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It was Christmas Eve and the cows of Promised Land Farm were heading back to their stalls after a long afternoon of milking.

The sun was just about to set on the horizon and the snow sparkled like diamonds in the evening sun. The cows were talking and swishing their tails as they walked.

"I tell you, if the lines get any longer to get into the barn, I'm going to jump the fence!" said Dotty.

"Ooh, I agree!" nodded Flossy. "And if the boss doesn't get his hands warmed up, he's going to get nothing but a cold milk shake in his receiving jar!"

"That's enough complaining ladies. We've got a party to go get ready for!" stated Bossy, the head cow.

Bossy was the oldest of the cows at Promised Land Farm and she had seen a lot of changes since she was first put into the milking herd. The boss once milked entirely by hand sitting on a wooden stool with an old oak bucket. He would whistle a happy tune to every cow and talk to each of "his girls" as he milked them. Now the boss used a mechanical milker that emptied into a big glass jar beside each milking stall.

Bossy got her name when she was just a heifer. She was being stubborn and nosing the boss when he tried to put her into a trailer. He told her to stop being so "bossy" and the name stuck. She was a gentle cow, but she could get the herd to move in the right direction when the boss needed her to.

The direction she wanted to go at the moment was toward the big red barn where fresh warm hay, a scoop or two of rolled corn and molasses and a soft bed of sawdust awaited. She wanted to rest before the big barn party.

The barn party had become a tradition among the animals of Promised Land Farm and it was always held on Christmas Eve. While the boss and his family were away at church, the animals cut loose in the barn.

The owls and the barn swallows always hung great garlands of ivy and holly berries and the chickens always whipped up a batch of egg nog. The mice brought cheese and candies that they had gotten from the big house and the draft horses always put bells on their collars and bridles.

But the cows always had the most fun at the parties.

They played games like "Cow Patty Bingo," "Shoo Fly," and "Break the Gate."

They sang songs: "We Wish You a Moo-ry Christmas," "Deck the Stalls," and "Jingle Tails."

Every cow's favorite song was "Away in the Manger."

"The line with 'the cattle are lowing' gets me every time!" Mitzy exclaimed every year. "Those were our ancestors that watched over the Savior!"

As the cows entered the stall barn, they were surprised to find a large red wagon sitting in the middle of the barn. It was painted a brilliant red with gold trim and green holly leaves stenciled down the sides.

Big 'Un, one of the draft horses, saw the surprised looks on the cows' faces and quickly explained the situation.

"It's the boss's wagon. He's been using it for country hayrides the last several nights. He decided to park it in here tonight because it's supposed to start snowing pretty heavy before morning."

"But it's in the middle of our dance floor!" whined Daisy.

"It will be alright," soothed Bossy. "We'll just nose it over toward the back doors a bit."

"We're going to need all the room we can get Bossy because I'm going to teach you girls a new

dance called the 'Whipped Cream' and it can get pretty wild!" Daisy excitedly stated.

"Oh no! Not another new dance?" moaned Ditzzy. "I'm still not completely over the accident I had learning the 'Vanilla Twist' last Christmas!"

Ditzzy tends to be sort of a klutz and as she was doing a certain step in the 'Vanilla Twist' she twisted one too many times and went crashing through the sheep stall. Things got a little wooly from there.

"Feeling a bit *sheepish* about learning the new dance rage?" Daisy teased.

Ditzzy turned into her stall with a snort.

Bossy stood out in the middle of the barn watching all the cows and counting them as they made their way into their stalls.

There was Flossy, Dotty, Daisy, Mitzy, Ditzzy, and Belle and ... where was Noel?

Noel was the youngest cow in the milking herd. She was also considered to be one of the most special to the boss at Promised Land Farm. She had been born three years ago on Christmas morning. She was the daughter of Bossy's best friend Chloe. Chloe didn't live much longer after Noel's birth and Bossy had promised to look after Noel.

"Noel?" Bossy called. "Where are you Noel?" Bossy walked back to the doors of the barn and looked outside. "What are you doing out here?"

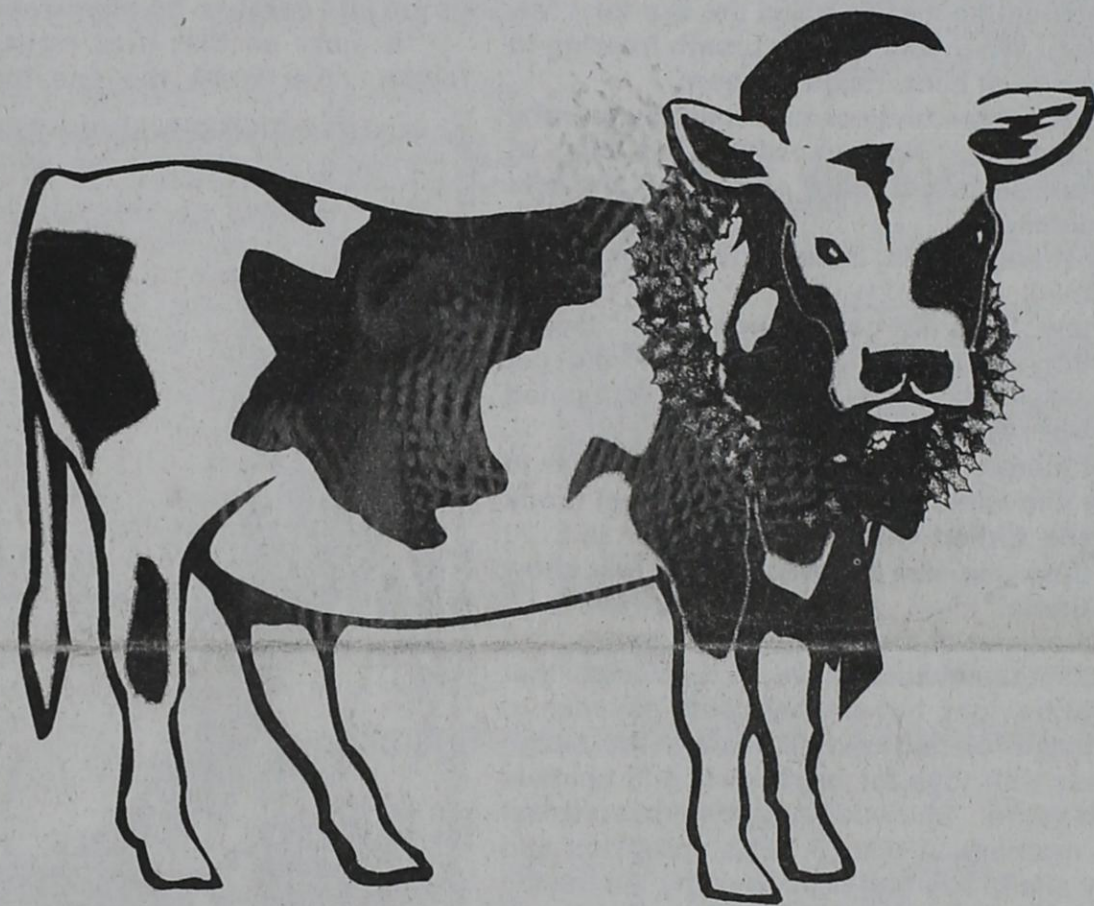
Noel was standing looking toward the sunset and the snow covered meadow. "Isn't it beautiful Bossy?" she sighed.

"Yes, Noel it is. That meadow is one of my favorite places on the farm," Bossy answered as she too looked out across the field. "I love to eat the fresh spring grass and lie down in its soft growth and watch the sun set. I also like to look up at the moon and stars at night while we're grazing."

"I enjoy those times too, but my favorite time is now. I love the way the snow sparkles in the sunlight and under the moon. I also love to watch the night sky over the meadow on Christmas Eve," Noel quietly answered.

"Why on Christmas Eve?" Bossy asked.

"Because, just once, I'd like to see Santa flying across the meadow! I've always wanted to see him and ... well; it's something that matters a lot to me. Please don't think I'm a crazy cow!" Noel anxiously added



"I don't think you're crazy! I just don't want you to get your hopes up," Bossy explained. "It's sort of like wishing you could jump over the moon. It is legend and a great story to hit the hay with, but it's probably not true."

Bossy turned to go to her stall. She looked back over her shoulder at Noel and softly moaned. Noel knew that she should be getting her hooves shined for the party, so she slowly followed her back into the barn.

The animals started to arrive in small groups for the long awaited party. The mice scurried and hurried around the food bins and the draft horses and ponies lined up at the water trough. The three bulls arrived with their nose rings bright and shining. The barn swallows got all in a twitter when the Harley piglets rode up on their loud hogs. (The Harley's were guests from the neighboring farm and always tended to be a little too noisy.)

The last animals to arrive were the ducks, roosters and chickens; all in proper pecking order.

Bossy welcomed everyone and upon her cue, the draft horses began to stomp and clomp out a merry tune to start the Promised Land Farm annual Christmas barn party.

Ching-Ching, the Peking duck, had been posted at the barn window facing the big house to watch for the boss and his family. Whenever the lights of the car were seen driving back onto the farm was the moment that the animals turned the volume down a bit and would begin singing "Away in a Manger."

The party went on for about two hours before the quack came from Ching-Ching. The mice turned out the lights and the animals began singing.

The boss would always stand out on the driveway and hear a faint melody from the barn. He never suspected a thing, but always commented to himself on how the animals seemed to be ushering in the birth of the Christ child each Christmas with their gentle lowing, baa-ing, neighing and clucking. It was always a special part of his Christmas to hear the soft sounds coming from the barn.

"Okay, the coast is clear!" quacked Ching-Ching. "The boss is back in his house and the lights will be going out any minute!"



### Santa Cows

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When the second quack came, the party took up again.

Daisy gathered everyone back onto the dance floor for another "Whipped Cream" dance lesson. The next song was perfect for the "Vanilla Twist."

Ditzy stepped out for a moment. The thought of another crash through the sheep stall made her stomachs churn.

When she stepped over to the barn doors, she noticed that the doors were slightly open. She peered through the opening and saw Noel standing outside watching the moon over the meadow.



"Noel, come back inside!" she whispered. "Wow! It's really starting to snow! Aren't you cold? Come huddle with me!"

Noel turned to join Ditzy.

But just as she turned something that looked like a large comet flashing across the sky caught her attention.

"What was that?" Noel nervously asked. "Did you see that?"

"What was what? I didn't see anything. Come on back to the party before your freeze your hide off!"

"That flash of light? You didn't see that?" Noel asked again turning back toward the meadow.

She stood there quietly with only the sound of Ditzy slipping and sliding back into the barn. The next sounds she heard were a loud crash, the rowdy squealing of piglets and a very indignant sheep's baa-ing.

"Oh it's ewe again!" yelled Ditzy over the sound of muffled laughter all over the barn.



Noel watched the meadow and the sky for a few more minutes. When she felt her breath freezing to her nose, she went back inside the barn.

Bossy went over to Noel and asked what she was doing outside. Noel explained the flash of light and seemed to get more excited as she told Bossy the details.

"I know it was Santa, Bossy! I just know it!" Noel exclaimed.

"Now, now...let's not get our hopes up!" Bossy guided. "Why don't you go over there and get yourself one of those delicious seasoned haystacks from the food bin."

"I'm not hungry Bossy. I'm going to go over to the window and watch for Santa again!" Noel firmly stated as she turned with a swish of her tail. "I don't care if no one else believes me ... I just know that it was Santa!"

Noel stared out of the barn window trying hard to not fog the glass with her breath. She knew that Bossy might be right, but she held onto her wish to catch a glimpse of the beloved man in the sleigh loaded down with toys for boys, girls and animals all over the world. She suddenly remembered last Christmas morning. A pile of fresh pumpkins and first quality alfalfa hay had been lovingly left beside her stall. She was thrilled and remembered thinking how wonderful Santa was to her.

"He does exist!" Noel said out loud, even though no one was listening. All the other animals were still enjoying the party.

Noel started to grow sleepy and she began to doze off. With droopy eyelids, she looked one more time toward the meadow.

Something caught her eye and she shot back awake. It was something moving through the snow and the faint sound of jingle bells grew louder as it approached the barn.

As she focused in on the object she had a gripping sensation in her heart.

She stamped her feet and moaned very loudly.

As the other animals heard the commotion they grew very quiet to hear what Noel was doing. She finally stepped out of her stall with her eyes open wide. Her four knees were trembling.

"Noel, whatever is the matter?" Bossy charged over to the young cow. "Don't you feel well?"

"Some...some...someone's...someone's coming!" Noel stammered.

At that moment, the barn doors opened wide and a team of eight bedraggled, slightly dazed reindeer slowly trudged inside the barn, dragging a red and gold gilded sleigh. Sitting on the seat was a plump, red cheeked man wearing a huge furry red and white coat and matching hat.

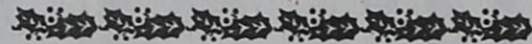
"Ho! Ho! Ho!" shouted the man as he pulled his team to a halt. "Merry Christmas Promised Land Farm animals!"

You could have heard a pin drop in the barn. Everyone stood staring at the sight before them. A few of the reindeer were singing and their fur was slightly smoking. A broken sleigh runner stood poking up out of the back of the sleigh.



"Santa! It's you! It's really you!" Noel broke the silence, running toward the sleigh. "I just knew I'd see you tonight!"

"Yes, I am Santa Claus and I'm just as happy to see you all tonight," Santa chuckled. "We've just had the most incredible thing happen to us."



Santa told the animals how the reindeer were flying low about to make an approach to the neighboring farmhouse. They realized too late that a tower of some kind was right in their path. They tried to pull up, but the sleigh caught the tip of the tower, tearing off the runner and causing the whole group and cargo to go plummeting.

"It must be that new mega-watt radio station tower. You know the one that the boss's son

listens to all the time," Daisy stated. "The Mega Music station with the only Tower of Power in 5 states!"

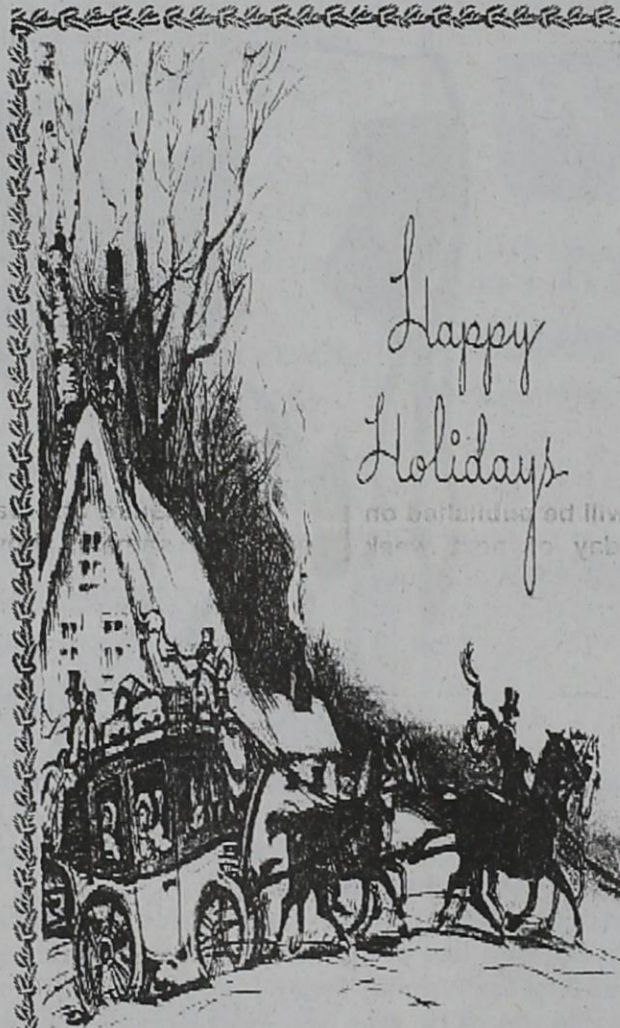
"Well, whatever it was...it caused quite a spark when the sleigh hit. Who would have thought that Comet would look so much like his name?" Santa teased.

The animals gathered around Santa and the sleigh with a rush of excitement and joy. Santa knew each animal by name and he gave the most wonderful gifts to each animal.

"I don't like to do this when you're awake, but seeing as how I'm in a bit of a pickle, I think I can make an exception this year!" Santa explained with a twinkle in his eye.

Daisy got a karaoke machine with all the latest

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dance music; Ditzzy got a new pair of hoof boots with non-slip treads; Flossy got an electric udder warmer, Dotty got a self-help book on patience and the desire to run; Mitzy got a painting of the first Christmas at the manger; Belle got a shiny new cow bell; Bossy got a game called "Follow the Leader;" and Noel got a snow globe with Santa and the reindeer flying over a meadow.

"Thank you so much Santa!" Noel sweetly moaned. She couldn't stop smiling and happiness filled her heart.



After Santa had handed out all the presents marked for the Promised Land Farm animals, he turned with a pained look on his face toward the reindeer.

"I'm afraid, we're not going to be able to make it for the rest of the stops," he apologetically stated. "The sleigh is broken and my team is a bit weary for flying."

Silence blanketed the barn once again.

After a few moments, Squeaks, a barn mouse, broke the silence.

"What about using the boss's hayride sleigh?" he squeaked.

"That's a great idea, Santa!" Big'Un shouted. "It's just big enough for your pack of gifts and I'll bet it's not any heavier for the team to pull."

"It's not the sleigh I'm so concerned about," Santa sadly said shaking his head. "I'm worried that the reindeer are too frazzled to fly. They took quite a jolt and a tumble out there."

The Harley Hogs raised their hooves.

"Let us take you around Santa!" they all said at once.

"Pigs can't fly!" laughed Ching-Ching, the Peking duck. "I always said I'd be a roasted duck when pigs can fly!"

"Very funny," shot back Davidson, one of the Harley Hogs.

Santa then explained to the group that he needed at least 6 animals large enough to pull the sleigh and keep up the speed that he needed in order to make all the stops throughout the night across the world. He was only a quarter of the way through when they crashed.

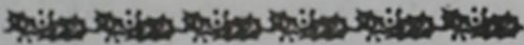
Santa sat down and began to stroke his beard. He looked at the draft horses, but he knew that they were too big for the job. The sheep were too shy, the ducks a little too daffy, the mice, owls and birds were all too tiny.

He then turned to Bossy and looked at her for a very long time.

He turned his head to the left.

He turned his head to the right.

He then jumped up and hollered out loud, "You're perfect!"



Bossy looked at him with surprise in her eyes.

"Santa, cows can't fly either! We're made for walking and standing still while we do our jobs for the boss," she quickly added.

"But, Bossy, if a cow can jump over the moon, then one ought to be able to fly through the sky!" he bellowed. "And, I've got the magic to make you girls as light as air. All we need is a bit of a runway and you should be soaring up to the stars in no time!"

Bossy shook her head and moaned.

Ditzzy, Mitzy, Flossy, Dotty, Daisy, Belle and Noel all stood watching her with anticipation.

"Bossy, it's the chance of a lifetime" said Belle. "We all know how fast you can run."

"And we all know how high you can jump. Remember when that dog was chasing you last summer and you leapt over the pasture fence? I believe *airborne* was the only way to describe you at that time!" Daisy recalled.

Santa walked over to Bossy and took her head sweetly in his hands and he looked into her big, brown eyes.

"Bossy, what can I do to butter you up about this?" he quietly asked.

Bossy chuckled and then tried to regain her composure. She was intrigued, but the vision of



her leading a team of flying cows was a bit cheesy in her estimation.

"Please Bossy! Please won't you help Santa out?" Noel pleaded. "I know you're a sweet cream puff and you don't want to let all those boys and girls go without their toys."

Bossy blinked a few times and then nodded her head in agreement. She looked at Santa and said "Okay, but just have us back here in time for the morning milking."

"I'll do my best, Bossy!" Santa agreed, saluting Bossy as he spoke.

The next few minutes were spent with the draft horses pulling the hayride wagon over to the middle of the barn, while the sheep, hogs and birds unbridled the reindeer and guided them into the cow stalls.

Santa had the cows line up side by side as he placed the wagon tongue between them and he strapped everyone into position. He then sprinkled

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a sparkling dust that smelled of sugar plums and sweet hay over the cows.

Noel started giggling and soon the rest of the cows were laughing too.

"Easy now, let's get this wagon out into the meadow," Santa directed.

The cows turned and began walking out of the barn toward the snow covered meadow. The snow had stopped falling and the night was crisp and clear.

The animals gathered at the barn door and watched in amazement as Santa guided the cows and the wagon out to a clearing and then gently popped the reins up and down.

He hollered "get on there girls and pick it up, pick it up" as the team of cows began running at top speed into the night.

In just a few minutes, the cows were flying up toward the moon with the wagon and Santa in tow. They moored in excitement and kept giggling as they circled over the barn.

Santa was laughing too!

"I always wanted to be a cowboy when I was young! Yahoo! Moo-ry Christmas!" he laughed out loud.



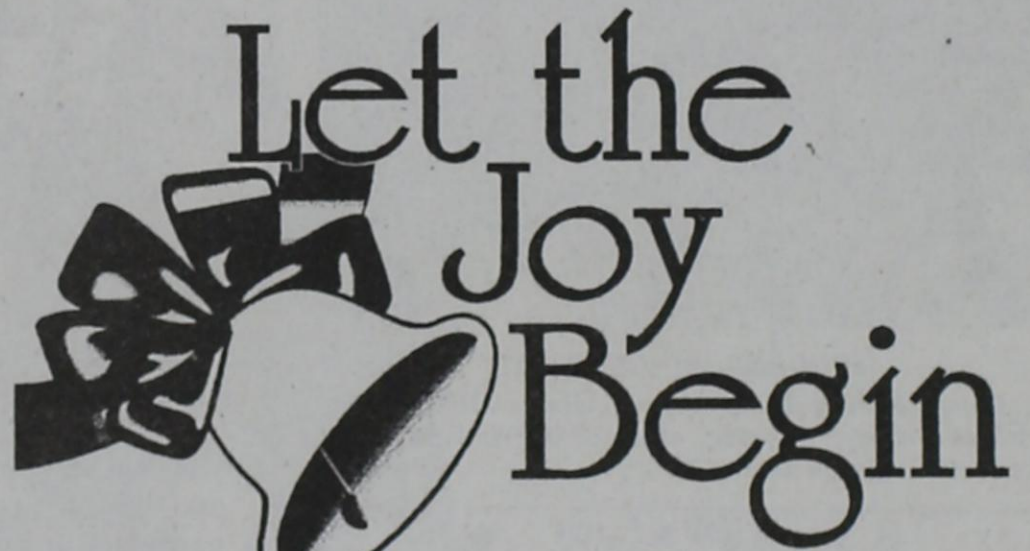
It was Christmas Day and the cows of Promised Land Farm were heading back to their stalls after a long morning of milking.

The boss stood watching the girls amble down the alley. The cows were unusual today and the aroma of sugar plums and sweet hay filled the barn. Bossy and Noel were at the head of the line and they looked at each other and grinned. The boss took off his cap and scratched his head.

From somewhere he heard a merry Christmas tune being sung:

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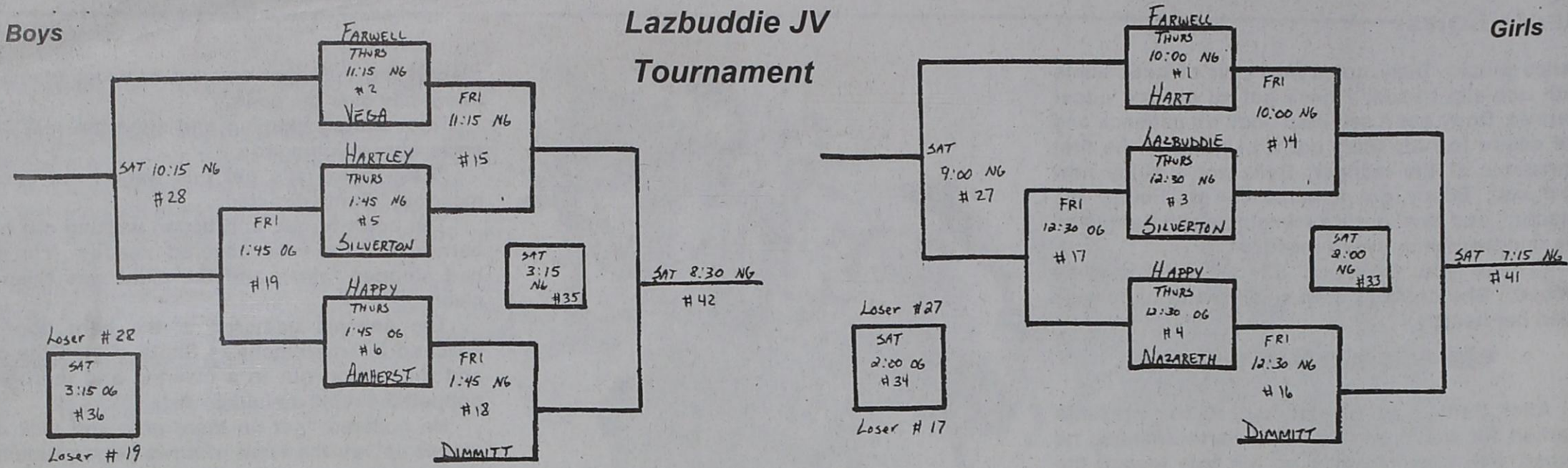
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## Parmer County jurors to report Jan. 20 to the courthouse

The following jurors are to report at 9 a.m. on Jan. 20 at the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell:

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While watching over you.  
Hearing everything you said.  
I saw what you could do. But then I knew you needed me  
You called and I was there.  
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3<sup>rd</sup> grade winners, from left: back row, Keena Diaz, Jessica Estrada, Colten Ingram, Shea Scott, Alfredo Chavira; front row, Seth Russell, Kolten Morris, Chandler Barnes. Not pictured: Matthew Olivarez.



6<sup>th</sup> grade winners, from left, Kinzi Schacher, Dylan Haney, Kyler Steinbock, Kayle Jesko, Katie Chavez.



5<sup>th</sup> grade winners, back row from left, Olivia Aguillon, Helen Harder, Colton Weaver, Lakota Goe, Tina Suderman; front row, Tori Pollard, Rodrigo Mata, Jordan Hernandez, Joseline Garcia.



8<sup>th</sup> grade winners, back row from left, Brianna Sanchez, Rochelle Smith, Robert Marrufo, Jason Davis, Joaquin Campos; front row, Mari Beliz, Brittney Schacher, Chelsee Nichols, Regina Mata, Megan McGuire.

**'I want a baby brother'**

Dear Santa,  
The 3 presents I want most are a baby brother, a red saddle blanket and another play horse. Last year, you brought me a pool table and Ice Age. My stocking will be on the bench. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies.  
Taylor Presnell



2<sup>nd</sup> grade winners, from left: Ashton Mason, Austin Mason, Haley Beasley, John Ryan Isaacson.

**Lazbuddie School UIL results given**

Here are the results of Lazbuddie School's elementary and junior high UIL competitions:

2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Ashton Mason, 2<sup>nd</sup>, creative writing; Haley Beasley, 6<sup>th</sup>, creative writing; John Isaacson, 1<sup>st</sup>, oral reading; Austin Mason, 4<sup>th</sup>, oral reading. Participants Katlyn Hicks, Allison Weaver, Luis Godinez, Cutter Glover.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Kolten Morris, 3<sup>rd</sup>, creative writing; 4<sup>th</sup>, spelling, 2<sup>nd</sup>, spelling team; Jessica Estrada, 3<sup>rd</sup>, music memory, 3<sup>rd</sup>, music memory team; Keena Diaz, 6<sup>th</sup>, music memory, 3<sup>rd</sup>, music memory team; Matthew Olivarez, 3<sup>rd</sup>, music memory team; Chandler Barnes, 1<sup>st</sup>, oral reading, 2<sup>nd</sup>, spelling team; Shea Scott, 6<sup>th</sup>, oral reading, 2<sup>nd</sup>, spelling team; Alfredo Chavira, 2<sup>nd</sup>, ready writing; Seth Russell, 5<sup>th</sup>, storytelling; Colten Ingram, 6<sup>th</sup>, storytelling. Participants Denise Sanchez, Karina Galaviz, Jared Timms.

4<sup>th</sup> grade - Jordan Mason, 3<sup>rd</sup>, art smart team; Luis Tafoya, 3<sup>rd</sup>, art smart team, 1<sup>st</sup>, music memory team; Tony Suderman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, art smart team, 6<sup>th</sup>, music memory.

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4<sup>th</sup> grade winners, back row from left: Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols, Paola Estrada, Luis Tafoya, Jordan Mason; front row, Jarrod Jesko, Emily Agee, Tony Suderman, Justin Schacher.



7<sup>th</sup> grade winners, from left, Jacob Schacher, Cassie Steinbock, Ryan Mason, Bart Guillen, Leticia Mendoza, Chase Timms.

**Texico Police Report**

Texico Police Chief John Mares reports a car burglary on Dec. 15 in the high school parking lot. A purse was stolen.

Mares announced also that his department will add more DWI checkpoints and saturation patrols during the Christmas holidays.

"Don't drive and drive," the chief reminded everyone. "And please buckle up."

**CHRISTMAS CHEER**

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December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

December 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004

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Thank you and

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from all of us to you!!

Jackie, Jana & Pat



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Juanito's will be closed Dec. 24 & 25



# Parmer County volunteer fire departments give annual reports

Reports from the Parmer County volunteer fire departments have been released. Here are the reports, from December 2002 through November 2003.

## Lazbuddie

### UIL results

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1<sup>st</sup>, music memory team; Justin Schacher, 3<sup>rd</sup>, art smart team, 4<sup>th</sup>, music memory, 1<sup>st</sup>, music memory team, 2<sup>nd</sup>, oral reading; Kylie McGehee, 3<sup>rd</sup>, art smart team; Paola Estrada, 2<sup>nd</sup>, music memory, 1<sup>st</sup>, music memory team; Todd Nichols, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator team, 1<sup>st</sup>, number sense, 1<sup>st</sup>, number sense team, 6<sup>th</sup>, oral reading, 3<sup>rd</sup>, spelling, 2<sup>nd</sup>, spelling team, 1<sup>st</sup>, dictionary team (on 5<sup>th</sup> grade team); Jarrod Jesko, 2<sup>nd</sup>, calculator, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator team, 3<sup>rd</sup>, number sense, 1<sup>st</sup>, number sense team, 4<sup>th</sup>, spelling, 2<sup>nd</sup>, spelling team, 2<sup>nd</sup>, oral reading (in 5<sup>th</sup> grade contest); Emily Agee, 3<sup>rd</sup>, calculator, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator

team, 5<sup>th</sup>, number sense, 1<sup>st</sup>, number sense team, 5<sup>th</sup>, oral reading, 6<sup>th</sup>, ready writing, 2<sup>nd</sup>, spelling team.  
5<sup>th</sup> grade - Tori Pollard, 4<sup>th</sup>, art smart team, 5<sup>th</sup>, oral reading; Helen Harder, 4<sup>th</sup>, art smart team; Tina Suderman, 4<sup>th</sup>, art smart team; Colton Weaver, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator team, 4<sup>th</sup>, dictionary, 1<sup>st</sup>, dictionary team, 6<sup>th</sup>, maps, graphs and charts, 1<sup>st</sup>, number sense, 1<sup>st</sup>, number sense team; Lakota Goe, 3<sup>rd</sup>, calculator, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator team; Joseline Garcia, 5<sup>th</sup>, calculator, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator team, 2<sup>nd</sup>, dictionary, 1<sup>st</sup>, dictionary team, 6<sup>th</sup>, spelling; Olivia Aguillon, 5<sup>th</sup>, music memory; Jordan Hernandez, 3<sup>rd</sup>, number sense, 1<sup>st</sup>, number sense team; Rodrigo Mata, 1<sup>st</sup>, number sense team. Participants Tanner Beasley, Tasha Barnes, Lacy Russell, Arthur Gomez, Jose Mireles, Helen Harder.

6<sup>th</sup> grade - Kinzi Schacher, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator team, 6<sup>th</sup>, dictionary, 1<sup>st</sup>, dictionary team; Kayle Jesko, 2<sup>nd</sup>, calculator, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator team, 1<sup>st</sup>, dictionary, 1<sup>st</sup>, dictionary team, 4<sup>th</sup>, listening, 1<sup>st</sup>, number sense, 2<sup>nd</sup>, number sense team; Kyler Steinbock, 4<sup>th</sup>, calculator, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator team; Katie Chavez, 1<sup>st</sup>, dictionary team, 2<sup>nd</sup>, number sense team; Dylan Haney, 2<sup>nd</sup>, number sense team. Participants Logan Mason, Geovanni Garcia, Monica Vera, Lydia Campos, Darin Ivy, Frankie Rodriguez, Fili Derma and Riley Smith.

7<sup>th</sup> grade - Jacob Schacher, 3<sup>rd</sup>, calculator, 2<sup>nd</sup>, calculator team, 3<sup>rd</sup>, maps graphs and charts team, 5<sup>th</sup>, math, 3<sup>rd</sup>, math team, 3<sup>rd</sup>, number sense, 1<sup>st</sup>, science team; Cassie Steinbock, 6<sup>th</sup>, calculator, 2<sup>nd</sup>, calculator team, 6<sup>th</sup>, oral reading; Ryan Mason, 2<sup>nd</sup>, calculator team, 3<sup>rd</sup>, maps, graphs and charts team, 3<sup>rd</sup>, math team, 3<sup>rd</sup>, number sense team, 4<sup>th</sup>, ready writing, 2<sup>nd</sup>, science, 1<sup>st</sup>, science team; Chase Timms, 4<sup>th</sup>, dictionary, 3<sup>rd</sup>, maps, graphs, charts team, 3<sup>rd</sup>, math team, 3<sup>rd</sup>, number sense team, 4<sup>th</sup>, oral reading, 2<sup>nd</sup>, science, 1<sup>st</sup>, science team; Bart Guillen, 6<sup>th</sup>, listening; Leticia Mendoza, 5<sup>th</sup>, modern oratory, 6<sup>th</sup>, spelling. Participants Peter Harder, Trevor Coker, Helena Suderman, Haley Sexton, Tiffany Estraca.

8<sup>th</sup> grade - Chelsea Nichols, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator team, 5<sup>th</sup>, dictionary, 3<sup>rd</sup>, dictionary team, 5<sup>th</sup>, editorial writing, 3<sup>rd</sup>, math, 2<sup>nd</sup>, math team, 2<sup>nd</sup>, modern oratory, 5<sup>th</sup>, number sense, 2<sup>nd</sup>, number sense team; Brianna Sanchez, 3<sup>rd</sup>, calculator, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator team, 3<sup>rd</sup>, maps graphs and charts team, 6<sup>th</sup>, modern oratory; Regina Mata, 5<sup>th</sup>, calculator, 1<sup>st</sup>, calculator team, 3<sup>rd</sup>, dictionary team, 5<sup>th</sup>, modern oratory; Jason Davis, 3<sup>rd</sup>, dictionary team, 6<sup>th</sup>, math, 2<sup>nd</sup>, math team, 4<sup>th</sup>, number sense, 2<sup>nd</sup>, number sense team; Megan McGuire, 3<sup>rd</sup>, impromptu, 3<sup>rd</sup>, maps, graphs and charts team; Rochelle Smith, 5<sup>th</sup>, impromptu; Mari Beliz, 3<sup>rd</sup>, listening, 2<sup>nd</sup>, listening team; Joaquin Campos, 6<sup>th</sup>, listening, 2<sup>nd</sup>, listening team; Robert Marrufo, 6<sup>th</sup>, listening, 2<sup>nd</sup>, listening team; Brittney Schacher, 5<sup>th</sup>, maps, graphs and charts; 3<sup>rd</sup>, maps, graphs and charts team; 4<sup>th</sup>, math, 2<sup>nd</sup>, math team, 6<sup>th</sup>, number sense, 2<sup>nd</sup>, number sense team. Participant George Alvarez.

January -- pickup fire; pickup owned by Matt Goe.  
February -- 4 miles south and 1 mile east of Lazbuddie; owner Skip Magby.  
March - ensilage fire at Lazbuddie Feeders (twice); one car rollover, occupant Dianne Brown; grass fire.  
April - barn fire at Lazbuddie Feeders.  
May - storage building at intersection of 145 and 1172 owned by Bill Shirley.  
June - grass fire, 1/2 mile west of Clay's Corner.  
August - grass fire at Keith Hicks farm; hay fire at Rio Blanco Dairy.  
September - corn field fire on Road V; trash fire northwest of Lazbuddie School.  
November 2003 -- cotton modules owned by Greg Gregory; trash fire on property owned by Nicky Nickels.

## Bovina

December - Accident, occupant Ralph Shelton, 3 miles west of 1731 on Road J; accident on Hwy. 2290, 3 miles west of Bovina; accident, POV on tracks, 2 miles east of Bovina.  
April - cotton seed hull fire at cotton gin on Hwy. 60, east of Bovina, owner Wayne Smith; accident on W. Hgy. 67; fire at county-owned roll off box on East Street; accident east of Hwy. 1731, north on County Road N, occupant Joe Herrera; accident at J.B. Barnett farm, CR S and 14; grass fire 3 miles east of Bovina on railroad right of way; grass fire at 2013 and 1731, state right of way.  
May - grass fire, railroad right of way, 4 miles west on Hwy. 60 (three times); grass fire 1 mile east on Hwy. 60, on BNSF property; electrical wire fire, Hwy. 86, 1 mile east, owned by Xcel Energy and Classic Cable; wheat field fire owned by Schilling's, 2 miles east of Farwell on Hwy. 60; and grass fire 1 mile east of 1731 on 3333.  
June - accident, 1 mile east of Bovina on Hwy. 86.  
July - accident, 3 miles south on 1731; accident involving two semi's, Hwy. 86 and 214; grass fires and hot spots, Hwy. 86 and 214.  
August - gas leak, Charles Oil, 1/2 mile north on 1731.  
September - accident, semi and vehicle, Hwy. 86 and 214.  
October - accident, vehicle and pumpkin trailer, owned by Pleasant Hill Vegetables, 3 miles west on 2290.  
November - grass fire, Hwy. 1731 and 3333.

## Farwell

January - fence and grass fire, CR 1; grass fire on Hwy. 70, 1/2 mile east of Farwell  
February - grass fire, Hwy. 60, 3 miles east of town.  
March - grass weeds burning toward house, Hwy. 1731 and CR X; gass fire near DeBruce Ag Service, FM 145.  
May - grass trash pit, CR EE, east 1731, then 4/1 mile north; dairy pens on fire (manure), South Slope Dairy.  
June - weather watch, storm from north bringing hail and high wind; barn hay fire, Oppliger's, south of Farwell Texas side.  
July - van fuel spill, 1 mile west Lariat U.S. 84.  
August - single pickup rollover, Hwy. 70/84 exit at FM 145; farm tractor pickup wreck, Hwy. 70/84 FM 1731 south; house/trees/grass east Lariat south side Hwy.

70/84.

September - crop duster airplane crash, FM 145 and CR 4; burning material in dumpster, city landfill.  
November - burr pile at West Camp Gin; grass fire on Hwy. 84 East.

## Rhea-Hollene

December - controlled burn of weeds, owner Floyd Schlenker, 1 mile west of FM 2013 on CR F.  
January - controlled burn of weeds, owner Floyd Schlenker, 1 1/2 mile west of FM 2013 on CR F.  
May - controlled burn of gass and weeds, owner Crest Agro Farms, 1/2 mile east of state line and north of NM 19; controlled burn of grass and weeds, owner Osborn Farms, 3/4 mile east of state line and north of NM 19.  
June - weather spotting, Rhea community (twice); and grass fire - downed electrical line, owner Jerry McCloud, 7 miles west on NM 19 and north on CR F to CR 34.  
August - grass fire, stand by to Broadview, between Rhea and Broadview.  
October - controlled burn, owner Gene Schueler, 1/2 mile north of FM 2013 on CR 4.

## Friona

December - dumpster fire, 9<sup>th</sup> and Jackson; accident 2 miles west on U.S. 60; accident, 1 1/2 miles west on U.S. 60; accident, 2 miles west on U.S. 60; grass fire, 214 and CR 15; car fire, 1 miles south on 214; house fire, owner Jim Roy Daniels, CR T and 28; house fire (trash inside), owned by Esther Barber, 913 Washington.  
January - grass fire, owner Floyd Reeve, US 86 and CR 23; burr fire at co-op gin.  
February - dumpster fire, 1500 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St.; diesel spill, owner Kendrick Oil Co., Hwy. 60 and Virginia; wash down, 2397 and 3140.  
March - grass fire, owner Rushing Bro., 3 miles north on 214, 1 W, 1N; grass fire, owner Dennis Anthony, 6 miles north on 214, 1 mile north on 2298; burr fire, co-op gin, 5 miles south on 214; grass fire and utility pole, CR 21 and 2397; accident, 12 miles east on U.S. 60; grass and pole fire, 600 Virginia; dumpster fire, CR I and 214 (twice).  
April - house fire, owner Rosa Castillo, 505 Main St.; grass fire, Dollar General store, 1401 Hwy. 60 West; electrical fire (light plant), owner City of Friona; barn fire,

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## The Fillpot Report

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12-18-03

**LIVE CATTLE:** Prices closed higher today ahead of the USDA Cattle on Feed Report. Basically, the report turned out "Friendly." All trends are still pointing lower, but the \$87 level basis the February contract was strong support and county stop the decline over the short term? The market may still be 3-4 weeks from a major low, but a major low is due at anytime now based on seasonals.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** Although all trends are still pointing lower, major support at \$93 basis the January contract held strong this week. The USDA Cattle on Feed Report should provide some support, but there may be little activity to give the market any direction until the New Year? Cash trade remains strong, which should help to close the gap between the January contract and the Index.

**CORN:** Prices have stalled between the \$2.45-2.55 basis the March contract. The market is "overbought" at current levels and the seasonal tendency is down into the first week of January. Rumors are that China cancelled 300,000 MT of corn due to leave the U.S. by year end, but most analysts believe that they will be back in the market early next year.

**SOYBEANS:** Demand for beans have held up well over the last few weeks even though prices have halted their advance. The seasonal tendency is for prices to move gradually lower into late February (South American harvest) and then move up into late Spring. This market has remained strong in the face of higher world production estimates. Support lies below at \$7.30 basis January.

**WHEAT:** Although prices made it back above \$4.00, prices failed to hit our long term target between \$4.2-4.25 basis the March contract. The 15-year seasonal tendency begins to turn down hard this week. Short term trends are up, but if prices turn back lower while in this range, odds favor a major top in the market? Most of the poor growing conditions are factored into prices.

**COTTON:** After trading in a tight range over the last few weeks, prices were able to turn short term trends back higher today. The 74 cent level basis the March contract may be a difficult level to cross. China temporarily closed some of their mills, but are expected to get back up and going between late January/early February. A move back below 67 cents would project back to lows made on the December 03 contract at 61.50.

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Joy fill your hearts this Yuletide and in the days to follow!



**The Latest**

Correction from Mike Pomper:

In last week's Border Banter, I cited some of the Texico/Farwell basketball players for their hard work.

I got a couple of numbers mixed up, I think, and wanted to set the record straight:

I should have pointed out that Brette Hadley, of the Texico Lady Wolverines, did an outstanding job playing both ways -- scoring well while playing hard-nosed defense against the opposing Happy center.

The Farwell varsity basketball teams will vie

**Wolverines plaster Logan**

**Varsity Girls**

The Texico Lady Wolverines bombed Logan, 57-27.

Scoring were Lauren Boazman, 9; Mindi Roberts, 10; Amber Parmer, 2; Erika Autrey, 3; Jazz Walls, 10; Brette Hadley, 11; Sissy Loper, 12.

**Varsity Boys**

The Texico Wolverines are 7-1 after plastering Logan, 74-37, on Friday.

Scoring were Joe Zaikowski, 13; Curtis Williams, 1; Braden Vaughan, 8; Johnny Rivera, 17; Mark Peabody, 2; Garrett Mayfield, 6; Logan Brown, 18; Bryce Bailey, 6; Chance Bradley, 3. Brown had four 3-pointers.

**JV Girls**

Texico's JV Girls beat up on Logan, 51-18.

Scoring were Lori Richardson, 5; Sarah Johnson, 6; Lacy Price, 14; Brittany Anderson, 12; Zandi Queener, 11; Skyla Cockerham, 6; and Erika Autrey, Leslie Vannatta, Krystal Williams, 2 each.

**Nichols leads Lady 'Horns past Hart**

**Varsity Girls**

The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns beat Hart, 52-37, on Friday.

Scoring were Shawn-dee Nichols, 18; Shonnah Black, 12; Katy Loudder, 8; Kayla Parham, 8; Kyra Kimbrough, 4; and Susie Juarez, 2.

**Varsity Boys**

The Lazbuddie Longhorns fell to Hart, 60-44, on Friday.

Scoring were Cory Puckett, 12; Robby Martin, 11; Sergio Cuevas, 8; Jose Beliz, 4, and Jesse Gomez, 6.

in the Littlefield Wildcat Classic Dec. 29-31.

The Steers open on Dec. 29 at 11 a.m. in the old gym against Abernathy.

If the Steers win, they play that night in the old gym at 9:30 p.m. against the winner of the Olton-Denver City game.

If the Steers lose their opener, they play the loser of the Olton-Denver City game at 11 a.m. in the old gym on Dec. 30.

The Lady Blue open at 12:30 p.m. in the old gym on Dec. 29 against River Road.

If Farwell wins, they play at 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 29 in the new gym against the winner of the Olton-Denver City game.

If Farwell loses its opener, they play the loser of the Olton-Denver City game on Dec. 30 at 9:30 a.m. in the old gym.

Nathan Haile, the former Friona High star football player, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Haile, was a walk-on at Texas A&M University this season.

You have to qualify to "walk on." This allows you to be on the practice squad. But only a certain number actually suit up for the games.

Nathan suited up for four of the six home

games, including the first one before school began. He was the only "walk on" to achieve that.

If he is invited to the two-a-days after spring ball, then he will strongly pursue football.

But if not, he will concentrate on his studies. He is in pre-med.

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If all works out, the weekday hours will be expanded later.

The Texico-Ft. Sumner basketball games were moved from Dec. 18 to Jan. 13, announced high school principal Buddy Little.

The Farwell ambulance received four calls from the Farwell Convalescent Center this week, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> (two).

Parmer County Republican county chairman John Armstrong reports he has received word from the state GOP that the primary and runoff elections will be fully funded.

Apparently, there has been a question the GOP would have the money for its primary elections in Texas.

**Myers scores 26 as Farwell makes Happy sad**

**Varsity Girls**

The Farwell Lady Blue fell to Happy, a state-rated team, 60-47, on Friday.

Scoring were Khallie Foster, 7; Tara Schilling, 2; Chelsea Meyer, 13; Britton Barrett, 3; Hailey Grimes, 14; Kyra Christian, 7; and Micah Christian, 1.

**"Grey" Girls**

The Farwell Lady Blue "Grey" girls beat Faith Temple, 57-17.

Scoring were Melissa Howard, 11; Cindy Quezada, 8; Brenda Cano, 5; Trish Robertson, 16; Hayley Fowler, 11; and Jourdan Kirkland, 6.

**Varsity Boys**

The Farwell Steers ran their record to 9-3 with an easy 70-26 win over Happy at home Friday.

Scoring were Jason Johnson, 4; Grant Gregory, 15; Tate Nichols, 3; Jeremie Chandler, 6; Cale Stevenson, 7; Daniel Kaltwasser, 3; Jose Cabello, 6; and Tyler Myers, 26.

**JV Boys**

Farwell's JV Boys smashed Happy, 57-21, on Friday at home.

The scorebook was unavailable but coach Jacob Thompson said the scoring leaders were Zac Bickel, Carlos Saenz and Fabian Reyes.

Best wishes for a safe and Happy Holiday! From the Management and Staff of McDonald's in Muleshoe & Hereford!

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## Races now scheduled for Farwell, Friona area commissioner posts

There will be two interesting races in the Parmer County elections next year.

The races involve the county commissioner posts, for the Farwell and Friona areas.

County GOP Chairman John Armstrong said Ronald Byrd will run as a Republican for the Farwell area county commissioner position.

Incumbent Ed Corn, a Democrat, has announced he will seek re-election.

Four years ago, Corn and Byrd went head to head in the Democrat primary, with Corn winning by five votes.

In the Friona area county commissioner's race, Armstrong said Johnny Mars has filed as a Republican.

This means that Mars, Johnny Tannahill and incumbent Kirk Frye will face off for the post.

Mars served as the Friona area county commissioner from 1992 to 1996, before being defeated by Tannahill, who served in the post from 1996 to 2000.

Four years ago, Frye defeated Tannahill by 28 votes.

Also filing on the GOP ticket for re-election was county attorney Charles Aycock.

On the Democrat side, county chairman Robert White said only Bobbie Pierson has filed so far, for re-election as county tax assessor-collector.

Also having announced for re-election are:

-- Johnny Actkinson, Democrat, district attorney.

-- Randy Geries, Republican, county sheriff.

The filing deadline is Jan. 2.

## Election precincts combined for special election

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday agreed to consolidate election precincts for the Jan. 20 special election for the state senate post being vacated by Teel Bivins.

Bivins has been appointed U.S. ambassador to Sweden.

The five polling places will be:

-- Calvary Baptist Church, Friona.

-- Farwell Community Center.

-- Lazbuddie School.

-- EMS building, Bovina.

-- Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church.

In other business, the commissioners:

-- Heard the progress report on the new county law enforcement center from Sheriff Randy Geries.

The new center likely will open around March.

-- Talked with Pam Haseloff, Justice of the Peace for Pct. 3, about moving her office to the first floor.

It's likely that the county treasurer's office will move into the current sheriff's office when the new law enforcement center opens.

So Mrs. Haseloff may be able to use the current county treasurer's office. Right now, the JP office is on the second floor of the courthouse and is much smaller than the first floor offices.

No actions were taken by the commissioners.

-- Approved the rural fire reports (published elsewhere in today's Tribune).

### The Latest

The Parmer County Retired Teachers Association will meet on Jan. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Friona State Bank.

The Parmer County Court trial for Friona Police Lt. Jerry Morris, who has been charged with assault, has been postponed from Jan. 20 to a later date, probably in February.

The official cost of the proposed Ute pipeline project has been raised by \$52 million to \$296 million.

The group hopes Congress will pay for 80 percent of the project.

The Amarillo newspaper's Class 1-A Super Football Team included two of our players:

-- Bryce Bailey, Texico, offensive lineman.

-- Grant Gregory, Farwell, defensive lineman.

The newspaper also picked Sunray, which beat Farwell in the playoffs, as the area's best Class 1A team, beating out Texico.

### 'Ho, ho, ho'

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Mckenna Ford

## 1903 -- 2003 Texico Cemetery's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Texico Cemetery Board would like to thank all who have helped us this past year in the improvements at the Cemetery

- Tedson Trailers, Inc., for designing and making the sign for the Cemetery as well as the individual markers and the bench.
- Vane Doshier for repairing the well in the old cemetery.
- Don Roberts for removing the dirt piles.
- The State Line Tribune for their coverage of our projects.
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- To all who have paid their cemetery dues and made additional donations.

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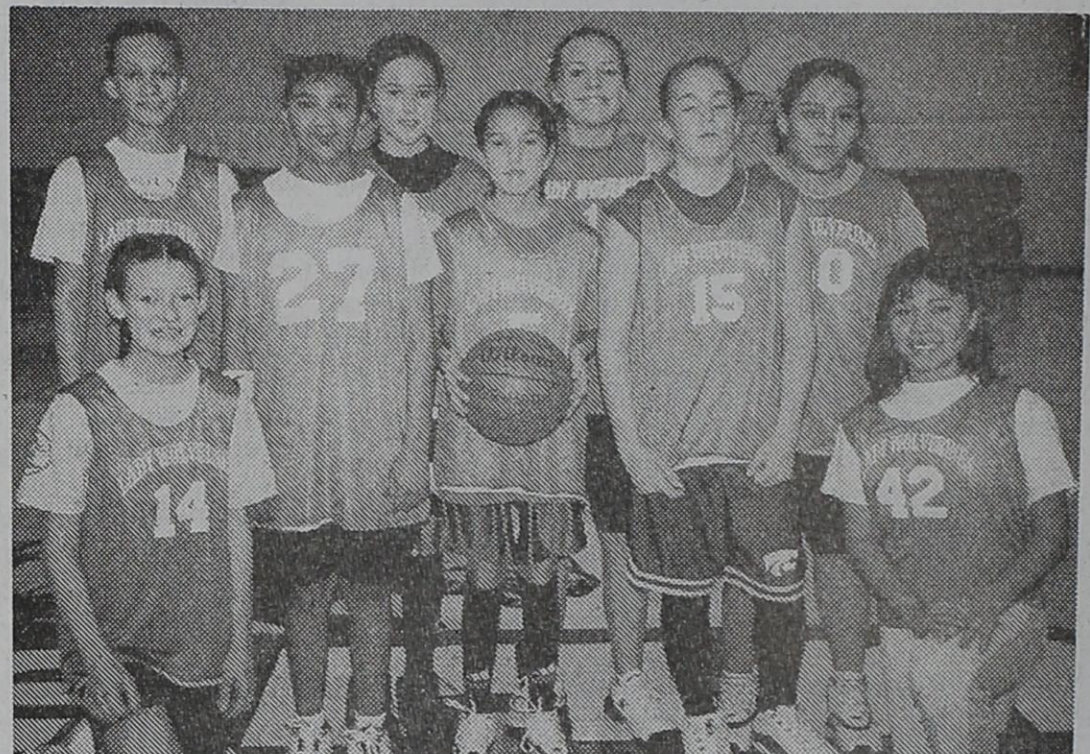
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Farwell Varsity Girls

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Texico 7<sup>th</sup> Girls

In back from left are Jaryse Harris, Laiken Crist, Braeden Hadley, Laura Maldonado; middle row, Markita Askeu, Jerrica Reid, Amanda Bass; front row, Shelly Queener, Annette Monnarez. Not pictured is Carla Gayton.

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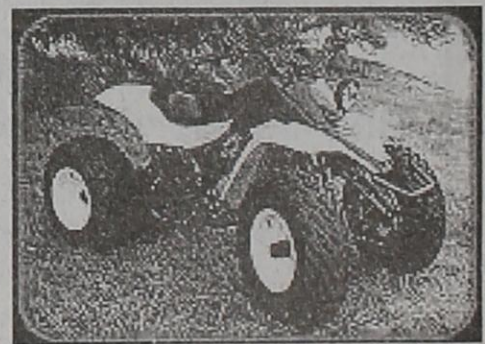
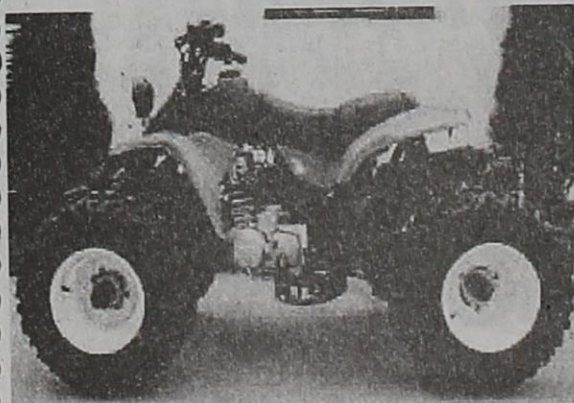


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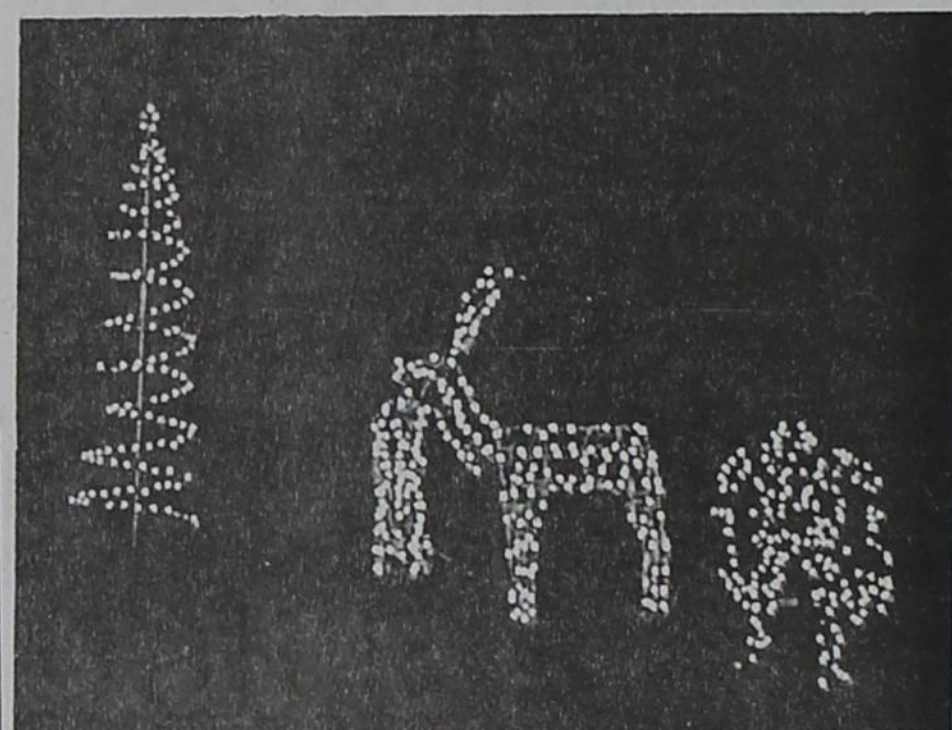
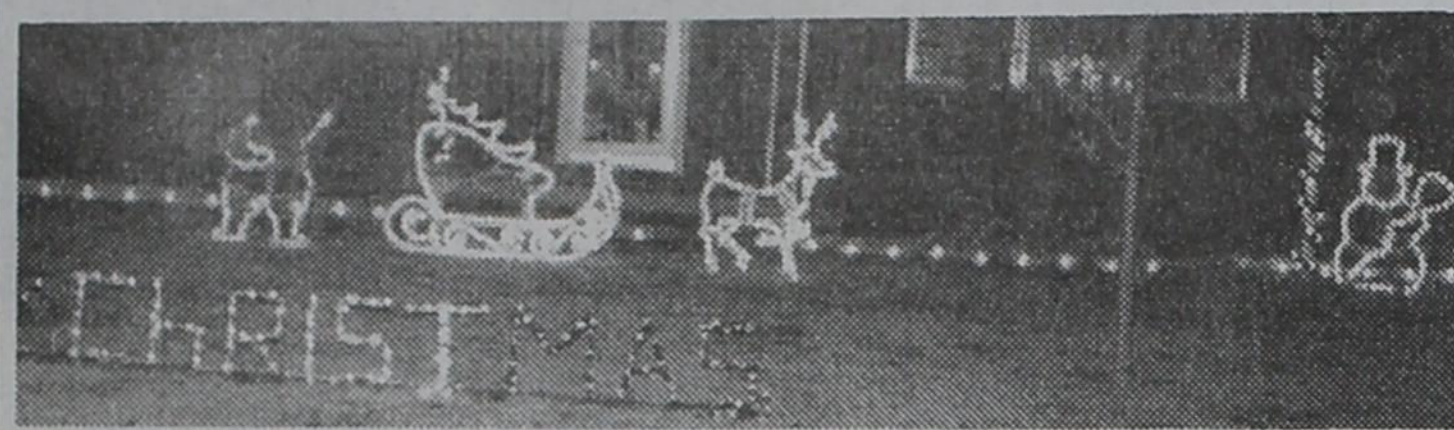
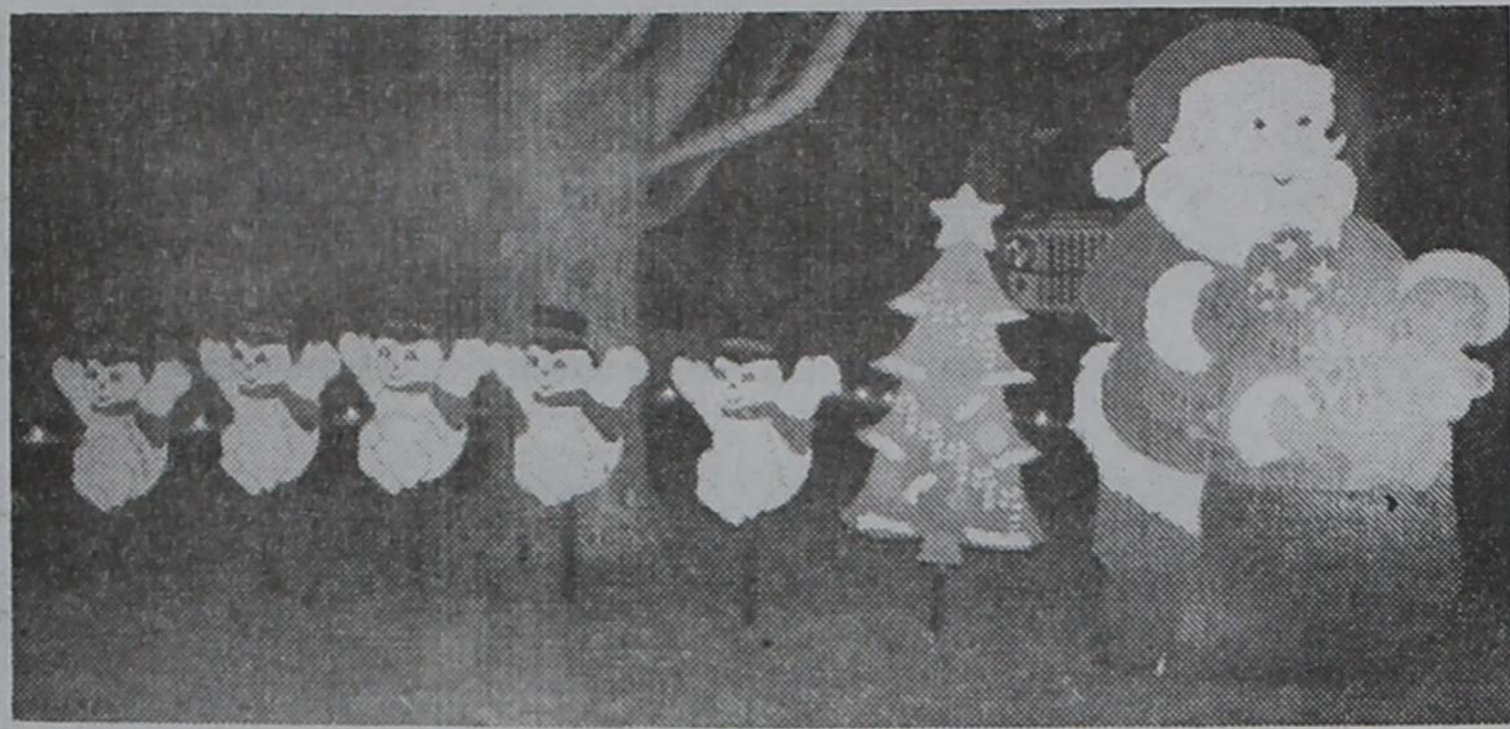
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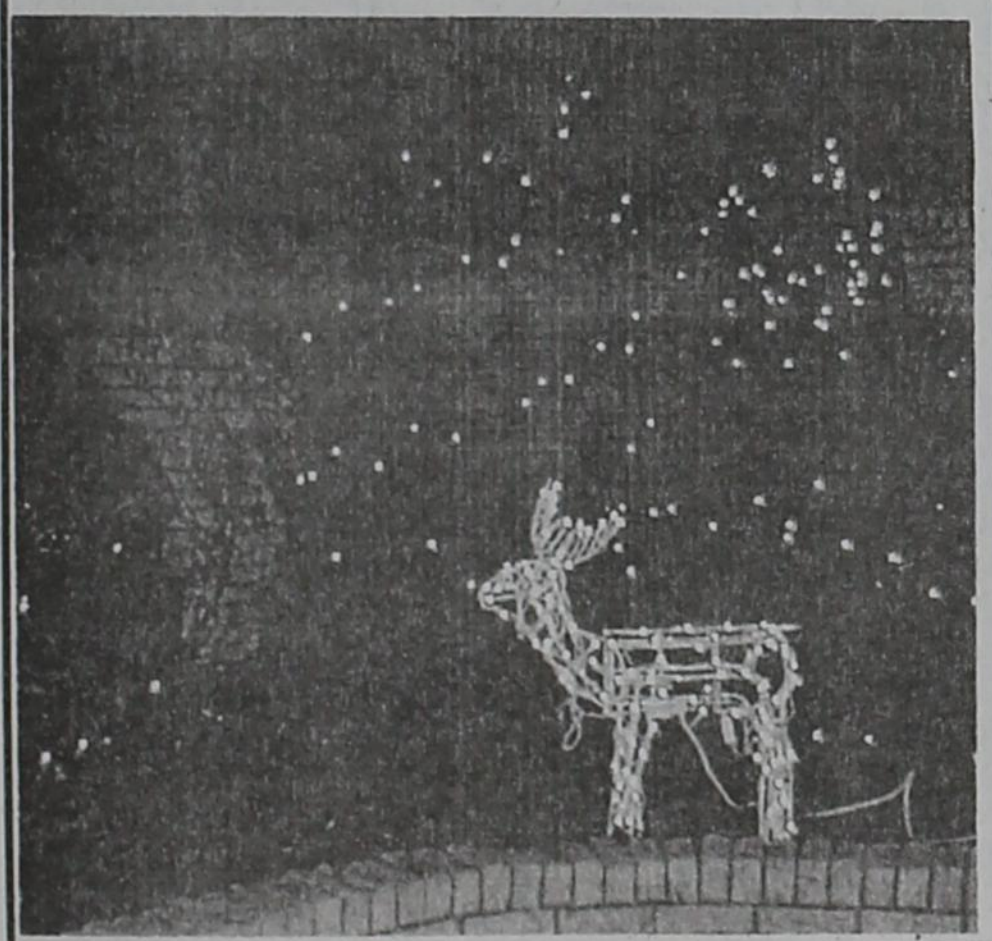
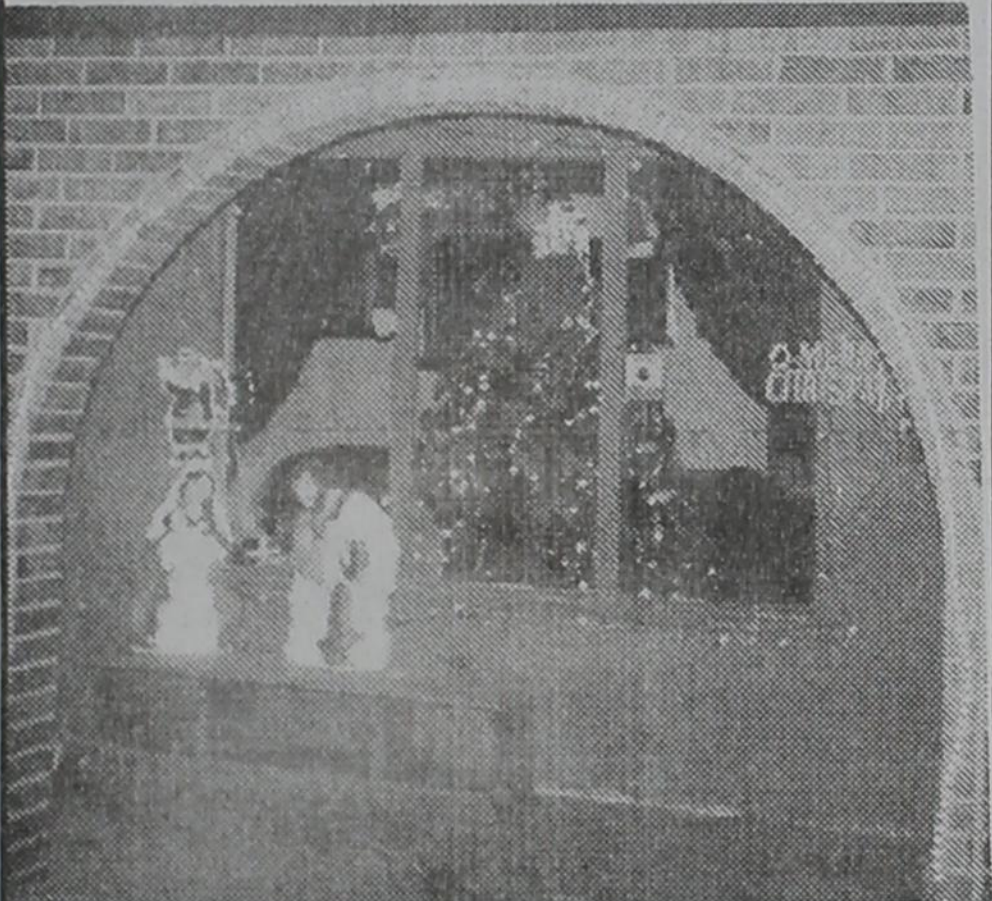
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The Twin Cities really light up at this time of year. These photos were taken at various locations in Texico and Farwell. The Christmas decorations are something to behold!



### Holiday sparkles

### Two turbines added to Texico wind ranch

Cielo Wind Power has added a pair of 660-kilowatt wind turbines to the Texico wind ranch, along the state line a couple of miles south of Texico.

foré the turbines were installed.

This triples the output of the first commercial-scale wind generation facility in New Mexico, said Xcel Energy officials.

Xcel Energy buys all the power from the Texico facility for resale to New Mexico customers.

Those opting to use it pay a small premium for electric service to help "sponsor" generation of electricity from wind, said officials.

The two new turbines will generate 132 megawatts of electricity, enough for the average annual electricity needs of about 450 homes.

Each generator will be driven by three blades, each about 75 feet long.

The 2 turbines are the same efficient design as the original turbine installed at Texico in 1999, said officials.

The facility is located in a fallow corner of circle-irrigated farmland. The power lines delivering wind energy to Xcel Energy are buried underground so tractors can till the land as they did be-



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### Fire reports

(Continued from Page 6)

owner William Gromowsky, 1/2 mile east of CR L and 20; house fire, owner James Pope, 404 Beach; accident, 7 miles east on U.S. 60.

May - truck fire, owner Wells Bro., U.S. 60 and CR 21.  
June - structure fire, 8 miles east U.S. 60; accident, U.S. 60 E (Cattletown); grass/house fire, owner Cassey Dunn, 506 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St.; accident, 7 miles east on Hwy. 60; grass fire, CR Q and 21.

July - accident, 2298 and CR A; accident, Hwy. 60 East at road side park; grass fire, 3 miles west on U.S. 60; hay fire, a Dimmitt trucking company, 86 and 214.

August - false alarm, smoke smelled at Friona police; grass fire, owner O. Bennett, CR G and 214; accident, 6 miles east on U.S. 60; hay fire, Hi Plains Dairy, CR 24 and U.S. 86; accident, 9 miles east on U.S. 60; accident, CR 17 and railroad crossing.

September - accident, 14<sup>th</sup> and Columbia; accident, owner Rushing Bro. 214N, CR F, 1.5 mile west; grass fire, owner Ray Duke, 4.2 miles west on U.S. 60; grass fire in bar ditch, Hwy. 2013, between CR's 9 and 10; accident with gas pump, Allsup's Convenience Store (east Allsup's); accident, owner state of Texas, Hub intersection; smoke scare, Heritage Estates.

October - accident, 5.2 miles west on U.S. 60; house fire, owner Bobby McDonald, 3 miles east on 2397, 1/2 miles south on CR 20; accident, 15<sup>th</sup> and James.

November - house fire, owner Balli, 1.2 mile south 214, .2 mile west on 2297; smoke at Allsup's store (east Allsup's); mutual aid rescue, AGP grain elevator in Farwell; smoke, Kendrick Oil's Fast Stop; and fire at Excel, west on U.S. 60.

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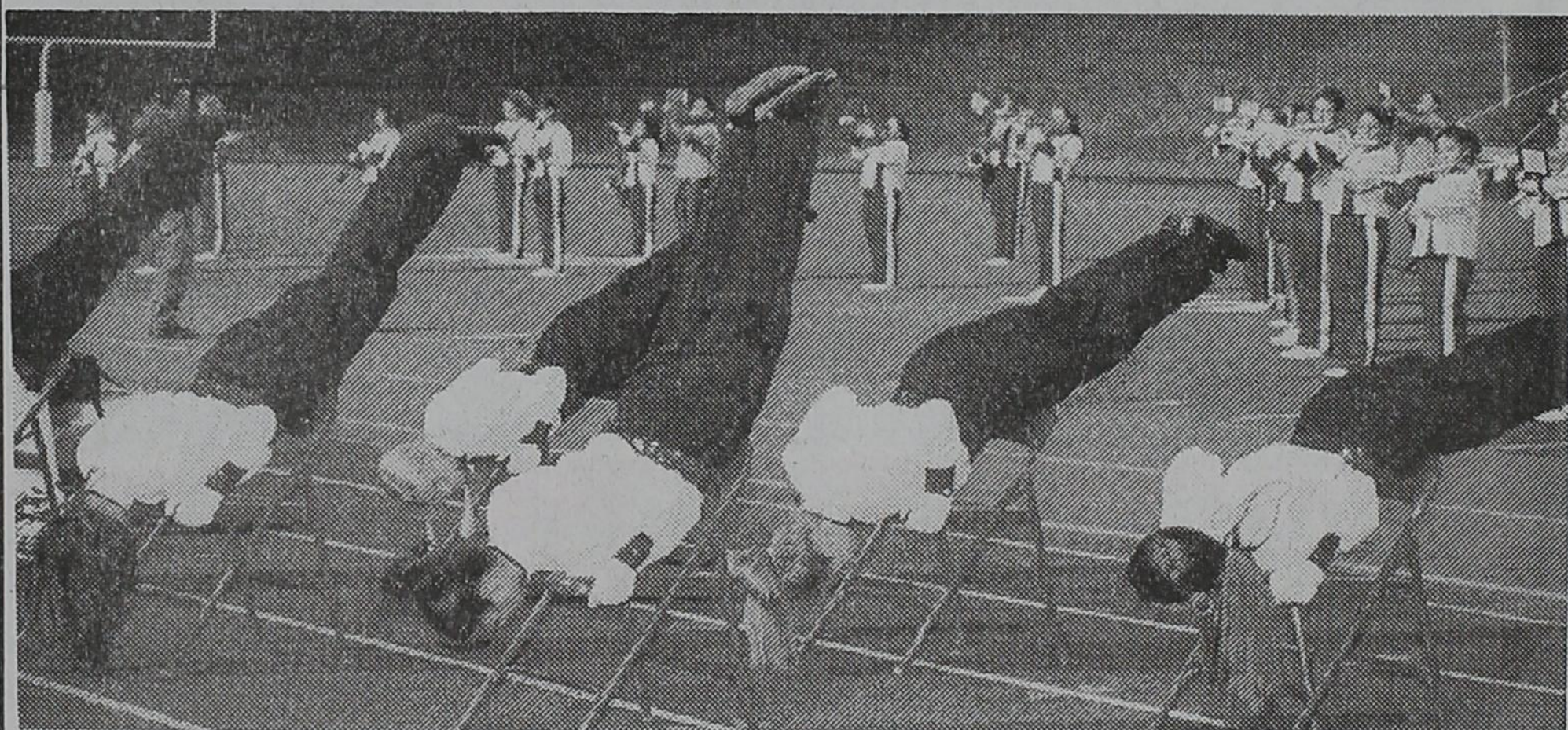
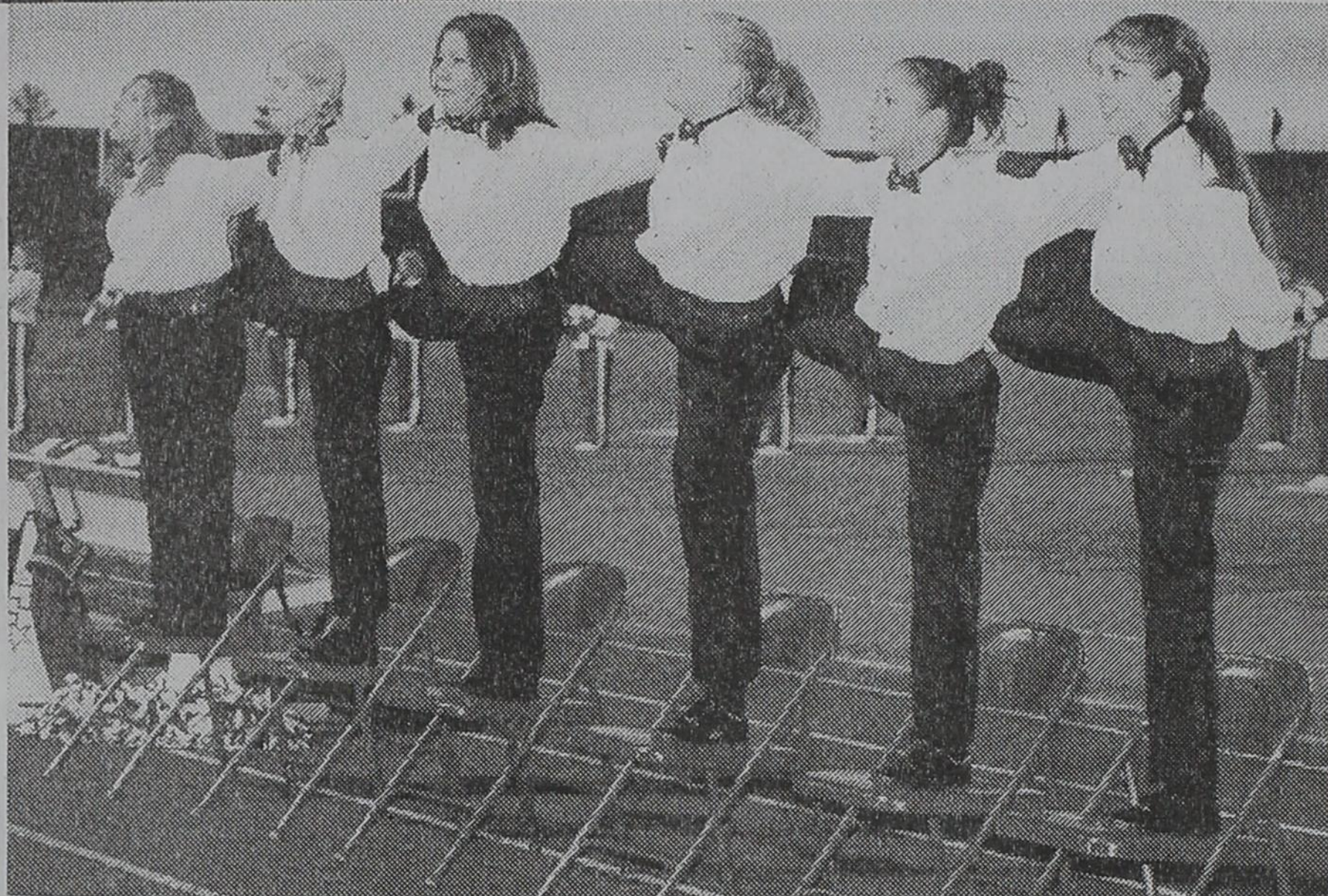


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## Flag Corps

The Farwell flag corps performs routines during halftime of one of the Farwell Steers football games. Members are Sandra Saenz, Beatrice Garcia, Kary Mathys, Breana Meza, Kristi Fuller and Selene Delgado (Photos by J.R. Ivins)



### Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries:

On Dec. 21, James Castillo, 19, of Texico, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on charges of DWI, pending in county court, and possession of a controlled substance, pending before the grand jury.

On Dec. 20, Israel Carrillo, 29, of Dallas, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on charges of driving with a suspended license, pending in county court; DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> or more, pending before the grand jury, and four warrants out of Dallas County.

On Dec. 20, Ricardo

Ornelias, 18, of Portales, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. Case pending in county court.

On Dec. 19, Roy Valdez, 34, of Clovis, was arrested by the sheriff's office on charges of DWI 2<sup>nd</sup>, pending in county court, and possession of a controlled substance, pending before the grand

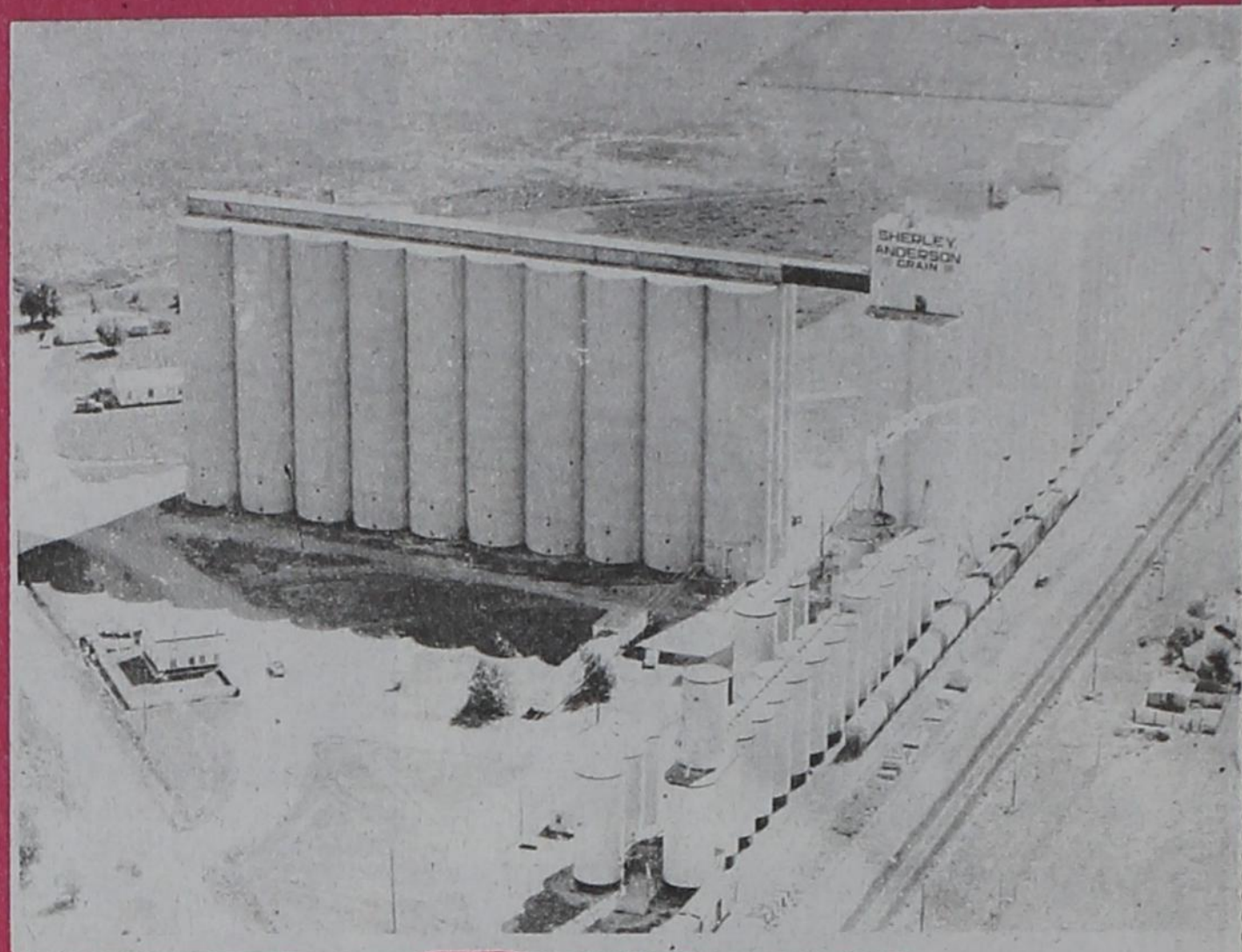
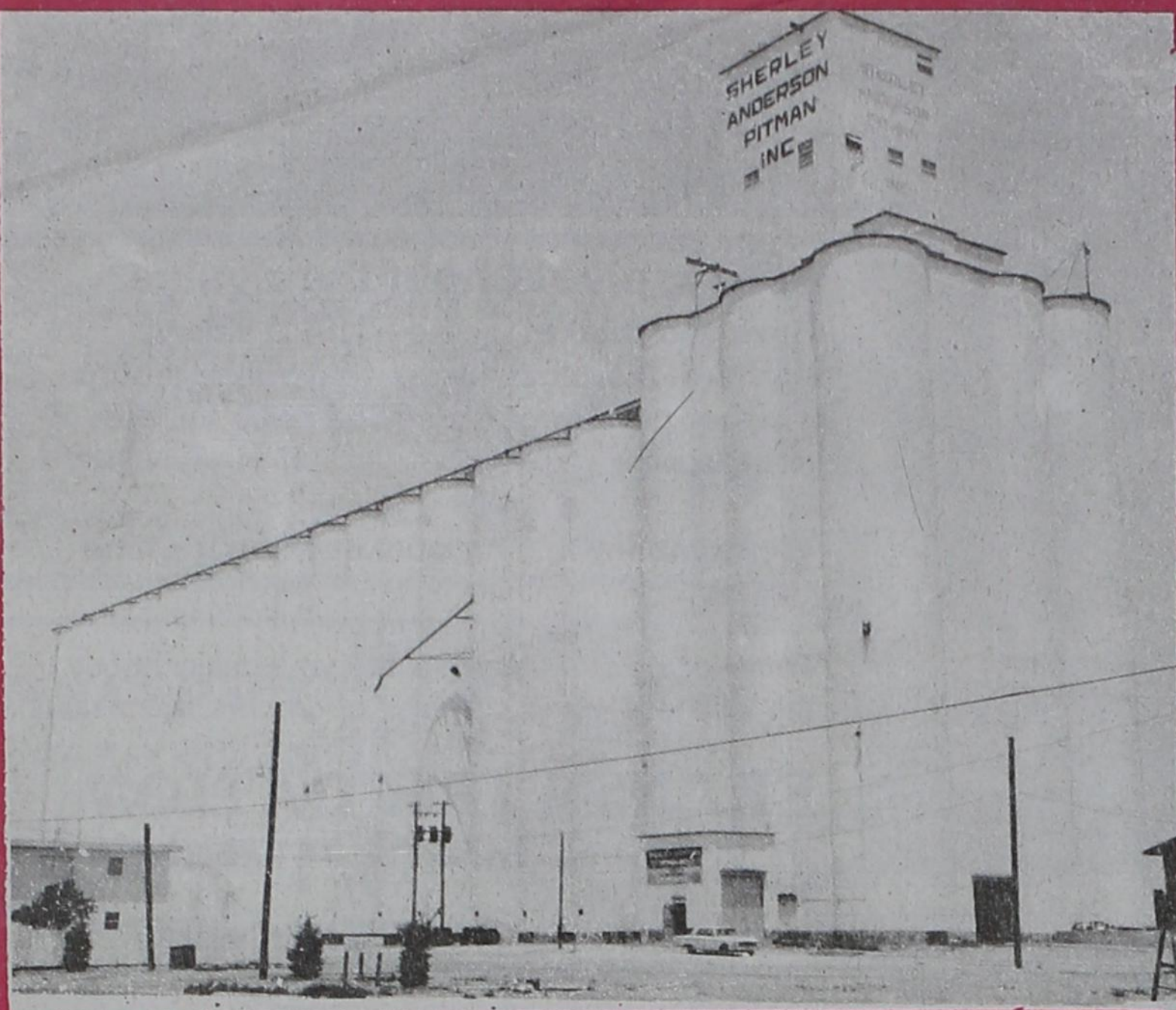
jury. On Dec. 19, Joe Garcia, 43, of Clovis, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

### Fire Calls

Farwell firemen were called to a grass fire along Highway 60 on Friday.



# Merry Christmas



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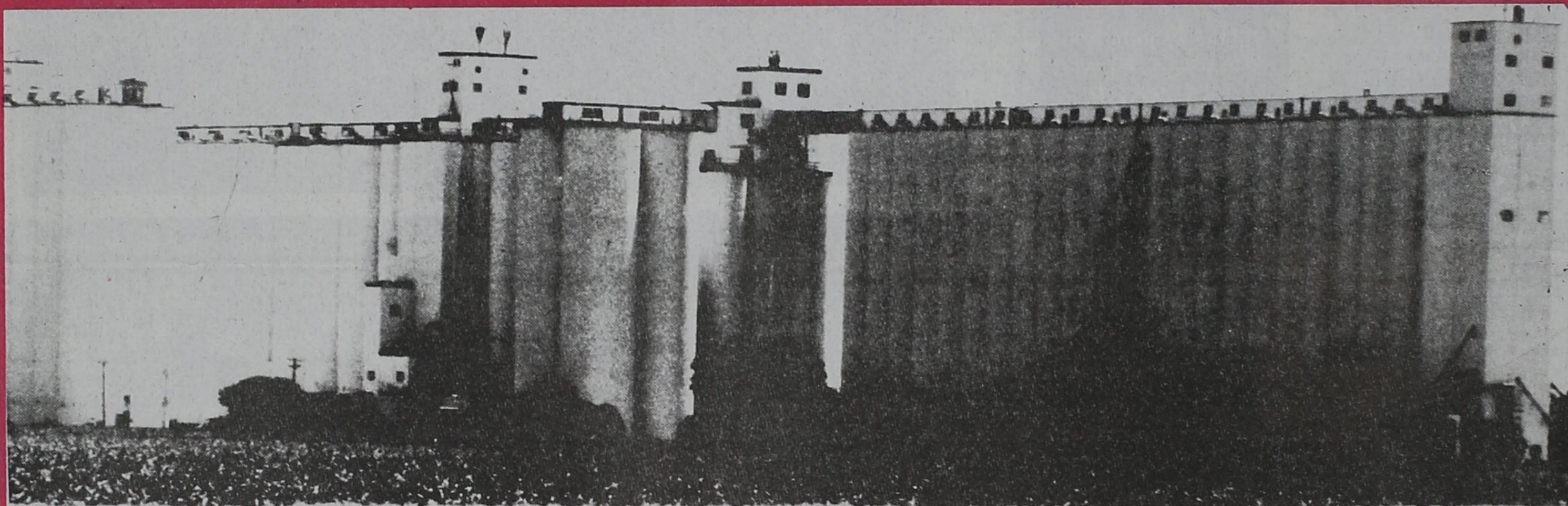
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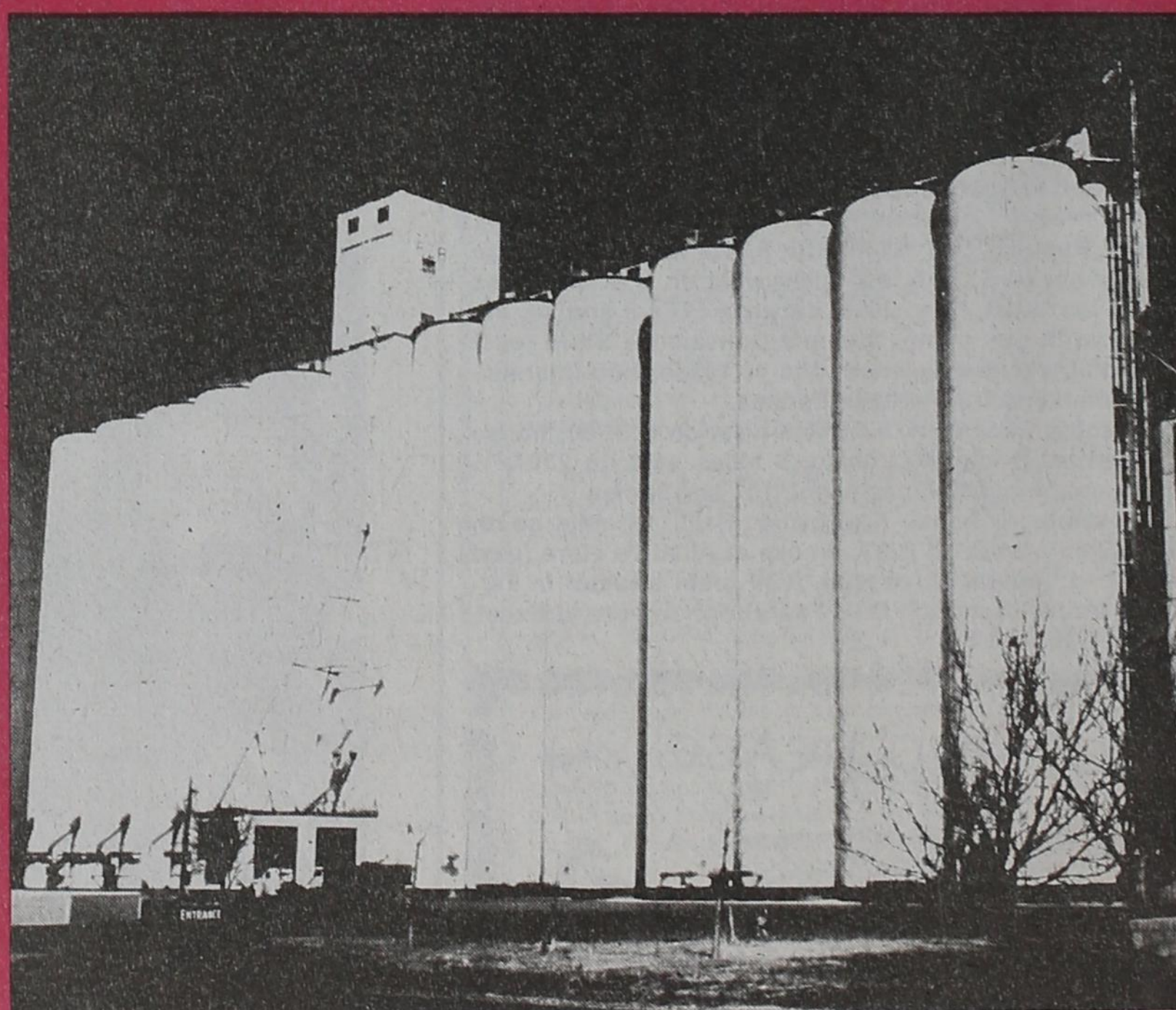
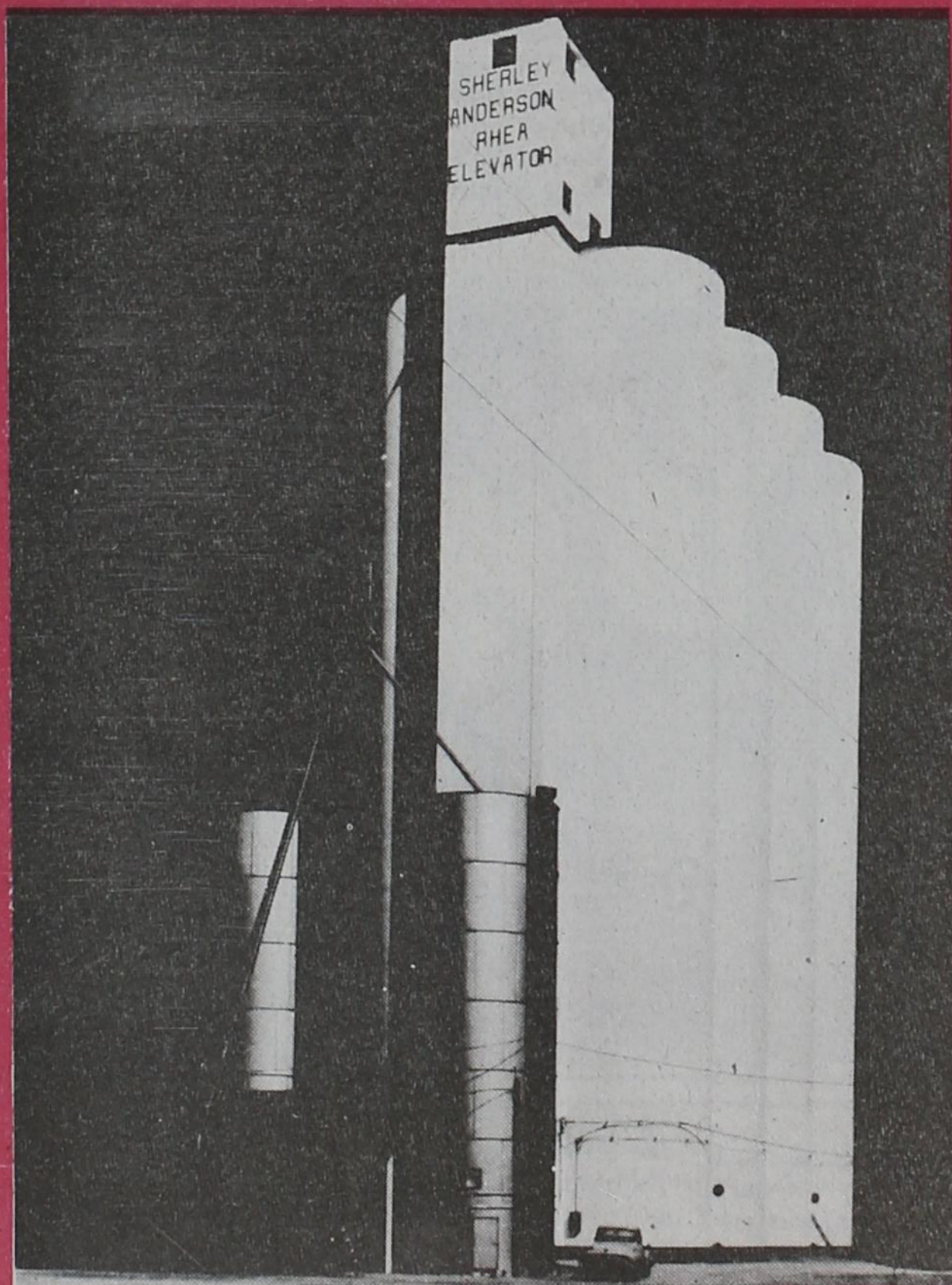


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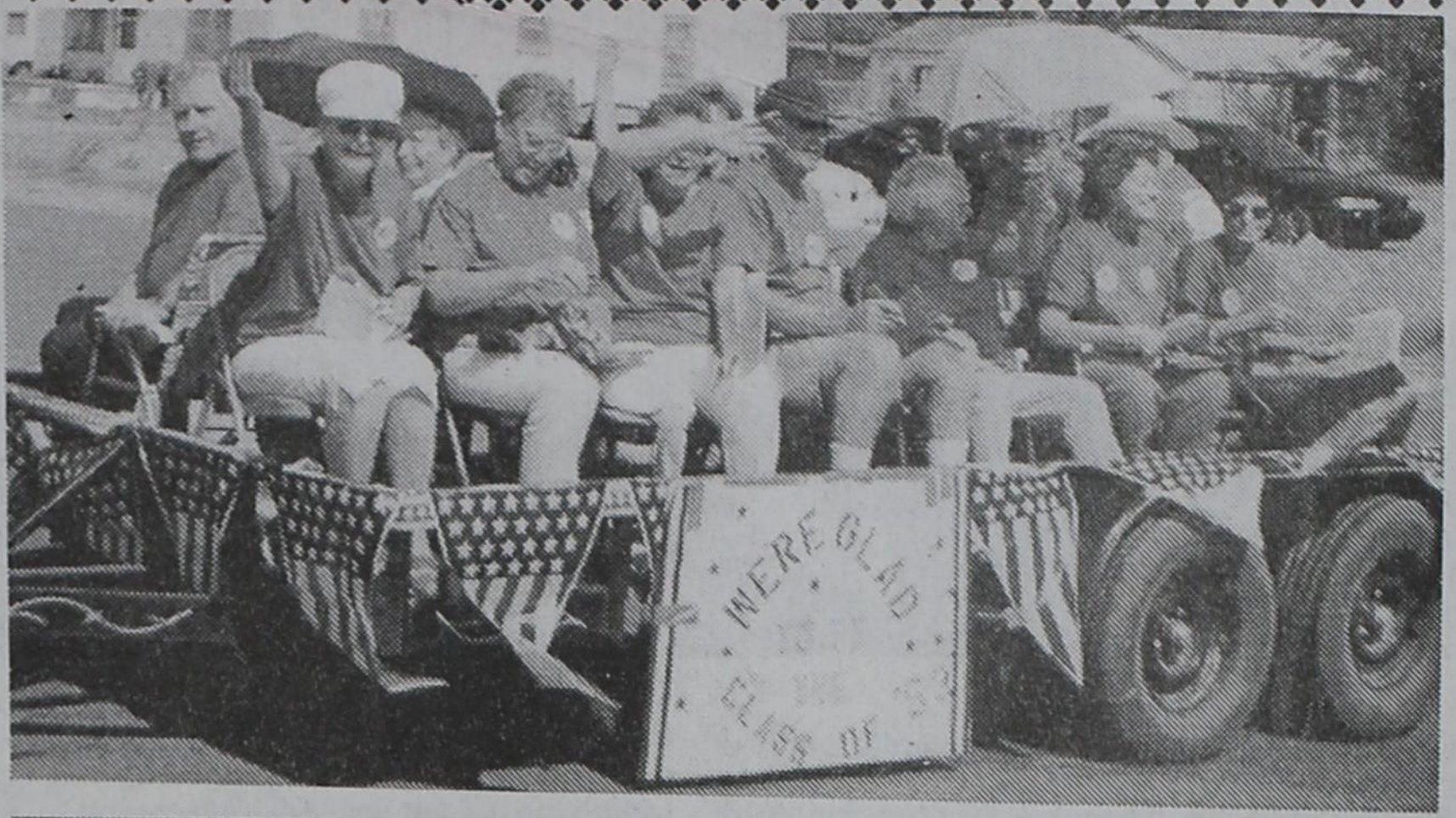
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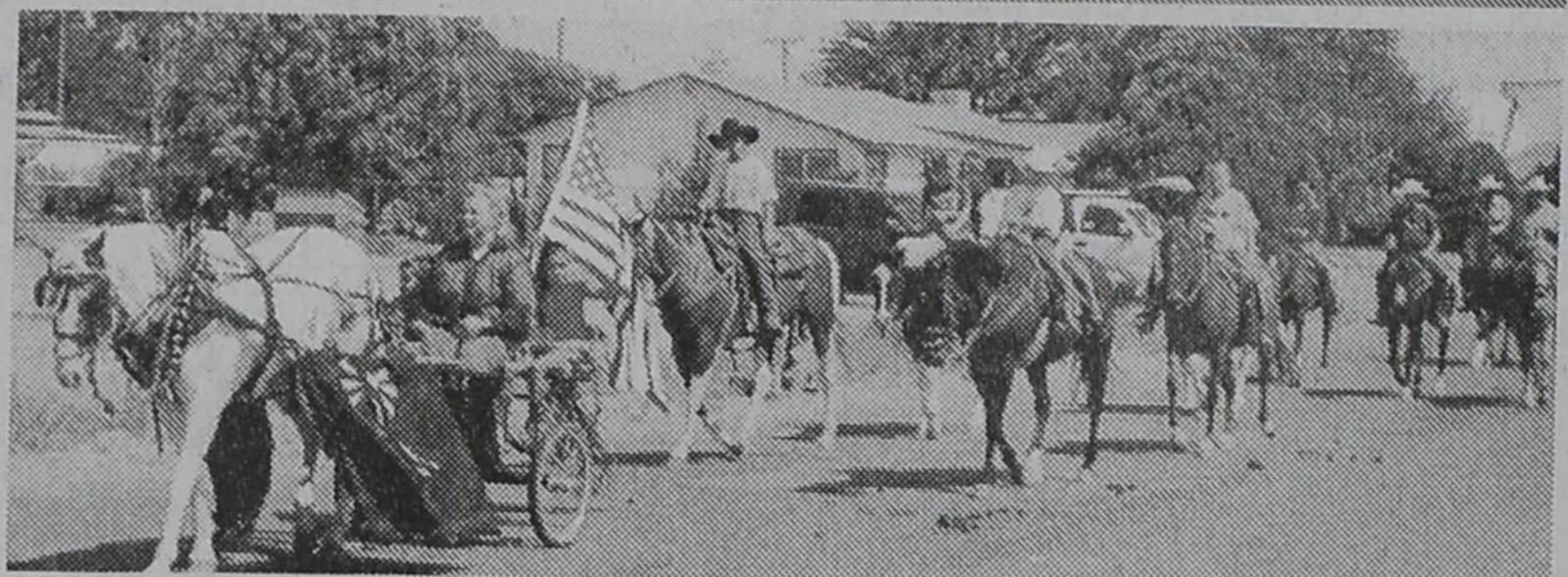
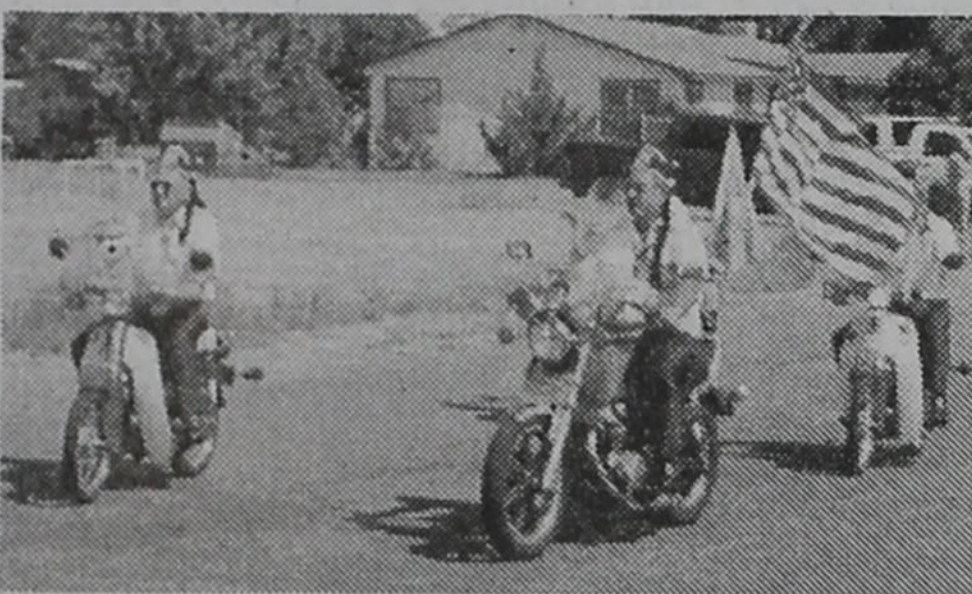
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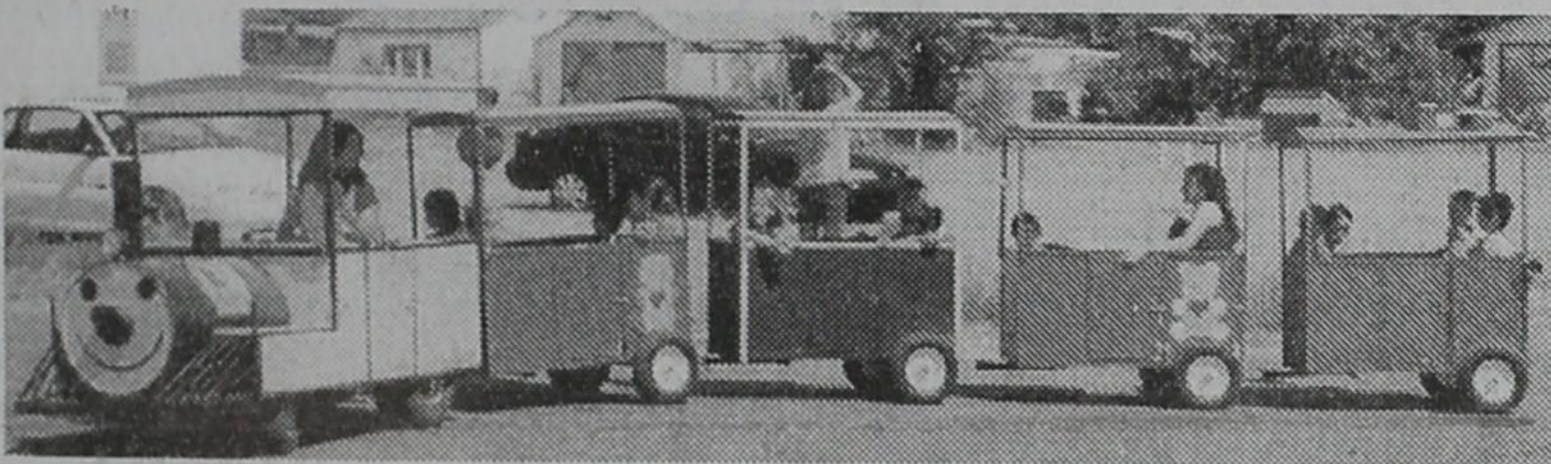




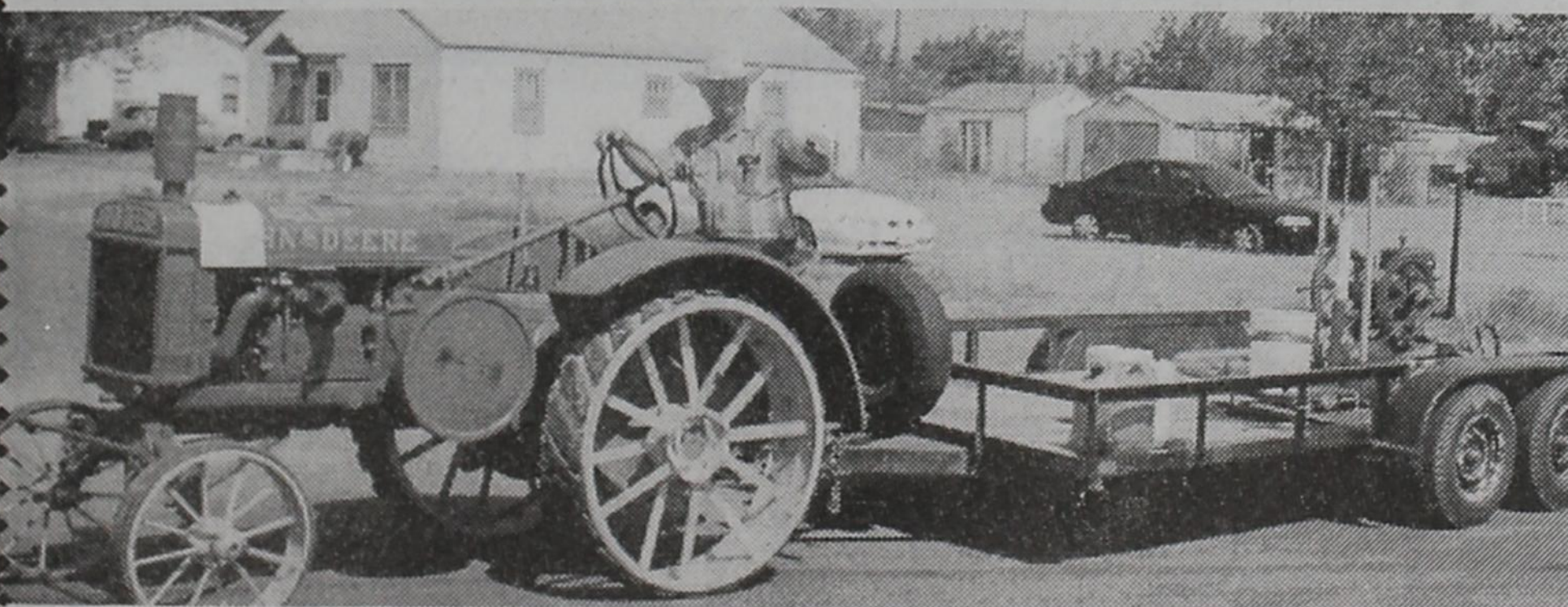
# Memories of 2003 Border Town Days



## "Red, White and Blue" Through & Through



These photos were taken by Paul Murphy, a member of the Clovis Evening Lions Club.





# Williams was cotton industry delegate to China



by Teresa Mesman

Farwell's Mark Williams took a trip recently that him "milling" around China.

He traveled to Beijing, Shanghai, Qingdao and Wuxi and a few other points of interest in between. He got to stand on the Great Wall of China and marvel at its enormity and expanse.

He was also in China to see the expanding growth and use of "mien-hua". This is the pronunciation of the word for "cotton" in Chinese.

Mark was part of an American delegation of cotton industry representatives that met with the Chinese government and cotton mill representatives to encourage the use and importation of American cotton.

Mark is the chairman of the American Cotton Producers and as such, is active in the National Cotton Council. This council also has an international arm called Cotton Council International.

This group was represented in China by several large cotton merchants, cotton producers, the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA) of Lubbock, Texas, and Mark.

"The main purpose of our trip was to meet with Chi-

nese government officials to facilitate trade between the U.S. and China," Mark explained. "We met with various mill representatives to also encourage the use of American cotton in their textile manufacturing."

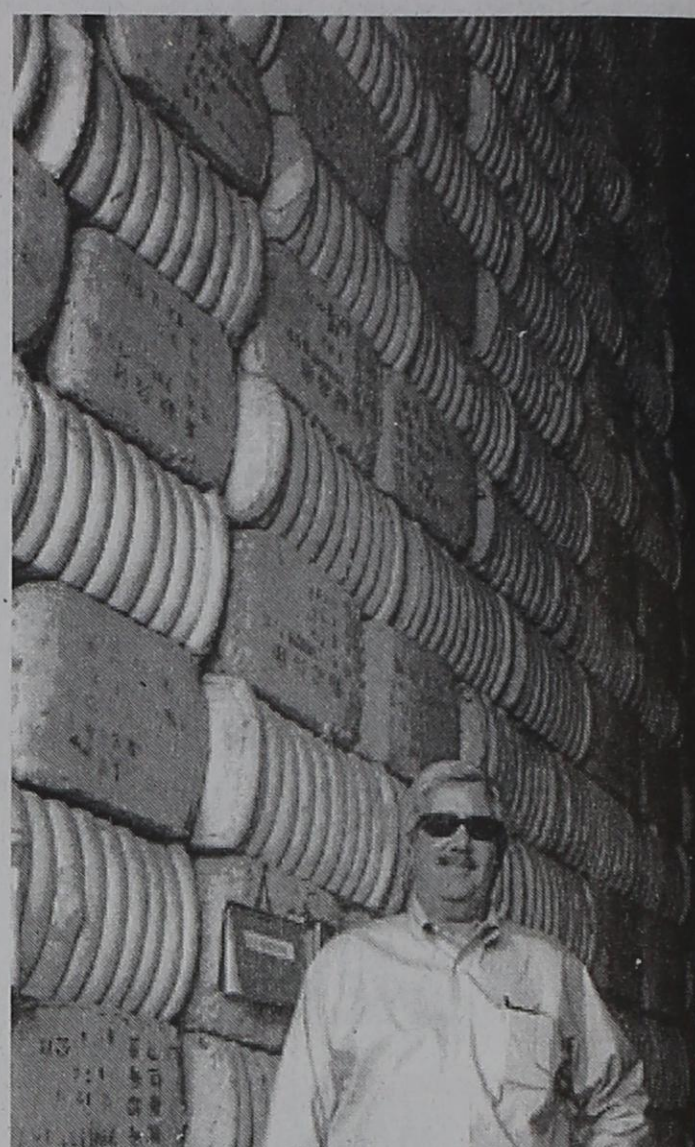
Mark further explained that relations with China have traditionally been on the terms of the Chinese. The United States has always allowed Chinese agricultural products and imports into the States, but now the Chinese need to fill in some very critical gaps in their cotton consumption.

China is currently five to seven million bales under their typical annual use. Their cotton crops did not make enough to fill the orders of the textile mills and they are looking to buy outside of their nation to maintain production.

The irony of this trip for Mark and the other Americans was that the United States has lost a huge amount of textile business to China over the last decade.

"The current yearly average of domestic cotton production is about 12 million bales. We are down to using less than 7 million bales for textile production due to the loss of business to China," Mark said. "Foreign sales of


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David Stanford, with the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association of Lubbock, Texas, stands before a large wall of Chinese cotton bales. The bales are much smaller than the average American bale due to the manual labor still used to lift and handle the bales.



Mark Williams checks the quality of some Brazilian cotton that had been imported and stored in one of the largest cotton warehouses in the world.



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**Farwell JV Girls**

In back from left are Cindy Quezada, Dellani Jones, Ashlie Martin, Amanda Martin, Jennifer DeLeon; in front, Melissa Howard, Salida Edwards, Julie Castillo.

**'Santa, please give mom a dishwasher'**

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a ring and grandma, earrings. Give grandpa some tools and my brother a gun. I would like a X-Box.  
Ian Vidaurri

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a ring and my dad a watch. Give my sister a sweater and my brother a game. I would like a family puzzle.  
Christian Pena

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a bracelet, and dad, clothes. Give Pedro a race car and Leo a dinosaur. I would like dolls.  
Yareli Ruiz

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a cooking set, and my dad, basketball stuff. Give my sister a baby doll, and my brother a football. I would like a Polly Beach.  
Kenzy Cates

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a ring, and dad a Texas Tech ring. Give Tait a Play Station 2. I would like Polly airplane.  
Tory Cooper

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom and

dad a little Bible, and Z-carey a video now. Give Kendal a baby and Trace a cow he can ride. I would like a video now.  
Taylor Stancell

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a ring, and my dad a horse. Give my brother a motorcycle, and my brothers a trampoline. I would like a puppy.  
Hanna Becker

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a ring and my dad a horse. Give my sister a doll, and my brother a race car. I would like a puppy.  
Faith Nolte

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a necklace, and my dad some tools. Give my sister hair brushes and I would like an X-Box.  
Chase Meyer

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a ring, and dad a hat. Give Serena a Barbie and Jennica a doll. I would like a Barbie house.  
Kristyn Arce

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a necklace, and dad a wallet. Give

Cari a tea party set, and Abby a snow cone maker. My brother would like a Game Boy. I would like a Barbie house.  
Jill Johnson

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a dishwasher, and dad a knife. Give my sister a Game Boy and brother a snowball maker. I would like my own real puppy.  
Daniel Kirkland

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a bike, and dad a hot rod. Give baby brother a play car and paw-paw a motorcycle. I would like computer games.  
Brooklyn Lamb

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a dishwasher, and dad a 9 mm gun. Give Daniel a 9 mm gun and Jenna a Game Boy. I would like a 9 mm gun.  
Dillon Kirkland

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dirt bike, Lord of the Rings 3, and lots of toys. Last year, I got a crossbow and go cart. My stocking will be the cowboy one.  
Trevor Schilling

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Dear Santa,  
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Angel Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Please give my little sister a new toy, and my mommy a pair of shoes. Give my daddy a new suit, and my brother a little swimming pool. I would like every Mary-Kate and Ashley Barbie Dolls.  
Taylor Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
Please give Ross a paint ball gun, and Ryan a paint ball run too. Give mom a purse and dad a wallet. I would like a Barbie Swan Lake.  
Janae McClaran

Dear Santa,  
Please give dad a John Deere tractor, and a hammer, a fish player. Give mom a church dress, new makeup and a new pair of jewelry. I would like furniture in my room.  
Gabrielle Schilling

Dear Santa,  
I want a car, Hulk Hands, Goody Louie, wrestle toy.  
Marquel Nance

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll, CDs and a CD player.  
Taylor Rae Romans

Dear Santa,  
I want boxing gloves, TV, gum and robot transformer.  
Zachary Harrison

Dear Santa,  
I want a stuffed Santa Claus, tootsie rolls, American flag, pretend cake and new shoes.  
Peyton Goar

Dear Santa,  
I want a GoGo By Walking Pup, doll house, robots and tree house.  
Lacee Mains

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll.  
Ravin Askew

Dear Santa,  
I want Swan Lake horse, Swan Lake girl and boy, and Swan Lake kids.  
Brianna Reyna

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD case and a CD holder, and a Bible holder. Did you know there is a movie called "Santa Claus 2" on DVD and video? I want to meet you.  
Colton Morgan

Dear Santa,  
My mom would like \$100. Krystal, my sister, would like a new car. I would like a puppy. My dad would like a

tool box. My dog would like a toy. How are you? Are you OK? I hope you are.  
Cassie DeLeon

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas because you get lots of presents. I want a video camera, and a necklace for my mom and myself. Can you get my dad some new clothes? What I really want is some new breakables. I hope you are not too busy to send these presents.  
Kimber Harrison

Dear Santa,  
I would like a rupunzel set. My mom would like a diamond ring. My dad wants a tool kit. Can you bring Mrs. Drager a diamond ring. My best friend a diamond ring. And my uncle wants a Harley hat, my aunt wants a star, my other aunt wants a camera, my other uncle wants a radio and my cousin wants a GI Joe.  
Aspen Barker

Dear Santa,  
I want a diary and some clothes. Can you bring my little sisters a playing computer. Also bring a toy for my brother. And for my big sister can you bring clothes and shoes for her. Please bring my mom and dad some clothes and some shoes.  
Crystal Davalos

Dear Santa,  
My sister wants a doll house and a toy doll. I want the toy hulk and a toy motor cycle. My dad wants a glass eagle. My mom wants a glass princess.  
William Beavers

Dear Santa,



I want a special thing, it's a go cart. Because I have been behaving. I have a chimney. But I do not have fire. No one will be awake. When you come, have a merry Christmas.  
Adan Bejarano

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a Hot Wheel set? Can I have a toy dog and stuffed dog? Can I have a farm set? Can I have a toy truck and pickup? Can I have a diamond ring for my mom? Can I have new bed covers? Can I have one of those things that sparkle for my sister? Can I have a tool set for my dad? Can I have the movie Bionical? Can I have a new pillow? Can I have a Game Boy Advance and the game Pokemon?  
Lane Goar

Dear Santa,  
Say hi to the elves for me. Christmas is my favorite holiday. May I have a bike? I want a red and white doll house. I want a big fluffy teddy bear.  
Elizabeth Caldwell

Dear Santa,  
I want a car, Mom would like a horse. Dad would like a hat. My sister wants a jump

rope. My brother wants a movie. I would like a little moose, a monster and a ghost mask. My nephew wants a rabbit.  
Sesar Rubalcava

Dear Santa,  
I want you to have a good time. My mom wants a necklace. My dad wants a big screen TV. My sister wants movies. I want a train set.  
Colt McClallie

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a paint set, a go go my walking pup, a dog picture frame, a collar for my dog, a black cowboy hat, a book about a cat and a dog, a Christmas dress that is purple, red and green. I would also like a Christmas doll, a black horse that has a saddle, bridal and lead rope that comes off, a CD by Kim Possible, a dump truck, a horse necklace and a tool box.  
Sammie Jo Hardisty

Dear Santa,  
Do you like eggnog? I know you do because you always drink it. I have been behaving. For Christmas, can I please have the game Monopoly. I am going to give you cookies.  
Brooklyn Wotton

Dear Santa,  
I want a big doll please and my brother wants a big car that cuts the grass. I miss you. When you are going to my house? My dad wants a new car. My mom wants a ring that shines in the night.  
Ivonne Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I hope you get my mom a diamond ring. My dad would like a toolbox. My sister wants a baby puppy. My brother wants a car. I want a baby kitty.

Marina Rodriguez  
Dear Santa,  
I want a Nascar trophy.  
Jake Barnett

Dear Santa,  
I want a car and a motorcycle.  
Adrian Ornales

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck.  
Trent Stephens

Dear Santa,  
I want a guitar, drum and trampoline.  
Manuel Estrada

Dear Santa,  
I want a camera, dolls and Barbie.  
Shaylee Sours

Dear Santa,

I want a trampoline. My brother wants a bicycle. My sister wants a care bear marker. My dad wants a truck. Mom wants skates and rollerblades. Everyone wants a van.  
Clara Luna

Dear Santa,  
I had a good Christmas last year. I try very hard to be good so I don't get coal in my stocking. But sometimes I'm not good. I want a Play Station One and the real movie "Hulk."  
John Myers

Dear Santa,  
I want a game and a t-rex. I also want some clothes and a video game. I am being good.  
Miguel Reyna

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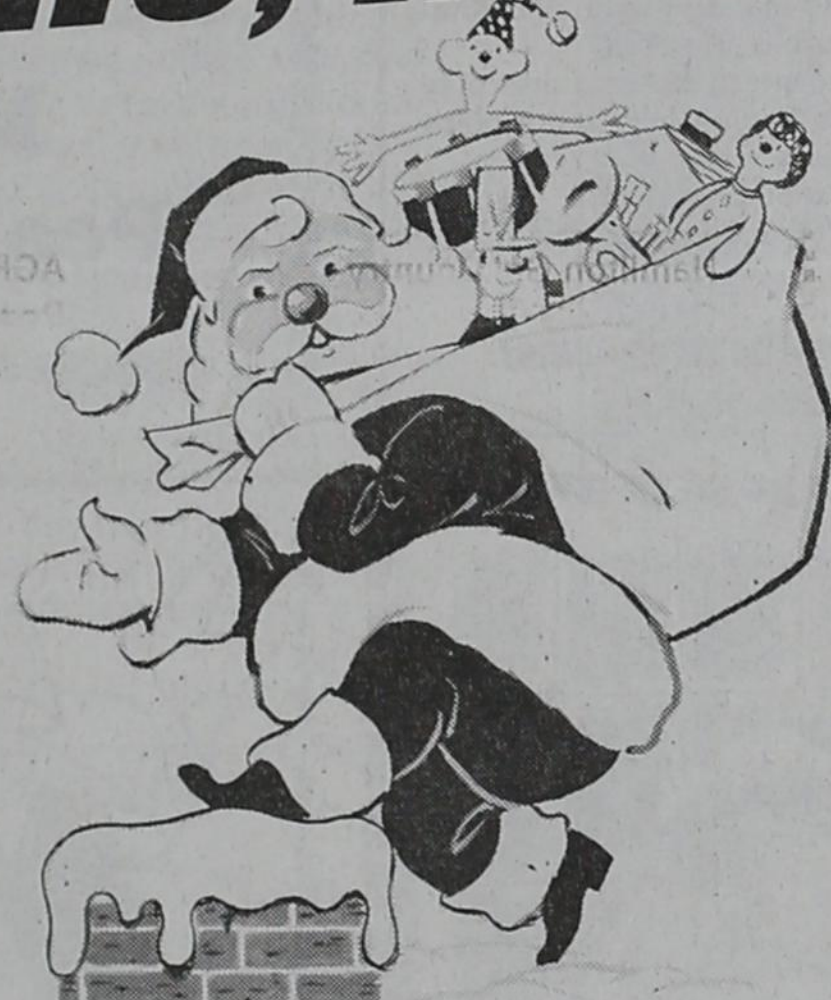
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# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

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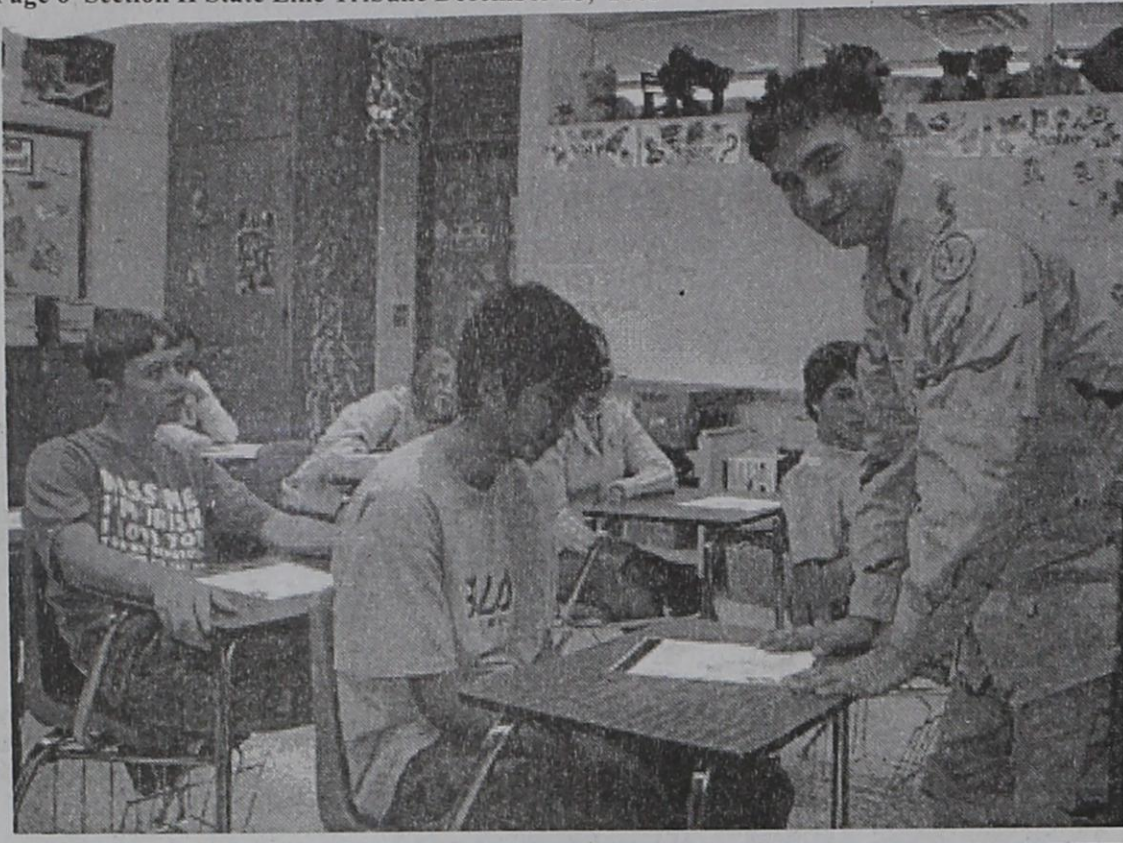
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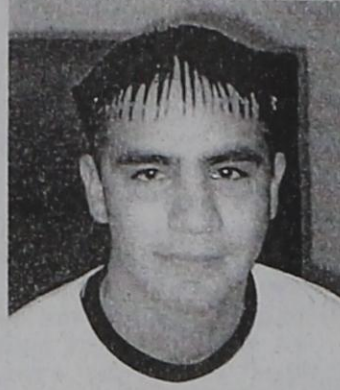
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# Farwell Country Club





# Johnny Ortiz serves in Iraq



JOHNNY ORTIZ  
Johnny Ortiz

Students at Farwell Schools recently heard some first-hand information about the War in Iraq from a soldier serving there.

Johnny Ortiz, a 1998 Texico High graduate, was home for a two-week leave. His wife, Shawna, lives in Farwell with their two children, Alexys, 4, and Jaedyn, 8 months. The couple married in June 1999.

Ortiz is a Specialist 4<sup>th</sup> Class in the U.S. Army's 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment. It is stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo., but now on duty at Al Saad Air Force Base east of Baghdad, Iraq. Ortiz is a light wheel mechanic, dealing with vehicles like cab-over trucks and Humvees.

Ortiz's unit arrived in the Iraq on April 19, and was involved in real echelon work, such as securing small villages.

Things have gotten better since then. "We were getting mortar attacks every night for the first two months. Now, it's usually just on Fridays, their holy day."

What has been most challenging for Ortiz is how to communicate with Iraqis, most of whom don't speak English. You find other ways to communicate, such as with hand gestures, and going to get an interpreter, if necessary.

He said most Iraqis are happy the U.S. troops are there, and that the insurgents carrying on the guerrilla warfare against American troops are mostly Al Qaeda and foreigners.

The toughest thing he has had to do so far is to guard some prisoners who had killed an NCO he knew. "You want to do a lot more to them that you are allowed..."

He said morale among the U.S. troops is okay although everyone wants to get home. Rumors are that his unit will return to Colorado in April.

## 'Santa, my stocking will be at mamaw's'

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle and a stuffed animal turkey. My wish is for someone to help my mom clean the house. Can the reindeer run fast?  
Haley Ivy

Dear Santa,  
I would like a radio, remote control truck and a transformer. Last year I got a Chevy truck and a cop car.  
Seth Allen

Dear Santa,  
I want a jacket, shoes and scooter. Last year I got 2 remote control cars and a transformer.  
Tevin Rogers

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie, toy house and toy jeep. Last year, you brought me a doll and clothes.  
Miriam Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I want clothes, a bracelet and a necklace. Last year, you brought me clothes and a necklace. My stocking will be on the wall.  
Gabrielle Armstrong

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Born, a toy jeep and a real dog. Last year, you brought me clothes and makeup. My stocking will be by the tree.  
Ariana Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I want a BB gun, a mon-

ster truck and a Raiders football suit. Last year, you brought me a remote motorcycle. I will leave a treat for you on the coffee table.  
Curt Langford

Dear Santa,  
I want a ship, a Game Boy and army stuff. Last year, I got a dump truck and a loader.  
Johan Loepky

Dear Santa,  
I want a saddle, a toy barrel racer horse and a CD Walkman. Last year, I got a clock and roller skates. My stocking will be at mamaw's.  
Emily Logan

Dear Santa,  
I want a soccer ball, com-

puters and paddle ball. Last year, I got a leapfrog pad and earrings and neckchain. My stocking will be by the Christmas tree.  
Marisa Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Game Boy, Play Station 2 and skateboard. Last year, you brought me Spiderman and movies. My stocking will be by the fireplace.  
Cody Pierce

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike, Play Station 2 and watch. Last year I got roller blades and movies. My stocking will be red.  
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Alejandro (Alex) Quezada, a Farwell kindergartener, has an Oct. 5 birthday. Parents and Juan and Martha Quezada. Also in the family are Juan, Mark, Jose and Sasha. Grandparents are Rafael and Maria Franco, and Anastacio and Aurora Quezada.  
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Mark Williams listens intently to a representative from the Chinese cotton warehouse. The man in the middle is one of the Chinese cotton representatives that traveled with the U.S. delegation.



From left, Robert Weil, Mark Williams and Bill Dunavant look at a handful of Chinese cotton pulled out of the fluffed cotton getting ready for processing at the largest textile mill in the world.

**Williams' trip to China**

our cotton are extremely important to us. Gaining the Chinese purchase would be a huge boost to our producers."

The situation that caused a deficit in Chinese cotton production was that the nation had a very wet growing season that caused widespread cotton rot and non-growth.

The dynamics of cotton production in China is drastically different than the United States and other countries.

The average cotton farmer in China grows his crop on one-half of an acre. The average wage earner is paid .60¢ an hour or \$5.00 per day. However, the price paid for cotton is among the highest paid in the world. The current world price is .75¢ per pound, but the Chinese internal price is \$1.00 per pound.

Chinese cotton is among the highest quality in the world as well. It is hand picked, hand graded and moved mostly by manual labor. The size of the average bale of Chinese cotton is much smaller than American bales.

One half to three-quarters of a million people still live on farms in China. The government knows that they must protect the farmers and their way of life so that they will not be forced to move into or work in the cities. The population is already overwhelming the cities and the influx of these additional numbers could not be currently sustained.

"China is an interesting study in metropolitan development," Mark commented. "The government literally pulls money out of thin air to build mega-cities. We saw huge skyscraper buildings that had been built to house corporations, apartments and stores that were only a quarter full. The façades of success and growth are everywhere in China, but the fact is that the nation is growing so fast, population wise, that their economy cannot keep up and it is very unstable."

The population of China is approximately 1.3 billion people. There are more people leaving this nation than any other country in the world. Their destinations are the United States, Great Britain and Australia.

"I've heard that the lines at the U.S. Consulates in the major Chinese cities are growing longer and longer for the Chinese requesting visas to leave the country," Mark said.

But for the Chinese cotton farmer, things are im-

proving in the nation. The government and cotton industry representatives were most eager to ask questions about warehousing, ginning and machinery.

The other interesting thing that Mark commented on was how the Chinese have no formal cotton associations. They were most interested in learning about the association and cooperative structures because they are looking to form their own entities.

"It may seem unfair to us to be telling the Chinese all about our practices, production and warehousing, but it's all in the name of trade with the nation," Mark stated. "And, it's sad to say this, but there really is no such thing as fair trade with China. They will boost their cotton production in order to fill their own demands first and they will also be the major competition in the world in a very short time. We were there to learn from them, just as much as they wanted to learn and trade with us."

The U.S. delegation of cotton industry representatives initiated this trip into China for the very purpose of learning and gaining a relationship with the Chinese. The competition for cotton imports into nations across the world is getting very strong.

"We have to compete for the Chinese market with the Commonwealth of Independent States - CIS (these are the states formed by the breakup of the former Soviet Union), Brazil and Australia," Mark explained. "But make no mistake, the American cotton farmer can and will supply the demands!"

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The United States is the premier nation for cotton production. Our country can no longer sit back and wait for countries to come to us for our products. Our cotton textile usage is not as large as it once was and we must stay competitive in the global market and economy.

It is taking producers and leaders with vision to take the steps necessary to assure markets and marketing avenues for American products. Mark Williams, is one such person and, for his vision, dedication and abilities, the cotton farmers in the United States can be truly grateful.

The next time you see Mark, nod your head and say "sien-sien" or just simply say "Thank You!"



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**Texico-Farwell Rotary Club**





**Farwell 7<sup>th</sup> Girls**

In back from left are Coach Kory Conkin, Adrianna Gutierrez, Brandy Perez, Robin Scott, Cheyenne McManigal, Ambur Dryer; middle row, Alicia Brand, Sarah Sanchez, Mikaela Cenicerros, Ginger Garza, Amberli Martin; front row, Martha Rosas, Nina Galvan, Melinda Castillo.

**'Santa, I will leave you chips and salsa'**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike, skates and a horse. Last year, you brought me a horse and tractors. My stocking will be red.  
Daniel Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie movie, Barbie the Swan, and a skirt and shirt. Last year, you gave me movies and a Barbie that talks. My stocking will be on the fireplace. I will leave you cheese and crackers.  
Chyanne Scarborough

Dear Santa,  
I would like Hot Wheels, dragons and a Game Boy. Last year, I got play dough and a guitar. My stocking is red and white.  
Luke Lenon

Dear Santa,  
I want crayons, a saddle and a purse. Last year I got earrings and chap stick. My stocking is green.  
Emily Stancell

Dear Santa,  
I would like clothes, Play Station 2 and toys. Last year, you brought me clothes and Sega. I will leave you a bike.  
Jonathan Vega

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Raiders uniform, new ropes and army

stuff. Last year, I got toys and trucks.  
Dalton Wren

Dear Santa,  
I would like a water gun, Spiderman movie and tennis shoes. Last year, you brought me police cars and a guy with a trophy. I will leave you a cookie.  
Xavier Germain

Dear Santa,  
I would like Game Boy, Leapster and Viewmaster.

Last year, I got leap frog and a bike. My stocking will be by the tree.  
Jon Nicolas

Dear Santa,  
I would like a game cube, dirt bike and calculator. Last year I got DVDs and PS2. My stocking will be blue.  
Chase Mitchell

Dear Santa,  
I would like a radio, my size Barbie and a game. Last

**REJOICE**

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**Texico JV Girls**

In back are Breanna Hutchko, Katy Tucker, Zandi Queener, Lacy Price, Tamara Askew, Jessica Harris, Lori Richardson, Brittany Anderson, Anjelica Serna, Britta Gordon; in front, Krystal Williams, Skyla Cockerham, Taryn Allen, Coach Anderson, Sarah Johnson, Leslie Vannatta, Erika Autrey.

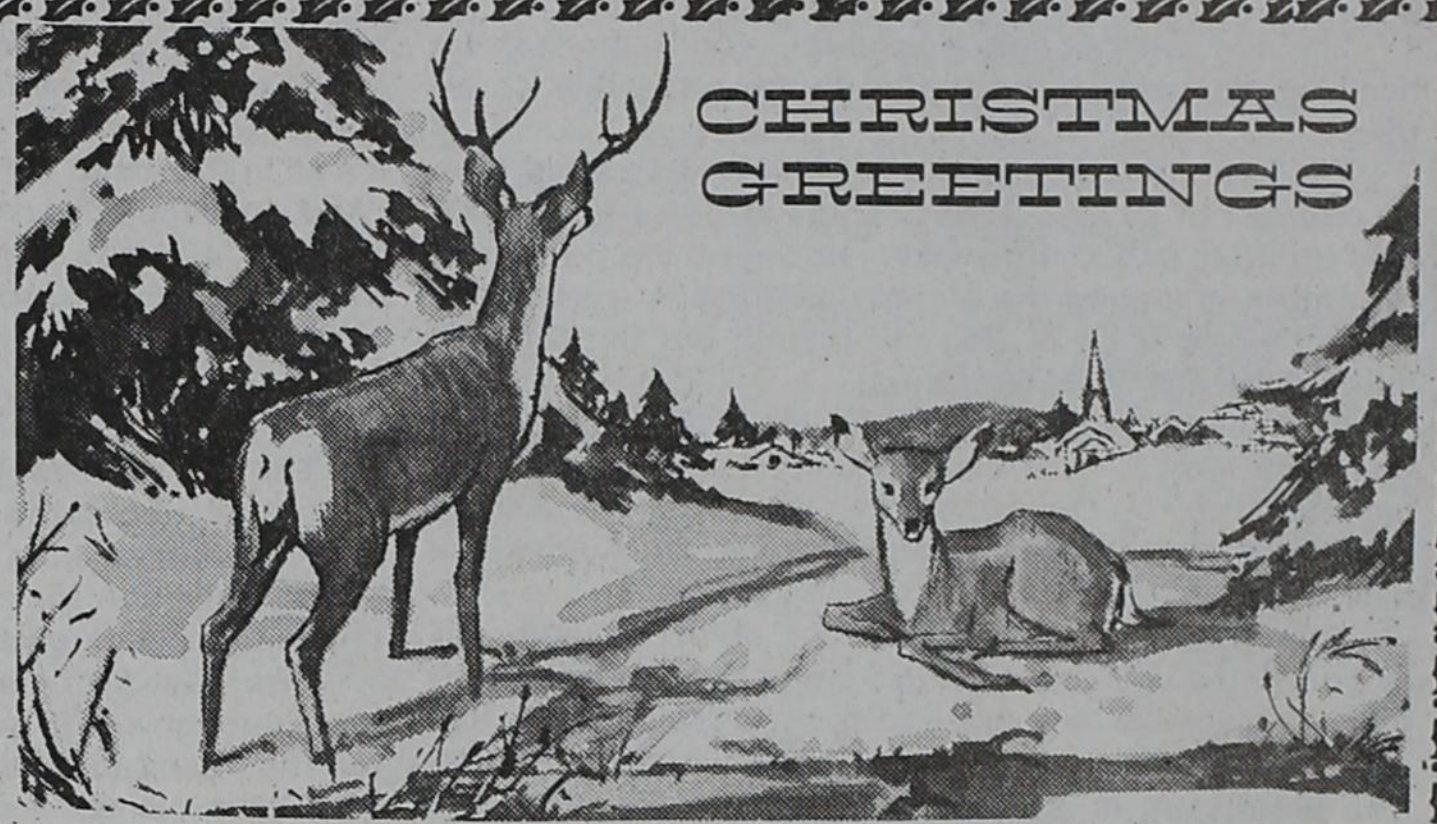
year, I got dressup clothes and a big ball.  
Shairae Allen

Dear Santa,  
I would like a walkman, Swan Lake Barbie and a Game Boy Advance. Last

year, I got a bike and a stuffed animal. I will leave you milk and sprinkle cookies.

Stephanie Aericko  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a Lord of the

Rings video, a Pearl Harbor video and a spy gadget. Last year you brought me a rocket and R.C. dune buggy. My stocking will be on the fireplace. I will leave you chips and salsa.  
Mitchell Ratke



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### 'Santa, why do you eat cookies and drink milk?

Dear Santa,  
I want to give you some cookies when you come and some milk. I would like for you to bring me a pickup and a trailer and some horses.  
What does it look like at the North Pole?  
Austyn Steinbock

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I like Rudolph. I like his bell. I would like a skate board and a motorcycle.  
I will leave you some candy and cake.  
Isaac Romero

Dear Santa,  
I want a soft blanket and a Barbie. I love you Santa.  
Abigail Jesko

Dear Santa,  
You are the greatest. You bring us toys. I want some shoes and a toy motor scooter. Would you please bring Jaegan a Teddy Bear?  
I will leave cookies and milk.  
Kennedi Nickles

Dear Santa,  
I want a swing set for me and my brother. How are you? How are your reindeer? I have been good. Have a good Christmas.  
Megan Pierson

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer? I would like you to bring me a pickup truck to play with. I want a trailer to hook on to the truck. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.  
Alonzo Soto

Dear Santa,  
Why do you eat cookies and drink milk? I like milk and cookies, too. Why do you have those bells on your reindeer? Can you bring me a 4-wheeler? Be sure and tell your elves to build a thing to hook on the sleigh. Can you bring me a Hot Wheel Video Cam? Bring my sister a Baby Born that can go in the water. I like your sleigh.  
Dylan Miller

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a new bike. I want you to bring me a new trampoline. I want you to bring my baby sister a Little Elmo and a Little Elmo DVD. Would you

bring Emily some makeup and a track for cars?  
Can you send me a play elf? I would like to play with an elf. What kind of cookies and milk would you like?  
Regan Agee

Dear Santa,  
I want a Lee Middleton baby and a Leap Pad. Monica wants a Bratz car and a Bratz doll. How is the North Pole?  
Micah Vera

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a go-cart and Game Boy Advance. My wish is that my Dad wouldn't go away to work. Santa, how much snow do you have at the North Pole?  
Jose Robledo

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me skates with four rollers on it and a new bicycle. My wish is that everybody will be nice to me.  
Merry Christmas, Santa.  
Do you have a reindeer named Rudolph still?  
Nancy Marrufo  
P.S. Tell the elves thank you for makings toys and colors.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Dragon Ball-z toys and a four-wheeler. My wish is my family would move to St. Louis to be with my grandparents.  
Santa, is it cold at the North Pole?  
Brandon Rowland

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a remote control scorpion and a scorpion set. My wish is for a new chair for my great-

grandma. Santa, do you really have magic?  
Jonathan Jesko

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a kitchen that has dishes and 2 books. My wish is that mom could have more books. Santa, thanks for everything.  
Celeste Lucio

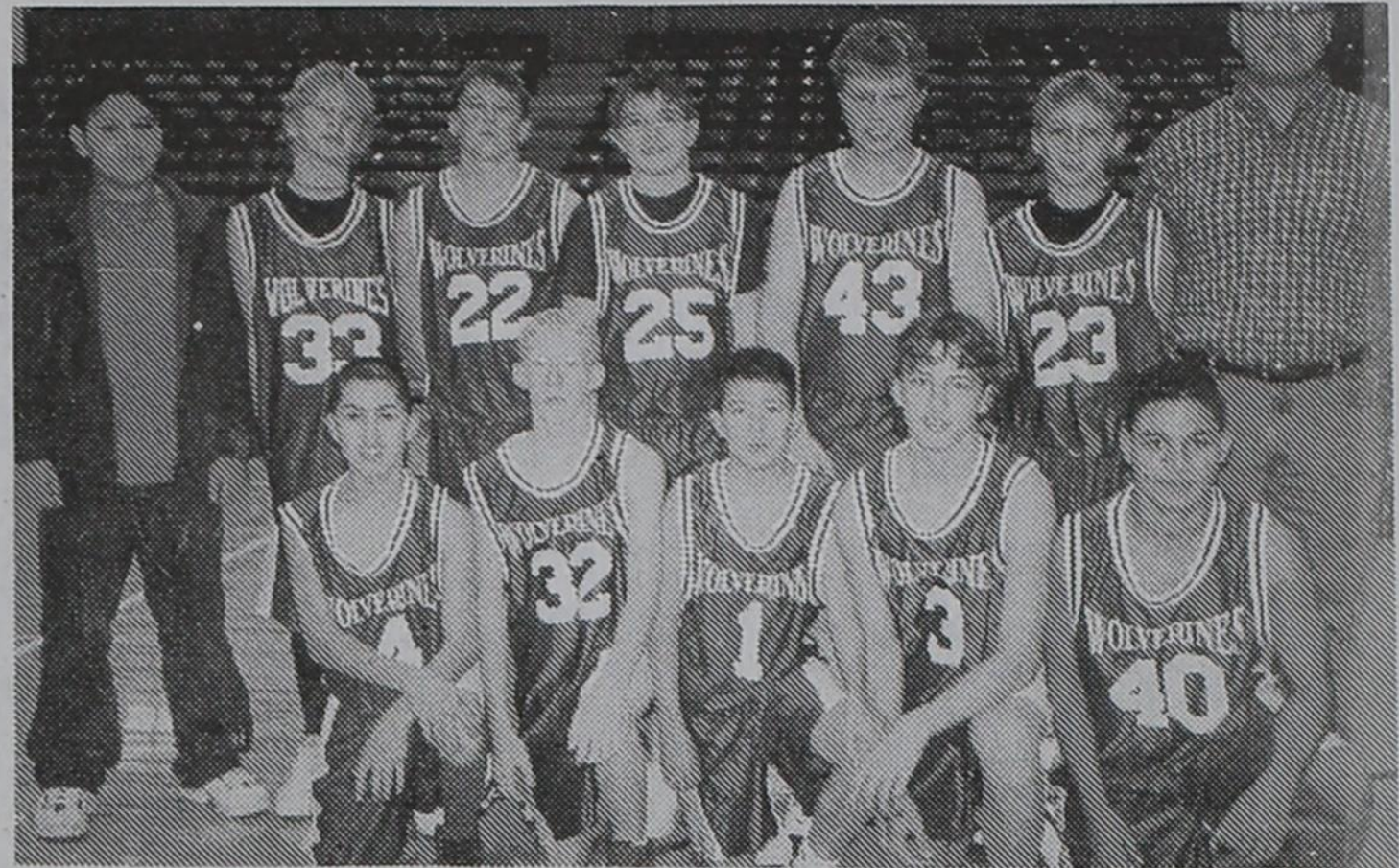
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me the car that has an airplane on top that can fly and the Nintendo fishing game. My wish is that my baby brother won't get sick again. Santa, can I see Rudolph?  
Albert

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a toy car I can ride in and a doll that can walk. Thank you for the toys. I wish you have a Merry Christmas. Thank you for coming by.  
Haicha Hood

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a stuffed animal Collie and a baby doll, the one you can feed and change clothes. My wish is for Jonathan to get better. Santa, how are your reindeer?  
Natalee Oliveras

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a go-cart and a Superman toy. My wish is that my mom could get a new car. Santa how do your reindeer fly?  
Zach Butler

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle and a remote control mon-



### Texico 8<sup>th</sup> Boys

In back from left are manager Osvaldo Munoz, Courtland Luscombe, Billy Scott, Casey Crist, Garrett Muncy, Jason Roberts, Coach Steve Doolittle; in front, Jerry Aleman, Jonathan Sullivan, Estevon Loera, Josh Brown, Michael Jaramillo. Not pictured is Jesse Walthers.

ster truck. My wish is that my Grandma gets back home safely. Santa do you still have Rudolph, the red nosed reindeer?  
Haldon Ivy

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie and a Barbie house. My wish is that all girls and boys will get presents.  
Andrea Lule

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a toy

Please bring me a Lap Top and a TV. My wish is that my Mema starts feeling better. Santa, how do you make your reindeer fly?  
Lacey Jesko

Dear Santa,  
I want transformers, micro machines and Hot Wheels computer game.  
Luis Quiroz

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a toy

transformer and a toy Morfer. My wish is that the sandman and the tooth fairy have a Merry Christmas. Santa, I like you. Thank you for all things.  
Houston Cox

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Swan Lake Barbie, and a new backpack. My wish is for my baby brother not to be sick any more. Santa, is it fun delivering the presents?  
Anais Andrea

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# Here are some fascinating recipes you will enjoy

## Dijon Apple-Encrusted Pot Roast (Serves 6)

- 2 pounds Pot Roast
- 32-ounce bottle Mott's Apple Juice
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1 dash salt
- 2 cups Mott's Natural Apple Sauce, which has no added sugar
- 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 cups crushed stuffing mix or breadcrumbs

1. Brown the Pot Roast in a Dutch oven/stewing pot.
2. Add 1 teaspoon thyme, salt, and the 32 ounces of Mott's Apple Juice. Cover and simmer on low for 1 hour.
3. Flip over and cook for another hour.
4. Transfer to a baking sheet when the meat has finished cooking. (Discard excess juice.)
5. Preheat oven to 375°F.
6. Combine mustard, 1 teaspoon thyme, and 2 cups of apple sauce.
7. Cover the Pot Roast with the Apple Sauce mixture, and top with stuffing.
8. Bake in the oven for 10-15 minutes or until brown.

## BASIL BUTTER

- 1 pound butter
- 1 bunch basil\* salt and ground pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons of lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons calamata olives, finely chopped

Soften butter in mixing bowl. Mix in chopped basil. Blend in lemon juice, Parmesan cheese, olives and add salt and pepper. Serve at room temperature.

\*Other herbs such as thyme, cilantro and rosemary may be substituted for basil.

## Fruit Cobbler (Serves 6)

- 1 can sliced peaches, drained
- 1 can sliced pears, drained
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 3 cups Mott's Natural Apple Sauce, divided into 2 cups and 1 cup
- 2 cups pancake/biscuit mix
- 2 tablespoons sugar

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. In a deep 9" x 9" baking pan, add the peaches, pears, blueberries, and 2 cups of Mott's Natural Apple Sauce.
3. In a separate bowl, mix 2 cups of pancake/biscuit mix with 1 cup of apple sauce.
4. Spread the mixture over the fruit.
5. Sprinkle with sugar.
6. Bake for 35-45 minutes or until the top is brown and sides are bubbling.

## Serving Suggestions

Serve either warm or cold with a dollop of fat-free topping.

## Chipotle Pepper Butter Sauce

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cooking time: 8 minutes

- ¼ cup orange juice
- ¼ cup lime juice
- ½ cup honey
- ¼ cup loosely packed fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 8-ounce can chipotle peppers (packed in adobo sauce)\*
- 1 teaspoon reserved adobo sauce
- 2 cloves garlic
- ½ cup (1 stick) cold butter, cut into 8 pieces

Place juices, honey, cilantro, 2 chipotle peppers, adobo sauce and garlic in blender. Cover and blend until almost smooth.

Pour mixture into medium saucepan. Heat to boiling. Boil 2 minutes to slightly reduce mixture. Reduce heat to simmer. Stir in butter, one piece at a time and stir until melted before adding another piece. Remove from heat and serve with sliced pork tenderloin, chicken breasts or kabobs, salmon or sea bass. Also great for dipping roasted potatoes.

## Buttermilk Apple Sauce Pancakes

Makes about 12 pancakes

- 2 cups flour
  - 1 dash salt
  - 2 tablespoons baking powder
  - 1 cup Mott's Apple Sauce
  - 2 eggs
  - 1 cup lowfat buttermilk
1. Combine dry ingredients in large mixing bowl.
  2. Add wet ingredients and stir until well-combined.
  3. Using ¼-cup measure,

scoop pancake batter onto buttered griddle or skillet.

4. Flip when bubbles appear.
  5. Cook until golden brown.
- Serving suggestions: Delicious with a pat of butter, a sprinkle of powdered sugar and a cup of chilled Mott's Cinnamon Apple Sauce. Add more butter-milk as desired for thinner pancakes.

## Tuscan Chicken Cakes With Tomato-Basil Relish

- 3 cups cooked chicken, shredded and chopped
  - 1 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs, divided
  - ¼ cup mayonnaise
  - 1 egg, lightly beaten
  - ¼ cup prepared basil pesto
  - 2 teaspoons honey mustard
  - ½ cup finely chopped roasted red peppers, drained
  - ½ cup finely chopped red onion
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1 package (5 oz.) mixed salad greens
  - ½ cup prepared balsamic vinegar & oil dressing
- Golden Aioli: recipe follows  
Tomato-Basil Relish: recipe follows

In large bowl, mix together chicken, ½ cup of the bread crumbs, mayonnaise, egg, pesto, honey mustard, roasted peppers and red onion. Using a ½-cup measure, shape chicken mixture into 8 cakes; lightly coat each with remaining ½ cup bread crumbs. In large nonstick frypan, place oil over medium high heat. Add chicken and cook until golden brown, about 3 minutes per side; drain on paper towels. Toss salad greens with dressing and divide among 4 serving plates. Top each with 2 chicken cakes; drizzle with Golden Aioli. Top each cake with dollop of Tomato-Basil Relish. Makes 4 servings.

Golden Aioli: In small bowl, whisk together ½ cup mayonnaise and 2 tablespoons honey mustard.

Tomato-Basil Relish: In small bowl, mix together 1 cup seeded and chopped plum tomatoes, ½ cup chopped red onion, 3 tablespoons (drained) chopped sundried tomatoes, 2 tablespoons slivered basil leaves, 2 tablespoons prepared balsamic vinegar & oil dressing and 1 teaspoon basil pesto.

## Chili Out Of The Bowl And Into A Roll

- 4 (10-inch) flour tortillas
- 1 (8-ounce) package flavored cream cheese, any variety
- 1 (15-ounce) can HORMEL® vegetarian chili
- 1 small onion, diced

To begin, divide each ingredient into four equal parts. Top each tortilla with cream cheese, chili, cheese, tomatoes and onion. As tightly as possible, roll up the tortilla. Slice tortillas into 1½-inch slices and pick each with a toothpick. Serve immediately. Makes about 24 appetizers.

## Catfish Allison

- 6-8 U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish fillets
  - 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
  - ½ cup butter or margarine, softened
  - 6 Tbsp. mayonnaise
  - 6 green onions, finely chopped
  - ½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- Generous dash of hot sauce

1. Place cheese, butter, mayonnaise, green onions, Worcestershire sauce, and hot sauce in bowl and mix thoroughly. The mixture can be made 24 hours in advance and refrigerated; soften at room temperature before using.
2. Preheat broiler.
3. Poach catfish fillets, two or three at a time, in skillet of lightly simmering water for 4 to 5 minutes. Lift fillets from water with a slotted spatula and set aside to drain.
4. Place fillets in a baking pan in a single layer. Spread 2 Tbsp. of cheese mixture over each fillet. Broil for 2 or 3 minutes or until cheese browns and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Spoon leftover cheese over each fillet before serving.

## Snapshot Deep-Dish Dinner

- 1 lb. ground beef
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 package Betty Crocker® roasted garlic mashed potatoes
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 2-3 medium tomatoes sliced

## 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Brown ground beef with salt and pepper in 10-inch skillet, drain. Prepare garlic-mashed potatoes (both pouches) as directed on package; stir in oregano.
2. Spread half of the potato mixture on bottom of ungreased rectangular baking dish, 11x7x1½ inches, or shallow 2-quart baking dish. Layer with beef and half of the tomato slices. Top with remaining potatoes and tomato slices; sprinkle with cheese.
3. Bake uncovered for about 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serves 8.

Combine the mashed yuca with the chili, garlic, salt and pepper. Take about ¾ table-spoon of the yuca mash per shrimp and stuff the cavity of the butterfly cut, packing it firmly into place.

Now take the shrimp and dust them first in the flour, then the egg wash and then the panko (or bread crumbs). Set aside.

Heat a large heavy skillet with peanut oil until very hot. When the oil is hot, lay the shrimp in it and cook until golden and cooked through. Remove them to a plate with absorbent toweling and then arrange them onto 4 plates.

## Spiced Chilean Grapes

Makes 4 servings  
Preparation Time—15 minutes

- 1½ cups orange juice
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ginger
- ¼ teaspoon almond or vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 4 cups Chilean seedless grapes
- 4 orange slices for garnish (optional)

In a small saucepan stir together the orange juice, sugar, cinnamon, and ginger. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer over medium heat for about 10-12 minutes until the mixture is reduced by one third. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature. When cooled, stir in extract and honey. Pour over grapes and chill. Serve grapes and sauce garnished with an orange slice.

## MASHED YUCA STUFFED SHRIMP CON MOJO FROM NORMAN'S

Yield: Serves 4

- 12 very large, fresh shrimp, peeled, de-veined and butterfly cut
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - Salt and pepper, to taste
  - 1 cup of cooked and mashed yuca
  - 1 scotch bonnet (or other hot chili) stem and seeds discarded, minced
  - 3 cloves of peeled garlic, minced
  - Salt and pepper to taste
  - 1 cup seasoned flour
  - 1 egg + 3 tablespoons water, beaten together
  - 2 cups seasoned panko rice flour or seasoned bread crumbs
- "Mo J." recipe follows  
After cutting the shrimp, toss them with the olive oil, salt and pepper. Set them on a plate and go on to make the stuffing. (Keep the shrimp refrigerated, covered.)

## Meet Texico's Class of 2016



A'Lexis Ravin Askew, a Texico kindertener, has a Jan. 26 birthday. Parents are Bill & Bernadette Askew. Siblings are Dominique & Markita. Grandparents are Irene Askew, the late M.H. Askew, the late Juan & Adela Flores, and Tony & Percella Socco. She likes to ride her bike and play with friends, brother and sister. She likes to eat pizza, chips and gizzards. Her favorite color is pink. She doesn't like enchiladas, or mean people.

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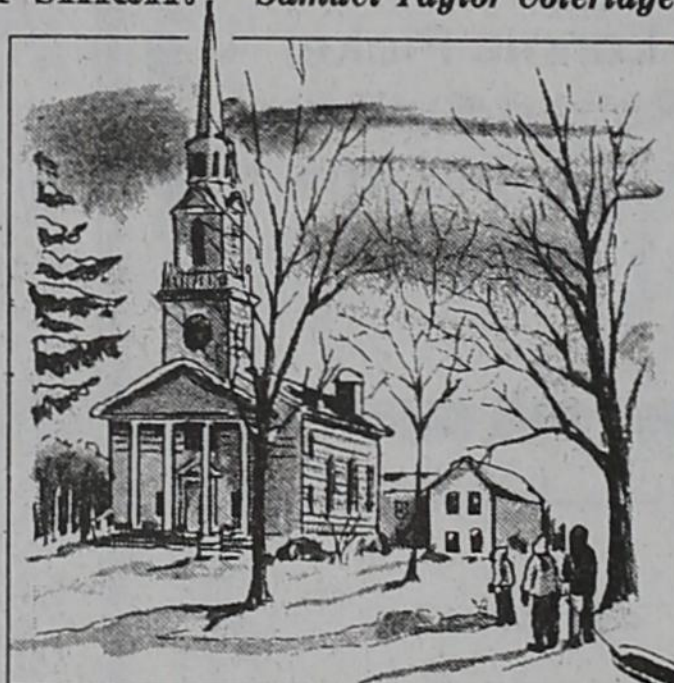
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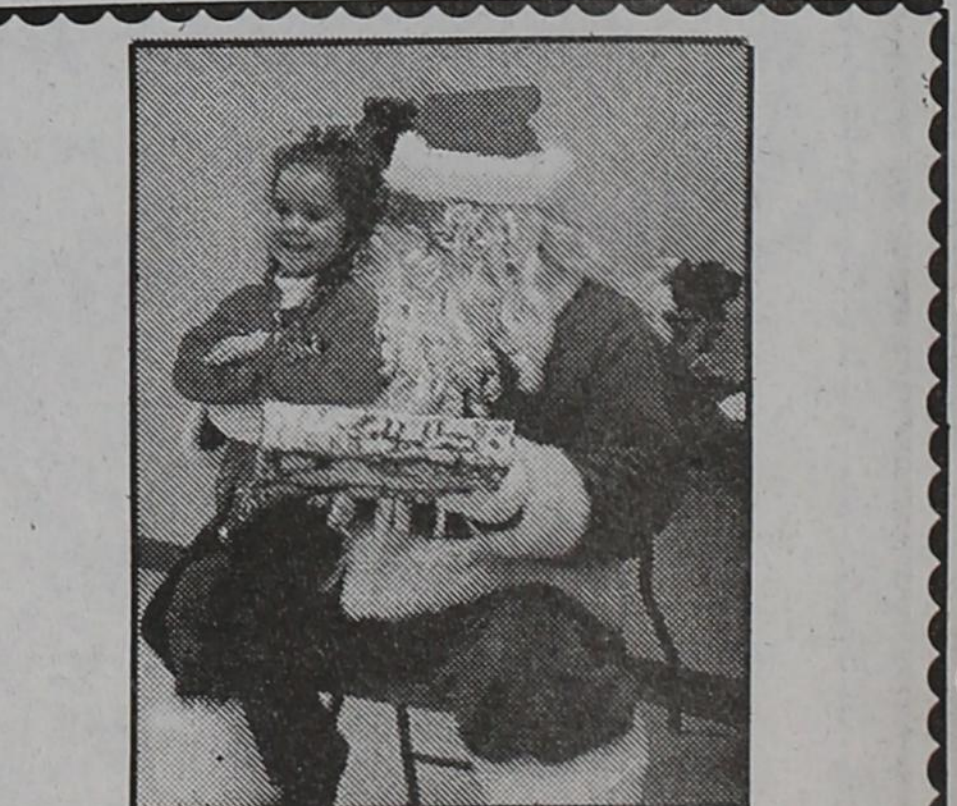


May your Christmas be aglow in the spirit of joy and peace.



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# Aldridge wins close election for Parmer County sheriff

The Aug. 2, 1918, issue of the Texico-Farwell News obviously was full of war news, as World War I was heading to its end (on Nov. 11).

Thus, even though the paper was full of local stories about the Texico-Farwell area, war news predominated.

One story at the top of Page 1 was entitled "Enormous Stores of Ammunition Captured." It was found by French and American troops on the Marne front. Alongside that article was one of the German socialist party publicly announcing tentative peace plans. Unfortunately, that party was not in power, thus its plans carried no weight.

And an editorial said "August to mark failure of Huns' 1918 campaign." One small article said, "America's war bill now totals \$13,935,877,000.00. That is just a fraction of what the Iraqi War in 2003 is costing."

Texico-Farwell was supporting the war effort. A Page 1 story said "the churches of Texico-Farwell will hold the monthly patriotic service at the Criterian Theatre on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. The orchestra will furnish the music. Rev. Bat-

## 'Santa, please mom a church dress'

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy puppy, a big bike and some Barbies. Last year I got a Barbie and clothes.  
Savannah Galvan

Dear Santa,  
I would like an X box, magnex and a Game Boy Advance SP. Last year, I got magnex and Legos.  
Joseph Ray Richards

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike, go cart and motorcycle. Last year, I got boots and a remote control dog. My stocking will be on the wall.  
Anthony Anzaldua

Dear Santa,  
I would like a makeup set. Last year, I got a doll set and makeup set. My stocking will be the second one. I will leave you a purple necklace.  
Dana King

Dear Santa,  
I would like skates, snow board and chaps and spurs. Last year, I got a basketball goal and a Game Boy.  
Wesley Clarkson

Dear Santa,  
I want a dollhouse go cart and CDs. Last year, I got a Barbie jeep and skateboard.  
Gentry Moseley

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy dog, my twin doll and bean bag. Last year you brought me a violin and easy bake oven. My stocking will be on the mantle. I will leave you cookies, milk and carrots.  
Cassidy Devault

Dear Santa,  
I would like Spy Kids toys, Spiderman and car twister. Last year, I got a remote car and Spiderman movie.  
A.J. Bermea

(Editor's-note: This is part of a continuing series of articles on the historic Texico-Farwell News newspapers from 1916-1920.)

tenfield of the Christian church will deliver the address." Meanwhile, an election was held with folks nominated for office. The article didn't say what political party was involved but it is assumed there were no Republicans in the area at that time.

The vote in the Farwell precinct showed:  
Sheriff - J.H. Aldridge, 106; R.A. Hawkins, 102; J.M. Barnes 40.

Treasurer - M. Dickson, 123; T.J. Allen, 79; T.D. Balford, 39.

County commissioner, District 3 - F.W. McElroy, 132; B.E. Nobles, 103.

D.M. Whitley and J.H. Britt received a tie vote for constable.

And nominated without opposition were J.D. Hamlin, county judge; A.E. White, county attorney; B.N. Graham, county clerk; and C.G. Bratton, tax assessor.

Advertisements on Page 1 were for the Red Cross Pharmacy in Texico and Maddux Hardware Co.

As has been the case in other issues, Page 3 was devoted to a full page ad for the Cannon Ball Motor Co., of Texico, whose owners also published the Texico-Farwell News. (Editor's note: Since we have already carried much of the information in this ad in previous reports, we won't duplicate that.)

An ad on Page 2 was for the intertype print shop operated by the Texico-Farwell News, which was able to turn out office stationery, loose-leaf ledger leaves, card

index forms, all legal blanks forms, stock certificates and bonds, bankers safety checks in triplicate books, and engraved cards and other society stationery. Other ads were for the State Line Motor Co., which sold Columbia Dry Batteries; the Santa Fe Railroad which featured all-year tourist fares to points like "Mineral Wells, Corpus Christi, Marlin and other Texas points"; and Southwest Utilities Co. - "if it's anything electrical, we have it and can supply the demands."

Besides a healthy dose of war news, Page 2 did have local tidbits. The news from Locust Grove include:

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a church dress, and dad a history movie. Give Jordan a bath tub in her room and Rane video games. I would like a piano.  
Lauren Carpenter

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a new locket, and dad a paintball gun. Give Ray a paintball mask, and Hank a new hairbrush. I would like a new flower comforter, sheets, pillows and shams.  
K'Leigh Jo White

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot, power ranger, car, mean guo toy.  
Jesus Maldonado



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some people will be doing just what we  
do every day, in case you need us. Some will  
celebrate Christmas with our own families early,  
some late, so we will be here if you need us. Most of  
you won't think about us at all, because you'll just know  
we're here. And  
that makes  
us very  
proud.





# Peace on Earth

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

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1. The contest is divided into three age divisions: 4 to 6 years of age, 7 to 9 years of age, and 10 to 12 years of age. First and second prizes will be awarded.
2. The pictures shown below on this page are to be colored. The pictures must be submitted at the same time with the completed entry blank just below this.
3. Entries must be received at the State Line Tribune by 5:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29. They must be mailed or brought to the State Line Tribune. Address entries to: Coloring Contest, State Line Tribune, Box 255, Farwell, Texas 79325. Entries received after the deadline will be disqualified.
4. Entries will be judged by the newspaper staff on the basis of originality and neatness. The contest is open to all area children within the specified age limits.
6. Winners will be announced in the State Line Tribune in January.

THREE AGE GROUPS:

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- 7 to 9 years old
- 10 to 12 years old

PLEASE SUBMIT THE PICTURES AT ONE TIME

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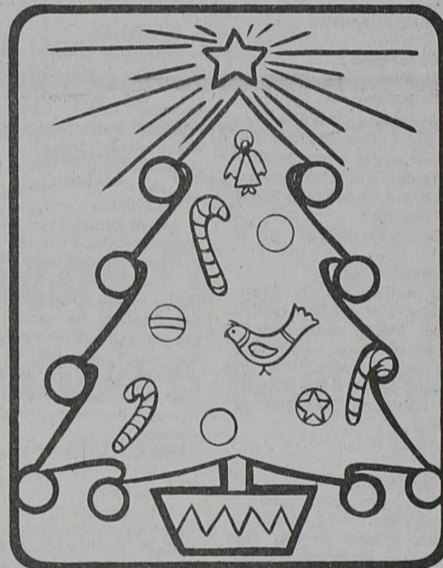
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**Contestants must color all pictures.**





# 'Santa, my grandma would like a new pet'

Dear Santa,  
I want a new baby doll with the play center. Please bring my little brother a toy. Mom will put out milk and cookies for you, and we won't have a fire on Christmas Eve so you won't burn your feet.  
Hannah Crandall



Saraly Ruba Leava

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for what you sent me. I like it a lot. My brother and I want a toy car that goes very, very fast. My mom wants money. So does my dad.  
Kimberly Brown

Dear Santa,  
My mom wants a dolphin. My sister wants a trampoline. I am going to leave you some cocoa and cookies. I would like an x box and an x box game. I hope you have a safe trip and thanks for the presents you gave me last year. And I want Halloween 2.  
Abigail Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my bike. I would like to get a dolphin. I will leave you a ginger cookie with hot milk. Santa, be careful at the trip. It might be long for you. My sister wants a computer.  
Alejandro Monarrez

Dear Santa,  
I have been waiting for Christmas. I want a Barbie. And a toy reindeer for my little brother. I want some DVDs. And a computer. My mom, Ginger, wants a beautiful dress. I want a kite and a Play Station, and a big or little bear. If you can bring me more, that's okay.  
Sierra Soliz

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new TV, a new American Girl. My mom would like a new bed. My dad would like a new motorcycle. My grandma would like a new pet. My brother would like a horse. My sister would like a new computer. I like what you brought me last year.  
Shelby Vannatta

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for all the things that I got last year. If you get enough time to get a toy for me, but I know you will. My brother wants a play station 2. My dad would like a new watch. My mom would like a new necklace.  
Gentry Doolittle

Dear Santa,  
I would like a green scooter. For my fish tank, I would like a down fish. I would like two basketballs and two remote control for wheels. I would like 2 movies, Kangaroo Jack and Ice Age.  
Jarron Hill

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a puppy? My brother wants a kitten. I want to see you some day. My nephew wants an x box game. Can you get a necklace for my mom and my sister? Thank you for the things you got me last year. How long does it take to go over there? Be careful on your trip.

truck. My little sister wants a bear. My little brother wants a play station 2. My mom and dad want a picture frame. Thank you for the toy you gave me last year. There will be a pie on the table for you.  
Jesus Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a wagon. Can I have a stuffed Rudolph? Can I have the movie Cat in the Hat? Can I have a marker board? Thanks for the presents from last year.  
Darby Tharp

Dear Santa,  
Maybe you will bring me a few things, but not a lot, please. Please bring me a dirt bike and a Play Station 2. My big sister wants a new bike; she is hoping to get one. My little sister wants a new Barbie and a bike. Hers got crushed. Thank you for what you gave me last year.  
Mitchell Pinnell

Dear Santa,  
I will tell my mom if she could bake you some cookies. Can you get me some Power Ranger action figures, X Men, United Action figures. Thanks for the things you gave me last year.  
Matthew Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and a puppy. Would you bring my brother a toy gun, and a toy baby for my baby sister. I want a computer. I will leave you chocolate cookies and milk.  
Britni

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for the toys you brought me last year. I would like a lot of clothes. My little brother wants a basketball. My big brother wants a toy car. I will leave you milk and cookies.  
Angelina Ornelas

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the toys from last year. I would like a horse. My brother wants a Spiderman toy. My dad wants to get my mom flowers.  
Lydia

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a cell phone? I want a bicycle and helmet. I've been good to my dad. Thank you for the toys. Are the reindeer doing good? I love Christmas.  
Magen McLain

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD player. I will give you milk. I've been good to my brother and my sister. Thank you for the toys last year.  
Matt Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a cell phone? I will leave you cookies and milk. I've been nice to my brother. Thank you for the toys last year.  
Rebecca Holguin

Dear Santa,  
I've been good with my brother and my sister. I want a Barbie. I am going to leave you milk and cookies.  
Itzel Cobos

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a Game Q? I've been good to my sister. I will leave cookies and milk for you.  
Junior Arce

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD player and a toy airplane. I've been good to my mom. Have a good Christmas.  
Tyler Bridges

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeers? Thanks for the toys you brought me last year. I would like new boots. My big sister wants a blue shirt. I will leave you cookies and milk on Christmas Eve night.  
Logan Meiwes

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a Barbie? I have been good to my sister. Have a nice Christmas.  
Christina Green

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeers? Thanks for the toys you brought me last year. I would

like a baby doll with clothes and shoes. My sister and brother want a trampoline and a bike. My mom wants a new pair of shoes.  
Maria Luna

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for the toys you brought me last year. I would like a trampoline. My sister wants a pogo stick and stroller. My dad wants a truck. My mom wants a ring.  
Taylor

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a remote control airplane? I will bring milk. I love mom. I love Christmas.  
Garren Bass

Dear Santa,  
I want a kitten. I want a puppy for my brother. I will leave some cookies and milk, and sugar cookies.  
Tacia Beavers

Dear Santa,  
I would like a real puppy and fireflies. My little brother wants a big truck. I will leave you cookies and chocolate milk. I love you, Santa.

Juan Estrada  
Dear Santa,  
How is Prancer? I want a big toy truck. For my brother, bring a new movie, it's about Sinbad. I will leave you three big chocolate cookies.  
Matthew McWhorter

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy. I want a toy kitten. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!  
Kaleigh Autrey

Dear Santa,  
I want 3 gold teeth, 3 silver teet, Harry Potter action figures and shorts, toy tractors.  
Brooks Hagler

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station 2 and a dinosaur movie.  
Luke Spears

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car, a bicycle and a basketball. For my mom, a new kitchen. And for my dad, new clothes.  
Raul Jimenez

## Harmony & Joy

With a song in our hearts, we'd like to join in with a round of good cheer and a chorus of thanks to all of you.

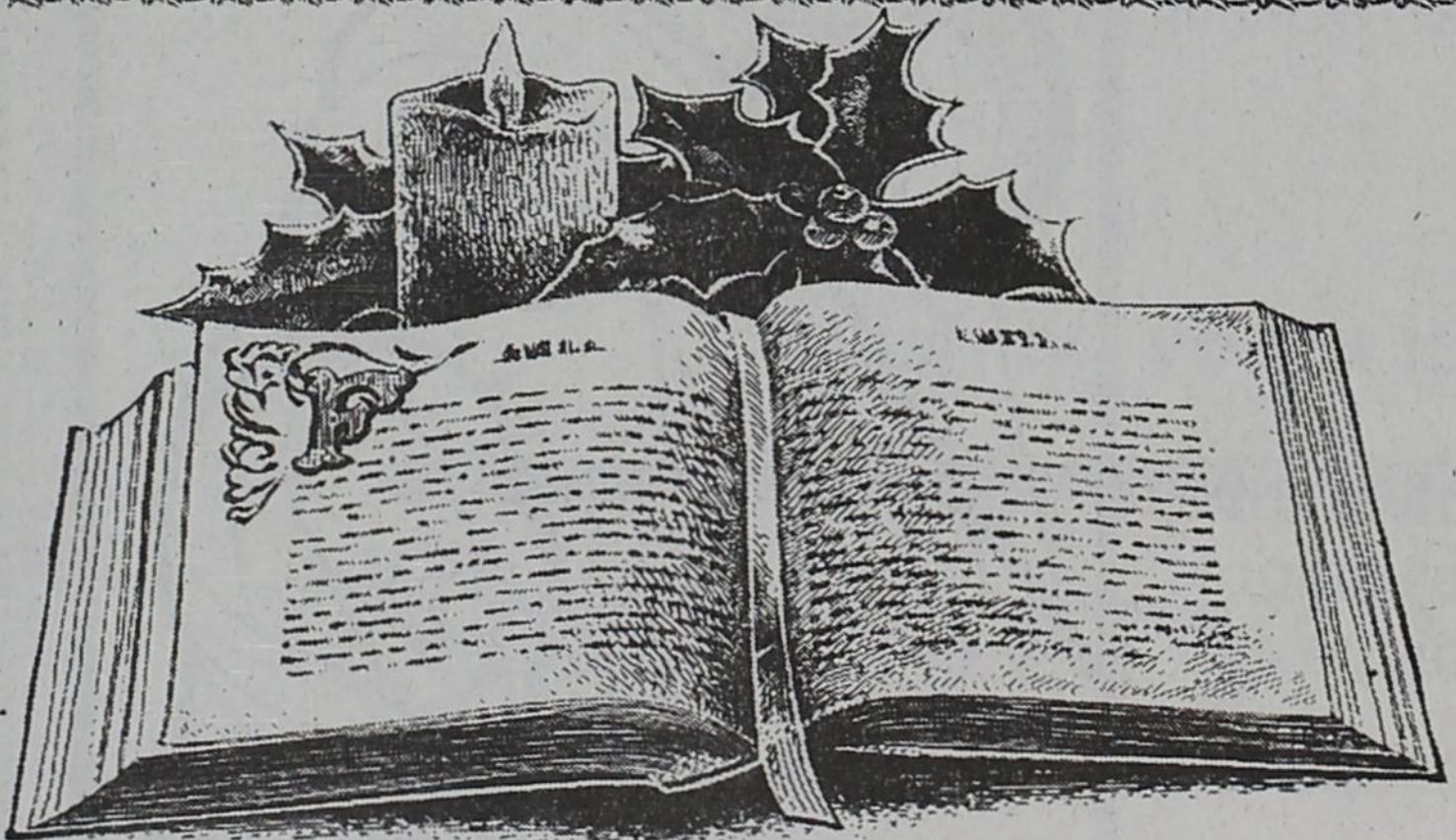
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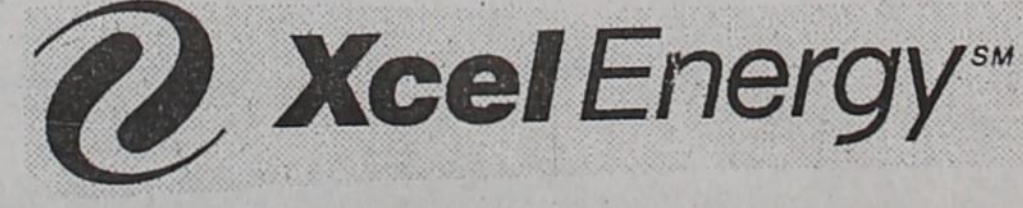
*Behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*

*Matthew 2: 1-2*



## Holy Blessings Unto You

*May your heart and hearth be filled with the blessing of peace, love, faith and harmony, as we celebrate the Miracle that is Christmas.*



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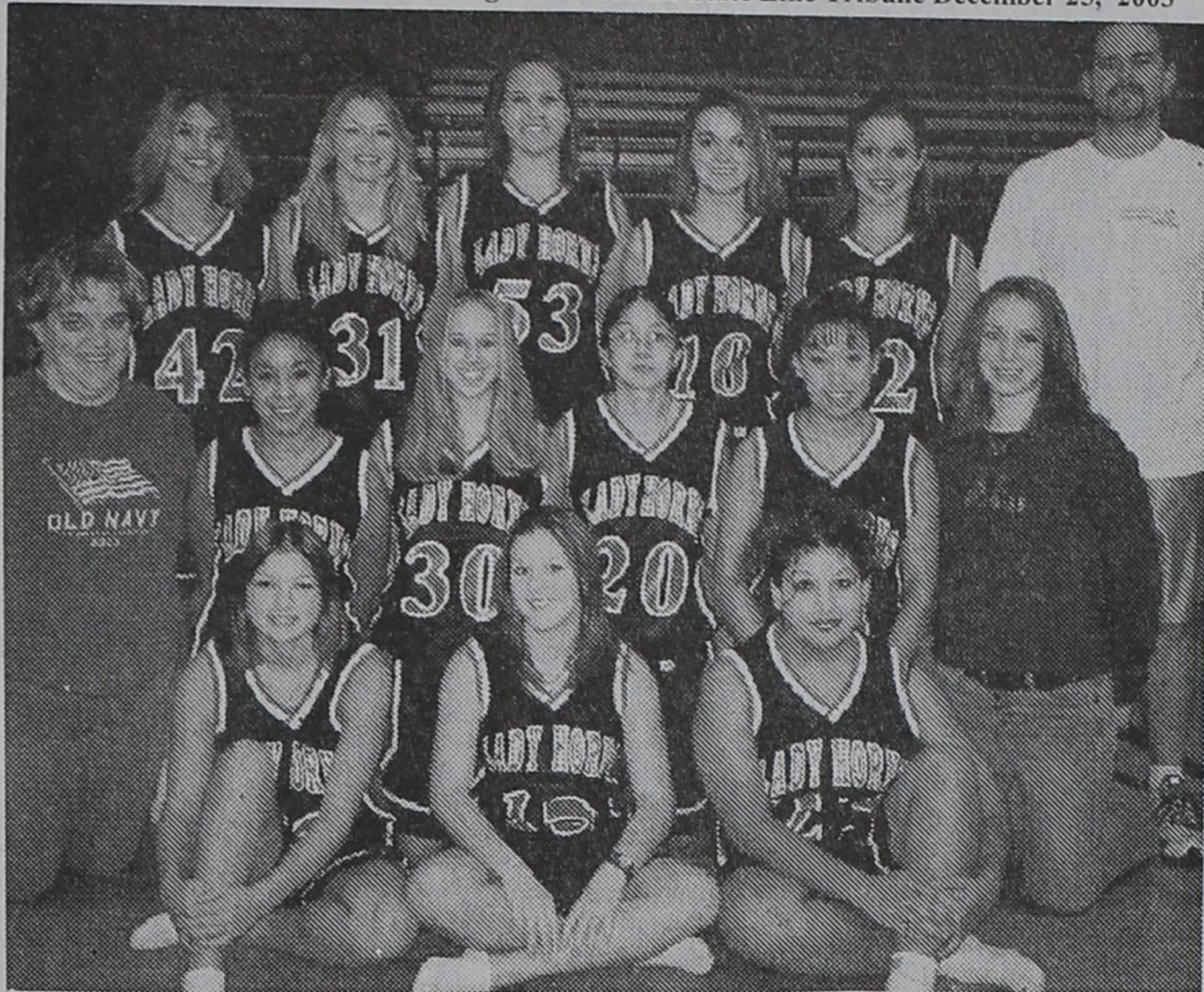
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**Farwell JV Boys**

In back from left are Ty Gast, Derrick Chandler, Zac Bickel, Brett Howard, Carlos Saenz; in front, Roper Smith, Luis Olmos, Matthew Edwards, Juan Carlos Vidaurri, Fabian Reyes.



**Lazbuddie Varsity Girls**

Back row from left, Shonnah Black, Shawndee Nichols, Kayla Parham, Katy Loudder, coach Jeff Ford; middle row, Ana Hernandez, Melanie Winders, Violet Aguilar, Miriam Hernandez; front row, manager Kelli Harris, Bethenie Sanchez, Amberlee Steinbock, Susie Juarez, manager Michelle Scott.

**'Santa, I want a talking bear'**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Brother Bear, Play Station, stroller for babies, and new bicycle.  
Hailee Kelley

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of skis, Harry Potter movie, Harry Potter Lego Chamber of Secrets, new cup and hamster.  
Trysten Berry

Dear Santa,  
I want a Finding Nemo video game, Big Sleepytime care bear, Spongebob video game and Big Cheer care bear.  
Kasye Long

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control motorcycle, train table, 3 Power Rangers and Flying Power Ranger.  
Tyler Cutbirth

Dear Santa,  
I want a water baby, blocks and pictures.  
Amanda Meeks

Dear Santa,  
I want a talking bear, bike, puzzles and ball and bat.  
Raquel Barba

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot, Deer Hunter 3 & 4, video games.  
Andrew Meeks

Dear Santa  
I want 2 turtles, care bear and package of markers.  
Ryann Roberts

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, flower

and convertible car.  
Emily Kube

Dear Santa,  
I want a fake horse and scooter.  
Jessica Hardisty

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| <p><b>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</b><br/>Worship Service -- 9 a.m.<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>                                                                                                             | <p><b>Farwell Convalescent Center</b><br/>Bill Bridwell -- chaplain.<br/>Sunday services -- 9 a.m.<br/>Bible study - 2 p.m. Wednesday</p>                                                                                                  | <p><b>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</b><br/>James Koehn - minister<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>                                                |
| <p><b>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St.</b><br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Worship - 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer<br/>8 p.m. winter</p>                                                        | <p><b>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</b><br/>Rev. Mickee Mounce<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Worship - 11:15 a.m. &amp; 6:30 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 8 p.m.</p>                                                                       | <p><b>First Baptist Church of Texico</b><br/>Rob Hollis -- minister<br/>Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt<br/>Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. mt<br/>Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>                 |
| <p><b>First Baptist Church of Farwell</b><br/>Rev. Randy Mullin -- pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship - 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. - Prayer meeting 7 p.m.<br/>Wed. - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</b><br/>Jim Peabody - minister<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt<br/>Worship-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. mt<br/>Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt<br/>Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter<br/>7:30 p.m. mt summer</p> | <p><b>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</b><br/>Rev. Jonette Gay<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Worship - 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.<br/>Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.</p> |
| <p><b>Lariat Church of Christ</b><br/>Sam Billingsley - minister<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Worship - 10:45 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. winter<br/>8:00 p.m. summer</p>                       | <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church, Texico</b><br/>Sunday Mass - Noon mt<br/>Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.<br/>Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.</p>                                                                                        | <p><b>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</b><br/>David Symm - minister<br/>Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>                                              |
| <p><b>New Light Baptist Church</b><br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship - 11 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m.<br/>Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>                                                      | <p><b>Farwell Church of Christ</b><br/>Phillip Steyn -- minister<br/>Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m.<br/>Worship ; 10:50 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.<br/>In Search -- 7:30 -- Ch. 4 Sun.</p>                                  | <p><b>Assembly of God Church, Texico</b><br/>Bob Burris - minister<br/>Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt<br/>Worship - 10:15 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m. mt<br/>Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt.</p>          |

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**'Santa, do you have kids?'**

Dear Santa,  
I love the reindeer, especially the first one. I love our Christmas tree and you will, too. I want a window for my room that is purple, green and gray. I want a rocking horse and play dinosaurs and a cat. I say "bye, bye."  
Kendal Stancell

Dear Santa,  
I like your reindeer, especially Dancer. I want a Barbie with a t-shirt and pretty hair, and a Barbie shirt and pants for me in size 7/8. My older sisters like Barbie things, too. They always play with mine. My dad needs some pants with cars and a shirt with trucks. My mom would like a pretty red dress. My big brothers need new pants. Christopher likes little clothes with baby monkeys and little cars.  
Marisol Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? Rudolph is my favorite. Could you please bring me a basketball and a blue and red and yellow and green remote control car? And I'd like a play motorcycle. Be careful when you are flying safely home.  
Brinton Roach

Dear Santa,  
Do you have kids? Where do they live? Could you let me go with you to give all the presents? Could you bring me a car with remote control? And a computer game about car racing? I would like to go riding with you. Please call me when we can go together.  
Armando Arevalo

Dear Santa,  
How do the elves make all the toys? Me and dad went deer hunting. We shot 3 deer. We will have deer meat for Christmas presents. I want a remote control car and a pickup truck and lots of batteries. My sister and I would like new puzzles and books. And I would like Superfriend Big Activity Book. And I want little Matchbox cars and a pop-up mat.  
Keith Kalbas

Dear Santa,  
Do reindeer really come in my chimney? It has fences around it. I want a Raggedy

Ann doll, a big bouncy ball, a Barbie boat and a Scooby Doo Barbie. I am doing good grades at school and I am reading, too.  
Cari Johnson

Dear Santa,  
Where do you really live? What is your favorite food? I want a Bratz doll, a walking pup (it's a dog) and a Cinderella Barbie.  
Rosa Munoz

Dear Santa,  
What do you like to eat? I like fish and peaches. Do you? I want a Barbie bike, and a swimming Barbie. Please give my family a trampoline. We also want a DVD and "Rapunzel." And I want a Bratz doll.  
Diana Delgado

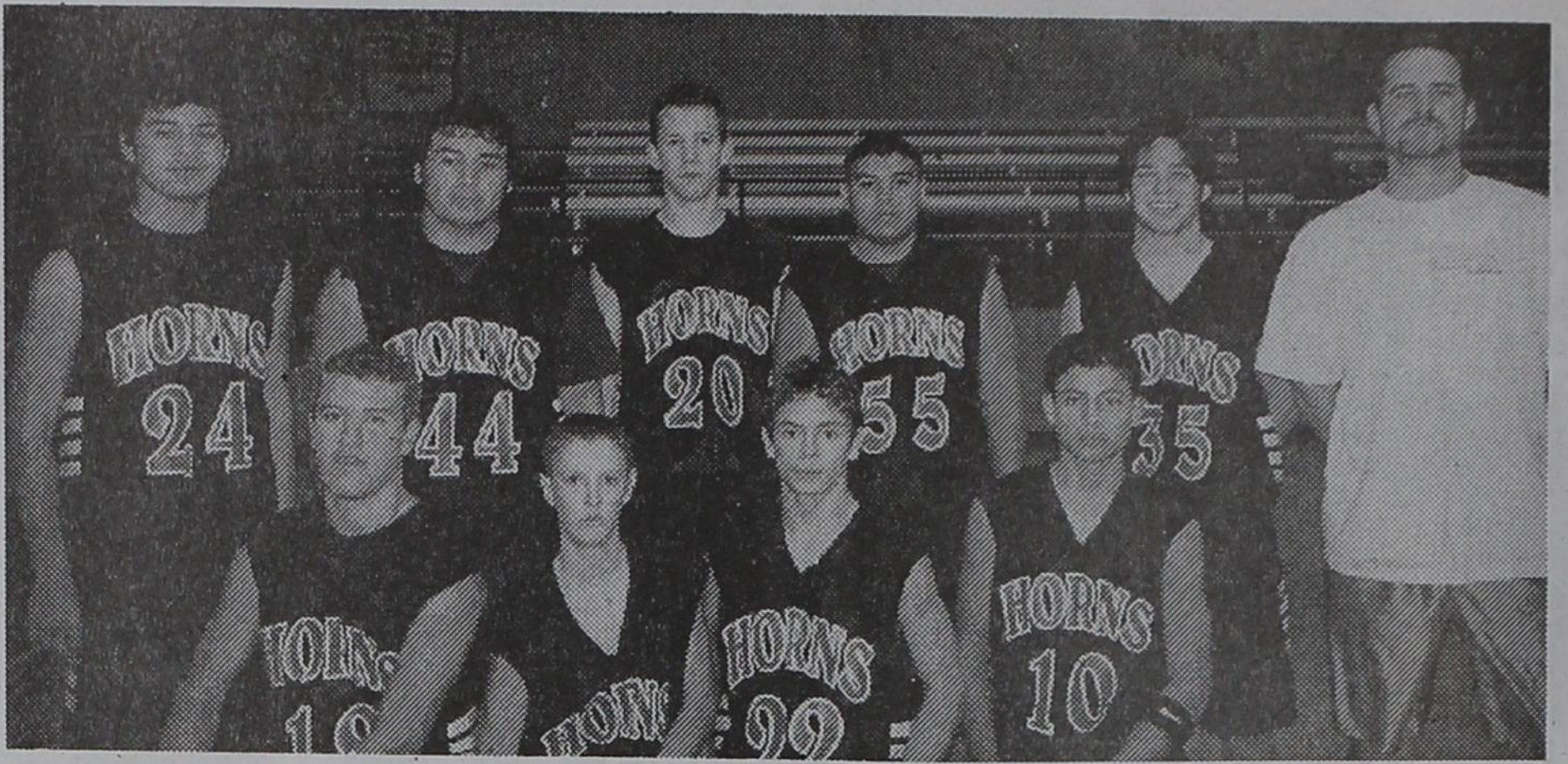
Dear Santa,  
How do you get inside my house? Please give me a Spiderman alarm clock, a Spiderman watch and Tonka fire trucks. I play with my baby sister and help take care of her. Don't catch a cold this Christmas, Santa.  
Daniel Lucero

Dear Santa,  
What is your favorite food? Mine is macaroni and cheese. I would like a doll that prays to God and a doll house. I wish I had a real kitten and a book of "Cinderella."  
Lorena Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I want a Princess costume that is "Tinkerbell." I'd like a Barbie alarm clock and a Barbie house for all my Barbies. And we would like a Dalmation puppy.  
Madison Griswold

Dear Santa,  
I wish I could see all the reindeer and you would come to my house. Please bring me a Spiderman clock, a drum, a dollar, new pencils and a truck with a trailer.  
Gerardo Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a lot of elves. I wish I could see you at the window of my house. Do you like Chevy pickups? Please bring a big video game, a Spiderman book, ten bucks, and Incredible Hulk book. It's being fun at



**Lazbuddie Varsity Boys**

Back row from left, Sergio Cuevas, Nicolas Cuevas, Cory Puckett, Jose Beliz, Robby Martin, coach Jeff Ford; front row, Kirby Kimbrough, Bryce Haney, Jesse Gomez and Aaron Chavez.



**Texico Varsity Girls**

In back are Coach Anderson, Amber Parmer, Ashley Smith, Erika Autrey, Jazzie Walls, Lauren Boazman, Coach Little, Britta Gordon; in front, Ashley Kidd, Brette Hadley, Mindi Roberts, Brittany Anderson.

school.  
Dylan Steelman

Dear Santa,  
I want an Ariel Barbie and a Barbie talking townhouse.

My grandma is going to make some cookies and milk for you, Santa, and the reindeer. Please don't eat too much so you can fit in the chimney.  
Carlia Alvarado

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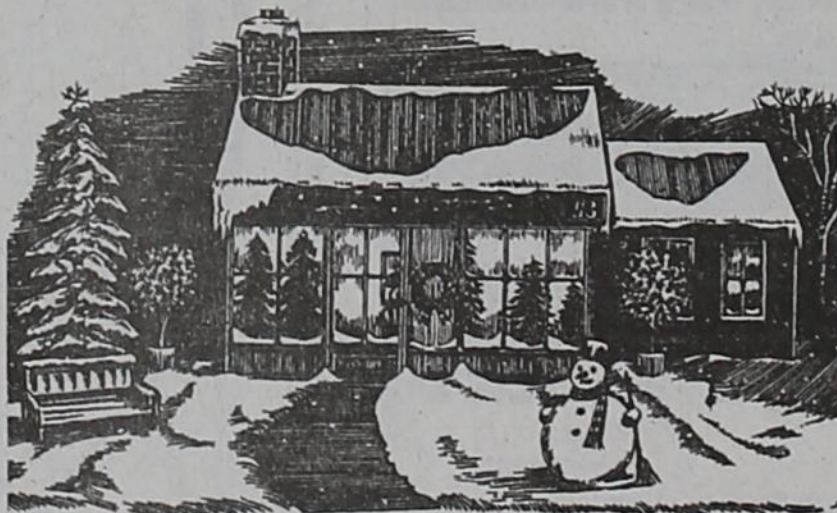
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# 'Santa, I want a doll that talks to me'

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike with a kickstand and I want my dad to have a wood bat to play baseball with me, and my baby sister to have lots of shoes and Kenzy Pally with a jeep and mom a nice bracelet and necklace.  
Jett Cates

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll that talks to me and a very pretty dress with lots of lace and flowers, and for my brother a toy car.  
Johanna Vega

Dear Santa,  
I want a big blue bike and a yo-yo. I love to draw pic-

tures and I would like for you to send me lots of paper.  
Ricus Van Rensburg

Dear Santa,  
I want a take horse and a real fluffy dog so I can name her Princess but I love my daddy more than a dog so don't give me one. I will give all my love to my daddy. I love candies but I love my mom more.  
Myra Servin

Dear Santa,  
I want a monster truck and remote control excavator and I want a Jeff Gordon No. 24 race car.  
Cameron Scoggin

Dear Santa,  
I want lots of lipsticks and Barbies. Also, a vanity set so I can put all my lipsticks and makeup in order. Also, a computer so I can play games and learn more.  
Jazmin Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a scooter and a motorcycle to ride all over our land so I can help daddy gather our cows.  
Justin Perez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station with lots of games. Can you send my sister a Bugs Bunny toy? I also want a trampoline so I can jump and get tired and maybe I won't get in trouble so much.  
Ricardo Parra

Dear Santa,  
I want a real motorcycle so I can ride with my daddy and brother, and I would like a computer with a doll sitting on top of it. Can you put a star in my room so it can light up every night, Santa?  
Arianna Meza

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a scooter and a toy barn with lots of farm animals. I also like to play with my dolls so bring me a double stroller so I can take my babies to the store.  
Audrey Wren

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and

please send me some color books because I have been sick and I want to color in bed. Oh! Also, please bring me a talking doll.  
Ana Estrada

Dear Santa,  
I want a game, game station 3 and a bike, please. I want a motorcycle. I have been good.  
Shaun Autrey

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. How are you and your reindeer? I would like a remote control motorcycle and a train.  
Adrien

## It's crystal ball time

Each year at this time, I use this column space to make some predictions.

Unfortunately, I have been correct too much of the time, especially three years ago when I wrote exclusively about the terrorist threat (before 9-11).

Well, this time I won't predict anything that seems to be unusual ... just more of the same.

- President Bush will be re-elected. He will keep a Republican majority in Congress thanks to the improved economic situation.

- Hillary Clinton won't run for president this year, but will in 2008.

- The Los Angeles Lakers will win the NBA title in a walk. Nobody can match up with Shaq and Karl Malone.

- At the start of the NFL season, I picked the Indianapolis Colts and Minnesota Vikings to be in the Super Bowl.

- Terrorism will continue to be the major story of the year. U.S. troops will put out of Iraq, but the war with the terrorists will continue on new fronts.

The use of shoulder-



fired missiles to down civilian aircraft will be a big problem.

- The continued momentum of China to be the No. 1 super power in the world will continue, as the war on terrorism will drain Uncle Sam's pockets.

The "budget deficit" may seem like only two little words to us today, but in 12 months, it will draw major attention from the politicians.

And in 48 months, that deficit will be a dilemma for all Americans.

- Politicians will begin to talk about the health insurance crisis. Note, I say "begin..."

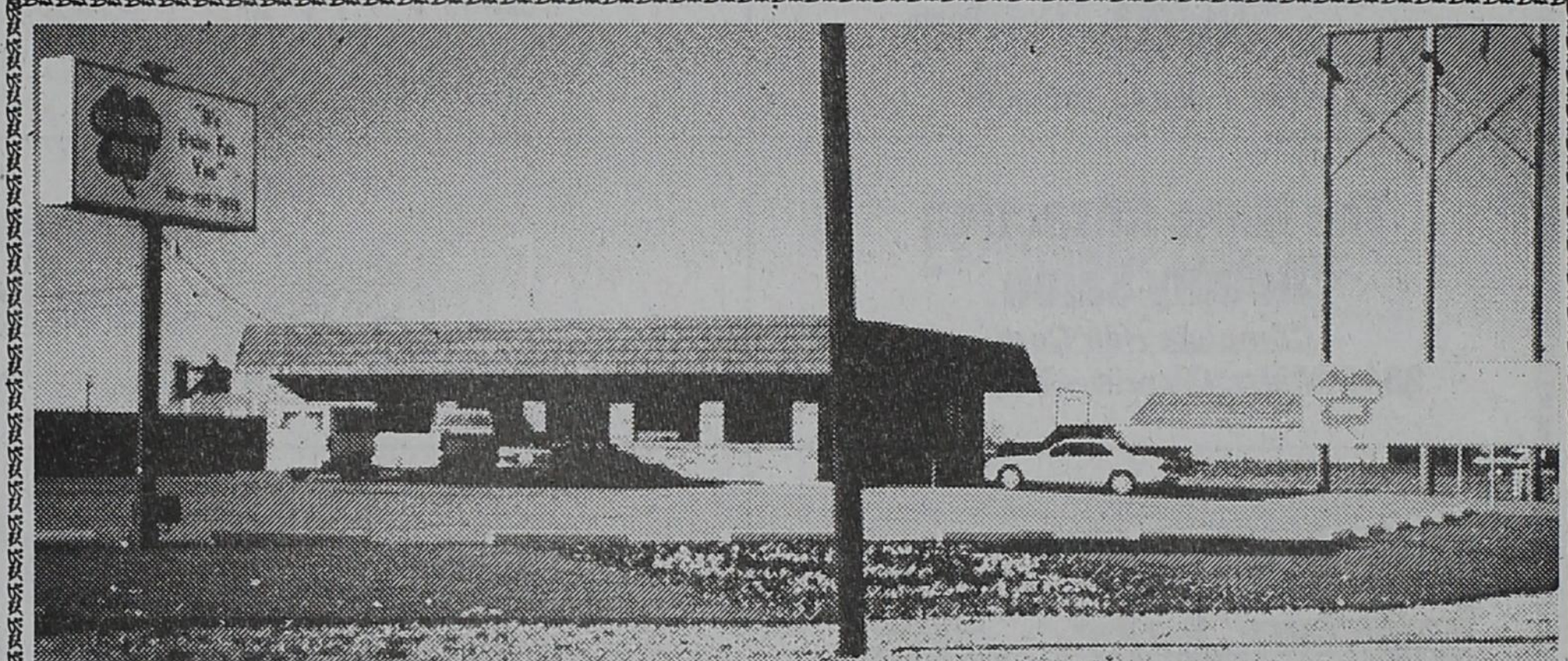
- The New York Yankees and the Chicago Cubs will face off in the World Series.

- The world's AIDS crisis will be a major topic at the United Nations.



Farwell 8<sup>th</sup> Girls

In back from left are Jacque Caporusso, Morgan Saul, Kaylyn Meyer, Shelby Christian, Lauren Beaubien; middle row, Annette Torres, Morgan Bickel, Lindsey Mullin; front row, Ashleigh Mesman, Chanel Castillo.



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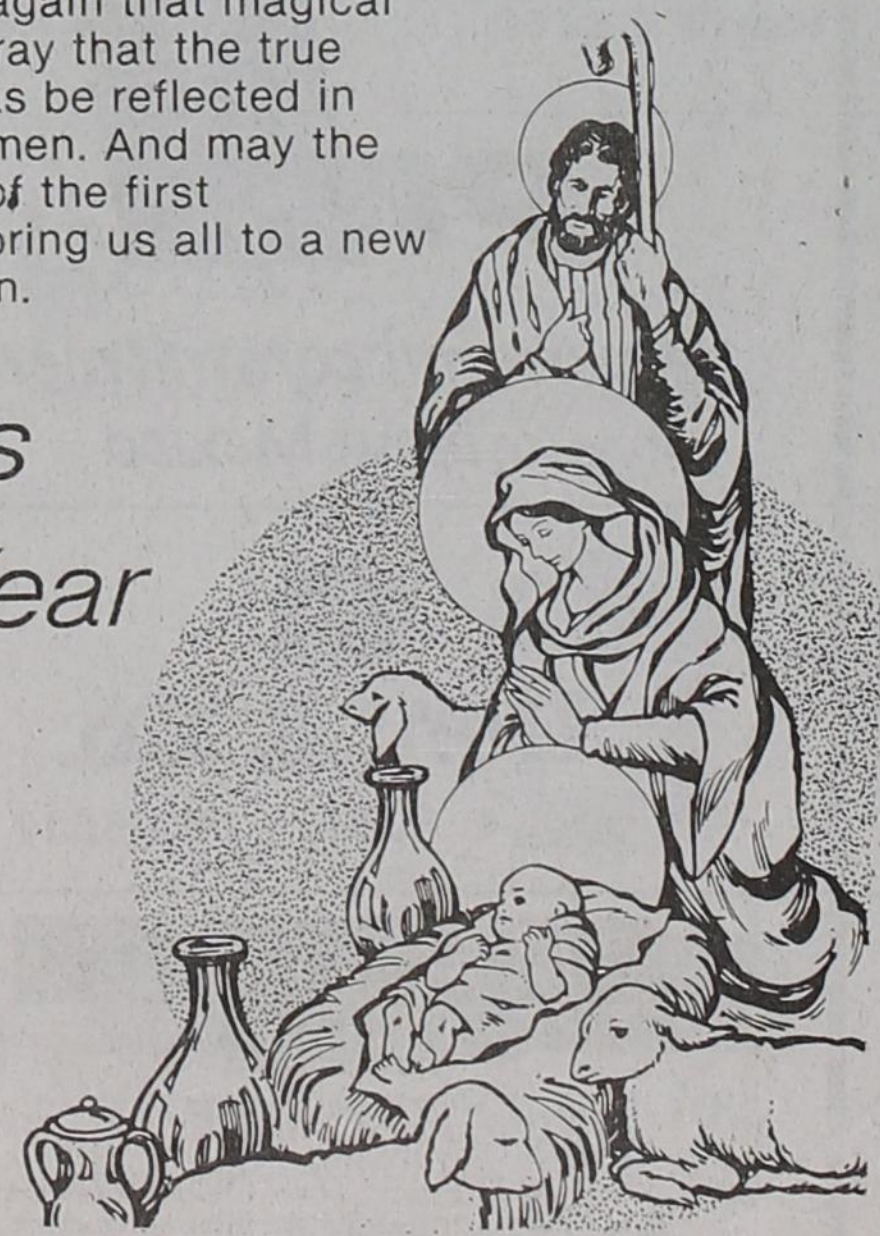
As we celebrate again that magical moment, let us pray that the true spirit of Christmas be reflected in the hearts of all men. And may the special promise of the first Christmas child bring us all to a new and glorious morn.

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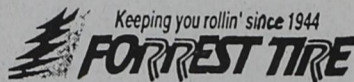


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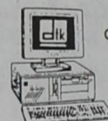


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# 'Santa, could I go see you at the North Pole?'

Dear Santa,  
Could I go see you at the North Pole? Please bring me a Spiderman web-maker toy and a Game Boy. I like all my teachers at school and I like school.  
Oscar Muniz

my daddy some warm slippers.  
Otho Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
I want a popcorn maker so I can eat popcorn while I watch movies. Also, I want a baby with a bathtub and playhouse.  
Cambree Haseloff

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie jeep and a pair of shoes, and a play dog that won't jump on me and throw me down. I want some snap-on blocks and a play cash register.  
Ami Favila

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control jeep and a computer so I can play games. I want my mom to have a pretty dress and daddy to have some nice boots.  
Angel Graxiola

Dear Santa,  
I would like to sing and I would like to have two karaoke machines plus Jingle Bell rock CD. Can you send my mom a dozen dandelions?  
Katy Carpenter

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car and a soccer ball and for my little brother a water toy that will help his teeth so they won't hurt.  
Angie Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want my mom to have a heart necklace and I want my dad and brother to have new guns. I would like a new German shepherd dog and a big talking doll.  
Jenna Kirkland

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike, Barbie doll and a Barbie jeep. Last year, you brought me a CD player, VCR and Barbie motorcycle. I will leave a cookie and hot cocoa for you.  
Graciela Meza

Dear Santa,  
I would like my two front teeth, because they are gone; and my own TC. Last year, you brought me a radio and new bike.  
Faith Stalcup

Dear Santa,  
I would like lots of books, a remote control car and roller blades. Last year, you brought me a camera and toy cars.  
Pedro Ruiz

Dear Santa,  
I would like a stuffed reindeer, an x box and a diamond ring to give my mom. Last year, I got a reindeer with chocolate and a robot. My stocking will be green with a candy cane. I will leave you a bug ring.  
Jasen Herrera

Dear Santa,  
I would like a go cart, a race car and remote control truck. Last year, I got an Octoblast and a car case.  
Ryan Smith

Dear Santa,  
I would like a GI Joe, Lord of the Rings guy, and Legos. Last year, I got a toothbrush, a train and table.  
Tanner Mesman

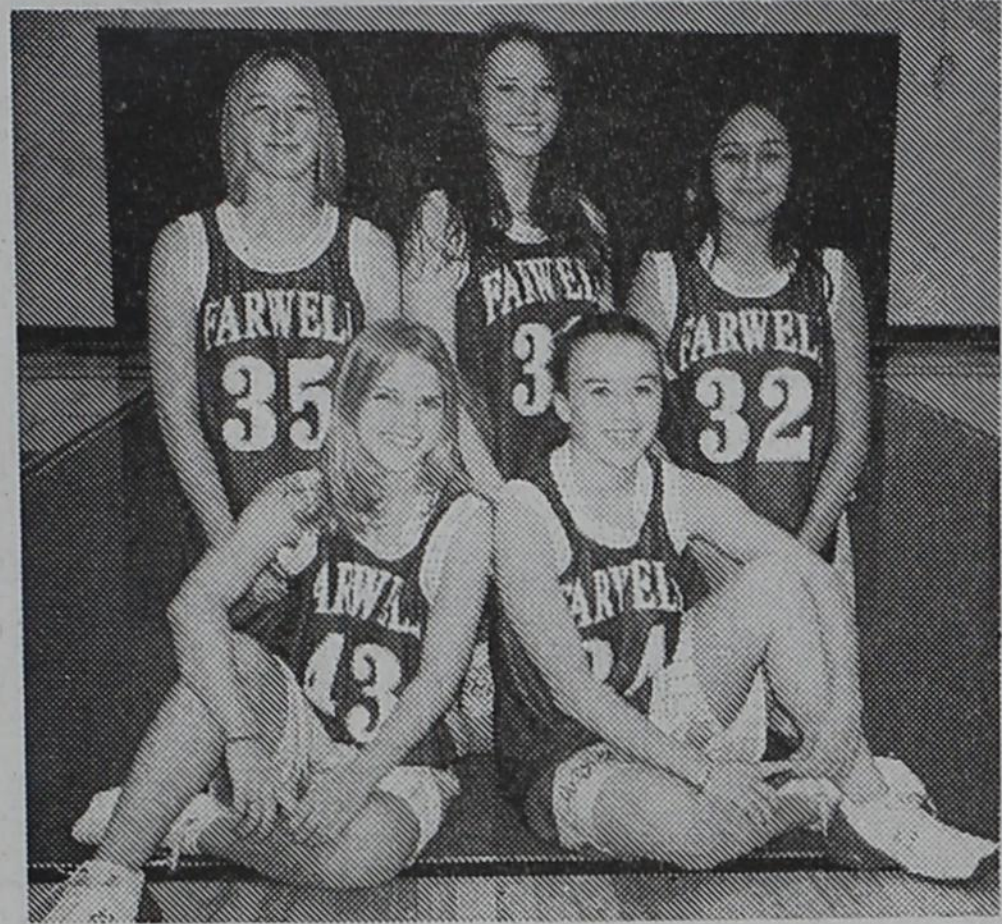
Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a house, and give my sister a horse. Give my little sister a Barbie and my baby sister a tea party set. I would like to have a horse.  
Zachary Alvarado

## Upcoming Sports

Due to the Christmas holidays, it's an abbreviated basketball schedule.

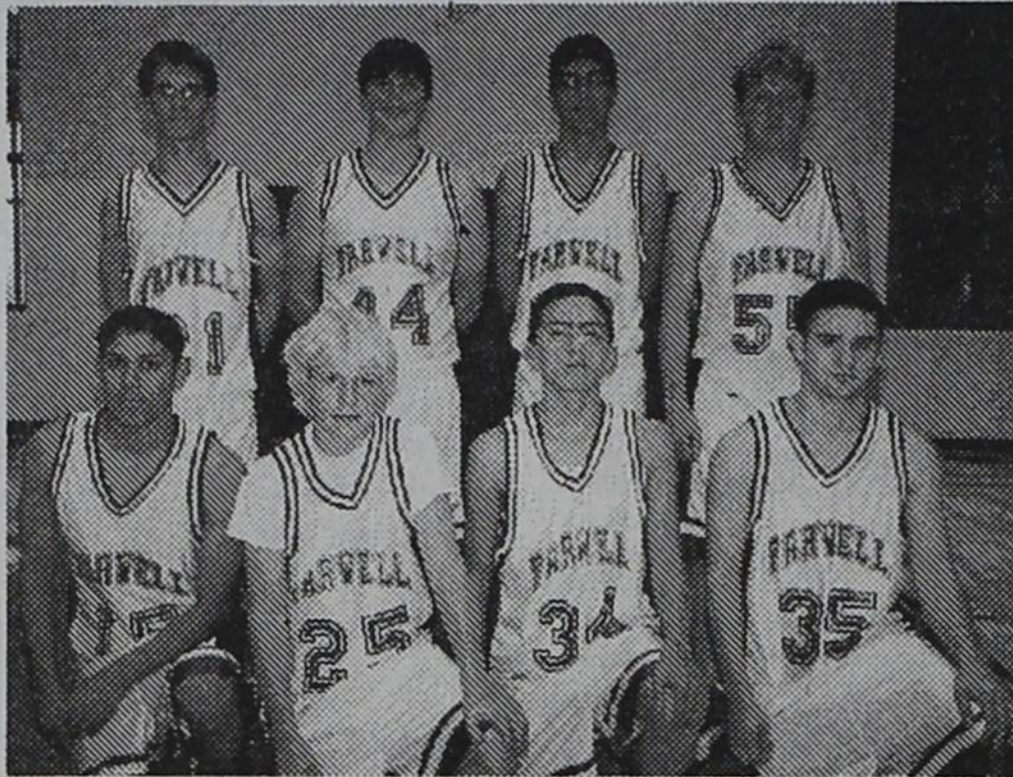
The Farwell varsity teams will play in the Littlefield Tourney Dec. 29-31.

The Lazbuddie varsity teams will host Vega on Dec. 29, then play at Hartley on Dec. 30.



**Farwell 'Grey Girls'**

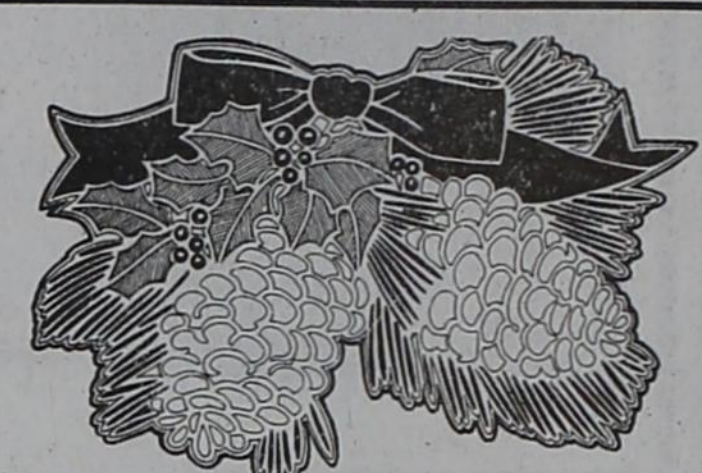
In back from left are Hayley Fowler, Jordan Carpenter, Branda Cano; in front, Jourdan Kirkland and Trish Robertson.



**Farwell Freshman Boys**

In back from left are Ryan McClaran, Dan Patterson, Emanuel Pereda, Colton Sudderth; in front, Hugo Vasquez, Cory Chadwick, Alex Olmos and Robert Williams.

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**Farwell 8th Boys**

In back from left are Ramon Quezada, Logan Carpenter, Trace Stevenson, Jorge Vasquez; middle row, Ross McClaran, Bryce Howard, Roper Ledbetter, Finus Nolte; front row, Brian Meeks, Dalton Cockerham, Rowdy Smith. W. Teltschik is not pictured.



**Farwell 7th Boys**

In back from left are Jonathan Edwards, Drew Johnson, Nathan Cuevas, Cameron Kirkland, Emilio Loera; middle row, Chris Findley, Landon White, Brody Grimes, Kade Foster; front row, Jackson Bickel, Blake O'Hare, Bo Mitchell. Justin Moore is not pictured.

**'Santa, most of all, I wish for a puppy'**

Dear Santa,  
I want this pink toy dog that talks. I want to give my brother a toy ball that has springs. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Kaylee O'Neal

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy, and a cat, too. Is there any way I can have a horse? I will leave you cookies.  
Carlee Luscombe

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I want an Easy Bake oven. Please bring my brother a remote control car. I will leave some

chocolate chip cookies.  
Jessica Jorde

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeers? I would like a kitchen set, Barbie doll and table and chairs. My big sister would like a Barbie doll. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Destiny Gayton

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeers and elves? I would like a water gun and remote control jeep. My big brother wants a computer. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Justin Jenkins

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I want some shorts, shoes and Play Station games. And some computer games and chalk board. But most of all, I wish for a puppy.  
Adan Serna

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I want a remote control car. Please bring my siser Brat dolls. I will leave cookies.  
Isik Pei

Dear Santa,  
I want a big guy that throws play bullets.  
Joseph Sena



*Season's Greetings*

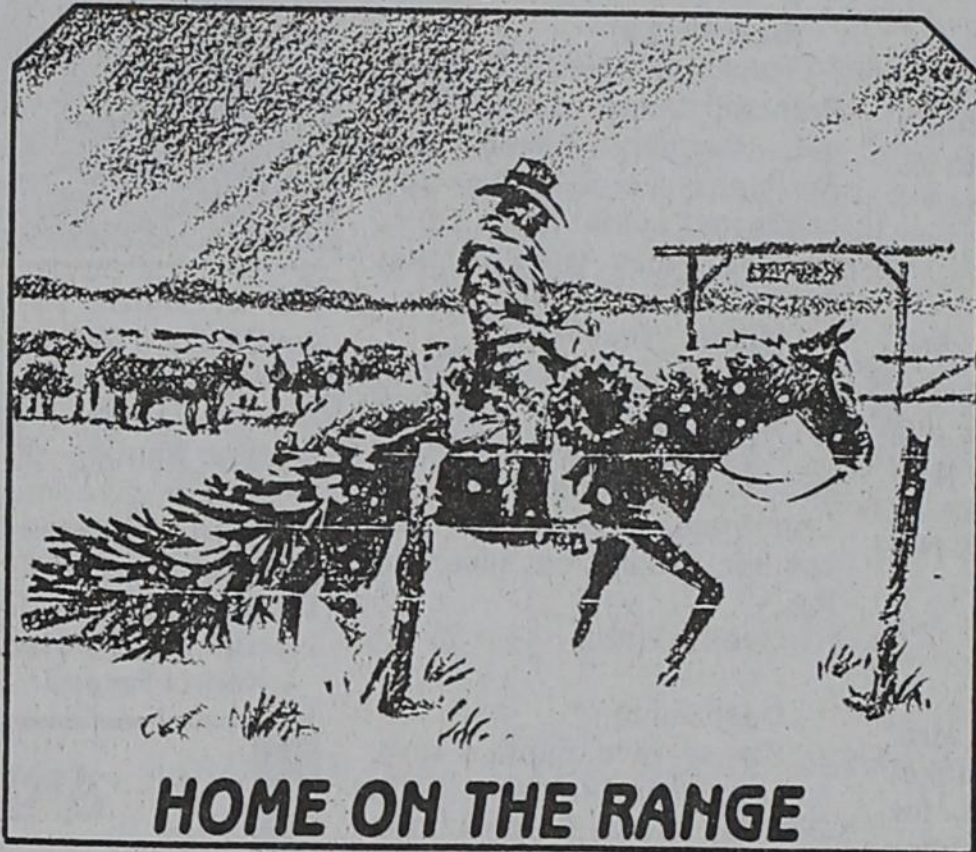
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**The Farwell Marching Band**

The Farwell High Marching Band performs at a football game. (Photos by J.R. Ivins)



**'Santa, I would like a globe'**

Dear Santa,  
Are you getting ready for Christmas? I want a four-wheeler and a notebook. My Christmas wish is that my grandma gets well.  
Luis Godinez

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer doing? I want a x-box. But I would like a new play station also. I wish my dad felt better.  
Austin Mason

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy and a hamster for Christmas. And I want the soldiers in Iraq to be safe.  
Katlyn Hicks

Dear Santa,  
How are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blixen and Rudolph? I would like Uno cards and some music CD's. My Christmas wish is that my uncle gets better.  
Allison Weaver

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I want two things for Christmas. The first thing is a dirt bike. The second thing is a rifle. My Christmas wish is that the soldiers in Iraq will be safe.  
Ryan Isaacson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a big remote control truck and a rifle for Christmas. I wish that my brother would be nicer to me.  
George Harder

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph and Mrs. Claus. I want a Polly Pocket and a big Care Bear for Christmas. I wish my sister didn't have the rashes.  
Madison Jesko

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a ring, and my little brother a coat. Give my dad an English book and my little sister a coloring book. As for me, I would like a pump to air my bike up.  
Alexa Mora

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I want a puppy and a Brat doll for Christmas and I want the children that are sick to be okay.  
Ashton

Dear Santa,  
Please give Mitchell a four wheeler, and my sister a Barbie. Give my dad a four wheeler and my mom a new



pair of shoes. As for me, I would like a four wheeler.  
Austin Ratke

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a new blouse, and my dad a lot of tools. Give my brother a little bike and dad and mom a bike. As for me, I would like a paint ball gun.  
Zachary Dale

and grandma a day off from work. Give Carli a Barbie, and brother a toy jeep to ride

in. I would like to see my daddy.  
Meagan Alvarado

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a job, and dad a baseball bat. Give my brother a bed, and little brother a little car. As for me, I would like a globe.  
Karina Retana

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a job,

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**GOD BLESS EVERYONE!**

An open letter to the folks in the Texico-Farwell area community from Ted Lopez and his son, Teddy:

Folks, we'd like to take this joyous occasion to thank everyone for their wonderful support of our business on your 27 years here in the Texico-Farwell area.

We started in 1977 in Farwell, then moved to our current location in Texico the following year. And we have Marcia Leavell working with us at our business.

The Texico-Farwell community has been just super toward us. From the first, we were treated as good members of the community, as neighbors. And we sincerely appreciate that welcome of 27 years ago. It meant a lot and we've tried to be good neighbors.

It seems when you are in a big city, you are on your own. But here, in a small community, folks support each other. That's the better way.

Well, it's been 27 years now, a special time for us since we opened our shop. And it's fun to have a lot of folks, many retired, who just stop by to chat. You are always welcome, friends. We appreciate that neighborliness very much.

Thanks for letting us have this opportunity, our 27<sup>th</sup> birthday, to just say "thank you." We are forever grateful for your support and friendship.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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A Christmas message from Gary Brown, president of Friona State Bank:

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the officers, directors and employees of Friona State Bank to thank you, our customers as well as any future customers, for your business and friendship.

Anything worthwhile is built on relationships, and we value our relationships with you. People do come first. Thank you for allowing us to continue to grow and seek new ways to better serve you and your financial needs.

We all wish each and everyone a blessed holiday season filled with great joy and peace. God Bless.

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## Harold Carpenter reminisces

The following story comes is an excerpt from "The Thirties in Texas" series that appears on TexasEscapes.com, a website that is dedicated to preserving the real history and folklore of Texas and the Parmer County Historical Commission. It features a segment written by John Trosser with memories provided by Harold Carpenter, a life-long resident of Parmer County and Oklahoma Lane.

It is entitled "Wester than Far West Texas - The Oklahoma Lane High School Senior Class Trip of 1936."

"The trip lasted five days and four nights with the students, bus driver and teacher/chaperones journeying west into New Mexico, soaking up enough 'foreign' culture to last them a lifetime. One of the places visited was the University of New Mexico where Harold and his group saw 'professors with foreign accents and accommodating manners.' Another item seen at the modernistic university was an anthropological souvenir from Brazil - a shrunken human head described as being 'the size of a dried apple.'

Being at the halfway point of the Great Depression meant making some economic adjustments. Camping was one. Sleeping just off the highway and eating pineapple out of the can were experiences the students could have enjoyed at home, but it was much more exotic to experience them in New Mexico. Breakfasts of scrambled eggs and canned salmon was another.

There were other unforgettable experiences like washing dishes in the Rio Grande (downstream from Indian ponies) and seeing one's teacher burn the front of her dress off on the campfire. On one occasion, they stayed at 'a place owned and operated by a person with the astounding name of Valentine.'

The trip was made more exciting by the actual bus ride itself. The driver - a man named Lester - 'piloted' the bus downhill 'with the switch off' for 11 1/2 miles on one occasion and swerved sharply to avoid a load of hay on another. The sudden redistribution of students in the bus left Harold with three lacerated ribs. Another student suffered a cracked bone in his neck. In West Texas in the 1930's, the average elementary school recess was

good for cracked vertebrae and lacerated ribs, so since no one was paralyzed, the trip continued.

Stopping for lunch one day, they surprised the owner of a café who hadn't been expecting a busload of hungry students. He apologized; saying the only thing he had available was ice cream in cones. The students reluctantly resigned themselves to eating every cone in stock - even getting down to the stale stock where one female student discovered a spider web in the bottom of her cone.

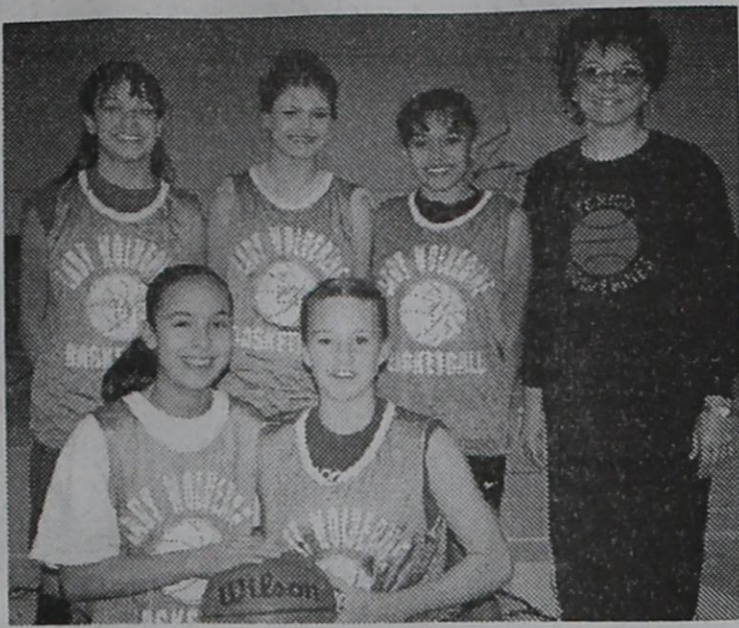
Since there wasn't enough live entertainment in the evenings, they saw several movies on their trip. One night they 'dressed up in their cleanest clothes' and went to a movie where 'the talking apparatus stayed only fairly close to the film.' The big surprise was running into a real Hollywood film in the making a few days later. Jack Oakie and Fred McMurray were on location filming "The Texas Rangers." Like most Texas epics, it was filmed in another state. Harold observed that the film crew was feeding the Indians soup three times a day in order to 'use their help as extras.' Soup was a pretty popular dish in 1936.

A second surprise (not quite as exciting) was running into other Parmer Countians. The senior class from neighboring Farwell was taking more or less the same route.

The students visited Indian and Mexican villages where the teacher expressed awe at the native handi-crafts and hand made furniture. Her appreciation came to an abrupt end when she asked one Indian man if he had made the wrought iron bedstead in his house.

"Did you make this sir?" she asked.  
"Hell, no!" the man replied. "We ordered it from Montgomery Ward."

Harold's narrative of the trip ended too soon. They headed back to Texas passing through Clovis at 4:30 p.m. and crossed the state line at 5:55 p.m. - a time that stuck in Harold's memory. They were no doubt happy to get back to familiar territory and it would be safe to assume that they all went to see "The Texas Rangers" when it was released.



### Texico 8<sup>th</sup> Girls

In back from left are Faith Martin, Micah Mayfield, Barbara Vidal, Coach Glynna Martin; in front, Stephanie Vega, Bryn Mayfield.

### 'Santa, where do you go camping?'

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. Could you bring me Bob the Builder, fire trucks, tools, fire dude and a train. Please...  
Matthew Kube

Dear Santa,  
I want a talking grill and some clothes, and a toy for my brother Robert and some clothes for my sister Jessica and a little present for grandma. And a big backpack for my sister Erma. Also, get a big chair for my dad. And my mom wants everyone to have a nice Christmas.  
Michael Marc-Antony Lira

Dear Santa,  
I want some boots, spurs, a football helmet, a real football, football shoes, a tractor, a horse, a cow, and a fence for my cow and horse. We got you a drink and pretzels and a banana. My sister likes you. I think she wants the same things I do. I can hold her on the horse and the tractor.  
Dalton Kasel.

Dear Santa,  
I want to take you to the movie "The Hulk" at the mall in Clovis. Then we would go home. Please bring a big train set to go in my living room. My mom will help me put it together. And I want some Hulk gloves. Maybe you could go fishing with me and my dad and we could all catch a "Whopper."  
Juan Torres

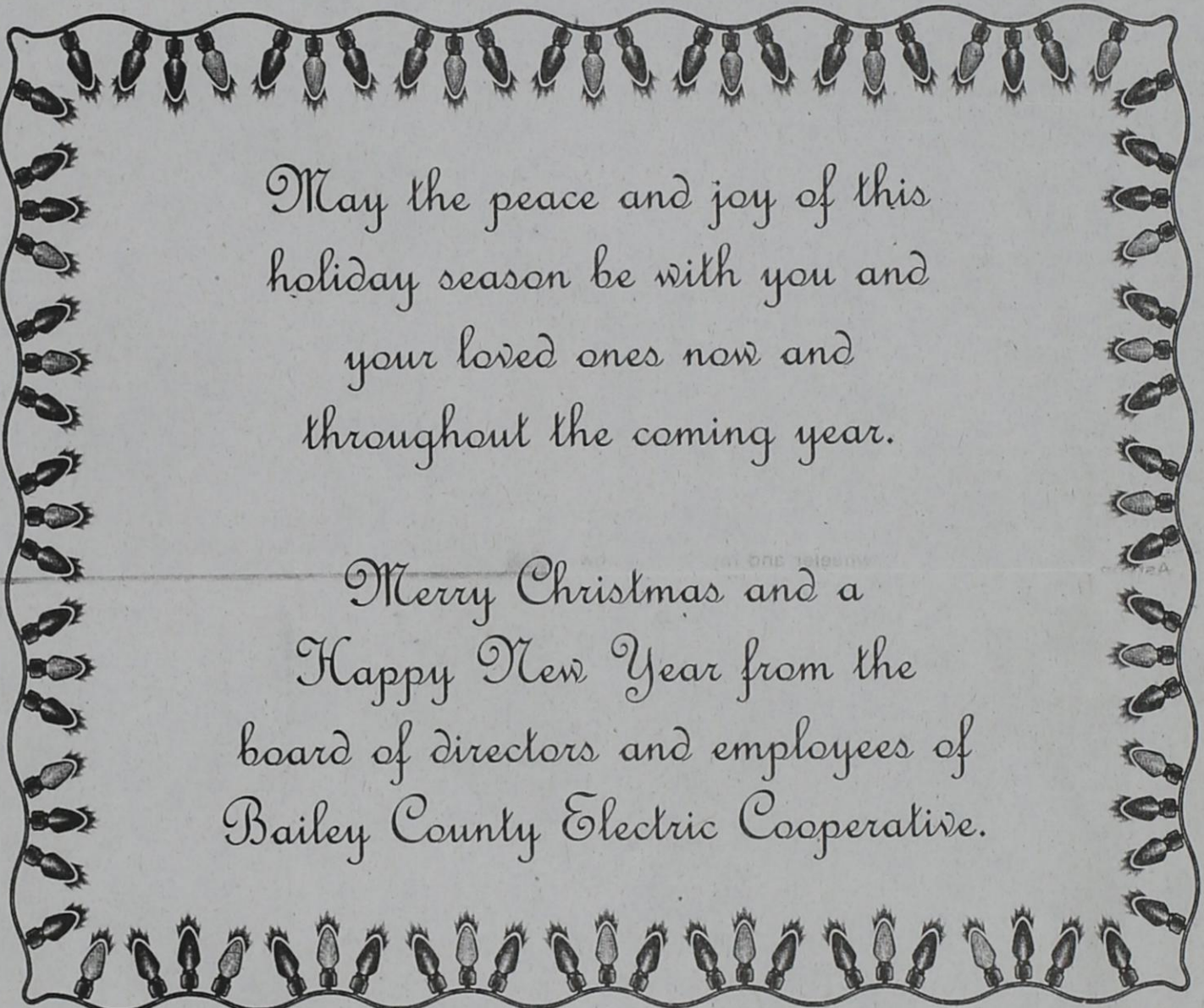
Dear Santa,  
Where do you go on vacation? My family likes to go to Six Flags. It is too hot there for you. Please bring me some books about real animals. And maybe a big stuffed animal puppet. I like pretty jewelry, too.  
Carina Reyes

Dear Santa,  
You must work on toys all the time. Do you get your food in a grocery store? Please bring me a John Deere combine. I really love to do farm work. And I would like a green remote-control car. Have a fun night!  
Kaleb Baker

Dear Santa,  
Where do you go camping? We go camping at Farwell 'cause we live by Farwell. Please bring me a soft stuffed dog and a play toy at a soft Santa, and reindeer. Me and Garrett will be home for Christmas. I think my grandma and grandpa and some cousins will be there.  
Cheyenne Hill

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your wife doing? I want a rock tumbler and a go-cart for Christmas. I wish for my mom to get better.  
Haley Beasley

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike and a 22. How's the reindeer doing? I have one more wish I hope my sister gets well.  
Cutter Glover



God bless you with Peace and Happiness through the Holiday Season and coming year.

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# Joyous Christmas



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