

# Wishing You and Yours the Blessings of Christmas

## Of all the Stars in Heaven

by Teresa Mesman

Heaven was busy and bustling with the hurrying and scurrying of the big angels.

Something exciting was about to happen, but the little angels didn't know what. Eli, Taylor and Trent stood by watching the older angels.

"It's something about some baby about to be born," said Taylor.

As Taylor was talking, two angels from the heavenly choir overheard his statement.

"Oh, he not just some baby!" said Hailey. "He's THE baby!"

"He'll be the newborn king! He's the Messiah!" said Elizabeth

"He's the Savior of the World!" they exclaimed.

"What's a Messiah?" asked Eli.

"What's a Savior?" asked Taylor.

About this time, the Angel Gabriel, who was in charge, clapped his hands and announced it was time for a big meeting of all the angels of heaven.

"Okay, okay, everyone settle down! I know you're all very excited at the coming of the king, but we've got big plans to finalize and everyone must do their part...and I mean it must be done perfectly!" Gabriel stated. "As you all know, about 8 months ago, I appeared to a young woman named Mary to announce the good news to her. God has chosen her among all women to bring his son into the world and we need to make sure everything is just perfect! Now, I know you've all received my memo."

The adult angels all began to take out clipboards and folders to find Gabriel's memo. The little angels pushed through the crowd to talk to Gabriel.

"Excuse me, Mr. Gabriel? Mary who?" asked Eli.

"God has a son? Can he play with us?" Trent asked excitedly.

"What's a memo?" Taylor questioned.

"Oh, yes, the little angels! The little group of scalawags that are always flying off when there's work to be done!" Gabriel exclaimed. "I might have known that you wouldn't know what was happening. There's you Eli, always running off to play in the music hall. I've heard your banging on the drums and strumming on the harp.

And yes, you Taylor always playing in the clouds. Why just last month, you singlehandedly caused a major windstorm to blow through the Texas Panhandle. Lucky for you those cotton farmers needed some dry winds to blow, otherwise you'd have had your wings plucked for sure!

Ahh, of course, it's little Trent. Always sneaking out of his bed at night to sit and polish the stars. I've never understood what you see in those stars?"

"They're beautiful sir! And they're the light God gave to the world!" Trent eagerly explained.



Anna, the right hand angel to Gabriel appeared and smirked, "The sun is the most brilliant light Trent, and those stars are just like little flashlights compared to it."

"Yes little one's, God is bringing His Son into the world in about a month," Gabriel interjected. "If you'll just pay attention from now on, you can take part in the celebration of Heaven that we're planning! Now, where was I?"

"Your memo sir. You asked us about the memo you sent out." Anna replied.

"Ahh, yes! Now, we've got lots of committees to form and rehearsals to schedule. Let's get to work everyone!" Gabriel directed.

Gabriel rolled up his sleeves and the big angels took out their pens and clipboards. They turned towards each other in a cluster, leaving the little angels outside of the group.

"I knew I was going to get caught playing on the big drums. I just can't help it...I just want to make joyful noises!" Eli lamented.

"My favorite thing is to watch the wind blow the trees in the mountains and the sand in the desert," Taylor explained dreamily. "And I really like making big waves on the oceans. I just get carried away sometimes!"

"I'll say, you get carried away alright!" Eli agreed. "Why just last week you blew off half my feathers! Come on, let's go see what they're doing."

Eli and Taylor went and stood behind the group of adult angels who were busy studying their notes. The two tried to push their way into the cluster, but had to be satisfied with just standing behind listening as close as they could.

Trent just walked away slowly back towards the edge of the clouds.

"No one really understands the stars up here," he muttered. "If God made them, then they must be wonderful, right? Especially this one."

### Early deadline

As was the case last week, the Tribune will have another early deadline for our New Year' issue.

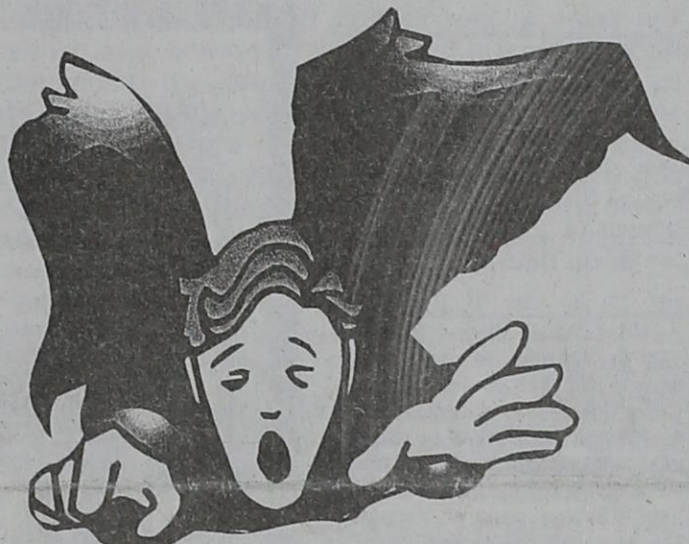
The deadline for all ads, stories and photos for next week's paper will be at noon on Friday, Dec. 27.

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Trent fidgeted in the pocket of his robe for a moment and pulled out a small, broken star.

"All it needs is a little tender loving care and it will be good as new!" he laughed as he skipped off.

Several days later in the sanctuary of heaven, all the angels were gathered for another meeting about the big birthday plans.



"The planning committee has developed the Master's Plan and it will need your full participation and cooperation. I will now turn the meeting over to Miss Anna," Gabriel stated as he brought the meeting to order.

"Thank you Gabriel," Anna began. "The Master's Plan begins in Nazareth where Mary and her husband Joseph live. We tried to work out a more comfortable plan for Mary, but because those Romans down there need a little counting practice, the couple has to make their way back to Bethlehem to be included in this cen, cen, census. It's more like non-census to me, but it figures into the plan."

"How will they make such a journey?" asked Hailey  
"Won't that be hard on Mary and the baby?" asked Mike.

"What about the weather?" asked Trevor.

Anna continued, "That's where you all come in to help! We're now going to ask for volunteers for a variety of groups that will specifically work on those issues. Of course, we're going to need a large part of you to sing in the choir of Heavenly hosts. We've got some great numbers arranged and with all your voices, it will fill Heaven and Earth!

But we also need several of you to act as Animal trainers and handlers. We're going to need a great number of sheep to be calm and settled. That's because several of you will actually appear to the shepherds watching their sheep. They've got to know what's going on without having to worry about thousands of little wooly creatures running wild. Oh, and we'll need a good sturdy donkey to be conveniently located for Joseph to acquire for the journey. It must be calm, strong and able to walk with Mary sitting on it's back for a great distance."

"Couldn't we just fly Mary there? Wouldn't that be easier on everybody?" Mike commented.

Gabriel stepped in, "Easier is not what God wants for His Master Plan. He wants his Son to have a start just like the earthly beings. It will be a hard journey, but with our help, we can make it as easy as possible."

"That's right Gabriel, and there's also the issue of a caravan of camels for three kings from the East that will arrive at a later date. If anyone has any ideas about the caravan, please share your Epiphany with Mr. Gabriel." Anna added.

"We'll also be needing a group of breeze blowers to make the breeze calm and as warm as possible. Taylor has volunteered to head this group up, with his credentials and all," Gabriel said with a smile. "For once, Taylor your little hobby might just come in handy! We also need many of you to sift the sands of the desert. It needs to be packed down firm, but soft enough that the couple and the donkey can make their way without trouble. You'll be making sure that there are no rocks, sticks or anything in their way. You'll also make sure that the path is clearly cut and marked for their journey."

"Mr. Gabriel, there's also a small group needed for stable maintenance and feed provisions. Heaven knows that those animals will need plenty of hay to eat and, of course, that there is a clean manger and good supply of soft, clean hay for the Baby," said Brice, the guardian

angel of animals.

"A stable?" gasped Elizabeth

"A manger?" Hailey asked.

"What kind of place is that for God's Son to be born into?" said Taylor, while shaking his head in disbelief.

"Ooohh, big detail that we forgot to let you all know about!!" Gabriel replied apologetically.

This news really unsettle the angels and the entire throng of heaven began to get a little boisterous.

"That's ridiculous. The King of Kings should be born in a glorious mansion with warm fires and soft bedding from the finest feathers." Elizabeth demanded.

"There are no mansions in Bethlehem." Anna explained.

"Well then, a private room in the finest inn with ample supplies of linens and fresh water is what the Messiah deserves." Hailey added.

"He deserves only the best, but He'll be born in a stable," Gabriel said with a definite tone. "You see, Jesus will be the King of Kings, Lord of Lords and is God's only Son. But Bethlehem will be full of thousands of people that have traveled back to their hometown for the Roman Census. There will be no rooms in the inns and taverns. No warm fires. Joseph will ask for a room at every place, but will find nothing. A tavern keeper will allow the couple to stay the night in his stable.

"But it's a stable?... with the smell of all those animals? It's such a lowly place for any baby to be born. What will the people think?" Taylor lamented.

"All those animals will be prepared for the baby and they'll know just what to do...that's our part," Gabriel confidently stated. "Those animals will be part of the welcoming His Majesty into the world... soft, simple and so peaceful. And the people? Well, once the word gets out through us and the shepherds that the Messiah has come, they won't even notice the stable setting. All they'll see is the Prince of Peace laying in swaddling clothes surrounded by adoring onlookers and his earthly family. God has it all figured into the Master Plan."

"So how is everyone supposed to find this stable?" asked Hailey.

"We're working on that detail...we'll get back with you on that in a few days." Anna quickly replied. "For right now, we need volunteers for each of the groups that we mentioned. We've got a lot of work to do in a very short time!

Trent knew that he needed to sign up for a group, but he didn't really care for working with animals and he was allergic to hay. He also got itchy when he touched sand and he didn't like the way the wind and clouds messed with his beloved stars. The clouds either blew in front of the stars and blocked their light or the wind scratched their shining surfaces. The time was getting closer and Heaven was abuzz with activity.

Eli walked up to Trent and tugged on his wing.

"Hi Trent, are you getting ready for the birthday? I can hardly wait!" I'm going to sing with the choir of heaven...Miss Elizabeth even told me that I could play my drums for a song or two. I'm practicing every day! Gotta fly now!

Trent went back to thinking and then looked up to see Taylor heading his way.

Hello Trent! What are you going to do for the big day? You'd better get a move on ....everyone is training for their job. I've got to get back to my breeze blowers. They're blowing so hard that they're making storm clouds with every breath! That's the last thing we need is a rainy day for the Lord's birthday!

Trent only wanted to work with the stars. He spent every moment he could waxing and polishing the big and the little ones to a glorious shine. He carefully rubbed them with the softest cloth he could find. It was actually a piece of cloth that he had torn off of his angel robe when he was the littlest angel in Heaven. Trent now looked at the ragged length of cloth and remembered how hurt he had been when the other angels made fun of him when he walked down the streets of heaven wearing a torn robe.

God walked by one evening to see what Trent was working on and He stopped to look at the stars with the little angel.

Trent remembered how bright the stars shone that night and how they danced in the sky when God passed by them. From that day, Trent vowed to keep the stars their brightest for God.

Suddenly, a rush of inspiration came over Trent.

"That's it! I'll make the stars so shiny they'll show

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the way to Bethlehem. I can make them line up like an arrow that will point the way to the stable."

Elizabeth flew up and heard Trent's idea. She immediately had a comment to make.

"That's a silly idea Trent! Stars don't shine in the daytime...only the sun shines in the daytime!" she mocked. "Besides, the couple will make their way to Bethlehem long before the stars come out....it's all part of the plan. And if that's the star your planning on using, then you might as well forget it....that's not even a star anymore...it looks more like a broken mess."

Elizabeth was right. The star Trent held was a broken mess. He had found it one night when he was out shining a set of stars on the Big Dipper. It had two points broken off and it was very tarnished. It had fallen to earth and stuck in top of a tall mountain. It was burnt on one of it's points and there were deep scratches down the middle. Trent had rescued the star, but had never been able to figure out a way to fix it. He had gotten part of the dirt and the charring off of the star, but he still had a lot of work to do on it. He didn't know what he was going to do with it if he could fix it, but he had to keep trying.

"I know you look like a mess, but you're a special star to me!" Trent said as he gently rubbed the star.

The days came to pass in heaven and the birthday plans were coming along. All the angels were busy practicing their jobs. The sand sifters and the breeze blowers worked together to get the sand just right.

"Okay now, on the count of three, gently blow this way so that the perfect path is cut!" Taylor directed the little angel helpers.

"Sand Sifters and sweepers, get ready with your brooms to clear and sweep the path!" Mike instructed.

"Lets all work together ... it's got to be perfect!" Anna commented as she watched the practice sessions.

About that time, Animal guardians Brice and Trevor came flying up in an obvious state of frustration.

"Mr. Gabriel! Mr. Gabriel!" the shouted.

"Yes, what is it? I've got a busy schedule of practices to attend!" Gabriel sighed.

"The animals, sir...they're not cooperating!" Brice stammered.

"It's a real zoo over there!" Trevor cried. "Just when we get the donkeys to quiet down with their braying, the cows start mooing and bellowing, then the chickens start squaking and clucking and then..."

"...well, sir?...it's the pigs...they're acting like hams!" Brice stated with an embarrassed look.

"Maybe that's just what they need to become to get a little cooperation. Tell them that baked chicken and glazed ham makes for a perfect birthday dinner...maybe that will calm them down!" Gabriel exclaimed. "Are those milk cows by chance? If they're those Dutch Holsteins, they're always pretty stubborn. Explain the concept of whipped cream and see if that doesn't keep them quiet! And as for the donkeys, well tell them to quit acting like an a...."

"ASPIRIN! I NEED ASPIRIN!" screamed Elizabeth.

"What is it Miss Elizabeth?" Gabriel asked. "Why are you holding your head?"

"My head hurts!" she shouted. "It's the choir of the heavenly host! I thought all angels had angelic voices? This group that's volunteered has no rhythm, no clue as to what tempo is about and ....oh, it's just a bunch of thunder we're making!"

"I thought that was the noise coming from the bowling alley?" Gabriel commented. Taylor was blowing by and came to a screeching halt.

"We've got a bowling alley?" he asked excitedly. "That's right up my lane!"

"Enough about bowling! Practice, Miss Elizabeth,

practice! We've still got a few days before the big event!" Gabriel soothed.

"But I want it to be perfect for the Messiah! Maybe I'm expecting too much, but I'm going for majesty, crescendo and spine-tingling harmonies!" Elizabeth pointedly stated.

Gabriel shook his head and said, "Don't worry about the singing...once the Herald announces the savior's birth they'll sing out in glory to the newborn king! Oh, Hark! The Herald...I've got to talk with him about a few things...excuse me please!

Elizabeth stood for a moment and a big smile came across her face.

"What a great song that would make! I've got to write that one down and get the choir to practicing!" she laughed as she flew off into the music room.

Gabriel and the planning committee gathered for another meeting and were seated at a large conference table looking over their charts, notes and drawings. Suddenly, the sound of majestic trumpets filled the air and the angels stood and bowed their heads as God walked into the conference room.

"Hello, Lord! We're just finalizing the last few plans for the arrival of Jesus!" Gabriel exclaimed. "Things are going great, sir! We think we've covered all the bases...we've left no stone unturned! It should be a great day!"

"I've changed my mind, I want Jesus to be born at night. It's so much more peaceful at night and that will help everyone. The animals will be more calm, the shepherds will be done for the day and, well, I just know that when my Son arrives, it will be like time stands still," God explained. "Yes, night is when Jesus will arrive. Just adjust your plans and make it a great night!"

The angels all anxiously shifted and gulped, but who could argue?

"No problem sir!" Gabriel stated. "Don't worry about a thing!"

"I'll get a memo out ASAP!" Anna said as she hurried toward the copy room.

God left the room and the angels huddled over the table in quiet discussion. Gabriel began to go down the list of committees.

"No problem for the animals?" he asked.

"No problem!" Brice and Trevor replied.

"No problem for the choir?"

"No problem!" Elizabeth sang out.

"No problem for the wind and the sand crews?"

"No problem!" Taylor and Mike agreed in unison.

Suddenly, Gabriel had a panicked thought.

"Oh, no! What about the lighting? We were counting on the sun for all the light," he worried. "Now we're looking at a whole different set of game-plans. How will we ever point the shepherds and the wise men to the right place?"

"Sir, that little angel Trent sure keeps the stars shining bright. Maybe we could enlist his help in the matter?" Anna suggested.

"That's right! Go find him, we need to talk to him immediately!" Gabriel boomed.

Three angels flew off in search of Trent. They found him sitting at a table polishing a few stars. They grabbed him up and whisked him away to the conference room. As they flew in with Trent, Gabriel rushed up to him and put his arm around him.

"There you are little Trent!" he gushed. "Have we got a job for you?"

"Really? So I'm not in trouble?" Trent asked with a sigh of relief. "Whew, I thought I was being brought in for halo inspection again!"

"Yes....we know how your halo keeps slipping, but that's not the reason you're here," Anna laughed. "We need your help with the stars. We need you to help coordinate a little light show for the night Jesus is born. Will you help us?"

"Why, yes! Of course!" Trent answered happily. "But wait! Jesus will be born at night? What happened to the birth day?"

"God changed his mind and we've got no time to explain the details! Now, go count your lucky stars and get back with me with a plan!" Gabriel instructed as he guided him toward the door. "Run along now....but don't run in the great hall, you might....trip!"

Trent had run as fast as he could, but he tripped on a ripple in the cloud and crashed into a group of chairs. The sound made a huge ruckus and the other angels just stood their shaking their heads as he slowly got up. He adjusted his halo, tucked his wings and walked as carefully as he could toward the door. His face turned an embarrassing shade of red before he could get out the door.

"If that boy didn't have his mind on the stars, I'd say he had his head in the clouds!" Anna exclaimed to the group of angels as Trent turned out of sight.

The time came for Trent to show his idea for lighting up the night sky and showing the way to the stable.

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Trent was working with a group of bright and shiny stars that were the biggest and brightest stars in the sky.

"We've got a big job to do for the birth of Christ! I need you all to shine as bright as you can and to dance in the sky when I give you the signal!" he directed.

But the little stars weren't paying much attention "I want to play!" laughed a star.

"I want to twirl!" said a spinning star.

"I've got to go twinkle!" said the brightest of the stars.

Trent begged the stars to pay attention and listen.

"Please, stars, let's do a good job for Mr. Gabriel! He's never thought you were important, but now he really needs you! God really needs you! Now line up in a straight line...follow me and watch for the signal!" Trent began. "When I say 'Shoot!' you all point the way to that stable down there!"

The older stars weren't listening either and they slowly lined up behind the younger stars. They were too busy talking.

"My sister wants to be a shooting star .... she wants to be a rock star at a science museum!" said one.

"My brother wanted to be a shooting star, but he got a bad case of asteroids," laughed another.

"Okay, stars...SHOOT!" Trent directed.

The stars lined up perfectly and made a nice, bright arrow that pointed directly to the stable. Trent was thrilled.

"Good, good! I think you've got it! You're going to look great up in the sky! Let's practice over and over now....SHOOT!"

Gabriel had been watching Trent work with the stars and he wanted to know if Trent was ready for the big night.

Trent assured Gabriel that he had everything under control. Gabriel told Trent how proud he was of him for taking on the job and that it was shaping up to be a clear, beautiful night for the birth of the Messiah. Gabriel then left to go watch the sand sweepers practice.

Trent stood for a moment thinking and then he took out the broken star and began to polish it with his robe. He was holding it up to look at it when Taylor and Eli came up and began to tease him.

"Trent, You are not still messing with that broken chunk of star, are you?" Taylor chided. "If you wanted to take up rock polishing, you are not getting very good at it!"

"I'm trying to figure out a way to let this star help with the birth night line-up of stars. I think it's getting shiny enough to participate," Trent calmly stated.

"Yeah, maybe if you set it on fire, it'll hurtle to the earth again like a comet," Eli retorted. "Or maybe it'll burn like a chunk of coal and turn into a diamond someday....keep dreaming!"

Taylor and Eli laughed as they flew off, leaving Trent holding the star next to his heart.

"I know you're not perfect little star, but neither am I," Trent gently spoke. "Nobody is perfect, but if your heart is happy and we look to the Lord for strength and understanding, then our flaws are what makes us special and unique. God knows your heart little star. Someday, you'll be a superstar!"

Trent was just about to skip off with the little star, when God came near. Trent bowed before the Lord and held the star behind his back.

"Trent, what have you got there? Are you hiding something from me?" asked God.

Trent nervously replied, "Oh, no Lord, it's just a star that I found a while back. I'm trying to fix it. I polish it every day and I'm trying to make it perfect again."

God looked at the star and then stated, "It has many flaws, just like my children on Earth. Trent, that is why I'm sending my son Jesus to help them. They need a savior and I'm giving them my Son."

"What will Jesus do to help them?" Trent asked.

"Jesus will bring them the message of my love...of my plan for heaven and all eternity. I want them to know that I love them, even though they sin. Jesus will show them the way to me and will forgive them of their sins. I freely give my grace to them all, but now they need to see someone, touch someone and learn from someone what this all means. It will be very hard, but my Son will be the one to accomplish this through me," said the Lord.

"Gosh, God, isn't that going to be a lot of work for Jesus to do?" Trent questioned anxiously.

"It will Trent, but because Jesus will know my will, he will put his entire heart into preaching and teaching my words and promises. He will commit his whole life into bringing my salvation to the world. Some won't like it very much, but it won't stop him from the job he has to do." God explained.

Trent bowed his head and then spoke in a hushed voice.

"Sort of like how Mr. Gabriel doesn't like how much time I spend polishing the stars....like this one. He says there is no hope for this little star. But I won't give up on it...I made a promise from my heart to save it...and I'm not ever going to stop believing in it...even if it's flawed and broken."

God blew a warm breeze over Trent and asked him to hold his head up and smile.

"That's called love Trent, and you're right...when there's love in your heart, faith and hope are never lost!"

"Thank you Lord! Now, I've got some stars to take a shine to!" Trent was joyous again and he excitedly skipped back to his stars.

The big day finally arrived. Heaven was a hub-bub of activity and the angels were very excited.

Gabriel went around checking with all the committees and then called a general assembly of the angels.

"Okay, everyone, let's calm down! The time is near and we're all ready for our jobs. You've all practiced and you know exactly what to do. I want you all to take a little time to relax, take a little nap before it's time and please, eat a good meal. I don't want any growling of stomachs during the Silent Night!"

Anna raised her hand and asked, "Mr. Gabriel, has anyone thought about a contingency plan, just in case there's a problem?"

"Problems, schmblems! What could go wrong?" Gabriel scoffed. "We've thought of everything...don't fluff your feathers about anything!"

"Okay, but you never know....I just wanted to make sure nothing was going to fall through the holes in the floor of heaven! Especially rain!" Anna said with a warning tone.

"Why, no angels should be crying tonight! Only happiness abounds in heaven and on Earth tonight!" Gabriel merrily replied.

"Like I said, I was just checking...but if you're confident, then I'm a happy camper!" Anna stated.

"Thanks for your concern....by the way, that's a lovely tent you're wearing! Now, angels, everyone, shoo-shoo, off for some rest before the time!" Gabriel directed.

All the angels flew off to their resting areas and a hush fell over heaven. Trent settled himself on a cloud and then took the little broken star from his robe.

"I guess you'll just have to wait for another special night to try to shine little star! I can't let you stand in line with the others if you can't keep your light going. You're just not strong enough yet...but that's okay, I'll have you with me and you'll get to see everything when it happens," he said.

Gabriel had set an alarm clock to go off to wake

everyone up and get into position.

"Places everyone, places everyone!" he clapped.

"Ohh I overslept!" shrieked Elizabeth, "I can't find my songbook!"

"Ouch, I whacked my halo getting up...I can't get it on straight!" said Taylor, rubbing the top of his head.

"Uh-oh, the sheep are restless....they act that way when a storm is brewing...is a storm brewing? I'm not prepared for a storm!" Brice panicked.

Gabriel threw his hands up and commanded the angels to calm down. "Nobody panic! Just get into your places and do what you practiced over and over! Everything will be just fine!"

About that time, Anna looked down from heaven and saw a couple making their way across the desert toward Bethlehem.

"Look everybody, there's Mary and Joseph!" she pointed out.

"So far, so good animal trainers! The donkey is doing his job. But boy, Mary sure looks tired!" Gabriel commented.

The angels stood and watched as the couple got closer to the outskirts of Bethlehem. The dusk turned into night.

Gabriel pointed to the stars lined up next to Trent.

"Okay, Trent it's nightfall, get those stars to shining!"

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## Youths go caroling

Farwell Elementary School pupils took to the streets of town on Dec. 18 for caroling. Santa Claus was also present at the school to hand out treats.



### Sheriff's Report

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

On Dec. 19, Alberto Gomez, 26, of Amarillo, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of probation violation. The case is pending in district

court. On Dec. 17, Sarah Brito, 28, of Bovina, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of misapplication of fiduciary property. The case is pending before the grand jury.

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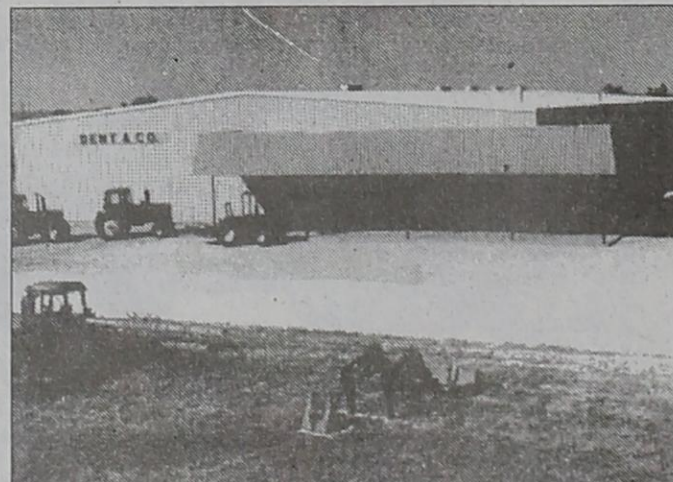
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## Lazbuddie youths sponsor food drive

Because one of the main focuses of FCCLA is community, the Lazbuddie chapter partnered with the school chapter of the National Honor Society to sponsor a canned food drive.

Brady Mimms of FCCLA and Andy Martin NHS, president, thought there was a great need in the Lazbuddie community for it because of tough

## FCCLA needs cotton trailer donation

Kye Thomas' 3<sup>rd</sup> period FCCLA leadership class at Texico High has begun a recycling project.

The school has begun to recycle newspaper and aluminum cans.

The class is seeking someone to donate a cotton trailer to be set up as an aluminum can trailer that would be set up on school grounds for community use, like the one at Zia School in Clovis.

If you can help, call Brenda Grado or Cristina Reynoso at 482-3305 during school hours, or Cristina at 683-9677 after school hours.

economic times.

They selected Robby Martin, a member of both groups, to organize it. With the help of many high school students, it was a great success, reports Cheri Sain, sponsor of both FCCLA and NHS.

The school, pre-k through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, collected 2,286 cans, which meant that the school averaged over 10 cans per student.

Some high school students brought over 200 cans each. Thus, each of 12 Lazbuddie families received about 200 cans.

Mrs. Sain said:

"The students' compassion and enthusiasm for community service is what makes Lazbuddie such a special place. It took a great deal of time and effort to make the drive a success.

"The students have no idea what it means to these families until they deliver them and see how much folks appreciate their efforts. I never have a problem finding students to deliver the food. They all enjoy giving at this time of year."

## Reception set for Allen

All are invited to a retirement party for Joe Allen, who worked at the Rhea grain elevator for 41 years.

It will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Dec. 28.

## Wolverine season statistics announced

The Texico Wolverines season stats have been announced by Coach Mike Prokop.

Offensive stats:

Rushing - Adrian Loera, 204 for 1,579 yards; Johnny Serrano, 113 for 758; Braden Vaughan, 61 for 420; Mark Peabody, 26 for 155; and Tony Clements, 12 for 176.

## Gen. Franks signs Tribune issue

Col. Robert Haseloff sent the Tribune a copy of our Aug. 15, 2002, issue, with this note:

"What a story. You won't believe this, but here goes..."

"I departed Saudi Arabia in early September 2002 after 15 months as the Vice Commander at Prince Sultan Air Base. I sent my address change in early August, but the Aug. 15 issue of the State Line Tribune was delayed in the overseas mail and arrived after I departed.

"My previous administration staff held all my mail that arrived after my departure and would forward it about once every two weeks in a single package to my new address.

"Last week, I received another package of mail that included the Aug. 15 issue. The one with General Tommy Franks, CENTCOM Commander, and Clay Corn who had played in a concert for the staff of MacDill AFB Florida on Aug. 7, 2002.

"The part that is hard to believe is, when General Franks passed through Prince Sultan on a recent troop visit, the

administrative folks showed him the State Line Tribune with his photo on the front. So he autographed the paper.

"I have included the paper with the general's autograph so that you can give it to Ed and Gwen Corn.

"And that's the rest of the story. Who would have ever thought?"

Col. Haseloff is currently the Director of Field Operations with the Air Force Inspection Agency at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque.

Receptions -- Loera, 118 yards; Johnny Serrano, 39; Joe Zaikowski, 128; Jesse Serrano, 71; and Landon Johnson, 11.

Touchdowns -- Loera, 29; Johnny Serrano, 7; Vaughan, 8; Peabody, 4, and Johnson, 1.

Defensive stats:

Interceptions: Clements, 7; Peabody and Loera, 2 each; Jesse Serrano, Logan Brown, Johnny Serrano, Vaughan, Bryce Bailey and Johnson, 1 each.

Sacks -- Johnson, 13; Bailey, 8; Alex Mendoza, 4; Zaikowski, 6; Jared Curtis, 3; Matt Soliz and Toby Thornton, 2 each; Michael Johnson, Loera, Brown, and Johnny Serrano, 1 each.

Fumbles caused -- Bailey, 5; Zaikowski, 2; Johnny Serrano, 3; and Brown and Soliz, 1 each.

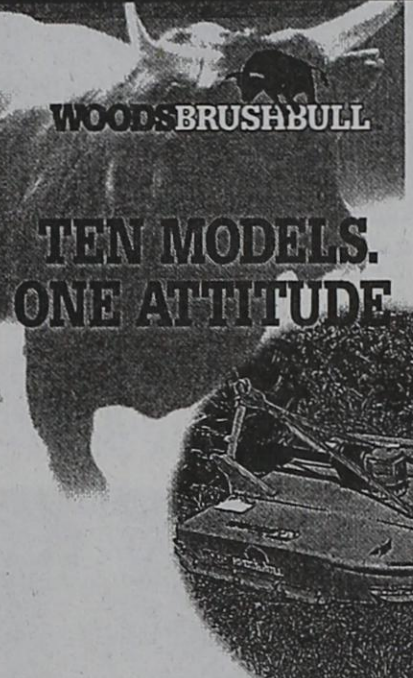
Recovered fumbles -- Thornton and Mendoza, 3 each; Johnson and Peabody, 2 each; Bailey, Zaikowski, Johnny Serrano, Brown, Vaughan and Johnson, 1 each.

Blocked kicks -- Johnson, 2; Zaikowski and Soliz, 1 each.

TDs -- Thornton, Peabody, Vaughan and Jesse Serrano, 1 each.

Safeties -- Bailey, 2; Zaikowski and Johnson, 1 each.

Tackles -- Bailey, 136; Thornton and Zaikowski, 116 each; Johnson, 113; Johnny Serrano, 94; Peabody, 88; Brown, 50; Mendoza, 70; Soliz, 69; Curtis, 67; Loera, 39; Clements, 42; Vaughan, 31; Garrett Mayfield, 19; Corey Bell, 27; Jesse Serrano, 17; Blake Smith, 10; Blake Arnold, 7; Johnson, 6; Cameron Lorenzo, 10; Scott Gordon, 7; Andrew Castillo, 3; Carlos Mesa, 5; Zane Anderson, 3; Wade Richardson, 2; Brian Vannatta, 3, and Aaron Vaughan, 1.



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### Obituaries

#### Carol Copeland

Graveside services for Carol Copeland, 56, of Texico, were held at Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery with Bob Hawkins officiating.

She died Dec. 18 at Clovis hospital.

She was born Oct. 2, 1946, in Greeley, Colo., to Elvis and Alice Wright. She married Roy Copeland in 1987 in Cheyenne, Wyo.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Jeanette Roe, of Clovis; 2 brothers, Arlie Wright, of Hooker, Okla., and Lynn Wright, of Ault, Colo.; a sister, Sheryl Froyd, of Greeley; her mother; and 2 grandsons.

#### Texico Police Report

Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy reports all quiet last week.



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Sincerely, Laura Leal

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Christmas Day, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.  
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## Thanksgiving feast



On Nov. 25, Farwell kindergarten pupils dressed up as Pilgrims and Indians to have a Thanksgiving feast.



### It's a Boy

Bryant Luke White was born to Bruce and Terri White on Dec. 9. He weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. Grandparents are Joe and Katherine White, of Farwell, and Betty and Willie Jack Ivey.



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**Christmas**

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Trent flew in front of the stars and reassured them of their directions.

"Stars, now's your chance to shine! Just remember what we practiced."

Anna directed the other angels to get into position.

"Shepherd's angels, go to the fields and make your appearance...and remember to smile!" she urged.

"Breeze blowers, sand sweepers and sifters...go, go, go!" Gabriel said as he pushed the angels to go forth with their assignments.

The angels had all practiced their jobs, but because the breeze blowers and sand sifters were so excited, they worked a little too hard. A terrible sand and wind storm started out in the desert and it began to blow over the fields, valleys and all over Bethlehem.

"What's happening Gabriel? What are we going to do?" Anna begged.

"Let me think! Let me think! Where are all your notes?" Gabriel asked with urgency.



"Mary and Joseph are in town now and they're trying to find a room. Should we send an angel to help guide them to the stable?" asked Hailey.

"No the innkeeper at the third inn is an angel that's been working undercover...he knows what to do and where to take them," Gabriel explained.

"Sir, I'm more concerned about the shepherds and the townspeople. With all that sand blowing, how will they ever see that line of stars pointing the way? Those stars cannot be seen through all that dirt!" Anna stated.

"It looks just like a West Texas dirt storm down there! Ooh, watch out Joseph!" Elizabeth warned.

The angels all looked at each other as a huge mass of shrubbery bounded toward the couple.

"A Texas Tumbleweed in Bethlehem?" she asked with bewilderment.

Gabriel knew that more light was needed.

"We've got to get a bigger light to shine over that stable...it's almost time for Jesus to arrive!" he said.

"Can't we move the moon?" asked Hailey.

"God only said that Faith can move mountains...I never heard him say anything about the moon?" replied Anna.

Gabriel shouted over to Trent, "Can't those stars shine any brighter?"

"Mr. Gabriel, they're trying! Right stars?" Trent answered. "Move closer together and dance, that should make you show up better!"

About that time, a great gust of wind blew across Heaven and scattered the stars all over the night sky. Little Trent flew around trying to bring them back but the wind was too great!

"Oh no! What are we to do?" Gabriel gasped. "I wanted this night to be perfect for our Lord, but now the Light of the world has to be born with no light at all!"

"Wait Mr. Gabriel! Don't lose hope! I have an idea!" Trent urged.

Trent quickly flew directly over the stable in Bethlehem and looked around in all directions. The he flew straight up in the night sky and then stopped high above the stable. He took out the broken little star and bowed his head in prayer.

"Dear Lord, you know my heart and all the hope that I have in it for this little star. You told me of how you still loved and believed in your creations even when they aren't perfect. I'm asking for you to have the same hope in this little star. It's broken and tarnished, but it knows

your love and light and can light the way to your Son, Jesus."

God reached out and touched Trent and the little star. A great light leapt from Trent's heart and surrounded the star. The light reflected straight down from the sky right to the stable. The townspeople were filled with wonder at the great light and came to the stable. For miles and miles, the shepherds that had heard the good news from the angels, were able to make their way to Bethlehem and bow down before the newborn king!

The wind and the sand settled down. The choir of the heavenly host gathered and began singing a song of joy

and thanksgiving for the glorious birth.

For many days and into the next year, the star stayed bright and strong. Astronomers and kings from the Orient even saw the star and traveled from afar to bring gifts to the Prince of Peace.

Little Trent knew the star was special and had always believed in his heart that the star would shine again. One only had to look to the wondrous light to find the Son.

God blessed the star with his grace and glory to help others find their way...just like God blessed the world with His greatest gift of Love.



J.R. Ivins, DDS; Kristy Adams-Saxon, RDH; Priscilla Herington, Jackie Smallwood, Landon Lunsford, Joyce Johnson and Jered Coleman.

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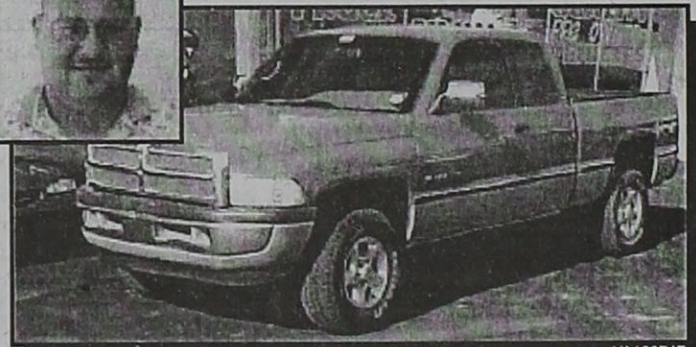


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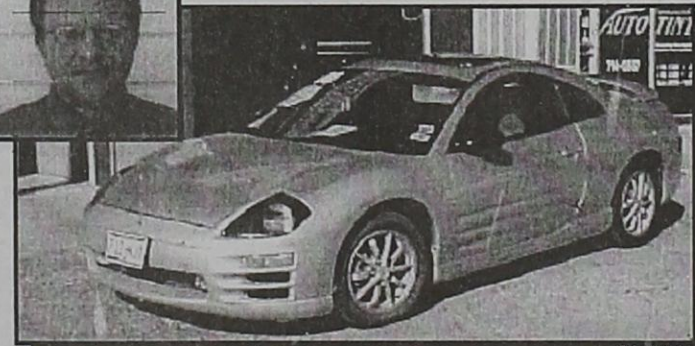


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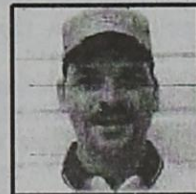


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Austin Ratke

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a doll and happiness. Last year, you brought me a doll and shoes.  
Karina Retana

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, chrissy dress and clothes, and vanity. Last year, I got a Barbie and a baby stroller.  
Janae McClaran

Dear Santa,  
I would like a paint ball, go kart and tools. Last year, I got tools and a water gun.  
Ian Vidaurri

Dear Santa,  
I would like a play house, Barbies and Easy Bake. Last year, you brought me a bike and a TV.  
Alexa Mora

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll, Santa Claus video and veggie tabs video.  
Hannah

Dear Santa,  
I would like the movie spirit, a go-cart and a pop sensation barbie. Last year, I

got some books and a movie.  
Lauren Carpenter

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kenlea Rayne Barnes. I'm pretty sure I've been good but a little bad. For Christmas please bring me a pink girl Care Bear and a Barbie nutcracker prince and ballerina suit and ballerina shoes and Christmas Beauty and the Beast and a Brittany Spears doll and a real baby otter, and one more thing I want everything that goes with my Groovy Girl.

Santa, please bring my sister Chandler a baby seal, and please bring my sister Karson a computer game.  
Kenlea Barnes

Dear Santa,  
My name is Regan and I am 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a cash register, a dolly and a telephone. My sister Emily wants a new baby doll. Please bring my mom a new candle and a rainbow colored bootjack for Charlie.  
Regan

Dear Santa,  
I would like a computer and bike, and a pair of shoes for my sister. P.S. Please bring a toy gun for the twins.  
Britni Foreman

Dear Santa,  
I am 16 months old and have been very good this year. Please bring me a Little Tikes Workshop with tools that make sounds, some "Jay Jay the Jet Phone: stuff, and trucks that make noise. I have one big sister and two big brothers. They would like some clothes, video games and sports stuff.  
Matt Klingensmith

**Farwell sax player, Shelly, excels**

On Dec. 14, Region 16 held tryouts for All-State, reports Farwell Band Director Bill Shelly. The All-State Band is composed of Class 1A, 2A and 3A schools across the state.

The Farwell Band had one student ready for this level of competition. A junior tenor saxophonist, Jon-Erik Shelly, competed against eight of the best tenor saxes in the region and placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, falling short by one chair. This was his first year playing the tenor.

He will compete in January for the All-Region Band, which consists of 117 of the best students in the Lubbock region.

On Jan. 14, the Farwell Band will take about 60 middle school students to New Deal to compete for the All-Region Middle School Band.

On Jan. 20, the high school students will go to Abernathy for their access into the All-Region High School Band.

On Jan. 24 and 25, all students that make these groups will practice, then perform at the Lubbock Civic

Center.

Shelly asks parents to encourage their children during the holiday break to practice daily. "I believe that a little work every day by each student will prove to be very productive for these young players," said Shelly, who has taken students to All-Region Band contests the past eight years. "I am looking at about 20 to 30 students from the Farwell Band making it into the All-Region Bands this year."

**Legal Notices**

In the Ninth Judicial District Court  
County of Curry, State of New Mexico  
In the matter of the adoption petition  
Of Jacob Loewen, with respect to  
Kambri Brooke Zachary, a minor child.  
Cause No. D-0905-SA-02002-000-18  
**NOTICE**

The State of New Mexico to:  
**MATTHEW ZACHARY**

You are hereby notified that an action is pending against you in this Court, as titled and numbered above, the subject of which is your parental rights to Kambri Brooke Zachary, a minor child.

If you do not respond by answering or otherwise entering your appearance in the above captioned matter within thirty (30) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice, a default judgement will be entered against you and your parental rights regarding this child will be terminated.

Clerk of the District Clerk  
By Shelly Burger  
Deputy Clerk

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Parmer County hereby requests and will receive proposals for Construction Manager-At-Risk services relative to the proposed Parmer County Jail/Law Enforcement Center, to include up to a 49-bed jail and Sheriff's office, until 11:00 A.M. on Monday, January 13, 2003, at which time the proposals will be opened and read aloud.

Requests for Proposals may be obtained by contacting the office of the Honorable Bonnie Clayton, Parmer County Judge, Parmer County Courthouse, 401 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas, 79325, 806-481-3383, during regular business hours.

**Ordinance No. 159**

An ordinance granting a franchise, with certain rights incident thereto, to E.N.M.R. Telephone Cooperative, its successors and designees, in the City of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas, and providing that the city shall receive cash payments and other considerations thereof.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Farwell, Texas, on Tuesday, December 17, 2002.

Jimmie Mace, Mayor  
Attest:

Cynthia Thigpen, Secretary

**Ordinance No. 158**

An ordinance electing for the city to make current service and prior service contributions to the city's account in the Municipal Accumulation Fund of the Texas Municipal Retirement System at the actuarially determined rate of total employee compensation.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Farwell, Texas, on Tuesday, December 17, 2002.

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**Ordinance No. 157**

An ordinance authorizing and allowing, under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System, "Updated Service Credits" in said system on an annual basis for service performed by qualifying members of such system who at the effective date of the allowance are in the employment of the City of Farwell; providing for increased prior and current service annuities for retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the city; providing for increased Municipal Contributions to the current service annuity reserve at retirement; and increasing the rate of deposits of the Texas Municipal Retirement System by the employees of the City of Farwell; and establishing an effective date.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Farwell, Texas, on Tuesday, December 17, 2002.

Jimmie Mace, Mayor  
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**Texico FCCLA**

Two Texico FCCLA chapter members, Natalie Walton and Christina Reyanoso, had their photo taken at the cluster meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., with Bob Foehlinger, a world baton twirling champion. He is the only person in the world who can twirl four batons at the same time.

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**Courthouse Notes**

The Parmer County clerks' office recorded the following warranty deeds last week:

- Billie Harrison - Irma Rueder, L6-8, B32 Bovina.
- Joyce Herring - Don Tardy et al, 40.5a S19.248, 48a, S18 Blk B McMinn.
- Madge Crow - Priscilla Hicks, L3 B2 Western.

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**LIVE CATTLE:** Cash traded steady this week and prices are expected to remain around the \$72 level until after the first of the year. Technically, market is sideways at this time with overhead resistance around \$79.50 and support at \$77.00 basis the February contract. A move above or below these levels should determine the next direction. Fundamentals still remain positive.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** Prices are still moving lower with short term trends pointing down. Support levels at \$82.65 basis the January contract held prices this week and a close back above \$83.95 would turn charts back higher. There is still some concern that \$83.00 January feeder may be a little high when compared to \$71.00 June Live Cattle prices?

**CORN:** Short term trends are still up, but long term projects around the \$2.32 level basis the March contract may still have a shot between now and early January? Fundamentally, market has no news to support prices. Technically, market is in position to bottom over the next few weeks. China has taken the front seat in exporting corn, our main competition.

**SOYBEANS:** Short term trends are still down, but overall, market remains inside a sideways, choppy range. Major support levels at \$5.54 basis the January contract has held. Major overhead resistance is \$5.80. Should see confirmation of a major low in the new few weeks with the possibility of higher prices into the Spring. Demand remains strong.

**WHEAT:** KC prices have turned short term trends up, but there is still little news to support this market. Aside from tight year end supplies and rumors that a freeze in the Ukraine possibly damaged over 20% of their crop has done little to push prices higher. Still holding out the possibility that a rally over the next couple of months could give hedgers another shot at pricing?

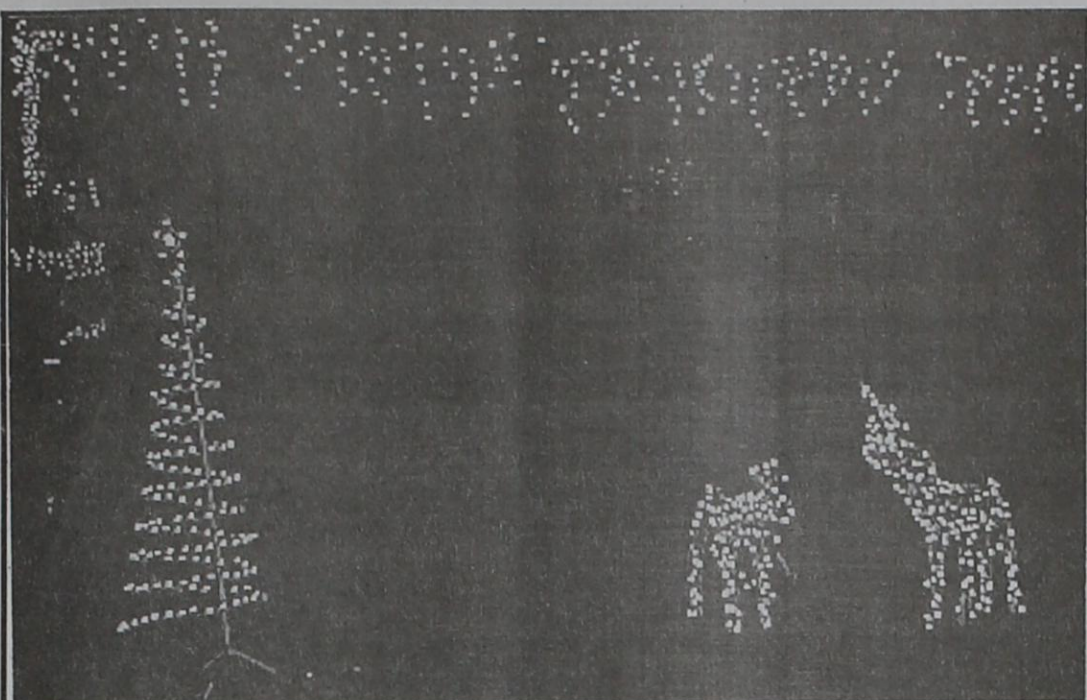
**COTTON:** Prices remain volatile ahead of the Holidays. Volume is expected to dwindle and seasonally, prices usually move lower into January before bottoming. Short term trends are still higher, but overall, market is trading inside a huge range between \$48.00-\$51.75 basis the March contract. Export sales this week will be important for support at these levels.

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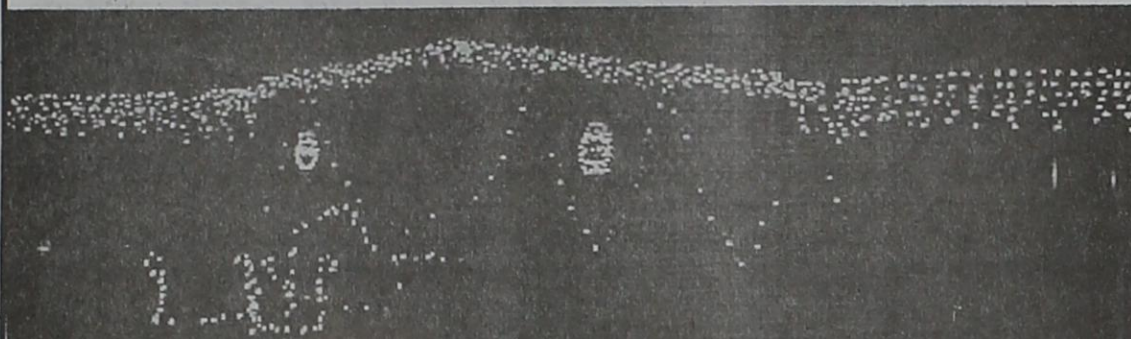
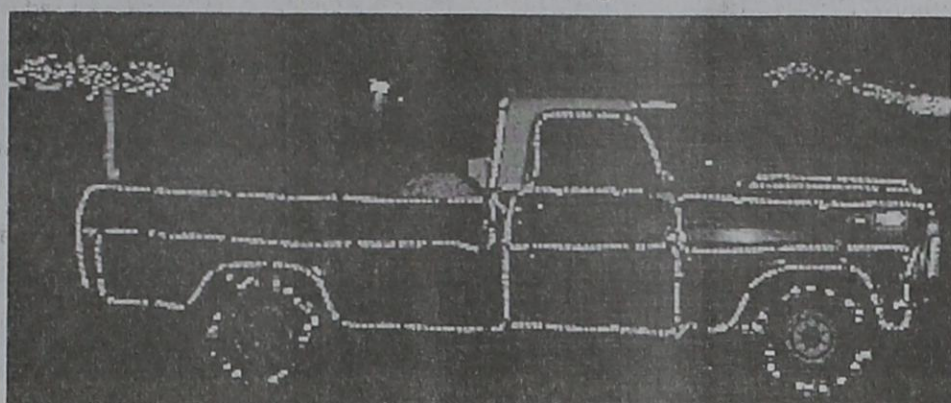






**Holiday lights**

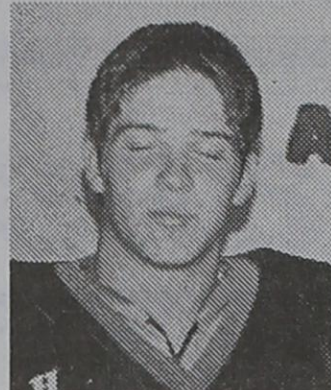
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Tobin Redwine



Monse Melendez

**Lazbuddie players cited**

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Head Coach Joe Branhams said, "Our football team played with great determination and intensity, thus gaining the respect of our opponents' coaches. I was proud to see our young men get the individual recognition they earned and deserved. All I have to add is that I can't wait until next year."

On the All-Region team for Region 1 were:

1<sup>st</sup> team defense: Sterling Via, punter.

Honorable mention, defense: Rob Martin.

2<sup>nd</sup> team offense: Tobin Redwine, special teams.

Honorable mention, offense: Brady Mimms.

Named All-District were:

1<sup>st</sup> team offense -- Tobin Redwine, spread back; Monse Melendez, kicker, and Brady Mimms, center.

2<sup>nd</sup> team offense: Raul Mata, tight end; Sterling Via, quarterback; Andrew Martinez, utility back; and Kolby Wilkerson, running back.

1<sup>st</sup> team defense: Brady Mimms, defensive end; Rob Martin, linebacker; and Sterling Via, punter.

2<sup>nd</sup> team defense: Kolby Wilkerson, cornerback; and Andrew Martinez, safety.



Sterling Via



Brady Mimms

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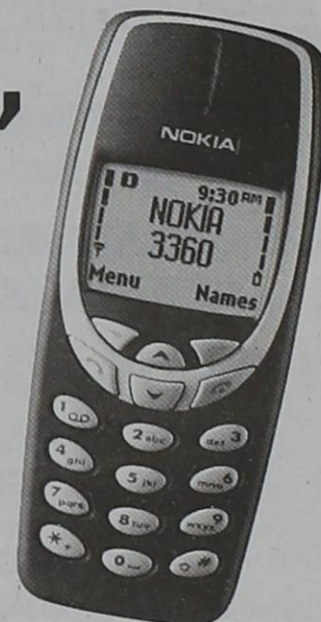
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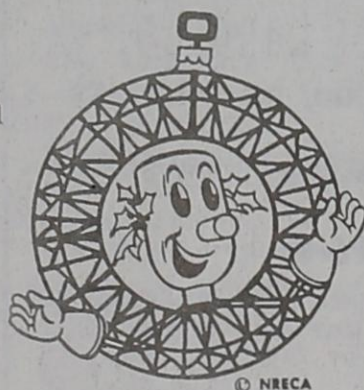
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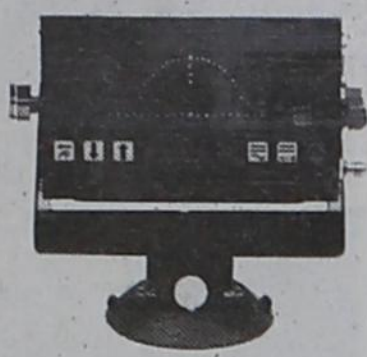
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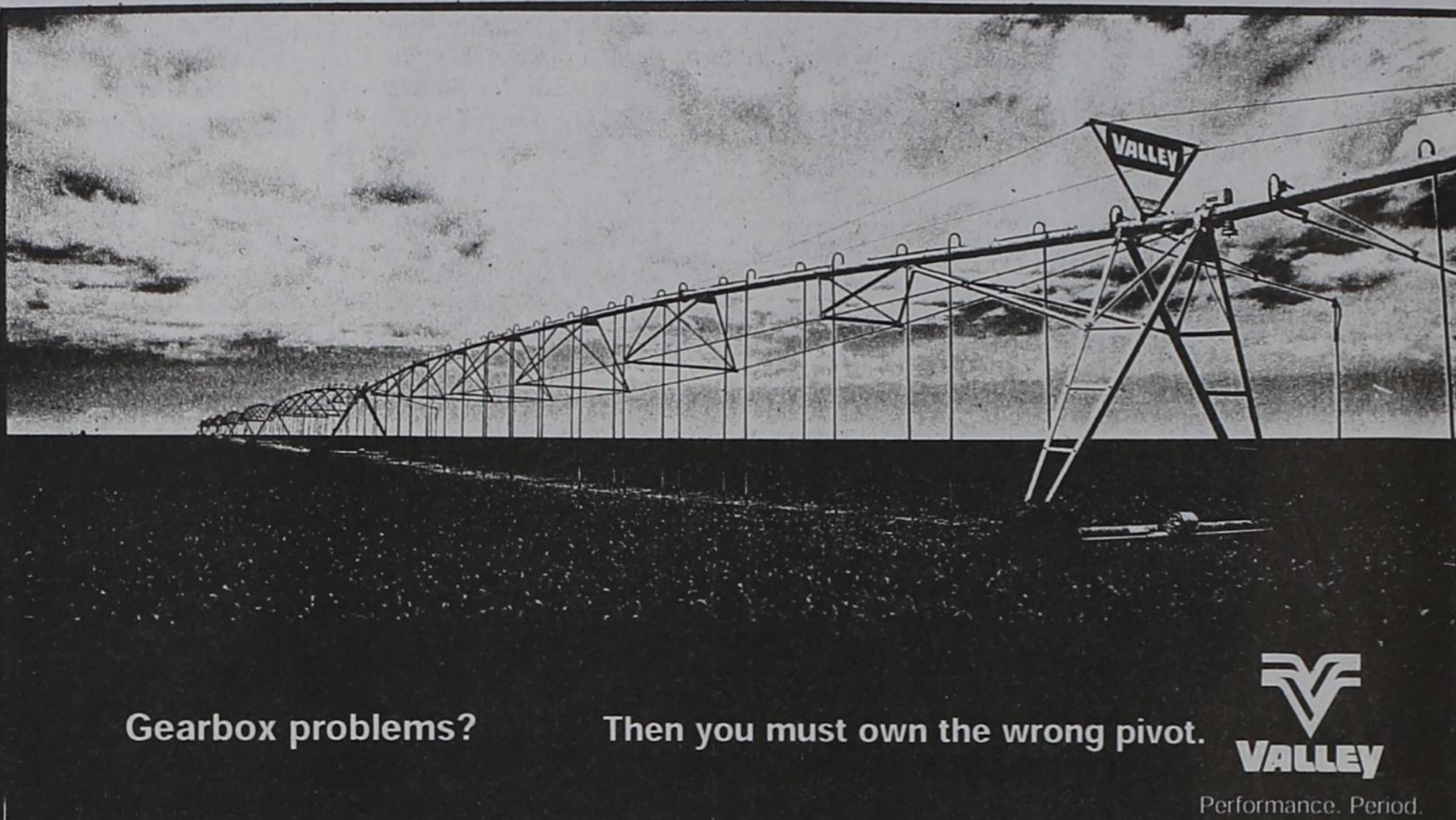


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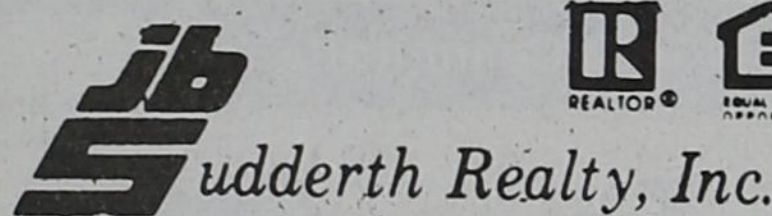
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## Upcoming Sports

The Farwell JV and varsity girls, and the varsity boys, will host Tulia on Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. Then all the varsity and JV teams will host Hart in the district opener on Jan. 3 at 5 p.m.

The Lazbuddie teams host Adrian on Dec. 27 at 4 p.m. Then they open district by hosting Cotton Center on Jan. 3 at 4 p.m. Texico teams don't play again until Jan. 7, at the EPAC Tournament.

# Texico hoopsters sweep Ft. Sumner

## Varsity Boys

The Texico Wolverines lost to Logan, 64-60, on Friday.

Scoring were Adrian Loera, 13; Braden Vaughan, 12; Johnny Rivera, 6; Mark Peabody, 2; Tony Clements, 8; Garrett Mayfield, 2; Toby Thornton, 2; Bryce Bailey, 4; and Landon Johnson, 11. Texico is now 6-2.

The Wolverines dominated Ft. Sumner, 89-60.

Scoring were Adrian Loera, 13; Braden Vaughan, 19; Johnny Rivera, 4; Mark Peabody, 15; Tony Clements, 8; Garrett Mayfield, 14; Bryce Bailey, 9; Landon Johnson, 2, and Jesse Serrano, 5.

## Varsity Girls

The Lady Wolverines knocked off Logan, 60-41, to run their record to 5-4.

Scoring were Nicole Richards, 1; Melissa Roberts, 8; Jazzi Walls, 4; Brette Hadley, 6; Sissy Loper, 10; Carrie Rucker, 17; Ashley Kidd, 8; and Dru Mayfield, 6.

The Texico Lady Wolverines clobbered Ft. Sumner, 47-28.

Scoring were Lauren Boazman and Tori Bradley, 2 each; Ashley Kidd, 6; Carrie Rucker, 13 (with a trio of 3-pointers); Jazzi Walls, 5; Melissa Roberts, 8; and Dru Mayfield, 11.

## JV Boys

Texico's JV Boys lost to Logan, 82-69.

Scoring were Gabriel Sena, 8; Landon Brown, 11; Josh Pena, 10; L.J. Jenkins, 9; Mario Cardenas, 18; Aaron Vaughan, 4; Isaac Zarate, 3, and Logan Potts, 6.

The Texico JV boys whipped Ft. Sumner, 63-55.

Scoring were Gabriel Sena, 16; Lane Brown, 19; Josh Pena, 9; L.J. Jenkins, 6; Mario Cardenas, 3; Aaron Vaughan, 2; and Logan Potts, 8.

## JV Girls

Texico's JV Girls beat Logan, 58-31.

No other information was reported.

The Texico JV Girls tipped Ft. Sumner, 45-44.

Scoring were Skyla Cockerham, 2; Taryn Allen, 4; Erika Autrey, 9 (with 2 3-pointers); Lori Richardson, 3; Brittany Anderson, 4; Amber Parmer, 5; Sarah Johnson, 4; Lacey Price, 3; Brenda Cardenas, 2; Kehley Merrill, 6; and Kelli Dunnahoe, 1.

## Lady 'Horns turn back Hart

## Varsity Girls

The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns topped Hart on Friday there, 53-50.

Leading scorers were Shonah Black, 14, and Shawndee Nichols, 11.

The girls are now 6-8.



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

Texico's 8-B Boys lost to Marshall, 41-32, on Dec. 16.

Scoring were Billy Scott, 8; Jason Roberts, 12; Courtland Luscombe, 8, and Cole Dawkins, 4.

Texico's 8-A boys fell to Marshall, 42-16.

Scoring were Michael Reid, 4; Justin Garrison

## Steers beat Happy

## Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers are 10-5 after dropping Happy last Friday, 55-24.

Scoring were Jason Johnson, 11 (with a trio of 3-pointers); Grant Gregory, 8; Tate Nichols and Jose Cabello, 2 each; Lonnie McFarland, 6; Carlos Garcia, 9; Zac Schilling, Tyler Myers and Daniel Kaltwasser, 4 each; and Cale Stevenson, 5.

It was incorrectly reported last week that the Steers were consolation champs at the Farwell Tourney. They won 3<sup>rd</sup> place, instead.

## Varsity Girls

The Lady Blue lost to the state's top ranked Happy Cowgirls on Friday, 52-36.

Scoring were Carrie Stevenson, Nikki Gober and Khallie Foster, 2 each; Jaimie Diaz, 1; Mindi Roberts, 11; Chelsea Meyer, 12, and Danielle Cargile, 6.

The girls are now 5-10.

## JV Boys

The Farwell JV Boys are 11-1 after crushing Happy, 51-20.

Scoring were Rowdy Mitchell, Ryan McClaran and Jason Sudderth, 2 each; Colby Norton, 4; Chris Culver, 6; Logan McFarland, 5; Matthew Edwards, 7; Luis Olmos, 3; Fabian Reyes, 8, and Jeremie Chandler, 12.

## JV Girls

Farwell's JV Girls fell to Happy, 34-25.

Scoring were Micah Christian, 10; Sandra Saenz, 2; Cindy Quezada, 4; Shaleena Laverty, 6, and Beatriz Garcia, 3.

and Ruben Lindley, 3 Christian Holguin and each; and Blain Bradley, Wacey Williams, 2 each.

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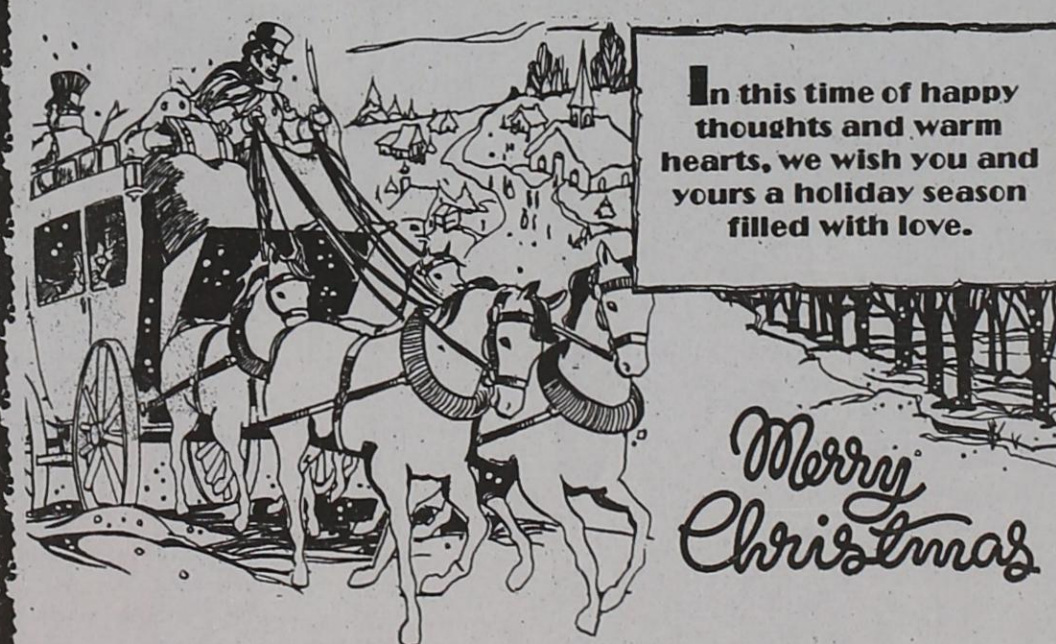
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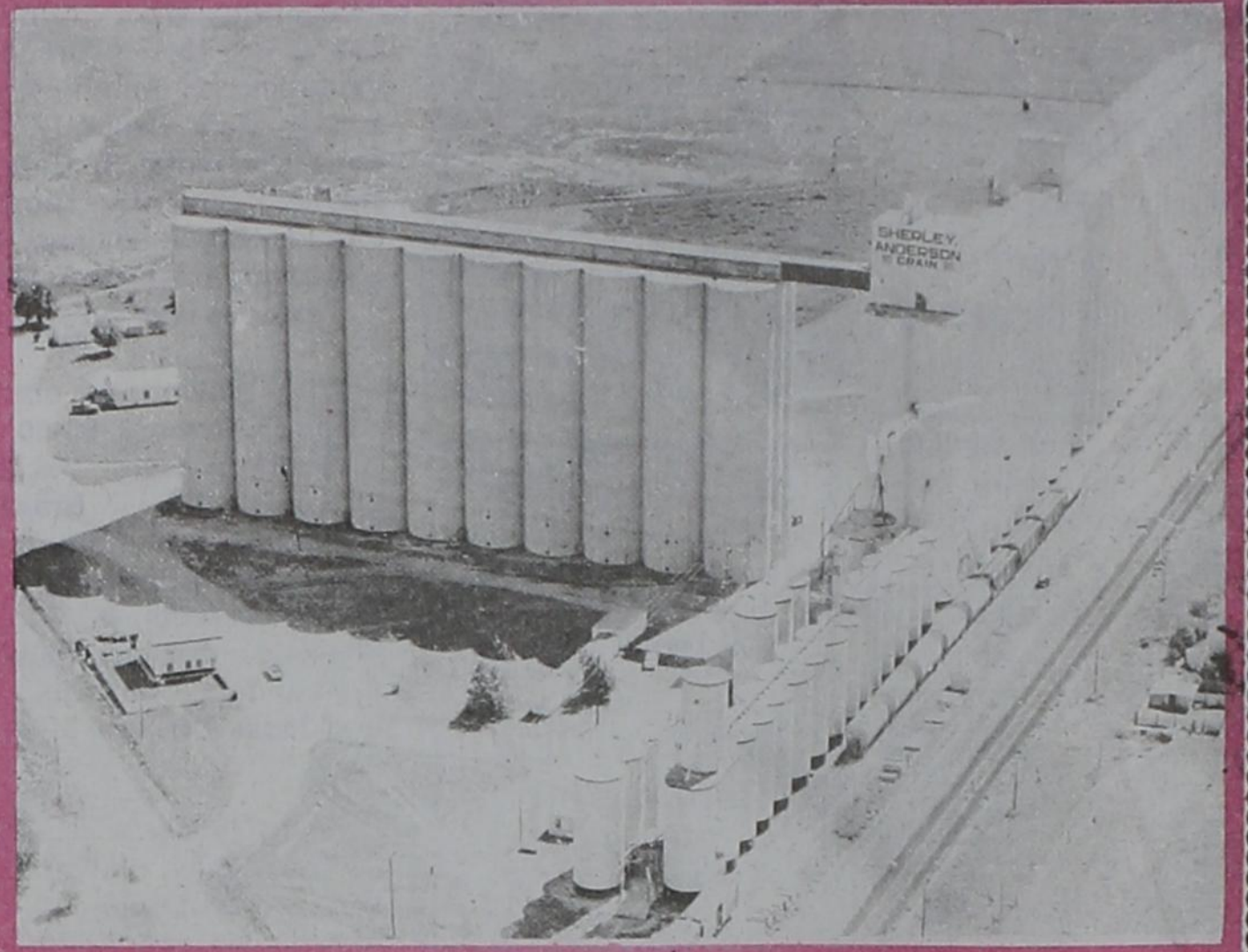
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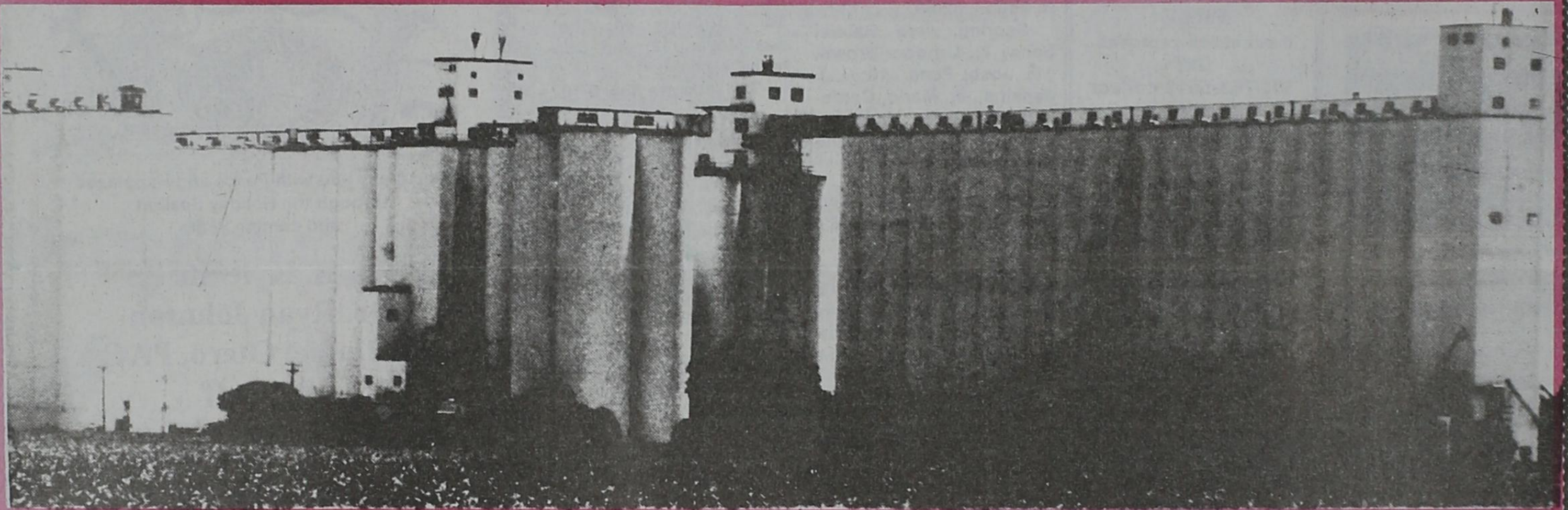
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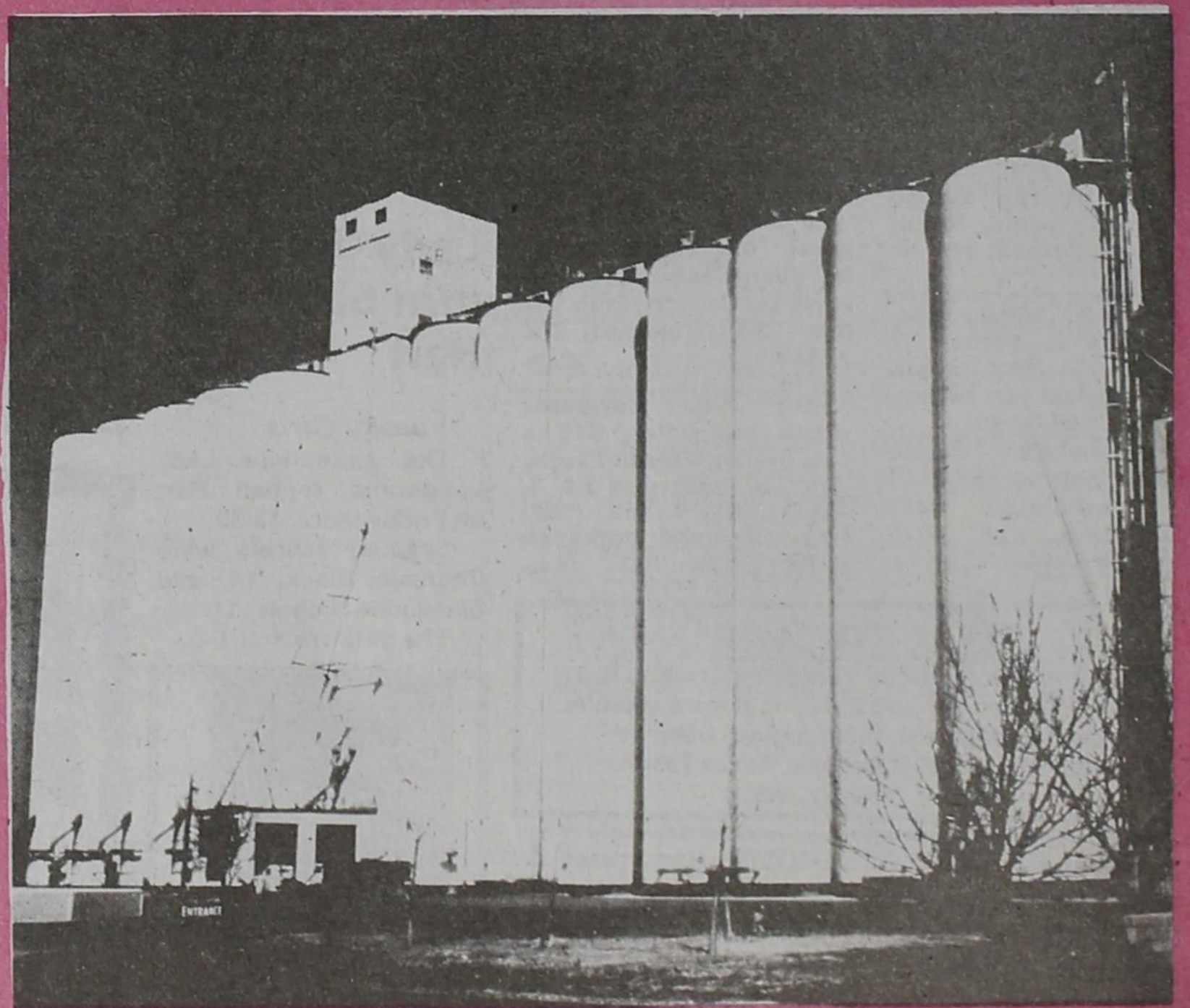
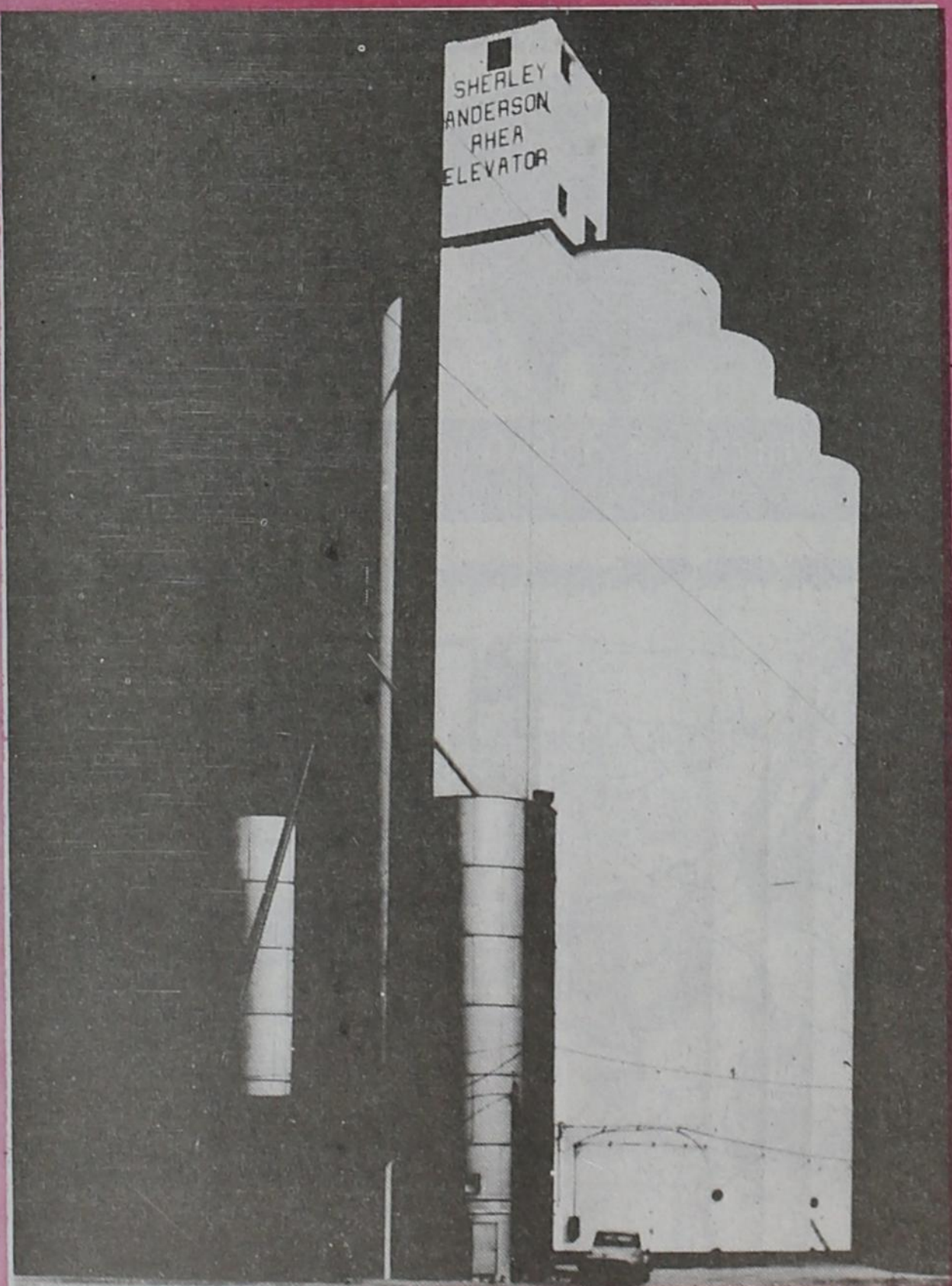
As we celebrate the miracle of His birth, please accept our sincere wishes that you may forever bask in the warmth of His love. Happy Holidays to all!



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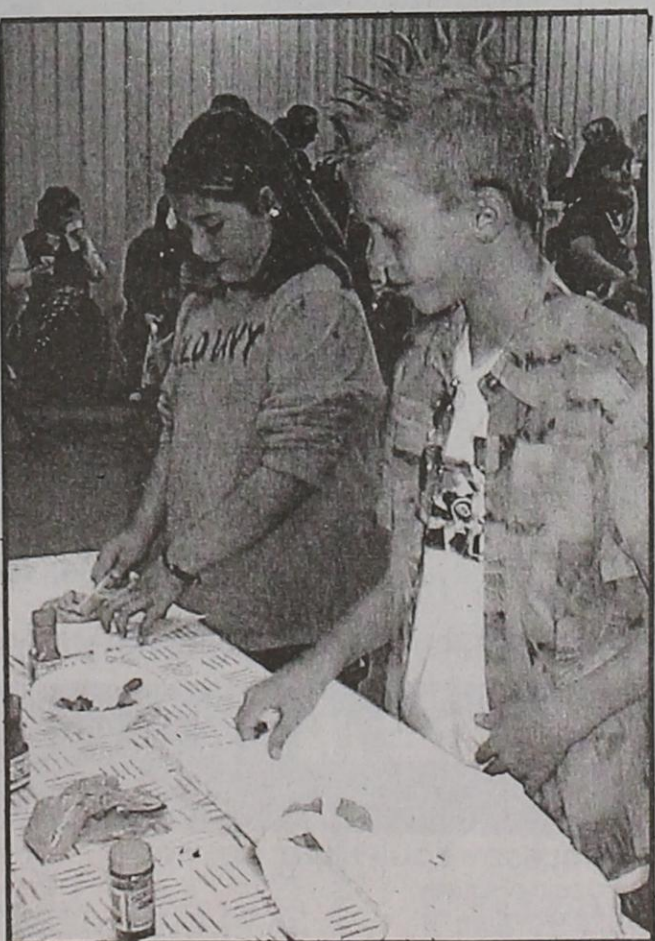
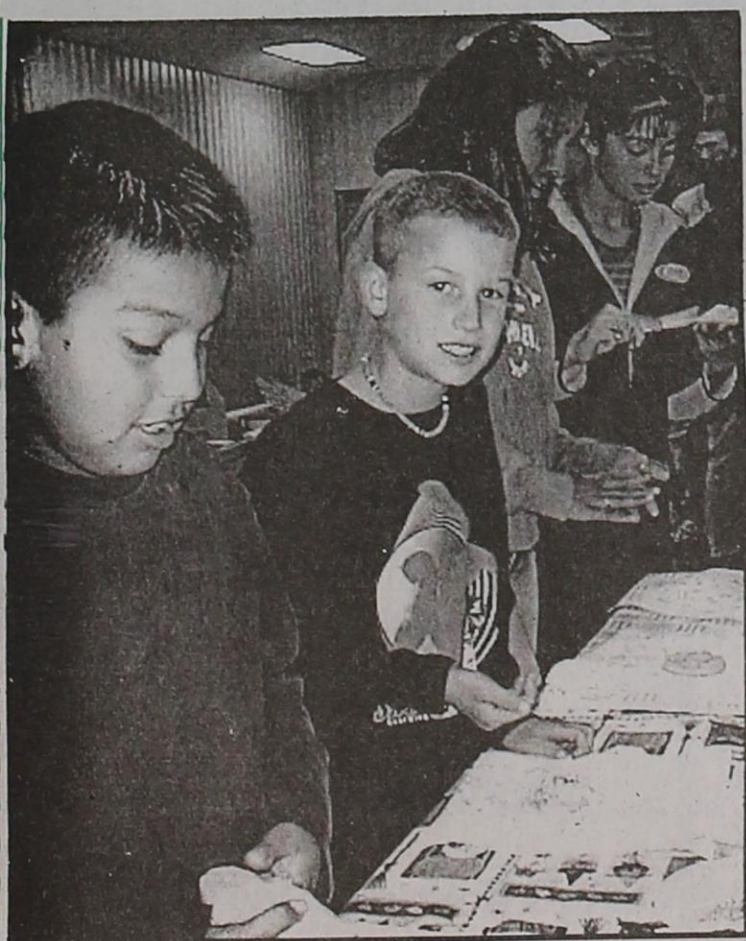
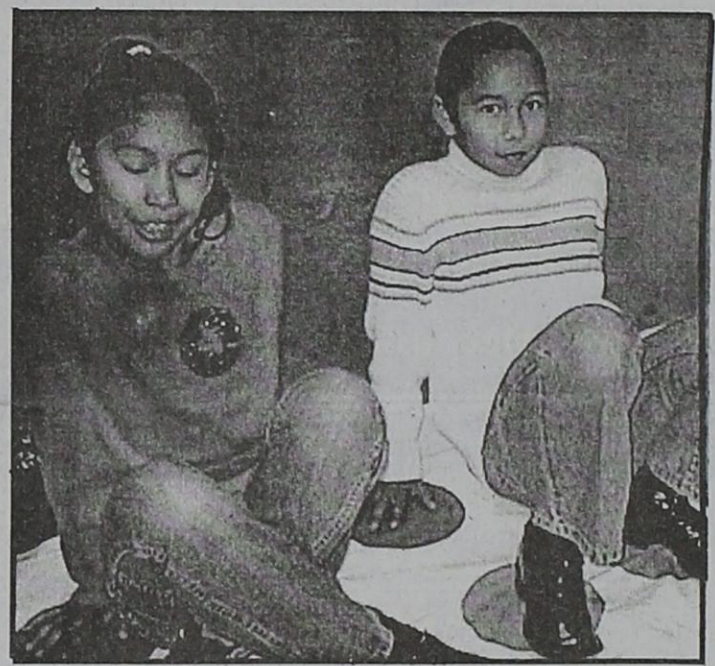
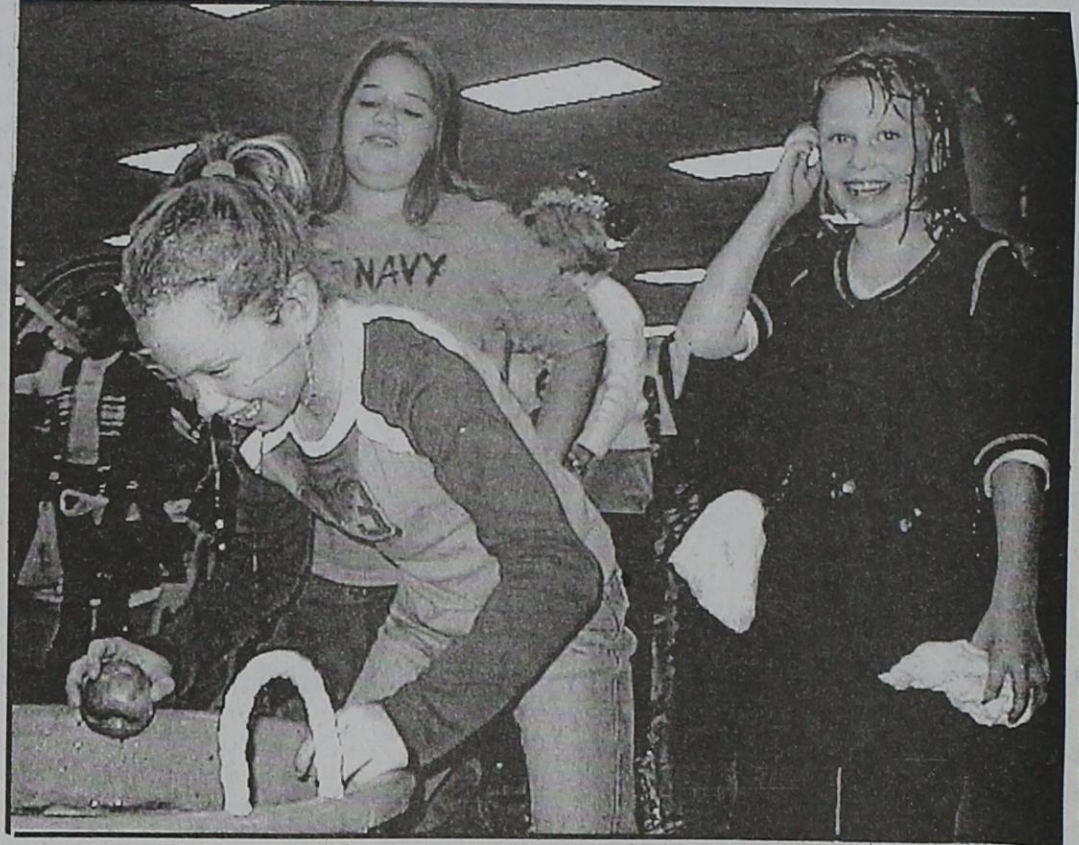
*Maria Mendoza -- Ray Stanley*

# Hallelujah Carnival



A "Hallelujah Carnival" was co-hosted by the First Baptist Church of Farwell and Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church at the Farwell Community Center on Oct. 30.

The holiday event included kids in costumes, food, and lots of games and fun events for our area youth.



## 'Santa, please bring me a real school house'

Dear Santa,  
I want a little monster truck, a car, more trucks (I like them a lot) and a toy phone, not real. I want some makeup for mom and something to eat. For my dad, tools? For my brother, some new games and a new toy.  
Dillon Ward

Dear Santa,  
I want some pretend makeup, nail polish, stickers and some new clothes. Please bring my mom some

flowers, and some cars for my brothers. I don't know what my sister likes, so bring something.  
Rebecca Holguin

Dear Santa,  
I want a football, some cars and a Play Station. My brother wants a little football.  
Marquis Betts

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Christmas tree, a Barbie watch and Barbie blankets. I want flow-

ers for my mom and my dad wants a new watch. My brother wants some cars.  
Kaleigh Autrey

Dear Santa,  
I want a new basketball goal, a football and a soccer ball.  
Sam Conlee

Dear Santa,  
I want the Spiderman blaster that you put on your hand, a remote control motorcycle and a red car.  
Austin Bassham

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll that talks, some Barbie dolls and

dresses, some pom poms and some shoes. I want a necklace for my mom, some cologne for my dad, and some deodorant for my big brother.  
Tacia Beavers

Dear Santa,  
I am trying hard to be good. Thank you for the toys last year. Please bring me a Spiderman action figure.  
John Myers

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and doll house and a dog and a school house and a cat and a teddy bear. Bring my baby

cousin a baby blanket.  
Marina Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Play Station 2 and football cards.  
Kordell Tindle

Dear Santa,  
I will leave you a present for leaving me a Spiderman DVD movie.  
Jarron Hill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a puppy and a baby and a popcorn maker and a diary.  
Cassie DeLeon

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a barbie jeep. My brother wants a snail.  
Sandra Garrett

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a Game Cube.  
Jonah Walls

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a real school house and a real puppy.  
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Please bring me a Brats doll.  
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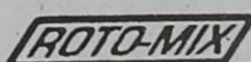


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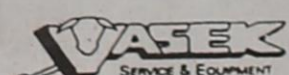
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From Teresa Mesman:

As of this writing, I don't know if I'll ever be able to eat spaghetti again.

The very thought of even touching spaghetti makes my stomach churn. "Okay, Teresa! Let's not share the details of a bad night out at The Olive Garden!" you may be saying as you begin reading.

## 'Please bring your reindeer'

Dear Santa, I have a little brother named Brady and a mom and dad. I want real food to cook. I want new crayons and markers. I would like some alphabet cards so I can play school. Please give my mom a candle.

Emily Logan

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie jeep, a panda bear, a zebra toy, and pretty dolls with pretty clothes. I hope Natasha gets cool stuff and Sierra gets a new doll. I want a trumpet and marble. Please bring your reindeer.

Gentry Moseley

Dear Santa, I have a littler brother named Trevor. Why do you have a front reindeer and a back reindeer? Do you have friends? I would like some makup, a baby doll and dress. Please bring my mommy a new purse and dress.

Stephanie

Dear Santa, I wish I could come to the North Pole and see how you make toys. I have 2 little brothers, Garrett and Spencer. I want an Army video game, more jeans because some don't fit right, and an army airplane that is camouflaged.

Trevor

Dear Santa, I want a hot wheels, roller skates, and Spiderman. Last year you brought me pants and Batman.

Cody Pierce

Oh, to have experienced spaghetti in its' natural setting would have been wonderful. Instead, my family and I experienced spaghetti in a scientific way.

Now, before you start thinking of all the ways that spaghetti can look in an experimental sort of way, let me lead you away from the "spook house" mentality. Putting your hands into a bowl of wet, cold spaghetti does make for a chilling experience, but it's hardly scientific.

This past weekend, my oldest son Taylor had an assignment to build a support structure that would hold a textbook. The kicker to the whole project was that he had to craft the structure from 30 pieces of uncooked spaghetti noodles and a meter of masking tape.

Friday evening, he began gathering his supplies. The kitchen table was cleared and the drawings of elaborately engineered structures began to take shape.

My kid is a pro with Lego's. You dream it, he can build it. I had total faith in his abilities.

This was going to be a piece of cake.

Saturday was a day of trial and error for my son. It was so hard not to step in and impress and amaze him with my architectural prowess.

I once built a pencil holder out of Popsicle sticks for my mother at summer camp. The comparison was only natural.

His father got the urge to test his hand at engineering and construction. He challenged Taylor to a building duel on Sunday afternoon.

First one to build a supportive structure had to make popcorn for our family movie night.

Taylor looked at me

with a victorious glance. It spoke volumes to me and I chuckled.

"Dad, you can't even make the Christmas tree stand up straight," Taylor laughed.

Ooh, that hurt! We had to go to an artificial tree with self balancing, ball bearing rotational, yet industrial-strength support structure with life-like polycarbonate boughs, complete with pinecones, tree replica several years ago because of a shameful event between a hand saw, my husband and a few limbs on a beautiful 8 foot tree.

Needless to say, Taylor had laid down the gauntlet. The race was on. I even decided to join in the challenge.

I gathered my 30 noodles and meter of tape and began my experiment. After all, with my credentials, it would be a relaxing 30 minutes.

Taylor built his structure in about an hour and tested it while my husband and I went into huge detail of how the physics were all wrong and how on an engineering scale, it was way too simple.

The structure held and the book stayed up. His little wad of noodles wrapped in tape worked.

He went to read in his room.

Berny and I set to work to show the other one up. I had to break only to cook supper that evening. It was quick...and it sure wasn't spaghetti!

We needed every available noodle in the county.

We built triangles, z-shaped railings, squares and x-frames. The sickening sound of a "snap" brought out anguished groans from the two of us.

Nothing was working. I stopped to search the

Internet for a clue to the project.

"Hee-hee, I'm so smart!" I thought. I was going to have the upper hand now.

I searched to no avail. There were designs for spaghetti structures built with mini-marshmallows and others with dental floss lashings. Masking tape was not part of any descriptions or layouts.

I reasoned that this was a relatively new project, only to find that schools all over the nation and the "Odyssey of the Mind" program uses this as a problem-solving project all over the world.

"Okay, it's global and if some little 10-year old can construct a suspension bridge for a coffee can, I can do this," I told myself.

I went back to the table to find my husband sticking spaghetti noodles in his mouth like fangs and he had little bits and pieces stuck in his hair.

"Honey, it's time for you to get away from it for awhile!" I stated as I led him away from the table.

He was muttering something like "the little twigs! They sound just like the little twigs!" Or maybe it was "the little pigs! They're just like the little pigs...I huff and I puff and I blow their house down!"

He was given an aspirin and sent to bed.

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Three hours later and 1,235 spaghetti noodles later, I formed a structure that held the textbook. I celebrated my victory by clapping and shouting out, "I Did It!"

Taylor stumbled out of his room to view what I had crafted only to see me bring my hand down, catapult the book off the counter and crush my structure into oblivion.

"Very scientific," he mused. "That's using the old noodle Mom!"

He was given a lasering glance and sent to bed.

My youngest son, Tanner was sitting quietly at the end of the table playing with his Lego's.

"Wanna play Lego's,

Mom?" he asked. "I'll show you how to make spaghetti and meatballs with them!"

He got up quietly and went to bed.

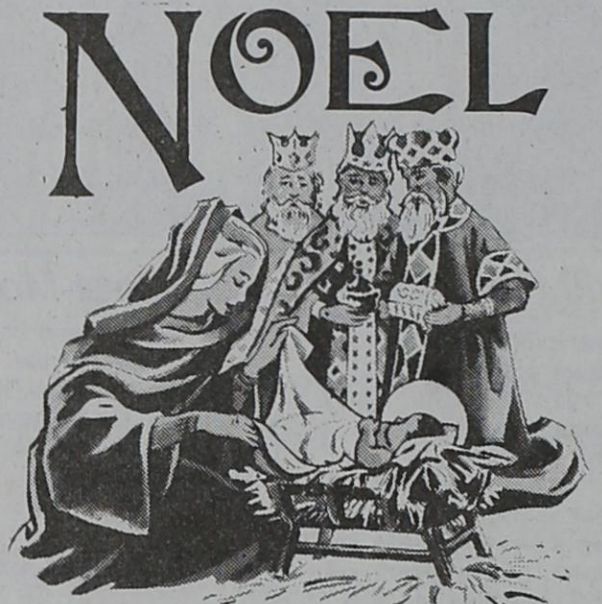
I stared at the table, now blanketed in broken bits of spaghetti noodles and stray strips and tearings of masking tape.

I swore vengeance on the pasta experiment.

If I ever touch the stuff again, it'll be to gladly snap the noodles as I place them in a pot of boiling water.

Then I'll serve the noodles in a wadded up mess.

It may not look like much, but it will hold up the scientific experiment that I call "dinner!"



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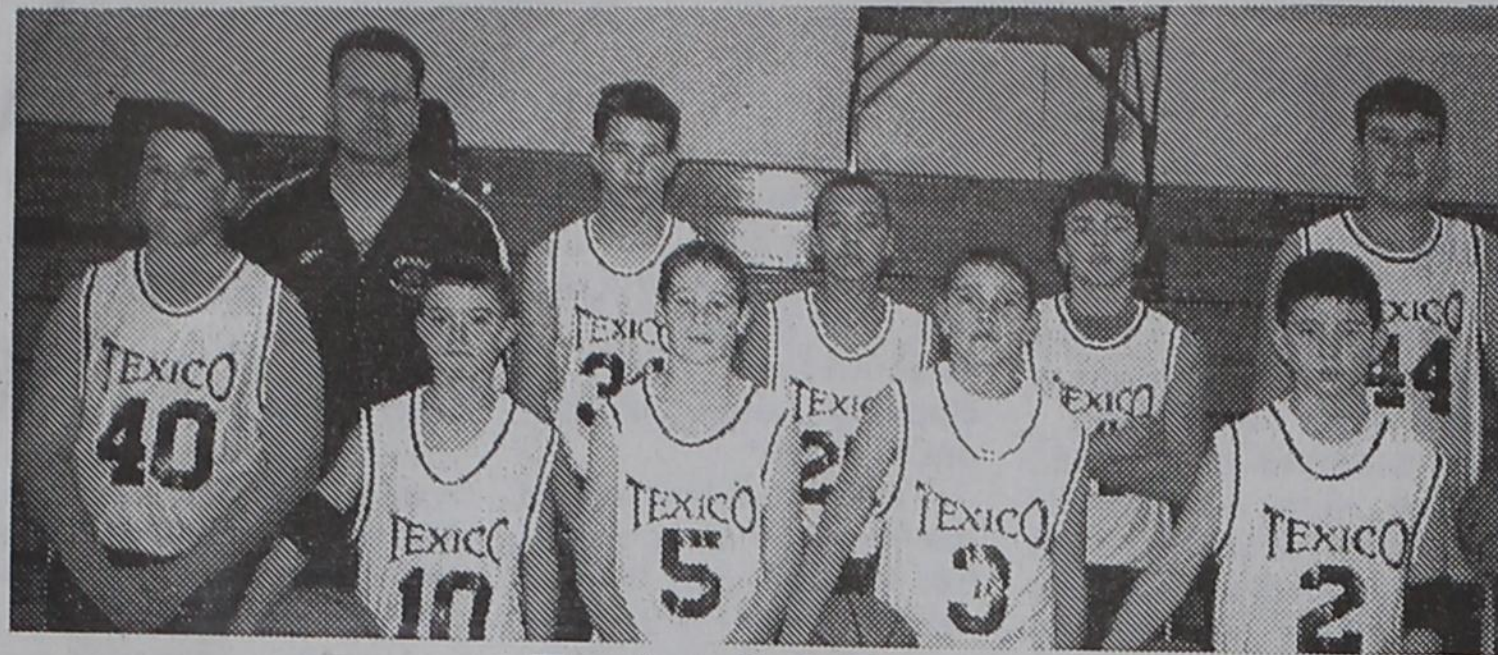
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**Texico 8-A Boys**

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**Farwell Varsity Girls**

The Farwell varsity girls team includes, top row from left, Coach Boyd, Kyra Christian, Chelsea Meyer, Carrie Stevenson, Tara Schilling, Coach Conkin; middle row, Nikki Gober, Jaimie Diaz, Hailey Grimes, Khallie Foster; front row, Mindi Roberts and Lacey Actkinson.

**'I will leave cheese for Santa Mouse'**

Dear Santa,  
I want a spechaclor. Last year, you brought me a chalkboard and baby.  
Taylor Stancell

Barbie, makeup and karoeko machine. Last year, you brought me clothes and a trampoline. I will leave you happy cookies and pie.  
Gabrielle Schilling

Dear Santa,  
I would like a motorcycle, remote control monster truck and a real motorcycle. Last year, you brought me a dar blower and video games.  
Dillon Kirkland

Dear Santa,  
I want a desk, books and computer. Last year you brought me a bike and bbs.  
Brooklyn Lamb

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Rapunzel, Barbie, carriage and Ninento James Bond. Last year, you brought me a bike, I will leave you cookies and milk, and cheese for Santa Mouse.  
K'Leigh White

Dear Santa,  
I live with my mom and dad and sister Audrey. Where do you park your reindeer? I want a real dirt bike. Also, a really, really truly brown and white dog. His name is Pepper. And a really, really truly Eagle named Rescue. I like you Santa; have a good flight.  
Dalton Wren

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I would like my scene

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<b>First Baptist Church of Farwell</b> Richard Laverty - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wed. - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.	<b>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</b> Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt Worship - 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. mt Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter 7:30 p.m. mt summer	<b>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</b> Rev. Jonette Gay Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.
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<b>New Light Baptist Church</b> Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Farwell Church of Christ</b> Loy Hardesty - preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. In Search - 7:30 - Ch. 4 Sun.	<b>Assembly of God Church, Texico</b> Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt

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

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Farwell's 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls team includes, top row from left, Hayley Fowler, Elisa Smith, Britton Barrett, Sarah Herington, Dellani Jones; front row, Amanda Martin, Brenda Cano, Salida Edwards, Jourdan Kirkland, Amber Armstrong and Miriam Delgado.



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The Farwell varsity boys team includes, top row from left, Coach Thompson, Daniel Kaltwasser, Tyler Myers, Grant Gregory, Coach Saul; middle row, Coach Conkin, Jose Cabello, Zac Schilling, Robbie Tabb, Carlos Garcia; front row, Cale Stevenson, Tate Nichols, Jason Johnson and Lonnie McFarland.

**'Santa, I want both 2-ft. megazords'**

Dear Santa,  
I want a DVD player, Play Station 1 and skelator. Last year, you brought me a TV and boom box.  
Champ Hardesty

Dear Santa,  
I want a gun, chaps and spurs. Last year, you brought me an arteasel and a blocktorkit.  
Zachary Dale

Dear Santa,  
I want books, train tracks and a chair. Last year, you brought me a bicycle.  
Josue Barrera

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a toy truck, a radio and a toy bear.  
Adam Coburn

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for last Christmas. Please bring me a Spiderman action figures and Star Wars.  
Matthew Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
I'm good at school. Please bring me Yuiyo cards.  
Adrian Gomez.

Dear Santa,  
I want a choo choo train, a go cart, big black monster truck, a 10-speed bike, a snowboard, a puppy house and blankets for my puppy.  
Shaun

Dear Santa,

I like the toys you brought me last year. I want a rock tumbler, Pokemon cards and a Pokemon ball.  
Abigail Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a rock tum-

bler and a cotton candy machine.  
Tyler McCoy

Dear Santa,  
I want both 2 foot megazords, and a remote control car.  
Paden

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a teddy bear, and a truck for my brother.  
Brianna Rubio

Dear Santa,

I want a BB gun, a .22, and a pickup for my brother.  
Tyler Mehl

Dear Santa,  
I want a Lego set and a BB gun, and a CD player for my sister.  
Mitchell Pinnell

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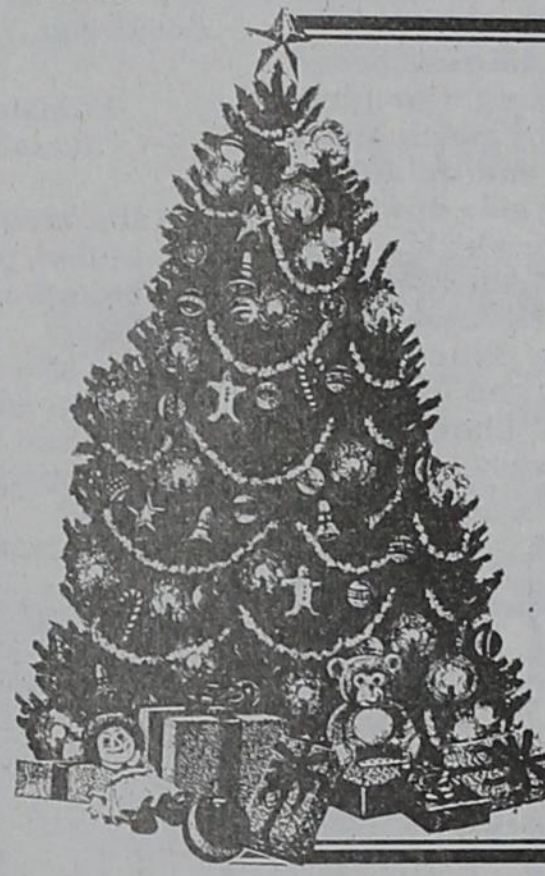
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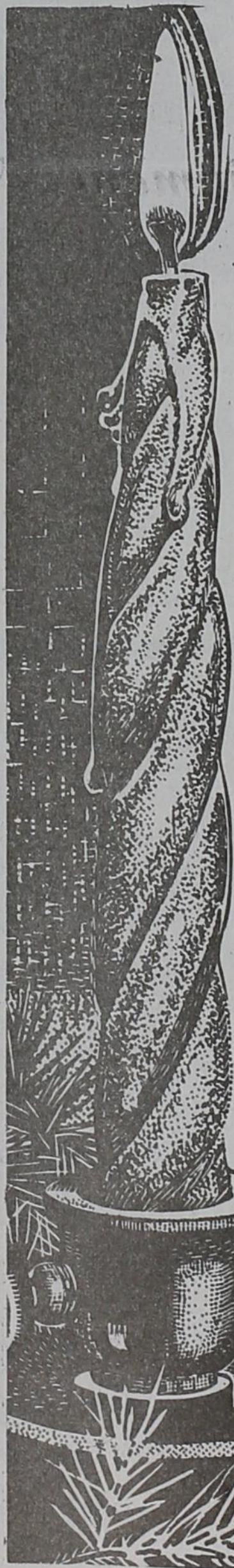
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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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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# Here are some fascinating recipes

**Swanson Beef Teriyaki**  
 Prep/Cook Time: 25 min.  
 1 lb. boneless beef sirloin steak, 3/4" thick  
 2 tbsp. cornstarch  
 1 can (14 oz.) Swanson Beef Broth or Lower Sodium Beef Broth  
 2 tbsp. soy sauce  
 1 tbsp. packed brown sugar  
 1/4 tsp. garlic powder  
 4 cups broccoli flowerets  
 4 cups hot cooked rice  
 SLICE beef into very thin strips. Mix cornstarch, broth, soy, sugar and garlic. STIR-FRY beef in nonstick skillet until browned and juices evaporate. ADD broccoli and cornstarch mixture. Cook and stir until mixture boils and thickens. SERVE over rice. Serves 4. For extra flavorful rice, simmer in Swanson Beef Broth with Onion.

**Brown Sugar Muffins**  
 (Low Fat, Cholesterol Free, Low Sodium)

1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
 1 tablespoon baking powder  
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)  
 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice  
 2 egg whites  
 2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
 2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
 3/4 cup unsweetened Michigan applesauce  
 1 1/2 cups diced, peeled Michigan apples  
 1 1/4 cups uncooked, old fashioned rolled oats  
 1 tablespoon turbinado sugar

1. Stir together flour, baking powder, soda, salt and spice. Set aside.  
 2. In large mixing bowl,

combine remaining ingredients except the turbinado sugar. Let stand about 5 minutes or until oats soften slightly. Add flour mixture, stirring only until combined. Portion evenly into twelve 2 1/2-inch muffin-pan cups coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle batter with turbinado sugar.

3. Bake at 400°F about 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.  
 Yield: 12 muffins

**Turkey and Roasted Pepper Panini**  
 (Makes 4 large sandwiches)

**What you need:**  
 8 slices cooked Butterball Turkey Breast  
 8 large slices crusty Italian bread  
 1 jar (12 ounces) roasted red peppers, drained  
 1 can (4.25 ounces) chopped black olives  
 8 ounces sliced provolone or mozzarella cheese  
 1/4 cup creamy Italian or Ranch salad dressing  
 Olive oil or olive oil cooking spray

**What to do:**  
 1. Top each of 4 slices of bread with 2 slices turkey, 2 to 3 pieces red pepper, 2 tablespoons olives and 2 ounces cheese.

2. Spread remaining bread with salad dressing. Complete each sandwich by placing second slice of bread on top of cheese, dressing side down.

3. Heat large skillet over medium heat. Brush outside of sandwiches with olive oil or olive oil spray. Place sandwiches in skillet and heat until bread is golden, about 4 minutes. Turn sandwiches over and

grill second side until golden. OR, place sandwich in preheated countertop grill (i.e., George Foreman Grill). Grill until bread is golden and cheese has softened, about 3 minutes.

Prep Time: 10 minutes  
 Cook Time: 15 minutes

## SUGAR COOKIES

1 cup butter, softened (2 sticks)  
 2 1/4 cups Carb Solutions vanilla shake mix  
 1/2 cup Splenda sweetener, divided  
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 1 large egg

Preheat oven to 375. Spray a nonstick cookie sheet and then set aside. Place 1/4 cup sweetener in a small shallow bowl and then set aside. In a medium bowl cream butter, shake mix, remaining sweetener, and vanilla extract thoroughly. Stir in egg until well mixed. Shape into 1" balls and place on prepared cookie sheet 2" apart. Flatten with the bottom of a glass sprayed and then dipped in sweetener. Dip glass in sweetener between each cookie, shaking off excess. Bake 8-10 minutes. Cool on a rack to room temperature. Store covered in the refrigerator. Best when served cold. 40 cookies at .7 grams carbs each.

## Louisiana Shrimp & Roasted Corn Dip

2 lbs. medium shrimp, boiled, peeled and diced  
 2 cups frozen whole kernel corn  
 6 tbs. green bell pepper, chopped  
 6 tbs. red bell pepper, chopped

2 tsp. oil  
 1 cup low-fat sour cream  
 2 tbs. lime juice  
 2 sprigs cilantro, chopped

Bring enough water to cover the shrimp to a boil. Add shrimp and salt/pepper to taste and return to boil. Lower heat and simmer 6-10 minutes or until shells turn pink. Drain and let cool.

Peel: Pinch off the head. With your thumb at the legs, peel back and remove most of shell; to finish, pinch shell at tail and gently pull meat out. Dice meats into flavorful bits.

Bake corn, peppers and oil in shallow pan at 425° for 25 minutes, until vegetables are lightly browned. Stir occasionally.

Transfer vegetables to saucepan on low heat; stir in sour cream and shrimp until well blended; do not boil. Remove from heat; stir in lime juice and cilantro. Makes 6 cups.

## PUMPKIN CRANBERRY BREAD

(Makes 5 or 6 mini loaves)

3 cups all-purpose flour  
 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
 2 teaspoons baking soda  
 1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
 3 cups granulated sugar  
 1 can (15 ounces) Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin  
 4 large eggs  
 1 cup vegetable oil  
 1/2 cup Apple Flavor Libby's Juicy Juice 100% Juice  
 1 cup sweetened dried, fresh or frozen cranberries

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Grease and flour five or six 5 x 3-inch mini-disposable or metal loaf pans.

COMBINE flour, pumpkin pie

spice, baking soda and salt in large bowl. Combine sugar, pumpkin, eggs, oil and apple juice in large mixer bowl; beat until just blended. Add pumpkin mixture to flour mixture; stir just until moistened. Fold in cranberries. Spoon batter into prepared loaf pans.

BAKE for 50 to 55 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks for 10 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

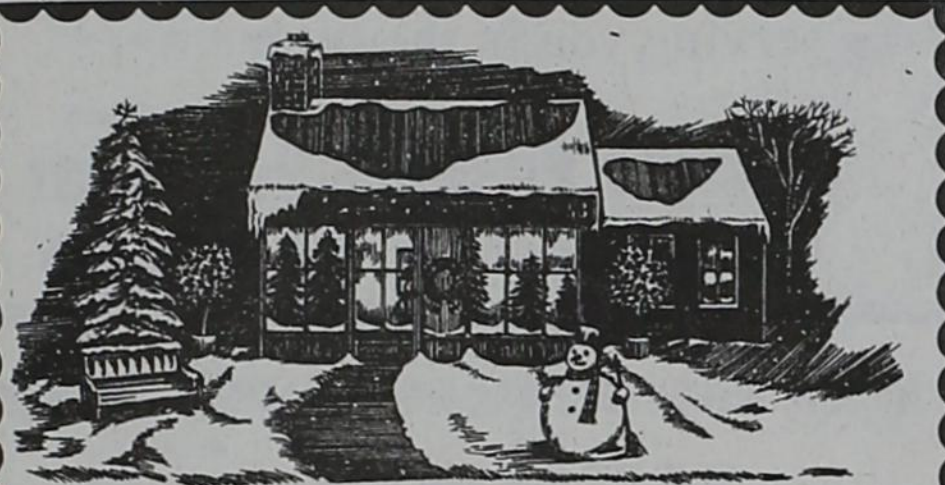
## RATATOUILLE

Serves 4

2 tablespoons olive oil  
 4 cloves garlic, sliced thin  
 1 green bell pepper, sliced into thin strips  
 1 red bell pepper sliced into thin strips  
 1 yellow bell pepper, sliced into thin strips  
 1 large onion, sliced thin  
 1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste  
 4 vine-ripened plum tomatoes, seeded and diced  
 1 medium-sized eggplant (1 1/2 pounds), peeled and cubed  
 1 medium-sized zucchini, cubed  
 1/4 cup chopped flat leaf, Italian parsley

1. Preheat a T-Fal Perfection sauté pan until the Thermo-Spot pattern turns a solid brick red spot. Add oil and heat. Add garlic, peppers and onion and sauté five minutes. Add remaining ingredients except the parsley, mixing well. Cover and cook approximately 45 minutes or until vegetables are fork tender.

2. Add parsley. Taste and adjust for salt and pepper.



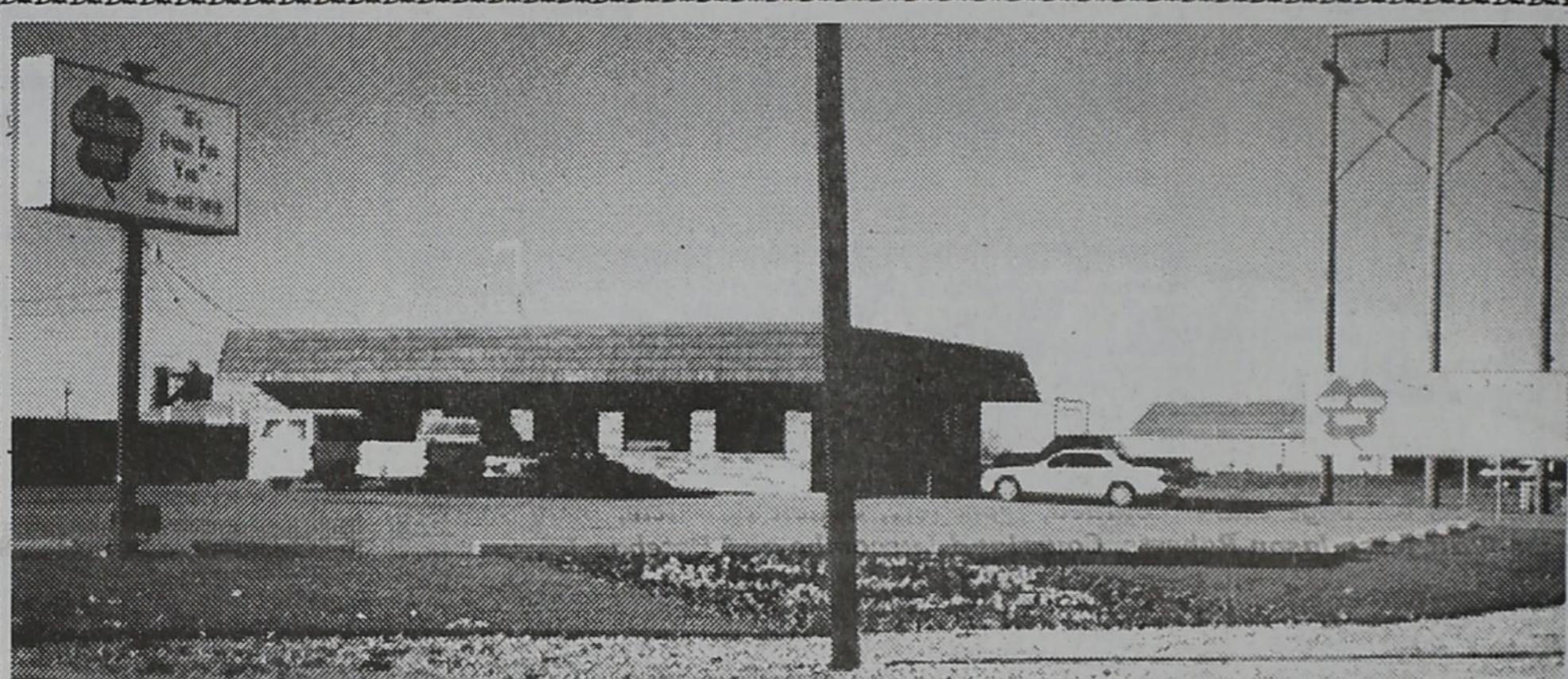
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**Texico Varsity Boys**

The Texico Wolverines includes, top row from left, Logan Brown, Braden Vaughan, Landon Johnson, Bryce Bailey, Andre Span, Coach Luscombe; front row, Garrett Mayfield, Tony Clements, John Rivera, Toby Thornton and Mark Peabody, Not pictured are Adrian Loera and Johnny Ortiz.



**Farwell 8<sup>th</sup> Boys**

Farwell's 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys team includes, top row from left, Matt Barnes, Emanuel Pereda, Zach Bickel, Dan Patterson, Derrick Chandler; front row, Robert Williams, Cory Chadwick, Brett Howard and Alex Olmos.

**'Santa, could you help my grandpa feel good?**

Dear Santa,  
I want the pink Power Ranger and a teddy bear. Please bring my mom a dress and my dad needs a jacket.  
Roberto Porras

Dear Santa,  
I want the movie "Spirit" and a TV.  
Brandon Rowand

Dear Santa,  
Please bring my the movie "Spirit" and one called "Lelo and Stitch." I don't

know if you can afford this, but my mom wants a necklace.  
Ashton Mason

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a flash light and a 4-wheeler. Could you help my grandpa feel good?  
Luis Godinez

Dear Santa,  
I wish everyone could have money. Please bring me a big Barbie doll that's Rapunzel and a teddy bear

that's a Care Bear. Madison Jesko

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me the Rapunzel Barbie and a Barbie CD, a tent of Barbie, and a Barbie doll of any kind.  
Kimber Harrison

Dear Santa,  
I'm trying to be good. Please bring me a real dalmation puppy and a real kitten.  
Kimberly Brown



**Texico 8-B Boys**

Texico's 8-B boys team included, from left, Coach Doolittle, Billy Scott, Jesse Walthers, Jason Roberts, Courtland Luscombe and Esteban Loera.

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*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 26 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 Fidel Esparza and 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 26 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 26 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 26<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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Happy Holidays Happy Holidays Happy Holidays Happy Holidays Happy Holidays

**BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON**

*May your Christmas be filled with the joy of Christ's birth and blessed with the light of His love.*

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# 'Santa, my wish is for my grandma to get well'

Dear Santa,  
I want a tie dyed bean bag and a baby doll. My wish is for all children to be healthy.  
Chandler Barnes

Dear Santa,  
I want a game cub and a scooter. My wish is for my mom to be happy.  
Alfredo Chavira

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD player and a scooter. My wish is for my grandma to get well.  
Keena Diaz

Dear Santa,  
I want a playhouse for my doll and a toy gingerbread man. I wish that people with no money could get a bunch of money for Christmas.  
Jessica Estrada

Dear Santa,  
I want a Gameboy Advance and a cute baby dog. My wish is that people could be home and have a happy Christmas with their kids.  
Karina Galaviz

Dear Santa,  
I want Pokeman cards and a CD player. I wish that all people who are sick would feel better.  
Victor Godinez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a cross-bow, Pokeman cards and a Golden Retriever.  
Colten Ingram

Dear Santa,  
I want 3000 Pokeman cards and games for a Gameboy. I want a TD for mom and dad. My wish for others is for poor people to have food.  
Juan Lule

Dear Santa,  
I want a real pickup go cart and a real horse.  
Seth Russell

Dear Santa,  
I want cyber connects and playmobile airport terminal and airplane. I hope dad gets better.  
Kolten Morris

Dear Santa,  
I want a new baby doll and an Advance gameboy.  
Denise Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
I want a cute puppy and a karaoke Barbie.  
Shea Scott

Dear Santa,  
I want a semi truck and Advance Gameboy. My wish is that memaw will be happy.  
Ross Steinbock

Dear Santa,  
I want a pet bird and a toy elf. My wish is that orphan children will get toys.  
Jared Timms

Dear Santa,  
I want 300 Pokeman cards and a scooter.



Andrew

Dear Santa,  
I want a new baby with a baby stroller, a Brittney Spears CD and a new book shelf for my books.  
Ashley Branham

Dear Santa,  
I want an X box and Power Ranger Y-Force Command Center. My sister wants a makeup center that talks (it's for girls only) and a Barbie.  
Dylan Miller

Dear Santa,  
I would like some clothes and an "Ice Cream" game.  
Ana Estrada

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cinderella Barbie, a teddy bear and a blankie for my teddy bear.  
Abigail Jesko

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I go to sleep when my mom tells me. I want a Power Ranger, books and a computer. Please bring my mom a purse. Bring my grandpa some marbles. He already knows how to play marbles but he can show me how to.  
Alonzo Soto

Dear Santa,  
I want a giant remote controlled dinosaur and a dinosaur t-shirt.  
Jonathan Jesko

Dear Santa,  
I want a new Barbie and some glasses.  
Haley Ivy

Dear Santa,  
I want a 4-wheeler and some skating shoes. My little brother wants a little tiny 4-wheeler.  
Albert Moran

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie and a chocolate heart.  
Andrea Lule

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Megazore. And one for my baby brother, too. Could you leave me an elf so my friends can meet him?  
Oscar Molina

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie talking townhouse and a long dress.

Nany Marrufo

Dear Santa,  
I want a new baby doll and a new puppy. I wish my cousin Reagan gets a new Barbie computer.  
Lacey Jesko

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Game boy and a star for my Christmas tree. Please bring my mother flowers.  
Anais Andrade

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie motel that talks and a blow-up chair. My wish for someone is that my brother could be a scientist right now.  
Haley Beasky

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new watch and the movie "Spirit."  
Austin Mason

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some shoes that have roller skates and a Barbie video camera.  
Allison Weaver

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Star Wars action figure and toy monsters. I wish the whole

world was nice and never mean.  
John Ryan

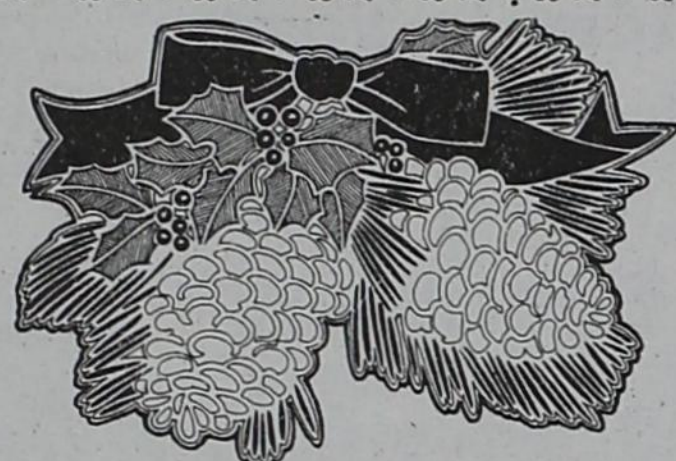
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some toys like a teddy bear and a Barbie that has a baby. Are there any baby reindeer?  
Selena Marquez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a remote control truck and a car. Is it hard for the reindeer to pull your sleigh?  
Christian Campos

Dear Santa,  
I would like a transformer and a rescue hero. My baby brother wants a squeaky fish toy.  
Houston Cox

Dear Santa,  
I would like a scooby doo toy and a toy Go Koo. Please bring my mom a Christmas tree.  
Jose Robledo

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy motorcycle that goes when you push a button. You get on it. I also want a dragon remote control.  
Haldon Ivy



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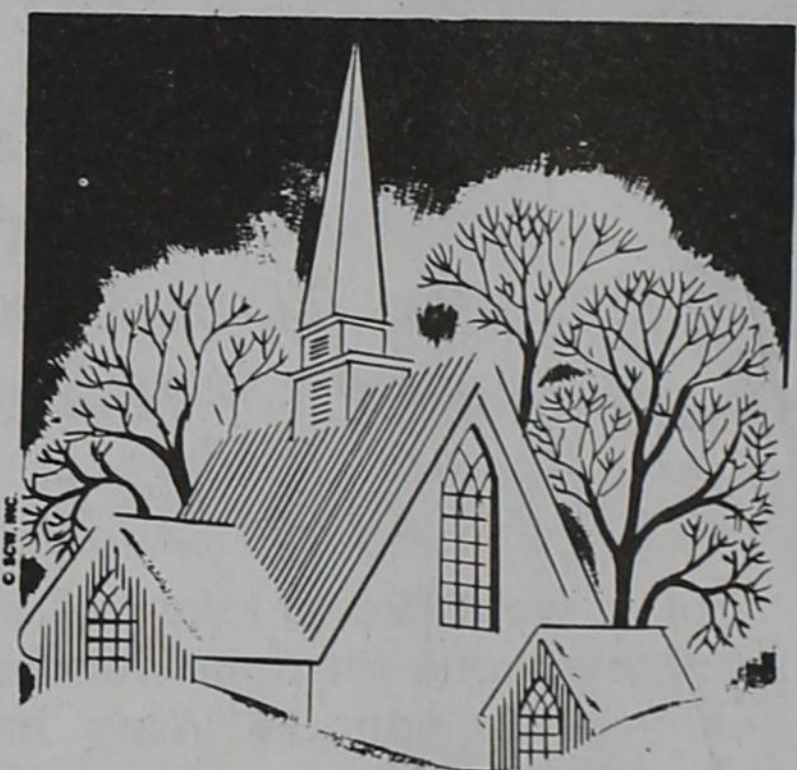
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As you, and your family celebrate during the Holiday Season, we encourage the following wise-energy-use practices:

- ☆ Make sure your tree is placed away from fireplaces, candles, space heaters, electrical appliances and other heat sources that might dry it out, or ignite it.
- ☆ Turn off tree lights overnight or when you're away from home.
- ☆ Keep paper decorations and tinsel away from hot light.

Above all, enjoy this festive time. And, greet the New Year with energy, health and happiness!



**Bailey County Electric Cooperative**

# Methodist Church in Farwell named after J.D. Hamlin

This article appeared in the State Line Tribune in 1976.

In the year 1904, Rev. Joe Hedgepeth was assigned to begin a new Methodist Church in Texico, New Mexico and Farwell, Texas. In the fall of that year, a building was erected in Texico where Highways 60-70-84 and the Pleasant Hill Road Intersect. It was a frame building, planked with rough lumber and stripped to keep the wind and dust out. The building measured 30 feet wide and 44 feet long. It was heated by a pot-bellied coal burning stove.

A two-room frame parsonage of rough lumber was located next door and was purchased at a cost of \$350. Problems developed a year later when a family claimed the property and it cost the church an additional sum for a quick-claim deed.

In 1908, church officials decided to move to a new location and two lots were purchased in eastern Texico and a church was built. This location was to serve Methodist people in Texico and Farwell for over 50 years. In 1910 the church was known as the Texico-Farwell Methodist Episcopal Church, South. There was a T-shaped bell tower on the building to some word-history of the church. The church records for the period are rather sparse. In February of 1926 a faulty flue resulted in a fire that totally destroyed the church building and equipment.

That afternoon, the Official Board met amid the smoking ruins of the destroyed building and the pastor, Rev. W.B. Gillian, began planning a new building. A contract was let on July 8, 1926 for the construction of a building at a cost of \$10,450. This building, a portion of which still stands, was first occupied in 1927 and served as the worship facility of Methodist people in Texico and Farwell from then until 1960. In 1929 the name of the

church was changed to Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church of Texico-Farwell in tribute to the leadership, service and influence of J.M. Hamlin. In 1930, Bishop H.A. Boaz dedicated the building, in accordance with Methodist Church policy that buildings for worship may be consecrated for use, but may not be dedicated until they are debt-free.

Because of a continual membership growth and need for additional facilities, and restricted by available land space, in the early 1950's the congregation began to discuss the possibilities of relocation of the church facilities. In 1957 a Church Conference was held and it was determined that new facilities were a must. In 1960, that facility was completed and the church-congregation moved into the beginning of a new church-plant located in the 300 block of South Fifth Street in Farwell.

Immediately, it was recognized that this was just the first stage of construction and that additional space, including a sanctuary would be needed. In 1965 the new sanctuary, foyer, office spaces were added and consecrated for use. Also in that year a new parsonage for the minister was acquired.

Building Committees for the construction of both buildings included J.H. McDonald, Jack Williams, Woodrow Lovelace, W. D. Howard, Jr., Sam Aldridge, Elmer Teel, W. H. Graham, Joe Helton Paul Wurster, Joel White, Harold Travis, Joe Jones, Hamlin Overstreet, Buck Gregory and Joe Blair. The land on which the church plant is now located was donated by Hamlin Overstreet.

Pastors who have served the Church include Joe Hedgepeth, Rev. Woods, Rev. Woolridge, Rev. Turner, G.W. Gardner, B.T. James, J.C. Jones, Franklin Cramer,

J.I. Beck, J.W. Hendrix, E.W. Morton, H.B. Ellis, L.L. Thurston, H.W. Carter, C.O. Davis, W.B. Cilliam, D.D. Dennison, J.L. Evans, J.L. Chunn, R.L. Butler, W.W. Pitman, E.J. Sloan, Paul Tripp, Charles Walker, Harvey Carroll, Murphy Duncan, Lance Hurst, M.H. Stroup, R.C. Cantrell, W.H. Hardwick, Robert Tomlinson, W.C. Strickland, Hardin Atkins, Phillip Baker and W.T. Perry. Rev. Perry was recently returned to Hamlin Memorial Church for his seventh year.

Hamlin Memorial Church of Texico-Farwell is a part of the New Mexico Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The New Mexico and Northwest Texas Conferences from an Episcopal Area under the leadership of Bishop Alsie Carleton. In 1972, Bishop Carleton formally dedicated the church facilities in a Dedication Service in which Rev. Perry presided and Dr. B.C. Goodwin, Jr., then superintendent of the Carlsbad district assisted. Currently, the District Superintendent of the Carlsbad District, in which the Texico-Farwell Church is located, is Dr. Robert Templeton.

From a humble beginning in 1904, the church congregation has seen drought in which people moved away from the area, the congregation has remained loyal and observed the return of people, the growth and development of the Texico-Farwell area. Then beginning in their 73<sup>rd</sup> year in the history of this area, the church remains a stable influence in the life of the communities.

## 'Santa, I made a 20-yard TD!'

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike and trampoline, and some cow toys and balloons for my brothers.

Adan Bejerano

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike, trampoline and a BB gun.

Gentry Doolittle

Dear Santa,  
I want a BB gun and a trampoline.

Colt McCallie

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a Barbie and a trampoline. My little brother wants a car and a truck.

Ivonne Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a new bike and a toy computer.

Crystal Davalos

Dear Santa,

My sister is teaching me about reading words in books. Please bring a book with houses pictures and a new little computer thing like the Leap Frog pads to learn more words and letters and numbers. And I would like a new video movie.

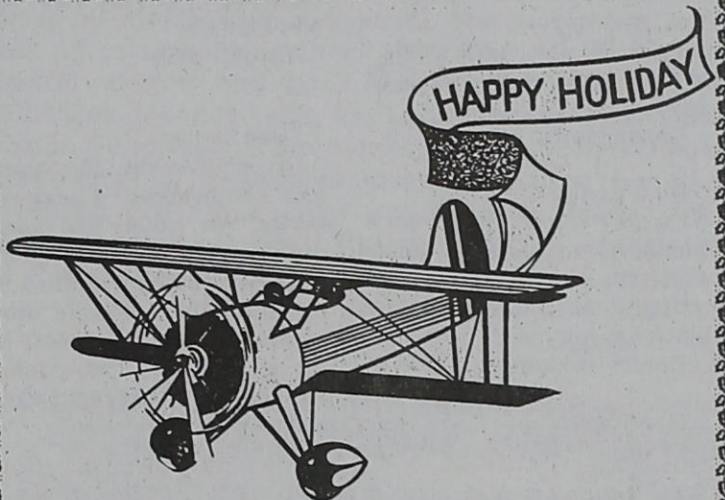
Maria Perez

Dear Santa,  
I had a great football season. You should have been there. I got to make a 20-yard touchdown! I would like a stuffed reindeer, and I'll name him Rudolph. I also want a new video game like "Crash."

Jasen Herrera

Dear Santa,  
I would like a charm bracelet, Rapunzel movie and a Rapunzel Barbie. Last year you brought me red boots and a Shirley Temple movie.

Jill Johnson

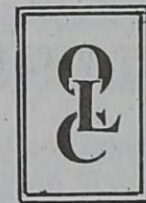


We pray that the spirit of peace and understanding will prevail throughout this blessed season.

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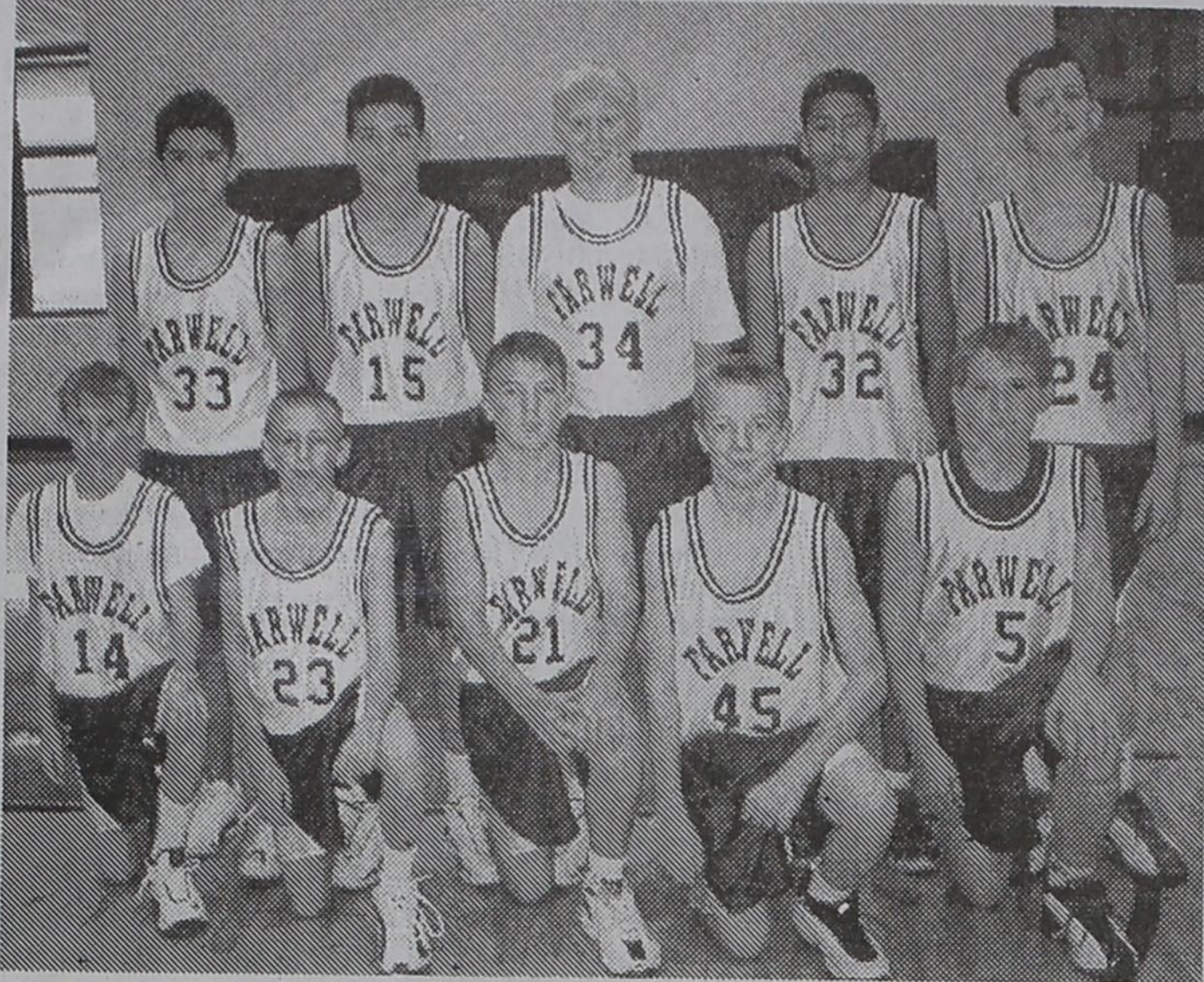
-Luke 2:11

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

Farwell's 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys team includes, top row from left, Ramon Quetzada, Wesley Teltschik, Logan Carpenter, Jorge Vasquez, Trace Stevenson; front row, Brian Meeks, Dalton Cockerham, Roper Ledbetter, Ross McClaran and Bryce Howard.



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

Texico's 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls team included, top row from left, Micah Mayfield, Barbara Vidal, Kristina Strickland, Bryn Mayfield; bottom row, Stephanie Vega, Amanda Riley, Ashley Conlee, Faith Martin.

**'Santa, do your elves like pizza & sandwiches?'**

Dear Santa,  
My dad bought me a new horse named Butterfly. I am learning to write my name better. I would like a battery motorcycle to ride, a com-

puter game, a real saddle for me on any of the horses, and a big book all about horses and a "Rudolph" movie.  
Daniel Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
I want a construction set, GI Joe motorcycle and Commando GI Joe. Last year, I got an army truck and 2 GI Joes.  
Chase Meyer

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dog, a real 4 wheeler and walkie talkie watches. Last year, you brought me a sword and a black lab puppy.  
Daniel Kirkland

Dear Santa,  
I want clothes, Scooter

Samantha and disco ball. Last year, I got My Twin doll and clothes.  
Tory Cooper

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD player, a dog and a bear.  
Dillon Coate

**White's were pioneers here**

(Editors Note: The following story appeared in the State Line Tribune in 1976.

In the early 1900's Parmer County beckoned settlers to its land of promise. Many answered the call and came to settle and help the county grow and prosper.

Dewey and Oran White arrived in Farwell in the year 1918. They came from Santa Anna, Coleman County, anxious to establish their own homesteads. They boarded with another brother and his wife, Claude and Edith White who had preceded them to Farwell.

Dewey White was determined to share the beautiful new land he had discovered with a wife. He set out to coax Bessie Nuchols to come to Farwell to be his bride.

Bessie was a school teacher in Brownwood at the time of her marriage to Dewey in Brownwood on April 11, 1920. After arriving in Farwell they homesteaded north and east of Farwell. For a while Bessie taught in the Knox School.

On September 2, 1921, twin boys Wilbert and Milbert, were born to the Dewey Whites. They were believed to be the first twins to be born in Parmer County.

The Whites had four more children Gwynne, Joel, Henry and Theda. All of their children graduated from Farwell High School.

Joel remembers the time when the mail carrier helped him and his brothers kill a rattlesnake. The White brothers liked to hunt. It was reported that Joel was a good shot and always returned with a rabbit for every bullet he had taken with him.

The White family moved to Amarillo in 1951. Dewey died in 1967. His wife Bessie was still residing in Amarillo in 1976. Of the children, Joel resides in Farwell with his family; Wilbert and Gwynne in California; and Henry and Theda in Amarillo. Milbert died in 1963.

Dear Santa,  
Do your elves like pizza and sandwiches? I love my sister. We would like some new winter clothes, some puzzles and some clothes for our baby dolls. Please bring new shoes and a sweater for my mom, and my daddy would like a jacket and some shoes.  
Faith Stalcup

*With song and prayer we celebrate His Birth. And with joy in our hearts we give thanks to all of you for your support.*

Wishing you joy, harmony and prosperity this Christmas



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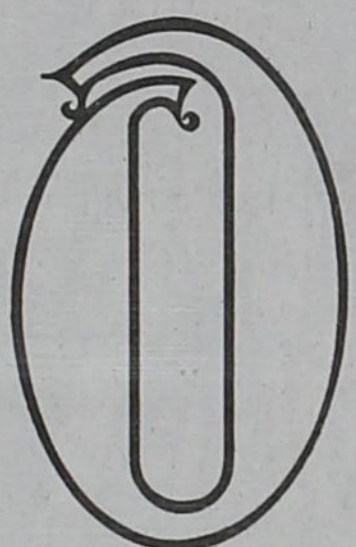
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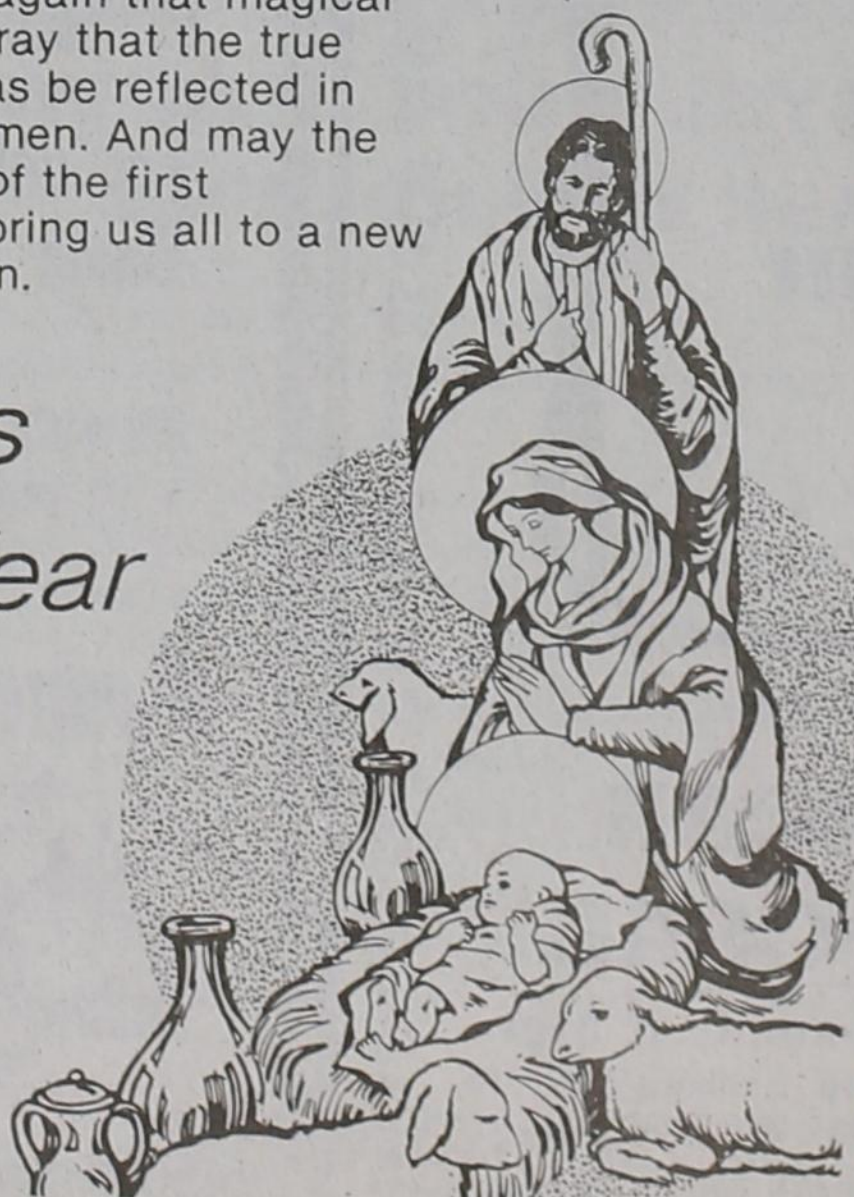
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Pct. 4 Commissioner



**Holy Night**

On a starry night almost two thousand years ago, the first Christmas started with a child. Since that time, Christmas has had a special meaning for young and old alike, all over the world. For Christmas is a time of great love, great happiness and great hope.

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.



*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year*

From All The Employees At



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# A look at the early days of St. John Lutheran Church at Lariat

St. John's Lutheran Church of Lariat has been serving area residents since 1921.

The first Lutheran service in the Lariat community was conducted in the early part of 1921 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Graf, about five miles northwest of Lariat, by Rev. R.G. Deffner, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church at Rhea. Under his leadership, St. John's was organized on June 19, 1921 with the following charter members: Paul Graf, William Schwede, Carl Zoch, Nick Woelfel, Charles Hidebrandt and Otto Kieschnick.

Pastor Deffner was succeeded in the spring of 1922 by Rev. Theo Evers, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran at Hereford. On November 26 of that year, the services were moved from the Graf home to a schoolhouse just across the road.

In January of 1923, Pastor Seidel of Rhea succeeded Pastor Evers. In the fall of that year, the first mission festival was held at Bovina jointly with the Rhea congregation.

Early in 1924, the congregation voted to buy a schoolhouse located west of Lariat on the Charles Hidebrandt farm for \$325. Later that summer, this building was moved to a plot of ground at the edge of Lariat, which was purchased for \$132.

During September of 1924, Rev. A. Groeschel became pastor of the combined Lariat-Rhea parish. He lived on the Ramm place until January of 1927 when he moved to Rhea. Pastor Groeschel served until April 26, 1931, when he accepted a call to Mart, Texas.

Rev. A.R. Allman's name first appears in the minutes of January 1, 1932. It is thought that he must have been installed during the closing months of 1931. On January 1, 1933, Pastor Allman moved to Lariat and lived for a short time in the Ritter home. In the July 30 meeting, it was resolved to build a 26' by 32' parsonage. However, nothing was done to carry out this resolution until after Rev. R. Weiser was installed on August 10 1941. During the fall of 1933, Rev. Allman moved to Clovis and both congregations helped to pay his rent. In the September 23, 1933 meeting of the church, the Lariat-Rhea parish became self-supporting. In the same meeting it was voted to hold a joint reformation and 450<sup>th</sup> Luther Birthday Anniversary Celebration in Bovina.

June 1, 1941, was the date Rev. Allman accepted a call to Navasota, Texas, and Rev. E. H. Riese of Littlefield became the vacancy pastor. Candidate R. Weiser was called July 20 and installed to serve on August 10. On August 27 the building committee was authorized to begin immediate erection of 26'x36' parsonage. Rev. Weiser was married on October 26 and with his bride moved into the new parsonage about a month later. On December 14, 1941, it was voted to drop all German services.

On September 27 of 1943, Rev. Weiser accepted a call to Eola, Tex., and Rev. Riese again became vacancy pastory. Nine months later on July 18, 1944, Rev. H.O. Hartfield became the pastor. After one and one-half years of service, he left Lariat and returned to his former

congregation at Laubau, Tex. Rev. Riese again served as vacancy pastor.

On June 29, 1947, Mr. Beckmann became student pastor for one year. During July of 1948, Rev. Riese left Littlefield and Rev. Edmund Lichtsinn of Rhea became vacancy pastor until the latter part of October when Rev. Walter Gummelt of Perryton was installed as pastor of St. John.

On the date of July 19, 1953, the congregation dedicated the present brick veneer church building. Speakers for the occasion were Rev. Carl Gaerther of Dallas and Candidate Reuben Meissner of Lariat.

On September 23, 1954, Rev. Gummelt accepted a call to Alabama and Rev. E. J. Stelling of Clovis served as vacancy pastor. After a vacancy of a little more than one year, Rev. E.Z. Oesch was installed August 21, 1955. Under his leadership, the congregation built a parish hall addition to the church which was dedicated July 15, 1956. Three months later, October 28, Pastor Oesch accepted a call to Houston.

This time the vacancy lasted only six weeks for on December 8, Rev. Martin Moser became the pastor of St. John. Pastor Moser's stay was very brief as on November 2, 1958, he accepted a call to Needles, Calif., and Rev. Andrew Szegedin of Hereford became the vacancy pastor.

The next pastor, Rev. A.R. Sander, was installed January 7, 1960. After two and one-half years, he accepted a call to become assistant pastor at St. John, LaGrange, Ill. and Rev. David Bergmann of Clovis began serving as vacancy pastor. Rev. Herbert F. Peiman was installed April 12, 1964.

During his ministry, which lasted until January 1, 1971, 19 juniors were confirmed and 19 adults were received by confirmation or baptism. The church debt was paid off, a new two-manual Hammond organ, a loud speaker system and book racks were installed and \$2000 was deposited with the Texas District Church Extension Fund toward the building of a new parsonage. The communicant membership increased from 58 to 87.

Having suffered a stroke in 1971, Rev. Peiman was unable to serve as pastor. The congregation was served by Rev. Driessner of Clovis as vacancy pastor until August of 1972 when Rev. Martin Platzer was installed as pastor. Rev. Platzer was a Candidate, graduate of

Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

He served the congregation until August 1974 when he began clinical training for hospital chaplaincy at St. Luke Hospital in Houston.

Rev. Donald Hinz served as vacancy pastor for several months but was unable to continue because of illness. St. John congregation was then served by Rev. Kirchner of Friona, assisted by Rev. Gardels and Mr. Carlson of Clovis, until February of 1975 when pastor, Rev. Herman J. Schelter, was installed.

The membership of St. John's was 106 confirmed members or communicant-members, plus 51 baptized children and youth.

A new parsonage was dedicated during September of 1975.

This article appeared in the State Line Tribune in 1976, and was from a collection of Mrs. Albert Kube, the former Amanda Graf.

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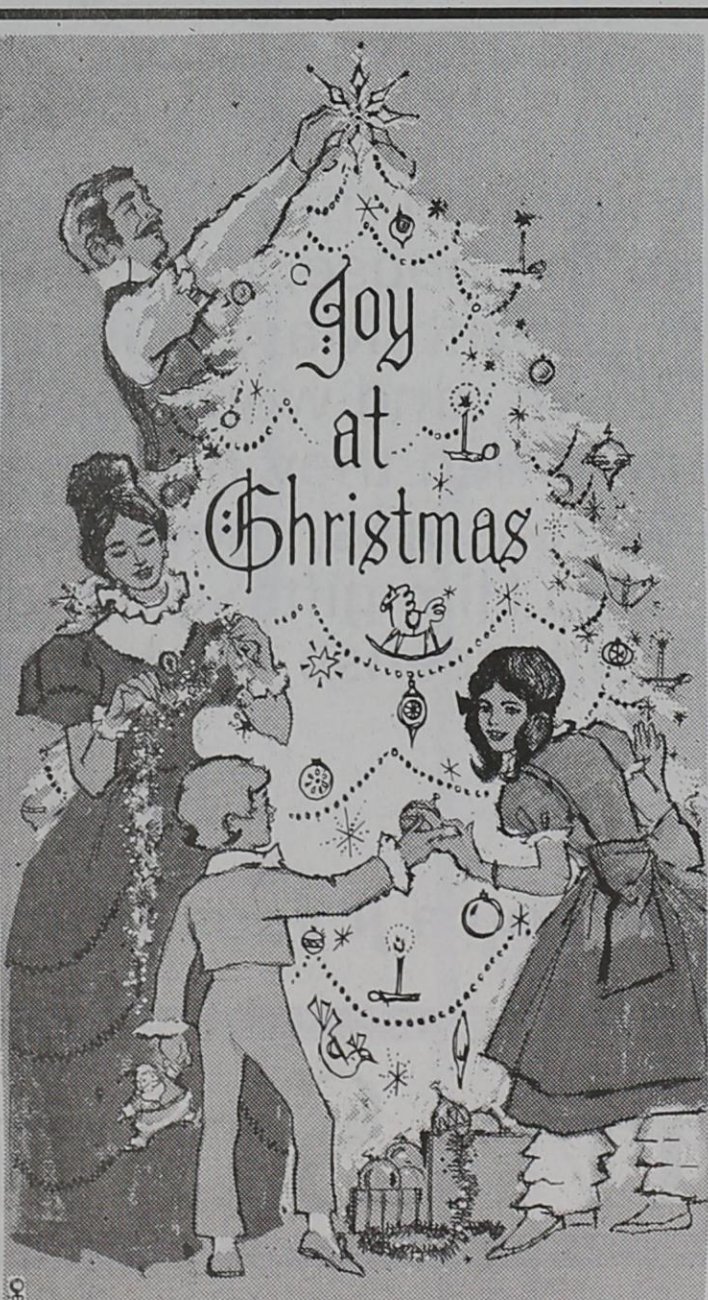
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Santa Claus is bringing a sack of Love and Hope and Happiness to all good boys and girls this holiday season!



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**GREETINGS**



Have A Beautiful Christmas

Sked - Todd  
Funeral Home  
Clovis



# 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

Wishing you a joyous Christmas . . .

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# Coloring Contest

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FIRST PRIZE

**\$15** IN EACH AGE GROUP

SECOND PRIZE

**\$10** IN EACH AGE GROUP

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. 30. 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
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**Contestants must color all pictures.**



# 'Santa, can you wake me? I'm in the room on the right...'

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a flower, some clothes and a pretty hat. Dad wants clothes. Raul wants a motorcycle and hats and boots and a warm coat. I want Gameboy Advance and Yu-gioh Cards.  
Elizabeth Pereda

I would like a motor scooter.  
Cassidy Martin

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom ornaments, dad a play horse, Natasha, a Barbie doll and Gentry some makeup. I would like a head set.  
Sierra Moseley

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a car, Dillon a toy, Houston a dog, stetson and a parrot. And some clothes for me.  
Garrett Coate

Dear Santa,  
Please give Brandon a jeep, Manuel a bike, my father a truck and my mother a living room. I would like Gameboy.  
Luis Galvan

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a set of makeup, Carina a back pack, my brother a flying airplane and Crystal a watch. I would like a watch.  
Clara Reyes

Dear Santa,  
Please give Brandon a jeep, Sergio a fishing rod, Adriana a living room, and Luis a bike. I would like a Gameboy.  
Manuel Galvan

Dear Santa,  
Please give Gabrielle a radio, mom some lipstick, Mallory a purple radio and dad a red Firebird. I would like a sky blue radio.  
Olivia Schilling

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a clock, dad a Play Station 2, Emily a little dirt bike, and TJ a little football. I would like a big mountain bike.  
Josh McIntosh

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a nice blue lamp, Chelsea a Barbie, my dad a hammer, and Hayden a watch. I would like a puppy.  
Bretton Stancell

Dear Santa,  
Please give my dad a new toolbox, mom a new bike, grandma a hot tub and Nathan a new house. I would like a new bike.  
McKenna Ford

Dear Santa,  
Please give dad a better car, mom a bed, Ruben dbz figures of a lifetime, and Rachel lots of dolls. I want ever dbz figure there is.  
Cas Stevens

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom something new, dad a new buckle, Corey a Play Station 1 and Zane a tool box. I would like a lizard.  
Aspen Sowder

Dear Santa,  
Please give Wesley a go cart, Shelby a horse, dad a new truck, and mom a new car. I would like a go cart.  
Riley Teltschik

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a hot bath, dad a shirt, Danny a remote control car and Briana a bib. I would like a dirt bike.  
Adrian Reyes

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a globe ring and a cross necklace, dad cowboy hats and boots, grandma turquoise jewelry, and grandpa a watch. I would like an Avrilavi Doll.  
Tori Williams

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a new car, dad a truck, my sister new clothes and my brother a CD player. I want a hit clip.  
Estrella Meza

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a hair brush, dad a razor, Cameron a tick tack toe watergame, and Kyle a bolt. I would like Jesus to have a happy birthday and a Happy Christmas.  
Chelsea Bass

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a moper, dad a boot, Miriam chapstick and Jose a CD player. I want a hit clip.  
Adilene Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a dress, Martha a TV, Pito a Play Station 2, and dad a belt. I would like a Gameboy Advance.  
Ruben Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a purse, dad CDs, sister a pair of earrings, and brother a remote control car. I would like an X box.  
Victor Moreno

Dear Santa,  
Please give Heath a saddle, mom a makeup set, dad a double barrel gun, bullets and a pony. I would like a motorcycle.  
Hayden Hadley

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a

Dear Santa,  
Please give Colton a Spiderman, my mom a pack of soap, my dad a golf set, and Dexter a science set. I would like a mini golf set.  
Joshua Longley

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a nice dress, and shoes to go with it, Glory a game to play on and some clothes and a ball.



garden, dad some tools, my brother a horse, my sister a doll, my littler brother a new bed and my other sister a new bed. I want a little dirt bike.  
Cheyenne Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
Please give dad a computer desk, mom a hot tub, Henry a big dirt bike, and John a little dirt bike. I would like an X box.  
Franz Loeppky

Dear Santa,  
Please give my mom a horse, dad a new saddle, my sister a new doll and grandma a new table. I would like a new toy box.  
Katie Slack

Dear Santa,  
Please give dad the movie "Spirit", mom a TV, Emily a karaoke, and Ethan a toy horse. I want a saddle blanket.  
Caitlyn Stancell

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a new coat, dad a CD player and Tyler new CDs. I would like a CD player.  
Kayla Cullison

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a hot tub, dad golf clubs, Laney a motorcycle, and Shelby a phone. I want a Play Station.  
Collin Christian

Dear Santa,  
Please give mom a hot tub, dad a workshop, Sarah a baby. I would like a desk.  
Lydia Gomez

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll house and a new bike, a helicopter for my brother and a car you can drive for real. For my little brother, I want lots of toys. When we went to J.C. Penney, my cousin and I and my little brother saw you.  
Carolina Carrillo

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an American girl and a diamond ring for my mother, and a watch

for my dad.  
Brittany Nunez

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a Nintendo 64, a Gameboy Advance, a reindeer and go cart. Please bring my dad a dog. I'd like a dragon ball Z toy.  
C.J. Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a computer, a toy for my little brother Christopher, a necklace for my mom, and nice toys for my brothers and sisters. We will give you peanut butter cookies. Do you have fun flying on a sled?  
Micheal Shay Harrison

Dear Santa,  
Please get me a Gameboy Advance, an X box for Roger, a heart in a box for mom.  
Daniel Gomez

Dear Santa,  
I'd like some toys. If they don't fit under the tree, put them on the chair. My dad would like the 3 Amigos movie. Could you wake me up? I'm in the room on the right, closest to the restroom.  
Savanna Bunch

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a control car and Gameboy and a transformer. Thank you for my dad and my mom and me and my sister and my brother.  
Alan Valles

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the Ameri-

can doll last Christmas. Could I have another American doll named Molly?  
Lindsey Foote

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a Gameboy Advance, and a hat. My dad wants a new truck. My brother wants a go cart. My sister wants a horse.  
Kyler Miller

Dear Santa,  
I want a purple TV and a ventriloquist doll named Danny-O-Day. Also, some Nintendo 64 games, Rocky and NBA basketball, and a go cart for me and my friends, and another Ameri-

can doll. And for my dad to get every problem better.  
Morgan Cary

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Gameboy Advance and a guitar. My mom would like lots of money and my brother wants a transformer. Please do me one big favor and give my cousin a nice toy.  
Sabra Burnett

Dear Santa,  
I want a 4 wheeler, motorcycle and bike. Last year, you brought me a toy and clothes. I will leave you a candy cane.  
Christian Pena

May friendships and peace be your greatest gifts this holiday time.

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Have a wonderful Christmas.

**Meet Texico's Class of 2015**

Matthew McWhorter is a Texico kindergarten pupil. His birthday is Oct. 14.  
Parents are Mac and Darlene McWhorter. Also in the family are Dathan and Dionna. Grandmother is Lucy Madrid.  
His favorite color is blue.  
He doesn't like to clean his room.

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**One Star to Guide Them**

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

**NOEL**

For the first time on that holy night the world was filled with peace and good will. May the gentle joys of this blessed season be with you and your family this Christmas and always.

**Farwell Country Club**

*Have a Happy Holiday*

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## 'Santa, I have fun at school, especially at recess'

Dear Santa,  
I want a fox cat, trampoline and robot cat. Last year you brought me a pet shop.  
Sammie Hardisty

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Hot Wheels octa-blast; it's a race that you win, then blast his brain. I want a Power Ranger that has gloves that control him, and there is a bad guy with control gloves, too.  
Ryan Smith

Dear Santa,  
My new baby brother is nice, we all love him. Please bring a Barbie with a swimming pool for me and my sisters. And some chocolate candies for our family.  
Miriam Garcia

Dear Santa,  
How many kinds of reindeer do you have? You are my friend. I like to play with my cousins. Could you bring me a black Power Ranger and a little motorcycle. I really like race cars that go fast in the dirt. I would like a new book about Monster trucks.  
Joshua Gomez

Dear Santa,  
My favorite food is pancakes. At school I am learning to "be good" and how to write my name. Please bring me a fire truck, a Spiderman and a Batman. For my family, please bring a present.  
Armando Aravelo

Dear Santa,  
Today, Mitchell got hurt. We are trying to play safely. Please bring a set of men with Magito and all of them from Dragon-Ball-C, and some robots with magic arms, and maybe a game of Dragon-Ball-C. Give all the elves a hug.  
Jonathan Vega

Dear Santa,  
Now I moved. I like by the elevator in Lariat. I like to read books about Clifford. And I really like a baby doll with a buggy, and some kind of Barbie. Happy Christmas.  
Sasha Quezada

Dear Santa,  
What do you like to eat? I like macaronis. Please bring a toy tractor with a plow.  
Seth Allen

Dear Santa,  
I am having fun at school, especially at recess. I would like a real pony, a Christmas blanket and a big sleigh with Christmas decorations. I would ride with the sleigh all around Farwell.  
Cassidy Devault.

Dear Santa,  
I can count to 100 and I know ALL my letters and sounds. My teacher says I'm doing great work! I want some butterfly decorations for my room, a Barbie house and some butterfly stickers. I would like some rain boots. Watch out for the trees; have a safe time getting here.  
Dana King

Dear Santa,  
I am doing good work in kindergarten and I help work cattle with my family. Please bring a Barbie jeep for me and Caitlyn. And I'd like a Leaf Frog Pad game that helps me read.  
Emily Stancell

Dear Santa,  
What is your favorite food? Mine is macaroni and cheese; the kind that comes in a tray. We are getting ready to decorate our house. Please can I have a big red motorized Jeep that I can ride in; make it have keys so I can drive it.  
Mitchell Ratke

Dear Santa,  
My dad helps our cows when they are sick. He puts them in a squeezed-in place and gives them medicine. Do you have a doctor when your reindeer get sick? Please bring me a GI Joe Jeep and a little Army tank that has some Army men with it. And a computer game that builds an amusement park that Taylor and I would share.  
Tanner Mesman

Dear Santa,  
How old are you? Could you bring a lot of toys that boys like? I would like a football, some Hot Wheels race cars and Superman toys. Nathan is little. Could he have a little pig toy? Jim would like a nice shirt. My mom likes "bunny things." She would like some pretty earrings.  
Eliel Mireles

# Shane wanted to know if Santa could get down the chimney

by Teresa Mesman

The wild and wacky staff at the State Line Tribune thought it might be fun to look back 10 years and remind many of the current high school students and graduates of what they wanted for Christmas back in 1992.

From Farwell, Tara Schilling wanted a bike and an Indian dress, while Khallie Foster hoped that Santa was ready to come see her and asked him to bring a new bike, a Crimp and Curl doll, a Beauty and The Beast tape, a basketball, a trampoline and a television.

Roper Fulcher professed his love of Christmas Eve and for Santa Claus. He wanted a play truck and he promised to leave some milk and cookies for Santa. Devin Goetsch asked for drums and a camera. He also requested for Santa to bring him a five dollar bill.

Lazbuddie students Chris DeLeon and Brett Mimms also asked for very specific things. Chris wanted only a puppy dog. He also wanted Santa to know that he and his family were happy for Christmas and that was glad that Santa was nice to people. Brett asked for a wooden doll for his sister Kati, but wanted a new horse and a new room for himself. He also wanted a new bed ... and to see Rudolph.

Texico student Carrie Rucker wrote a real letter to Santa asking how Mrs. Claus was doing and stating that she bet the elves were working very hard. She also felt that Santa needed a break. She then asked for a glass doll. She then wrote, "it is a beautiful doll. If you need to buy it, it's at Stanley's."

Shane Mayfield of Texico wrote, "I am a boy. I am 9 nine years old. I want a wind suit and a race track. I live in Texico, New Mexico. Can you get down the chimney?"

Zane Drager, now a student at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla., asked for a new pair of boots and a belt. He hoped he got other stuff too and felt that Christmas was going to be fun that year.

Brandon Sanchez, Luke Schwertner, Taylor Nichols and Ben Oppliger all had a thing for 24-karat rings and necklaces for their mothers.

Brandon wanted a football, football and baseball card locker, a 24-karat gold ring for his mom, a gold watch for his dad and a Little Mermaid for his sister.

Luke asked for a Sega Genesis, Roller Blades, BB gun, pocket knife, bike and a 24-karat gold ring for his mom. He asked Santa to bring a 22 gun for his dad, a turbo hammer and turbo bandit for his brothers and a 24-karat gold necklace for his sister.

Taylor wanted a Sega Genesis, a 24-karat gold necklace for his mom and a barrata gun for his dad.

Ben wrote, "I want a set of Action Packed football cards and also give my mom a 24-karat gold necklace and ring. I would also like an Imagination Machine. I want an autograph of Emmitt Smith on his jersey. I would give my dad a new field and elevator. I want all the football, baseball and basketball cards in the world."

Shannon Redwine told Santa that he had been extra good that year and that "if you can't get all these presents, that's all right. I want a bicycle, a remote control car, a Dallas Cowboys cap, a waterbed, a Game Boy game called 'Curby', a Super Nintendo and a home for everyone."

Michael Martinez wrote: "I have been good all this year. I have been funny. Santa, I want a Nintendo and a Game Boy and a horse. I really want a four-wheeler."

The list of Letters to Santa goes on and on and each year, we get a big laugh and a smile from each and every letter that we publish for Santa to read.

It's hard to believe that ten years have gone by but one thing that was pretty constant throughout the letters from 1992 was that the kids all wanted everyone to have a very Merry Christmas...and they all still carry this wish through today!



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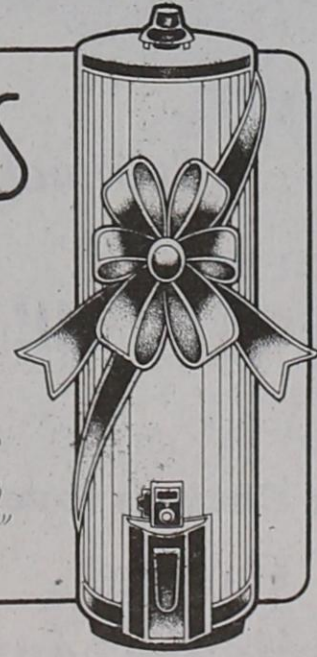
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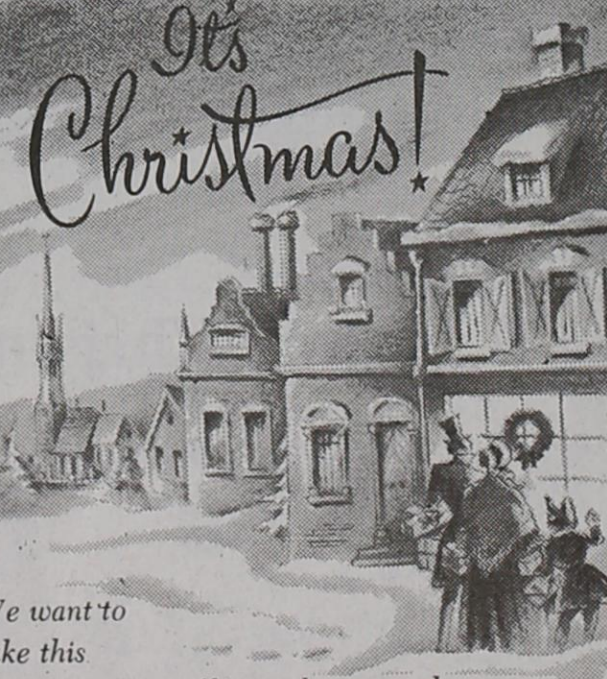
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May your Christmas be aglow in the spirit of joy and peace.



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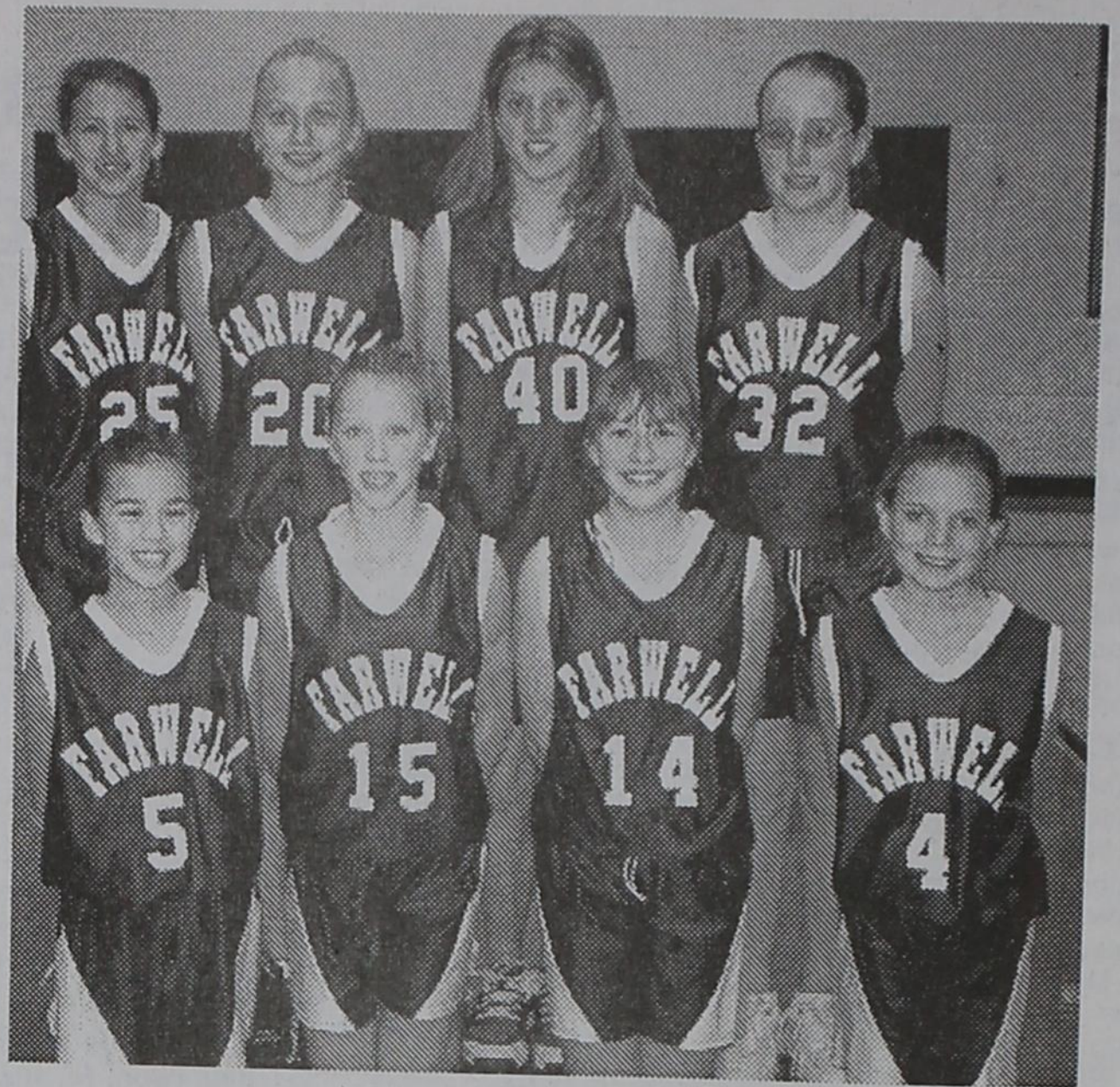
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**Farwell JV Girls**

The Farwell JV Girls team, includes, top row from left, Cindy Quezada, Amanda Barnes, Coach Conkin, Danielle Cargile, Shaleena Laverty; second row from top, Sandra Saenz, Ashlie Martin, Kristin Garcia, Beatriz Garcia; 2nd row from bottom, Robyn Teltschik, Micah Christian, Jennifer DeLeon; front row, Julie Castillo, Melissa Howard.



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

Farwell's 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls team includes, top row from left, Morgan Bickel, Lauren Beaubien, Kaylyn Meyer, Shanea Davis; front row, Chanel Castillo, Shelby Christian, Jacque Caporusso and Ashleigh Mesman.

**'Whatever you give me will be nice'**

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl at school. I like to play with my friends and color with my friends. I would like a Baby Born. Keep your wife all nice and warm. Please bring me a Barbie doll and pillow; also a Gingerbread girl and a blue bird. Thanks for the toys.  
Adriana

playing in centers. I want cars that race on a bridge. Lots of new games and balls. I want a board so I can put my Spiderman puzzle on it.  
Junior

Dear Santa,  
Daniel is going to marry me. My mom and dad, Sparky and my brother, take care of me. I want a my size Barbie. I want a Barbie ice

show that you put on your computer. Would you like for me to have ice skaters?  
Shaigro

Dear Santa,  
I want a big Spiderman toy. Please be safe. Please bring me a big green goblin toy.  
A.J.

Dear Santa,  
My mom, dad, brother, me and my uncle Eric live in Farwell, Texas. I want to see Rudolph the red nose reindeer. I want spirit Barbie movies and clothes I also want fish for Christmas.  
Savannah Galvan

Dear Santa,  
I would like a vacuum, karaoke machine and Dancing Dora. Last year, you brought me a bear and toys.  
Kristyn Arce

Dear Santa,  
I want a sled, dog and race car. Last year, you brought me a toy cowboy and robot dog.  
Isak Pei

**Youths write psalms in praise of God**

Here are some more psalms written by our youth as part of the Jesus Warriors program at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church, where youngsters have been studying different ways to praise God.

*by Collin Christian and Jake Ware*

God will always be with you and will love you always. He has answered my prayers.

He gave me my family.  
He made it possible to live.  
He has taught us to love others.  
He has made us friends.

You're my leader.  
You're my God.  
You're so great  
You're my redeemer

*by Kristin Langford and Tyler Cullison*

Praise the Lord O God for all the people shall bow down to Him.

God has made all the animals. He's made me. He made all the people. He made the rain fall. He made the trees, bushes and all the living things.

You are the Lord.  
You are the Almighty God.  
You are more powerful than anything.  
You are the center of heaven and earth.

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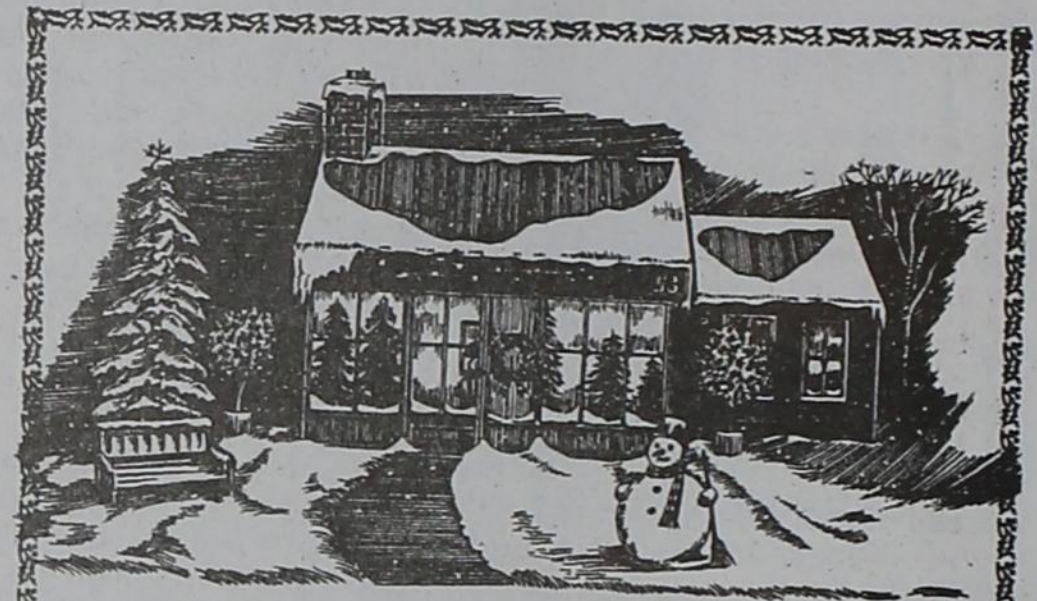
Jasen Herrera, a Farwell kindergartener, is the son of Sammy & Aimee Herrera. He has a sister, Hope. His birthday is Sept. 6.

Grandparents are Mary & Lupe Garza, Doug & Debbie Dillon, and Hector & Diana Herrera.

He likes to play baseball, football, practice with his dad, watch the Astros & Texans play, and play with his sister, dog and guinea pig.

He likes to eat chicken, and mac & cheese. His favorite color is red.

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I have a sister and 2 big brothers, also a mom and dad. I want a toy and roller stakes in black. My brothers want a CD for the computer. Brianna needs baby bottles.  
Danny

Dear Santa,  
I like ice cream and Santa. How is your wife? I would like a Imagine Next Castle. My mom would like a car because she had a wreck. I would like a farm with toy animals, a horn, building blocks, a new shirt for Mrs. Kay. My cat needs a house. I want a football uniform.  
Joseph

Dear Santa,  
You are a good Santa Claus. I will be waiting for you. I can't think of anything I want, just whatever you give me will be nice.  
Jon Nicolas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring Kimberly a Barbie that rides horses. I want bioancals. Also, I want a green transformer. I want Santa to bring me 2 games to play on the computer. Also, 100 toys. Thank you for the toys and Kimberly.  
Anthony

Dear Santa, I would like some hot wheels and legos. Also, I want a car factory. Please bring my mom a baby girl. I want bioancals.  
Luke

Dear Santa,  
I want a John Deere tractor. Also, a cow trailer. I want a hay trailer.  
Johan Loeppky

Dear Santa,  
I wrote to 1,000. I like playing at school. Also, I like

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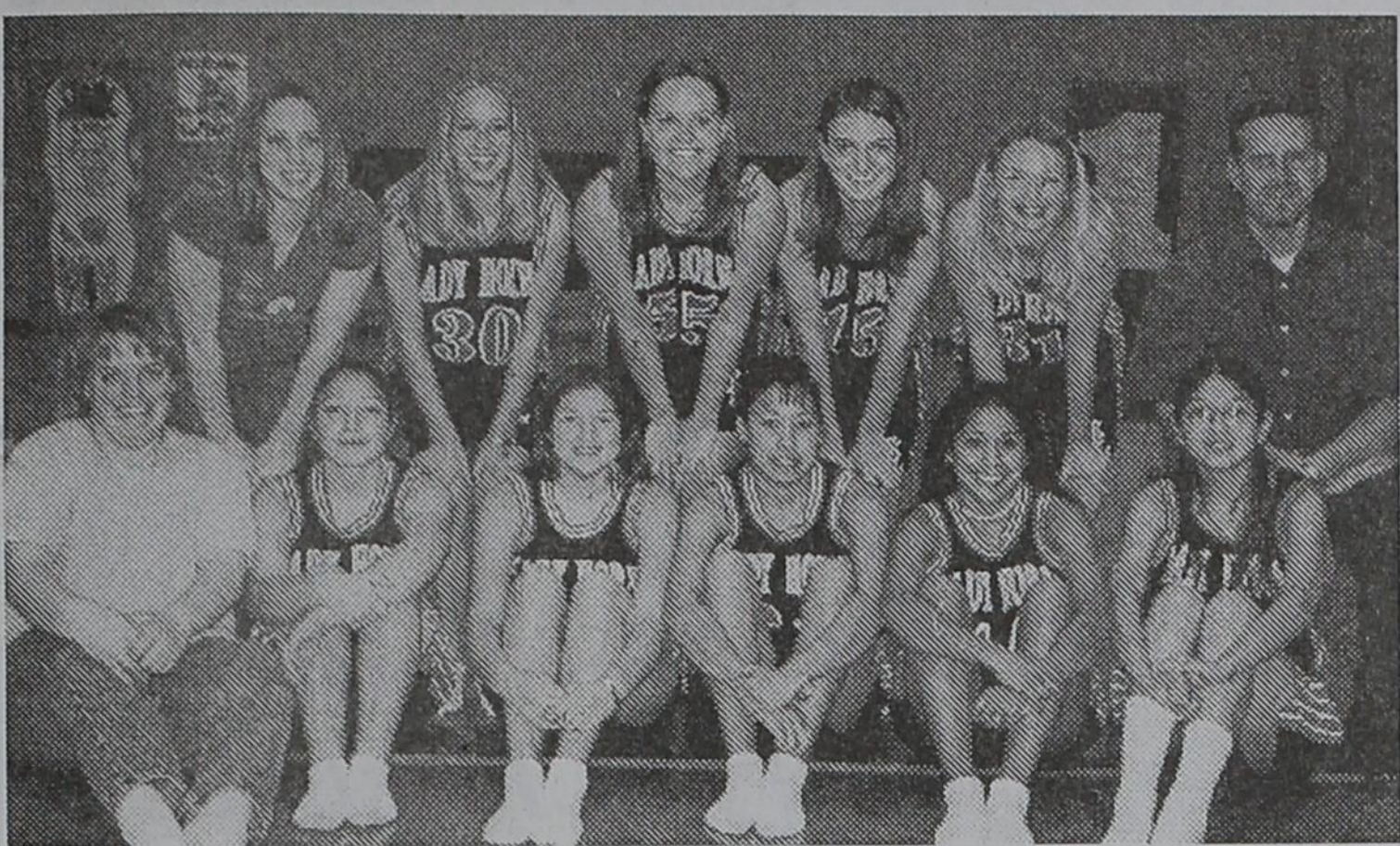
-- Spiritual

**A blessed Christmas to you all!**



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*Blessings  
To you and yours at  
Christmas time!*



**Lazbuddie Varsity Girls**

The Lazbuddie varsity girls team, back row from left, manager Michelle Scott, Melanie Winders, Shawndee Nichols, Kayla Parham, Shonnah Black, Coach Jeff Ford; front row, manager Kelli Harris, Amanda Martinez, Bethenie Sanchez, Miriam Hernandez, Ana Hernandez and Violet Aguilar. Not pictured is Katy Loudder.



**Texico Varsity Girls**

The Texico Lady Wolverines includes, top row from left, Coach Wootton, Lauren Boazman, Amber Parmer, Jazzi Walls, Ashley Kidd, Coach Zarate; middle row, Tori Bradley, Nicole Richards, Brette Hadley, Melissa Johnson; front row, Sissy Loper, Carrie Rucker, Megan Brown and Melissa Roberts. And in front is the team mascot, Brooklyn Wootton.

**'Santa, I would like a swim pool'**

Dear Santa,  
May I have a Nintendo 64?  
My cousin would like a Dina Star.  
Yahaira Estrada

and CDs! My brother wants Play Station 2 games. My mom wants a sweater, and my dad a yellow hummer. I would also like a swim pool.  
Shaylee Anderson

some red rose earrings. My brother wants a firefighter truck. My sister wants a blue bike.  
Margarita Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a guitar. Could you bring Rollin a go cart? Are you going to bring my sister a Barbie?  
Lorenzo Colmenero

Dear Santa,  
My sister Calixta wants mommy's little patient, a puppy and a coloring book. I want a DC player and CDs. My dad wants a clear TV. My mom wants jewelry.  
Angelica Nieto

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station 2, video games, a 4 wheeler, a DVD player, a computer and lots of candy canes. My sister wants a blow drier.  
Zachary Madrid

Dear Santa,  
I've been trying to be good. You give me the best presents. I want to help other children have a Merry Christmas, too. Please bring me a leapfrog computer. My sister wants some clothes and my other sister wants a CD. Please be careful.  
McKenzi Mayfield

Dear Santa,  
I would like Game Cube games. The name of it starts with an M. I want a DVD player, and gameboy advance game.  
Rallin Michael Harris

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a book and some pencils and maybe a little notebook so I can write in it.  
Blanca Davalos

Dear Santa,  
May I have a bigger house? May my brother have a real horse? May I have a computer? A new stove for my mom? A real robot for dad? A Spiderman for my younger brother, plus shirt, shoes and manpants. And new shoes for my dad?  
Cierra Dunagan

Dear Santa,  
My mom wants pretty earrings, my brothers want a video game for their Play Station 2, and I would like a CD player, a cell phone and a DVD player. Mom and dad would like a tape because they want to speak English.  
Uriel Munoz

Dear Santa,  
I want a big CD player. My sister wants a telephone. My brother wants a toy car. I also want a bigger horse.  
Diana Maldonado

Dear Santa,  
I would like a CD player

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Play Station game. My dad wants a beautiful truck. My mom wants

Dear Santa,  
Please bring my brother Ryan a Spiderman sleeping bag, my sister Rebecca a Barbie and some clothes, and my baby brother Ray Daniel some clothes and some socks.  
Veronica Holguin

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a CD player, CDs and a basketball. Please bring a present for my sister.  
Darby Tharp

We have a lot of cattle. Please bring me a motorcycle that runs on batteries. And a new saddle blanket for my horse, Knots. Give all the elves a hug.  
Curt Langford

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,  
I want a 4 wheeler and a go cart. I will give my mom some earrings and makeup and some hair spray.  
Martin Besarano

Dear Santa,  
I would like some fish, a fish tank and some Barbies. My brother Dolton wants lots of cars. My brother Shawn wants a dirt bike, go cart and a real car. My mom would like \$436 and I think my grammas and Joshua and po would to.  
Megan Autrey

Dear Santa,  
Will you please give me a DVD player and a Gameboy with the game Kirby?  
Chandler Loper

Dear Santa,  
I want a hot wheels octablast, and a Play Station 2.  
Miguel Reyna

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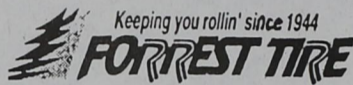
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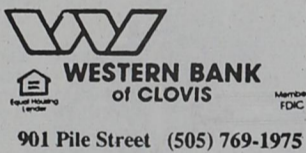
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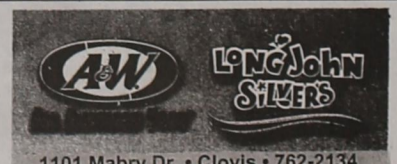
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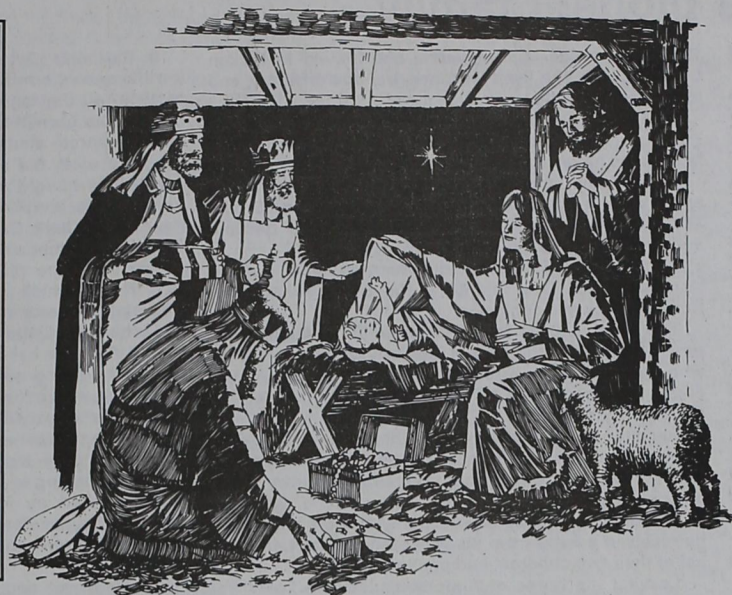
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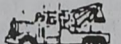
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## A look back at an area pioneer family

Editor's Note: This article appeared in the State Line Tribune in 1976.

David Turner and his wife, Cora, homesteaded in 1906 at what was then known as Frio Draw. The name of the community was later changed to Hollene and is now known as Rosedale.

The history of the Turner family is a colorful account of the close-knit family which for four generations, has farmed the original homestead claim.

The first generation to farm the land was David Turner who sold the land to his son, Taft Turner. In later years Turner's grandson, David Turner of Texico, purchased the land from Taft. The younger David Turner, along with his sons, Spencer and Steve, the fourth generation, are currently owners and operators of the land.

The following story is reprinted from a late 1950's or early 1960's edition of the Clovis News-Journal. Title of the original article was "Pioneer Settler Of Region Recalls Activities, Scenes of Bygone Days."

**HOLLENE (Special)** -- Mrs. Cora Turner celebrated her 77<sup>th</sup> birthday recently at the home of her son, Elbert Turner of Elida. Mrs. Turner is the widow of the late Dave Turner, who homesteaded south of Hollene and north of Frio Draw in 1908.

Cora Bruce was born in Guinette County, Ga., in 'My dad works with animals so bring him a stuffed animal'

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a helmet and a teddy bear. I have been a good boy and never go see Mrs. Anderson. My mom likes flowers, so please bring her some. My dad works with animals, so bring him a stuffed animal.  
Corbin Dawkins

I want an eraser, pens, desk decorations, Christmas lights and decorations, a teacher's bell and whistle like the one Mrs. Olivas has (yellow, please) and my own money. My brother, T.J., wants a skateboard; my sister wants a Barbie and some lip gloss because she is not allowed to have lipstick.  
Adan Serna

Dear Santa,  
I want a rocket ship, a Superman toy and a little school bus, a buzz light year for my brother, a toy dog for my sister a new tie for my dad and a new purse for my mom.  
Matthew McWhorter

Dear Santa,  
I have been good at home and listen to my parents. Please bring me a Spiderman toy called web blaster, and the rest can be clothes. Bring some clothes for mom and dad, and some toys for my brother and sister.  
Matt Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I love you because you look good. Please bring me a new basketball goal, a little play musical Christmas tree, a musical guitar in pink. I want mom to have a new makeup case and a new clock. Please bring my dad a football, and new shoes and boots for my sisters. My brother needs a new football.  
Magen

Dear Santa,  
I want a Spiderman web blaster toy, a remote control car and a boat. Bring my mom some roses. I think my dad needs a remote control skateboard. My sister likes trophies. I have been such a good boy that does good things, and really deserve these toys, Santa.  
Garren Bass

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some play dough, some cars and some goeey stuff.  
Tyler Bridges

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie with a camera, a cotton candy maker, a trophy. Can you get my brother some gold cars and a stuffed animal puppy with brown spots. I want to get my mom two little birds in a shape of a heart. My dad needs a new cap 'cause he really needs one, and some new shoes.  
Kaylee O'Neal

Dear Santa,  
I want a beautiful mermaid, a radio, a Santa book and a new blanket because we don't have that many at home. My brother, Buddy, wants a race car; my dad wants a picture of a fish, and my mom wants a gold ring.  
Jessica Jorde

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, a car, some babies, not real ones, a toy and a Christmas tree.  
Taylor Stephens

Dear Santa,  
I want my own Christmas tree, and my own chalk board because I'm going to be a teacher when I grow up.

1882. At the age of four years, she moved to Picken County where she lived with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Whitley.

On the north of the Whitleys lived Mr. and Mrs. James Turner, who had a son, David, living on an Indian leased farm in the Indian Territory around Dustin, Okla.

David Turner made trips to see his parents in Georgia and it was on one of these trips that he met Miss Bruce. The couple corresponded frequently and later became engaged.

Cora Bruce, 23, and David Turner, 43, were married by a Baptist minister in 1905 at the Sally Davis School House in Picken County, Ga.

The Turners made their first home in the Indian territory. While there, the couple had two children -- Elbert, who lives in Elida, where he operates a garage, and Flora, who is married to a Methodist minister and resides in Noel, Missouri.

Because of the malaria fever where they were living, "Uncle Dave" left Oklahoma and made a trip to Hereford where he bought a horse and rode cross-country to his cousin's, John Anderson at Bellview.

Turner had been at Bellview only a short time when he received a letter from his wife stating Elbert, the oldest of their two children, had pneumonia.

Leaving his horse at Anderson's, "Uncle Dave" returned to Oklahoma to stay until his son had fully recuperated.

In 1908, Mr. and Mrs. Turner and their children arrived by train at Bovina. There, the couple met a complete stranger, Nelson Bettis, who invited them to stay overnight in his "squatters" shack. The Bettis claim was located on part of what is now the Senator Clinton P. Anderson farm commonly known as the Faye Davis place.

The Turners "squatted" on 160 acres south of where their son, Taft Turner, now lives. In 1909, the territory was open for filing a total of 320 acres, on which they filed.

In the latter part of 1918, Mrs. Turner remembers a terrible snowstorm falling which didn't melt until March of 1919. All the regular fuel, cow chips, were so wet it couldn't be burned so neighbor men of the community made separate sleds pulled by two horses. Each man having a sled, the men had to drag a road to Friona where they bought coal. Among the men going on the unusual trip were Abb Lofton, "Uncle Dave" Turner, Henderson, Clark, Oscar Turner, W.H. Music W.H. Foster and other old time settlers of this community.

Few cars were in this area when the Turners bought a 1918 Regal, which "Uncle Dave" refused to drive. His wife states she and her family made trips to Portales and other areas. Mrs. Turner recalls when the car would have a flat tire her husband "would get out of Th car and start walking down the road. Lots of times I would drive in on two or three tires."

Mrs. Turner served as mid-wife to all who needed her. The motherly woman helped deliver 147 babies and states she "never lost a mother or baby."

Before moving to Portales in 1923 the couple's family had increased as follows: Taft, Jewel, Opal, Bessie, David M., Maggie Pearl, Memory and Joseph A., of which all are living with the exception of Bessie and Maggie Pearl.

"Uncle Dave" and his sons returned to their farm in this area only to sow wheat and when ripe, to harvest it until 1929 when Taft Turner, their son, and Edith Moore, were united in marriage and moved to his father's place, which they now own and are still farming.

Mrs. Turner's grandfather Joseph Whitley, a Civil War veteran, visited with them in Portales. The old gentleman died at the Turner home at the age of 106.

In 1953, the Turners moved to Marionville, Mo., where they bought a home and lived there until February of 1959, when "Uncle Dave," the oldest of his father's children, died at the age of 97. Mr. Turner's brothers and sisters preceded him in death.



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# 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Farwell organized in 1953

The following was published in the State Line Tribune in 1976. The history of the First Baptist Church of Farwell was compiled by members of the church.

Feeling the need for a Baptist Church in Farwell, some of the Baptist people met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McManigal in March, 1953, and discussed the possibility of such.

Later a meeting was held in the showroom of Hardage Motors and because of interest shown, a meeting was held in the Farwell School Gymnasium on March 14, 1953. Bro. Barto Massey of Oklahoma lane spoke to the group on organizing a church. At this meeting a date was set for a meeting to organize a church. The date and place being March 22, 1953, in the school gymnasium. Sterlyn Billington was elected temporary moderator and Mrs. Willie Hardage was elected clerk pro tem.

On March 22, 1953, the group met with names of 126 people who expressed a desire to organize and become members of a church in Farwell. The meeting began with singing led by Walter Hardage and followed by Bro. W.E. Markham reading a scripture and leading in prayer. Bro. M.D. Durham was elected moderator and the First Baptist Church was duly organized.

It was voted that the members who were ordained deacons be installed as deacons. They were Sterlyn

Billington, Dick Geries, Willie Hardage and Joe McWilliams.

Bro. Markham introduced Bro. Otis Holiday who brought the message "Camping in the Wilderness," admonishing the church to go forward even though there would be times they would feel like turning back.

April 5, 1953, was set as the deadline for charter members. At this date the membership had increased to 136.

The church met in the school gymnasium until the first unit of the educational building was built. The church parsonage was built at the same time.

Bro. J.D. Horton accepted the call to become pastor of the church on June 10, 1953, and served until July 1954.

August 2, 1953 was a joyful day for members of the First Baptist Church, for they had seen a dream become a reality and now had their own building for a place to worship. This was move-in day and Sunday School worship services were held in the new building for the first time. Following the morning services a basket lunch was served in the school cafeteria.

First revival meeting for the church was held August 16-23, 1953. There were several additions to the membership with 16 by baptism. The first anniversary of the church was observed March 21, 1954, by having a basket lunch at noon and afternoon services. Sunday School attendance for the day was 184 and Training Union was 103. There were 15 additions to the membership that day.

First Vacation Bible School was conducted May 24-28, 1954, with eight conversions.

Bro. E.J. Keith served the church as pastor from August, 1954 to May 30, 1956.

A cabin was built at the Plains Baptist Assembly at Floydada, Tex. in June, 1956.

Bro. Sidney Cox was pastor from August 1, 1958, to January 31, 1961. The auditorium was started in July, 1959, and was completed in the spring of 1960.

Bro. J.L. Bass became pastor in May 1961, and served until November 7, 1971.

In March 1962, the church purchased a building for a Negro Mission and was helping finance the mission

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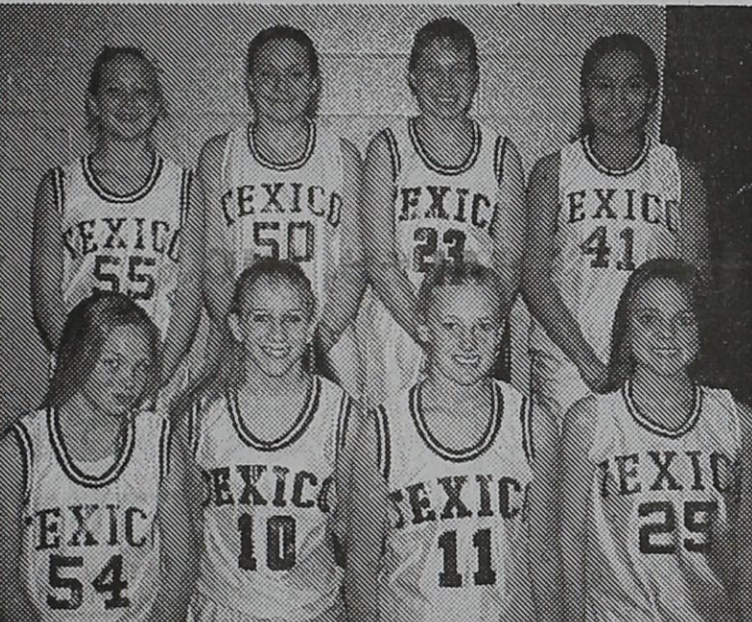
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**Texico JV Girls**

On the Texico JV Girls team are, top photo, back row from left, Lacy Price, Kehley Merrill, Erika Autrey, Sarah Montano, Krystal Williams; bottom row, Brittany Anderson, Brenda Cardenas, Britta Gordon, Lori Richardson. In the bottom photo, back row from left, Kelli Dunnahoe, Jessica Harris, Sarah Johnson, Isabel Serrano; bottom row, Cassie Smith, Skyla Cockerham, Taryn Allen and Jessica Wimberley.



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work. Also in May of 1962, extra lots were purchased for the church. A church library, under the direction of Mrs. John Zahn, was set up in 1963 and Mrs. Zahn was elected the first librarian.

The newest unit of the church was constructed in 1963. The church indebtedness was paid in full on June 1968. The church began sponsoring Boy Scouts that same year.

In addition to gifts through the cooperative program and special mission offerings three times a year, the church began at this time to contribute to help support two churches in the northwest.

In April, 1971, the lots between the church and parsonage was paved for parking space and a sprinkler system put in the parsonage yard.

Clifton L. Ennen became pastor in March, 1972. The church purchased a bus in December of that year and a bus ministry began.


In June of 1973, it was decided to redecorate the auditorium with new furniture, lights, choir loft and choir robes.

A group from our church membership along with Dr. Cliff Ennen went on the Guatemala Crusade in December, 1974. Then in January of 1976 a group with Dr. Ennen also went to El Salvador on a crusade.

The two churches from the northwest are now self supporting and we are helping support two churches from the Phoenix area.

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Farwell's JV Boys team includes, top row from left, Logan McFarland, Rowdy Mitchell, Jason Sudderth, Jeremie Chandler, Zane Johnson, Coach Thompson; middle row, Juan Carlos Vidaurri, Luis Olmos, Colby Norton, Fabian Reyes, Matthew Edwards; front row, Ty Gast, Chris Culver, Trevor Norton and Ryan McClaran.



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

Texico's 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls team included, from left, Adilene Estrada, Leslie Vannatta, Breanna Hutchko, Kalee Hatcher, Anjelica Serna, Zandi Queener.

**Music is my secret love**

I got a real nifty early Christmas gift from my son the other day.

It was a CD containing many of my favorite songs from yesteryear.

To sit in an easy chair and listen to those goldie oldies is really a lot of fun.

My first favorite, as a child, was "The Tennessee Waltz." I hadn't heard it in many a year until last week. That was fun.

I was fortunate to be a youth in the early days of rock and roll. Music was most important to me in those days.

It was so much great to grow up with the Buddy Holly songs, the Richie Valens songs, the Shirelles, and especially "The King."

Just before rock burst upon the scene with Bill Haley & the Comets' "Rock Around the Clock," folk music provided a spark to the music industry.

And The Kingston Trio reigned supreme. "The Story of Tom Dooley" was No. 1 on the charts in what seemed forever.

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By Mike Pomper

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It was simply a political ad made for the radio. But the beat was so catchy, and the words so clever, that it went to the top of the national music charts, too.

Amazing! Reminds me of the Honda motorcycle song written as a radio commercial, too, a few years later, that became a big rock hit.

If you ever want to hear some beautiful music, just go back to those days of folk. Pick up an album by Peter, Paul and Mary, for example. Their version of "500 Miles" is beauty per-

sonified.

But rock soon overwhelmed folk. And that was okay, too.

All those great early songs -- "At the Hop", "Dedicated to the One I Love", "Sea Cruise", "Great Balls of Fire", "Why do Fools Fall in Love", "Wake Up Little Susie" and so on.

Bring back some memories? I bet it does.

I could mention Elvis Presley at this point too. "Love Me Tender" ... "Jailhouse Rock" ... "Teddy Bear" ... "Blue Suede Shoes."

Ah, what great memories.

**'I want a real puppy'**

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I want a Barbie and Barbie beach house.  
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Alejandra Monarrez

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Clara Luna

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll house. I'm doing good in school.  
Elizabeth Caldwell

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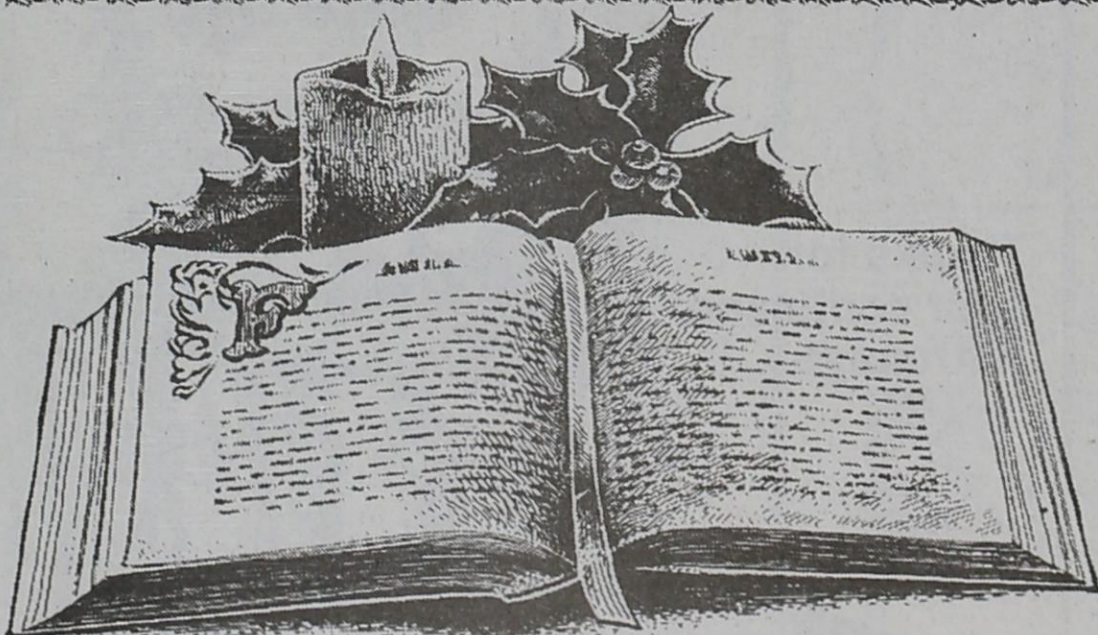
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Texico history dates back to 1904

(Editor's Note: The following account of the history of the First Baptist Church of Texico was compiled by Mrs. B.A. Kelley and was published in the Tribune in 1976.)

Although no one is sure when the First Baptist Church of Texico was first organized, since no minutes were recorded until 1904, the history of the church has been recorded since April 16, 1905.

On that date, a group met in conference with Bro. D.E. Baker moderator protem, and Bro. W. C. Grant, church clerk protem, to establish a church in Texico.

Letters submitted for membership included Bros. J.N. and S. N. Williams, Henry Williams, Frank Vaughn, Bro. and Mrs. S. T. Jamerson and Bro. D.B. Lanford. On statement or promise of letter were Bro. and Mrs. Watson and Bro. and Mrs. Taylor. The church covenant was read and articles of faith were read and adopted.

On May 20 of that year, Bro. W.C. Grant was elected pastor and the church was named First Baptist Church of Texico. Bros. S. T. Jamerson and J.M. Williams were elected deacons.

It was on April 14, 1906, when Bros. D.B. Lanford, S. Staffman, S.T. Jamerson, W.M. Jackson and Henry Williams were appointed as a finance committee to raise funds for a church building.

It was also during October of that year that Bro. J.D. Ballard was elected pastor. At this time in the church history, pastors were elected for one year at a time. Bro. Ballard resigned in June of 1907.

On Dec. 6, 1906, plans were presented and accepted for a building. At this time, \$300 was subscribed and it was agreed that application was to be made for \$300 from the American Baptist Missionary Society. This application was made for three years at six percent interest. However, the note was not paid until Sept. 10, 1947.

Records show that on April 5, 1907, the building had been erected and was accepted at the May 18 conference.

The church broadened its membership that year, when on July 20 an arm of the church was extended to include anyone who wished to join from the Midway community.

Oct. 27, 1907, was the date Bro. W.T. Cantrell was elected pastor at a rate of \$700 per year.

The first group of deacons for the church was ordained during Jan., 1908. Deacons were Bros. S.F. Woodling, D.B. Lanford and Coke Hopping.

During April of that year Bro. B.J. Matthews was elected half-time pastor. He resigned in Dec., 1909.

March of 1910 saw Bro. Gordon T. Bailey elected half-time pastor at \$25 per month. The church found it difficult to raise the \$25 and Bro. Bailey resigned in Aug. because the church was behind with his salary.

In May, 1911, Bro. D.B. Jackson was called and he resigned in May of 1912. On June 8, 1913, Bro. W.W. Taylor was elected pastor for half-time at \$20 per month. In October of that year, Bro. B.B. Crim preached and Bro. Cumby led the singing in a great spiritual revival with 80 conversions. In Nov., the church voted to go full time.

The summer of 1914 saw pews and piano purchased for the church.

In April of 1917, Bro. J.F. Nix was called as full time pastor for an indefinite period of time. Another great spiritual revival was held with 31 additions (21 conversions).

It was while Bro. Nix was pastor that the annex on the north side of the auditorium was built for additional Sunday School space.

Minutes were lost from this time until Nov. 4, 1925, when Bro. H.B. Strickland became pastor. Bro. Strickland resigned March 10 of that year and was replaced in June by Bro. W.M. Couch who resigned in Aug. of 1927.

Bro. John Evans was elected pastor on Sept. 7, 1927. At this time a nursery and room over the church office were built for more Sunday school rooms. Bro. Evans resigned Sept. 23, 1928.

The following Nov., Bro. H. Haywood was elected pastor. In Jan., 1929, the parsonage, which had been located in Farwell, was moved to Texico.

In March, Bro. J.E. Schleuter, Joe Ford and G.L. Nicewarmer were elected first legal trustees for the church. On Aug. 18, 1929, the lots in Farwell were sold for \$300. Bro. Haywood resigned in Nov. 1929.

Bro. H.B. Strickland was called again to pastor the church at this time. The church voted at the same time to budget through the Sunday School.

Bro. Strickland resigned in Oct., 1933 and Bro. J.C. Banks Sr. served as interim pastor until July of 1934.

Bro. W.T. North, Sr. was called in July and moved on the field Aug. 15, 1934. In 1935 the church voted to adopt the unified budget and six point record system through the church.

On Nov. 29, 1935, the church voted to extend an arm of the church to the Fairfield community.

The May 4, 1938, minutes include the first mention of Vacation Bible School for the church.

Following the resignation of Bro. North on May 18, Bro. W. C. Wright was called.

Mention was made in Feb., 1942, of the first cooperative program. In Oct. the first church library was mentioned and in Jan., 1943 the first brotherhood was accepted by the church, and more Sunday school rooms were approved.

During June of that year, the first radio broadcast financed by the church was aired.

On Sept. 5, 1945, Bro. Virgil Hunton, Sr. was called as pastor to fill the vacancy created by the June resignation of Bro. Wright.

In June of 1947, Bro. Hunton resigned and Sept. 10 of that year marked a milestone for the church as a note

burning service was held to retire the note of the \$300 borrowed in 1906.

Oct. 8 was the date Bro. E.M. Treadwell was called as pastor and he left as a missionary to Brazil in May of 1948.

Bro. O.O. Holliday was called as pastor Aug. 15, 1948, and he resigned in Sept. of 1950.

Bro. C.M. Field was called Nov. 8.

In March of 1952 the church authorized the treasurer to buy added lots south of the church. This was done in 1959.

March 18, 1953 was the date a group of 115 withdrew from the Texico fellowship to organize the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

On June 10, 1953, Bro. C.C. Morgan was called as pastor when Bro. Fields resigned.

In Jan., 1954, an addition was made at the back of the parsonage.

On Dec. 28, 1960, Bro. Orvill Brantley was called. In Jan. of 1961 the present parsonage was purchased and the old parsonage was converted to a Spanish mission building. Needs for a new auditorium were felt. Bro. Brantley resigned Feb. 3, 1963.

May 5, 1963, saw Bro., Leroy Looper begin as pastor. During his pastorate, the red rock-faced auditorium was constructed and dedicated, Aug. 29, 1965. Bro. Looper resigned June 29, 1969.

On Sept. 28 of that year, Bro. John C. Summers was called and served until Dec. 1974. During this time the educational building was constructed.

Rev. Joel Horne came to the church as interim pastor on Feb. 17, 1975. On Sunday, May 23, 1976, Rev. Horne was accepted as pastor of the church. Also on that day, the first spade-full of earth was turned for a new parsonage.

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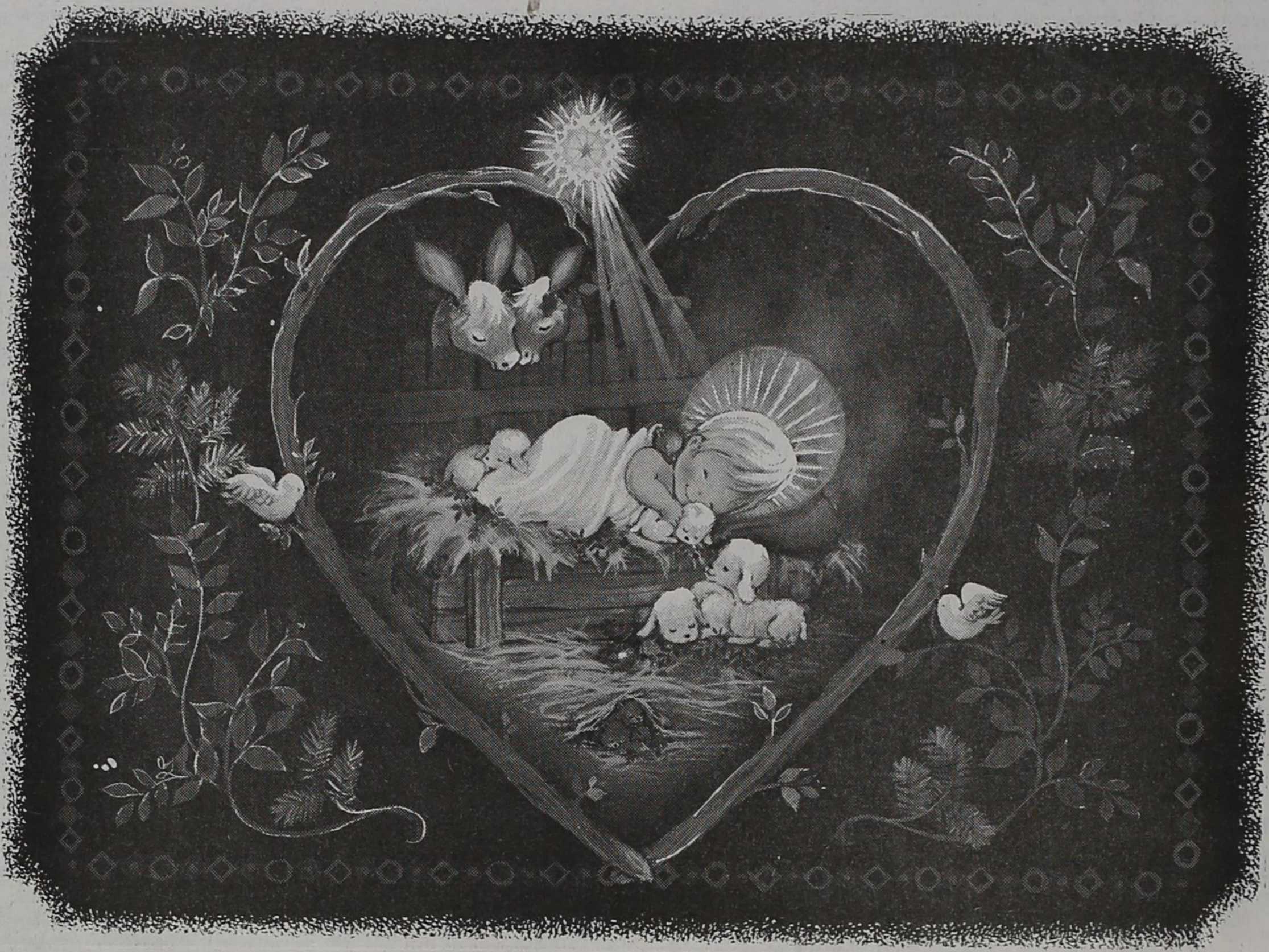
We all wish each and everyone a blessed holiday season filled with great joy and peace. God Bless.

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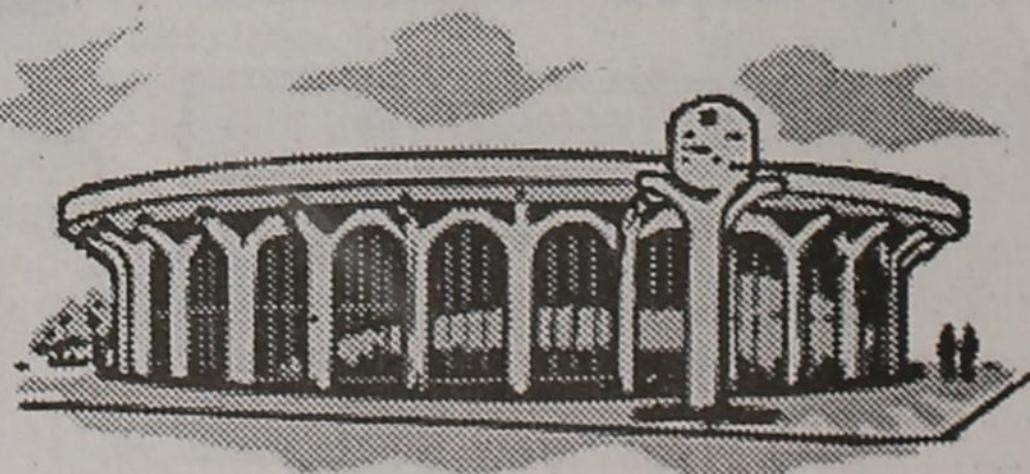
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