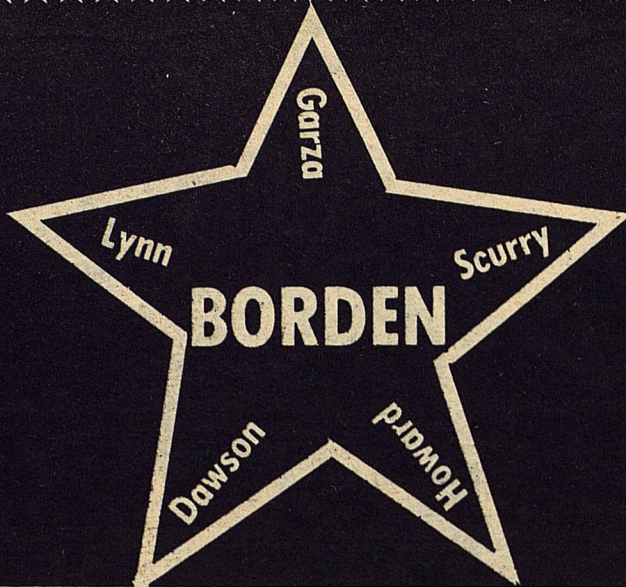


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Merry Christmas

A BORDEN COUNTY TRADITION TO BE RELIVED CHRISTMAS EVE

Once again on this Christmas Eve, as they have done for more than eighty years, Borden County folk will gather to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and to enjoy a community Christmas tree. This celebration held alternately at the Baptist and Methodist Churches in Gail, will this Christmas Eve be held at the Methodist Church on Monday, December 24, at 6 P.M. As always, everyone is invited to attend. All

denominations have participated in and contributed to this Borden County tradition, a tradition which may be uniquely our own, for it is very possible that ours is the only community which still celebrates Christmas with this type of Christmas tree.

Why do we carry on this tradition of a community Christmas tree when there are Christmas trees in almost every home, in our school rooms, in

places of business and as decorations along our streets? Tradition is defined as "knowledge transmitted without writing from generation to generation." Six generations of some Borden County families have attended the Community Christmas tree at Gail. And it is difficult for fifth and sixth generations to visualize how it was when their great-grandparents began this tradition in the frontier village which was Gail. In those days it was not the custom to have a Christmas tree in one's home; at least not in Gail. Most homes had little room to spare for a Christmas tree. A string of tinsel was probably the only ornament the DORWARD DRUG STORE or THE BLUE FRONT STORE had to offer. In the early 1900's the community Christmas tree was probably the only Christmas tree in Borden County. It was the big social event of the

Christmas season and everyone was there to receive their gift (usually singular) off of the tree.

And what a tree it was! Native cedar of course, from "the Mountain." And to the wondering eyes of a child it seemed as tall as the lofty ceiling of that old Church. The tree had been trimmed by the young people of the community at a tree trimming party, another important social event. They had created paper chains, strings of popcorn and cranberries, and ornaments and a star made of tinfoil saved all the year from chewing gum and plug tobacco wrappers. The tree was lighted with tiny twisted candles in small tin holders which clipped to the tree, always a major fire hazard. One year they set Santa Claus' bear afire. We didn't have so many government agencies to protect us from ourselves in those days. The most important

ornaments on the tree were the gifts which hung among the branches. Waves of anticipation stirred the crowd as they awaited the arrival of Santa Claus to pass our these gifts, so unpretentious by today's standards. There were small china headed dolls, their cloth bodies printed with the alphabet, and a few dolls with beautiful bisque faces. Horns, alphabet blocks, doll dishes and children's books hung there to delight a small boy or girl. Pieces of glassware or china were exchanged as friendship gifts among the ladies and carried home to become heirlooms of great grandchildren.

For a time the church was lighted with odd gasoline burning contraptions, hanging on the walls and shedding their smoky light over the congregation until they ran out of air or fuel in the midst of the

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SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE

The Borden County School's Christmas tree is always an extra special touch for the Christmas Season. It is in the school cafeteria where it can be enjoyed during parties and ballgames.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Monday, December 24

6:00 P. M.

DORWARD METHODIST CHURCH
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EVERYONE WELCOME



BORDEN SCHOOL NEWS

BOYS WIN TWO CLOSE GAMES DURING TOURNEY

The boys squad played a slow down type of ball due to Dawson trying to stall and keep the ball away from the offensive end of the floor. "It is the type of game we don't like to play but I was pleased by the way the team adjusted", said Coach Frisbie.

The boys team lides to get up and down the floor in a hurry and press then set up in a zone defense and make the other team shoot from the outside. The Dragons scored early to lead 4-0 and started their stall. This

required the Coyotes to play man-to-man defense and try to double the man with the ball and cause a turn over. Dawson would keep the ball about two minutes before trying to score and the Coyotes got nervous waiting to get hold of the ball.

The top scorer for Borden County was Robin Hood with ten, Chris Cooley had nine, Mike Douglass and Eric Turner had eight each while Mikey Burkett had four. The Coyotes were only seven out of twenty-three at the charity line.

BORDEN LOSES TO GRADY BY ONE POINT

"This type of loss really hurts", moaned Coach Frisbie. "We out scored them one point for three quarters and they out-scored us two points in one quarter."

Robin Hood had nineteen points to lead both teams and Chris Cooley added ten. Eric Turner scored eight while Mickey Burkett poured in seven. David Holmes had two and Mike Douglass had one.

The Coyotes lost two games by a total of seven points.

The squad travels to Roby on Tuesday before leaving for the Christmas Holidays.

LOOP OVERTAKES BORDEN

"We really had to struggle to stay close after traveling 13-4 at the end of the first quarter," said Coach Frisbie. The Coyotes missed numerous chances to get closer but the ball just would not go in for the score.

Chris Cooley came back to score 14 points after being shut out in the first quarter. Robin Hood finished with 12 after only one free throw to show for the first eight minutes. Other Coyotes scoring were Mickey Burkett with nine, Cam Stone with four, Eric Turner and Mike Douglass had two each.



GIRLS WIN TOURNEY-Shown with the Tournament Trophy and individual trophies are -back- Lynn Sternadel, Kim Turner, Shawna Vaughn. Second row-Teri Billington and Becky Massingill. Front-Cindy Balague, Samantha Porter, Sherry Vaughn and Kelli Williams. Not pictured-Jeanette Massingill and Nancy Martinez.

LADY COYOTES CAPTURE BORDEN TOURNAMENT

The Borden County Lady Coyotes evened the score with Highland as they avenged their only loss of the season by defeating the honnrets in the finals of the Borden Tournament. This made the second consecutive year the Lady Coyotes have won the Borden Tournament, and the fourth in the past six years, the other two years losing by one point in an overtkme and by one point in three overtimes.

In the first game of the tournament, Borden completely dominated Dawson 63-17, as all 11 players saw plenty of playing time with all scoring. Teri Billington led in scoring with 18 points, all coming in the first quarter and first two minutes of the second quarter. She was followed by Kelli Williams with 8 points, Samantha Porter with 6, Cindy Balague hit 5 points, Becky Massingill, Shawna Vaughn, Nancy Martinez, Kim Turner, Sherry Vaughn, and Lynn Sternadel all had 4 points each, and Jeanette Massingill had 2. Borden jumped out to a 26-5 first quarter lead and held a 42-9 halftime advantage in the tourney opener for the Lady Coyotes. Teri led nin field goal percentage as she hit a blazing 9 of 10 from the field for 90 percent, followed by Kelli with 4 of 6 for 67 percent. Bekcky and Sherry each had 100 percent in free throws as both made 2 of 2. Samantha led in rebounds with 7 followed by Lynn with 6. Nancy led in assists with 4 and Teri led in steals with 7.

Borden then played Sands in the semi-finals and nearly met disaster as Sands awas hitting everything they threw toward the basket and Borden was struggling way below average. The score remained close in the 46-33 win until the last quarter where Borden pulled away in

14-6 edge. Kelli Williams led in scoring with 20 points followed by Shawna Vaughn and Teri Billington with 8, Becky Massingill had 6, and Jeanette Massingill had 2. Shawna led in field goal percentage with 57 percent followed by Kelli with 56 percent. Shawna also led in rebounds with 10. Teri led in steals with 5 and Becky led in assists with 4. Kelli and Teri both hit 100 percent from the free throw line as each connected on 2 Of 2.

In the finals, Borden simply outscored their opponents from thekraathrow line as Highland could only hit 10 of 26 while Borden was burning the nets for 19 of 21 for 91 percent. Fouls also proved to be a factor as Borden committed 26 fouls, having two players foul out, and Highland had 18 fouls with one getting 5. Borden started out cold as they could only hit 2 Of 10 the first quarter and trailed 4-6 to the taller honnrets. Free throws came into the picture the 2nd quarter as Borden hit 9 of 10 from the line and 5 of 11 from

the field to outscore their opponents 19-0, for a 23-15 halftime lead. Borden then built up a 10 point advantage at the end of the third period on a shot at the buzzer by Kim Turner. Then the Lady Coyotes simply held on to their lead, forcing Highland to foul. In the last period, Borden hit 8 of 9 from the line compared to Highland's 7 of 16, as the visitors had their chances to get back in, but didn't. Kelli Williams led in scoring with 18 points followed by Shawna Vaughn and Teri Billington with 8 each. Bekcy Massingill had 5, Kim Turner had 4, and Jeanette Massingill hit 2. Shawna led in field goal percentage with 43 percent and five people tied for top honors in free throw percent as Kelli hit 8 of 8, Teri hit 4 of 4, and Jeanette, Shawna, and Kim all hit 2-of-2. Jeanette led in rebounds with 9 followed by Kim with 7. Becky led in steals with 3, and Kelli led in assists with 3.

Season record for the Lady Coyotes now stands at 12-1 with next game being Tuesday night at Roby, at 56:30. Congratulations to the Borden County Lady Coyotes, winners of the 1984 Borden County Invitational Tournament.

Christmas Tradition

From pg. 1 excitement. It was a festive and joyous occasion. And after the last carol was sung, accompanied by the wheezing pump organ, and the last "Merry Christmas" was said, many of the folk walked home in the brisk night air under the brilliant stars. Others we joy horseback or in uggies w children, tired out by the excitement, struggling to keep their eye from closing before they arrived home to take off their stockings and hang them on the foot of their bed or on a chair near the pot bellied heater, hoping that Santa Claus would fill that stocking with an apple, some nuts, a stick of peppermint candy and the rare treat of an orange. And then to sleep thinking what a wonderful world they lived in!

Christmas is a time of traditions, and through them we pass on our heritage. Most families have created their own Christmas traditions; special tree ornaments carefully preserved and reused year after year, favorite foods always a part of the Christmas preparation, with recipes passed on from generation to generation, stockings lovingly made and decorated just for Christmas hanging, with additions for each new family member. Such are memories made of.

Our community Christmas tree may seem to have outlived it's time, to be obsolescent, but we hope that it will continue to have meaning for you and that this special heritage will be passed on as part of your Christmas tradition.

-s- Ldna Miller

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Mrs. Bouton played the piano as entertainment for the Christmas Party.



School Christmas Party. Each year the Superintendent and principals give a party for the staff of the Borden County Schools.



Merry Christmas to all the young ones who will be celebrating their first Christmas this year, as Ky May of is doing.



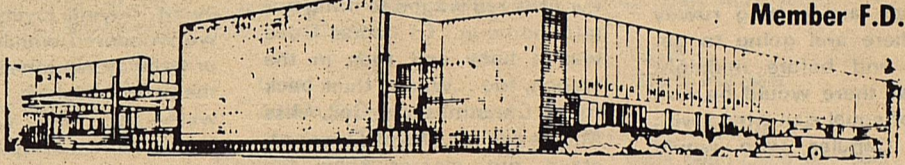
VARSITY BOYS TEAM- Back-Michael Douglass, Cam Stone, Dustin Ship, David Holmes, Robin Hood, Mickey Burkett, Bric Turner, Chris Cooley. Front-kerry Fryar, Monty Floyd, Michael Murphy, Brice Key, Doyce Taylor and Will Phinizy.

Christmas Greetings

When we count our blessings at Christmas, we especially think of friends like you. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

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HAPPY MEMORIES PORTRAYED OF BORDEN COUNTY'S CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS BY OLD TIMERS

The Christmas season is here, with all of its rich traditions and happy memories of Christmas' past. In helping prepare for the Community Christmas Tree to be held in the Dorward Methodist Church on Christmas eve, as it has been held for so many years, alternating with the Baptist Church, I could not help but wonder about the tradition of this most happy event. With the help of Van York researching the old copies of the Borden Citizen, published by the Borden County Historical Survey Committee, I found some of the most interesting articles of joyous past Christmas' as recalled by the citizens of this county; as one article by Arthur Prince of a Christmas back in the 1890's and of one of the first community Christmas tree celebrations.

Arthur Prince writes: "They had a Christmas tree on Christmas eve. I don't remember whether it was at the school house or at the Court House. Anyway I dimly remember the Cedar Christmas tree was covered all over with shiny things. I well remember that I was told that when it was over to get my presents (apple, orange, popcorn ball and firecrackers) and come straight home and not stop in town; that I couldn't go to town that night, for things are getting rowdy down there and going to get rowdier and before midnight was past there would be two armies of equal size armed with Roman Candles who would meet and battle it out to the last shot. It's a wonder some eyes were not lost. Pretty rough it was in town and I was forbidden to be there....In later years I remember some dances on Christmas Eve at the court room upstairs in the court house. Will Clark was doin' the callin'. I sure did love to listen to the shuffle of the feet and the callin' of Will Clark....One Christmas Eve, along in the evening, one of the drunk cowboys, whose name I won't mention here, got on his horse and was racing around the square. He came racing west past Chandler's store then turned south and was racing his horse past the buildings on the west side of the square. He was losing balance as he raced along and was leaning to the right more and more all the time so that one of the gallery posts of the Kincaid Hotel drug him off his horse, but he didn' seem to be hurt very much...."

Winnie Chandler Miller, whose father contributed fruit, candy and nuts for the early trees, according to Ethel Everett, also recalls the use of fireworks and how the children went home from "the Tree' with



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excited anticipation to shoot their skyrocket and roman candles. She also reminds us that people walked to church in those days. Here are excerpts from her letter: Our Christmases were really something. I don't suppose anybody ever had a tree in their home - or I can't remember ever having one at home - always at the Church. Everyone came from far and near. The Church was always full and the tree loaded. We could always take our little red wagon to bring our gifts home in. Of course Dove was a baby and rode in the wagon, too....When I think back to our Christmases in Gail, Miss Minnie and Mr. David (Dorward) stand out clearer than the others. They were always helping in every way with our programs, the arranging of tree decorating, and who should take gifts from Santa and give to the one whose name Santa called out - now that was such an honor to be chosen for this. Just thinking back, so many, many old timers come to life. Mr. Jack Rogers for one was always so jolly (children always remember the happy faces)....

CHRISTMAS IN GAIL

By Ethel Morrow Evcerett

Our memories of Christmas in Gail - like, I suppose, those of all Christmases - are of two kinds, the public and the private, for Christmas in West Texas was a very public thing with all the community joining in to celebrate together. I remember the year 1907 was the last Christmas I spent in Gail, and it was one of the happiest. On Christmas Eve, school was let out a little early, and all the pupils would hurry down that one long street to the "Business district" to gaze longingly in the store windows at all the tempting displays: the lamps

and vases, picture albums and dressing cases, jewelry and clothes, and of course the toys and "gee - gaws." Since early in the afternoon, the cowboys had been coming into town from outlying ranches. We loved to watch as they flooded into Mr. Dodson's and Mr. Chandler's, Mr. Dorwood's and millinery shop, their pockets fairly smoking with the money that was burning to be spent. We watched as they tied up at the court house and then hurried about, buying lovely gifts, and we wondered which local belle or taraway sweetheart would be the lucky recipient. Early in the week the men would have brought down a huge cedar from off the mountain and installed it in the church. All fall, every scrap of tinfoil, every bright bit of paper would have been saved, and everyone made decoration for the tree or contributed some treasured ornament. The paper streamers made by schoolchildren, popcorn and cranberry strings - every ingenious creation we could think of, and the tiny candles - all were festooned on the tree which seemed to us to reach the heavens like the Star of Bethlehem. A committee was appointed each year to do the actual decorating, but there were always plenty around to offer advice. They also arranged beneath the tree and through its branches the huge array of presents, for every one brought their gifts to "The Tree" to be distributed. The committee also had sacked popcorn, peanuts, fruit and candy donated by Mr. Chandler, so each person would be sure to receive something.

On Christmas Eve night, everyone gathered in the church, and Mr. Dorwood took charge of the proceedings. A program of music and poetry by the various grades had to be presented before we could get down to what we kids considered the real

business of the evening: the arrival of Santa. Mr. Hale, in his big suit stuffed with pillows, didn't really fool any of us, but we went along with fun. Santa would call out the name on the tag, "Ethel Morrow" and the receiver would call, embarrassed and delighted, "here!" and one of the little girls selected for the honor would deliver the gift from Santa's own hand. There was a place called Lynn Bros. in New York where you could get all sorts of gimracks for 5 cents; this was very popular since getting your name called out a number of times was part of the fun. That year I remember that the Wristen clan had sent off for a great number of these and the committee went them one better by tying them all together in one long string on the tree. Everyone roared with laughter as Santa called out, "Dan Wristen, Rillie Wristen, Will Wristen, Dan Wristen, Rillie Wristen" and on and on. On the committee that year were Nell Hale and Harvey Everett and part of their duty was to hand down the gifts to Santa. Nell was wearing a beautiful white hat covered with feathers. As she reached out to take down a gift, she leaned too close to the tree, and the candle on one of the low boughs ignited the beautiful feathers. Everyone screamed in horror but Harvey was quick to act. He reached out and took Nell's head in his arms (something he had probably been wanting to do a long time!) and smothered the flames against his jacket. Nell calmly removed the charred hat,

smoothed her hair, and went right on handing out gifts! I guess I forgave Harvey for putting his arms around Nell, because we married the next year and moved away from Gail forever.....

CHRISTMAS IN BORDEN COUNTY --YEAR 1910

The festive Christmas dinner, shown in this picture, was held at the Stokes Hotel, just south of the Courthouse in Gail in 1910. For the young people of Gail this must have been the high point of the Holiday Season. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes and their son, Holt, are standing in the background. Among the young people enjoying this feast were Lilly Fields and Rodway Kenen, Ethel Blankenship and Graham Whitaker, W. S. McClung and Ethel Atwood, Ruff Whitaker and Mae McClinton, Eli Whitaker and Nell Hale.

The original of this picture belongs to the Dorward family. Maurice and Margaret Dorward used it for their interesting Christmas greetings in 1964.

Doesn't that turkey look mouth watering? And how about those dresses! No mini skirts then.

"Christmastime is the pleasantest time of the whole year. At this time we think tenderly of distant friends. We strive to forgive injuries, to close accounts with ourselves and the world, and to begin the New Year with a trust that our lives will contain more notable entries, good actions, and fewer ugly blots than the past year." From the Borden Citizen 1967.

Peace on Earth



for the Children



GIFTS
from
Santa

SANTA LETTERS

Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a car and a dog. I have been good this year.
I love you,

Dear Santa,
I would like a train and a dog. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Michael

Dear Santa,
I would like a car and baseball. I have been a good boy this year. I love you.
Thank You
John

Dear Santa,
I would like little car and Big J. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Jessee

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle and barbie. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Brandy

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie doll. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Shelby

Dear Santa,
I would like a care bear. I love you.
JThank You,
Teresa

Dear Santa,
I would like a G I Joe and motorcycle. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Grant

Dear Santa,
I would like a watch. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Bryan

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie purse. I have been good this year. I love you.

Michelle

Dear Santa,
I would like Big Foot. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Sky

Dear Santa,
I would like a cat and a basket for my bike. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Sara

Dear Santa,
I would like a tape player and Barbie. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Carrie

Dear Santa,
I would like a trampoline. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Dodi

Dear Santa,
I would like a stuffed toy. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You
Jessica

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank you,
Meg

Dear Santa,
I would like a He Man. I have been good.
Thank You,
Thad

Dear Santa,
I would like a block and car. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You
Peter

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Rosemary

Dear Santa,
I would like Make and Bake Oven and Barbie Car. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Michele

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll. I have been good this year. I love you.
Thank You,
Reagan

Dear Santa,
I would like a dog and horse. I have been good this year.
Thank You
Phillip

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll and ball. I have been good this year.
Thank You,
Christina

Dear Santa,
I want a Knight Rider Talking car and a Knight Rider Hotcycle.
Love,
Roy

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of leg warmers and box of markers.
Love,
Sandy

Dear Santa,
I want a Go-bot and a Big Foot.
Love,
Levi

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch Doll and a Pony.
Love
Leticia

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been good so here is my list. An Atari game, tapes, some Constructx and some little cars.
Love,
Marcus Belew

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Construction set for Christmas and my little sister wants a Tender Heart Bear.

Love, James

Dear Santa Clause,
Will you bring my baby sister a necklace and a dress. I would like a computer, a Cabbage patch Kid and money in my stocking. This year I have been good.
Love,
Cathy Renee' Brown

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Big Foot and a Mr. T set, also a He-man set and some video games. Please bring some transformers and go-bot. Maybe a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Claw. Do you have a picture of Rudolph? I would like one. I have been good.

Love,
David

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll, a Cabbage Patch Kid, Rudolph's picture, a care bear, and a candy cane.
Love,
Melanie

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and a car for my baby brother. I want a doll and a record for me. Bring my baby brother a toy gun.

Love,
Candy Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and barbie and Ken. Will you bring me a My Little Pony Drea Castle.

Love,
Thelma J. Vielma

First Grade

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Dear Santa,
I want a parachute and a big army truck.
Love,
Harper

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie swimming pool and a pony.
Love,
Deann

Dear Santa,
I want a Rainbow Brite and a pony.
Love,
Joann

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch Doll and a Poodle.

Love,
Ashley

Second Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Light Bright. Also a Rainbow Bright and a trampoline and rock and roll tapes.

I you Santa Claus,
Lv
Love
Gwindolyn Hodge G. H.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. Please bring everything I want. I want a bow gun and a three wheeler. Also a watch and a trampoline and a bunch of GoBots. I would like a stereo a bike and a pellet lgun and a typewriter.

Love,
Justin Cox

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. I want a football suit, a three wheeler, a computer, a stamper, a telescope, a stuffed dog, a go-bot, a stop watch, tape player, VCR, Throwing stars and 10 or 20 dollars in my stocking.

Love,
Bucky

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. I want a care bear, rainbow sprite, cute stoickers, typewriter, Cabbage Patch Kid WAKE Walkie Talkie Telephone set, penny racers, Don't forget my stocking.

Love Mandi,

Dear Santa,
I want a Go-Bot Army Tank and a Go-Bot Command Center.

Love,
Tye

Dear Santa,
I want a car and a parachute shirt.

Love,
David

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Doll and a Barbie Swimming pool.
Love,
Laura

Dear Santa,
I want a Go-Bot and a Stereo.

Love,
Desmond

Dear Santa Clause,
I want Baby Hugs, BEABear, Starlite and a trampoline. I would also like a tape player and a tape. One more thing il want is parachute pants and a picture of Rudolph.

Love
Melissa

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and some roller skates for Christmas. My sister wants a radio. Please bring my baby brother a little Cabbage Patch Kid. And I want some tapes and a radio.

Love,
Gloria Portales

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. I would like a super burst gun and a stop watch and four go-bots and a surprise.

Love,
Kurt

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good. I would like a Cabbage Patch Kid and a tape player with a radio on it. I will have you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Jill Renee Voss

Dear Santa Claus.
I have been good this year. I would like to have an optinusprime Sound Wave Transformers.
The Bo-Bott Command Center and don't forget my stocking.

Love,
Clint

Dear Santa Claus
Will you bring me some Transformers and Z-bot and Go-Bots. Also some stompers and a three wheeler.

Love,
A. J.



ASCS NEWS

by Jerry Stone

WOOL, UNSHORN LAMBS & MOHAIR INCENTIVE

Wool and mohair producers are reminded to submit their sales receipts to the office for incentive payments. Deadline to sign the forms is January 30, 1985.

1985 PROGRAM SIGN-UP

The enrollment period for the 1985 programs of wheat, corn, grain sorghum, and cotton will continue thru March 1, 1985.

Advance payments equal to one-half of the projected deficiency payment rate (percentage of the diversion payment) is offered to farmers during the sign-up period.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ACP)

Funds are available for cost-share assistance to perform conservation work. Cost-share assistance is available for water conservation practices thru December 1. Practices to be considered during the sign-up period are tanks, waterways, terraces, diversion practices, and pipelines.

Grasses Benefit From Proper Grazing Use.

By Ricky Linex
Range Conservationist

To remain in the ranching business, today's rancher has to be more efficient in utilizing the crop he raises each year. This crop is not measured in number of head of calves sold nor total pounds of beef produced. The rancher's crop is grass! Grass production is closely tied to yearly rainfall fluctuations but is more importantly bonded to grazing management during the previous years.

All green plants live and grow on food manufactured primarily in their own green leaves. 95 percent of a plant's food is taken from the air through its leaves, and 5 percent is taken from the soil via the root system. Ranges can flourish and soil is conserved only if the individual plants have an opportunity to make food for their own growth.

What happens when plants repeatedly lose their green leaves by close grazing during the growing season? With no leaves, photosynthesis is stopped and the plants must use food stored in the roots and stem bases to grow more green leaves. If this process is repeated often enough, the supply of plant food becomes exhausted and the plant dies.

Excessive removal of herbage also stops root growth, removes seed producing stems, and removes top growth which protects the tender basal buds

LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS (LTA)

In addition to our regular ACP, part farm long-term conservation agreements are being offered thru December 1. Some of the basic provisions are:

1. The LTA agreement will only be applicable to part farms. The agreement will cover only the portion of the farm needing conservation work.

2. The contract will cover a period of 3 to 5 years.

3. When an agreement is approved, the amount of cost-share funds needed for the agreement will be set-aside. Cost-sharing rates under the LTA program are the same as under ACP, approximately one half of the cost of the practice. The cost-share limitation is \$3500 per person per fiscal year.

4. Soil Conservation Service will have total responsibility in the technical design of the conservation work to be performed.

5. A conservation practice must be designed and completed by September 30,

1985. Preferable, the last year of the contract (1989) will be a maintenance year.

DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS-WHEAT

Deficiency payments were mailed earlier this week to eligible wheat producers as a result of the low average market prices received by producers. Producers were paid \$1.00 per

bushel for their 1984 crop wheat.

HOLIDAY

This office will be closed December 25, 1984, in observance of Christmas Day and again on January 1, 1985, for New Year's Day.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established under law without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin or handicap.

4-H CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY

The Borden County 4-H Christmas Activity will be Thursday night, December 20, 1984, at 6:30 p.m. in the 4-H Exhibit Building in Gail.

This activity is serving as the December 4-H Exhibit Building in Gail.

This activity is serving as the December 4-H meeting for all 4-H clubs in the county. All 4-H members, parents, leaders and supporters are invited and encouraged to attend.

Come join in the fun and fellowship at the Christmas activity.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHTS

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from temperature extremes. The degree of safe use range plants can tolerate depends on such factors as kind of soil, condition of range, season of use, and degree of slope. Safe use of plants in good condition grazed during the growing season is about 50 percent by weight. The old rule of proper use in grazing has been "take half and leave half". However, if ranges are not in good condition, safe use is much lower and periodic rest is required. For assistance in evaluating your range condition and determining proper grazing use, contact the Soil Conservation Service at 573-0171 to set up a date we can meet and look at your grass yield.

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OBITUARY
V. Jeff Monk

Atchison, Kan.-Graveside services for V. Jeff Monk, 76, of Atchison, and formerly of Jayton, was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 16 in the Jayton Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home in Jayton.

He died Wednesday in Kansas University Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan., after a brief illness.

There was visitation for friends and family at Campbell Funeral Home.

He was born in Sulphur

Springs and married Mayme Johnston in 1927. He lived in Jayton until his wife's death in 1967. He lived in Winnsboro until moving to Atchison in 1972. He married Edith Cleaver in 1976.

He was a farmer and maintenance mechanic and a member of the First Baptist Church of Jayton.

Survivors include two sons, Tom of Atchison and Micky of Hobbs, N.M.; a brother, Marvin of Gail; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

BID NOTICES

Sheriff's Car

Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 11:00 A.M. January 14, 1985 for the purchase of new front end, rubber tire loader for use in Precinct No. 2. Bids will be opened and considered in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the County Courthouse.

Specifications and information may be obtained by contacting the office of the County Judge, 915-856-4391, or Larry Smith, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2, 915-856-4394.

Borden County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York
County Judge

Borden County

Loader

Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., January 14, 1985 for the purchase of a new 1985 automobile for use in the Borden County Sheriff's Department. Bids will be opened and considered in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the County Courthouse.

Specifications may be obtained at the office of the County Judge, 915-856-4391 or the Sheriff's Office, 915-856-4311.

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Van L. York
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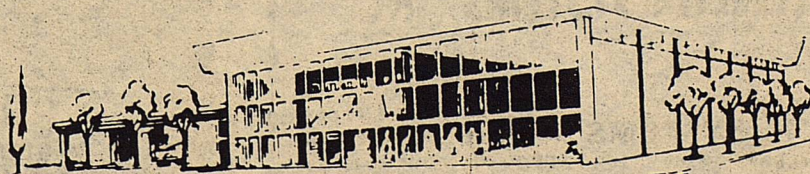
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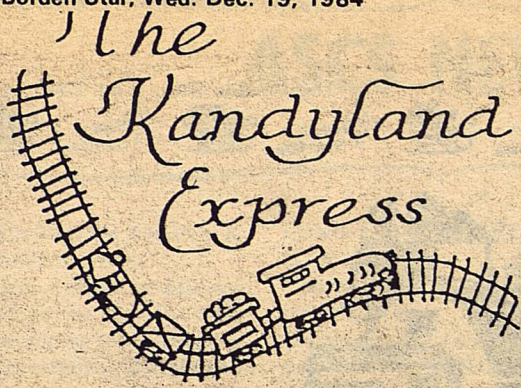
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Merry Christmas

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CHRISTMAS LEGENDS

The Legend of Christmas Holly--Long ago, Holly was associated with the Passion, the leaves representing Christ's crown of thorns and the berries the drops of blood. It was also held to be the symbol of the burning bush in which God appeared to Moses. In Denmark, the holly was known as the Kristdorn, or Christ Thorn.

Later in northern Europe, it was only natural that the holly was thought to be a symbol of rebirth and life in the winter whiteness of the land. Holly is evergreen and its bright shiny leaves and beautiful red berries are looked upon as the official colors of Christmastime. The holly stands as a promise of the winter's end and the spring to come. This promise of life in the midst of death is a fitting symbol for the birth of Christ.

Good Luck--In the Scandinavian countries, there is a popular folklore legend that states: "A bird in the nest on your Christmas tree will bring you Health, Wealth and Happiness all the year through!"

Legend of the Unicorn--Of all the 360 creatures that live on land, the Unicorn is the rarest of all. Standing proud and noble, the Unicorn is solitary and serene living in remote regions having never been captured even by the strongest of hunters.

The Unicorn is a symbol of purity. The alicorn, or Unicorn's horn, is said to contain great healing powers. Placing a

Unicorn on your Christmas tree is said to bring you good fortune, great blessings and good luck for the coming year.

The Legend of the Yule Log--In medieval times, the log for the coming year was selected on Candlemas Day, February 2, and set out of doors in the late spring or summer sun to dry out. The log had to be obtained by the family itself, not bought from someone else. It had to be lighted with a piece of last year's log and it had to burn continuously for the twelve days of Christmas or the family would have "bad luck" the following year. The log's ashes could cure ailments and avert lightning.

Today, we bring in a special log, saved from the woodpile, to burn on Christmas Day. It gives such cheery light, and seems to kindle extra warmth between members of the family and friends. Nothing can beat the comforting warmth, the nice crackle, and the good old-fashioned smell of a real log fire.

When the smoke has stopped belching out and the logs are really hot and glowing, remember that fire not only warms, it cooks. Crumpets, muffins, even toast, all taste better off the end of a toasting fork. Toasted marshmallows and roasted chestnuts are traditional fare, and potatoes wrapped in foil can be baked in the embers.

Turn Turkey Leftovers Into Exciting Meals

Turkey is a good addition to diets, especially if you want to cut back on fat. Though it has about the same amount of cholesterol as an equal portion of lean red meat, turkey has no marbling, which lowers its fat content. Most of the fat in turkey is contained in its skin. By removing cooked skin, you can reduce the amount of fat in a cup of diced light and dark turkey to nine grams. Keeping this in mind, TDA home economists tested two recipes using leftovers minus the sauces and gravies that enhance the flavor of turkey but increase a dish's fat content. One is a stir-fry, the other a Mexican dish. Try them this season and avoid the post-holiday eating doldrums.

TURKEY TAMALE PIE

- 2 C. chicken broth
- 2 tsp. salt, divided
- 1 1/2 C. yellow cornmeal, divided
- 1 C. cold water
- 1 C. chopped onion
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 T. oil
- 1/4 tsp. crushed oregano
- 1 (1-lb.) can stewed tomatoes

- 1 (12-oz.) can whole kernel corn
- 1 T. chili powder
- 2 C. cooked turkey

Heat broth with 3/4 teaspoon salt. Mix 1 1/4 cups cornmeal with 1 cup cold water. Stir into hot broth. Cook, stirring, until mixture boils and thickens. Cover and simmer until very thick, about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Saute onion and garlic in oil until tender. Stir in oregano, tomatoes, corn, chili powder and remaining teaspoons salt. Simmer 5 minutes. Slowly stir in remaining 1/4 cup cornmeal. Cook until thickened. Add turkey. Line 5 1/2-cup baking dish with part of cornmeal-broth mixture, reserving about 1 cup for top. Turn in and meat is hot. Stir thyme into wine filling mixture. Spoon (or pipe with and add to skillet. Heat until wine just pastry bag) remaining cornmeal boils. Serve immediately over hot mixture around edge of dish. Bake at 350 degrees F. 20-30 minutes until thoroughly heated. Serves 4-6.

TURKEY-VEGETABLE SAUTE

- 2 T. butter
- 1 med. sliced onion, separated into rings



YOUR COUNTY AGENT SAYS

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR SCHEDULED
There will be an Estate Planning Seminar held Wednesday, January 9, 1985 at the 4-H Exhibit Building. Two sessions will be held, one at 3:00 p.m. and one at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Mike Fields, lawyer from a Lubbock firm, will be the speaker. The program will deal primarily with smaller estates and will be very informative concerning wills and deposition of your estate while you are

living. There are certain advantages to this for all people. Mr. Fields will address this subject at length.

This program is sponsored by the Borden County Community Development Committee and the Executive Committee chaired by Mr. Jim Burkett. Make your plans to attend one of the two sessions offered. The information you receive will be well worth your time.



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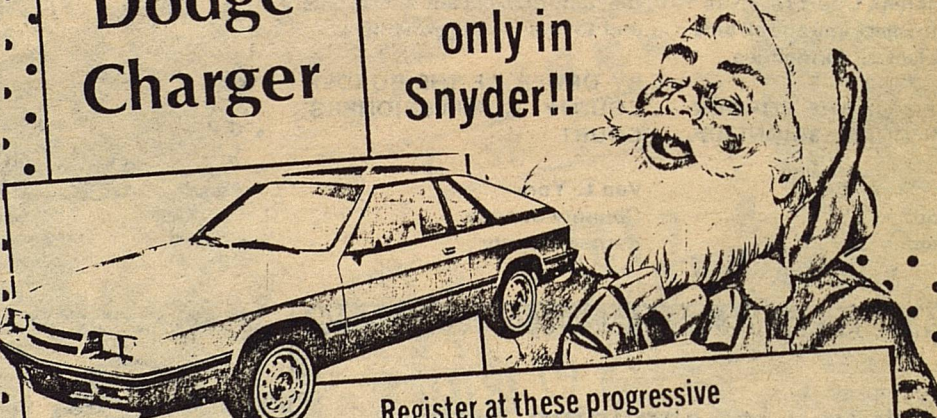
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