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HOLIDAY JOY



IS SANTA COMING? — Angelica and Jonah Meredith are looking for Santa, as they anxiously await his arrival on Christmas Eve. Angelica, 2, and Jonah, 1, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Cody Meredith, and the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith, of Roaring Springs.

The Best of Wishes for the Holiday Season and for always. May the Holiday Season find you feeling joyful for this is the most joyful of all seasons...May you also find Peace in the meaning of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

by Mary Meason

As Christmas draws closer and closer, I start thinking of past years Christmas celebrations.

Some Christmas celebrations were very sad, some filled with worry but the majority of my Christmas celebrations were very happy events.

Looking back to my own childhood, I think I was the most fortunate child that ever lived!

While our house was being built we lived in our big two story barn. My brothers and I loved that barn. It seems that we enjoyed the barn more than the idea of a new house!

I had a fabulous playhouse underneath those barn steps leading up to the "loft".

One Christmas Santa brought me a doll table, doll dishes, a doll bed and a new doll. I found out years later that my doll table was made out of an old bread board that my father had sanded and painted and had fitted it with four legs.

The next Christmas Santa brought me a doll trunk, a doll buggy, and the prettiest little lady doll all dressed like a grown lady. One day I was in a hurry to go outside and play outlaw and Sheriff with my brother. My lady doll was made out of paper mache and I put her in my dad's chair in my rush to get outside. He came home that evening, sat down on my pretty little doll and squashed my poor doll until she was flat as a pancake.

I suppose I was the most gullible child in town! I was in the sixth grade when I found out that Santa Claus was the spirit of Christmas and not a real man, and then I only found that out by accident.

Our house was a two story house and my room was upstairs on the south side of the house. The night before Christmas, after going to bed, I kept hearing noises downstairs and I was sure Santa was down there, so I got out of bed, tiptoed to the head of the stairs to where I could see into the living room where our Christmas tree was located. It wasn't Santa making the noise, it was my mom and dad putting gifts on and around the Christmas tree.

There was a big baby doll, a set of white furs, a muff and a neck piece, and I heard my mother say, "Why don't you take that wrist watch back, she is getting too much for Christmas." I could hardly be quiet, I wanted to call out, "No!" But I was afraid they might take all my gifts back! But I got the watch!

I grew up fast that night, but my parents never knew that I had spied on Santa Claus.

War years from September 1941 to November 1945 were the "worry years". My husband was in the Coast Artillery, and a master gunner in the Anti Aircraft Artillery.

Weeks would go by without a letter and that was really a worrying time. Finally I would get mail, sometimes eight or ten letters at a time. Then worry would take a back seat for a short time.

Christmas in those years were lonely and full of anxiety. The second best Christmas I ever experienced was in 1945. My soldier got home in November. That Christmas was a wonderful one.

The first really sad Christmas I ever experienced was when my mother died in November 1936. My two brothers and their families were home for Christmas and we did everything possible to help my father through Christmas. That year we had a beautiful white Christmas. I've always felt that the Lord sent that beautiful snow rather than dark dreary day to help us all through that sad Christmas. Christmas day the sun came out shining in all its glory. The temperature was below freezing, the snow didn't melt at all and everything sparkled with pristine beauty. I have never before been as thankful for a snow!

The happiest Christmas of my entire life was when I was looking forward to the birth of my only child. That baby's first Christmas showed how foolish first time parents, older ones at that, can be. That little one got presents he couldn't possibly play with for another year or two. But we had so much fun playing with those toys ourselves.

Christmas was always wonderful when he was with us but he died at the age of 36 and Christmas has never been the same.

Since 1984 my most enjoyable Christmas celebrations have been with my niece and her family in Nordland, Washington. Christmas there goes on for a week, from Nordland to Olympia, to Everett and Kent. That's the fun of having a niece, four great-nieces and a whole bunch of great-great nieces and nephews.

Many Christmas celebrations have been spent in the home of my sister-in-law with her children and grandchildren. After the Christmas feast and after the dishes are washed nearly everyone slips away for a nap. But when night falls everyone is back to finish off the leftovers, then the game of 42 becomes very popular - at least 3 tables and sometimes more.

My dad died November 7, 1962. He had been Santa Claus at the church

ever since I could remember. One Christmas after my mother died we had the family Christmas tree at his house and since he had two grandsons then he decided he'd play Santa Claus and come in the house "ho hoing" and saying Merry Christmas.

The two grandsons, Tom and Duck were just little ones. Tom's eyes were big as saucers and Duck was looking Santa Claus over carefully. Finally he said, "Huh! Looks like Grandpa to me!" That was the end of playing Santa Claus for the grandchildren.

My father died suddenly in the vestibule of the Methodist Church. Again we had a death a short time before Christmas. But he was ready to die. He was past 91 and he said he was

tired and had lived too long. He was a wonderful father and grandfather.

My immediate family has all passed away, but I still have a wonderful bunch of nieces and nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews and one special sister-in-law, so I certainly have much to be thankful for.

This year I'll be with my niece and her family in San Saba, my sister-in-law, her son and his wife. It's always so much fun there.

Christmas is not just a time for fun and presents, but we all should remember why we have Christmas and truly give thanks for the many privileges we have and the many freedoms that are ours.

May we never forget why we celebrate Christmas!

A COWBOY'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER

by S. Omar Barker

I ain't much good at prayin', and You may not know me, Lord -- I ain't much seen in churches where they preach Thy Holy Word, But You may have observed me out here on the lonely plains, A-lookin' after cattle, feelin' thankful when it rains, Admirin' Thy great handiwork, the miracle of grass, Aware of Thy kind spirit in the way it comes to pass That hired men on horseback and the livestock that we tend Can look up at the stars at night and know we've got a Friend.

So here's ol' Christmas comin' on, remindin' us again Of Him whose coming brought good will into the hearts of men. A cowboy ain't no preacher, Lord, but if You'll hear my prayer, I'll ask as good as we have got for all men everywhere. Don't let no hearts be bitter, Lord; don't let no child be cold. Make easy beds for them that's sick, and them that's weak and old. Let kindness bless the trail we ride, no matter what we're after, And sorter keep up on Your side, in tears as well as laughter.

I've seen old cows a starvin', and it ain't no happy sight; Please don't leave no one hungry, Lord on Thy good Christmas night -- No man, no child, no woman, and no critter on four feet -- I'll aim to do my best to help You find 'em chuck to eat.

I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord,-- ain't got no business prayin'-- But still I hope you'll ketch a word or two of what I'm sayin'; We speak of Merry Christmas, Lord -- I reckon You'll agree There ain't no Merry Christmas for nobody that ain't free. So one thing more I'll ask You, Lord; just help us what You can To save some seeds of freedom for the future sons of man!

Tribune to be Closed Week of Christmas

The Motley County Tribune will be closed the week of Christmas, December 25-29. There will be no paper that week. The office will re-open Monday, January 1, New Years Day, and the paper will be out on its regular day, Thursday, January 4. Thank you for your cooperation. We would like to wish all our readers a very special holiday season and may you remember the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ.



Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I haven't seen you seence last year. When are you coming to town? I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas. First, I would like a bike that looks like a dirt bike. Second of all, I want a Sega. Third of all, I would like a remote control Fire Power. Fourth of all, I would like a Rickshae. Fifth of all, I would like a Crasshoper.

Your believer,
Timothy

P.S. have a Holly Jolly Christmas.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing fine. How are the elfs? What are they making? Well I just want a computer with 11 disk, VCR, Nike shoes. 19 more days intal Christmas.

Your friend,
Ricardo

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a remote control car, bike, VCR, TV, and a peletgun gun.

From,
Marcelino

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it cold at the North Pole? Santa, can you bring a motorcycle bike?

Love,
Joe Landin

Dear Santa,
I hope that your reindeer are ready Christmas. Will you please bring me a talk-boy and a bb gun and if you can, please, try to bring me a football. I would like a TV also. I love you.

Love,
Colton Russell

Dear Santa,

I want a helmet, so I can ride on my Dad's motorcycle. If you need to find my house, my number is 2318. Look me up. What does your house really look like? And you need to go on a diet.

Your friend,
Josh Van Hoose

Dear Saint Nick,

I want a new bike, a tv on an entertainment center and a new 50, 50 hunting gun, fifty dollars for my self, and a Sega genesis torbo action.

Your friend,
Chris

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a purple moped or scooter whatever you would call it. How are you doing? I am doing fine. I am in the fifth grade. I am doing good in school. In fifth grade we hung our tree upside down from the ceiling and we have red blinking lights on it. How are your deer doing? Is it cold in the north pole? It is getting cold down her but it hasn't snowed yet. It is only 19 days until Christmas and I can't wait. I hope it snows like it did last year. I will see you at town 12-7-95 on Thursday. In case you want to know if I've been good I have been pretty good.

Your believer,
Brittany Perryman

Dear Santa,

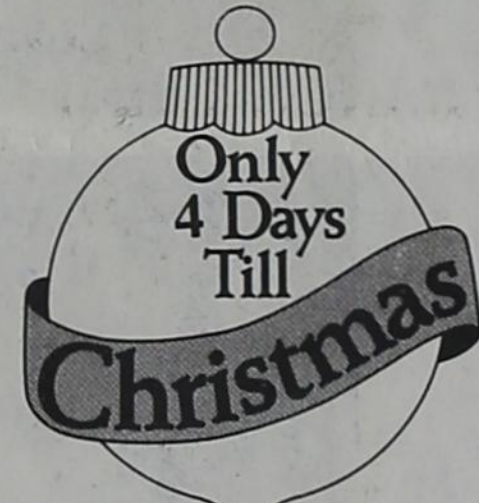
My name is Ky. I am three years old. For Christmas I want a bicycle, 2 power ranger houseshoes, and power ranger men. I have been a very good boy. I love you, Santa. Don't forget to bring my friend, Cobey, a horse.

Love,
Ky

Dear Santa,

I am so looking forward to you coming. I am two years old and I would like another baby doll, with some clothes. My brother, Jonah, is one year old, please bring him a teddy bear.

Love,
Angelica



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Our family wishes the very best to you in this holiday season. We know the God whom we serve will bless all those who diligently seek after Him. In the Bible the expression "worthy of God" is found concerning the care for those who preach. My family and I have been well cared for by the congregations which we serve in Motley County. It is not surprising, fine people do fine things. That is a principle which has withstood the test of time. You folks do fine things. I thank God for each of you.

This time of the year, most of our communities' thoughts are to some degree, turned toward God. It is you people and our work together that keeps our family's thoughts turned toward God all the year long. We are blessed among men. It is with gratitude and love we serve among you in the Kingdom of God.

Allow us, the Crowley's, to thank you for your kindness and Christian love shown for us. May your holiday season be rich toward the God whom we serve.

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Couple Celebrates 60th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green

"A Picnic in December" was the setting for the 60th Anniversary Celebration for Jack and Decima Green at the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock. The theme was based on, "This Is Your Life." It was a summary of their past 60 years. Hosting the celebration were their children, Elwanda and Gordon Simmons of Lake Colorado City, Texas; Cris and Ed Davis of Lubbock; Jimmie Don and Donna Green of Shallowater; and Tom and Julie Green of Midland. The former Decima Faulkner and Jack Green were married December 22, 1935 in Matador.

Guests were their grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends: Gary, Lisa and Hayden Simmons of Big Spring; Dodie, Mark, Stephanie, and Tyler Northcutt of Lubbock; Dana, Cearra and Zackery Neese of Lub-

bock; Dr. Shelby Maclean of Lubbock; Kent Tisdell of Lubbock; Bradley Price of Lubbock; James (Pup) and Earle Price of Lubbock; Lisa Stracener and Todd of Lubbock; Earlene Briscoe Barr of Lubbock; Brian Green of San Antonio; Krista and Melissa Green of Shallowater; Casey and Corey Green of Midland; Justin Kennard of Midland; Mac Alton and Jerri Scaggs of Lake Palo Pinto; June and Clayton Cunningham of Ransom Canyon; Luther and Edna Ruth Green of Matador; Virginia Green of Whiteface; R.T. and Marilyn Hamersley of Wichita, Kansas; Forrest,

Carolyn, Magen and Damon Faulkner of Austin; Pat and Suetta Green of Tahoka; Jerry and Pat Edwards of Ranger; James and Geneva (Cooper) Griffin of Lubbock.

Cammack - Platt Exchange Wedding Vows In San Antonio Ceremony

Kay Lynn Platt and Charles Ed Cammack exchanged wedding vows Saturday, December 16 in San Antonio, Texas at the Oak Hills Church of Christ officiated by Max Lucado, Minister.

Kay Lynn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Platt of San Antonio. Charles is the son of Mrs. Zona

Ruth Cammack of Matador.

Maid of Honor was Tammy Whitlock of San Antonio. Best Man was Steve Dollar, also of San Antonio.

The honeymoon trip was to be a surprise to the bride. The couple will reside in San Antonio.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church.



Mrs. Charles Cammack



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THE BLESSED BIRTH — This beautiful Nativity scene is set up on the lawn of the First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs. It was cut out, painted, and set up by church members.



MINIATURE VILLAGE — This magnificent tiny Christmas village is on display at the Durand House cafe in downtown Roaring Springs. The village is a collection of Mrs. Jim Harwood, owner.

First Assembly of God Church
 Rev. Rickey Lawrence Roaring Springs, Texas
 "Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."
 Mark 9:23
 Church, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 Missionettes for Girls — Royal Rangers for Boys

Assembly of God Youth To Give Away Santa Sack Worth \$600

The Roaring Springs Assembly of God Youth will draw for a Santa Sack, valued at approximately \$600 today (Thursday). The Santa Sack project is a fund raiser to raise money for the youth's Spring Ski Trip.

The following businesses and individuals have graciously donated these items:

Higginbotham Bartlett, Bread-maker; Thacker Jewelry, 2 silver chains, gold chain, gold ring; Matador Floral, Picante Sauce and Spicy Salsa; Debbie Denison, Mary Kay Hand Gift Set and Frangrance Collection; Marshall Brothers, 50 gallons Propane; M.C. Cafe, 2 lunches; The Windmill, Candles; Quality Discount Outlet, Serving Tray; T&S Tires, 2 oil filters; Davis Fuel, Cooler; Pay-N-Save, Popcorn in a Bucket; Thacker Supply, Flashlight, Pen Light, Roper Gloves, Jelly Beans and Fish Lures; Pure Country, Haircut; Alexander Fuel, Oil Change; Vickie's Floral, Gift Certificate; Matador V&S Variety, Power Ranger and Barbie Jeep; Damron's Boot Shop, Cash; Guys & Gals, Earrings; Devonne Dillard, Blanket, Glasses; Mike Hoyle, Cash; Silver Serving Tray; Motley County Tribune, Gift Certificate; Betty Bearden, Avon Perfume and Cream.



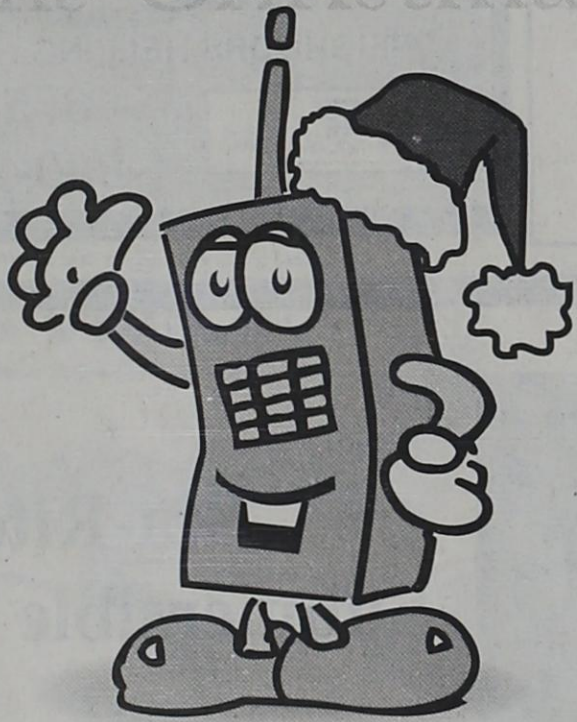
"I want a dump truck that really works, a whole lot of toys, and a gun that smokes."

These are the requests made by this little boy when he visited with Santa in 1964. This picture was taken from the Tribune files.



DRESSING UP FOR CHRISTMAS — Mrs. Betty Bostick, owner of The Windmill in downtown Matador, paints a beautiful Christmas scene on her window.

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OBITUARIES

Melba Jameson

Services for Melba Jameson, 71, of Matador were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 19, 1995, at First United Methodist Church in Matador with the Rev. Felton Gilmore, pastor of First Baptist Church in Matador, officiating.

Burial was in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

She died Sunday, Dec. 17, 1995 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

She was born Feb. 12, 1924, near Whiteflat in Motley County. She was a lifelong resident of Motley County.

and a member of First Baptist Church. She was a homemaker. Survivors include a sister, Aurene Bevers of Amarillo; a niece; and a nephew.

Pallbearers were H.R. Jameson, Franklin Jameson, Travis Jameson, Clay Jameson, Joe Martin, and Roland King.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church of Matador.

News Around Motley County

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Mrs. Coleen Burns of Granbury visited from Sunday until Wednesday of last week with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morris and in Lockney at the Care Center with her mother, Mrs. Doris Morris.

Visiting Art Green, Sunday, were Don and Jean Lewis of Vernon and Mrs. Joan Helms, local resident.

Mrs. Melva Jo Shelton of Hockley, H.G. Hunter of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were luncheon guests, Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. John Speer in Floydada. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter continued to Plainview for medical appointments and shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter returned to Plainview, Friday for additional medical treatment and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were guests of Mrs. Leona Bell in Amarillo, Sunday. They attended the "Touch of Faith" presentation of the Paramount Terrace Christian Church at the Civic Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Pierson and in Amarillo with Mrs. Merle Nall, Wednesday.

Mrs. Oma Lee George and daughter, Mrs. Mable Sue Barrett of Bovina visited Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross and granddaughter, Aleda Elaine were in Plainview, Saturday night where Aleda Elaine performed at the Musical Jamboree held at the Ollie Liner Center. Joining them there were Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Carson and Whitney and Aven Straw of Hale Center.

The Prayer Retreat for Lottie Moon Christmas offering was held Wednesday night at the Flomot Baptist Church. The study was "Reshaping Our World Vision". Those attending were Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee, Josh and Brandon were Mrs. Fay Rogers of Plainview and Kimber Carroll, Mrs. Bridget Bufford and son, Casin of Dallas.

Furman Vinson returned home Saturday from Plainview, Saturday where he was a patient in the Methodist Hospital under medical care for pneumonia.

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

IN APPRECIATION
I inadvertently left out of my Christmas message two of my most helpful supporters: *Charlie Long, my tax man who goes the second mile, and the Motley County Library personnel, who keep me supplied with good reading. May they all have Christmas blessings!*

ROXIE LEWIS HOSTS GUILD
The Guild met with Mrs. Joetta Bumgardner Wednesday evening of last week for their Christmas program. Billie Clifton said the opening prayer; Darleen Fletcher told a Christmas story; Mrs. Bumgardner also gave a Christmas story; Mary Lumsden presented Christmas poems.

The group sang Christmas carols accompanied on the keyboard by Callie Giesecke.

Those enjoying the evening were Susanna Abbott, Jeane Adams, Eugenia Bethard, Noilene Bowden, Opal Bradford, Billie Clifton, Darleen Fletcher, Callie Giesecke, Mary Kelley, Dorothy Lee, Mary Lumsden,

Debbie Martin, Pearl Patten, Lee Peacock, Chelsea Read, Lula Swim, and the hostess.

Visiting Mrs. Roxie Lewis Saturday were her sister, Mrs. Mabel Stephenson, the later's son, Lynn and his wife, Sue, and a niece Charlene Owens Reynolds, all of Amarillo. They brought lunch also.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Russell came from Pipe Springs to take their grandmother, Mrs. Beth Hinson home with them for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Hinson's two sons, Bob and Jim Raven, and her daughter, Doris Einkaus and their spouses all live in that area. They left Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Vera Mitchell is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Benny Goss and family in Levelland.

Miss Lula Swim's home was the scene for a cooperative lunch by the members of First United Methodist Church and guests. Those enjoying the good fellowship and delicious food were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adams, Mrs. Billie Clifton, Mrs. Darleen Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke, Rev. Ron and

Mary Kelley, Mr. W.H. Marshall, Mrs. Sharon Martin and Nancy, Mrs. Chelsea Read, Miss Lula Swim, and Mr. Ray Zabielski. They took Mrs. Roxie Lewis a plate.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

At a time when lives are busy, we can be thankful for even the simplest holiday traditions. It can help strengthen a family and reinforce connections important in a changing society. Merry Christmas!

Katheryn Martin attended to business in Childress, Friday and en route home, attended the basketball games in Paducah.

Mrs. Morris Stephens taught classes last week at the Patton Springs School. She visited in Lockney, Wednesday with Mrs. Juddie Stephens.

Heather Turner, Texas Tech student in Lubbock and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Frances Dixon visited last Sunday and Monday in Wheeler with her sister and husband, Dorothy Jean and Adrian Risner.

Mrs. Katheryn Martin visited in Roaring Springs, Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin. Other guests were her sister and husband, Raynita and Wendell Newman of Spur.

The Women On Missions Week of Prayer meeting was held recently in the home of Mrs. Frances Dixon. Following the program, refreshments were served. Baptist Church members of Matador attending were Mesdames Dan Barton, Nora Belle Dunning, Evelyn Shelton, Daisy Smith, Zelma Brogden, Winifred Lee and Miss Melba Jameson.

Art Green of Flomot and Mrs.

Roaring Springs Senior Citizens Report

by Mary Lumsden

The Senior Citizens had their annual Christmas dinner and party on their regular December meeting date. The girls from Crosbyton Clinic recorded our blood pressure and blood sugar count.

While the members were gathering several songs and carols were sung, all present joining in with Genie Adams at the piano.

Carl Barton gave the invocation. Our birthday person, Lula Swim, led the line as we all filled our plates to overflowing with turkey, dressings, and many delicious vegetables and deserts.

After lunch we enjoyed drawing numbers, opening our gifts that were placed under a beautiful lighted tree, and the fellowship that followed.

Nineteen members were all thankful that the Lord had blessed us and allowed us to meet again and celebrate the Christmas season. Everyone departed full and happy.

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Matador News
Clara Martin of Slaton visited her aunt, Cora Hall, Saturday.
GRANDSON GRADUATES FROM TECH
Darren Watson, son of Jim and Jerry Watson of Bakersfield, CA and grandson of Dora Watson of Matador, graduated from Texas Tech on Saturday, Dec. 16. Darren was the highest ranking graduate in the College of Architecture and was the Banner Bearer for the College of Architecture in the Commencement Exercise. Darren is a member of Tau Sigma Delta, honor society in Architecture. Darren and his wife, Kari, and their daughters, Amber and Kayla will continue to make Lubbock their home as he has accepted employment with MWM, a Lubbock Architect firm.

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To: Randall Scott Nolen, Case #4102
Russell Knox Hall, Case #4052
Andy Molina, Case #4115

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Lavema Price Court County of Motley County at the Courthouse thereof, in Matador, Texas by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 2nd day of February A.D. 1996, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of December A.D. 1995, in this cause, numbered #4102, #4052, #4115 on the docket of said court and styled State of Texas, Plaintiff, vs. Randall Scott Nolen, Russell Knox Hall, and Andy Molina, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Unable to locate Defendants in each Case, Judgement Nisi each case.

As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Matador, Texas, this the 18th day of December A.D. 1995.

Attest: Lucretia Campbell, Clerk
County Court
Motley County, Texas.

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NO. 4115
THE STATE OF TEXAS
VS.
ANDY MOLINA
SHARON'S BAIL BOND
SURETY
IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS
JUDGEMENT NISI

DATE OF BOND: 1/9/95
AMOUNT OF BOND: \$5300.00
OFFENSE: POSS. OF MARIJUANA
FTA DATE: 7/26/95

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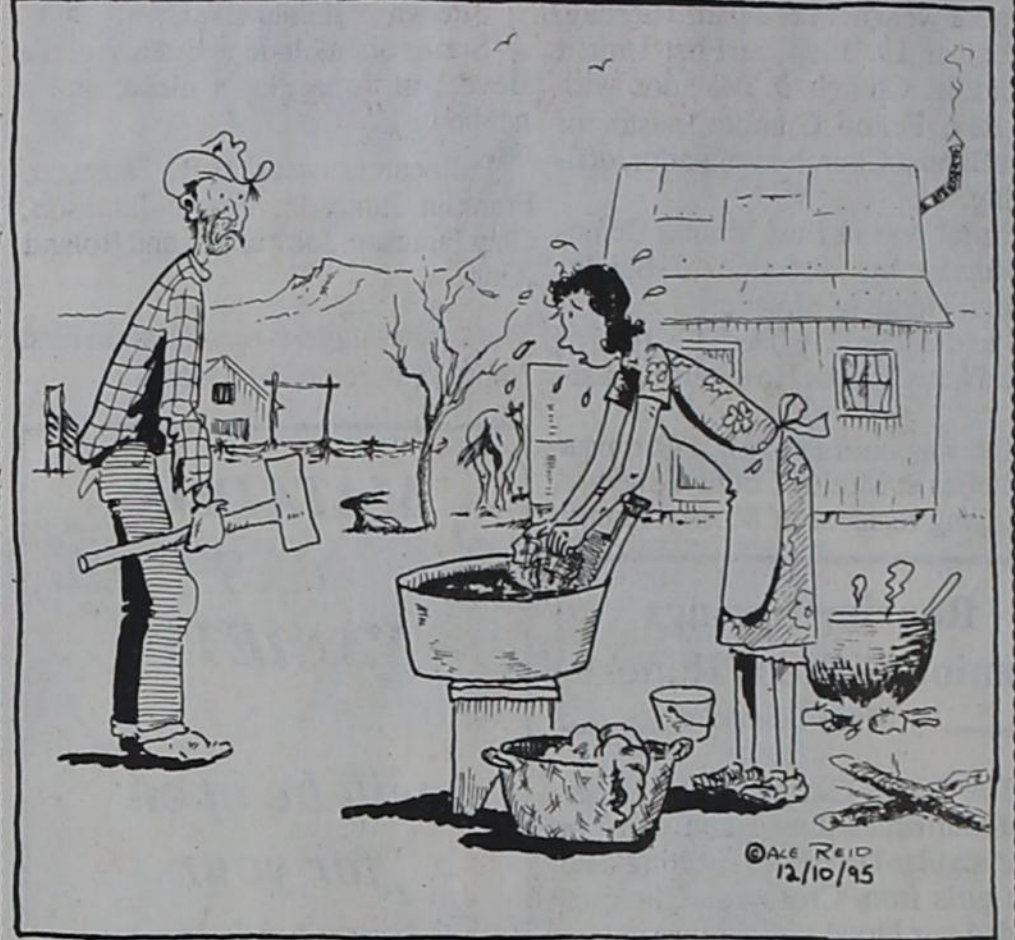
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COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Jake, there oughta be a law against two people as pore as we are gittin' married to each other!"

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NO. 4102
THE STATE OF TEXAS
VS.
RANDALL SCOTT NOELN
CASH BOND
SURETY
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS
JUDGEMENT NISI

DATE OF BOND: 8/15/94
AMOUNT OF BOND: \$350.00
OFFENSE: POSS. OF MARIJUANA
FTA DATE: 7/26/95

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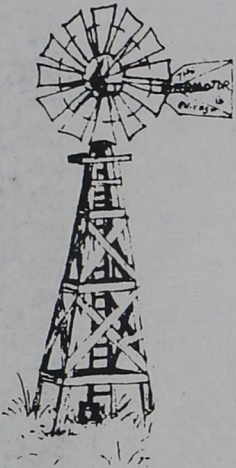
The magical beauty of Christmas.
Its spirit sifts gently through the snow-
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magic of the season. May you
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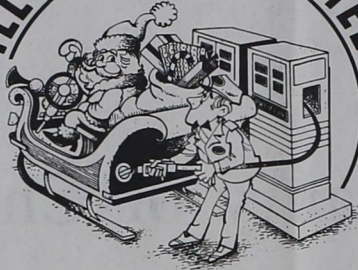
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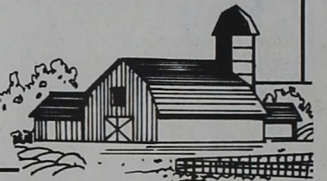


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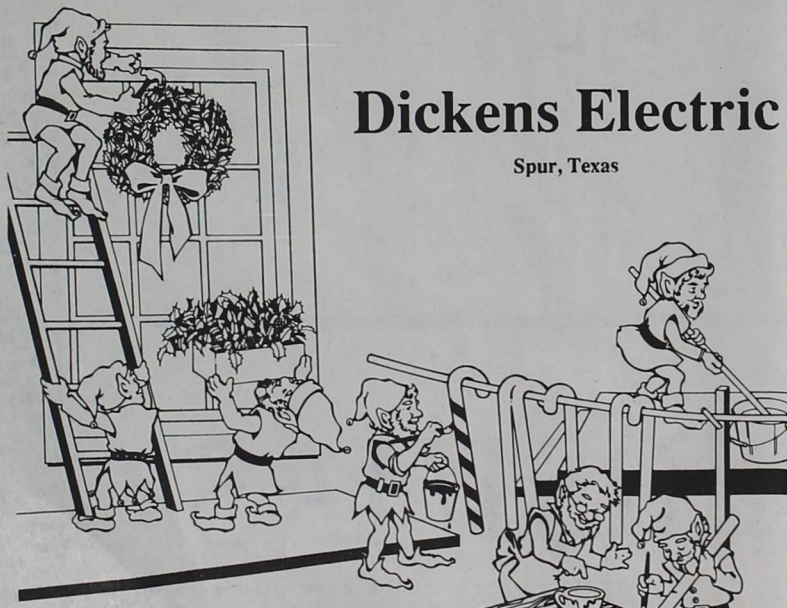
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Dear Santa



Dear Santa,
I have been good so far this year. This year I think I want a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to spend with my friends and family.

Love always,
Samantha Osborn

Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for the things last year. I would like some new things this year. I would like a CD player with a tape player in it. I would like some new clothes and some money. I would also like for my parents to let me run barrels. I may be asking too much but if so, I'm sorry.

Thanks,
Miranda

P.S. Please bring me something on my list.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want an IBM computer with windows. I also want whatever you get me. I would like new clothes and some new boots and new shoe. I also want a special holiday. I also want a picture of you. And have a happy day. I won't forget that I want some skates. Bye. Bye!

Love,
Veronica Mendoza

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a go cart with 10 speeds, and a remote control car that can flip over and still roll, also a roller coaster that is real and turns and twists.

Your friend,
Nathan Kuiper

Dear Santa,
It's me again reminding you I'm here, I'm making a list easier and shorter than last year. I want a Sega and a toy piano and I also want Mortal Combat III and computer and a dirt bike and a Sega genesis and a BB gun and a pair of Nike shoes and a Nike cap and a pack of Hank the Cowdog and a pack of Joke books.

Your friend,
Juna Carlos

Dear Santa,
I want you to help the needy. I hope you make it around the world. I want a 30-30 rifle, Ford dualy and CD's.

Todd Thomas

Dear Santa,
All I want is a 243 rifle, 12 gauge shotgun, shells for both, and a new 4x4 Ford truck of any kind.

Sincerely,
Jerod Rieger

Dear Santa,
All I want is a CD player, CD's and 10.5 milli dollars. New car, if you have any time maybe a Super Nintendo. Thanks.

Your pal,
Brant Donaldson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas all I want is a few things. They are a T.V., some CD's, a couple of Super Nintendo games, and a few million dollars. If you have time a car would also be nice.

Your pal,
Ryan

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas all I want is Mortal Kombat 3, Sega C.D., a computer, CD player, 4.3 million dollars and a dodge viper.

Your pal,
Paul Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
I just want a few things like a computer, sega saturn, stereo system, about 6 billion dollars and if you have time 57 cents, dodge viper, new 4 wheeler 550 4x drive, and some more muscles.

Your pal,
Art

Dear Santa,
I know it's hard to believe but I've been a good little girl all year long. This year I guess I would like clothes, CD's, make-up, green portable phone, answering machine and if possible a new man! Thanks for all the great presents last year!

Love ya,
Crystal

P.S. Keys to a 1996 Dodge

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Dear Santa Claus,
I've been very good all year. I want you to stop by my house so you can have some Coca-Cola and some fried chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy. What I want for Christmas is an Arabian Horse.

Love always,
Angelica Corpus

Dear Santa,
How are things in the North Pole? Things here are going good. Thanks for all the great things I got last year. I already got a big black Christmas present so all I need now is a couple of CD's and one more very important thing, a district championship in basketball! Our whole team has been very good and I think we deserve it! See ya soon and have a safe trip!

Liegh Ann

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is my friends. I would also like a little Barbie Car that I can ride in. I would also like a Slinkie that will go down stairs. I want a new Government teacher that won't make us read all the time. And some candy that will make my teeth rot out. And also one of the little Winnie Whistles that my friend Bobby wants.

Love always,
Jarrod Brooks, #20

P.S. I do believe.

P.P.S. I love the Power Rangers.

P.P.P.S. I like the little rings, that you can lick.

Your good friend,
Andy Paul Jones

Dear Santa,

Thanks!

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would really appreciate it if you would give me a nice pick up full of gas, and some money. You might throw in some clothes and maybe a couple of CD's. Thanks a million!

Yours truly,
Cara Sue Franks

Dear Santa,
I want a Tonka Truck, Go Go Boy, Soccer Ball, and all the Power Rangers and all the same things Jarrod wants even the Winnie Whistle.

Love,
Chad Lawrence

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like many things. First of all I want a new VCR. I would also like numerous amounts of clothes, jewelry, and anything else you want to throw in there. I also want a new car but you can wait a few months on that one if you want!

Thanks,
Laurie Hoyle

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want you to bring cold weather like ice or snow when you come. What I want for Christmas is a can bearing tool set and machine press, along with some headers and glass packs, and a new paint job on my pickup and some big mud and snow tires, 33X12.50X15L.

Sincerely yours,
Steve

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year all I want is a pick-up so I can stay out with Chesle and her new extended curfew.

Love,
Nancy

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want a cute puppy.

Thanks,
Stacie Neal

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want \$115.00 so I can pay my phone bill.

Love,
Kristi Williams

P.S. Besides the phone bill I've been pretty good. I promise.

Dear Santa,
I've been extremely good this year, as usual. I don't want much from you, so here ya go. I would very much like to have a brand new car, but I know you're kinda wrapped up in a bunch of other kids who are really selfish, unlike me, so I'll settle for a used one.

Love ya lots,
Becky McFall

P.S. I think Lindsey is a little too modest to say, but I think she really wants someone to come and steal her old yellow car. It's kind of an eyesore.

Dear Santa,
How are things going in the North Pole? Things are pretty good here. For Christmas I would like a new stereo for my car if it's in your budget. I would also like some new clothes and some perfume. I wish everyone a great Christmas. See you soon.

Love,
Lindsey

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I want everything you can possible give me, except girl stuff.

Sincerely,
Bob

Dear Santa,
I can't decide what I want for Christmas, so if you would just bring me a couple of billion dollars that would be fine with me, and I would decipher what to spend it on later.

Your good friend,
Andy Paul Jones

P.S. I have been very, very nice!

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is my own room, a lot of money. I would also like a lot of CD's and a new car.

Thanks,
Llan

Dear Santa,
I have been a real good boy and all I want is an A or a B+ on all of my semester tests. If you feel any sympathy for me at all I would also like to tickets to the Bulls vs. Mavericks game in Dallas.

Jeremy Smith

Dear Santa,
This Christmas all I want is for us to sell our house in Plainview so my mom can buy the house she wants. Some clothes would be nice too.

Leslie Van Hoose

Dear Santa,
Well, well, well looks like I've been a pretty good boy this year, huh! I sure hope that you have had a wonderful vacation so far through the summer. I was thinking a little this year and I was wondering if when you stop by my house, you could just wake me up and let me take a ride over a couple oceans. I mean you let everybody else in the movies, but this year for Christmas if you really want to bring me something I would like to have a reduction on my car insurance. This would really help me out. Oh yea, my Mom wants her plate back you took that had the cookies on it last year.

Later,
Brad Thacker

Dear Santa,
This year I don't need much so I'll only ask for one thing - I'd like you to leave me a very late curfew that won't interfere with my plans. That's really all I need.

Thanks,
Chesle

Dear Santa,
I want to pass my TAAS test next time I take it. Oh can you throw in a pair of pants and shirts. Thanks.

William Duarte

P.S. I would like a White Christmas this year too!



Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Well, I've really enjoyed all the stuff you brought for me last year. How is Mrs. Claus? Well, I'm so glad it's nearly Christmas. I'm so excited! This year for Christmas I would like the following: Clothes, a CD player, CD's for my CD player, a new basketball goal and that is all. Be careful bringing the presents to everyone! Have a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Denise S.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? How is everything going up there at the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope she is well and you are too! I know you are busy reading everybody else's list, but if you aren't too busy, please bring me a few items. They are the following: Money, a Puppy, clothes, shoes, CD's, more money, a watch, my own phone and phone line, my own TV, a lot of board games, did I mention money, my ears pierced, jewelry, make-up, new carpet for my room, did I mention more money, and last but not least, better tasting cough drops. I hope it won't be a problem bringing me my gifts. Have happy trip to Matador!

Love,
Paige Neal

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm just fine and I'm looking forward for Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is helping you get ready for Christmas. I have been very good this year, so this is a few things I want. I would like some clothes, a Nintendo along with NBA Jam and Street Fighter, jewelry, my own phone (for my room), shoes. Please give my best regards to Mrs. Claus and the elves. I hope I get most or all of the things I have asked you for.

Love,
Ashley Stevens

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Tell all the elves hi! Are you ready for Christmas? I sure am! Merry Christmas! For Christmas I would enjoy a pair of new basketball shoes, an IBM Computer, and new clothes. For my mom a new gold chain. I wish the rest of my family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours truly,
Leandra W.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas all I want is a new car that don't catch on fire or run through Allsups, and other things but I forget what it is so I'll get back to you soon.

Sincerely,
Denise Duarte

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I am fine. Are the reindeer in good shape for Christmas Eve? This year I just want a few things for Christmas. For one thing I want a boom box to play my cassettes in. I also want a Dr. Marios game boy game. And last of all I want a computer, you pick me out a good brand.

Love,
Aleda Elaine Ross

P.S. I will leave out some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car. I want a stereo. I also want a medium sized football. I want a pair of shoulder pads and everything that goes with it.

Your friend,
Joel Rieger

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Talk Girl, stack of money, a baby doll, try to find Muffin our cat for us, the movie Kindergarten Cop, and some more movies. Thank you.

From your friend,
Shea

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi! How are you and Mrs. Santa? Are you feeling good? Because I am feeling good. I wish I knew you and Mrs. Santa and your elves. Santa Claus I wonder how your elves and you make the toys, I wish I could go to the North Pole and visit all of you and you and Mrs. Santa Claus would also come to visit me every year on Christmas day and you and Mrs. Santa Claus could stay with me all the month of December until Christmas ended.

Santa Claus is it very cold on the North Pole where you live? Because here when I live on some winters it is not very cold and on the summer it is very hot that you have to wear shorts all summer long and on winter we have to wear pants until winter finished.

Mr. Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus what I want for is a doll, a Christmas tree, the movie called Casper, and a bicycle and the last thing I want for Christmas is a Stereo. My dad told me he is going to get me for Christmas is one of this thing that I want for Christmas. Santa my best friend are Aleda Ross, Amanda Hurt, Stachia Baxter and Antwonnette Acy. Santa one of my friend is very sick and she has not being in school for about four days she has one hundred of fever and her head hurt, Santa I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Your friend,
Susana Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I think I have been good. Here are a couple of things I want, VCR, Game boy games, Video tapes, music tapes, CD layer, and CD's. How are the elves?

Your friend,
Stachia Baxter

P.S. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer?
P.S.S. And a stack of money.

Dear Santa,
How do you go to every house in one night? How do you fit in a skinny chimney? They say you know if we have been naughty or nice. So you know if I have been naughty or nice.

Your crazy friend,
Lorenzo

Dear Santa,
My name is Sandra. I know what I want for Christmas. I love school. It's fun because of the partys and the Christmas gift. And the days off school are not fun just opening presents. I want my family to come over to Matador. That's what I want for Christmas. I also want a 10 speed bike, a cassette of Selena, a cassette of Bronco, and I want those three Barbies that I have not got yet. I want a stack of money so that I can buy Christmas gifts.

Love,
Sandra

Dear Santa,
How are you and your wife in the North Pole? Have the elves been busy and how are the reindeers? I think I have been good this year I think. This is what I want for Christmas is a real cute brown and white puppy. And pink and yellow rollerblades. And a new blue dress with pink and other colors of flowers. Also I would like a new doll house. That's all I would like this year, please bring presents for my family to.

Your friend,
Amanda

Dear Santa,
I want a watch for Christmas, a moped and a stack of money.

From,
Quinten

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car. I want the sound track to Dangerous Minds and the sound track to Mortal Kombat.

Your friend,
Luke Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a super nintendo and a electric train. And Santa can I have one of your elves?

Your friend,
Brandon

Dear Santa,
I'm a very good girl this year, and am looking forward for a lot of presents. Santa I want a real pony, dog, and a sled so if it snows I can play in it, and if you can get me a desk to do my homework, and some new pencils.

Your earthly friend,
Larissa Bethard

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car, a stereo, a bike, a nintendo, a TV, a real gun, and some clothes.

Your friend,
Tenola

Dear Santa,
This year I don't know what I want for Christmas. I want it to be a surprise! I hope I like what you will get me, I bet I will!

Love,
Dumont Darsey

Dear Santa,
I want a car sega, dot, TV, and a BB gun with one thousand bb's.

Your friend,
Brett Wallace

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? How are your reindeer? I'm going to be honest with you this time. This year I've been fairly good except for beating up my little brothers so I guess you can leave me some preasants. This year I'm not asking for a lot, just a few things like a "Ricochet" remote control car, a good sleeping bag since I don't have one, creepy crawlers, a pocket knife, a basketball jersey, and a good book. What would you like for me to leave out for you this year? I'll probably leave cookies and maybe a coke. I'll leave a coke because I figure you like them because your picture is on all the coke cans around Christmas time. Bring me some goodies.

Clint

Dear Santa,
All I want is a Dallas Cowboys cap, Cowboys jacket, Cowboys backpack, and a helmet signed by all of the Dallas Cowboys players.

Your friend,
Fernando

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Charlotte Hornet windsuit, a basketball, and the bottom to the blue jersey. I also want a Portable CD player with the CD Shaq diesel. And the last thing I want is a Mortal Kombat 3 Secret moves book.

From your friend,
Kyle Neal

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a bike, CD player, and 3 CD's TLC, Dangerous Minds the soundtrack, and Martina McBride safe in the arms of love, Nike shoes, nike socks, a big curler-iron, and hairbros. I want a Michigan Starter jacket. One night we moved to Idalou. Then, Christmas eve night I woke up at 1:30 p.m. I saw snow falling on top of the room. I was excited. Then, I hurried back to my room and waited till morning. I believe in Santa Claus alot. That's what I want for Christmas.

Your friend,
Lacy Carson

P.S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? Just wanted to drop you a note to say what I want for Christmas. So, here goes!

For Christmas I want a pair of white ice-skates, a radio-cassette tape walkman, the new John Michael Montgomery CD or tape, a kerooke machine, a TV and VCR, 3 wind suites, make-up, new roller blades, and last but not least, a brand new pair of black Nike Air sneakers for basketball season. By the way, if you get the time, a diving board for my pool.

Very truly yours,
Amanda Sands

CHRISTMAS BELLS

by Skylar Clifton
6th grade

Christmas Bells are red and green
Christmas Bells, oh how they gleam
Christmas Bells they ring aloud
Christmas Bells they draw a crowd.

Christmas Bells all night they're ringing
Gifts for all, Santa is bringing.
Christmas Bells on Santa's sleigh
Making beautiful music along the way.

Christmas Bells aloud they ring
A beautiful song of Christ, they sing.
We gather around once again
Now Christmas will begin.

They're on the tree
For you and me
They're on the tree
For all to see.

The night alas
Has come and past
The bells will not ring
Not even a ting.



December

by Amanda Sands
5th grade

December, December
A month to remember
because Christmas falls
at this time of the year.

December, December
What a great month to be,
because now people put up
their Christmas trees.

December, December
A month to remember
because on Christmas morn
Christ Jesus was born.

So, never say X-mas,
it takes Christ out
of Christmas.



NOTE: Each grade, 4-6 had a Christmas poem contest in Miss Price's class. Each class voted on the best poem for their grade.

These poems are the winners!

Christmas

by Dumont Darsey
4th grade

At Christmas it snows
and the wind blows.
The children are having so much fun.
They are glad they aren't in the sun.

The children are out for school.
But they closed up the pool.
I want to read a book,
But since I lost it I will have to look.

I'm glad it's not May,
because the children want to play.
Come on lets go.
Lets get out of the snow for this is Christmas Day.

The children are merry,
snacking on berries.
I'm glad it's Christmas.
I'm glad it's Christmas.



Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I really would like a CD walkman, talk boy, blue sleeping bag, three in one tennis table, big screen TV, new curtains, air swoops, basketball, brother typewriter, windsuit, close, and a magic sender. If you can not get this stuff send the bill to my mom!

From,
Kelsi Wallace

Dear Santa,

I want a super nintendo, a nerf crossbow, rollerblades, a tv set and some new clothes for Christmas. How are you doing?

Sincerely,
Brandon Moore

Dear Santa,

This is what I would like for Christmas this year. A CD player with cassette, a cowboy starter jacket, new clothes, TV, phone, cds like Boys II Men, All 4 One, and Mariah Carey. Then I would like Roller Blades, New Bike, Dear Diary. That is what I would like for Christmas.

Sincerely,
Rachael Smith

Dear Santa,

I want a Sega Saturn, and a Gameboy, the game Jamagi and a computer with c-d rom. I would also like the All For One cd and a cowboy starter jacket and clothes.

Thank you,
Tessa

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a CD player, CD's antique gas station stuff, and antique cola stuff, I would like very grateful to receive these things and a pack of cards in my stocking.

Sincerely,
Justin Jameson

Dear Santa,

I want many things for Christmas. First of all, I would like a Super Nintendo and a Sega game gear with Sonic the Hedgehog game. I would also like the game twister. I want a pair of Gebos. Another thing would be the movie, Gordy. That is about all I want for Christmas.

Love,
Courtney Hays

P.S. I would also like a CD player and a lot of CDs.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a TV for Christmas, also a phone, and a cd player. I also want a game boy called centipede, a macintosh fold down computer, and a tape for Christmas.

Sincerely,
Myllinda Gilmore

Dear Santa,

I want a Sega Saturn and one trillion dollars. I also want more magic. And a Mortal Kombat the movie.

Love,
Andy A.

P.S. I also want peace on earth.

Dear Santa,

I would like a Sega Saturn, 22 rifle, m16 shotgun, motorcycle, nife, and gameboy.

From,
Mark Meredith

Dear Santa,

What I would like for Christmas is a control for a Super NFS and a new game for it. The game I would like is Mortal Kombat.

Yours truly,
Shantel Sanchez

P.S. I would also like a mustang.

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you, well am fine, I hope you are to, am looking forward to Christmas because I want a keyboard and radio with microphone. That's about all I want for Christmas.

Your friend,
Holly McWilliams

Dear Santa,

I would like dreamsicles and some clothes. I would like a new bike. I have been a good girl.

Your friend,
Ashlee Green

Dear Santa,

How are you. The elves make a good toys. Would you please bring me a dirt bike and a power wheel four wheeler.

Love your friend,
Mathew

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Mrs. Santa? Please bring me a Sega. I also want a play gun.

I love you Santa,
Jose

Dear Santa,

How are you? How are your reindeer? Please would you bring me a remote control motorcycle and some roller blades and a talk-boy. If you can would you bring a remote control car.

Love,
Jacob Johannes

Dear Santa,

How is your wife? Would you please bring me a Computer. Can you please bring me a TV. Would you please bring me a car.

Love,
Maigen

Dear Santa,

How are you? How do you go down the chimney? Can you please bring me a Barbie, a TV, a computer. Have a happy Christmas.

Love,
Samantha Davila

Dear Santa,

We are in Kindergarten. Mrs. Hoyle is helping us write a letter to you. We are trying very hard to be good! Here is our wish list:

Brady - Toy Store Game, shoes that light up.
Stacy - Sega game.
Mylissa - Rollerblades, My Size Princess.
Makayla - Computer, My Size Princess.
Savannah - Barbie mini-van, My Size Princess.
Danielle - Piano, My size princess.
Daniel - guns, hockey game
Magdiel - Rollerblades.
Bradley - Toy piano, Sega.
Lenny - Play horse, Cowboy hat.
Armando, Scott, Karrie, Hilario, Christy, and Gracie were not here when we wrote our letter, so please bring whatever you think is best.
Have a safe trip!

Love you,
The Kindergarten
Class 1995-96

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is your wife? Will you bring me a motorcycle that goes 250 miles per hour. Would you bring me a go-cart?

Love,
Kyle

Dear Santa,

How are you? How do you go up the chimney? Can you bring me a BB gun and a remote control car. Please bring me a go-cart. Have a happy Christmas.

Love,
Chance Bingham

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want a computer and clothes for Christmas. Please bring me a TV also.

Your friend,
Kayla

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? I am fine. Would you please bring me a BB gun, a football and a car for Christmas.

Your friend,
Colby

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl! Please bring me a doll, a kitchen toy and candy. Have a good trip.

Love,
Jasmine Guerrero

Dear Santa,

Please bring me skates and a power ranger toy. Also bring my brother and sisters a surprise.

Love,
Andrew Davila

Dear Santa,

My name is Sarah. I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me a Rosie doll and books for Christmas. Merry Christmas! I'll leave milk and cookies for you!

Love,
Sarah Ferguson
age 2 1/2

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a tumbling baby, legos, a toy elephant, a doll and a bottle. My brothers have been good, too. Please bring Colby a bicycle and Colton some cars. Merry Christmas and say "hello" to Rudolph.

Love,
Tamra Ashley

Dear Santa,

My name is Garret Webb and I want to give you a hug. Please bring me Legos and a Bat mobile. I want a fan that blows like Scott's. Bring my sister, Maigen, an Indian doll that has red hair and a yellow vest. I'm tired now.

Love,
Garrett Webb

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me an alphabet puzzle and a book. My baby sister wants candy, a little book and a baby doll. My brother wants a puzzle too.

Love,
Cristal Landin

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a bicycle, rollerblades, a horse back pack, and a play sword. My little brother Dayne has also been good and wants a big tractor to ride in. Merry Christmas Santa and be careful on your trip.

Love,
Will Butler

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want some clothes, I want five pairs of Arizona, some shirts and two pairs of new shoes. I hope my mom wins the lottery. I also want to be with my family and friends. I want to have Miss Price for one year and I would like to have her again.

Love,
Christy Acy

Dear Santa,

What's up? How's the weather? Well I don't know if I am on your good list or not. But just in case here is what I want for Christmas. I want a Five disc changer and a Receiver. Also I would like Boyz to Men CD. You know what I would really like to have an 18 speed bike. I have had Miss Price for one year and I would really like to have her again. She is a great teacher, I promise. Well I guess that sumes it all up. I want you to bundle up now, ok.

Love,
Christa Brooks

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is Mortal Kombat 3. I hope I get to play football next year so that I can be a running-back. The next thing I want is a c-d. I want a c-d because since the first time I saw a c-d I wanted one of them.

Your friend,
Ysef Alvarado

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is to pass the 6th grade.

Your friend,
Leslie Taylor

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a new football and a Dallas football and a Dallas football suit that has 2 on it.

Your friend,
Adam Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I want a cassette tape of Shaniah Twain any man of mine, George Strait check yes or no, John Michael Montgomery sold down at the Graundy County, Clothes, and Simon, and anything else that you can get me for Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Is your raindeer ready to fly? Well I have to go Bye! Have a nice Christmas.

Merry Christmas.

Yours truly,
Shandra Jones

P.S. I would like to have a cross trekker (mini backpack).

Dear Santa,

I want Shinoby 2 for game gear, a new cover for my pool table, a Merlins Magic Kit, and Clothes.

Your friend,
Skylar Clifton

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be good. Can you get all these for me, Sega, CD, Game Gear, Game Boy, Walky Talky, a Talkboy, a TV, a Nintendo game called Bart vs. the Spacemutanes, a three wheeler and a big captain percard dummy for my dad, a remote control car that has a wire to it. That's all I want for Christmas.

Sincerely,
Kristopher Bethard

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a c-d player and some c-d disks, some disks for my computer and I want more Homies of 8 balls T-shirts. I also want a Sega with Mortal Kombat 1, 2, 3.

Your friend,
Tony Salazar

Dear Santa,

I want a Sega, my own room, a super big stero, a car, a tv, and Miss Price as my 7th grade teacher.

Sincerely,
Vanessa C.

Dear Santa,

I want a Piano for Christmas and an organ. I really want the movies The Santa Claus, Look Who's Talking, Look Who's Talking 2.

Love,
Sherri Thomas

P.S. I want a TV to.

Dear Santa,

I want a Gameboy, a Computer, a Sega Game, pizza, a smelling gak, and a dolphin or orca painting and sculpture.

Your pal,
Kayla Sharell Copp

P.S. Thanks for the stuff you got me last year.

Dear Santa,

How are you? All I want for Christmas is new clothes.

Your friend,
Bradley Baxter

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to get a pair of new shoes. If I can not get shoes, I would like a pair of pants. I would also like a real pretty house. That is what I would like to have for Christmas.

Your friend,
Lisa Taylor

Dear Santa,

How are you? This is what I want for Christmas: a CD player, lots of CD's and a Talkgirl computer. This is all I want for Christmas.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Bye,
Hope McWilliams

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a Sega Genesis and College Football on sega genesis.

From,
Derrick

Dear Santa,

I want a CD player with a tape player on it and 3 CD's, Shainw Twain, Lion King, and Aladdin, and I believe in you Santa, cause one night I heard sly bells and my grandmother heard you say Ho! Ho! Ho! And my cousins are coming down from Alabama to open presents and get presents from you. My Uncle Rob is in the Army he's about 6 ft. 8 in. he's tall. Well how's Mrs. Claus and the rain deers? Well see you on Christmas night.

Love,
Brittany D.

P.S. I'll leave cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. What I want is a portable CD player. I hope the reindeer are fine! How are you and Mrs. Claus? I'm going out of town. I hope your elves are ok.

Love,
Brenda Gillespie

Dear Santa,

I want a power pad computer for Christmas. How cold is it at the North Pole? How are the reindeers? My list is short this year. I have been good. Please come see me. Bye. See you at Christmas.

Love,
Brittany Moore

P.S. I will leave cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,

I want a BB gun and a ver Moterkombat 3, go cart, and a dirt bike. That is all I want. Have a happy Christmas.

Your friend,
Britt Pierce

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is Nike shoes, a bike, Nike socks, a Nike hat, and a Nike suit. Then, I want cowboy, BB's, and Nike clothes. Cowboy or Nike starter jacket, VCR, brush, gel, and hairspray.

Your bud,
Ty

Dear Santa,

I want some rollerblades, a watch, a two sided race car, and a pack of cards. This is the best holiday of the year.

Your friend,
Bo

May all your news be good news this holiday season.



**Ho...Ho...Hoping
Your Holiday
Delivers Loads
Of Good
Cheer!**

**Motley County
Tribune**

**Festive
Feastings
For All!**

May you savor the joys of Christmas, as we thank you for your patronage.

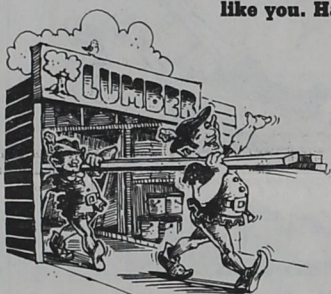


**Pay-N-Save
Grocery**

Matador

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Our good reputation is built upon service, but our success is due to good customers like you. Happy holiday and thanks.



Higginbotham-Bartlett

Matador

*The Holidays Are
In Full Bloom*

Thanks so much for allowing us to help add a little color to your holiday celebrations.

Matador Floral

**Joy and
Prosperity
to All!**

May the promise of Christmas come true for you. Many thanks.

**MC
CAFE**

Downtown Matador



May Christmas and all the joy it brings be yours throughout the coming year.

QUALITY DISCOUNT

Matador 347-2702

**GREETINGS,
FRIENDS!**

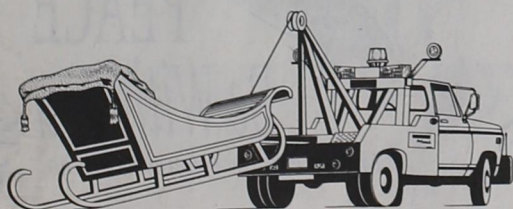
Our very best wishes to you and yours this holiday season.



City Grocery

Roaring Springs
Billy & Cory Easter

MERRY CHRISTMAS



We're towing in Merry Wishes to all our valued friends and neighbors for a Happy Holiday Season!

Tommy's Garage

MATADOR - 347-2446

Here's Hoping you Enjoy a

*Heartfelt
Happy
Healthy
Heartwarming
Hopeful
Harmonious
Hassle-free
Heavenly
Holiday Season*

Script Printing

Floydada

WE WISH YOU A

Sparkling Christmas

Thanks for your loyal patronage. Here's hoping you have a gem of a holiday!

Thacker Jewelry
Downtown Roaring Springs

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

Motley County Sheriff's Department
Jim Meador - Sheriff Jay Hawkins - Deputy
Elaine Hart & Terree Donaldson

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring... not even a mouse...
— Clement Clarke Moore

Many thanks for your kind support.

Thacker Supply
Roaring Springs 348-7216

We value the friendships we've built with customers like you. Hope you all have a happy holiday!

Meredith Construction
Roaring Springs
348-7516 or 348-7218

Holiday Wish

May the warm glow of Christmas light up your life.

Motley County Clerk
Lucretia Campbell

Here's hoping your holidays are fulfilled and delightful!

Ray & Grace Zabielski
Roaring Springs

Christmas Blessings

Rekindle old friendships; light the way for the new! Merry Christmas!

Motley County Judge
Laverna Price

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:11*

In celebration of that great event, we wish all of you a holiday filled with His peace and love.

Joyeux Noel

Cooper Oil Co.
Matador
J.B. & Jean



Greetings of the Season

PEACE Be With You
May joy follow wherever you go.

Harriet Marshall

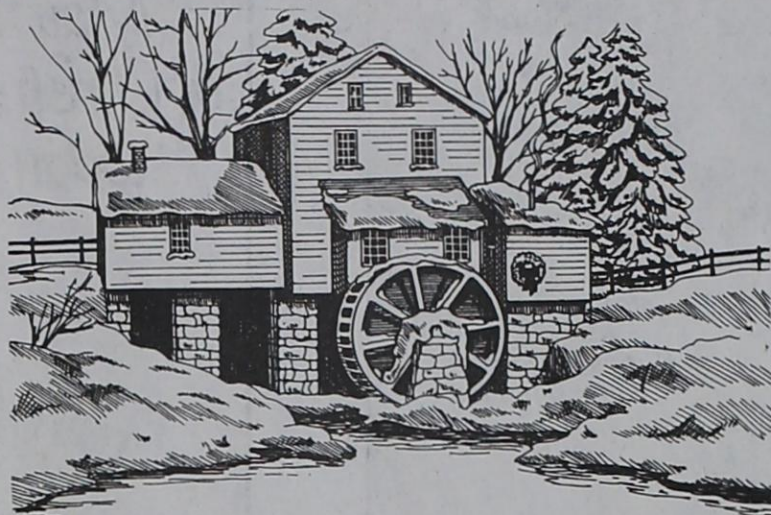
HO! HO!
GLOW!



Your patronage
has enlightened our holiday.
Merry Christmas, all.

**WEST TEXAS
UTILITIES**

Matador



SEASON'S GREETINGS

An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.

Paymaster Gin

Quitaque

Greetings
to
Friends and relatives in Motley County
and those who have moved elsewhere during the
past 66 years, you make up special memories which I
cherish, and I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful
holiday as we enter this joyous season

As I have previously quoted:
"One of life's most treasured gifts is the
satisfaction of having been remembered"
Trail Dust by Douglas Meador
(written by him in 1949)
Lila Meador

My best wishes for your merry
Christmases and your happy New Years,
your long lives and your true prosperities.
— Charles Dickens
We thank you so very much.

Quail Pipe
Roaring Springs

**WE WISH
YOU A
MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
...And thank you for
your business.
We're especially pleased and
proud to be able to serve you
throughout the year. Have a
wonderful holiday.
**Caprock
Meat Company**
Floydada



**Yuletide
Greetings**
We appreciate
having you as
our customers.
Vickie's Floral
Roaring Springs

Christmas Joy

Our best investment is the effort we
extend to all in offering the very
best banking services possible.
Have a wonderful Christmas!

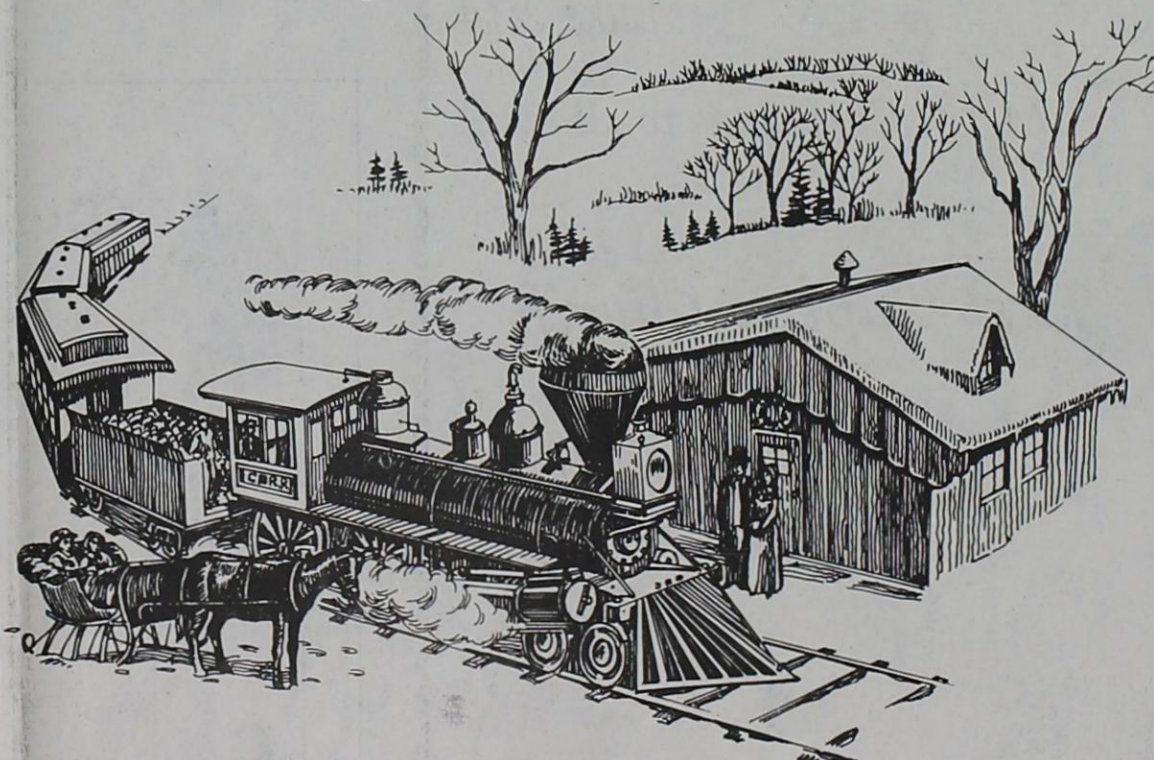
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Home for Christmas



Joyous greetings of holiday cheer to one and all.
Your patronage has made us proud.

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May the magic of Christmas stay with you always. Happy holiday to all our friends.

To all our Shoppers :
We appreciate your business and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you for your business

Matador V&S Variety
Shane & Sondra

May the blessings of Christmas be with you today and always.



From the congregation at
First Baptist Church
Roaring Springs
Rev. Don & Kathy Jones



Christmas

IN HIS WORDS,
OUR FAITH
WAS BORN.
MAY THE LIGHT
OF
HIS WISDOM
SHINE ON YOU.

**First United
Methodist Church**
Matador

Behold!
A Child Is Born
Merry Christmas to all.

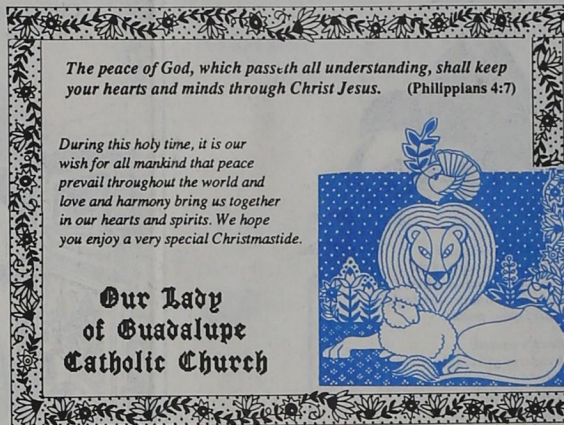


May the spirit of brotherhood unite the world as we celebrate this very special holiday.

Assembly of God Church
Roaring Springs

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

During this holy time, it is our wish for all mankind that peace prevail throughout the world and love and harmony bring us together in our hearts and spirits. We hope you enjoy a very special Christmastide.



**Our Lady
of Guadalupe
Catholic Church**



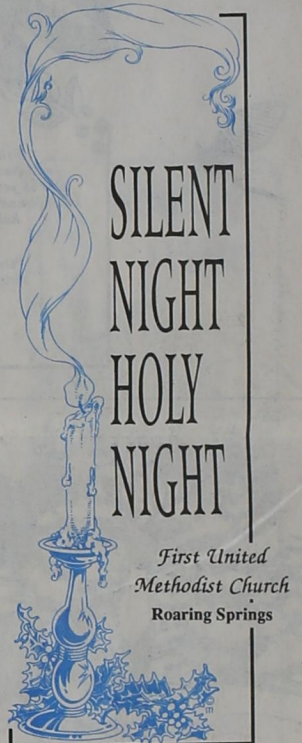
*Old-Fashioned
Greetings To All*

Like so many things, the more years our celebration of Christmas acquires, the more value it holds. And the very same is true of our friendship with you.

Thank you for your patronage !

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Matador Thrifty Shop



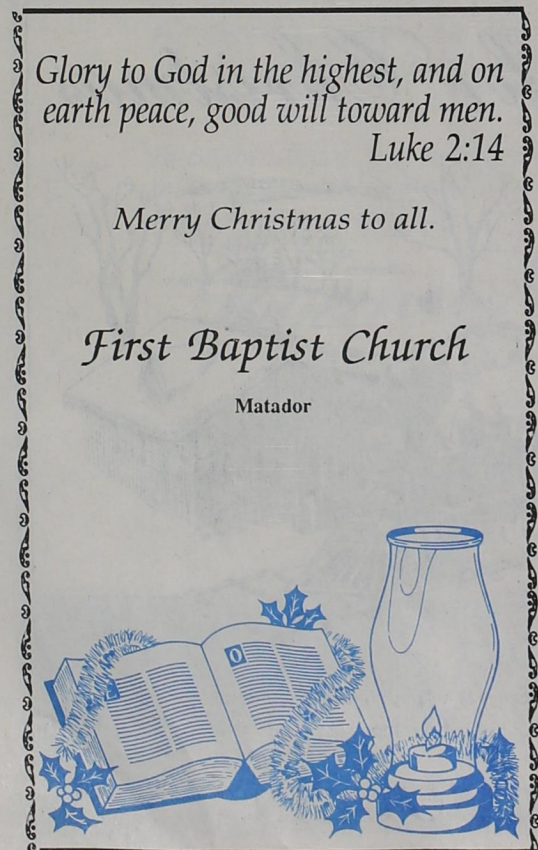
**SILENT
NIGHT
HOLY
NIGHT**

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
Luke 2:14

Merry Christmas to all.

First Baptist Church
Matador




**Durand House
Cafe**

**We Wish You
Joy
Unspeakable
and Full of
Glory!**

"The angel said, "Fear not. For behold I bring tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10

It's A Wonderful Life
...When You Live In This Town!

We're proud to be part of this fine community and are thankful for the many good neighbors we've come to know.

From all of us, to all of you we send our very best wishes this holiday season.

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