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## CHRISTMAS JOY



THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS — Anxiously waiting for Christmas are Tamra and Colby Ashley (l-r), children of Mr. and Mrs. Shirrarr Ashley of Matador, and Chance Bingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bingham, also of Matador.

May you find the joy of Christmas  
and keep in your heart always.

# True Spirit Of Christmas

by Earlyne Jameson

At this time of year you are asked to contribute to the needy in many different ways including food, money, toys and clothes. Many civic and church organizations work with these projects.

The true spirit of Christmas is in the giving, however sixty years ago a young girl wondered if she gave out of pure goodness or because she was just tired and cold.

The Christmas program had ended at the little country school and class was dismissed for a welcomed 2 week vacation. She surprised herself by stepping forward to ask the teacher if she could have the school's Christmas tree for her family. "Yes", the teacher replied, "The tree is yours if you think you can drag it home." Drag was putting it mildly! In 1932 the rural roads were rarely maintained, so she was in for a struggle, wading through snowdrifts.

A rope was tied to the trunk so she could tow the tree more easily. As she started out, the sharp needles scratched her hands, and wrists. Her brown cotton jersey gloves, the most her family could afford in those Depression times, offered little protection. She wore long underwear and cotton stockings under her patched dress and heavy coat and was lucky enough to have a tattered pair of four buckle rubber overshoes. Still it was so cold her hands and feet ached.

It was only the thought of how happy her family would be with a free tree in those hard times that inspired her to keep pulling. This would be the first Christmas tree her family had ever had in their house.

As she trudged up the last stretch of road, a fine snow began to fall. She was feeling so sorry for herself, she wondered how she could ever go that last quarter-mile.

Suddenly, a warm feeling came over her, as if an angel were standing near, pointing to the humble home of her classmates, the Smith family. A kerosene lamp shone in their window, silhouetting the family at the kitchen table.

That's it, she thought. I won't go any farther. She grabbed a better hold of the tree, trudged up the Smith's driveway and knocked at their door. Mrs. Smith, recovering from a long illness, opened the door in her old flannel robe and invited her in from the cold. "Where are you going with that tree, little girl?" she asked smiling. "Or should I say, where is that big tree going with you?"

She was afraid Mrs. Smith might turn down a gift from her, so she told a tiny white lie. "Would you like this Christmas tree for your family? The teacher asked me to bring it this way."

Her eyes lit up. "Oh, you are an angel, dear. I've been praying for a tree to make Christmas a happy one for the children. We'll string popcorn and cranberries for it

tonight!" Mrs. Smith squeezed her shoulder with a pale thin hand and had her stand next to the Round Oak stove until she thawed out enough to go out into the cold again.

As she looked back at the old house, she wondered if God had directed her to give the tree to someone more needy than

her own family. Her father, a preacher, had taught her early on that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Now, many years later, it doesn't matter why she gave the tree away, because Mrs. Smith's prayer was answered. She and her family had a happy Christmas.

## Christmas Cookin'

### Tom Edwards' Cornbread Dressing and Giblet Gravy

This recipe was first place winner in the 1994 FM 1960 Contest, Houston

#### INGREDIENTS (FOR BOTH):

- 2 Pkgs. Morrison's Cornbread Mix
- 1 Can Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1/3 Cup Flour
- 2 Large White Onions
- 2 1/2 sticks Butter or Margarine
- 5 Celery stalks
- 8 Slices Toast (no more)
- 3 Cans Swanson Chicken Broth
- 18 Eggs
- Extra package - turkey gizzards (If unavailable, chicken is o.k.)
- Salt and Pepper
- Milk
- 1-2 Extra bodies (for stirring, washing, etc. - not necessary but desirable)

#### CORNBREAD DRESSING

1. Night before (if possible), make cornbread, following package instructions (doubling ingredients - 9 x 13 pan), and toast. Toast should be almost (but not) burned. Let both cool, then refrigerate (uncovered) overnight.
  2. Night before (if possible), dice celery and onions (medium, not fine), and separately refrigerate overnight (covered or in Zip-Lock bags)
  3. If making gravy, put giblets (gizzards and liver) in medium saucepan almost full of water, heavily salted, and simmer approximately 1 1/2 hours. (Liver optional).
  4. Hardboil 14 eggs. (8 if not making gravy).
  5. In large skillet, at medium heat, saute' diced celery and onions in 2 sticks butter or oleo, but don't cook completely (leave a little crunchy).
  6. In large pot, finely break up cornbread and toast. Add: mushroom soup; 2 1/2 cans chicken broth; saute'd celery and onions; 8 medium diced hardboiled eggs; and 1/4 cup broth from giblet pan. Stir well and add salt and pepper to taste (it takes a lot of salt). Cook over medium heat (stirring often to avoid burning) til it begins to bubble. Consistency should be almost (but not) soupy. If more firmness is desired, use less broth.
- Rule of thumb: More salt; more onion; less celery. No fancy ingredients, i.e., shrimp, sausage, olives, meat, corn, jalapenos, etc., unless you want to substantially alter the ultimate taste. If you must use sage - just a little.
7. Preheat oven to 350. Pour dressing into baking dish and bake uncovered approximately 30-45 minutes til brown on top. Note - excess baking will dry it out (what's wrong with most concoctions).

#### GIBLET GRAVY

1. Medium dice 6 hardboiled eggs.
2. Medium dice cooked gizzards and liver (giblets). (Save broth).
3. In medium saucepan, at medium heat, melt 1/2 stick butter or oleo. Add 1/2 can chicken broth and 1 can milk (Note - for more volume, use same ratio of milk to broth). After heating, add diced giblets and hardboiled eggs, and 1/4 cup giblet broth.
4. For thickening, in a closeable container (an old jelly jar works fine), place 1/3 cup flour and approximately the same amount of cold water (water first), and shake vigorously to totally mix and avoid lumps. Then add to gravy, continuously stirring until proper thickness is achieved. (It takes a while). It too thick or floury, add milk).
5. Add salt and pepper to taste (a fair amount of broth). Reduce to simmer for another 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
6. To reconstitute (there's never enough) for leftovers, reheat and add milk. Tip: Get 3 extra cans of chicken broth and pour over leftover sliced turkey breast in pan and soak in refrigerator so it doesn't dry out!

# Christmas In Dixie

by Cindy Lancaster

I recall a very special "Christmas in Dixie" as the song by Alabama sings. I was returning home from England, just escaping one day before a serious bomb threat in London airport. I arrived home on my Father-in-law's birthday on December 1, 1975.

I came home about one month before my husband, to stay with my in-laws. We had been stationed in England in the Air Force.

The tradition in my husband's family had been to put up a ceramic tree at Christmas. My family had always had a real tree and I had hopes of having a real tree that year, too!

My father-in-law was a tall man about 6'4", with a large frame. He wasn't in the best of health after two heart attacks. He had poor circulation in both legs, as well as arthritis in his hands. He had trouble some days just walking across the kitchen. You could say he was stubborn and sometimes set in his ways. You could say I had some influence on him, since he had always wanted a daughter and he had more or less adopted me as "His" daughter when I married into the family two years before.

I had voiced my request for a real tree, but my mother-in-law was sure we would just use the ceramic tree.

Little to our knowledge, my father-in-law had other ideas! One day he asked me to go for a walk out to the pasture with

him. I didn't know what he wanted, but I went along to enjoy the walk and the scenery. He began to talk about the trees and before long we were looking for a Christmas tree! As we walked along the north fence, there was a huge tree and he asked "Will this tree do?" and with surprise I said, "Yes!" He reached as high as he could in the middle of the tree and began sawing, and before long we were dragging this huge tree, down the road, to the front porch. The tree was so big around we could not get it through the front door, so we sawed 2 feet off the bottom. The final measured tree was 6 1/2 feet. The original tree had to have been 14 feet high to begin with. We brought it in the house and didn't have any ornaments, so we strung popcorn and cranberries, and I made bread dough ornaments for the tree. The tree was the most beautiful I'd ever seen and it practically filled that farm house living room!

All my father-in-law wanted for Christmas was a walnut cake, which I gladly made, after the wonderful gift he had given me.

My husband didn't return home until January 2, 1976, but Christmas was very special that year. It was our last Christmas we had with my father-in-law, as he died the next November, four days before his first grandson was born, my first son! So now every year when I hear "Christmas in Dixie" a special memory in Alabama comes to mind.



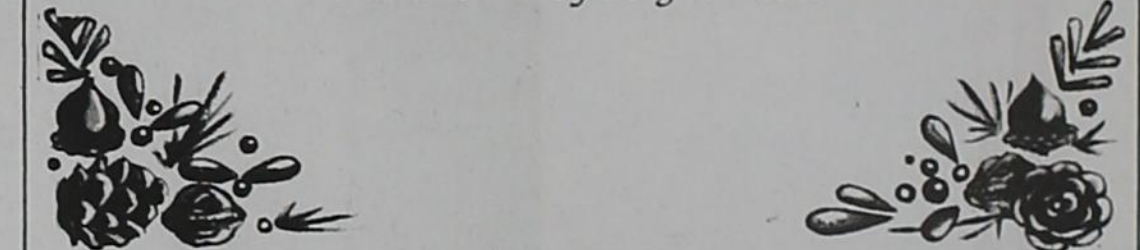
## Holiday Greetings

*With memories to bless us at Christmas and all through the year, Thank you dear Friends for every expression of concern during my illness, and your cheerful Christmas messages, which have been sources of much comfort and encouragement during my speech therapy sessions. And yes, I am able to talk, but sometimes haltingly while searching for the right words. I am in good hands, and am lucky that I was not more seriously afflicted.*

Lila Meador ..... from Odessa

*'Christmas is a camp on the trail of years where we look into old fires, remembering, and hope to be remembered by those whose brands are on our hearts.'*

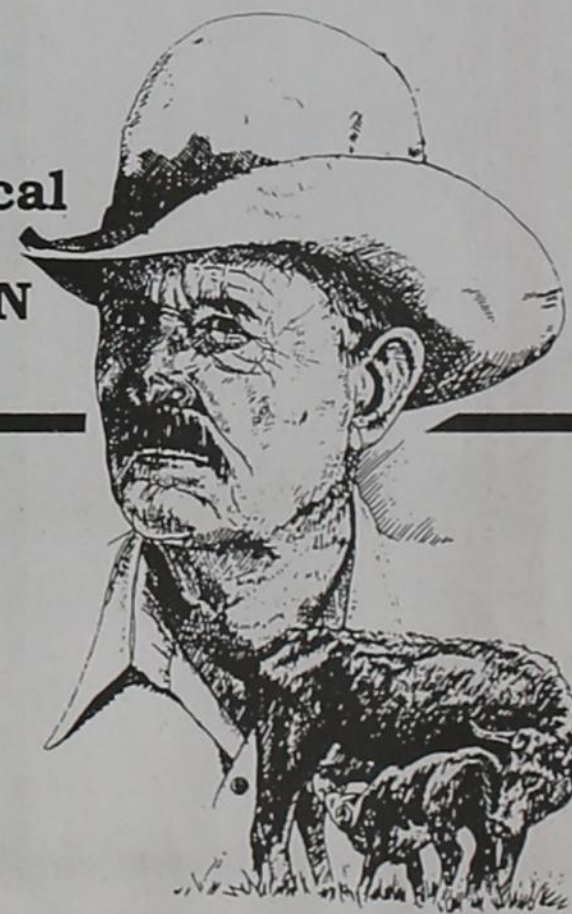
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## Christmas

by Lawana Cruse  
submitted by Mrs. Tommie Cruse

They say Christmas is for children, and so if this is true We should all become like children as God told us to do.

Then we would see the miracles in simple things we know,

The fascination of a bug, the perfect flake of snow,

Our faith would be much stronger, our love we'd freely give.

We would all be so much more content in this world in which we live.

The season that we celebrate is full of love and song.

A child would like for it to be this way the whole year long.

When Christmas comes on angel wings, we pray for peace on earth.

We love to hear the story of the blessed Savior's birth,

Of how the wealthy wise men travelled from afar

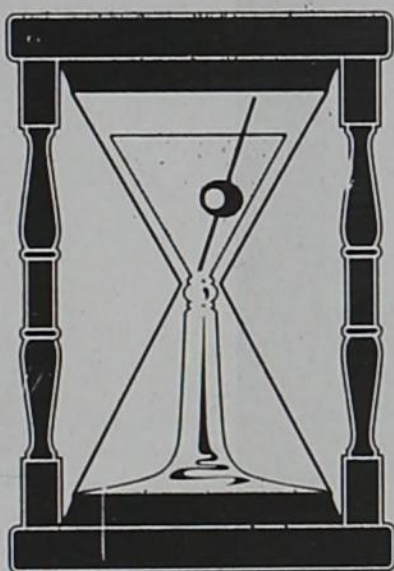
Across the hills and desert sand guided by a star.

So remember the birth of Jesus when you awake on Christmas morn.

Remember, also, the heavy cross, the cruel crown of thorns.

Let's keep Christmas all year long, the spirit to love and give

And honor the one who gave the most, His life, so we might live.



## If You Drink And Drive Your Time Could Be Up!

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# Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
I am 3 years old and have been a very good girl this year. Please bring me a talking Barney phone. Also bring something nice for my brothers and for baby Stormy.

Love,  
Jasmine Porter  
Pre-K  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 years old and I've been good this year. Santa, please bring me a bow and arrow set and a slingshot. Don't forget my brother and sister!

Love,  
Stacy Perryman  
Pre-K  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. I want a Barbie car and a Kitty. Please bring something for my brother and sister, too. Have a safe trip.

Merry Christmas,  
Brenda Mendoza  
Pre-K  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. I want a Barney toothbrush and a talking Barney. My brother, Andrew wants a Power Ranger. Have a safe trip.

Merry Christmas,  
Karrie Valdez, Pre-K  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lenny and I have been a good boy. Please bring me a baseball suit and baseball shoes. Pet all of the reindeer for me.

Love,  
Lenny Espinoza  
Pre-K  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy this year. Please bring me a Power Ranger costume and a squirt gun. Don't forget Megan and Garret they have been good too. I love you, Santa.

Scott Webb  
Pre-K  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. I want a punching bag and a radio. Please don't forget my brother, Ricardo. Tell Rudolph "Hello."

Merry Christmas,  
Gracie Ho-Gland  
Pre-K  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Danielle and I am five years old. Please bring me a dancing Barbie and Ken. Thank you.

Love,  
Danielle Ho-Gland  
Pre-K  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bradley Brown and I have been good this year. Please bring me a bow and arrow set and a squirt gun. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,  
Bradley Brown  
Pre-K  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. I want a remote control Barbie car. Please remember to bring something for my brother, Quintin. Tell Rudolph "hello".

Merry Christmas,  
Savannah Rose  
Pre-K  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. I want a computer and a doll. Please remember to bring my brother, Jason, some toys. Tell Mrs. Santa "Hello".

Merry Christmas,  
Love,  
Whitney Browning  
Pre-K  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My mommy says I have been pretty good. I want a football for Christmas. My mommy wants a diamond ring! (hint hint) I love you, Santa.

Merry Christmas,  
Sarah Ferguson  
age 18 months  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi. How are you doing this year? How is Mrs. Claus? I guess you want to know what I want for Christmas. I want a western horse set. I also want roller blades, clothes. I guess that is all. Bye!

Yours truly,  
Shandra Jones  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want roller blades so I can zoom down park hill. I also want elbow knee, wrist pads and a helmet, too.

I also want a Sega game gear or game-boy. I wouldn't mind getting a telescope and new camera. That's what I need for Christmas.

Yours truly,  
Skylar Clifton  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Why were you mean to Anna? Well what I want for Christmas is wrist Walkie Talkies. Well I have to go, Bye!

Andy Anson  
P.S. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lisa Taylor. For Christmas I want rollerblades. I also want a pair of Lee Jeans. That is what I want for Christmas.

Merry Christmas,  
Lisa Taylor

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a good Thanksgiving. I would like a erector set, TV, and clothes. Merry Christmas!

Justin Jameson  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Hi! Are you still froze from last Christmas? How is your wife? I want you to make sure you are not sick on Christmas. Make sure Mrs. Claus gives you some medicine. Tell your reindeer hi. I guess you want to know what I want for Christmas. I would like a computer and phone. I will be looking for you, so wave!

Your Christmas friend,  
Christa Brooks  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa. I hope you are fine. Well I can't wait until Christmas. I hope I have a great Christmas.

Do you know what I want for Christmas? 18 speed bike barbie doll house has real light and real fire place and real phone, and real TV and all net things I would like a TV and Radio with micer phone and talk boy. That is all I want for this year. Please, Santa.

Your pal,  
Holly McWilliams  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kelsi. I'm looking forward to this Christmas and a new year! I want roller blades because I can skate on them without falling. Also why I want them is because my friends have them.

Merry Christmas,  
Kelsi Wallace  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ysef Alvarado. I hope I receive a present from you. What I want is a Super Nintendo with a video of Motor Kombat II. I want that game because you can do finishing moves. I want to go to Mexico so that I can spend Christmas at Mexico, also.

Your friend,  
Ysef Alvarado  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like gymnast barbie and swim 'n' dive barbie. I would also like Power Ranger gloves to keep my hands warm. A few dolls I would like this year are Tatodles, and Twist 'n' Style Tiffany. I would also like a VCR really bad.

How are you, the reindeer, and Mrs. Claus doing. I would also like a CD player and some CD's.

Merry, Merry Christmas,  
Sherri Rae Thomas  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. Please bring me a baby doll. Please don't forget my brother and my sisters. Tell Mrs. Santa "hello".

Merry Christmas,  
Christy Smith  
Pre-K  
\*\*\*

Dear Saint Nick,  
How is Mrs. Claus? Is she OK? I want a CD player, army stuff, Game Gear, Game Boy, Go Cart, and a guitar. How is your reindeer? How are you? Is your elves ok?

Sincerely,  
Brandon Moore  
\*\*\*

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

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I want a CD player, Ace of Base CD. I would like a Dream Phone, Ask Zandar and some more earrings. I wish I could have a trampoline, a 15 speed bike. At the Methodist Church we are giving presents to the kids that don't get presents. Christmas is fun, every year I can't wait for Christmas. Tell Mrs. Claus Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have a safe trip going all over the world.

I've been a good girl this year.

Your friend,  
Rachael Smith  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Is Mrs. Claus ok? How are the reindeer and the elves? I wish this year I had a black horse. Will you give everybody a present in the world? Would you bring me rollerblades, pithon, saddle, reins, stock car, 500 race, and a bunch of army stuff. I would also like a rifle 22-250.

Your friend,  
Bradley Baxter  
\*\*\*

P.S. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus, Elves and the reindeer? I hope you fly carefully in the sky. All I want for Christmas is a electric guitar, small drum set, a watch, a little pinball game, a pool table, a skateboard, a CD and most of all I just want to spend my Christmas with my family and celebrate the birth of Jesus. I hope everybody has a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Tony Salazar  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Doyle Atkinson. I would like a 3-DO system. I would like a Game Gear. I would like some shoes. that is what I would like for X-mas.

Merry Christmas,  
Doyle Atkinson  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hope. Where is Mrs. Claus. Is she fine? Well I am. Where are the elves? Are they at the North Pole? How are you? I can't wait until Christmas day. Can you? You will get a lot of snacks for Christmas? Well this is what I want: A Lion King tape, a bike, Rollerblades.

Love,  
Hope McWilliams  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have my 2 front teeth, so I'll have to ask for something else. What I have in mind is a sleeping bag and roller blades. I think they would be fun to take to 4-H camp in Brownwood. The sleeping bag would be warm and the roller blades would be fun to skate around in the dorm and on the sidewalks. If those things aren't too obvious, then that is what I want. OK? Say hi to Rudolph for me.

Love,  
Courtney Hays

Dear St. Nick,  
How are your Reindeer, Rudolph, and Elves? How is Mrs. Claus? Have you been watching your weight this year? You will be getting cookies at my grandma's house. Also be careful and have a safe trip around the world and also be careful going home. I have been a good boy this year. I would like a CD player, TV, a pool table, a Super Nintendo tape and Sega tape, too. Give my mom something this year.

Your friend,  
William Ho-Gland  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for all you gave me last year. This year my sister will come home from the Air Force. I have tried to be nice. I would like a KOSS Compact Stereo System with 3-Disc Carousel CD Changer with dual cassette deck with high speed dubbing and remote. Please put something nice in my family's stockings.

Love,  
Scott Welling  
\*\*\*

Dear Ho-Ho,  
Me 2. Me good. Me want a Barbie, Barney, and money.

Thank you,  
Sybol Leanne Jameson  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me Roller Blades and a guitar. I have been good. And a Hockey Stick and a puck.

Love,  
Cory Multer  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? One more thing how is your reindeer? I want a kabootal. Will you bring my mom a new car?

Love,  
Christy  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a game boy. Please bring my brother and parents a surprise. So, how's it going at the old North Pole. Well, I'll be seeing ya. Bye-Bye.

Kayla  
\*\*\*

Dear Ho-Ho,  
Please slide down my chimney and bring me some presents. I love you Santa Claus. Don't forget I'll be at Matador at Grannie and Pa's on Christmas morning. Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Connor Stafford  
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# News Around Motley County

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CHURCH SERVICES

The First Baptist Church of Flomot held Christmas Candlelight Services, Sunday night, December 18 with pastor, the Rev. Nathan Mulder conducting the services. Wayne Hunter led the congregational singing of Christmas hymns and Mrs. Kathy Mulder lit candles after a description of a character in the Christmas Story.

In the darken sanctuary were sparkling lights among the greenery and a large candle in the center of the altar reflected God's guiding light for those attending to light a candle. When returning to the pews with candles glowing, it was shown and related how God's light and birth of Jesus Christ illuminated a world of darkness.

At the noon luncheon, following church services Sunday morning, Mrs. Alma Shorter presented a birthday cake to Mrs. Jimmie Hunter and Mrs. Kathy Mulder, who observed their birthdays this week. Sunday afternoon, members of the church delivered boxes of Christmas Cheer to residents in the Flomot community.

### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Jackie Starkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Starkey, celebrated his birthday, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18 in his home. He blew out his six candles on a Snowman birthday cake. Favors were balloons and Santa sacks filled with Christmas treats. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served.

Special guests were his grandparents, Mrs. Edna Benton of Wellington and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey of Flomot. Others attending were Mrs. Debbie Martin,

Megan and Bradley of Wellington, Mrs. Lisa Farley, Mitchell and Melody of Quitaque and Mrs. Kerri Arneel, Michael and Allyson of Flomot.

Art Green had a pre-Christmas celebration in his home, Sunday, Dec. 18 and those enjoying the family get together were Jean and Don Lewis of Vernon; Mrs. Alta Mae Rice of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Green, Kylie and Karli of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Green, Aaron, Ashley and Annie and Kelli and Hal Martin and Ryan of Matador and Joan and Joe Edd

### Helms of Flomot.

Mrs. Julie Holladay and daughter, Katie of Lamesa visited from Wednesday until Friday with her grandmother, Mrs. A.D. Moseley.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert visited in Dumas last Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alvia Jo Calvert, Ashley, Justin and Christopher.

Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd visited last Sunday in Memphis with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Cloyd and Jason. They attended the Christmas Concert held in the Memphis School auditorium, Sunday afternoon. Bands presenting entertaining performances were Grade School, Junior High, High School, and a Jazz band. Jason is a member of the Junior High Band.

Mrs. Tom Ross was a patient from Wednesday until Saturday in the Mangold Hospital in Lockney. With her during her hospitalization besides her husband was their daughter, Mrs. Alissa Wigley of Lubbock. Mr. Ross and Alissa substituted for Mrs. Ross at Aleda Elaine's 3rd grade Christmas party in Matador, Friday afternoon.

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

### PREDICTA STUDY CLUB MEETS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Predicta Study Club met Thursday night at the home of LaVoe Thacker for their Annual Christmas Program. President Ossie Lee Brown called the meeting to order. Odessa Mullins introduced the program, Callie Giesecke told a Christmas story after reading the Bible

scriptures of Jesus' birth. Eugenia Bethard told about the Cowboy Ball that all the ranch cowboys attended. Mrs. Giesecke played the piano while the group sang several Christmas carols.

Gifts were around the beautiful Christmas tree. Numbers were drawn and Nona Long and Pam Thacker passed the gifts out. Refreshments were served, with

coffee and wassail punch. Those attending were Callie Giesecke, Nona Long, Lee Peacock, Grace Zabielski, Eugenia

Bethard, Lula Swim, Darlene Fletcher, Joyce Smith, Cleo Watson, Ossie Lee

Brown, Odessa Mullins, Ruby Myles, and the hostess, LaVoe Thacker.

### Roaring Springs Assembly of God Church Will Hold Christmas Services

The Assembly of God Church in Roaring Springs will have Sunday worship services on Christmas day, December 25, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and dismiss for the rest of the day. They will have regular Wednesday night services at 7

p.m.

A New Year's Eve Watch Night Service will be held December 31, 11:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend all of these services.

## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

A penitent heart is the Christmas decoration of the soul. Resolve to look at the sincerity of the gift, not the price tag. Merry Christmas!

### IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Wilson (Sibyl) Barton is a patient in the Mangold Hospital in Lockney following a stroke, Saturday. At her bedside is her husband and her sister, Mrs. Zona Ruth Cammack of Matador.

A pre-Christmas celebration was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens, Sunday, Dec. 18. Guests were Mrs. Elva Brandon of Kingston, Okla. and Mrs. Juddie Stephens of Lockney, who are visiting during the holidays, and Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Martin and son, Shanon of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Montague of Canyon and Shawn Stephens of Quitaque. Mrs. Brandon visited in Roaring Springs, Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred "Banty" Brandon.

Chester Cooper of Lubbock, who had hand surgery and recuperated this past week in the home of his mother, Mrs. Vesta Cooper, returned home, Tuesday. He is reported to be doing fine. Visiting in the Cooper home, Sunday was Clyde Ray of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Jennings had the pleasure of having all of their family in

their home Dec. 16-18 for a pre-Merry Christmas. They enjoyed VCR films of past and present family events and the movie cameras were "rolling" during the weekend. Children and families visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jennings and Kenzie of Junction; Jill Jennings and friend, Doug Hall of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Burke Brack, Mitchell and Connor of Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Jennings of Waco.

Bob Parsons of Vancouver, Washington visited the weekend with Wilson Barton.

Mrs. Joe Martin of Plainview visited her sister, Mrs. Malcolm Jameson and niece, Melba Jameson, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle visited Sunday and Monday in Lubbock with his sister, Aly Gwinn. Joining them there to visit were Mr. and Mr. Larry Crouch of Lubbock.

Mrs. SeReatha Henry of Austin arrived Tuesday to visit the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary B. Laughlin of Midland visited Thursday and Friday, Dec. 22-23 with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. They continued to Amarillo to visit her mother, Mrs. Susie Sain and sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Webb.

## Obituaries

### Roy Tippin

Andrews (Special) -- Services for Roy Tippin, 43, of Andrews were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. H.A. Hanks, pastor, officiating. The Rev. Doug Kello, youth minister, assisted.

Burial was in Andrews Cemetery under direction of McNett Funeral Home. Tippin died Thursday, Dec. 15, 1994, in Permian General Hospital.

He was born March 17, 1951, in El Dorado, Kan. He married Patsy Dickson on Sept. 2, 1970, in Denton. He was a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Texas Nurse Practitioners Association, Fellowship of Baptist Nurses Association, Nurses Practitioners Corporation and First Baptist Church. He received an associate's degree from Cook County Junior College

in Gainesville and a nurse practitioner's degree from the University of Texas in Arlington.

He was an advanced family nurse practitioner, and he had practiced in Matador, Andrews, Kermit and Monahans.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Russell of Andrews; two daughters, Holly and Rebecca, both of Andrews; his parents, Clarence and Joyce Tippin of Peabody, Kan.; a brother, Robbie of Wichita, Kan.; and a sister, Deborah of Wichita, Kan.

Pallbearers were Brad Horton, Larry Glasson, Dr. Eusebio Barrientos, Dr. Brian Gordon, Stanley Martin, and Charley Simpson.

### Duetta Graham

Funeral services are pending for Duetta Graham, 82, with Seigler Funeral Home in Matador. Mrs. Graham died Wednesday, December 21 at 4:34 a.m. in

Childress. Survivors are one son, James Graham of Corpus Christi, and one daughter, Wanda G. Leary of Childress.

## Matador News

Magdalena Carlson will visit with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Carlson, Troy, Aaron, and new baby daughter, Kelsey Nicole, December 23 through January 4 in Escondido, CA in San Diego County.

### HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Edna Ruth Green honored her husband, Luther Green on his birthday Thursday night, Dec. 15 with a dinner in their home. He had a decorated birthday cake, gifts and best wishes.

Those attending the happy celebration were Decima and Jack Green and Bessie Jean and Pete Williams of Matador; Art Green of Flomot; Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Whiteflat and Mr. and Mrs. Don Green of Floydada. His brother, Phil Green of Borger, was unable to attend due to illness, so they called him and had a nice family visit with him over the telephone.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. Billie Ray (Faye) Solver is a patient in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following surgery, Thursday, December 22.

Mrs. Louise Robbins returned home recently from Lubbock following knee

### CATHOLIC CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

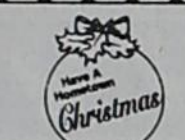
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Matador will hold Sacrament of Reconciliation, Thursday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Mass will be held Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 at 9:45 a.m.

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Roaring Springs Postmaster

### To Our Faithful Readers



Your gracious and kind words of encouragement has come to us in many ways and we are thankful for your sharing those with us. My family and I are blessed because of your faithfulness to our Lord.

It is a fun time of the year for us all. The excitement felt by the children of our communities is contagious. I believe we all share in their anticipation for the holidays.

It is also a time of reflection for us. The months of 1994 have passed and with them many opportunities and challenges. This year of '94' has been a good year for us as we have developed the good friendships and relations begun in 1990.

May your holidays be filled with joy ... and may the coming year bring you health and happiness.

Michael and Judy Ann Crowley

### Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Matador Headstart Coordinator, Rose Saldana, (second from left), and Simnona Chavez, President of the Headstart Parents Committee, right, presented the Matador Lions Club with a check to be used for the Kids for Christmas Fund. The money was raised by the Head Start Kids and parents through Bake Sales. Also pictured are Lion Ron Kelley, left and Boss Lion Michael Clawson.

*Dorothy's*  
PLAINVIEW

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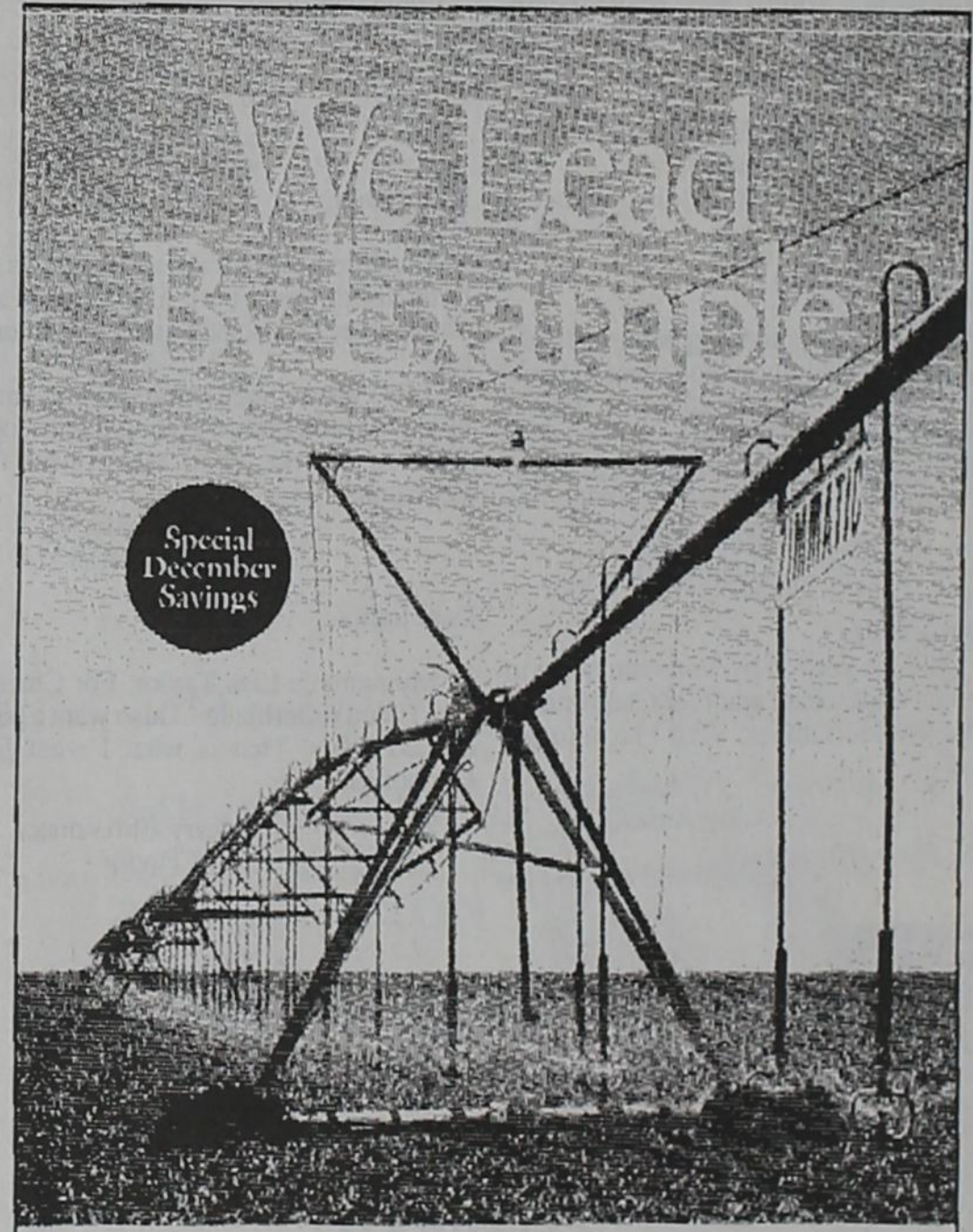
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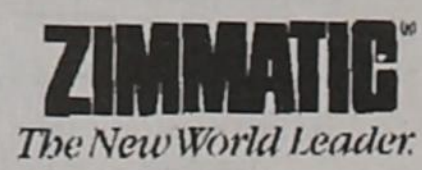
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**A CHRISTMAS WISH**

Submitted by Cora Hall.  
This poem was clipped from a newspaper many years ago.

If I could do the things I'd rather do  
To make complete your coming  
Christmas day,  
I would not bring a single thing to  
you —  
But I would come and take some  
things away.

I'd take away each trouble from your  
heart,  
Each pain and sorrow I would have  
annulled;  
And every word that caused a single  
smart,  
And every hour through which you  
ever sulled.

I'd have them all be gone — forever,  
gone —  
Forgotten, like the things that cannot be;  
And then each hour would be a  
happy one —  
For only good things would be left,  
you see,  
And this is what I'd really like to do—  
If I could do whatever I wished for you.

— Anon.

**A Letter To Santa Claus  
From a Grown-Up**

by JoAnn Dickson  
December 1985

My dearest, dearest Santa Claus:  
We hope you'll listen to our cause.  
We know we are quite grown up  
but this year please fill our cups with love and kindness and peace.  
This old world needs more kind deeds.  
The cries of despair and hunger,  
we ought to heed.  
Make "Peace on earth, good will to men",  
not just a saying but a command.  
When the star shines on Christmas Eve,  
Let all men in His birth believe.  
Trust and honesty and love combined  
could change men's hearts to the Divine.  
So on Christmas Eve when you make your rounds,  
May good cheer, tolerance and faith be found  
in each of our stockings, hung with care.  
Make us alert, concerned and aware  
that Santa Claus is not for children  
alone but belongs, too, to us who are grown.  
Thanks for listening to our petition.  
Please grant us your favorable decision.

Love,  
A Grown-Up

**A CHRISTMAS GIFT OF LOVE**

by Earlyne Jameson

Christmas has become so commercialized we have to remind ourselves what its  
all about! May this renew memories of a Christmas gift you were given that was  
wrapped in love by your child or grandchild.

My first-grade child  
once made for me  
A Christmas gift of waste  
A cardboard box  
With wrappings  
Of tissue, foil and paste.

The box was trimmed  
with gumdrops  
and macaroni, too.  
Inside it, little white hearts  
spelled, "I love you."

The box is getting old now.  
I've kept it all these years.  
The gumdrops ran together,  
The colors aren't clear.

But if you lift the cover,  
the message still is there.  
You'll know then why I kept it  
On a shelf for these many years.

My children all  
are grown now,  
They are married, moved away;  
And though they still love me,  
It's in a different way.

I need no gift this Christmas,  
No King Tut treasurer rare;  
I have my sticky icon  
On the shelf below the stair.

Just call it sentiment drivel,  
A cairn to memory,  
Of little arms around my neck  
And laughter on my knee.

No gift I get could match it  
That box upon the shelf,  
A gift I always open  
When I am by myself.

**PEACE ON EARTH**

by JoAnn Dickson - December, 1985  
(Honorable Mention, World of Poetry contest, PEACE ON EARTH, Dec. '85)

In far away Bethlehem  
On a clear, crystal night,  
Mary and Joseph looked down on Him  
As the Star shone with a brilliant light.  
For belief in this new born Babe  
Changes the way man behaves.  
To God be given praises and thanks  
for by His birth man achieves rank -  
Not to be accepted just by his peers  
But promises of life  
for eternity's years.  
Ring the bells!!  
All is well!!!  
Proclaim the birth!!  
Peace on earth!!



**A MOTHER'S HEART AT CHRISTMAS**

by Hazel Soltwisch

"Twas the night before Christmas  
And all through the house,  
The noise was so loud, not quiet as a mouse.  
There was family in the bedrooms, the kitchen and hall.  
The living room, the dining room --  
Noise was coming from all.

Now Mama was tired from cleaning,  
From cooking and such.  
But everyone helped - so very much.  
So she put on a smile and joined in the fun  
Knowing she would thank God  
When this day was done.

Next morning from the bedrooms  
And the hall they did creep --  
Or any place they'd been given to sleep.  
But they all found Mama  
Up before them,  
Praising the Lord and singing a hymn.

Giving thanks to the Lord  
For all of the noise,  
Made by her children - both girls and boys.  
Christmas dinner was great;  
Dessert - it was yummy,  
Mama knew she had pleased every fat little tummy.

While the children were playing  
With each toy and game,  
Mama knew that nothing would totally change.  
The football game was a riot,  
The commercials a flop --  
Mama was wondering if it never would stop.

Will we ever get back  
To the real, true reason  
For this celebration, for this blessed season?  
So it surprised Mama as family circled about  
And thanked God for Jesus - (and Mama)  
Before each one slipped out.

Now Mama's alone to pray and to rest,  
And as usual, is thinking,  
"This Christmas was best.  
God bless them and keep them  
In this troubled land,  
And please, dear God, hold them  
In your loving hand."



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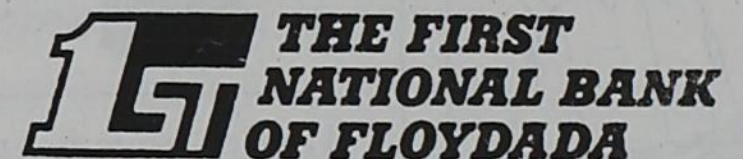
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By Ace Reid



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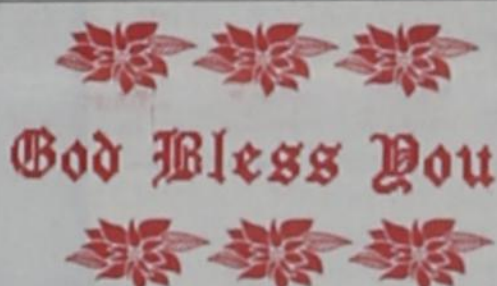
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## NOTICE

To the citizens of Matador:  
The City will pick up Christmas trees on January 5. Place the trees beside the dumpsters in the alley.

YOUTH DANCE TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 29 IN MATADOR  
A New Year's Youth Dance will be held on Thursday, December 29th at the VFW Memorial 4-H Building in Matador. The dance will start at 8:00 p.m. and conclude at midnight. Mike Porter's One-Man Band from Dickens will provide the music for the dance.

All area youth are invited to the dance. There will be no charge to attend the dance; however, everyone is asked to bring at least one can of food for the 4-H Food Drive.

For further information, contact Betty Stevens at 347-2809, or Michael Clawson at 347-2733.



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## ROARING SPRINGS HOMECOMING JUNE 17, 1995

CATHOLIC CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE  
Thursday, December 22, 6:30 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation.  
Sunday, December 25, 9:45 a.m.: Christmas Mass.

## THE MATADOR THRIFTY SHOP WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 23 THROUGH JANUARY 4

Thank you and Happy Holidays!!

MATADOR MASONIC LODGE #824 WILL HAVE CALLED MEETING  
The Matador Masonic Lodge #824 will have a called meeting, Monday, December 23 at 7 p.m. at the Lodge Hall to present J.B. Cooper with his 50 year pin. Visitors are welcome.

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## CORRECTION

CORRECTION  
The Motley County Commissioners report in last week's paper reported that the Justice of the Peace, Place 2, Precinct 1 had collected 0. It should have read, \$404.00.

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Wednesday Night - 6:30 p.m.

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## First Assembly of God Church

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Roaring Springs, Texas

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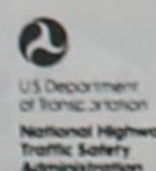
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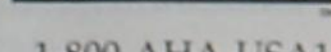
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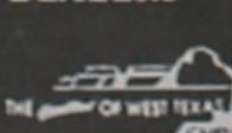
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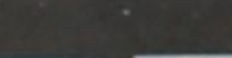
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*May Your Home Be Blessed  
This Holiday Season*



*Here's to a future that knows no ill,  
A world filled with brotherhood, peace, and good will.  
Where every child has a place to call home,  
And a person is judged on his merit alone.*

*While this may seem like a pipe dream to some,  
We admit there's a lot of hard work to be done,  
And the best place to start is where we are living,  
By sharing the spirit of this season of giving.*



*The Christmas Greetings on the following pages are to you, our readers, from Motley County businesses and individuals.*

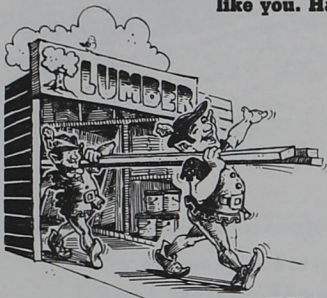




*Jesus is the reason  
for the season*

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

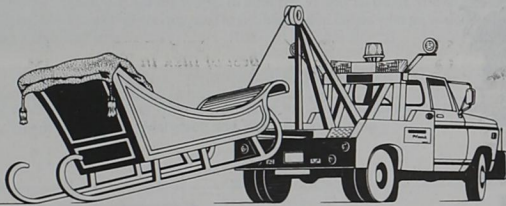
**Our good reputation is built upon service,  
but our success is due to good customers  
like you. Happy holiday and thanks.**



**Higginbotham-Bartlett**

Matador

## 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



*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**



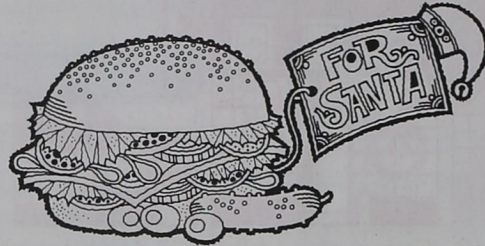
*We are so grateful for all our  
Motley County relatives and friends  
of now and yesteryears. Let this be a  
means of keeping in touch.*

*To you all, we send greetings of  
the season and warm wishes for the  
year ahead.*

*"Red" & Elwanda*

## SEASON'S EATINGS

We're serving up our heartiest thanks plus  
generous helpings of holiday cheer.  
We appreciate your friendship and support.



**Billie  
Dean's  
Restaurant**

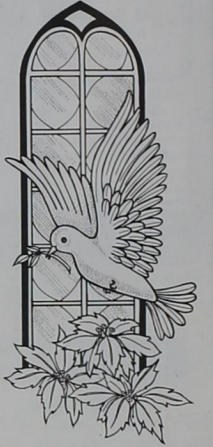
## FESTIVE GREETINGS

*May your holidays  
be a delicious,  
delectable and  
delightful mix of  
good friends, good  
food and good cheer  
at this most festive  
time and throughout  
the entire year!  
Thank you for  
selecting us.*



**Pay-N-Save  
Grocery**

Matador



*God has given us eternal life,  
and this life is in His Son*

*1 John 5:11*



**Joy and  
Prosperity  
to All!**

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

**M C  
CAFE**

*Downtown Matador*



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

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## MAY YOUR DAYS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT

*Our glowing good wishes  
to your and your family  
this Christmas season.*

*It's a privilege and  
a pleasure to  
serve you.*



**FIRST NATIONAL  
BANK**

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'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

**Christmas  
Blessings**

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

**Motley County  
Judge**  
Laverna Price



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

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

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

We appreciate your business  
and wish you the  
best of luck in '95



**Songbird  
Cafe**

Downtown Roaring Springs

Here's hoping your  
holidays are fun-  
filled and delightful!

**Ray & Grace  
Zabielski**  
Roaring Springs



**O HOLY NIGHT**



With reverence and rejoicing,  
we exalt in the glory of  
the holiday.  
May the spirit of  
Yuletide be yours.

**Cooper  
Oil**

J.B. & Jean Cooper



**GREETINGS,  
FRIENDS!**

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



**City Grocery**

Roaring Springs  
Billy & Cory Easter

SEASON'S GREETINGS  
AND MANY THANKS!  
Having customers like you  
makes it all worthwhile.

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Christmas Joy

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

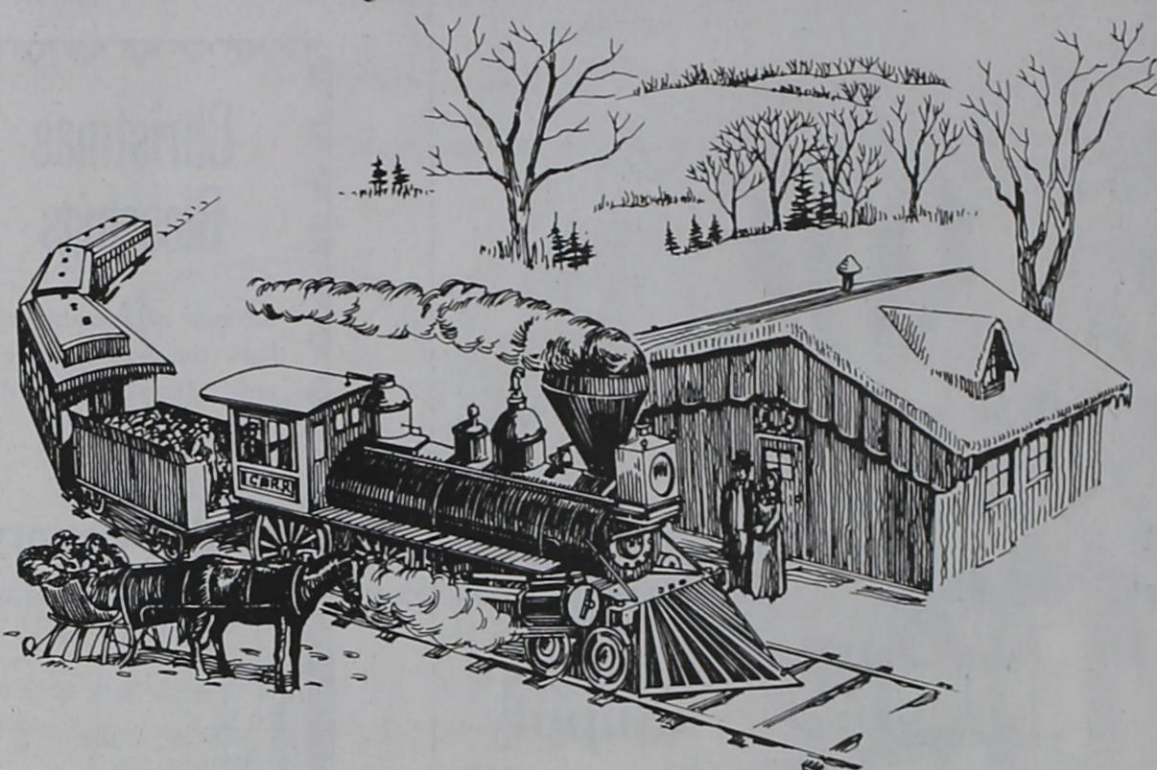
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*Home for Christmas*



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

**FLOMOT GIN**



Here's hoping your  
holidays are fun-  
filled and delightful!

**Brannon  
Gas &  
Supply**

Roaring Springs

**HO! HO!  
GLOW!**



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

**WEST TEXAS  
UTILITIES**

Matador

Merry  
Christmas!



**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.

**Paymaster Gin**

Quitaque



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



Joy To The World



FILL'ER UP WITH CHEER



Because good customers are at such a premium these days, we're extra grateful for your loyal support.

**Alexander Fuel**

Roaring Springs

Russell & Kim



Peace Be With You

We're ever thankful of your continued support.

**Seigler Funeral Home**

Matador

Here's Hoping you Enjoy a

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

**Script Printing**

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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

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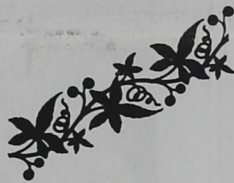
Joy  
Love  
Faith  
Peace



May they be yours now and throughout the year.

**Pure Country**

Downtown Roaring Springs



**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.

**Matador Implement**



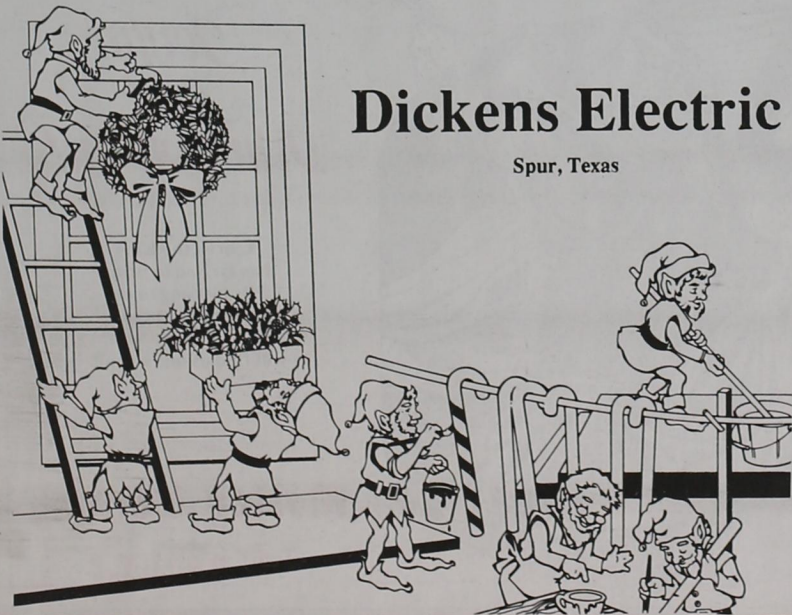
DECK THE HALLS

Hang up the holly...  
String up those lights...  
Wrap up the presents...  
That are sure to delight...  
Share the warm fire...  
With someone you love,  
And give thanks for these blessings  
To the good Lord above!

Merry Christmas from all of us.

**Dickens Electric**

Spur, Texas



Wishing You Joy!

Thinking of you and wishing you a happy holiday season




The owners of

**Red Ball Gin**

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Clifton    Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn  
Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse    Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cruse  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cruse

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

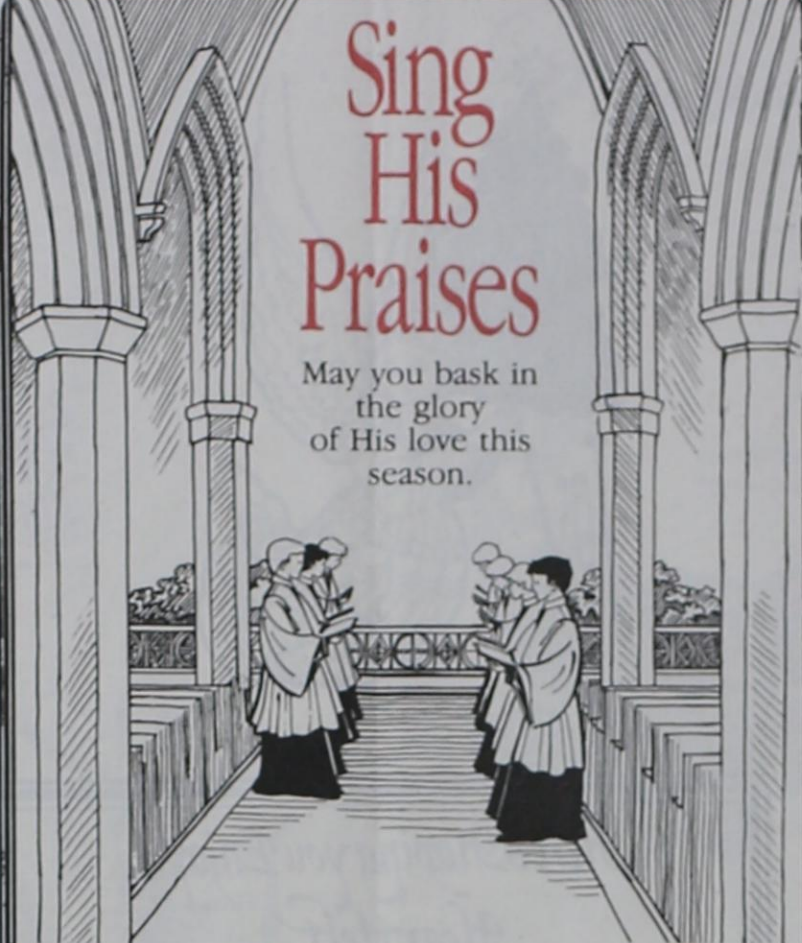
During this holy time, it is our wish for all mankind that peace prevail throughout the world and love and harmony bring us together in our hearts and spirits. We hope you enjoy a very special Christmastide.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**

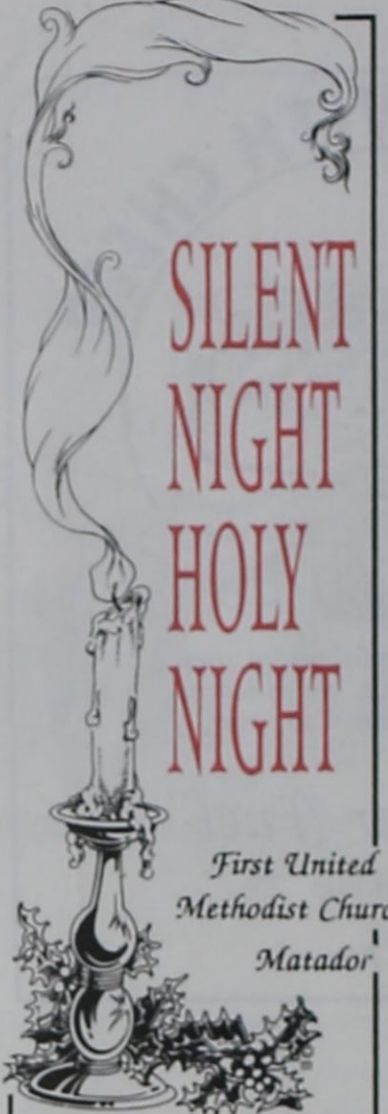
**Sing His Praises**

May you bask in the glory of His love this season.



**Assembly of God Church**  
Matador

**SILENT NIGHT HOLY NIGHT**



First United Methodist Church  
Matador

**Christmas**



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


**United Methodist Church**  
Roaring Springs

**Behold! A Child Is Born**  
Merry Christmas to all.



**Assembly of God Church**  
Roaring Springs


**Celebrate**



'Tis the season to be jolly... festive... fabulous! Enjoy!

**Kathy's**  
Flomot

**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



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

May your season be brightened by expressions of love, peace and good will. Many thanks, friends.

**The Windmill**  
Matador



**Merry Christmas**



**We Gather Together**

As we join with all our friends in worship, we're pleased to extend our sincere wishes for a happy holiday season.

**First Baptist Church**  
Matador



**Joyful And Triumphant!**

Christ the King has arrived to bring His blessing to us. His gift has been a certainty that love will find us one and all.

**Motley County Tribune**