

# Merry Christmas

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### Greet Christmas Season With Worship, Rejoicing

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly; 'tis the season to be jolly." Christmas is for joy and laughter; Christmas glows with merriment. Throughout this community, families are putting the finishing touches on plans for holiday get-togethers. Hideaways bulge with mysterious packages; kitchens are fragrant with the scents of special treats; homes are bright with gala decorations. Schools and clubs prepare their annual Christmas programs. Holiday party plans go forward. It is, indeed, the season to be jolly.

"Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm, all is bright." Christmas is for prayer and peace; Christmas gleams with the light of the Star that shone so brightly, nearly two thousand years ago. And throughout this community, the deep spiritual significance of the holy season spreads comfort and cheer. In churches, the

hours of worship reflect the coming joy as, during the weeks before Christmas, the story of Christ's coming is the subject of study, sermon, song and prayer, all building toward the special services of Christmas weekend.

#### UNITING IN JOY AND PRAYER

Christmas is a joyful season; Christmas is a prayerful season. Since the earliest celebrations of this Christian holiday, it has ever been so.

The twin spirits of Christmas -- festive celebration and reverent worship -- are woven together in all the lore of the season. History says that when the time now celebrated as Christmas was designated, in the fifth century A.D., early Christian leaders felt that the traditional winter merrymaking of pagan festivals such as the Roman Saturnalia might be hallowed by association with the Nativity.

Thus, pagan peoples who had once looked to mythical sun gods as the source of the rebirth of life began to turn to religious observances of the Savior's birth. Christmas lights symbolized faith, hope and life eternal.

Today, the glow of the tiniest candle - or the twinkling of the smallest electric bulb - still reflects, however humbly, the Light that Christ brought to the world.

#### BRINGING GIFTS

At the heart of the holiday fun and feasting there glows the spirit of giving. The Wise Men sought to honor the Christ Child with rare and precious gifts - gold, frankincense and myrrh. Thus to give of the best at Christmas is a time-honored tradition.

All may rejoice in the opportunity to give generously, to please family and friends with "just what they wanted," and to share with the less fortunate.

Yet the best Christmas gifts are still those that come from the open heart as well as the open hand, and the warmth of a friendly smile, the words of a cordial greeting add priceless meaning to the most elaborate of gifts.

#### SINGING CAROLS

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

Across the years since shepherds first harkened to angelic chorus, Christmas rings with the sound of voices raised in joyful song.

Carol singing at Christmas is both a tradition and a source of tradition. Much of the legend and lore of the season is known today only because it has been preserved in song - in carols passed on from generation to generation.



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.

ISAIAH 9:6



#### Christmas Treat

Ryan Williams helps himself to a candy cane from the festive Christmas tree at Farwell's kindergarten school. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Williams of Farwell, Ryan is in Marcea

Cole's afternoon kindergarten class and has been taking part in the making of holiday decorations and Christmas treats.

### Oklahoma Lane Sets 64th Christmas Tree

Christmas Eve will find Oklahoma Lane residents gathering for the 64th annual community Christmas Tree and program starting at 7:30 p.m. CST.

Community residents have been doing this every Christmas Eve since soon after the community was settled and it has become a traditional part of almost every family of the Oklahoma Lane area.

A religious program is presented by community members featuring music and song, readings, poetry and various types of entertainment. Then a special treat for young and old alike is the appearance of Santa who gives a sack of treats to every attendant.

This year's program chairman is Julia Symcox who joins other committee chairmen in inviting all community residents to be present for the celebration of Christmas.

#### Post Offices To Take Holidays

The Texico and Farwell Post Offices will be closed on December 25 for Christmas Day and on January 1 for New Year's Day.

On those two dates there will be no mail services of any kind, as no mail will be coming in to the local post offices,

according to Otis McMillan, postmaster at Farwell, and Texico Postmaster Louise Engram.

According to the postmasters, those two dates will be the only two days the offices will be closed during the holiday season.

#### Cities And County Offices To Close

All offices in Parmer County Courthouse, with the exception of the sheriff's office, will be closed December 24, 25 and 26 and also on New Year's Day.

The sheriff's office will remain open as usual around

the clock. City of Farwell office will be closed on December 25, as well as January 1.

City of Texico office will be closed December 25 and 26, and also on January 1.

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

From  
 The Tribune Staff

- John            Joann
- June            Mary
- Brenda        Betty Jean
- LaWanda



#### All I Want Is . . .

Visiting with Santa Claus, the jolly man in red who resides at the North Pole, is Nash Wheatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Armstrong and grandson

of A.T. and Thelma Watts. Nash is probably asking Santa for a goodly supply of bubble gum so that he can keep demonstrating his technique.



#### Now Let Me See . . .

The Texico-Farwell Lions Club sponsored Santa's visit to the Twin Cities last Friday afternoon and the Lions assisted as Santa's helpers.

Sharing Santa's knees and attention are Joey Martin, left, and Brandy Martin, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Martin of Farwell. The bearded

gentleman took time out from his very busy schedule last Friday afternoon to visit with area children to double check on their Christmas wishes. Following his brief visit, Santa returned to the North Pole where he is now hard at work with last minute preparations for his traditional delivery run.























# Wishing You and Yours the Blessings of Christmas



Here's an old-fashioned kind of Merry Christmas full of heart-felt wishes for you to share, in the good will of the season, with those you hold near and dear. And we also offer an old-fashioned 'thank you' for the patronage and consideration you have shown us.



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Joann Faircloth

Ray Norton

Marsha Reid

Fern Tharp

Betty Wagner

Maxine Shaw













# Wind-Indicating Devices - -

## Twin City Weather Vanes Are Decorative And Useful

by Mary Sobin

A sure way to begin any conversation is to bring up the weather. Comments like "Cold enough for ya?" "How about that wind!" or "It's just great outside," will rouse a two-way exchange, if only for a few moments between friends and strangers. The weather seems to be our common denominator.

Here on the High Plains, wind plays a big part in our weather. Tumbleweeds and red grainy dust are blown hither and yon as pedestrians try their best to keep upright when the gusts begin their thrifty blows.

Wind-indicating devices are

the earliest known weather instruments, dating to before Christian times. It is believed that back in primitive days weather forecasters in Egypt and China were the first to design wind-vanes to indicate the wind's direction. The vanes were the original in a sequence of weather forecasting instruments to be invented, which, of course include the Galileo thermometer invented in early 1600, the barometer, invented by Evangelista Torricelli in 1650, and then the hygrometer, used to measure humidity, invented by Horace Benedict de Saussure in 1780.

But long before this assortment of weather pre-

dicting devices came to be, people predicted weather by changes in the wind. Eyes watched the way trees swayed and in which direction smoke drifted. Cloud shadows were followed and timed between two points and feathers were set adrift. And then, of course, the old wet finger in the air trick was also used to determine wind direction.

Men soon learned that wind direction told of what was to be. St. Luke wrote, "When ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass."

Now the ways of coupling wind with weather are more complex and modern. The TV viewing audience can see a soon-to-be hurricane on its way days before it hits the local scene.

But the simple, usually decorative weather vane, also known as the wind vane, is still around, and probably on more Farwell and Texico rooftops than residents would have imagined.

Of the vane owners polled, all report to using their wind indicators, and most say that they never realized there (Continued on Next Page)

### Horse Of A Different Color

The Ben Ashtons of Farwell received their vane after, like many others, purchasing lightning rods. However it was Mr. Ashton's artistic talents that personalized the prancing horse by painting on spots and adding color to the arrow.



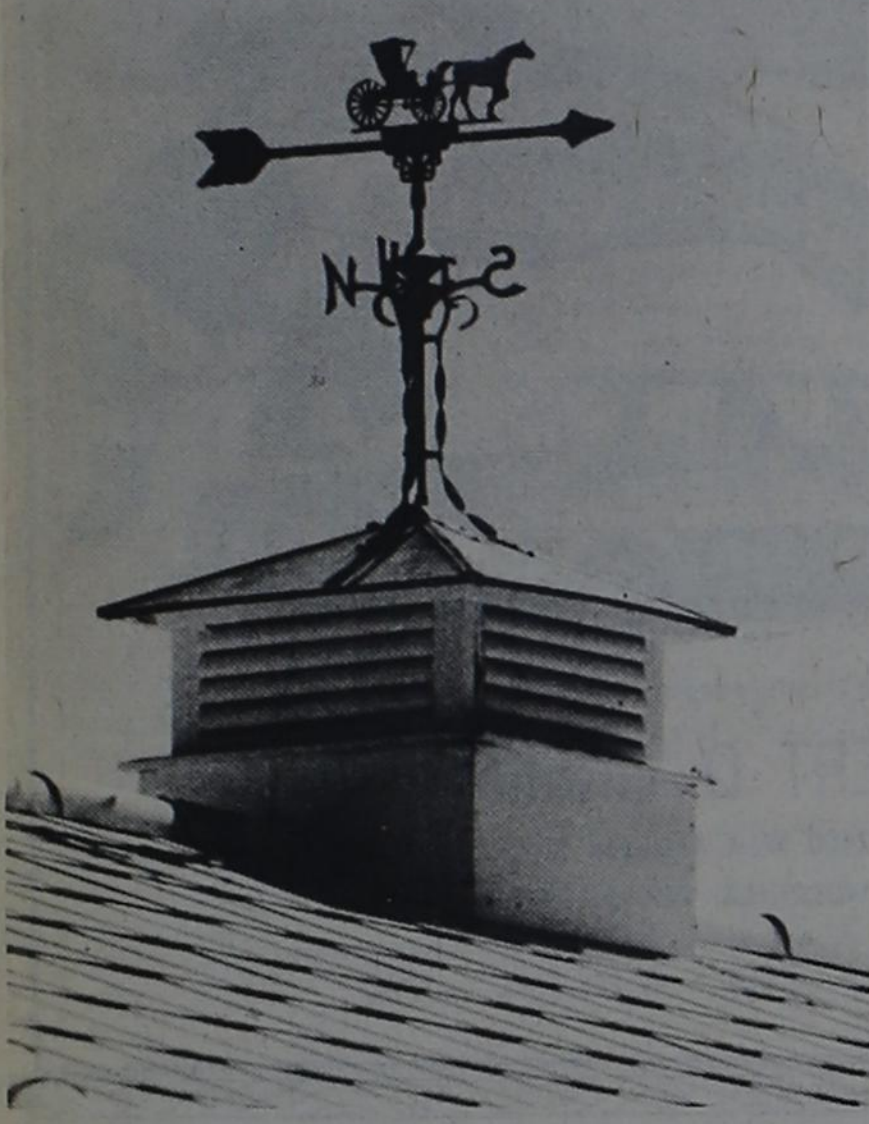
## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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### Making A Roof Call

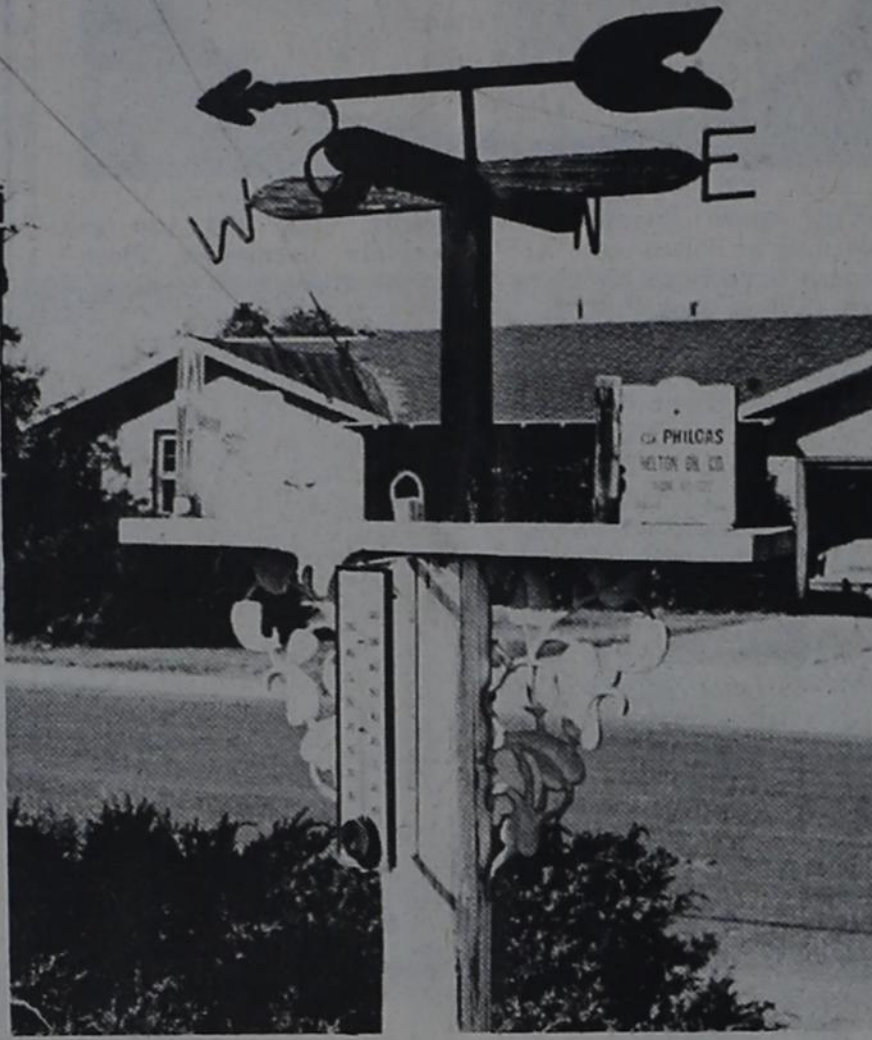
This buggy and horse represents an old-fashioned doctor and its owner, Mrs. Lawrence Cooper, says she and her

husband bought it to honor their son who had just received his medical degree.

### Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, I Would like Roller Skates and Tape recorder and doll house Thank you Santa for you toys. PS I Love you. Love Amy \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa, Hi! how are you? I'm fine! My name is Christi Curtis I would like to have a baby that is called "Baby cries for you, and a "Darcy cover girl," barby doll, and a "ciclo teacher," and a "merlin." My brothers name is Jeffery Curtis, he want's a "Rail runner choo choo," and he wants a "musical teddy bear." My Sisters name is Sherri Curtis, She wants "skates," and a "Electric football game," and a "purse" and a "Solid gold record." And my mothers name is Pauletta Curtis she want's "new clothes." My dads name is Johnny I do not no what he wants. Love, Christi Curtis



### Farwell

#### Forecaster

One home in Farwell displays its wind vane on the ground rather than on the housetop. This homemade model is complete with two rain gauges and a thermometer.



## Best Wishes

Merry Christmas! Health, Wealth and Laughter be yours now and through the New Year!



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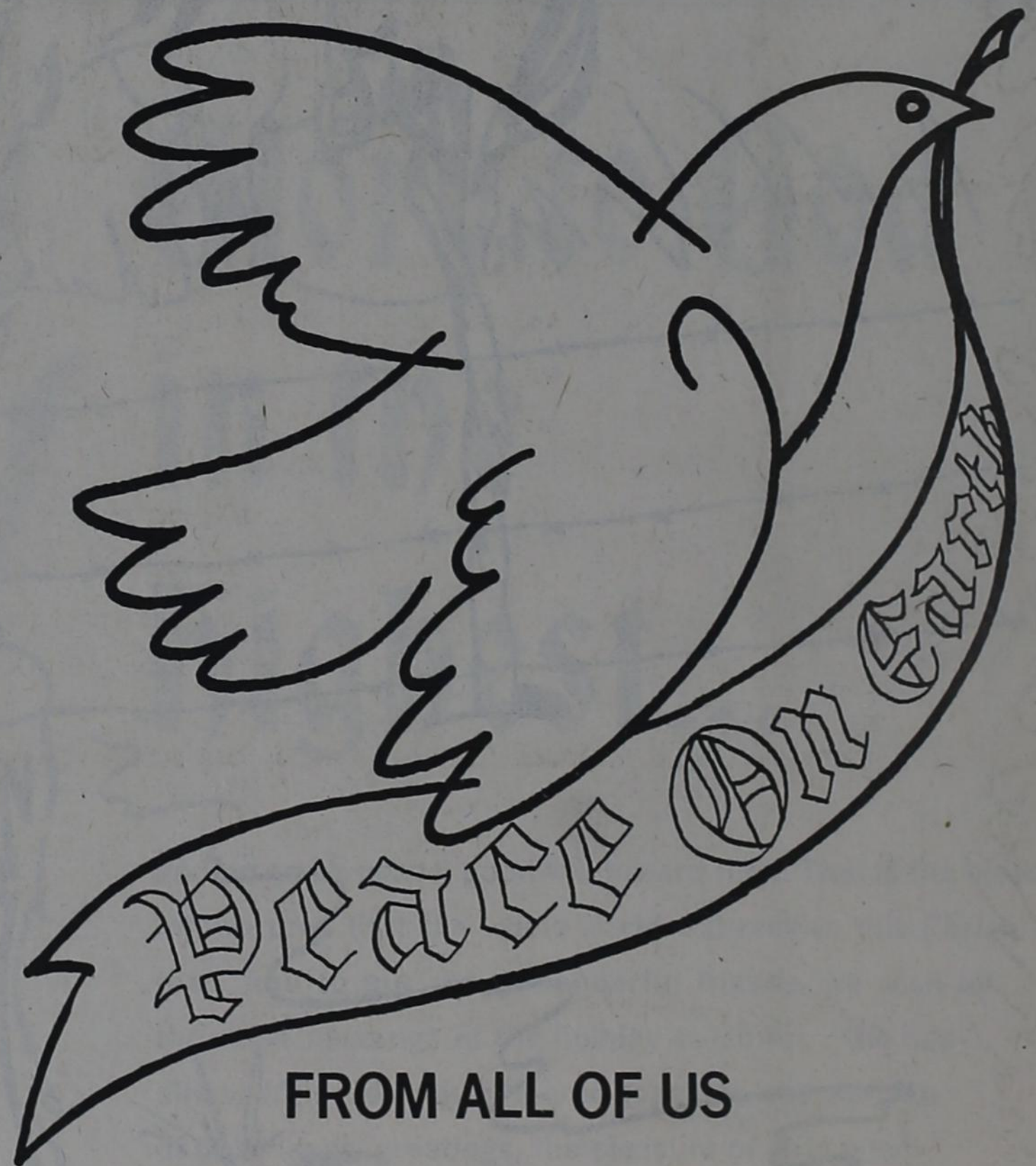
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### Weather Vanes . . .

(Continued)  
were any others in the town. The majority of the owners say their vanes were given to them when they bought their lightning rods, coming as part of the deal.

However, Mrs. Lawrence Cooper explains that their horse and buggy vane holds special meaning. "We ordered it from a specialty catalog. It is an old-fashioned doctor and his buggy and we got it to honor our son who had just obtained his medical degree," she remembers.

The Ben Ashtons of Farwell were given their wind indicator when they purchased

lightning rods, but it was Ashton's personal touches that individualized an otherwise ordinary horse. "He climbed up there and put the spots on it and painted the arrow," recalls Mrs. Ashton, and claims that the family refers to the vane continually.

As do many things in a community, the Twin Cities weather vanes sort of just blend into the background and don't really receive much notice. But not only do they serve a useful purpose, they also do their part to help decorate and personalize many area homes.



### Riding High

This particular wind vane belongs to Hugh Moseley, but can be seen on several Farwell roof tops. Moseley states that it was given to him

when he bought his lightning rods, and says he does look at it for wind direction but mostly uses his miniature windmill.



### Making A Point

The weather vane comes in many styles, the most common to be found in this area is the arrow or horse. All

owners interviewed report they refer to the vanes whenever a breeze starts up.



### Ready For Take-Off

This unique weather vane sits atop a home in Texico. Birds and roosters were the original ornament on the wind

indicators and in the days of antiquity were called "weather cocks."

### A Wind Prance

Another gift from the lightning rod company, this white high stepping horse can also be found on many Farwell housetops. The original wind vane dates back to before Christian times, and early Roman art shows buildings with the vanes atop, proving that they are the earliest of weather indicating devices.



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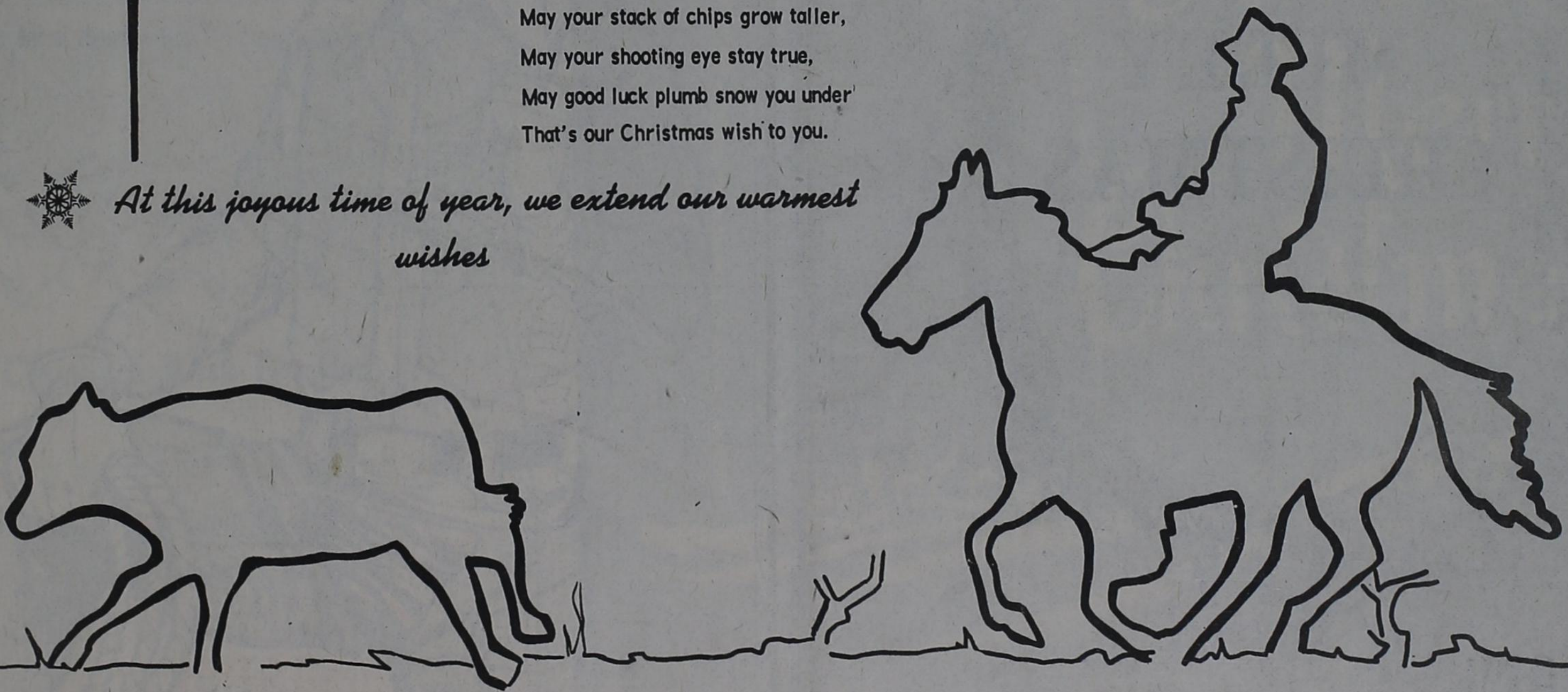
# Merry Christmas

May your crop of calves grow bigger,  
And your range grass never fail,  
May your waterholes stay open,  
May you ride on easy trail,

May you never reach for leather,  
Nor your saddle horse grow lame,  
May you dab your loop on critters  
With your old unerring aim,

May your stack of chips grow taller,  
May your shooting eye stay true,  
May good luck plumb snow you under  
That's our Christmas wish to you.

At this joyous time of year, we extend our warmest wishes



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**Sensitive Hands**

John Guthals of Clovis says that after he lost his sight in one eye and could barely see out of the other his macrame

talents were more finely tuned. "Believe it or not your sense of touch is more sensitive than your sense of

sight," he says. Corrective eye surgery enabled Guthals to regain sight in one eye.

**Macrame . . .** (Continued)

doing. And well he should be. He and his wife spent a lot of time on this project.

The tree began with 12 cords, 20 yards long, of the green yarn-like string and somehow Guthals has knotted and pulled the spooled yarn into a gorgeous tree that can

be folded down and put away for next year, and for many, many more years.

Guthals' hands have created various plant hangers, Christmas wreaths, towel hangers, wall hangings and window draperies, all out of macrame. He still displays

many of his items at area festivals, including the Twin Cities Border Town Days, Portales' Peanut Festival, and the Curry County Fair.

In the summer he moves his "work shop" outdoors and works under the tree on his front lawn, where he displays his work and a large sign saying "Macrame and Hand Crafts" hoping to stop passers-by. "I get some people that stop by, although I'm really not in it to make money, but if I pay for my supplies I'm perfectly satisfied. Besides it gives me a chance to meet people."

Guthals came to Clovis from Pueblo, Colo., where he had been working in a steel mill melting metal during World War II. "I quit once because I was working seven days a week 8-16 hours a day, but the pay was so good, so I went back," he recalls. "But it was really wearing me down. My brother needed help here and I figured the only way to get out of that steel mill was to move far away . . . and here I am."

He spent his "working" years in pest control and the vending machine business until he began to lose his eyesight and finally retired in 1975. "You know I quit driving as soon as I began to lose my sight, and I didn't wait for anyone to tell me to. I just never wanted to take the chance of hurting anyone while I was driving, that's too serious." That's the kind of man John Guthals is.

His Christmas tree is the largest project he ever created in macrame. When asked what he plans to do now that it is completed, he smiles and says, "I never plan too far ahead, I just don't think that way. I live for today."



**So Close To Completion**

This six foot high Christmas tree was completely hand-made by John Guthals of Clovis and trimmed with hand crocheted ornaments made by his wife La Rue. Guthals says the tree took approximately 85-90 hours to complete and that \$500 couldn't

buy that tree from me." He arises each day at 5:30 a.m. and begins working either on the tree or on one of the many other macrame projects he always has going. His wife is also very talented with hand crafts.



**We Did It**

It took almost 90 hours to complete and over two miles of cord, but John Guthals of Clovis finally completed his biggest macrame project ever, an eight foot tall handmade

Christmas tree. Mrs. Guthals crocheted most of the ornaments trimming the tree. The retired couple spend their days doing all sorts of hand crafts together.



"PEACE ON EARTH"



**The Last Snip**

Mrs. Guthals finishes off the last of her handmade crochet ornaments that will adorn her husband's macramed Christmas tree. In addition to the decorations made by Mrs. Guthals, the tree is also trimmed with hand tatted stars made by her sister in California. It is the Guthals' hope that each family member will contribute an ornament for the tree.



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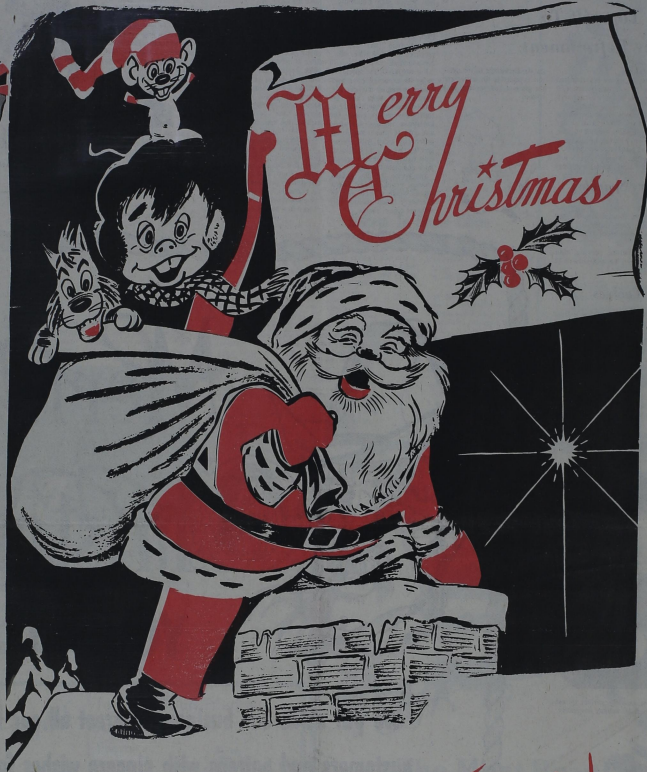
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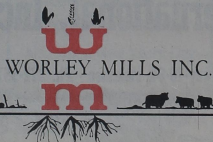




# THE JOY OF GIVING



*and a happy  
New Year to all!*





# Peace on Earth

Holy Scriptures tell us of wise men from the East who came in search of the Christ Child. They followed a star until it came to rest over the place where the Child was . . . and 'when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.'

We wish that joy to all who follow the star of Bethlehem.



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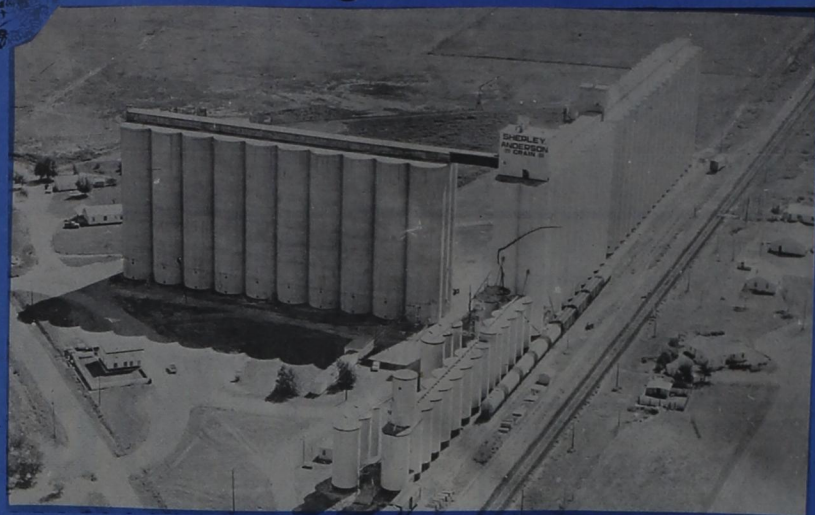








*Greetings* Best wishes for a bright,  
and merry Christmas



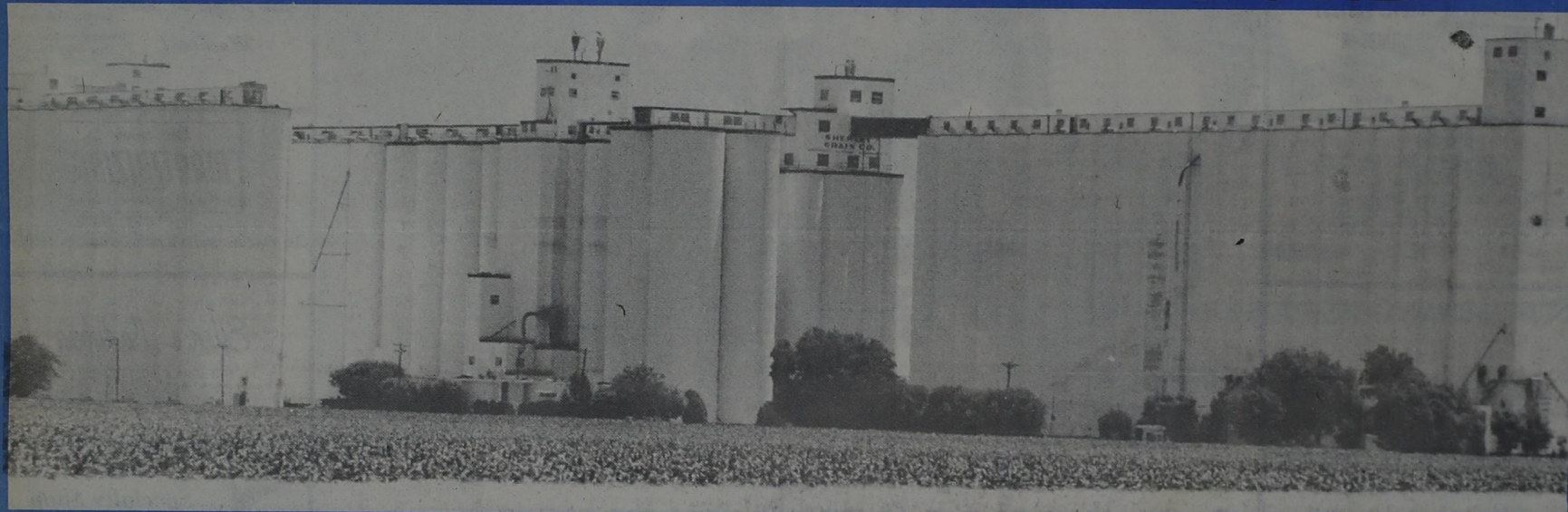
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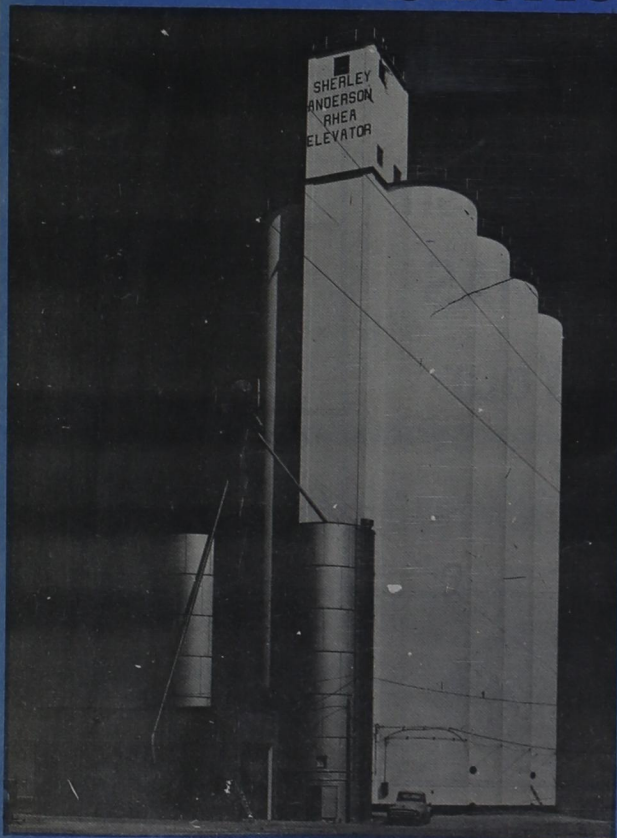
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