Joseph Simpson, Bill D. Washington and Fraiser Watson attending, along with County Clerk Lucretia E. Campbell. Judge Billy J. Whitaker being absent.

The minutes and bills and reports were read and approved as read with the J.P. collecting \$4,566 for fines in November.

The Commissioners discussed the fact that the fee for prisoners at the Dickens County Jail was higher this time, since they had more prisoners that stayed for a longer stay, it cost the County \$25 a prisoner room and board.

Franklin and Travis Jameson were on hand to present the petition asking the Commissioners to designate a road near Northfield a county road. This road crosses David Boykin's land to land owned or leased by Dorothy Jameson Nichols, N.L. Cook, and W.J. Boykin. The road in question is an all weather road which serves these 3 landowners or leasors, if the road was moved to a different location it would only serve one landowner, Dorothy Jameson Nichols. The

change in question would be near a river and not an all weather road. Franklin explained the type of soil on the river road as "Lincoln" and "Trivoli" and this soil is not the best soil for roads.

The Court voted to accept the petition and to ask the County Attorney, Howard Traweek to advise them of the next step.

The Jameson's stated they didn't want to rush them but would like to ask if they could proceed as soon as possible, that each day delayed cost Mrs. Nichols and N.L. Cook money, as their hunters had been unable to hunt this year. The Court assured them they understood and would proceed as soon as possible.

Ronnie Vandiver asked if the Court would consider purchasing him a portable walkie-talkie, so he would be able to communicate with the county and fire department. GTE had a special sale on for the radios until January for \$600. The Court passed on this request.

The Court was adjourned by 2:00 p.m. wishing each other Merry Christmas and thanking Lucretia for all the ladies in the Courthouse having all the delicious goodies, they ate.

CITY COUNCIL TRIES TO SETTLE DISPUTE OVER GRAVEL

The Matador City Council met December 10, at 7:30 a.m. at the City Hall with the Mayor Gary L. Lancaster, Councilmen John Briscoe, Joe P. Smith, Travis Jameson and Doyle Rose, L.B. Campbell was absent. Also present were City Secretary Nell Berryman and City Water Superintendent Bill Jameson.

The minutes were read and approved, the bills were read and approved.

The Mayor asked the Secretary if she had gotten any word on when the City Election was set for, in 1988. The Secretary stated that she had not gotten the calendar from the state as of yet.

Doyle Rose asked Bill Jameson to explain the agreement with Fred Lipham, James Ed Russell and the County about the gravel used for the paving. Bill stated that Lipham was responsible for the gravel, etc., and that James Ed Russell had said

he would charge the same \$1.00 a load. Now Russell is asking for \$1.00 a yard, and the County is asking Lipham \$1,000 for replacement of their stock pile. There is nothing in writing to say what was agreed. The Mayor stated the City shouldn't even be involved, that the dispute is between Russell, Lipham and the County.

Bill was asked how the sewer line digging was going, Bill reported it was going real smooth so far, the only problem is the boring under the street, on North Main, but they should be finished this week with that. Keith Paschal is digging the yard lines. The Council explained that the sewer hookups are free for those that were in the original survey of the grant and only \$3.25 a month will be added to the monthly water bill.

Councilman Joe P. Smith asked for an executive session. Meeting adjourned.

CROSBYTON ARTIST TO PAINT HISTORICAL MURAL IN LIBRARY

Crosbyton, Texas artist Joe Taylor announces a new mural commission for the Motley County Library in Matador, Texas. The proposed mural will be a 6 ft. x 20 ft. oil painting on a single piece of canvas. The mural will focus on the development of the Matador ranch in the 1800s and the founding of the towns in Motley County. Scenes will reflect cowboy life and people who typify or were instrumental in the

area's development and character. Completion of the mural will be some time after January of '88, and will be installed on the south wall of the new library which is restored former grocery and one of the older buildings in Matador.

The sixth mural for Taylor in the past three years, he says he enjoys the research special challenge of historical murals and is looking forward to future commissions.

Recent murals by Taylor include a 9 ft. x 30 ft. Mexican street scene for a Los Angeles restaurant, a 12 ft. x 150 ft. ranch scene for a Clovis N.M. store, with well-known Lubbock

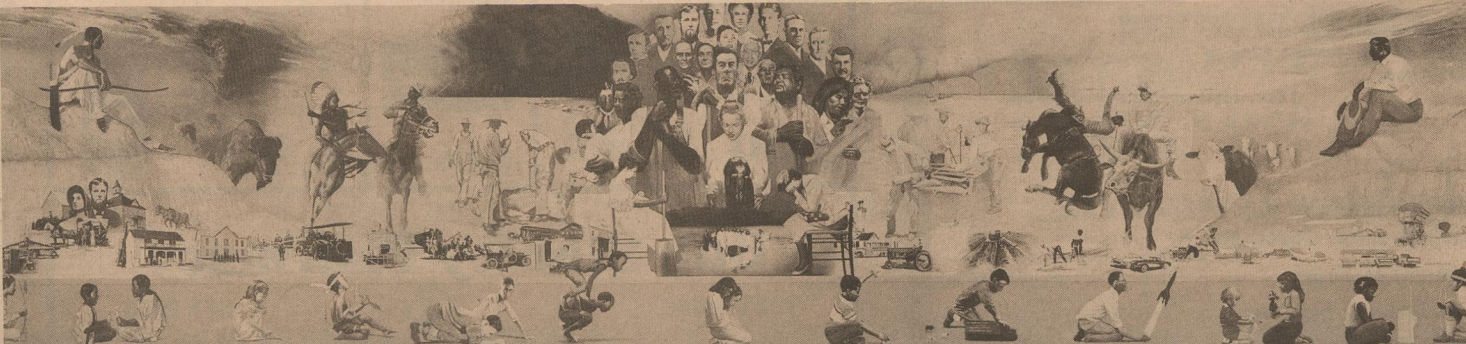
artist Bob Chennault, a 10 ft. x 40 ft. mural of the History of the Llano Estacado (partially funded by the T.C.A.) began in 1985, and finished Feb. 1986, also in February of 86, a 6 ft. x 32 ft. mural on panels of the development of West Texas music

for the Texas Tech museum, in the summer of 1987, a 10 ft. x 26 ft. mural for Kathy's in Crosbyton, and most recently, a giant 12 ft. tall cut-out painting of a Plainsman for the Monterey High School in Lubbock, to be unveiled Dec. 8th.

Since Taylor's return four years ago, to his hometown of Crosbyton, Texas, he has also painted four large billboards for Lubbock Poster Co. averaging 11 ft. x 40 ft. Two of

them were of original paintings by Taylor. Other commissions since Taylor's return include several large stage props, some fifty oil paintings, book jackets and illustrations, numerous portraits and sculpture. Inquiries should be directed to Joe Taylor, 208 S. Farmer, Crosbyton, Texas 79322, (806) 675-2604.

The picture below is the mural Mr. Taylor painted that hangs in the Crosbyton Museum.



Barbara's Bylines

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful snow and are getting ready for Christmas.

We have enjoyed reading all the different letters to Santa and hope you have.

Let's all take time to enjoy the peace of the season.



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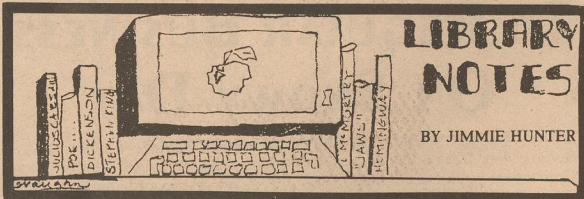
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LIBRARY NOTES
 BY JIMMIE HUNTER

Tuesday morning, December 8, Brittany Moore, Bradley Paschal, Ben Cole Grundy, Cassie and Kattie Campbell, Brenda Gillespie, Rachelle Renfro, Ashley Stevens, GeNelle Willis, and Nicole Green, met Mrs. Lola Pohl in the Community Room to sing their Library School songs. Hannah and Luke Boedecker were both ill, so Robin, our lively and energetic song leader, had to stay home, too. We certainly missed the three of them and a few of our other faithful members. After the singing, Mrs. Greer Willis told them the Christmas story from Luke, while showing the stand-up pictures of Mary and Joseph looking for a room in Bethlehem, an angel telling the shepherds about the birth of Jesus, and the wise men and the shepherds worshipping the baby. This book will be in the library for you to read until the Christmas Holidays. We will not meet on Tuesday, December 22, but will meet on January 5, to practice songs for the Library Open House on Saturday, January 9, 1988. You won't want to miss this lovely group of children. Rhonda Moore, Kathy Gillespie and Sherry Paschal were also at our meeting and enjoyed seeing "Pluto's Christmas Tree" and "The Frog King."

Travis Kendall installed a new storage unit in our meeting room Wednesday. They are very attractive and will furnish storage for our folding chairs and many other supplies. Travis's wife, Linda, an his mother, Jackie Kendall, helped unload doors and sections of the unit. Jackie remained to assist in hanging the doors, and found time to sort a box of Time magazines and put them in order. Thanks Jackie and Linda and another beautiful addition to our library.

Bessie, Earline, and I have found time to accession these new books this week: **The Lady**, by Anne McCaffrey; **A Man Rides Through**, by Stephen Donaldson; **Smugglers Summer**, by Carola Dunn; **Oh, Say Can You See**, by John Whitcomb; **North To The Pole**, by Will Steger; **Men To Watch My Mountains**, by Irving Stone; and **Secrecy And Power: The Life Of J. Edgar Hoover**, by Richard Powers for adults, and for the juvenile readers there's **Julia And The Hand Of God**, by Eleanor Cameron; **Christina's Ghost**, by Betty Ren Wright; **Ferris Wheel**, by Mary Stolz, and **Sam Bangs And Moonshine**, by Evaline Ness, and **Handbook Of Rules And Regulations**, fiction for young adults, and for the easy readers, **Inside Turtle's Shell**, by Joanne Ryder, **The Dog And The Deep Dark Woods**, by Dick Gackenbach. We also have **The Widow's Mate And Other Stories**, by Ferrol Sams for our Story Collection section.

The Library will be closed from noon, Dec. 23 to Monday afternoon

at 2:00 on Dec. 28, for the Christmas Holidays.

Dear God is a "whimsical, wise, and wonderfully heartwarming" collection of childrens letters to God, by David Heller. Following are some excerpts relating to Christmas:

Dear God,
 My favorite Christmas song is Rudolf. What is yours? I bet you like Jingle Bells. That one is a lot older.
 Jordan (age 6)

Dear God, Jesus, Mary or Who ever is there,
 I have always wondered, do people in far off places like Syria and Arabia have Christmas? If they do not what do they think they are doing when they eat turkey and stuffing and sing carols. Happy New Year!
 Troy (age 7)

Dear God,
 What is franks & cents? Was it an old kind of money? Maybe it was food?
 Todd (age 6)

Dear God,
 I think it is really cool the way you made such a big day for your son and had the whole world give gifts and all. But I think you should be fair and have days for the apostles too. Petermas, Paulmas, Andymas, Even Judasmas would be good. Everyone should get a second chance.
 Merry Christmas,
 Andy (age 11)

Dear God,
 In school we read all there is about Jesus being born. One part I did not understand. What is a mackulet deception?
 Love,
 Phyllis (age 10)

Dear God,
 Was Jesus born in a manger because there was no Holiday Inns in those days? Only kidding.
 Ricky (age 10)

We are grateful for the memorials from Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Green in honor of Garlin Murphy and from Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Terry in honor of Olive Russell.

Our thanks also to Beth Turner and Michelle Bearden for keeping the library open on December 14 and 15. Mrs. Bailey is having a difficult time keeping volunteers signed up for Monday from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. If any of you readers would like to volunteer for this duty, please come by the Library and sign up or call Bailey Elliot at 347-2216. We really appreciate the people who give of their time to increase the number of hours Motley County Library can be open for its patrons.

"Son Beams"



By June Keltz

"Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!" (2 Cor. 13:5) Since we, who are alive, are made up of spirit, soul and flesh, we are exposed to the same temptations, problems and needs. We are vulnerable to traps that are intended to defeat us and lead us away from the perfect plan or our Father God. Some snares are more obvious than others. One of the lesser discerned ones is that of "religion." We are prone to believe that as long as we are exerting self-effort in our Spirit walk, we are surely pleasing God. We equate Christian jobs with Spirituality and feel guilty if we can't measure up to what we are asked and expected to do. Many over-extend themselves trying to experience peace through works. Godly service can become a thing of pride where we hang on to a position when God has a different course for our lives.

Religious services are not the same as Spiritual life in Christ. We can be "religious" by not ever missing a church service and going through all the Sunday morning rituals, but only the Holy Spirit of God can give life. Our Spiritual deeds must originate, be directed by and empowered by Him; otherwise, they are works of the flesh. The world (outside the church) can see the religious activities and they want no part of them. On the other hand, when God's people are moving in the true Spirit of the living God, the world discerns this also and the lost ones are drawn to Jesus.

How much peace and joy are we experiencing out of our labor? Is our work bearing fruit or has it become an habitual work of pride? Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is joy and peace.

County Agent's Corner

By Ray Minkley

GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN MAINTAINING COMPETITIVENESS

Government policies and programs play a key role in maintaining the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture, according to Dr. Ronald D. Knutson, economist-marketing and policy with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. The effect of government, however, can be either positive or negative, he said.

Government programs should provide incentives for wise use of available soil and water resources, Knutson notes. In addition, productivity of resources also is influenced by technological change.

"The competitiveness of U.S. agriculture depends on our farmers maintaining an efficiency edge internationally. The application of advanced technologies to a wisely managed resource base is the key to future competitiveness," Knutson says.

Government support for agricultural technology development, he said, has become a major new competitive battleground between the United States, Europe and Japan. The U.S. has provided increased incentives for private sector investments in agricultural research by allowing increased patenting and copyrighting of new technologies, Knutson explains.

Reduced farm incomes slow technological adoption, and therefore agriculture's economic recovery is a key to competitiveness, he said. How agricultural recovery is achieved can be equally important.

"For example, recovery accomplished by supply controls would be less effective at encouraging competitiveness than policies designed to encourage market expansion. Supply controls discourage technology adoption as well as export. Likewise, competitiveness is discouraged by price supports and enhanced by income supplements such as target prices," Knutson says.

A lesson of the 1970s and 1980s has been the profound influence of macroeconomic policies on competitiveness, the economist explains. In the 1970s, easy money policies drove down the value of the dollar, making it easier for foreign customers to buy U.S. farm products. From 1981 through 1985, a reversal of U.S. macroeconomic policies predictably has the opposite effect, he adds.

"Tight money macroeconomic policies drove up the value of the dollar and exports declined. Currently, macroeconomic policies are again favoring a lower valued dollar. In the longer-run agriculture would benefit from macroeconomic policies designed to achieve a stable pattern of economic growth," Knutson says.

International policies also can encourage or discourage competitiveness, he maintains.

Embargoes and the use of food as a tool of foreign policy discourage other countries from relying on the U.S. as a supply source. On the other hand, the Multilateral Trade Negotiations are designed to accomplish reduced barriers to trade and foster expanded exports, Knutson says.

"For world trade to prosper, the world economy must grow and develop. That requires cooperation among nations in stimulating economic growth and development. Markets must be opened to the products of developing countries for them to be able to buy from the U.S. Both U.S. and developing country debt must be kept at manageable levels," he contends.

Luncheon Is Courtesy For Baptist Sunday School Class

A holiday luncheon Sunday, Dec. 13 in the home of Mrs. Gertrude Smith was a courtesy for the Cleaners Sunday School class of First Baptist Church. Hostesses were Mrs. Smith's daughter, Mrs. Tom Melton (Dorothy) of Odessa and Mrs. Melton's daughter and granddaughter, Dana and Christi Melton of Dallas.

The enjoyable menu included a casserole of hot chicken salad, mixed vegetables with oil and vinegar dressing, cranberry fluff salad, hot buttered rolls, coffee and tea, with cheese cake for dessert.

After the meal, a short program was presented. Mrs. Bertha Stearns read the nativity story from the second chapter of St. Luke, and Mrs. Lila Meador read a poem,

"Always Christmas," by Wilbur D. Nesbit from a booklet given her by a music teacher about 65 years ago. A tape of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," concluded the program, after which, Mrs. Smith, class president, presented Mrs. Grace Campbell, teacher, and Mrs. Evelyn Garrison, assistant teacher with gift certificates from the class, and Mrs. Campbell gave everyone a gift of coffee blend in a small red bucket with a butterfly bookmark attached.

Others present were Mesdames Willie Russell, Verdie Neighbors, Opal Craven, Addie Murphy, Dora Maxwell, Ruby Thompson, Daisy Smith, Marguerite Edwards, Una Simpson and Kate Stanley; Rachel Patton and Rev. and Mrs. Greer Willis and GeNelle.

Week Of Prayer Observed By Baptist Women In Dixon Home

The Day Circle of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union met December 8, in the home of Mrs. Stuart Dixon for observance of Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and emphasis on the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Mrs. C.D. Garrison presented the program, theme of which was "Pray...That All May Hear." She introduced the program with an acrostic of Baptist Women with those present reading the lines describing the work being done by women of the denomination, in their support of missions.

A review of the work and activities of Baptist missionaries in foreign countries was given by Mrs. Garrison and included Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Ecuador, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela. Prayer for these missionaries was offered.

Refreshments of cookies, cake, dips, cheese and sausage balls and other finger foods were served from a table covered with a Christmas cloth of red, and decorated with

holiday arrangements. Taking their refreshment plates to the den the women enjoyed the decorated Christmas tree and other decorations in that area of the home. The group included Mesdames Winifred Lee, Ruby Thompson, Lila Meador, Nora Belle Dunning, Evelyn Garrison and the hostess, Frances Dixon.

A goal of \$75,000,000 has been set for all Southern Baptists through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which is designated as a memorial to an early-day missionary to China, whose entire life was dedicated to the cause of foreign missions. Goals for First Baptist Church, Matador have been set at \$2000, \$2200 and \$2400.

Speaker at morning services at the church this past Sunday was Mark Kisse, who with his wife, Kathy, is attending Wayland Baptist University in Plainview while on furlough from mission construction work in Africa, where they will return.

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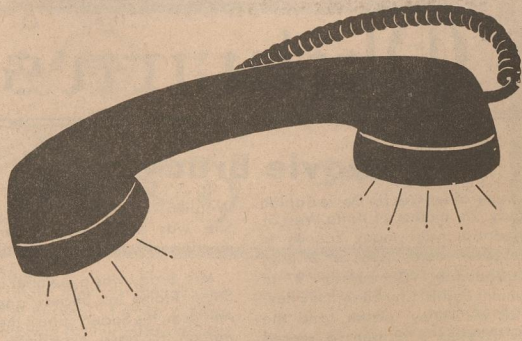


Safety Belts
 Keep Families Together
 Remember Yours
 This Holiday Season

Texas Coalition for Safety Belts

LOVE SUFFERS LONG, AND IS KIND; LOVE ENVIES NOT; LOVE THINKS NOT OF ITSELF, IS NOT PROUD, DOES NOT ACT UNBECOMINGLY, SEEKS NOT HER OWN, IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED, THINKS NOT EVIL; REJOICES NOT IN INIQUITY, BUT REJOICES IN THE TRUTH.

1 Cor. 13:4



County Chit-Chat

Matador News

David Garrison, son Kerry and friend, Bert Wells of Warner, OK were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison.

Mrs. Lena Jackson and children, Jimmy and Flora of Wellington visited with Elgia and Roger Evans on Friday of last week.

Visiting from December 7-14 in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hall, were Mr. and Mrs.

Albert Hall of Seattle, WA. Also visiting during this time was Mr. and Mrs. Wes Hall of Albuquerque and Lena Jackson, Jimmy and Flora of

Wellington. The Hall group visited on Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Markham and Larry.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Patton returned recently from a trip to the Texas Valley which they toured and also enjoyed Brownsville and South Padre Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fransvroy of Salem, N.M. were recent visitors with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shelton, who accompanied them home last week, and also visited with another sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Chester of Carlsbad, N.M.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

ATTEND HOLIDAY PARTY

Mrs. Brenda Wason Cruse attended a holiday party in Lubbock, Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Brigid Barton Brooks. Co-hostess was Mrs. Debbie Smallwood Haralson of Lubbock. Refreshments of dip and chips, sandwiches and soft drinks were served.

Others attending the friendship social were Mrs. Debra Garrison Scott of Matador, Mrs. Jan Higginbotham McClure of Plainview and Patty Edwards of Abernathy.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Jeff Sperry were her sisters, Mrs. Loraine Bowers and Mrs. Marie Burks of Mansfield, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Barham of Kress, Berry Barham of Glenrose, Mrs. Sharon Gabbard and Mrs. Fred Goldston of Lubbock, Lonzo Barham, Mrs. James Monk, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Payne, Celeste, Breann and Scarlett Sperry, local residents.

Mrs. Joe Farley and Mandi and Mrs. Billy Morris, Dodie and Rabecah attended the Gymnastics tournament held in Brownfield, Saturday.

Those attending the funeral services of the Rev. Byron Hardgrove held in Plainview, Tuesday were League Clay and Messrs. and Mesdames Wayne Hunter, Clois Shorter, Clayton Bond, L.E. Shorter, Herb Martin and Joe Ike Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Franklin of Anchorage, Alaska, granddaughter, Stephannie Pontius of Garland and Ollie Nall of Amarillo visited Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Rogers.

Mrs. Tommy Rice and granddaughter, Amber of Plainview and Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Whiteflat visited Art Green, Thursday.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Wigley and Phillip of Lubbock.

Max Washington of Anton visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cloyd, Thursday. Visiting them Sunday and Monday were grandson, Jason Cloyd of Memphis. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Cloyd, were in Turkey to be with her family and attend the funeral services of her father, J.E. Stewart of Turkey, Monday.

Mrs. Seab Washington was in Lubbock, Monday and Tuesday to attend a Tax School.

Shae and Dustin Reed of Lubbock visited from Thursday until Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Cloyd of Tyler arrived Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cloyd.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gordie Washington, Saturday was their son, Max Washington of Anton.

Roaring Springs News

By Odessa Mullins

GUILD HAS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Guild held their annual Christmas Party in the Senior Citizens Center Tuesday evening of last week with twenty-four in attendance.

Mrs. Agens Aaron opened the meeting with a prayer. The main feature of the evening's entertainment was a skit "Old Story Ever New" written by Mrs. Aaron and presented by Billy Clifton, Alta Duval and Freda Keahey, Mrs. Homer Jenkins was the caroler for the skit.

Mrs. Una Simpson sang a Christmas carol accompanying herself. Mrs. Frank Pohl, Eloise Jennings, and Christi Hightower furnished other music.

Lee Peacock read the Christmas story from Matthew and Chelsea read the story from Luke. Rev. Gene Louder said the closing prayer.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to those presenting the program and the following: Mesdames Carl Barton, M.G. Bethard, Roy Bradford, Beth Hinson, Mary Irwin, Mary Louder, Bill McKelvey, J.D. Mitchell, Callie

Winegar and Grace Zabielski, and Misses Lula Swim and Ruth Vorman.

The Open House coffee for the display and sale of Christmas Gift Specials of Mary Kay Cosmetics held at the home of Odessa Mullins, Saturday morning with Mrs. Armantha Martin, area salesperson, in charge of the display, was well attended. The Mullins home was decorated with Christmas symbols, and the refreshments of candy, nuts, cake, spiced tea and coffee were reflective of the holiday season. Mrs. Allene Byars won the door prize.

Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Peacock left Saturday morning for an overnight visit with their son Mike and his family in Clovis, returning in the snowstorm Sunday night.

Miss Lula Swim, Postmistress, hosted the Post Office personnel at supper in her home Saturday night. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper, Mrs. Alvin Durham, Miss Freda Keahey, Mrs. Callie Winegar and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski. Mrs. Nell Clem, Matador, was special guest.

Whiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

WEATHER BALLOON LANDS AT SPRAY FARM

An Amarillo weather balloon set in flight, Dec. 10, 1987 ended its air trip southwest of Whiteflat, Dec. 12, 1987 when it landed in the top of a tree on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spray's farm. Roy Rosser of Lewisville, son in law of Mr. and Mrs. Spray, found the parachuted balloon. The balloon had an attached tag requesting the person finding it to fill out needed information and return it to original lift off address. Mr. Rosser was pleased to find the balloon and to accommodate the Amarillo Weather Bureau with this project.

WEATHER REPORT

Sunday night and Monday, Dec. 13-14, snow enveloped the Flomot and Whiteflat areas. It began sleeting Sunday afternoon, then snowing Sunday night and Monday. "It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas!"

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dixon visited Wednesday night and Thursday in Abilene with her brother and wife,

Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Casey, Lynn Minton of St. Louis, Missouri, Joe Miller of Houston and Arthur Harmon of Amarillo visited from Wednesday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon and Mrs. Janice Dixon attended to business in Lubbock, Wednesday and visited David Dale Dixon.

Mrs. Laverna Sams of Lockney and her granddaughter and children, Mrs. Johnny Turner, Heather and Cobey visited in Amarillo, Saturday with Mike Montague.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rosser of Lewisville visited from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spray. Visiting the family, Saturday were Lennie Stan and son, Jonah of Afton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Whitefield of Spearman visited Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon and Mrs. Janice Dixon, Sunday.

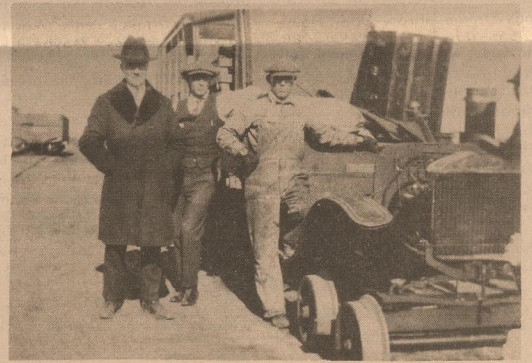
Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Harvey were Mr. and Mrs. Vid Weis and daughter, Laura of Perryton and Brenda Harvey and daughter Julie of Clarendon.

Do You Have Pictures?



Who has seen the front half of the Motley County Railway engine? Pictures are needed to document the railway for the historical mural being prepared for the library. Time is short - if you have seen the front half of the engine, contact the Library or leave a picture there.

(Photo courtesy of Opal Jones, Aspermont)



"Jigger" - Engineer Tom Jones, stands beside the engine he built from Model T parts to pull freight and passengers from Matador to the Roaring Springs switch. More information is needed for the historical mural.

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LION news and notes
Taking Pride In A Healthy Community

The Matador Lions Club met, December 15, at the Methodist Fellowship Hall for a delicious Stew lunch served to 17 Lions and 2 guests.

Boss Lion Minkley reported on the nice Directors Breakfast Meeting on Monday morning at Lions Glenn Woodruffs poolside.

The \$100 check was presented to Lion Louder to give his wife, who won the Lions Christmas drawing.

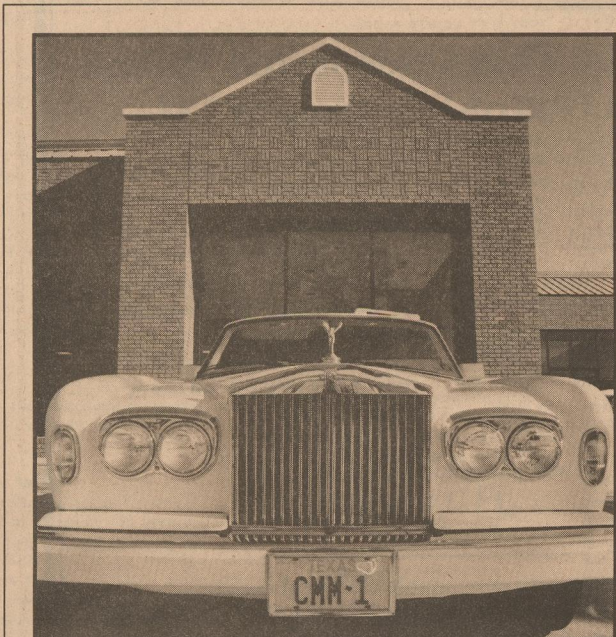
Boss Lion said they also should say a special "Thanks" to Santa for coming to Motley County during his

busy schedule.

Lion Roy G. Hobbs welcomed as a new member, Billy Paul Campbell.

Lion Michael Patrick was introduced as the program to talk on the TI-IN Satellite Program at the school. He stated this program had been in operation since 1984 and was the best way to give small schools the best of both worlds. By using this system the students had access to subjects required by the State without the school having to raise taxes to hire all the teachers to comply with the State.

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord. (Lev. 19:18)



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Senior Citizens Report

by Iris Blevins

The doors of the Senior Citizens building were opened for our regular second Tuesday luncheon with twenty-one people registering. It was our business reporting time also. Our secretary, Ruby Thompson, gave the report on past business meetings. Everything was in order and was approved. There was no new business and the meeting was adjourned with the singing of Happy Birthday to three of our members.

By that time everyone was ready to fill their plates and enjoy the good food that was waiting for them.

When lunch was finished and the table cleaned, some settled down to a good game of eighty-four, forty-two or dominoes.

Friday evening is game evening and there was one table of forty-

two players there.

We are having so much flu in our community and so many of our members have it, we are hoping there will be enough to play this Friday. We won't be meeting anymore till January 8, 1988. By that time all of the holidays will be over and everyone will be ready to settle down to real living again. If you plan on riding the bus, please call Mrs. Baker, Mary Ann or Norabell for the correct schedule.

We were pleased to have Otho Caloway come and have lunch with us again. We have been missing you, Otho.

Lena, we are happy that you are back at the game table again.

I hope you have a wonderful Holiday season with all of the blessings that the new year has in store for each of you. Merry Christmas!

Roaring Springs Sr. Citizens Hold Christmas Party

The Roaring Springs Senior Citizens met on December 3 for their annual Christmas party and dinner.

The Christmas decor brightened the occasion. Each person brought a gift to be exchanged with the help of Mrs. Santa Hinson and Mrs. Santa's helper Mullins.

After the receiving of the gifts Mrs. M.G. Bethard, program chairman, asked each person to tell about his or her best Christmas of the past. Many interesting experiences were told with lots of feelings of nostalgia while remembering. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Flomot Do Gooders Club Has Christmas Party

The Do Gooders Club of Flomot opened their meeting with the Christmas spirit, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 8 at the Community Center singing the Christmas hymn, "Silent Night." Mrs. Wilson Barton told the Christmas story published in the Guideposts, "The Day Christmas Broke Into Prison."

The Yuletide decorations set the stage for the festive occasion. Ornaments glittered in a tree with a colorful array of gifts around it. Garlands and candles completed the beautiful Christmas decor.

Hostesses were Mesdames Doyle Calvert, Wilson Barton and Clayton Bond. The table was draped with a Christmas designed cloth, centered with a holiday floral arrangement encircled by red and green candles. Refreshments of canapes, assorted cookies, candies and cakes were served with coffee and hot spiced

tea.

Highlight of the afternoon was the surprise of members when the Secret Pal names were revealed.

Mrs. Barton, president, conducted the business meeting. The 1987 slate of officers were re-elected to serve in 1988. They are Mrs. Wilson Barton, president; Mrs. D.M. "Ikie" Gilbert, vice president; Mrs. Clayton Bond, secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Doyle Calvert, reporter. Mrs. Barton expressed her appreciation for the generous donation given by Donnie Turner and Tom Ross to the club.

Members attending the holiday gala in addition to those mentioned were Mesdames George Pope, Billy Morris, Howard Rogers, Jack Starkey, James Monk, Junior Payne, Joe Edd Helms, Wayne Hunter, Seab Washington, Donnie Rogers and Bill Washington.

Hints for Homemakers

Tips to Help You

Here's good news if your hectic holiday schedule leaves you little time to clean house: quick acting products help remove food stains left by children or holiday guests on carpets and upholstery. One way to avoid stains in the first place is to put walk-off mats at all entrances. These will absorb dirt and moisture before they can make it into the house and onto your carpets.

Food stains should be given immediate attention. Solids such as peanut butter can be lifted up with a dull knife or spatula. Liquids should be blotted with paper towels. Then clean the area with a quick-

acting stain removal product such as Woolite Spot and Stain Rug Cleaner. For spots on upholstery, first check for colorfastness and then use a cleaner such as Woolite Upholstery Cleaner.



REMEMBER TO SAVE LABELS

The Motley County P.T.O. would like to remind everyone that the program to save labels is still in effect. The labels will help the school with educational equipment. There is a drop station in Pay-N-Save Grocery.

If you are not able to get out and

bring your labels in, please save them anyway and the store or school will pick them up. There will be more information on who to call printed later.

The program ends in February



CREATIVE COOKING

PINEAPPLE BRAN MUFFINS

- 1 can (8 oz.) Dole Crushed Pineapple
- 1 cup all-bran cereal
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons light molasses
- 1 cup flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Drain pineapple well, reserve 1/4 cup juice. Combine reserved juice, cereal and milk. Let stand a few minutes to soften cereal. Stir in pineapple, egg, oil and molasses. Combine flour, sugar,

baking powder and salt. Add to pineapple mixture. Stir just to combine. Spoon batter into 6 well greased muffin cups. Bake in 400°F. oven 20 to 25 minutes until tests done. Serves 6.

"Experience is in the fingers and head. The heart is inexperienced."
Henry David Thoreau

MOTHER GOOSE DOT PUZZLE

I've lived on
14:13
15:13
16:11 12:36
17:10 14:39
18:9 7:6 5:38 37:35
19:8 4:34
20:3 33
21:130 2 32
22:23 24 25 28 29 31
24 27 for two whole days"
"That's nothing I've lived on earth for twenty years."



Obituaries

Dovie Brady

Funeral services for Dovie Estalea Brady, 76, mother of Anita West of Flaydada, with many friends in Matador, were held at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 in Dumont Baptist Church with the Rev. Chris McCauley, pastor, and the Rev. Wesley J. Patton, a retired Baptist minister from Amarillo, officiating.

Burial was in Dumont Cemetery by Mynatt Funeral Home of Paducah.

Mrs. Brady died Monday, December 7 in her home after an illness.

She was born June 8, 1911 in Jacksboro and moved to Dumont in 1946. She married Willie Darrien Brady on March 13, 1933 in

Waurika, Okla. He died in 1968. She was a homemaker and a member of Dumont Baptist Church.

Mrs. Brady was a member of the South Plains Iris Society and the American Iris Society. She is the only woman to have hybridized and introduced an Iris "Whoop 'em up" to win the Knowlton Award, which is the highest award to achieve.

Other survivors include a step-daughter, Wilma Compton of Midland; two sisters, Leona Knight and Bobbie Middlebrook, both of Jacksboro; a brother, Bill Jamison of Jacksboro; and three grand-children.

Byron Hardgrove

Funeral services for the Rev. Byron Dale Hardgrove, 61, of 2604 Holliday, were held at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 11 in the First Baptist Church chapel with the Rev. Charles Broadhurst of Littlefield, and the Dr. Fred Meeks of Plainview officiating.

Burial was in Plainview Cemetery by Lemons Funeral Home.

The Rev. Hardgrove died at 7 a.m. Tuesday in his home after a sudden illness.

He was born May 29, 1926 in Burleson, and graduated from Burleson High School. He attended Wayland Baptist and received a bachelor degree in education. He received a Masters degree in

education from West Texas State University and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastored churches in Texas and New Mexico, and taught high school in Muleshoe and Friona. He also pastored First Baptist Church of Flomot from 1983 until his death.

Survivors include his wife; a son, David of Amarillo; two sisters, Ruth Woodell and Jean Beckwith of Burleson; and four grandchildren. Pallbearers were Wayne Hunter, Everett Shorter, Steve Beckwith, Stuart Beckwith, Herb Martin and Wayne Landers.

The family suggests memorials to the National Diabetes Foundation.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
 Hey man, how's it going? I've been OK this year. I'd like a Swiss bank account for the billion dollars your going to give me, also an acoustic guitar, and a Mickey Mantel baseball card. My own special effects crew, a set of Pearl drums. I would like to win first place in baseball, too. Well I guess that's all.

Your friend,
 Jeremy Jones
 P.S. I would also like to pass this year.

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,
 How's it going man! This year I would like a V.C.R., dart pistol, compound bow, a pair of shoes, clothes, like shirts and pants. I want a bass guitar, and a car by my next birthday. Well that is all I want this year.

Your friend,
 Codi Williams
 P.S. I will leave milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Stealth SB-X Bomber, a Hydro Sport Electric Boat, a Jet Tornado Racing boat, a keyboard, a G.I. Joe Shuttle Complex and a microscope.

Your friend,
 Joshua Palmer
 P.S. I also want a champion Hockey game, a 22 cal. rifle, a lot of shells, and a Bushnell 4x32 mm 22 ca. rifle scope.

Yo Santa,
 I heard that someone's handin out presents. Even though I still think you should trade in that old sleigh for a red Tranz-Am, but I'll still trust you to bring me my presents. First I want a Casio Keyboard and then I want a watch with extra bands. I also want some tapes (you should know what kind I want) I want some Stonewashed jeans, a silver or Tennis Bracelet, too. To top it off, I want more holiday vacations.

Your friend,
 Mandi Farley
 P.S. I've been good so far!

Dear Santa,
 I would like a new Keyboard and a robot to clean up the house, Coltho and guitar, 22 rifle and switch blade nife and a fm, am stereo.

Your friend,
 Bobby
 P.S. Don't give my brother and sister anything.

Hey Santa,
 What's up? Nothing here. I would like for you to bring me some stonewashed jeans and a skirt. Also a tennis bracelet and Glowatch. I would love to have a stonewashed coat. One more thing, I really need shoes!!!

Sincerely,
 Carmen Zarate
 P.S. I would like a cassette player of my own.

Dear Santa,
 How have you been doing? I have been a good boy. I want a bike, clothes, rabbits. I'll leave you cookies and milk. For my mother I want a new car and for my dad I want some tools. For my big brother I will give him a new girl and for my small brother I will give him a transformer. Well I guess I will leave you.

Your friend,
 Juan Gonzalez
 P.S. I want straight A's in school and also I want to pass.

Hey Santa,
 What's up man? I am going to get to the point. So here it goes. I would like a stereo so I can listen to it at night and to go with it I want some tapes. (COOL) I want some Stonewashed jeans and Stone-washed skirt. A Stonewashed purse would be nice or a P.E. bag. Or maybe a Stonewashed jacket also would be nice. There is one more

thing I want and it is a black headed boy namely Cody Barclay!!
 Your friend,
 Wendy Lancaster
 P.S. If you don't give me these things you will pay!

Dear Santa,
 I would like to have a Marksman 1300 Springair up to 170 fps smooth 177 cal. pellet for Christmas, plus an Indian Archery Little Indian Juvenile bow set, and a Lambergeny. I would really like to have a Bushnell 3-9 x 32 mm Rifle Scope multi x recticle Waterproof and fogproof 1.1 b, I would also like a longer period out of school.

Your friend,
 Don Martin

Hey Santa,
 How ya doin'? If your wondering I've been doing just fine. Well okay heres what I want. Hope your elves are good carpenters because I want my own room. I need something to wear so I want Lee baggies and gray Wranglers. I want a jam box and tapes to go with it. I need some boots. I want a tennis bracelet. I want a watch that you can change the bands. But most of all, I want a saddle.

Love always,
 Stesha Daniel
 P.S. If it'll help, I'll have cookies and milk out.

Dear Santa,
 I have been good. I just need a little, not much. I want a bear, "Black Mag" Hunting kit, compound bow, 177-cal. pellet gun or pistol, lock-back knife steel blade, Winchester "Ranger" 30-30 cal. Lever Action Rifle, 20" barrel 6 shot magazine, 22 with cartridge, I would like red Farroy and red and black pickup.

Your friend,
 Jody Scott
 P.S. I would like a V.C.R. and some tapes rated XXX movies. I will leave you some milk cookies and milk. I would like to pass this year.

Sey Santa,
 What's up in that workshop of yours? Are those elves of yours doing their job? Well I guess I better get to my list. I would like a 14kt. gold or 10 kt. gold ring. I would also love to have a Coca Cola Sweater that is really cute. I'd kind of like to have some UNITS, as for colors, red and black. I would sure like to have some stonewashed jeans to go with that Coca Cola sweater. I hope you will give me!

Your friend,
 Heather Turner
 P.S. I really want these things so get them to me right away!

Dear Santa,
 I've been good and bad. And so all I want is a BMX and a Bike Generator light set and a radio-controlled camaro car and one more thing and it is a mini stereo speakers.

Merry Christmas To All
 And A Happy New Year
 To Santa
 From Salvador Sanchez

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a trampoline, a pair of hunting boots, a bird dog, a remote control car with intena, a kitten, and a train set.
 P.S. How are you doing? How is Mrs. Clause?

Yours trully,
 Lee Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a trampoline a ski suit. Barbie and the rockers (Dee Dee) Clothes, P.E. bag, a bed for baby talk, a sleeping bag, a surprise.
 I love you Santa.

Yours Truly,
 Laurie Hoyle

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like a small colored T.V. with an alarm clock that has a radio. If you can't get a T.V. I want a

trampoline. If you can't get those, I want a computer.
 Love your friend,
 Lindsey Williams

Dear Mr. Claus,
 I don't want anything for Christmas because I was a bad boy this year and I was a little good. I have been good in school and I have not fought with anyone in school. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
 P.S. I want a Electronic keyboard and a two of lazer shot.

Your friend,
 William Duarte

Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been good and bad. I want some close, shoes, sock, radio with a tape recorder and headphones, pants, shirts, basketball, sleeping bag, soccer ball, uno card game, calcululer, a watch, race set.

by your friend,
 Juan Saldana

Dear Santa,
 I hope you have a very Merry Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Now I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want Baby Heather, a black toy horse, a real paint horse, a girl friend for one of my brothers which is Cory. And lots more.
 Merry Christmas.

Thank you,
 Cara Franks

P.S. I have been a very good little girl.

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want a trampoline, my child doll, levie jacket, levie skirt, a bike pump, flashlight, howto draw books, a globe, little T.V., pound puppy that barks, a computer, microscope, a jam box, a basketball, encyclopedias, wood working tools.
 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your friend,
 Becky McFall

Dear Santa Claus,
 For Christmas I will like a trample, a Leive Jacket, some closes, a microscope, a computer, a basketball, Cabbage Patch kid.

Your friend,
 Veronica Gonzalez

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like a cliff hanger, race track, I want a trampoline. I want a bike because my bike is broken. I want a big train set. I have been asking for a radio controid airplane, I want a microscope, I want a telescope. I like you becucas you give people presents. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
 Jeremy Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
 May I have a desk, bike, robot, wagon, electric train set, skates, electric car with lights, electric boat, maps of the world, claw, animal, file cabinet, fake tree, chalk board with white chalk, piano, set of world books, swimming pool, clothes, lego set, football, fort, gutar, horse, and a computer and love.

Your friend,
 Joseph Martin

Dear Santa Claus,
 This is what I want for Christmas. A Casio, cloth, a leather bridle for horses, saddle, spurs, and stone washed jeans. Oh! by the way, don't get my sister anything. She's not a good girl like I am!! I also like Story Bears.
 Merry Christmas everyone. I love you Santa!!!

Sincerely,
 Jodi Boykin

Dear Santa Claus,
 May I please have some gymnastics suits, guess jeans, 13 inch color TV, record player, new shoes, neckles, bracelet, ring, watch, socks, doll, teddy bear, a new pen or pencil, book, lunch box, a color for my cat, bike, a bow to go in my hair, a belt for my mom, a shirt for my dad, a boyfriend for my sister, magazine, calculator, casio, that it.

Your good little girl,
 Leigh Ann Pipkin
 P.S. Don't drink and fly.

Dear Santa,
 I try to be a good boy, but sometimes I am bad. Like sometimes my sister rights something on her chalkboard and I erase it. So if you will get me a few toys I will be really good. I want a stereo, turbo, hoper, stereo sound system computer and a credit card. Thats all.

Your friend,
 Kevin Keltz

Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want clothes and toys for Christmas. I want shoes, pennylofers, some tinne shoes, and colored shoes too. For toys I want barbie ice cream shop, barbie carvett, the heart family set, the barie home and office, barbie dishes, dolls, cabbage patch kid, a stove, a keyboard, fun time barbie, a bike that is all. Merry Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Claus. I want a barbie swimming pool set.
 Ho! Ho! Ho!
 Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight!!!!

P.S. Love your friend,
 Christie Campbell

Dear Santa,
 I would like an Atari game with two video tapes with its Karate and Packman. I would also like a remote control race car. Thank you.

Love,
 Quintin

P.S. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
 I would like Atari game with two video tapes with it, Karate and Packman. I would also like a remote control race car. Thank you.

Love,
 Kyle

P.S. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
 I want a doll that hair changes color. I want a robot! I want a redeer. I want everybody to be nice, fair, sweet. My teacher wants everybody to learn our Math facts. I have a pen-pal. I don't know if I will like her, do you?

Your friend,
 Alana

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want a baby heather and a newborn cabbage patch and a heart to heart bear and clothes and Cricket and shoes and a watch and a hug from Santa Claus.

Love,
 Lacy Washington

Dear Santa,
 Hil Santa Clause, my name is Brandi Jameson. What I want for Christmas is a trampoline, a new bike like my old one. I also want a new piano or a casio. If you get me a casio, I want a medium one. I love you Santa Claus. The third grade is going to do a play called How Mrs. Claus Saved Christmas. My part is, They were stamping and ready and anxious to go, to fly o'er rooftops alive with new snow.

Love your friend,
 Brandi Jameson

Dear Santa,
 I like a new house, new toys, and a new car and a new truck and new ducks and snow.

Your friend,
 Joe H.G.

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want a B-B pistol and some boots and a radio and some new shoes and a hamster. And football, and a basketball.

Your friend,
 Talon

Dear Santa,
 Hi! How's it going at the North pole? I hope none of your elves have caught a cold. Besides hows Mrs. Clause? Hows your reindeer? If we can we will lay out an apple for Rudolph and a carrot for every other reindeer. In case you forgot what I want for Christmas is a comador 64 and a nintendo entertainment system. Do you now Tom and Jerry? I see you everyday in your workshop. I hope you give people your phone number so we could call you. Have I been notty or nice? Do you remember what happened last Christmas? Your ripped your pants on the fireplace! Well I got to hit another class.

Your friend,
 Bo Speed

Dear Santa,
 Are you ok, are you find, are you doing year lest of Christmas. I want a trapling teat with scorm, harshness or cruelty. I want a swimmer personora animal that swims. I want a traddy or beef and molpey and a bike and a Mather geese.

Your friend,
 Leeann Moreno

Dear Santa,
 I want a pogoball for Christmas and a baton. My brother wants football and my cuson wants a talking canputtuter and my mother wants lots of pans. Because witch my father is our mother, know our real mom is working at the Pay in save.

Merry Christmas,
 Your friend, Misty

Dear Santa,
 I want blinckers and a light for my bike. And a waterbed. And a guitar Tanky for being so nice.

Your friend,
 Doyle Lee

Dear Santa,
 I want a V.C.R. for Christmas. My mom and dad and brothers want one to. There names are Debre, Johnny and Jody, Kelly. I am going to record some of my favret shows like cobra, gostbuster, areplan, Anard Swatsanager and things like: that and when I am in school I can record stuff like that.

Your friend,
 Scotty

Dear Santa,
 I want a skutr and a yo-yo. I want a 22 for Christmas. I want a Kashen for 7 years.

Your frand,
 Matt

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the truck and Legos you brought last year This year I would like a scooter with hand brakes or a G.I. Goe tent or a radi-controlle Porsche racer. Please bring my little brother, Mont, a Button and Toes Clown and a school bus. I will leave cookies for you and your reindeer in the kitchen.

Love,
 Bert Darsey

Dear Santa Clause,
 I have been a good girl. I want a Barbie Doll and I want clothes and rollerskates and a puppy and a basketball and kitten.

Your friend,
 Crystal

Dear Santa,
 I want a baby doll. A maicmuve barby and she has a blue dress and blond hair just like me. I would like a baby poples. And I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
 Dodie

Dear Santa,
 I want a destroyer for Christmas. I want three wishes for Christmas. I want \$60,000 for Christmas.

Your friend,
 Darryn D.W.P.

Dear Santa Clause,
 I've been a good boy and I want a remote-control big foot and a bike. And an electric train. Bring my brother a remote-control wench truck. Bring me some fruit.

From,
 Joe Anthony Mangram (J.A.M.)

Dear Santa,
 Santa would you please bring me a traplen, hot looks doll, tipyright, sunglasses, barbe car, I want a red babre car. A new bicycle and a my child.

Your friend,
 Lanie Barton

Dear Santa,
 I want a doll and some clothes for Christmas. I want a horse for Christmas. I want a car for Christmas, I want \$11,000 for Christmas, I want a new bike for Christmas.

Your friend,
 Kasey Parks

Dear Santa,
 I want a Baby My Child and a sewing machine. There will be some cookies on the table and milk in the refrigerator. Please bring my brother Keane a Hot Wheels with a

water gun on it and a remote control truck and Derrick a Hot Wheels with a water gun. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
 Leah Cruse

Dear Santa,
 Hi! How are the reindeer? How are things at the North Pole? I would like transformer for Christmas. I'd also like a remot control car. I also want a tape of the Beachboys and a tape of Elvis Presley and also a tape of Jerry Lee Luis.

Your friend,
 Cody Timmons

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for being so nice to me the past years. So please be nice to me this year. I want a new bike, trampoline, My Child. I guess I better go. Say hi to the elfs and to Anna. By By.

Love,
 Leslie Minkley

Dear Santa,
 I want a racing machine that makes a real Sound and a remote control racing car with recharge machine for batteres. And a metle detector and a game that's called mouse trap and a fourwheeler with gas in it and army play stuff.

Your friend,
 Armando Barrera

Dear Santa,
 We hope you to bring me a G.I. dog toy and a skail not one of the foot skail. I want a 30-30 and a BB gun. I wish I had a horse.

Your friend,
 Payton

Dear Santa,
 Hi! For Christmas I would like a trampoline, a new bike, Texas Tech football suit, waste pad, knee pad, a new Texas Tech helmet, new Drums, basketball, socar ball.

Your friend,
 Joshua Lee

Dear Mr. Clause,
 How is Mrs. Clause? I am doing fine. How is Blixan and Dixan? I'm doing great in school. Plus I don't fight with my sister, very much. OK! Thats enough! Lets get down to the good part. Would you bring me the rest of my voton, ironman watch, a remote control airplane for my dad. Plus the Captain Power XT7 and the video. I want all the Jungle GUTS, Twin Lightening, remote boat and a radskate. Thats all.

Sincerely,
 Bradley Thacker

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a Barbie and doll, games, clothes and Baby Heather. That is all I want Santa Claus. I love you and I like you. Would you try to get grandma a Ford Car for her please. Santa Claus try to try. Thank you. I've got to go. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

Your friend,
 Molly Christian
 Merry Christmas By!!!

Dear Santa,
 I have been a bad girl, but I want one thing. It is a sterro, but that is all I want, please.

Your friend,
 Denise Duarte

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like for Christmas, a Computer, trampoline, talking doll, Cabbage Patch kid, and a Pink bike. That is all I would like. Oh say hi to Mrs. Claus.

Your friend,
 Flora Ramirez

P.S. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dear Santa Clause,
 Will you bring me a cat robot. Will you bring me a 5 way stroller. I no I got lots of clothes this Christmas. And will you bring me a P.E. and shoes. And Merry Christmosse.

Your Turely,
 Beth Bingham



Recollections

by Duff Green

JOHN SMITH

Part 2

John Smith was a good hand, a good cowman, a top wagon boss, a noted train driver and my friend! A delightful fellow to work with and under. His cattle workings had extended from the Gulf of Mexico into Montana, giving an experience rich in variance.

He was the only trail-driver I ever heard of that loaded his wagon with a generous supply of bailing wire, a pegging awl, pliers, and with one or two sides of sole leather. When a steer became tender-footed from travel, he was caught, a few holes bored through the outer pointes and edges of his hoop and a leather sole wired on. By the time it wore off, his foot was sound again.

About 1899, Smith drove a herd to Denver. Shipped cattle, horses, men and wagon to Chugwater, Wyoming, and drove from there into Montana, reshipped his men, horses and wagon landing back on the home range late in August.

He then joined forces with the other wagon on Tongue River at the mouth of Dutchman. That night it rained, the next day nothing was done in the way of rounding. The boys lay around camp, some forty of them, and listened to Smith, for he was in his best fettle. Jovial, jolly, and felt like talking. From there the wagons broke work and dropped into another pasture. Jackson went to tank on the head of Cottonwood Creek, and Smith camped at the mouth of Wolf Creek, where they had a large corral in which to hold the cattle.

Next day, Smith's outfit was at the roundup, but Smith was not present. I never saw him again as a Matador employee. The boys knew nothing more than Smith had told them what to do, got on his horse and rode away, presumably to headquarters.

In a few days, Lighthertwood, the superintendent, came to the outfit, missed Smith and asked about him. John Smith had quit, gone home to his wife and children, and said nothing about it. Not so much as to draw the money he had coming.

I tried several times to get Smith to attend the "Old Trail Driver's Association." His spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak, or something else intervened to prevent it. Had he gone, more than likely John would have found others he rubbed elbows with, coming and going, somewhere along that thousand miles of stirring events. Even if he hadn't seen others he knew, the exchange of fertile experiences would have been enthralling.

Some years ago, he became ill. The scene at his ranch home was grippingly pathetic and touching. There his great body lay on the bed, wracked with pain and suffering. The ministering hands of friends and loved ones did what they could to alleviate and ease his condition, but the ravages of time had reduced his vitality. A good many of the men present had worked by his side when things were quite different.

His wonderful constitution allowed a partial recovery, and he was carried to Marlin Wells in hope of permanent relief. The trip seemed helpful, and he was anxious to get back to the country he loved and worked over so long.

The return trip was started, and Stamford was reached where the night was spent. Next morning, he seemed eager and happy to be so near home. A start was made for the train, but it was not to be.

He died very suddenly. Sure his body was returned for its final resting place. My, my, the long procession and the tears, and tiers that were visible!

DPS URGES SAFETY FOR HOLIDAY DRIVING

AUSTIN -- The Department of Public Safety has estimated that 77 persons will die in traffic accidents in Texas during the upcoming holiday periods, DPS Director Leo Gossett said.

Gossett said the Department believes as many as 42 persons will be killed on the state's streets and highways during the Christmas holidays, with another 35 losing their lives over the New Year's travel time.

"If 77 persons were to die in one incident, it would be considered a major disaster," Gossett said. "Traffic deaths, even though they are individual occurrences, are no less tragic to the family and friends of the victim, and to us all."

The Christmas holiday period begins at 6 p.m. December 23 and continues for 102 hours until midnight December 27. The New Year's holiday period will begin at 6 p.m. December 30 and continue through midnight January 3, also 102 hours.

In 1986, 28 persons died as a result of injuries suffered in traffic accidents during a 54-hour holiday period, with another 20 dying as a result of injuries suffered during the 54-hour New Year's period.

The Department will be issuing periodic reports on the number of traffic deaths to the news media during the Christmas and New Year's periods to heighten traffic safety awareness.

The fatality estimates are prepared by the Department's Statistical Services Division.

"We base the estimates on the length of the holiday period, current fatality rates and previous fatality counts," said Jim Templeton, manager of the statistical division. "We're hopeful that Texas drivers will take additional care so these estimates will turn out to be far too high."

Colonel Gossett said all available Highway Patrol troopers will be out during the holiday periods.

"Our troopers primarily will be looking for the two violations that lead to the greatest number of traffic deaths - DWI as well as excessive speed," Gossett said.

"This is the first Christmas season during which the new drinking and driving law and the 65 mph speed limit on portions of interstate highways will be in effect," the DPS director added.

"It is a violation in Texas for a driver to drink an alcoholic beverage while operating a motor vehicle," Gossett said. "This is an important law, because some driving impairment can occur below the .10 blood alcohol level that is the point of intoxication as defined by law."

"We encourage those driving on Texas highways to watch for the speed limit signs to know the maximum speed permitted by law," Gossett added. "The speed of 65 is allowed for cars, motorcycles, commercial buses and light trucks, but only in designated and posted rural zones of interstate highways. The maximum speed on U.S., state and other highways is still 55."

EL PROGRESSO CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA AND PROGRAM



Mrs. Grace Campbell serves tea to Club guest speaker, Mrs. Georgia Mae Ericson.



Club president, Lila Meador, guest speaker Mrs. Ericson and meeting leader, Opal Pipkin.

The El Progreso Club met Thursday afternoon December 10, 1987 in the home of Mrs. Bill (Judine) McCaghen for the annual Christmas program and tea. The home is always decorated beautifully with the traditional Christmas tree covered with handmade ornaments which Judine has made. The home is filled in every area with yuletide decorations, candles, poinsettias, miniature trees. The table covered with a cloth she made of red net and felt with many ribbons and poinsettia sequin covered around the border. It truly gives the members a feeling that Santa is on his way and will land "right here."

Mrs. Douglas (Lila) Meador called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests to the afternoon of holiday thoughts and song. She thanked the members who had been so helpful with the last several projects of the club. Mrs. Bob (Nell) Clem for sending gifts to the State Hospital in Vernon; the group for their generous response for the shower for the Homemaking department at the High School, both in the kitchen area and sewing area; again the group for their help with the Jail-Museum during "Old Fashioned Christmas" when they brought cookies and candies to sell as well as staying at the Museum during the day to greet visitors and to Mrs. Pohl for the Christmas music played during the day. Mrs. Meador also brought Christmas cards for members who are not here. Mrs. Douglas Pitts, Sr., Mrs. Vinie Keltz, and Miss Mary Keith. She turned the meeting to Mrs. W.N. (Opal) Pipkin who was the leader for the afternoon.

Mrs. Pipkin read the caption at the heading of the yearbook for the day, "God bless you all this Christmas Day; May Bethlehem's Star still light the way, and guide thee to the perfect peace when every fear and doubt shall cease, and may thy home such glory know, as did the stable long ago." Author unknown. Mrs. Frank (Lola) Pohl played on the Casio several Christmas carols before Mrs. Pipkin introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Mrs. Georgia Mae Ericson of Crosbyton. She stated the Mrs. Ericson is a native of the area, granddaughter of the Hank Smiths, pioneers of Crosby County. She told of her education and awards and degrees she has attained.

Mrs. Ericson's talk was "Christmas 1887 Blanco Canyon - The Hank Smith's Rock House." Ninety years had passed since the first Christmas the Hank Smith family had celebrated at Glorietta Hacienda, Charles Taskers name for his servants house. George William was eleven, Leila Elizabeth, nine, Robert Burns, six and Annie Josephine, four. Aunt Hanks sixth

child, Mary Magdalene was just 10 months old. Aunt Hank had returned from her November visit to the Matador Ranch with her Scotch friend Lizzie Campbell. They had reminisced over the "home country" and all they had left behind but they were happy to be here. Aunt Hank always tried to take along a good size "Plum Pudding" wrapped in floursacking, ready to plunge into the boiling black wash pot before the wild turkey was put on to scald to remove feathers. Mrs. Campbell had a good supply of Dundee Shortbread packed for Aunt Hanks trip back to Blanco Canyon. Letters and cards were read, although families were not blood-related, all Scots consider themselves one family. A tree had been secured from Copper Brakes along with a good supply of wood for fireplaces and posts for the beginning of fencing for Hanks cattle and sheep. Christmas Eve was busy with boxes brought from the supply house with homemade ornaments kept from the years before. Corn had been popped for a few strings to garland the tree along with paper chains made from Sears Roebuck catalog and nursery seed books. Corn husk dolls and bows had been made by Leila while attending school at Estacado taught by Miss Emma Hunt of the Quaker Colony. Rag Dolls had been made for Leila and Annie and a cuddly bear of stockings for Mary. The wooden tinsel star made at Fort Griffin years before was unwrapped for the top of the tree. Young Annie was given the privilege to set upon the shoulders of her father and anchor the precious Star on the top cedar branch. Precious candles were on the mantle with greeting cards from homelands, Scotland, Germany and relatives of Hanks in Ohio and Elizabeth in Massachusetts. All had shared in the treat of mulled cider, shortbread and German Gingerbreads. Stockings that had outlived their usefulness were embroidered with red yarn with each name standing out from the black lisle. These were hung by rope strung across the mantle and filled with precious apples, oranges and candies and the small girls and a rattle for Mary. The children scurried to bed at 10:00 and were told to look out the window to see the bright Star of Bethlehem and listen to the sound of hoofs. All was quiet except for the Hoot Owl in the barn.

Dawn came over the Caprock to the East and with it noise from the children's room. They were called to that St Nicholas had found the Rock House and left their stockings full. The men of the house came in after feeding the livestock and all gathered around to sing O Tannenbaum with Hanks bit of remembered German, then Aunt

Hanks "Bluebells of Scotland" and a Burns poem - and of course America the Beautiful, their adopted land. Scotch oatmeal was ready on the hearth, sour dough biscuits were there to be eaten along with wild hog bacon and fried venison, along with wild plum jelly. Coffee from the pot on the fire and chocolate for the children warmed their insides on this morning of mornings. Elizabeth, with the help of Uncle Charlie had a bountiful table that day with wild turkey, venison and quail with cornbread dressing with wonderful egg and giblet gravy; turnips, cabbage and potatoes from the well house bin and more sourdough breads to cover with wild grape and wild plum jelly. Dried apples, apricots peaches and prunes to relish. Dessert would be Aunt Hanks famous Plum Pudding with a whiskey sauce for adults and lots of fresh whipped cream for the children. An ending to a perfect special day.

This story of Mrs. Ericson is one she hopes to continue in years to come with the children growing older and their lifestyles changing. What a wonderful story-teller she is. She brought taped harp music, that of Louisa Trotter who played on the Celtic Harp beautiful Christmas music after which Mrs. Ericson read Robert Burns' "My Hearts in the Highlands."

Mrs. Pipkin then read the Christmas recess as it is printed in the yearbook: May the little Son of Mary, Prince of Peace and King of Kings, Grant you all the joy and gladness that this Holy Season brings.

Mrs. Meador presented a gift to Mrs. Ericson as a memento of her visit to the El Progreso club.

The refreshment committee, along with Mrs. McCaghen, were Mrs. J.E. (Marguerite) Edwards, Mrs. Joe (Loys) Campbell and Mrs. Dale (Jo Etta) Bumaardner. They prepared many delightful finger foods along with hot spiced tea and coffee. Those enjoying the tea, other than those mentioned were: Mrs. Robert (Winifred) Darsey, Mrs.

Bob (Nell) Clem, Mrs. Ted (Bailey) Elliott, Mrs. Gene (Mary) Louder, Mrs. E.A. (Dorothy) Day, Mrs. Harold (Grace) Campbell, Mrs. W.D. (Vena) Lipscomb, Miss Rachel Patton and Mrs. Furman (Beverly) Vinson. Guests attending this meeting were Mrs. Ellis (Geraldine) Key of Matador, Mrs. Algie (Rita) Groves of Quanah, Mrs. R.E. (Hazel) Donovan of Matador, Mrs. Judy Barber of Roaring Springs, Mrs. J.D. (Opal) Craven of Matador, Mrs. John (Cella) Lincoln of Afton, Mrs. W.T. (Frances) Richards of Paducah, Mrs. Hayden (VeeVee) Moore of Matador, Mrs. Roy (Gertrude) Smith of Matador.

Arrival Announced

Kyle Van Archer

Russ and Sharice Archer of Texas City would like to announce the birth of a son, Kyle Van Archer. He was born Monday, December 14 at 7:25 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces and was 22 inches long. Kyle has an older brother, Clifton (Bo), 2 years old. Grandparents are Leo and Joyce

Archer of Matador and Ann Northam of Texas City and M.C. Northam of Temple.

Great grandmother is Lizzie Archer of Lubbock, formerly of Matador.

Kyle was named after his great-grandfather I.E. Van Martin, early Motley County Pioneer.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

Psa. 127: 3, 4

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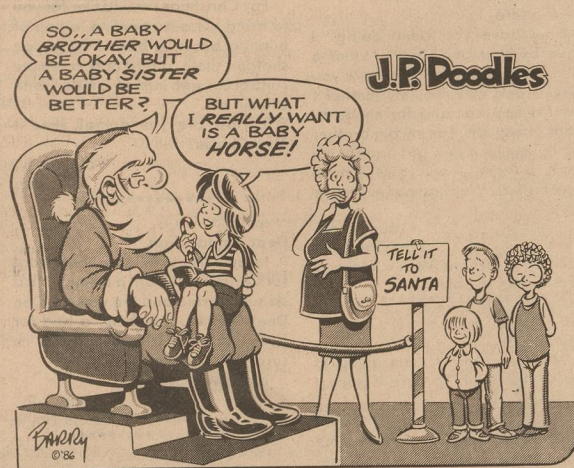
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Social Security Tips

by Terry J. Clements

The annual earnings base—the maximum amount of earnings that counts for Social Security will increase to \$45,000 for 1988, up from \$43,800 for 1987. In addition, the 1988 tax rate for employees and their employers will increase to 7.51 percent, up from the 1987 rate of 7.15 percent.

The increase in the wage base is based on the change in average earnings levels from 1986 to 1987. The tax rate increase was already a part of the Social Security law. The effective tax rate for self-employed people will rise from 12.3 percent to 13.02 percent for 1988.

The increase in the tax rate will amount to 17.20 a month for a person earning \$2,000 a month.

Other Social Security figures are scheduled to increase in 1988 as well. The annual exempt amount used in the annual earnings test will increase. The annual earnings test is the measure used to determine whether a person who works will receive benefits during the year. The 1988 annual exempt amount

for people 65 through 69 will be \$8,400, up from the 1987 amount of \$8,160. The 1988 exempt amount for people under 65 all of 1988 will be \$6,120, up from the 1987 amount of \$6,000.

A person whose earnings do not exceed the annual exempt amount will receive all benefits for the year. A person's benefit is reduced by \$1 for each \$2 of earnings above the exempt amount. The annual earnings test does not apply once a person reaches 70.

The amount of earnings needed to earn a quarter of coverage - the measure of Social Security work credit - will be \$470 in 1988, up from \$460 for 1987. In 1988, a worker will earn four quarters of coverage if his or her annual earnings are \$1,880 or more.

More information about Social Security taxes and benefits can be obtained at the Social Security office at 1401-B West 5th street, or you may call us at 293-9623. Appointments can be arranged if desired.

A Designated Driver Is The LIFE Of The Party

Designated drivers help friends remain safe, alive, and out of jail. The designated driver in a group agrees to remain sober and drive others safely from a party or other event where alcoholic beverages are served.

Using the slogan *Drive your friends home...be the LIFE of the party*, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and other safety-conscious organizations are promoting the sixth annual National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week, December 13-19. Governor William P. Clements recently signed a proclamation designating the observance in Texas.

Use of the designated driver concept works as the centerpiece of this annual promotion - aimed at saving lives and avoiding injuries. According to the National Safety Council (one of the leading groups promoting the lifesaving concept), it originated in Sweden and the United Kingdom, where designated drivers place their car keys in their empty beverage glasses so they are not served.

Even with concerted efforts across the nation during the 1986 awareness week, 23,000 persons still lost their lives during that year in alcohol-related highway crashes.

(Department of Public Safety statistics for 1986 show 1,304 persons died in DWI involved accidents in Texas). Other individuals experienced the trauma of painful injury due to the combination of alcohol and driving.

Texas Safety Association's president, George R. Gustafson, added his organization's support to the designated driver concept: "Decide to help a friend keep a driver's license, avoid a fine, stay out of jail, avoid embarrassment, and stay alive. It's a simple and free way to keep a valuable friendship alive, both during the coming winter holidays and all year long."

Friends can help keep their friends alive and safe by adopting the designated driver concept, promoting the idea among colleagues and co-workers, and respecting those who act as designated drivers.

Raymond E. Stotzer, Jr., Engineer-Director of Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation underscored the importance of the designated driver concept, "Arrive alive. Start three lifesaving habits this holiday season: drive sober; buckle up, and encourage others to do the same. Remember - first a friend, then a host."



High Plains cotton producers planted about 92 percent of maximum acreage permitted on farms enrolled in the 1987 farm program, according to figures compiled by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, for its 25 counties.

Planted acreage in the area, reported by the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service at College Station (ASCS), comes to 2,850,644. Permitted acres in the program, 75 percent of a 4,133,871-acre effective base, totaled 3,100,403. The effective base for the area reported in June, 4,188,422 acres, was reduced 54,551 acres in the latest revision.

The lower than expected plantings, PCG says, were the combined result of acreage being bid into the 10-year cropland reserve program (CRP), and

producer participation in the "50-92" acreage reduction program.

Growers in the 35 counties reduced the area's effective base by putting 345,480 cotton acres in the CRP. ASCS reports, then underplanted their remaining permitted acres by 233,049 acres under the 50-92 program. The 50-92 provisions of the program gave producers the option to plant as little as 50 percent of their acreage and still receive program benefits as if 92 percent had been planted.

As can be seen from the following chart, participation in the annual 50-92 program was greatest in heavily irrigated, high cost counties, while most of the acreage taken out of production for 10 years by the CRP program came from dryland counties.

County	CRP Acreage	Effective Base Acres	50-92 Underplanting	1987 Planted Acres
BAILEY	32,230	117,133	14,350	72,327
BORDEN	727	33,662	372	24,205
BRISCOE	14,448	49,795	6,800	30,199
CASTRO	3,004	91,120	20,145	46,766
COCHRAN	5,550	138,614	7,086	96,059
CROSBY	5,453	237,047	4,640	172,306
DAWSON	15,725	303,430	3,482	225,797
DEAF SMITH	4,584	9,569	1,991	4,699
DICKENS	12,849	53,129	4,060	35,257
FLOYD	13,814	225,091	13,815	154,034
GAINES	70,134	380,954	18,542	263,699
GARZA	2,415	50,568	56	38,030
HALE	26,251	259,129	22,613	170,051
HOCKLEY	34,243	318,657	10,669	224,553
HOWARD	2,967	110,408	1,531	81,554
LAMB	1,278	233,594	14,893	158,729
LUBBOCK	11,343	329,002	13,067	230,171
LYNN	9,245	298,340	6,349	217,292
MARTIN	12,551	155,663	2,777	114,462
MIDLAND	2,519	40,867	1,887	28,772
MOTLEY	11,629	50,684	4,550	33,124
PARMER	5,278	76,650	22,093	43,923
SWISHER	17,259	100,350	19,440	50,714
TERRY	1,220	329,827	11,466	234,689
YOAKUM	28,764	141,588	6,375	99,232
TOTALS	345,480	4,133,871	233,049	2,850,644

GTE To Change Name

General Telephone Company of the Southwest will ring in the new year by changing its name to GTE Southwest Incorporated, the company announced today. The change will become effective Jan. 1, 1988.

The six other GTE domestic telephone operating companies will make similar changes in their names.

The decision to drop the "General Telephone Company..." title from each company came after extensive market testing, which found that "GTE" is one of the most recognized corporate names in the country.

"The study showed that the old name was inadequate to describe our business. We are, after all, more than your basic telephone company," said E.L. "Buddy" Langley, GTE Southwest president. "In addition to regulated network services equipment, GTE Southwest and its deregulated division, Business Phone Systems, provide business communications systems, equipment and maintenance services: telephone network consulting; long-distance billing and collection for interexchange companies; private line services; mobile telephone service; radio paging and voice and data transmission."

James L. Broadhead, president of GTE Telephone Operations, said

the name changes will allow "all of our telephone operating companies to maintain their important local presence, while gaining the strong market value of one of America's most familiar corporate names."

Along with the change to GTE Southwest, the other name changes scheduled to take effect Jan. 1 are:

General Telephone Company of California to GTE California; General Telephone Company of the South to GTE South; General Telephone Company of the Northwest to GTE Northwest; General Telephone Company of Florida to GTE Florida; GTE MTO to GTE North; Hawaiian Tel to GTE Hawaiian Tel.

GTE is a worldwide corporation with combined revenues and sales totaling more than \$15 billion in 1986. Its three core businesses - telecommunications, lighting, and precision materials - employ approximately 160,000 people in 48 states and 33 countries.

The GTE Telephone Operations GTE's largest business unit with revenues of nearly \$11.3 billion in 1986, includes telephone operating companies in the United States, Canada and the Dominican Republic.

GTE Southwest provides network access to over 1.2 million customers in 398 exchanges in Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

Buckling Up Keeps Holidays Happy

Texas motorists who gift-wrap their families with safety belts will get a head start on a happy holiday season, a leading traffic safety advocate announced today.

"Most of us wouldn't send a fragile gift through the mail without protective packaging," said George R. Gustafson, president of Texas Safety Association and spokesperson for the Texas Coalition for Safety Belts. "It's equally important, when we get into moving vehicles, to minimize the risk to our bodies by using safety belts and children's car seats."

Safety restraints are important the year round, but they're even more critical during holiday seasons, Gustafson noted.

"As we celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, and the beginning of a new year, many Texans will be on the road, going to visit families and old friends," he said. "The Christmas weekend and New Year's Eve are especially hazardous because of increased travel and the traditional use of alcoholic beverages. The weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas pose a danger, too, as people attend parties and rush to get their shopping done."

"We urge all Texans not to drink and drive," said Gustafson, "and to remember that a safety belt is your best protection against drivers who fail to heed this advice."

And now abideth faith, hope and love, These three, but the greatest of these is love.

1 Cor. 13:13

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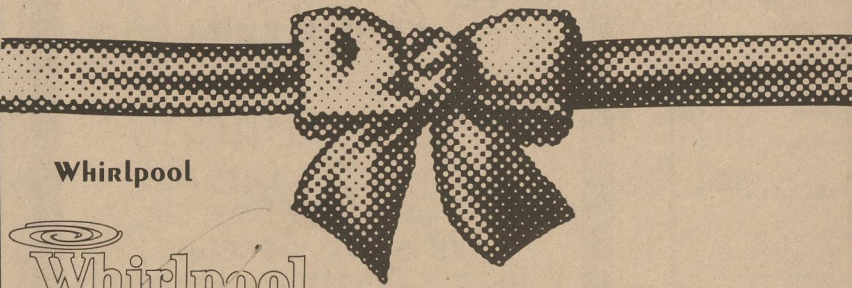


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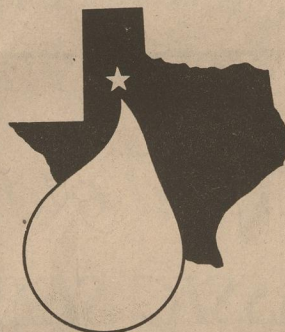
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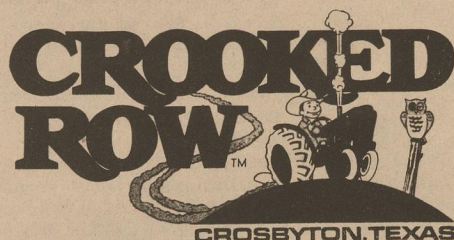
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MATADOR METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Staff Photos by Tricia Palmer



The birth of Jesus was depicted in an inspirational and outstanding musical production of the Christmas Pageant, presented last Saturday night, in the sanctuary of the Matador United Methodist Church. In the third year of being presented this year's production featured several new additions.

The pageant was written by Mrs. Nailene Bowden and directed by Mrs. M.G. Bethard with Mrs. Lowell Barkley as assistant director.

Before the production Mrs. Frank Pohl presented a 30 minute organ concert, of Christmas music. She also played the majority of music for the pageant.

Following trumpet blasts, that opened the program, Rev. Gene Louder, church pastor, gave the welcome and offered prayer.

Narrator and song director was Mrs. Samuel Swinnea, a professional singer from Grand Prairie. Solos performed by Mrs. Swinnea were Oh, Holy Night, and Star of the East. Lavenia Bowden, also a soloist sang Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus and What Child Is This?

Throughout the production the audience joined in singing Christmas music. Other music was reared, which featured the Halleujah Chorus, and the Grand Prairie High School Ensemble playing trumpet blasts and Roman Marching music and Amens Course. Playing the part of Mary was

Jennifer Beshires and Daniel Alexander as Joseph. Others in the cast were: Archangel, Joseph Bowden; Trumpet Angels, Wendi Bershire and Lavenia Bowden; Star Angel, Desirree Bowden; Brandi Doolan, Llan Barkley, Tonya Barkley, Wendi Beshire, Molly Christian, Ethanie Bowden, Margaret Mangram and Keri Hamilton, angels; Rachael Smith, Larisa and Christopher Bethard, littlest angels; Nicholas Bethard, Scott Smith and Jay Tomison, wise men; Lawrence Bowden, Jeremy Smith, Matt Mangram, Frankie Ortiz, Chris Guerrero and Joe Mangram, Shepherds; Frankie Ortiz, Roman Soldier-centurion; Lawrence Bowden, Nicholas Bethard, lieutenants; Jeremy Smith, Jay Thomason, Chris Guerrero, Scott Smith, Joe Mangram, Matt Mangram, troops and Mrs. Glen Woodruff, accompanist for Mrs. Swinnea.

Those assisting behind the scene were: state manager, sound, lights and props, M.G. Bethard; costume design, Mrs. J.B. Bowden, Mrs. M.G. Bethard; sewing department, Mrs. Fay Derickson, Mrs. M.G. Bethard; assistant costumers, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Chip Smith and publicity chairman, Mrs. Gene B. Louder.

The performance was presented before a back drop of the town of Bethlehem, complete with lighted stars.

MORE LETTERS TO SANTA



Dear Santa,
I have been good and bad. I want toys like hart and hart family, a doll, book, panda bear, coat, a map of the world, a globe, a Lunch Box, the value tale book, a radio, more books, a trapper keeper, a notebook, gloves, a flag, a watch and a piano.
By Reyna Ramos
Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year
Ho! Ho! Ho!

Dear Santa,
My name is Brittany Moore. I am 2 1/2 years old. I would like for you to bring me a Baby Talk and a Kitchen center for Christmas. I have tried to be good. Also remember to bring my friends and brother something for Christmas. Drive carefully.
Love,
Brittany

Dear Santa Claus,
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Gwen Sims
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Love,
Ryan Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a keyboard and a V.C.R., C.B., stereo, electric football game, electric robot pxt, hoke game, road hopper, 12 fire fighter and a globe.
Your friend,
Chad Lawrence
P.S. Get my brother something. And I want a puppy.

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Please send me the paper that has wagon train reunion news. We enjoyed the trip very much, 400 miles but weather and old friends and the sweet town of Roaring Springs was great. The lunch at the depot was so nice.

Rose Dobkins
Calvert, Texas

Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for their concern during my stay in National Jewish Hospital in Denver. The cards, letters and phone calls made the stay much easier and more pleasant. Thanks for all your thoughtfulness.
Renee' Davis and family

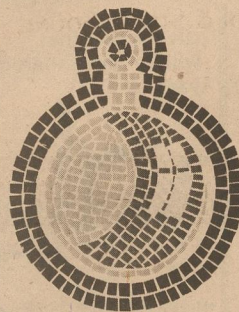
Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your prayers, calls and food, brought to us while R.E. has been in and out of the hospital. He is a lot better and hopefully he will be home for Christmas.

Merry Christmas to you all, and may God continue to bless you.

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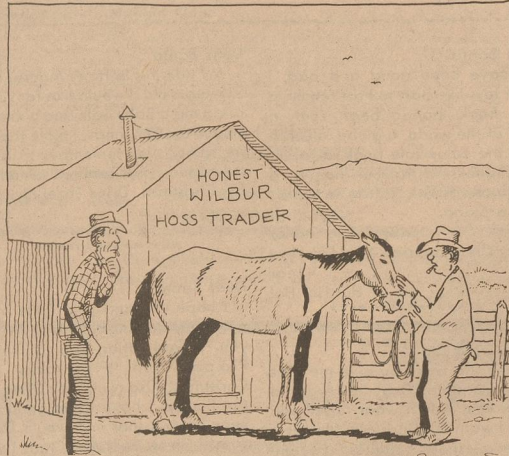
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And now abideth faith, hope and love. These three, but the greatest of these is love.
1 Cor. 13:13

Announcements

LIONS CLUB TREE SALE

The Matador Lions Club would like to announce their Pecan tree sale. We will offer many varieties of pecan trees and also a few other fruit and shade trees. If you would like to order some, please call or come by and see Ray Minkley at the County Extension Office, 347-2733. We will have a list of what is available. Proceeds from this tree sale and other Lion's fund raisers go toward several local community service activities. Thank you for your support. 2tc-52

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pizza Box will be closed for December 24 at 3:00 p.m. December 26 at 11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Christmas Dinner will be served on The Sunday Buffet, 11:30-2:00, December 20. All You Can Eat, \$4.95. Come share Christmas Dinner with your friends at The Texas Wagon Train Restaurant in Roaring Springs and Merry Christmas to all. 1tc-51

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Motley County 8th Grade Girls Choir will be caroling Friday night, Dec. 18th. They will begin at 6:00 p.m. and continue for two or three hours. Faculty and other families in the community will be entertained on their porches and in their yards. Watch for the gaily decorated vehicle as the girls come to your neighborhood to celebrate in song.

METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Rev. and Mrs. Gene B. Louder give a special invitation to all members and friends of the First United Methodist Church to attend Christmas Open House at the parsonage this coming Sunday afternoon, December 20 from 2:30 until 4:30.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Tri-County Tumblers are selling chances on a \$720 Blue Topaz ring. This is a donation to be used to buy equipment for the kids. The drawing will be held Tuesday, December 22 at the Library at 2:30 p.m.

To purchase a chance, contact any of these Tri-County Tumblers: Whitney, Rebekah, Justin Jameson Brandi Jameson, Leigh Ann and Amy Pipkin, Rochelle Renfro, Samantha Osborn, Brandi Doolan, Leah Cruse, Dodie Morris, Eric and Mandi Farley, Stesha Daniel, Blair Thacker, Ashley Stevens, Ashley and Angie Hammonds and Cara Franks.

REMINDER CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Motley County P.T.O. is sponsoring a Christmas program Monday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a play "Star of Bethlehem" by the High School Theatre Arts Class and Music. Refreshments will be served.

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