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BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS



" A TOY TRUCK, SOME
SKATES ... BUT
MOST OF ALL I WANT ..."

Dear Santa:

Yesterday I asked my parents to help me make out my Christmas list. Mom said she didn't have any time because of the washin', and Dad said he didn't have time because of work. Last night I wanted to sit in mommy's lap and hear her read the funnies, but she said she didn't have time, again. Just this morning I asked Dad if he'd fix my bike this afternoon, but he said he didn't think he would have time.

So Santa, this year I think what I want most is for you to bring my mommy and daddy some time. I think I want this more than all the toys you could bring. I don't even know what it looks like or what color it is or how big it is or even if it'll fit in your sack, but that's what I want most of all.

P.S. Me and my friends were talking and they said that their parents needed some too. So Santa, if it's big enough, please bring them some too, and Santa, I hope you have time to read my letter.

Love,
Ricardo
4 years old

REJOICE

May you find peace in the light of His love.

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TO
SANTA ON PAGE 19

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If the seeds of truth, harmony, love, and justice are scattered, what will be the results? A bountiful harvest of blessings. That too, is inevitable.

Galatians 6:8 declares that a person reaps exactly what he sows. The reaping will be either corruption and death or life everlasting. It can not be both.

When is harvest time? Watermelons may ripen in May, June, or July. Hay is cut and baled in it's season. Cotton may be picked in September. The spiritual harvest season also comes after the planting is done. You may not know when your harvest is going to be, but you already know what it will be. Are you really prepared for it?

BY REV. PRESTON TAYLOR



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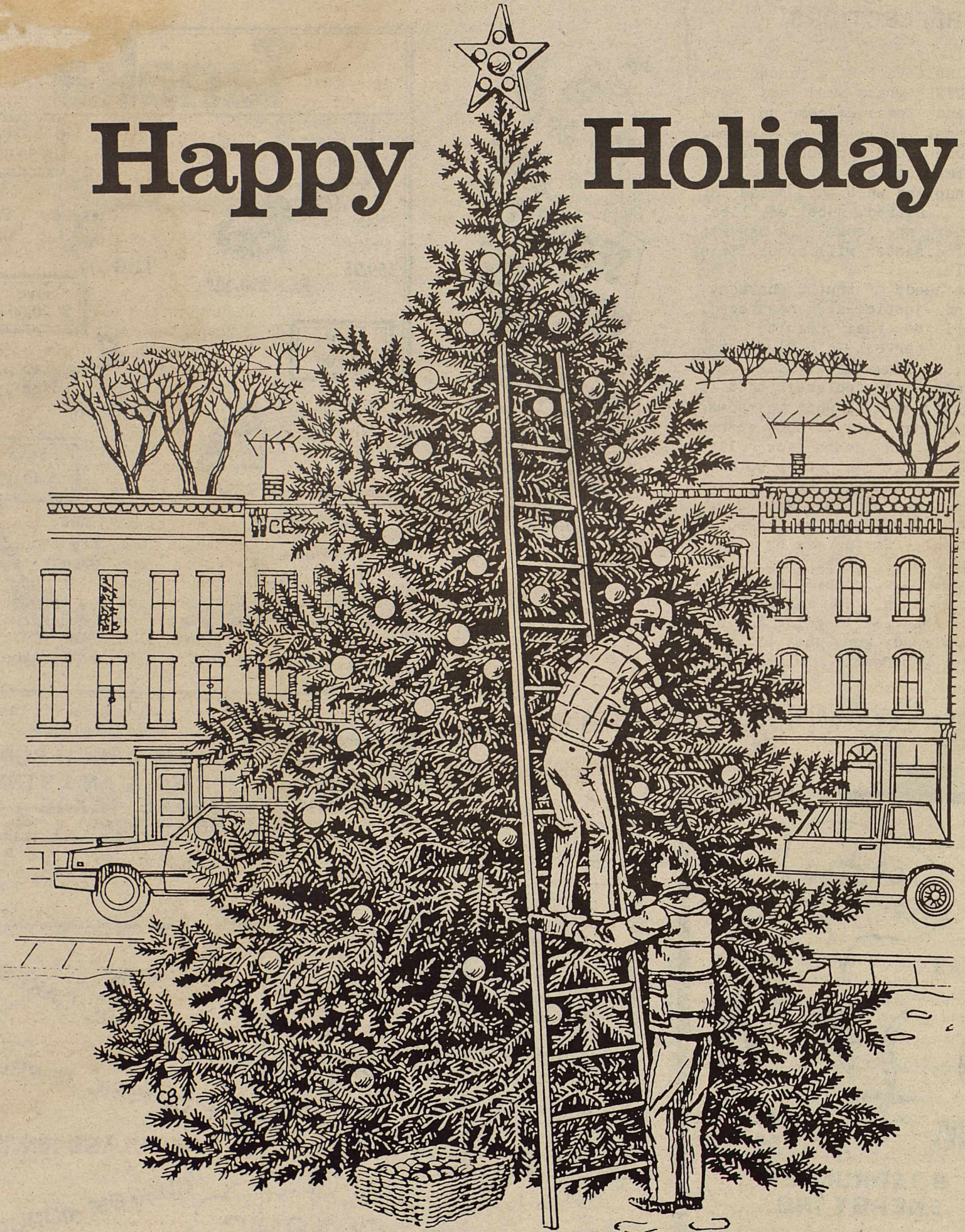
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Happy Holiday



One of the nicest parts of Christmas is expressing our thanks for your business in the past.

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SHERIFF'S CORNER

BY
Norman Hooten
Sheriff

There is an old saying that I suppose has some truth in it, as most old sayings do. The one I refer to is; "Even a blind hog will find an acorn every once in awhile."

Effective law enforcement is a combination of manpower, professional techniques, hours of investigation, and a good dose of the "blind hog's" technique, luck. Well, we put all those ingredients together this past week and solved three crimes that occurred in our county recently.

The first case was the theft of a tire and rim valued at \$120.00. The property was stolen from the rear of a van belonging to Francis Larson, a longtime Kinney County resident, while the van was parked in the parking lot of the Ft. Clark Restaurant. The theft was reported to the Sheriff's Department the night of December 3, 1987 and we had the stolen tire and rim located a few days later at a local service station. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of a 17 year old Spofford youth by yours truly on Friday, December 11th. A meeting between the victim, the suspect, and his mother was held in my office on Monday, December 14th and an agreement was reached whereby the suspect will work off the costs of restitution to the victim and no formal charges will be filed. All concerned feel that this agreement is in the best interest of justice.

The second and third cases were related in that they were committed by the same persons though a couple of days apart. First, the Gordon Lackey ranch home was burglarized on Thursday, December 10th and a purse containing over \$100.00 and valuable documents and papers was taken along with various food items. Evidence at the scene indicated that the crime was committed by at least two footwalkers, possibly illegal aliens. Deputy Sheriff David Luna, myself and U.S. Border Patrol Agents Steven LaMascus and Ronnie Hobbs responded to the call and the burglars were tracked away from the house heading in a northerly direction though the trail was lost in heavy grass and brush some 600 yards north of the house. We continued the search until dark and put out an APB with a description

of the tracks found at the scene.

On Saturday morning, December 12th, U.S. Border Patrol Agents contacted Deputy Sheriff Luna to advise him that they had apprehended two illegal aliens that had property in their possession that could have been stolen. The subsequent investigation indicated that the stolen property had been taken from a hunting camp in the Brackettville area. We also felt that the two might have been involved in the Lackey burglary because the tread on their shoes matched the tracks found at the scene of the earlier crime. To make a long story short, we interrogated the two until approximately 8:00 p.m. Saturday before we had obtained a statement from them admitting to the Lackey burglary and the hunting camp burglary. The purse and some of the money taken from the Lackey burglary was recovered and the owners of the property taken from the hunting camp were contacted and identified the "jam box" and bottle of whiskey as being those taken from their camp. They had not even reported the theft and were somewhat surprised when approached and asked if they could identify the stolen property.

The two illegal Mexican Nationals have been formally charged with Burglary of a Habitation in the Lackey burglary and bonds have been set by Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall at \$5,000.00 each. They will be held in the county jail in lieu of those bonds until such time that they have been taken through the judicial process concerning the 1st Degree Felony crimes.

We are currently investigating a rash of gasoline thefts on Ft. Clark and in Brackettville. The M.O. (method of operation) is similar in all the cases though it is possible that the thefts could have been committed by more than one person and the crimes unrelated. We do have some suspects in the cases and plan to utilize those all important techniques, hours of field investigation, and last but certainly not least, borrow that all important technique used by the old blind hog, luck.

THAT'S ALL !!



A LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF BRACKETTVILLE

Due to the many rumors going around concerning the application for rezoning lots 107, block 62, from residential to business for the proposed purpose of building a mini-mall, I feel compelled to respond.

I am Chairman of the Brackettville Zoning Board and there has not been any voiced objection by any member of this Board to a mini-mall. The objection has been to the rezoning.

When the original plans for a town or city are drawn up there are designated residential areas. People buy, build and/or live there with a expectancy of a reasonably quiet and peaceful neighborhood.

It is my sincere and emphatic belief that these persons rights should be upheld, unless they voluntarily give them up, and they are entitled to have these rights protected and they should not be deprived of them because of someone's desire for monetary gain.

As most of you probably know, this Board only recommends to the City Council and the final decision is theirs. Thanks for your time.

Alvin F. Hall



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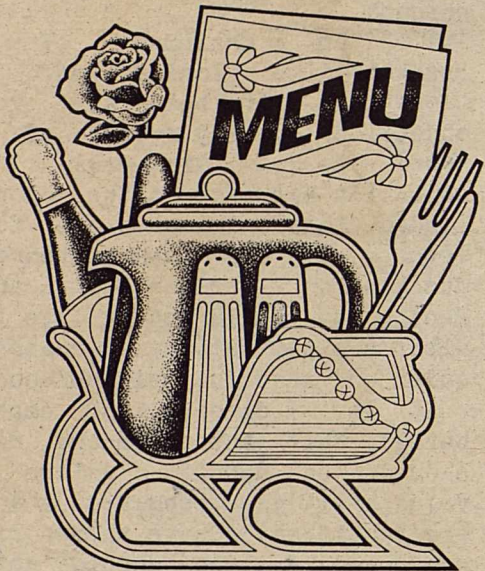
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Merry Christmas

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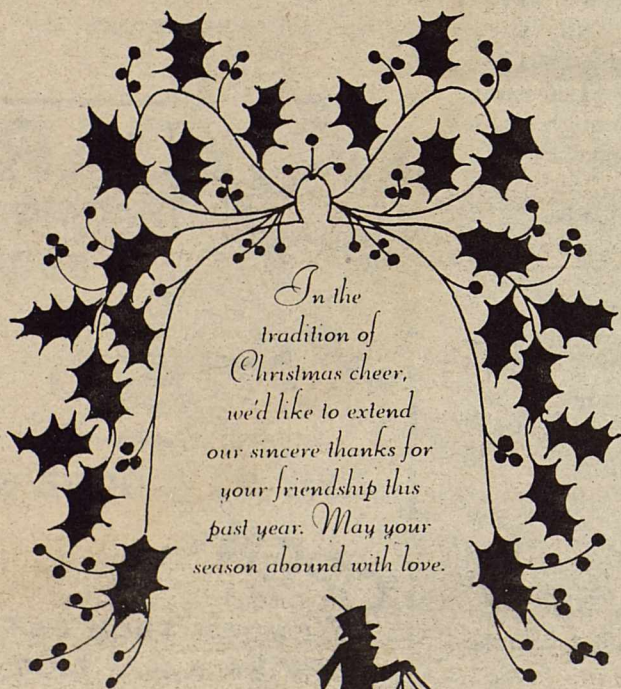
Joy at Christmas



A warm, wonderful holiday to you and yours! Many thanks for your valued support in the past.

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In the tradition of Christmas cheer, we'd like to extend our sincere thanks for your friendship this past year. May your season abound with love.



TIM & DEBBIE WARD & FAMILY



Sing Out in Rejoicing

May your holiday be abundant in happiness and harmony.

GREEN'S VIDEO

Merry Christmas

May your holiday be joyous in every way.

ROB'S MINI SHOP & GROCERY

ROBERT MUNOZ & FAMILY

Share the Joy!

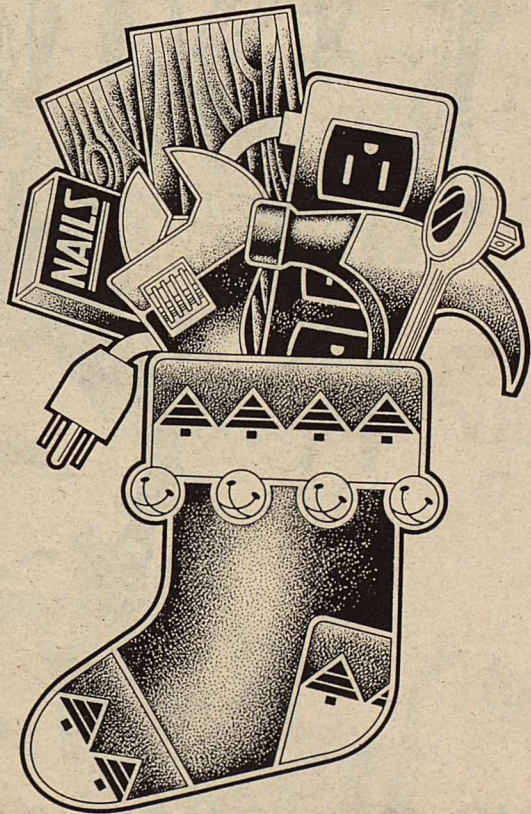
We're happy to supply our warmest Yuletide wishes to you and yours. Many thanks, friends.

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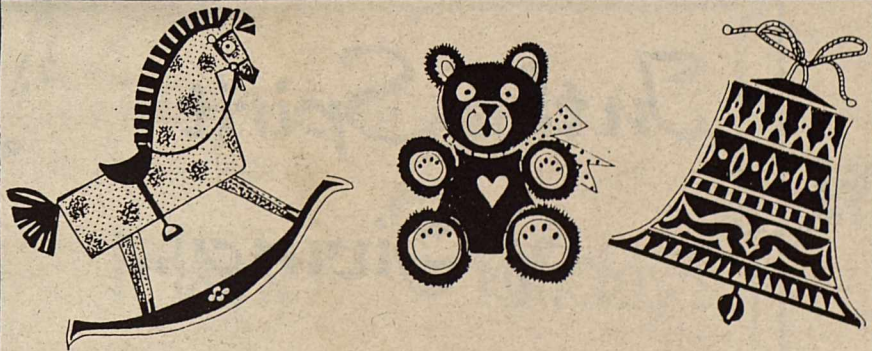
MAXIE SLOVER & FAMILY



May this season overflow with good times, good friends and good fun! We're especially thankful for our good friends like you.



**DAVIS HARDWARE
AND RANCH SUPPLY**



Christmas is...

A time of joy...the spirit of giving... holiday laughter...festive fun...warmth and cheer...and a time for us to express our thanks for the privilege of knowing and serving you in the past.



ALVIN HALL & FAMILY

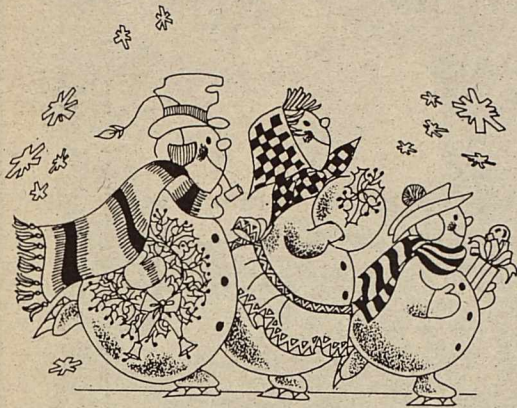


*In the Spirit
of Giving...*

*May the warm,
wonderful season of
Yuletide bring happiness
to you and yours.
You've been wonderful
to know and serve.*

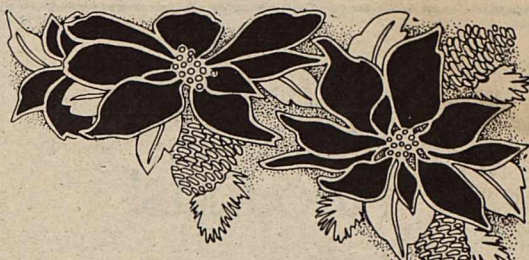
NORTH AMERICAN TOWNS OF TEXAS, INC.

GLAD TIDINGS



Don we now our gay apparel...and our holiday thoughts of love, peace and harmony throughout the world.

**MOORE,S BARBER SHOP
LINDA, LARRY & MARK**



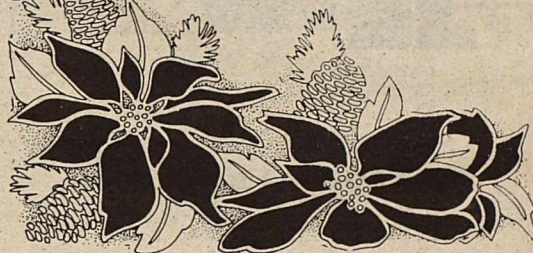
SEASON'S GREETINGS



To us, Christmas is a bouquet of bright holiday cheer...and the pleasure of saying 'thanks' to good customers like you.

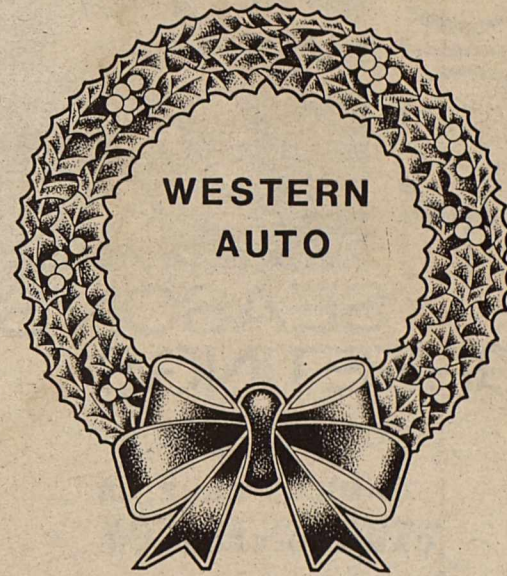


SUNSHINE GARDEN CENTER



The friendships we've made throughout the year have been our greatest pride.

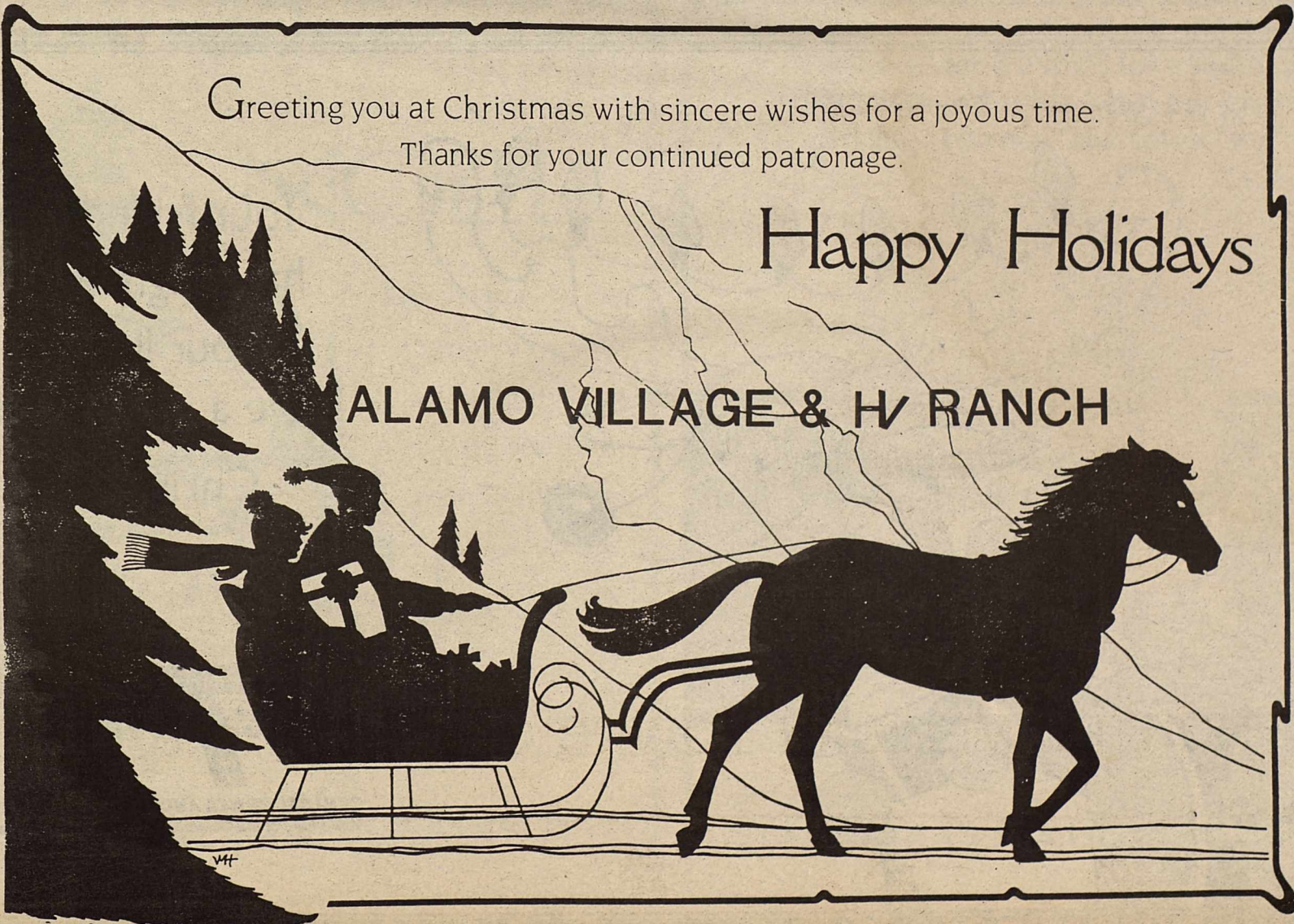
Holiday greetings and thanks to all!



Greeting you at Christmas with sincere wishes for a joyous time.
Thanks for your continued patronage.

Happy Holidays

ALAMO VILLAGE & HV RANCH



REJOICE



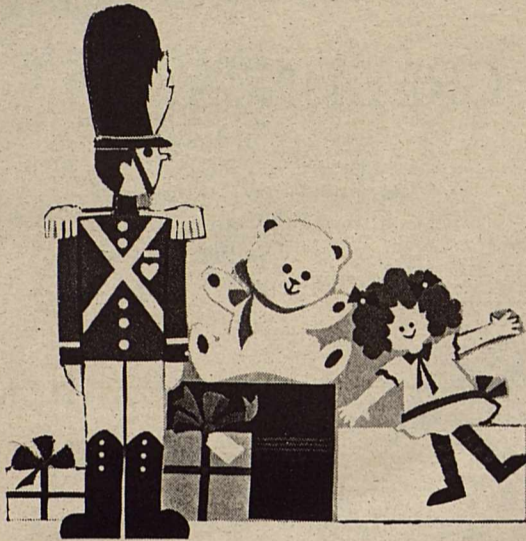
SEASON'S GREETINGS

CRUZ '66"

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CAMILLO CRUZ, SR.
SEBERINO CRUZ,
& MANUEL PENA, JR.

Happiness Abounds!

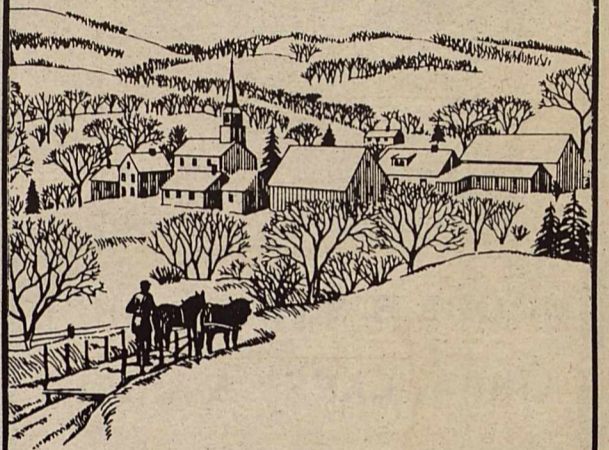
A magical Christmas to all!



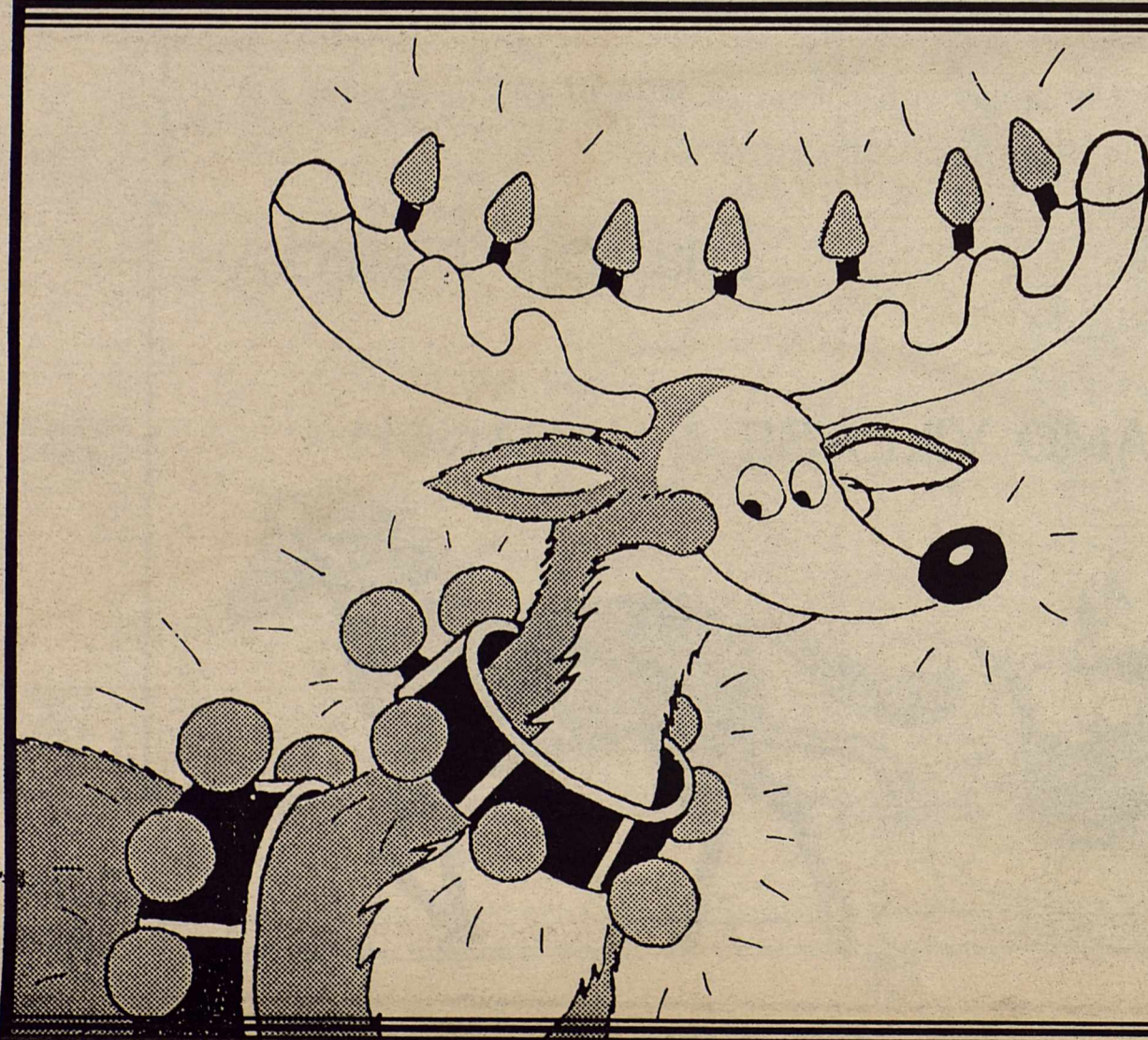
JOE (BUDDY) BAILEY, JR.

Christmas Memories

As we experience the warmth and wonder of this festive season, may all that is Christmas embrace you and yours.



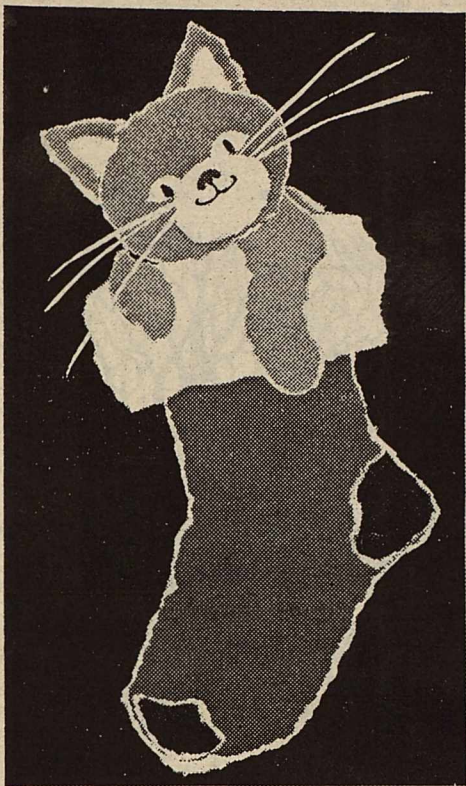
BILL & EARLENE THURBER



Your friendship has brightened our lives. Have a very, merry Christmas!



CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
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Happiness is...
Christmas! And good
friends like you!

HAIR BY DIANE

DIANE, MITCH, & BRANDI WILSON

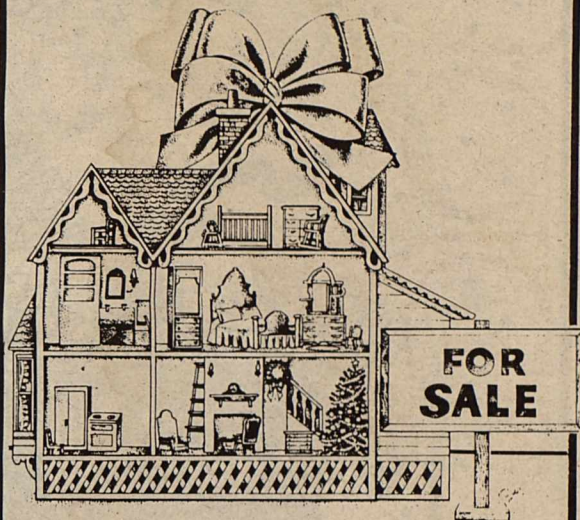


IN HIS WORDS,
OUR FAITH
WAS BORN.

MAY THE LIGHT
OF
HIS WISDOM
SHINE ON YOU.

SAGEBRUSH SHOP

Enjoy your
home and
holiday!



We welcome this opportunity to thank all
our clients at this most festive time.

KINNEY COUNTY
LAND CO.



NOEL

Let the spirit of our
Savior abide with
you throughout
the year. Your
friendship means
a lot to us.

UVALDE TITLE COMPANY

Well seasoned wishes for a holiday
filled with joy. It has been our great
privilege to know and serve you.



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Merry Christmas
FROM THE CREW -

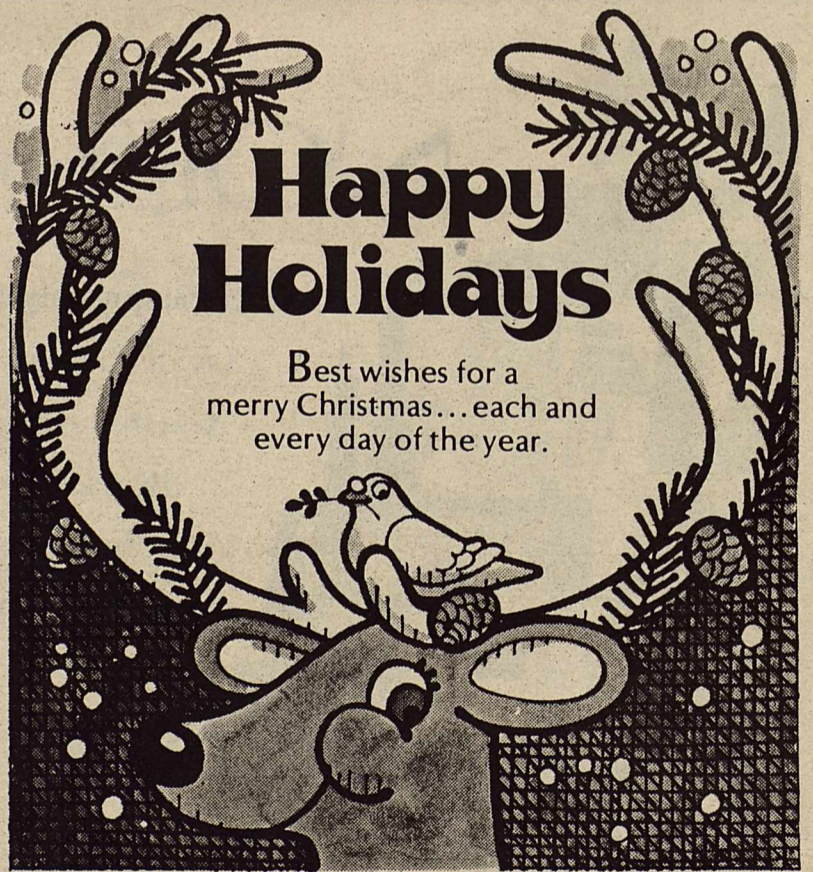
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EVA, CARMEN, GEORGIE, LINGO, IDA, ALEX, LISA, TANYA
DEBRA, DENICE, TERRI AND FREDDIE



Dear Patrons,
We're proud to know you
as our good friends and
customers. With sincere
appreciation, we say,
"Thanks and
Merry
Christmas!"

CONOCO



**Happy
Holidays**

Best wishes for a
merry Christmas... each and
every day of the year.

**KEN'S AUTO REPAIR
AND ROCKY'S GARAGE**



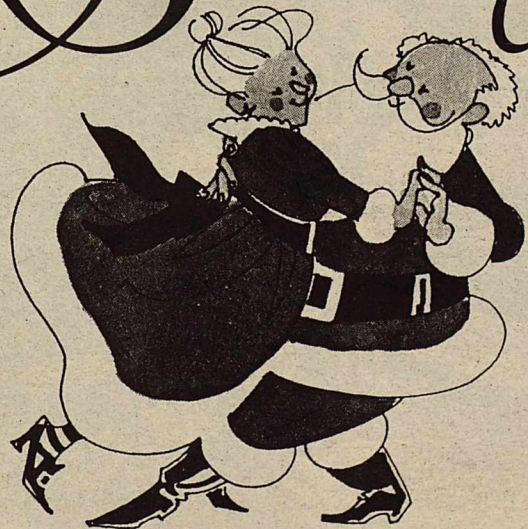
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Peace Be With You
 We're ever thankful of your continued support.

LOZANO'S WELDING SHOP
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Season's Greetings



TEXACO
 TATUM & DEBBIE

Happy Holidays

A very, merry Christmas to all...
 with glad tidings built on our
 friendship and good will.



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May you create a holiday that's beautiful in every way.
We so greatly appreciate your patronage.

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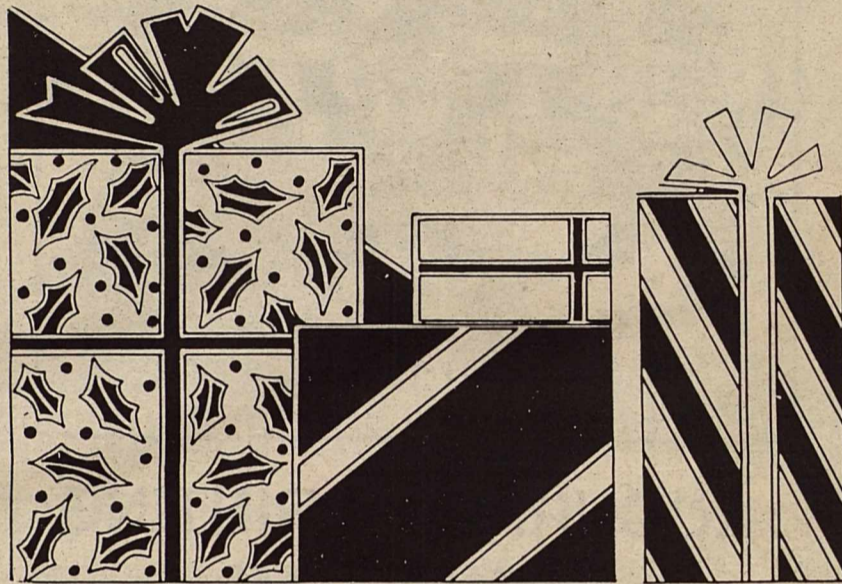
124 E. NORTH ST. UVALDE, TEXAS

Happy Holidays

May your Christmas
be wrapped with love.

CLASSIC CREATIONS

SHARON WHITE



Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

"... a thousand years from now,
Virginia...
He will continue to make glad
the heart of childhood."

— Francis Pharcellus Church

One of the joys of Christmas is
expressing our gratitude and appreciation
to good friends like you.



FORT CLARK SPRINGS ASSOCIATION



Many thanks to our customers, old and new
Each of you are special
Ready to serve you
Really a pleasure to see you
You are #1 to us

Comes a time for us to thank you
Have the best year ever
Right on down to the end
In the year that follows
Stay our friends & customers
Thru thick & thin
Much happiness to all
And good cheer
So we will end also wishing you a

Happy
 New
 Year

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 - AND OF COURSE -
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Our prescription for a joyous season:
Take 1 part each of laughter, love,
peace and good will every day of
the holiday. Have a happy!

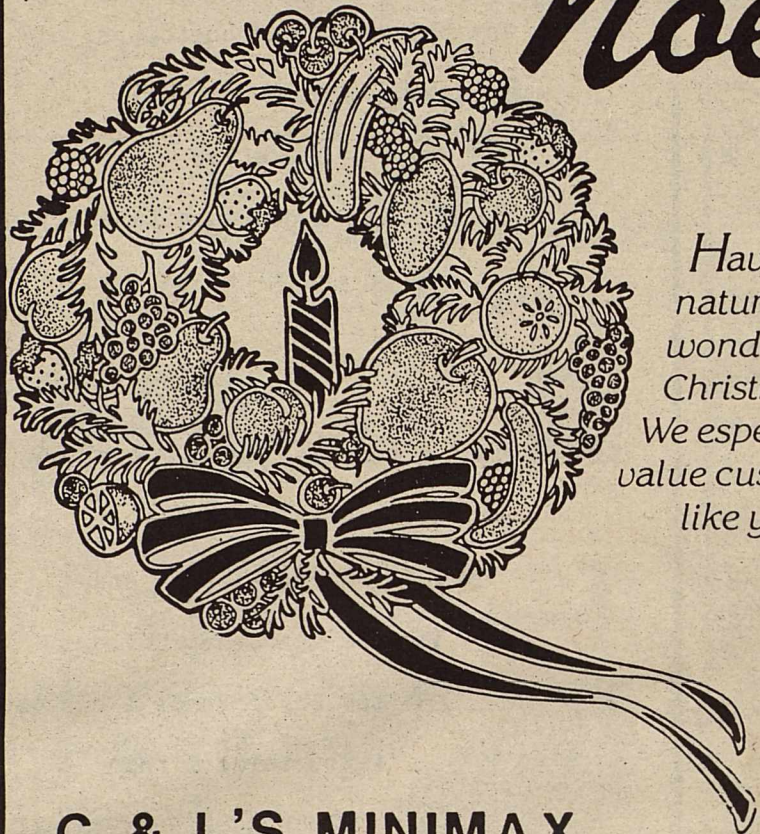


Merry Christmas

"CLINIC PHARMACY"

B.E. & CHARLOTTE SWEET

Noel



*Have a
naturally
wonderful
Christmas!
We especially
value customers
like you.*

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Season's Best

Good will and good
faith to all.
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A Jolly Christmas to All

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Merry Motoring!

Hope you have the best Christmas on wheels!



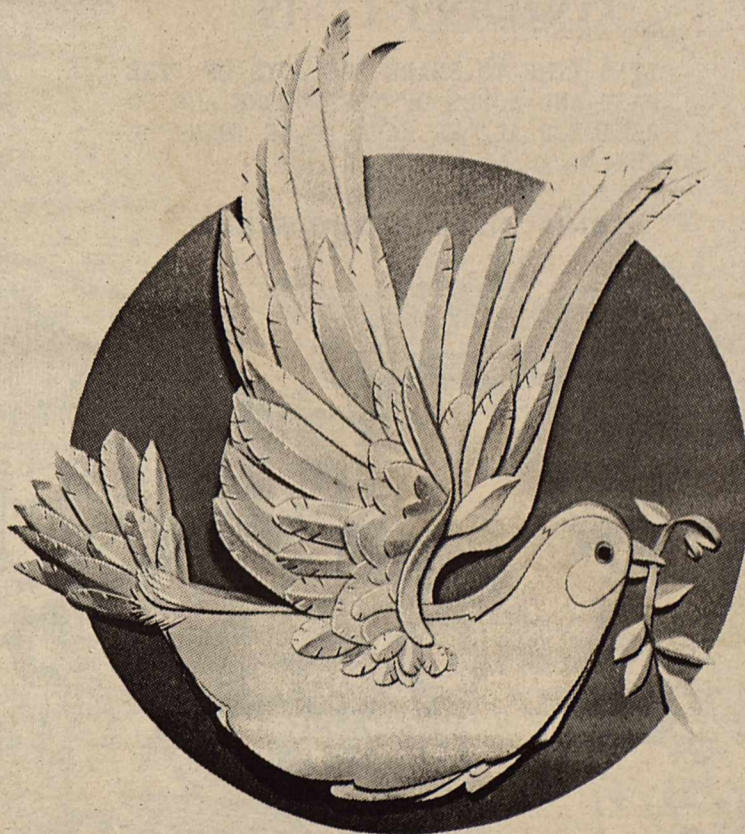
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DEL RIO, TEXAS



Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will toward men.
— Luke 2:14

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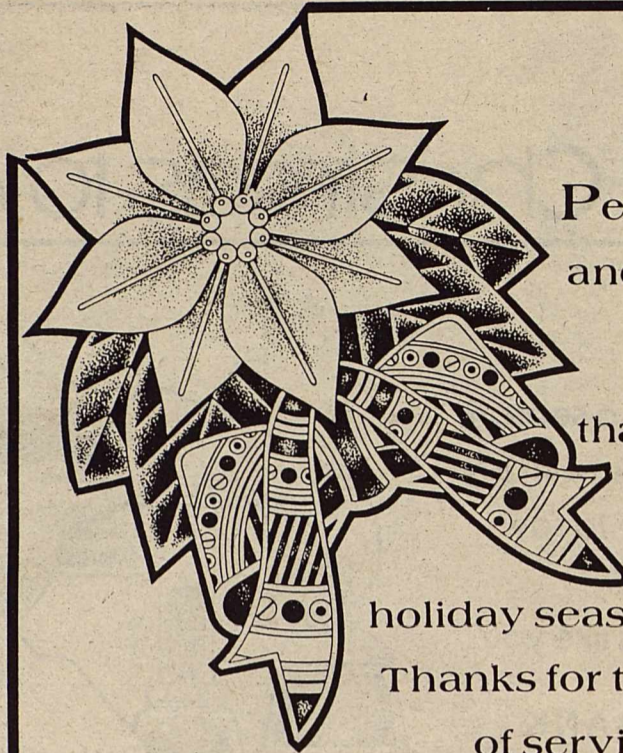


CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN

May your holiday be filled with the blessings of His faith and love.

LEONA RANCH

JEWEL ROBINSON & DIXIE BROWN



Peace, joy, love and faith... may all things that encompass a special

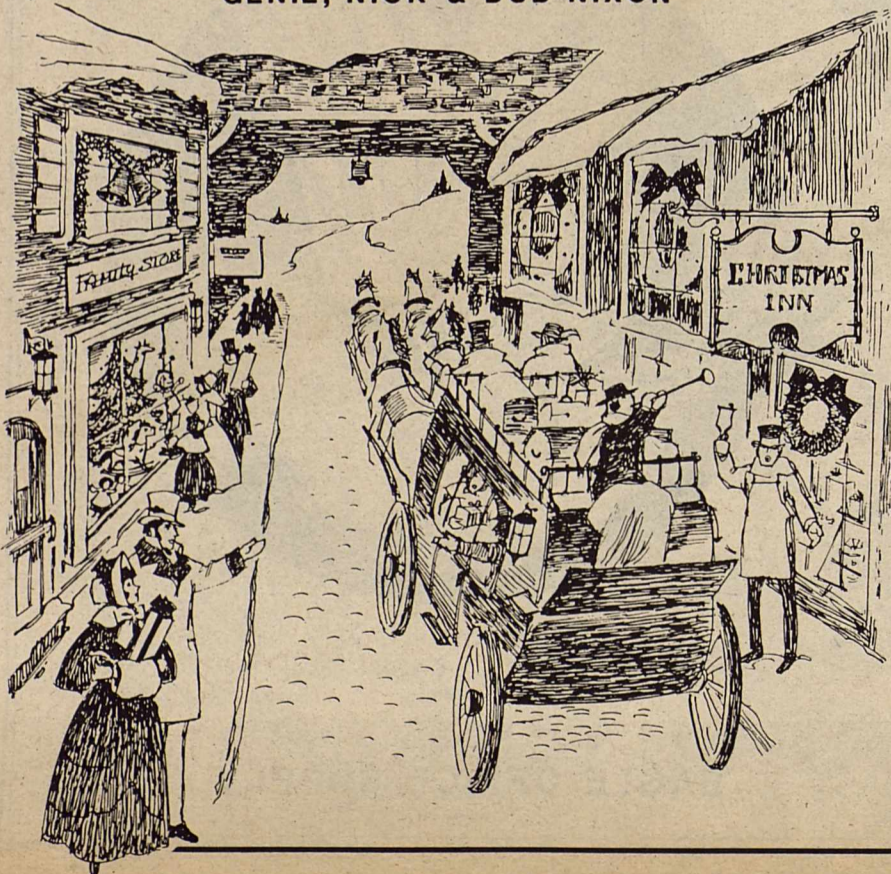
holiday season be yours. Thanks for the pleasure of serving you.

Border Credit Union!

KOUNTY "N"

IT'S TIME TO SHARE THE JOYS OF THE PAST AND HOPES OF THE FUTURE AND TO REMEMBER ALL WE HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

GENIE, NICK & DUB NIXON



May you rejoice in the spirit of Christmas.

FUENTES STORE & LUMBER YARD

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me lots of toys this year. I would like a new bike. I would also like some candy and goodies left in my stocking.

Your friend,
Jorge Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have a few toys on my list. I would like a 3 wheeler, a telescope, as many transformers as possible, some G.I. Joes and a new bike.

Your friend,
Butch Lopez

Dear Santa,
Please get me a bike, skates, Jem, and a flutterpony. You can give me more if you want to. I will leave a glass of milk and cookies. Please put a doll in my stocking, a ring and necklace. I love you. I've been good all year. You are so nice, I would like to kiss you Santa. I like you very, very, very much. I care if you get hurt. I work very hard at home doing work.

Your friend,
Jo Lee Jones

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want lots of toys. I liked all the toys that you brought me last year. This Christmas I want a skateboard and a bat and ball. I liked the turbo trax that you gave me last year too. I am starting to collect G.I. Joes, so would you bring me some. I only have two or three now. I have been a good boy.

Your friend,
Patrick Munoz

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a transformer, toy cars and trucks, a new bike, a skateboard, a new 3 wheeler and 4 wheeler, a new bat and ball and a basketball. I have been a good boy.

Your friend,
Lupe Lumbreras

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me G.I. Joe for Christmas? I would also like some toy cars and trucks, a play cardinal, a space capsule and a bat and ball. Please put some goodies in my stocking. Have a Happy Christmas Santa.

Your friend,
Luis Guajardo

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the dolls you gave me last year. Can you give me some barbies and the rockers for Christmas. I want a skateboard too. Will you give me some shoes. Can you give me some goodies and some candy for my family. Make my toys be new. Santa is it going to snow during Christmas? I hope so cause I like snow. I like you, I have been good the whole year.

Your friend,
Susie Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want some G.I. Joes for Christmas. I would also like a skateboard. I will leave out some cookies and a glass of milk.

Your friend,
Jose Luis Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
I would like a skateboard, some G.I. Joes, a radio, a truck and a train. I would also like some goodies, a transformer and a scooter. I especially would like a Bee Bee gun and a shelf to put it on. Please bring all that I have asked for. I have been a good boy.

Your friend,
Rocky Aguirre

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Joe Daniel. I live behind the school. I made a 110 on my spelling test. I am in first grade. I want a G.I. Joe, and a scooter. My brother's name is David. Please bring him a tricycle. I love u. Say hi to Rudolf.

Love,
Joe Samaniego

Dear Santa,
Christmas is coming. I would like an Intendo, an electric train, a skateboard, a 4 wheeler, a dart board a new telephone, a new bike, a chemistry set, and a robot. I have been a good boy this year. Please let me have what I asked for.

Your friend,
Ryan Spring

Dear Santa,
I want 3 sweaters, some transformers, a G.I. Joe, and a skateboard to ride. I would like a train set to play with. I have been good this year.

Your friend,
Benito Talamantez

Dear Santa,
I would like a train for Christmas because it is my favorite toy. I also would like a pair of roller skates for Christmas. I have been good at home. I always do my chores without someone telling me to. See you at Christmas.

Your friend,
Roberto Aguirre

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a radio, gloves, a desk with bookshelves and drawers. In my stocking I would like some AA batteries, candy, a toothbrush and toothpaste. I hope you have a good time when you are giving out presents. I have been a good girl.

Your friend,
Charlotte Marie Rose

Dear Santa,
I hope I get a scooter for Christmas, and some skates too. I will have a nice Christmas with my cousins. I have been a good boy this year. I hope I get good toys.

Your friend,
Jon Banta

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, a 3 wheeler, a radio, a pair of boots, a football and a train set for Christmas. I have been good, please send what I want.

Your friend,
Miguel Serrano

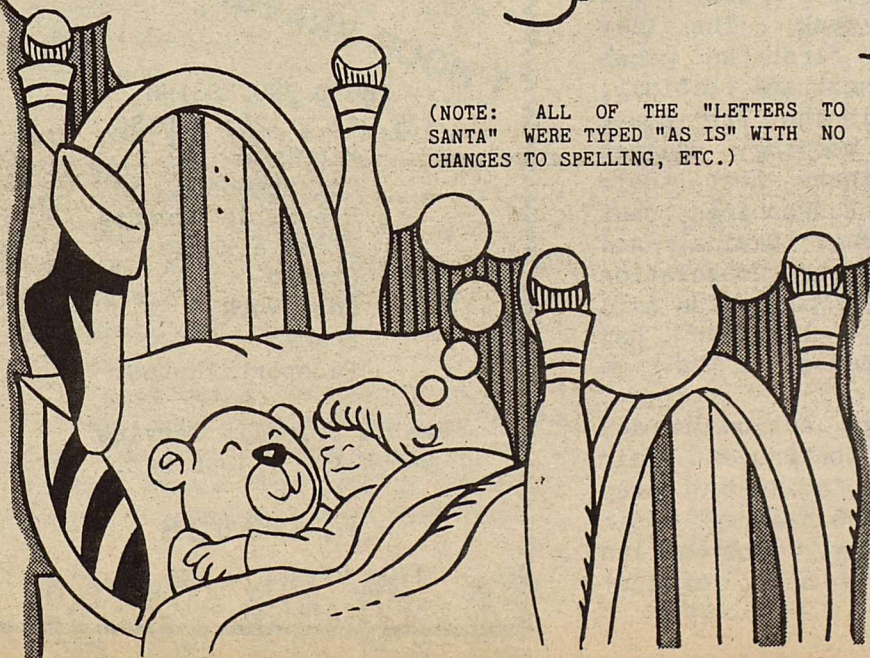
Dear Santa,
Can you give me a 3 wheeler and a 4 wheeler for Christmas. I would also like some new transformers and a new football. I can hardly wait until Christmas. I have been a good boy.

Your friend,
Nat Terrazas

Dear Santa,
My name is Stephanie. I live behind the school. I love u. I want a skooter and a cabbage patch doll. Be careful when u com down my chimney. God bless u.

Love,
Stephanie Samaniego

(NOTE: ALL OF THE "LETTERS TO SANTA" WERE TYPED "AS IS" WITH NO CHANGES TO SPELLING, ETC.)



LETTERS TO SANTA



**TRACKS
ALONG THE
TRAIL**
BY DORTHY PAYNE

Long before the colonists came to America, Old World medicine had been based on herbs and an underlying belief on magic and witchcraft.

With the challenging hazards of unopened trails, unknown rivers and untamed forests many a pioneer arrived at his homesite with only a gun, a few tools, a broken down horsecart and his hands and head.

He was dependent on the land for food, medicine and comforts. Knowing about plants and the ways of nature, meant the difference between life or death. There are hundreds of well known herbs and field plants. Some are helpful but others may be poisonous and the pioneers had to know the difference.

Tea and coffee were expensive commodities and hard to come by, so the settlers substituted herbs from the woods such as sassafras, spice barks, tansy, catnip, dried persimmons, leaves and many others for tea. For coffee they used parched corn, acorns, peas, locust seeds, chicory root and others. Also all kinds of homemade wines were used.

The early cabins were damp, few windows and dirt floor. Herbs were collected and hung on the walls and rafters. There were a lot of remedies used for colds, and we still haven't found the cure.

Mid-wives were the only help the new mother had and she collected a lot of herbs and could brew tea for almost every illness.

The settlers somehow knew whether to use the leaves, bark or roots but with trial and error and a little faith, they seemed to get the job done.

The Indians were more successful in their treatment of wounds and the pioneers learned from them.

Many simple remedies were passed on by "hearsay" and goes as far back as ancient Egypt. Science now agrees that some of the remedies are useful.

From Germany came the knowledge of how to use herbs to prevent spoilage of meats and gas.

For hundreds of years the knowledge of making oils and perfumes was passed from generation to generation. Even in the pioneer days the search for beauty was carried on. Beauty aids could be

found everywhere.

Plants were used to control pests in the garden. Plants were used as lucky charms to ward off evil spirits, to make one more lovable and to insure success in all things. Plants were used as insecticides also.

By experiment the early settlers developed the making of dyes although they were not as permanent as those of today.

The different foods were eaten because they were beneficial to the settlers for certain conditions.

Teeth were taken care of by the use of salt and soda which is still used today.

Soap was made in the backyard over an open fire by mixing water, grease, and lye. Lye was made by pouring water over wood ashes in the "ash hopper" and catching the drippings.

Salves and ointments were made at home, as were candles and incense.

All in all the early settlers did without super markets, drug stores and doctors. They must have been successful or we wouldn't all be here to write or read this column.



SPORTS

BY GUS GARCIA

The Tigers and Tigerettes will host area teams in the Brackett Invitational Tournament December 17, 18, 19. The action begins 9:00 a.m. and continues all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday with the girls final at 4:00 and the boys at 5:30.

The Tigers and Tigerettes played in the Southwest Texas Junior College Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. The lady Tigers lost their first two games against Rocksprings and Sabinal, but went on to win the 7th place game Saturday morning against D'Hanis. The Tigers lost their first game versus Rocksprings, but went on the defeat Sabinal and LaPryor to win the consolation trophy. Coach Van Maren also said "We played well, but had bad breaks. We missed shots that we should have made.

In Junior High action Monday night the Cubs continued their undefeated season against Leakey while the Cubettes dropped their game against Leakey. The action continues January 4 here, against Eagle Pass.

UNSUNG HEROES


BY JOE TOWNSEND



There is a man who came to this community a few years ago who has made a decided impact. He is a retired Lt. Colonel, having served with distinction during World War II. He married a distinctive lady and for many years they lived in Eagle Pass. He was in a number of businesses there and was active in community affairs as well as a leader in his Church. Time for retirement came and he and his wife bought an old house in Ft. Clark and transformed it into one of the nicest homes in the County.

They have one of the nicest yards to be found. Their home is a veritable showplace of rarities. They have two very fine children long since married. He has been and remains one of the most avid supporters of Ft. Clark Springs.

He has served on the Board of Directors and in various other capacities. His idea and promotion was responsible for the unique "Empty Saddle" monument on the Fort. He was a co-chairman of the Texas Sesquicentennial Committee and worked hard in the accomplishments of the committee. He is one of the leaders in his church. This man never seeks the limelight and is seldom found in it. He prefers to be effective working behind the scenes where he is uniquely capable.

He has certainly come to be an outstanding contributor to help make Ft. Clark Springs and Kinney County a better place. Surely, Ralph Beard is an "Unsung Hero".

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THE NITTY & THE GRITTY

BY JOE TOWNSEND

I've been hunting deer for better than 50 years. Until these legs began to lose their spring and the stamina began to diminish, the hunting was always walking and stalking.

Through those many years many interesting things have happened. Perhaps one of the most memorable happened on the Cliff Belcher ranch a good many years ago.

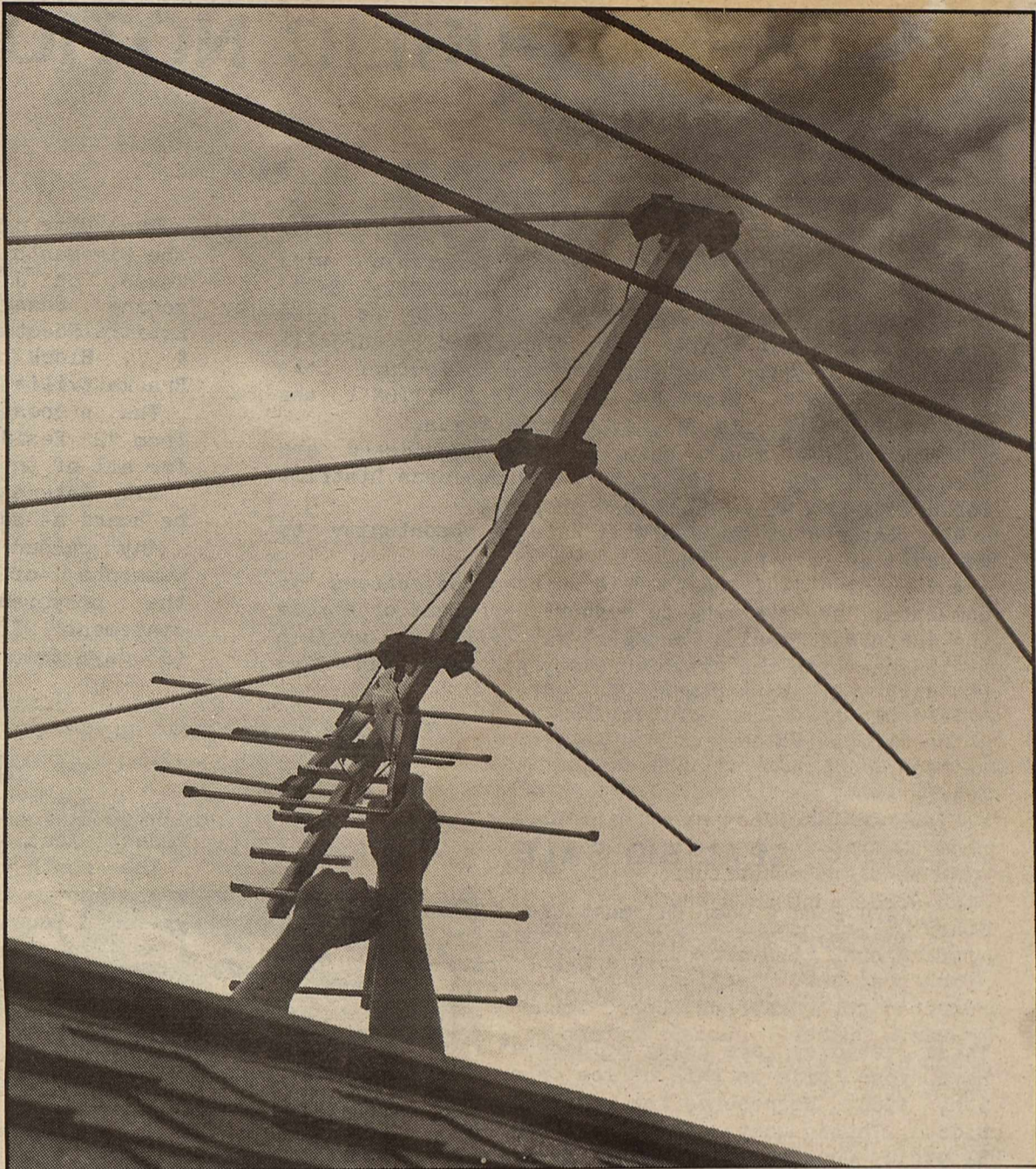
It was a cold, drizzly day in December, the best type of weather to stalk deer. I walked out a nice buck and shot him. When I walked up to the deer I saw I had hit him high on the back. He was trying to get up but apparently could not use his back legs. The bullet had torn a hole across his back and white striffen was stringing from both sides of the wound. It was apparent to me that his back was broken. I put down my gun, took out my knife and walked up to the buck. I grabbed one antler and threw him down putting my foot on the other. I took my knife to cut his throat. I cut the throat and with a great "wish" he laid down as though dead. I decided I'd let him lie just a minute and went to get my gun so it would be close by.

I heard a noise and when I turned around the deer was running into some trees. That day and the next afternoon I combed the pasture but never found the deer. Sure he died, I'd cut his windpipe and gullet.

This experience showed several things. It's so easy to be presumptuous and mistaken. Regardless of looks and actions, the deers back was not broken. Regardless of appearance and actions I did not really cut his throat. I'd missed the jugular.

Sometimes experience leads to arrogance and then to mistakes. Sure, I made several mistakes. I put my gun down too far from the wounded deer. I presumed his back was broken when it was simply stunned. I presumed he was dead because his lungs loudly emptied themselves. As I think about the incident, it was one big stupid mistake.

It's certainly better to be sure rather than presumptuous. Taking the time to be certain will form a better basis for proper results. It never pays to be presumptuous.



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CHAMBER TO HOLD LIGHTING CONTEST FOR 2ND YEAR

The Brackettville Chamber of Commerce is having a Christmas Lighting contest again this year. The contest judging will be held on December 22, 1987 at 6:30 p.m.. Ranches in the surrounding area and Spofford will also be included. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded in the residential category with a 1st and 2nd prize going to best lit business.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Brackettville Zoning Commission will meet in the Fireman's Lounge in the City Hall, Brackettville, Texas, on December 22, 1987 at 5:00 p.m., to consider zoning changes proposed by Cordelia Mendeke and Lucille Fuentes, for the following: Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6 & 7, Block 62, BRACKETT ADDITION to the City of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas.

The proposed zoning changes to be considered are from "R" Residential District to "B" Business District for all of the above described property.

All interested persons will have an opportunity to be heard at said hearing.

Any person desiring to file written objections or comments, or desiring to support, protest or oppose the proposed zoning changes may file a written statement with the City Secretary not less than five (5) days prior to December 22, 1987.

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CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE ACCEPTING BIDS

The City Council of the City of Brackettville, Kinney County Texas, is now accepting bids for the construction of a Culvert to be located at the intersection of Pafford and Edwards street. Information on specifications of said Bridge may be obtained at City Hall. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. January 8, 1988.

The City Council will open bids publicly and read out loud at their Regular Council meeting, January 12, 1988, at 7:00 P.M..

Please bring all seal bids to City Hall or mail to the City of Brackettville, P.O. box 526, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

City Council of the City of Brackettville reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

SS/William Mendeke
Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING

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ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION

Community Council has begun the annual recertification for the Commodity Program.

The month you applied or renewed your application a year ago is the same month you have to re-apply this year. You are required to bring proof of identification, proof of residence (utility bills), and proof of income and benefits.

Rules for participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, handicap, national origin, or political belief. One application per household.

ACCEPTING BIDS

Bids are being accepted through January 15, 1988 Noon, for brush work to be done on Silver Lake Ranch in Kinney County, Texas. Contact Soil & Water Conservation District at (512) 563-2414.

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TEXAS - CATTLE COUNTRY

AUSTIN--Texas pioneers used to brag that "other states were carved or born, but Texas grew from hide and horn." The saying is fairly accurate, because in the minds and hearts of many -- Texas is Cattle Country.

But what's been happening to Cattle Country lately? In fact, the entire picture of Texas agriculture has undergone some drastic changes over the past few years, and just where producers go from here is anybody's guess.

To help bring this picture into focus, the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service will begin contacting farmers and ranchers across the state in late November for 1987 acreage, yield and production totals and end-of-year livestock and poultry inventories.

The confidential interviews conducted by mail, telephone or in person by field enumerators provide information used by producers to make their plans for the coming year.

"A sound marketing plan requires good, reliable information and some advanced planning. Information from our reports provide producers with solid facts and figures they can incorporate into their marketings plans for the coming year," state statistician Dennis Findley reported.

The Texas service will be trying to keep survey costs at a minimum this year because of budget cuts made by the Texas Legislature, so Findley is urging producers to return their mailed questionnaires as soon as possible.

"Despite these cuts, we still plan to do our best to provide Texas farmers and ranchers with accurate, unbiased information they can use in making their day-to-day production and marketing plans," Findley added.

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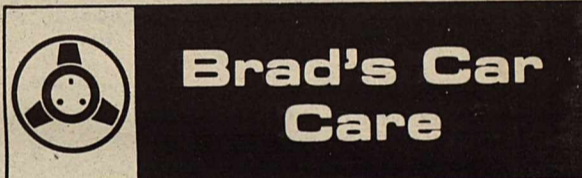
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Pat Sheehan

THANK YOU

The Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank Santa and the many merchants who contributed gifts for the children at last Saturdays Visit from Santa. One-hundred-fifty children registered, there were 88 pictures taken and 40 prizes awarded! Beau Smallwood won the bike given by the Chamber. The following merchants gave prizes: T&A Service Station, Rob's Mini Mart, Stop N Shop, C&L Minimax, Moore's Barber Shop, B&S Grocery, Las Moras Landing, Nash Dry Goods, Davis Hardware, First State Bank, Burger & Shake, Fuentes Grocery, City Grocery, Marios Grocery, Green's Video and Rory's Video Revue.

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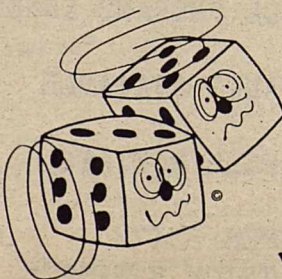
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