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Dear Saita Clause,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a train and boy doll under our tree this year My brother and I decorated our old fashioned Christmas tree our. selves. We are walting for you to see it. We think it is very pretty. It is sitting right by the window so you can come in through it.
I love you Santa. Tell Mrs Santa Clause hello.
I am two years old. Thank you.
Cary Timmons
Ft. Stockton

Dear Santa Clause, I have been a good boy this year. How has everything been up at the North Pole? I would like a $\operatorname{train}$ and a bear and $\operatorname{train}$ track for Christmas. Please put them under our real Christmas tree. It is very beautiful and we have our sockings hanging by it. Please come through he window. I have a new baby brother this year again. He is one week old and his name is Cody. We think he is pretty. I am years old. We all love you Sant and Mrs. Santa. Don't forge whistle for Cody. He don't have any teeth. Thank you.
Love,
Cal Timmons
Ft. Stockton

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## BILL GRIFFIN SAYS



With the anticipated limited supply of nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers for 1974, farmers must set priorities for the use of wh
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farmer buying any fertilizer, a farmer should know the levels or nitrogen, phosphorus and polasstum in his soils and decide need of are in the greatest ed of each nutrient. For exfertilized for several nears been be low and show the greatest
levels should be established now and a priority list made to indicate the fields to be treated. You should make an estimate for the effects of less than optimum rates of fertilizer when needed supplies cannot be obtained.

For example, yields of crops grown on soils high in phosphorus would not be reduced if no phosphorus was applied in the ferlizer. However, this would not be true with nitrogen since most solls are low in this nutrient.

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 of nitrogen fertilization will be important factors affecting 1974 crop yields.This means that the available nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers should be reserved or those soils low in these nutrients. soil nutrienter should not apply then a farmer should not appl more fertilizer.
Farmers should use only the fertilizers that contain those nu-
trients needed. With the short supply, anticipated good prices for farm products next year, and available funds to purchase now, there will be a tendency for the producer, dealer and others to accept what fertilizer is on hand as a suitable fertilization practice. However, this may not result in the greatest contribution to production on a given farm or to the total production for a couny, region or the entire state. Soil tests can supply the necessary information about soil nut rient levels on which to base de


And with our greetings, a sincere expression of gratitude to our custom Cathcart Marker Ivan and Matie Pearl


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## D STATE CONVENTION.-Lynn County Farm Bureau was ented by 6 delegates at the Texas Farm Bureau's 40th annual fion held Dec. 2.5 in Abilene. Pictured at the registration re, first row from left: Mrs. Virginia Dulin and Mrs. T. B second row from left are: Mr. R.L. Dulin and Mr. T.B <br> Farm Bureau News <br> 0000000000000000000000

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agenda for Monday
were the president's an-
 ooodson of Gober, and a special address on the energy crisis by guest speaker John C. Whitaker under-secretary for the U.S. Department of Interior. A ladies' luncheon was held at noon. Monday afternoon was devoted to special conferences on Com munity Services, Young Farmers and Ranchers, Livestock, Dairy, Rice, Natural Resources, and Wheat and Feed Grains. That evening 12 district nominees Farm Bureau queen.
Tuesday's activities included a voting delegate breakfast, the administrative report delivered by TFB Executive Director Warren Newberry, and the financial report brought by TFB Secretary. Treasurer Bill Reid. Conferences on Field Crops, Research and Education, Services, Poultry, Farm Labor, and Cotton were held Tuesday afternoon. In conjunction with the awards program on Tuesday evening, those attending the convention were entertained by Jeannie C. Riley of "Harper Valley PTA" fame, and a five-piece Country and Western band, The Homesteaders.
sion convention business sescontinued through Wednesday.

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 The last order of business was the election of directors and the TFB president. The president f

Riojas' Honored On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Riojas Sr. celebrated their 25 th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 16. Also celebrating their second anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Riojas, Jr. Relatives and children were there helping them celebrate their anniversaries.

## Pedro Saldana At Ft. Hood

Army Private Pedro H. Saldana, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Saldana, 1228 S . First, Tahoka, Texas, is assigned to Hood, Texas.

Pvt. Saldana is an infantryman in Company A, 1st Battalion of in Company A, 1st Battali

## New Home School

## Board To Meet

The New Home School Board will meet in a special meeting Wednesday, January 2, at 1:00 p.m. in Board Room to discuss and decide what time school will take up and let out according to Day Light Saving time.

## PAGE 5 <br> SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

From the time a raindrop is formed in the sky it belongs to somebody. Think about that and think also about the importance of raindrops to the high plains area and Lynn County in partiular. The raindrops which fal on your farm or ranch are yours to keep and use or lose.
In our area where irrigation water is becoming more scarc every year and most farmers are considered dryland farmers, the average annual rainfall of 18 nches is becoming very impor ant. But with this importance must also come a regith onf and ronse cone water one from a rain is what falls on his farm, and just as much falls on one farm as another. How much of that ver important 18 inches of rainfall do we keep on our farms and ran ches? Drive through the country sometime following a good rain and see the silted up and washed out roads, see deep gullies and sheet erosion on many of our pro ductive cropland fields, see where the valuable water has rushed off to some playa lake where it usually isn't wated and enefits few people. Water con servation is needed on ever farm to keep those raindrops where they fall.
The Lym County Soil Conser vation District and the Soil Con-
e are here to help each land user conserve water. Each block of land is different and needs different treatment. Call or come by our office.are ready and willing to help.

## HOSPPTAL NEWS

ADMISSIONS
Raymond Ruiz, Katrina Billing ton, Barbara Pierce. Ima Lou da Gunnels Sosquez, Jr., Ou da Gunnels, Soyla Llendo, Cur ry, Mary Bohannan, Nancy Pear ry, Mary Bohannan, Nann Pear Ingle, Lee Roy Knight, Marcy Raindl, Don Bradley, Sara Leos, Nelda James.
Pearl Reddell, Katy Nored, O.O. Tekell, Pat Hines, Rob Barnett, Jose Vasquez, Wanda Inklebarger, May Evans, Raymond Ruiz, Katrina Billington, Barbara Pierce, Frank Vasquez, Jr., Ouida Gunnels, Soyla Liendo and baby boy, Janie Colon and baby girl, Nancy Pearson and baby girl. Ora Curry
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Iymir Cmurty Neux Reed of O'Donnell came and sang Christmas carols and also gave
out a box of cookies. Dorothy out a box of cookies. Dorothy
Kenley was here and she gave several readings of Christmas stories.
Thanks to Fannie Oliver and Mr . Land Wall for sending us two beautiful arrangements of poinsettias. And last the Melton Eh lers family, Victor Stienhauser family and Donald Klaus family for coming Saturday evening and singing Christmas carols. Many of the patients had already gone to bed but the ones who had not and listened, enjoyed the singing very much.
We have another new patient, Mrs. Katty Nored. Mrs. Nored's husband is in the Lynn County Hospital, and when he is discharged, he will be moved into the home also. Mr. and Mrs. Nored have been residents of the Golden Manor Apts. We hope Mrs. Nored will not get too lone some before her husband is able
To come join her.
Doctor Wright is back on the
job. He checked his patients,
then had several go to the lab
and X-Ray department for tests
at the hospital. Doctor Wilson
from Post was also over Satur.
day checking all of his patients
Jean Jackson, a past employee
of the Colonial Nursing Home
is back on the job again. Mrs.
Lena Roe has been helping out in
the kitchen since Mary Rivas, our
evening cook has been out due to
having surgery.
As always seems to be the
case, we have almost all of our
breakdowns onthe weekends. Our
bathroom stopped up, and the cof-
fee maker stopped making coffee.
Mrs. Price brought her coffee
pot from home for our coffee for
breakfast and Mr. Wampler, our
Mr. Fix-it man was out Sunday
morning to get everything fixed
again.
Mrs. Rita Barnett, Taylor was
back on the job Monday the 10th.


Merry
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serenity ... hearths are aglow with golden embers of warmth and homeliness . . . peace and happiness fill the air. With our deepest appreciation'for all the blessing bestowed upon us, we reach
out to our triends and neighbors to share with us the joys of this Holy Season

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## Old Time Christmas

Most of us long for an "old-time" Christmas. And just what do we mean by an "old-time" Christmas? Let's dig back into the past, to remember how it was, for some of the answers.
The nation was not as wealthy in the past as today. In act, if we go back a few decades, many families were hard pressed to earn enough to pay the rent and buy sufficient food and clothes to keep going.
We didn't have as many automobiles. We didn't have as many work-saving appliances and gadgets. We were often at war-in 1941-45, 1950-53 and 1963-72. We didn't have the variety of foods, toys and amusements we have today nor television.
But the "old-time" Christmas was more fulfilling and njoyable. Why? Perhaps it was because we thought more of a time for family reunion, quiet days and evenings of amily life together, meals together, games together, etc. The age of the automobile and television in some ways phits and separates famikes, even though modern transportation theoretically brings families together. The super-abundance of amusements, automobiles, television. in full family pursuits, and less time for family discussions, medication and thanksgiving.
And much of the spirit of old-time Christmases was to e found in full family gatherings and serious appreciation od the day for what it represented in the Christian world

## Christmas Eve

In many countries of the world December 24th is as much fun as the 25th. In England Christmas carols are ung on Christmas Eve. In Scandinavia and in many Amers in Christmamily dinner the afternoon of the 24th The custom
cases) in wind of lighting candles (now lights in most country, in Boston. The Santa Claus legend comes from country, in Boston. The Santa Claus legend comes from Germany but it has been expanded and chanted in Christmas Eve night, of course, is the high pitch of anticipation for millions of youngsters.
Many churches have special Christmas Eve services. Some church choirs still go about singing carols on Christmas Eve.
The great Christmas rush, unfortunately, reaches its hectic climax for millions of parents on the 24th. If one can plan ahead and enjoy a leisurely Christmas Eve, it can bring as much pleasure, fulfillment and reward as the 25th.

## Happy Holidays!

The West Texas Times wishes its readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and wishes to thank them for this past year of readership and, therefore, for heir interest in the betterment of this community. Newspapers have traditionally been a form of public service in America and the fact that the nation contains thousand taili thousand weekies and more than a hilosophy or makes it imposible that any one tiosophy or presentation mo The
The great blessing of the community newspaper is that it offers a broad presentation of local news and views in adition to national and international news; its editorial ice is thus locally controlled. Nor do newspapers' news found in the The $\mathbf{w}$
The West Texas Times hopes to continue in this tradition and to deserve the support of the people of this community, because of adherence to these great free-press traditions. News for the news columns and phe family as well, can be enjoyed whenever the rea al he family as well, can be enjoyed whenever the reader wishes to enjoy it. All that-at a very low price-plus permanent record advertisement, which also can be read hen the read in the land.

## T-Bar Bridge

Members of T-Bar Duplicate Bridge Club held a Christmas party Tuesday night of last week during which a buffet style meal singing of Christmas carols, then the quarterly Club tournament. Several non. playing husbands also attended.

Winners at bridge were: Mrs. Meldon Leslie and Mrs. Clint Walker, first; Mrs. N.B. Hancock and Mrs. Audie Norman, second; Mrs. Pauley Cope of Lubbock and John Nickens, third; Mrs. Dick Park of Lubbock and Mrs. Winston Wharton, fourth; and Mrs. Wilmer Smith and Mrs. Frank Hill, fifth.
There will be no more duplicate games until January 8, when an individual game is scheduled

## Police Search <br> Powers Expanded

Washington, D.C. (NBNS) - The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled tha police can conduct a thorough search of anyone arrested, even i the charge involves a minor traffic offense.
Justice Thurgood Marshall, one of three dissenting justices accused the six-member majorit of establishing a rule that could lead to widespread abuse.
"There is always the possibility ,hat a police officer lacking probable cause to obtain a search warrant will use a traffic arrest as a pretext to conduct a search, wrote Justice Marshali.
Marshall was joined in his dissent by Justices William 0 Douglas and William J. Brennan Jr. Recent Nixon appointments have made the Supreme Cour much more conservative than in the days when it was headed by former Chief Justice Earl Warren
Justice William H. Rehnquist, Nixon appointee and the court's most conservative member, wrote for the majority in the decisions involving police searches in Washington, D.C., and Florida. In the Washington case, a policeman arrested a man fo searched him and discovered gelatin packets of heroin in crumpled cigarette package.
In the Florida case, a college student was arrested for failing to have his driver's license on his person. A subsequent searc turned up a cigarette box containing marijuana.

## Christmas Message Of Hope

In a world torn with violence a almost every level, through armally or informally declared discrimination, it is difficult for thinking people to truly exper ience Christmas.
Yet, through the very meaning of Christ's coming, every man, of every persuasion whether "Christian" or not, can take Christmas to his heart and profit by it.
For Christ personified brother hood, abiding love, tolerance; if Christians have gotten awa omewhat through the "outwar and visible signs," the ceremonials and the trappines-perhaps this is the year to come home to Chris Whatever the rest of the world is doing, let each of us celebrat Christ's birth in our individual personal ways.
Let us forget self, let us truly open our hearts, to genuinely offer riendship and brotherly love.
Let us "do" for others not jus through organized charities, or group efforts. Discover the thrill of assisting some less fortunate person, someone who may have much of this world's goods, but be impoverished otherwise.
This is the Christmas to relinquish those petty grievances, and perhaps the important ones, well.
This is the Christmas to really show those you love that you do ove them, in important, littie ways, and in large ways, too. It is "large" ways, and overlook the small, also vital ways. This is the year to do something about that

At Christmas play, and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but Once A year
-Thomas Tusser-

Life is the only game in which ach individual player makes his own rules

Tyith Cminty Newa from reduced production, officials explained. The 2.2 million for a 2.7 million bale crop in 1973, they said, will permit the organization to increase activities on a broad front in the interest of High Plains cotton and cotton producers. PCG revenue is derived principally from producer dues of 15 cents per bale and lesser per-bale amounts from ginners, oil mills and compresses.
In addition to the Textile Institute action and adoption of the budget, the Board instructed its staff and officers to continue extensive efforts to assure adequate supplies of fuel and fertilizer for agricuture, and an nounced the forman" or a com forts to improve forward crop forts to improve farketing tool PCG President Ray Joe Riley PCG President Ray
of Hart called for volunteers to work on the crop contracting committee, emphasizing that a lot of time and effort would be required. Committee members will be announced at a later date, Riley
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said.
samed to the "Textile Institute Committee" were wilmer Smith of New Home, Roy B. Davis of Lubbock, Don Anderson of Cros. byton, and John Herzer of Lubbock. President Riley and PCG Executive vice President Donald Johnson wil serve as ex-on. The members of the comm tee. The commtee weeting a expected to at its irst meeng, expect Be Riley sald " "Throughthe tion and proper organization of an institute for the planning and an institute for the planning and
coordination of new systems re. search and development of a High Plains textile industry, we hope to attract substantial funds from other sources and more than double the effectiveness of the re. latively few dollars available from the PCG budget for work in this area."
PCG for the 1973.74 year budgeted a total of $\$ 23,000$ under Fiber Research and Service, Export and Market Development, and Fiber Analysis and Reports, Riley noted, and said plans are these funds into open-end spinning work, either directly or through work, elther directiy or through James Parker, Director of the
 said " "Open-end spinning ofeting, more promise for High Plains type cottons than anything ever seen before, and by conducting research to prove the value of their own cotton on this new sy. stem producers have an unpre. cedented opportunity to greatly expand their markets." He went on to say he would not be sur. prised if such research in a few years were responsible for sig. nificantly reducing or even eliminating micronaire discounts that currently apply to High Following the Board meeting the Board members were takento Texas Tech where they heard a presentation on open-end spinning and saw the two open-end spinning frames now in place there. Other major items in PC improved budget for 1973.74 in . clude $\$ 16,800$ for agricultural research, $\$ 8,800$ for advertising, $\$ 7,400$ for publications, $\$ 70,000$ for salaries and employee retirement, and $\$ 15,000$ for travel.
National Cotton
Council To Meet
Leon Bernsen, Corpus Christi cotton producer, will head a 36 . man delegation from Texas to the meeting in St. Louis Jan. 28-29. The group will join represen. tatives from other cotton. producing states in setting guidelines for 1974 Council programs and policies.
Other Texas delegates are: Producers.- Herman Propst, Anson; Robert E. Skov, Clint; Neuman Smith, Ballinger; Don Anderson, Lubbock; Donnell Echols and Bill R. Reid, both of Lamesa; James A. McCarthy, Rio Hondo; and Don Marble, South Plains;
Ginners-Orville Bailey, Anton; B.J. Mikeska, Eola; Bill Weaver, Lamesa; and Ross Bigham, James Manly, Galveston; Stan ton Brown, Nickles, Sudan; Brow, Turner, Dallas;
Merchants.-Hans Bohlmann,
Merchants.-Hans Bohlmann, Traylor, both of Lubbock; Max B. Vernon, Raymond Cooper,

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## Notebook Winners Named

The winners of the Sixth Grade English Notebook show at Tahoka Junior High were announced December 10. Bryan Harston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loamuh Harston, was named Grand Cham pion winner, while Vickie Jolly, Jolly was selected Reserve Grand Champion.
Champion.
Blue ribbon winners were Blue ribbon winners were:
Carmel Gonzales, Sherie Pergeson, Alma Hallmark, Cleto Saldana, Susie Benavides, Patricia Gamez, Louisa Garcia, Bobby Turner, Jeanie Isbell, Colette Williams, Bryan Harston, Amy McNiel, Mary Ann Owen, $\mathrm{Brad}^{2}$ White, Elma Antu, Jackie Nance,
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-20272020273 Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Timmons
of Fort Stockton are the parents of a son born Thursday, Dec , The baby weighed 6 lbs .8 ozs was 18 inches long and has been named Cody Patrick. Mr. Tim. mons is employed in an oil field. The Timmons have two othe Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Spears Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Spears o Tahoka are the maternal grand

Kiss, Don't Munch Under the Mistletoe

A sprig of mistletoe above the doorway is a good excuse for stealing a kiss, but the favorite Christmas decoration is not for tasting, warns the Texas Safety Association. Though not commonly tletoe , the waxy white mistletoe berry is highly poisonous. Adults as well as chil-
dren have died from eating the harmless looking berries.

ickie Jolly, Isabell Salinas. The notebook show is an annual affair in the English classes of Mrs. Nan Adams.



## 'Twas the night before Christ-

 mas and all through the kitchen, Mrs. Clause was up late, cooking turkey and fixens'. Or was she? Even though many will start the turkey for Christmas dinner, some may prefer something different. Why not choose a duckor goose instead?
ket when they are seven mar weeks id labeled "broiler or tryer duck ling" or "young duckling". Geese are also usually marketed young since weight gained after the first 11 weeks is mostly fat. Both young ducks and geese are great for broiling, frying, barbecuing, or roasting.

When buying duckling or young goose, allow at least one-half pound per 3 -ounce serving. For a mouth watering treat, either fruit, oyster, or nut stuffing is the meal accompaniment for these birds. An orange glaze, especially for roast duck ciated by poultry fanciers
Ciated by poultry fanclers. to find during the holidays, some this season. holldays, try Recipe of the Week
This Christmas eve, why not toast that fat little fellow in the rumpled red suit with red party recipe:
Combine in punch bowl two 32 ounce chilled bottles of cranberry juice cocktail and $1 / 2$ cup of grenadine syrup. Just before serving, slowly pour in two 12 -ounce bottles of chilled carbonated cherry bever age and two 12 -ounce bottles of chilled carbonated amon beverage. Stir gently

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## Carolyn Haley

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There's more, much more to Christmas
Than Candlelight and cheer; it's the spirit of sweet friendship,
That brightens all the year; It's houghtfulness and kindness, 's hope reborn again, For peace, for understanding and for goodwill to men!

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The office is open Monday thru
Thursday from $8: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to 12 Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 phone number is 998.5094
The Community Action will be taking names for persons needing
jobs. If anyone needs someone to work they may come by the office for names and addresses.

HAPPY NEW YEAR


## PUBLIC <br> NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that ap. Notice is hereby given that ap Savings and Loan Commissioner of the State of Texas for the approval of a branch office for Slaton Savings and Loan Association, Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas, such branch office to be
located at the vicinity of Lock wood and U.S. Highway 87, city of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas A hearing will be held on the application at $9: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on the 14th day of January, 1974, at the office of the Savings and Department or aca, Austhn, rexas.
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Commissioner from one or more ommission or or more persons on or before January dispensed with by order of the Savings and Loan Commissioner. Sincerely,
W. Sale Lewis
commissioner
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## Billy Hancock Dies Tuesday

N.B. (Billy) Hancock, 53, prominent New Home farmer, died at about $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tuesday in the Methodist Hospital at Lubbock. Funeral services will be hel the First United Methodist in New First pastor will officiate, assisted by Rev. Bill Fleming of Abilene Burial will be in Tahaka Ceme tery under direction of Whit Funeral Home.
Hancock had been in ill health for some time, seriously ill the past two or three weeks. Tues day morning he was taken back to Methodist Hospital, where he had been receiving treatment, and passed away a few hours later He was married in 1943 to Betty Smithee in California.
Born at Sherman April 19, 1920, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L.N. Hancock, he had been a resident of New Home area most of his life.
After attending New Home High School and Texas Tech, he entered the service as a Naval Reserv Parific as a Navy pilot in South Pachas october, 1943
Flying airplanes for the Navy in combat for two years, among the places he saw action Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Tokyo. On one occasion, he was shot down, fortunately rescued. Among decorations bestowed on him were the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, and a number of battle stars. Billy was a member of the Methodist Church, and had been active in civic and school affairs. Survivors include his wife; one son, Billy Dave of Lubbock; two daughters, Mrs. Susan Crutchfield of Orlando, Florida, and Kathy Hancock of Dallas; two grandchildren, three brothers; of Missouri; and Jack of Tuscola; and three sisters; Mrs. Edgar Womack of Lubbock; Mrs. Sur. ratt of Arkansas; Miss Katherine Hancock of Arkansas


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## Baptist Loyality Dinner Held

The First Baptist Church of responsible for contacting every Tahoka held a Loyalty Banquet church family before the dinner. Wednesday evering the dinner, children's in the Tubbs School Cafeteria. The purpose of the dinner was to inform the congregation and their friends of the progress made thus ar in the Stewardship progra of the church. The dinner was special emphasis for the church building fund campaign which be. gan December 1. The youth were well represented at the dinner and children's parties were held at the church during the dinner. Approximately 200 adults and children were present at both events.
Speakers were Jacky Henry, Robert Warren, Garland Pennington and Edward Bartley The invocation was given by Hartley of Sherwood Baptist Church, Odessa and coordinator of the campaign was the master of ceremonies and introduced speakers.
Randy Pierce lead the group in singing Christmas songs, and later he sang a special number accompanied on his guitar Arrangements for the dinner dinner hostess and her committee of ladies - Delores Henry, Lessie Cawthorn, Joyce Edwards, June Nevill, Ava Lfichey, Bertha Williams and LaVerne Meeks.


May you welcome the newborn King into your heart this Christmas and may He bless your home.
El Sarape Restaurant

Tymictanty served refreshments furnished
by Veta Ford. Mrs. Domingo Salazar and Josephine Solis kept the nursery.
The dinner was concluded by a talk and prayer by our local pastor Rev. Jimmy Turner. Rev. Hartley and Rev. Turner met with a group of men after the dinner
who recetved pledge cards for who recetved pledge cards for
canvassing the church roll. canvassing the church roll. A
good time was had by all as they good time was had by all as they
were challenged to make a dream were challenged to
become a reality.
The meal was catered by Al Smith Cafeteria.

The banquet decorating com mittee were: Clifford Tankers ley, Chairman; Zuma McWhirter Lennie Cox, Fleta Howell, Leta Warren, Pam Womack, June Nevill, Sammie Turner, Zella Tay lor, Delores Henry
 partles were held at the church. "The Long, Long Trailer", Madalene Hegi's homemaking girls.-Toi Bragg, Lynda Saldana,
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Hope it's filled with gifts galore. Our bountiful thanks to each of you.
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Tre south Platns cotton harvest cember 14th, and the four offices Ties the two - thirds mark had 114,000 unclassed samples on Irthg the second week or De. indicate that there were an addiember, according to U.S.D.A. tional 300,000 to 400,000 bales facson, In in charge of the office in atton Classing Mrbock. Smples from $1,498,000$ bales dodenen lassed at the Lubbock, rondifled, Lamess Firough Firday, Deout of the fields. Personnel at the four ofres
tested and classed samples from 279,000 bales during the week ending the 14 th. Quality of cotton continued ex


Merry Christmas

> Holiday greetings are always in style. We've enjoyed your goodwill and confidence throughout the year. Thanks.

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 cellent and this crop continues to be one of the highest quality crops ever produced on the South Plains.Grades 31 and 41 continued the predominant grades at Lubbock, making up 74 percent of all classed. Grade 31 made up 29 percent. Grade 41,45 percent and Grade 32, 14 percent
to 32 were predominantly 30 to 32. Two-thirds had staple lengths of 31 and shorter and the and longer. Average staple length was 31 .
Micronaire readings continued excellent. Eighty-one percent of all cotton tested at Lubbock had micronaire readings in the pre mium range of 3.5 to $4.9,5$ per cent was in the high micronaire range of 5.0-5.2 and 1 percent was in the very high range of 5.3 and above.

The Agricultural Marketing Service of the U.S.D.A. reported cotton prices $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3.00$ per ket on Thursday and Friday De ket on Thursday and Friday. De mand continued strongest for cot longer but was strong for cotto with staple lengths of 29 and 30 . Prices ranged from 3100 points over the Government Loan for short staple cotton up to 5000 points over the loan for long staple cotton. Typical lots were bringing an average of 39 cents per pound over the loan and were selling in the price range of 55 to 65 cents per pound
Average prices paid for the most predominant qualities in the 3.5 to 4.9 premium micronaire range were: Grade 31, Staple 30.55 .65 cents per pound, Grade 31 , Staple 31.61.90, Grade 31, Staple 32-65.90, Grade 41, Staple 30.54.70, Grade 41, Staple 31 60.75 , and Grade 41, Staple 32 4.45.

Cottonseed prices were steady and farmers received $\$ 95$ to $\$ 110$ per ton.

## Cap Rowe's Funeral Held

Services for Winfred Leroy He is survived by his wife; Cap Rowe, 63, of Tahoka were a daughter, Mrs. Betsy Varhaug irst 2 p.m. Wednesday in the of Belton; a son Harold Zane Rowe ith Unled Methodst Church of Colorado City; Mree siphia, pastor, Mrs. RoyHouston of Arkt and Miss Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery Fayde Rowe, both of Selma, Ala., under direction of White Funeral and four grandchildren. Home.
Rowe died about Ashbrook, Guss were Raymond Mon about 9:30 p.m. Ashbrook, Guss Sherrill, Pete Monday, Dec. 17, in Lubbock's Ware, Joe Wagoner, Leighton Methodist Hospital after an ex- Knox and Elvis philpot.
tended illness.
Rowe was born April 20, 1910, in Arkadelphia, Ark. He married the former Hythen Tunnell July ty from Arkadelphia in 1932. He was a farmer untilhis retirement and a member of the United Me thodist Church.

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accordance with the provisions of Article 717 m , V.A.T.C.S., as
a class action against the tax. payers, property owners, and School District of Garza, Lynn and Lubbock Counties, Texas,
including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation terested in or affected by the is. suance of securities of the Peti-
tioner (as are more particularly described in the Petition of the District on file in the aforementioned cause) wherein the Peti-
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Lupe Saldana
Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a doll and a set of dishes and a far. mer says and a purse. I love you and I belleve in you. I have been a good girl this year. I am eight years old. How are you and your little friendly elis? Maybe your fíne. Your friend,
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## REA Loan To

Congressman Omar Burleson announced today the approval of a
$\$ 491,000$ REA loan at five percent interest to the South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. at Lubbock, serving Crosby, Lynn, Hockley, Hale and Lubbock Countles.
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## SAYS

Tahoka is a wonderful place to live, especially at Christmas time.
in she Christmas scenes on some of our empty store windows. We got old Borden Davis out of the hospital and back on the job, and that's a very nice Christmas for us. All the kids' faces are shining in anticipation of a visit from Santa Clause. All my wife, Audry's, sister's and brothers will be here for Christmas dinner for a better one could ask We hope your Christmas will be even better than ours! We love you all. udry and C. Edm Audry and C.Edmund Finney

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Gold,Frankincense AndMyrrh were the Gifts of the Magi...
"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and ures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)
Of these three gifts, only gold is still today a familiar
and precious commodity. However, in the time and precious commodity. However, in the time of Christ, both frankincense and myrrh were equally valuable and
well-known commodities, used in trade between the Middle East and Mediterranean countries.
Gold, because of its rarity and beauty has been the world's most precious metal since its discovery more than 6,000 years ago. Then, as now, it served as a medium of
exchange, and was considered a symbol of wealth and exchange, and was considered a symbol of wealth and for making fine jewelry and artifacts.
Both frankincense and myrrh are gum resins of trees
which grow only near the which grow only near the monsoon regions of Ethiopia, Frankincense which comes from name belonging to the balsam family, is an aromatic gum
resin and was an important ingredient of an incense migious rituals. It was also used as an air purifier and as a remedy for certain physical ailments.
Myrrh is a fragrant, bit-
ter-tasting gum resin ex-ter-tasting gum resin ex-
uded from any of several shrubs, which grow in the same sections as frankincense. It was used mainly as
a base for ancient cosmetics and perfumes. It was also used medically as a pain-
killer and in mouthwash killer and in mouthwash mixtures. It is used in some
mouthwashes today. Myrrh also was used in many religious ceremonies
Anyone who is curious about these substances may Museum of Natural History in New York City. The Museum usually features all three treasures as part o
its December special exhibit.


Censer, gaily decorated, from Kuwait, in use today for burning frankincense.
With pride and gratitude
for the loyalty you have shown, we extend our sincerest wishes
that you and yours enjoy

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## Wreaths Got

 Pagan StartDuring this holiday season, a wide variety of colorful wreaths deck the doorways
of homes in this community. The use of wreaths at holiday time stems from the customs of Advent season - the four Sundays before Christmas. Traditinally, Advent greens, trimmed with ribbons, and hold four candles to be lit during the Sundays of Advent.
The wreath, which has no beginning or end, represents eternity, and the evergreens symbolize grown the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.
Like many other Christian holiday customs, the Advent wreath originated in pagan ceremonies.

During the dark days of the winter solstice, the sunworshippers of northern Europe sought to please their suade him to return, by using a wheel trimmed with greenery.
The wreath was made of an actual wheel, taken from a cart and wrapped in greens. Lights, too, were added

The Irish place lighted candles in their windows on Christmas Eve as a guide like Mary and Joseph, may be seeking shelter.

Lithuanians cover their Christmas Eve dinner table memory of the night in Bethlehem.

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## Holiday Blends Many Customs

"Anybody found feasting or observing Christmas day in any way shall pay a fine of five shillings. And so, throughout New<br>England Pilgrim settlers had to treat Christmas as jus another working day. Governor Bradford noted that "no man rested all day" on De<br>

 cember 25,1620 , say the edicana.
Today, in the United States and Canada, Christmas celebrations are a colorful blend of customs from many lands. The main features of the holiday festivities are much the same everywhere-santa greetings, feasting, family visits, carol singing.
Each of these customs has its own history, and for the student of holiday lore and legend, the fascination hes in the variety of traditions other lands and assimilated into what is now a truly American, or truly Canadian Christmas

Displaying Tree
The custom of the Community Christmas Tree began in the early 1900 's with the people of Pasadena, calr., on Mount Wilson evergreen on Mount
Madison Square in New York and the Common in Boston were the scene of trees set up in 1912. In 1914 Independence Square in

THURSDAY, DECEMBER Philadelphia had its first holiday tree.
Around each of these tree choirs gathered and san The custom of lighting the National Community Christ mas Tree in Washington, D.C began in 1923 when the Uni versity of Vermont sent a Coolidge.

Add Special Touch
In Quebec customs from France lend their special touch to a Canadian Christ touch to a Canadian Christ
mas.
France gave Canada th "creche," gatherings afte midnight Mass with family and friends, savory pork pies
called "tourtieres," collecting gifts from door to door for the community.
After mass on Christmas Eve, the people of Quebec gather at homes of loved ones to participate in a night-long feast called "ré veillon.

Performing Pageant From Germany came the Nativity pageant, and the

$\ddot{d}_{\text {s the }}$ Wise Men's journey brought them at last to Bethlehem ... so may the Star that guided their way bring the light of peace and love into your life. Have a joyous Christmas. Sincere thanks to you all.
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 Fen Taylor, Mgr.PAGE 4
Greeks Have Unique Religious Ceremony to Celebrate Christmas
On Christmas Eve, chil-
dren of Greek families go Santa Claus of Greek children of Greek families go
from house to house singing carols to the accompani-
ment of tiny clay drums and tinkling steel triangles. gifts of figs, walnuts, almonds and sometimes Afterwards there is a which begins at 4 a.m. and ends shortly before dawn. The family then begins mo," (bread of Christ), a mimple cake studded with nuts, and "Kourbiedes," small cakes dusted with must include "cheridon," roast pig. In rural housefor the feast from midtened mer on. If a family cannot afford to buy a pig, usually relatives or neighbors pro-
vide one. There are no Christmas presents. St. Basil's Day or New Year's Day is the time for exchanging gifts, St.
Basil, "Hagios Vasilias," one of the four fathers of the


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 from the priest and usually onlookers.In America, this ceremony of blessing the water wherever there is a sizable Greek settlement. At Tar pon Springs, Florida, where many Greeks are engage at Asbury Park, New Jersey, it is an annual event. The Church of St. Nicholas in New York city has many years at Battery Park where the swimmers must plunge into the icy waters
of New York harbor after

## FARM FACTS

Consumer's Stake In Farms More than three-fourths o produced by less than a million commercial farms. This means that more than 200 the economic health of each farm.
Rice From On High An estimated 90 percent o the nation's rice crop is now seeded by airplanes.

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Tahoka Department Store
 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Letters } & \text { Jos } \\ \text { dantar } & 0\end{array}$

Dear Santa Claus:
I am three years old-almost four. I have been a good boy this year, getting here fast. For Christmas I would like a Winnebago camper with people, a mighty Tonka cement truck, a putt-putt train, and a little pool table with sticks. Don't forget to put candy in my stocking. Remember to leave some toys for all the other kids. Thank you!
I love you, Santa,
Kent Patterson

Dear Santa Clause:
I want a typewriter.
I want a Basketball.
I want a Bible.
I want a toothbrush
Please bring other boys and girls


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In Sweden, the Christmas season traditionally begins on December 13 , when a young girl in each house assumes of lighted candles. The custom goes back to Viking times when, under the old calendar, the night of December 12-13 was the longest of the year. The Lucia girl symbolizes re


## Christmas Trees Recycled <br> To Balance Our Ecology

chopped down in their prime and displayed with decorames. After the two-week holiday season, they
are discarded. be given a second life in which their organic com A machine known as a wood chipper instantly reduces them to valuable garden mulch. This mulch retains soil moisture and can be applied on top of snow to protect bulbs and stems of stuff is as good as salt or sand for improving traction on icy driveways.

## Discarded Christmas Trees Help Prevent Beach Erosion

 Each year, hundreds of volunteers from several trees in order to implant them in the fragile dunes of Fire Island across the bay, which helps to preven the sand from being blown off and washed away.Santa Claus is here His pack is
brimming with gifts of joy and laughter . . . gifts of happy hours . . gifts of friendship and good will. We would like to add our warmest thanks to you, our valued customers, for your kind patronage. From jolly old St. Nick and us, Merry Christmas.

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## Biblical Group of Domestic Animals

## Present at the Stable in Bethlehem

Scientists have establishScientists have establish-
ed that domestication of animals first began in the Holy Land several thousand
years before the birth of

The ox, ass, camel and The ox, ass, camel and
sheep are known as the bib-
lical quartet of animals belical quartet of animals be-
cause of their frequent Old and New Testaments.
Ont All of these were probably
present in the stable when
Christ was born Christ was born.

Oxen, when mentioned in
the Bible may refer to bulthe Bible, may refer to bullocks, bulls, cows, heifers or to the Bovidae family.

The bullock was the young male ox; bulls were male cattle; heifers were young castrated male bovine.

The ox, whose name is The ox, whose name is
synonymous with physical
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ated in Asia and appears to ated in Asia and appears to
have been the first domesticated animal owned by
families in the Holy Land He was used for heavy farm work. Even the poorest fam
ily owned at least one ox.

The word "cattle" origin Hebrew and included flocks of sheep, goats and
other herded animals.


Animal from Israeli Biblical Zoo, the Persian onager is a rare breed of wild ass, which, it is believed, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

The Bible Gives Sheep Deep Significance Ahathorities disagree as to what the time of Christ. Thre varieties exist in Syria and Palestine today, sprung
from the three wild sheep groups still found in Asia. (1) The Aslatic mouffle depicted on Sumerian vases from early Babylonia, sup posed to have been dome
cated around $3,000 \mathrm{B.C}$
${ }^{(2)}$ The Egyptian, long talled sheep are related an ancient breed grown in considered the boundary from Europe (3) The large, broad-ta11-
ed, curly-horned, creamy, deep-wooled sheep, that appear in so many biblical $11-$ distan at the head of the Tigris-Euphrates valley,
which was the cradle of which was the cra
biblical civilization.
Wild grapes, wild wheat wild asses and wild sheep grow in these Mesopotamia highlands today. People can stil live here, near Mt. Ara and some theologians feel that the site of The Garden of Eden may well have been In Bible tims area
estinian family bought two lambs at Passover time.


WEST POINT GIN
the feast celebrating their safe exodus from Egyptian bendage. The other, the dren and as a future sourc of wool for their looms and food for their table. The dren, ate juicy grasses from their hands and drank from their cup. When the anima became full grown, they
killed it and put down th meat for the winter, storing it in the sweet fat from its tail. The tail, which some-
times weighed as much as imirs weighed as much as burden to the animal.
The purity, meekness and
oyalty of the sheep for its sheep for its shepherd inspired writers
to refer to Jesus as "The to refer to Je
The shepherds found compensation for their loneliness in this loyal love from heir sheep and in the peace and beauty of the pastoral ing seasons they knew intimately, and in the music of their homemade pipes, o which their frisky goats to dance.
Goats Also on the Domestic Scene Practically every family least one goat $A$ family could get almost their whole livelihood from the products of a goat. From goat hair, tent and garment were made (i Samuel 19:13). Water bags, a vital necessity in these desert areas, products included milk, cheese and meat. Even the horns of the bearded goats were used.
The nimble, little goats of Bible times belonged to the arge Bovidae family, which included oxen, antelopes. sheep and goats. Goats and but the male goat is bearded, while the ram is not. A goat's horns differ from a ram's, and his odor is stronger

Frisky goats were comobedient sheep to gentie folk. From this we get distinction between good and evil: "He shall separate them one from another, as sheep from the goats." (Matthew 25:32)
People would choose a
goat from the flock by drawing lots, then turn it loose in the wilderness to
die, because they believed they could impose their sins and misdeeds on the goat them. This goat was called a "scapegoat.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS In England, Christmas is first as a holiday in 521 AD when King Arthur celebrated his victory in retaking York.

## Operation Motorside

"One of the most tragic wastes of our natural resources may Year Holiday period," said Major C.W. Bell, Regional Commander of Region 5 of the Texas Department of Public Safety in Lubbock. Major Bell said he was not referring to the fuel shortage ituation, but rather to the numneedlessly lost that may be tr affic accidents in Texas during the holidays.
It was noted by the Commander that by not exceeding fifty miles per hour, motorists could aid in
the goal of conserving fuel and possibly reducing the severity of accidents, thereby saving lives. The Major made this
statement in connection with the enforcement program of Depart. ment of Public Safety officers, aimed at reducing the death toll on Texas streets and highways throughout this festive period. Major Bell said, "The Department of Public Safety will have all available officers on the highways watching for traffic violations, especially those motorists driving too fast for conditions and those driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages." He went on to say that these two vio-
lations are contributing factors in the majority of fatal accidents noting that 39 percent of all fatal traffic accidents during this hollday period last year involved the drinking driver while 27 per cent of these accidents were the result of unsafe or excessive speed. the Major for avolding holiday the Major for avoiding holiday
tragedy on the highway was for all motorists to use their seat belts.


The Wise Men bore gifts from afar...but none more precious than our gift of caring. In the spirit of giving...our gratitude to youl

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 e cited statistics for this period last year pointing out that 97 per cent of all vehicle occupantsilled in Christmas and New Year Holiday traffic accidents were not wearing any type of restraining devices. "There are no simple solutions to the traffic death problem," Major Bell said, "but if every motorist will obey al traffic laws and regulations, practice Defensive Driving and Drive Friendly, they will be doing their part to insure a safe

## Yule Shock By <br> Unsafe Lighting

Strings of electrical lights on a tinsel Christmas tree can result in a shocking holiday experience according to the Texas Safety Association. TSA cautions that metallic trees are excellent electrical rees actors. If string lights conductors. If string be charged with 110 volts of be charged with 110 volts of electricity.
Instead, an off-tree spot light is suggested.

Angel Hair, Flocking Dangerous Combined

The Texas Safety Associa tion warns that some "firesafe" Christmas decorations can be fire hazards in combination
Angel hair, usually made of glass wool, won't burn. Neither will spray-on flocking snow. But snow sprayed on angel hair makes a combustible combination
TSA recommends putting the snow on the tree prior to applying the angel hair. Make sure the adhesive used on commerciallly flocked trees is not combustible

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20 , Kissing Under Mistletoe The word "mistletoe" derives from the Anglo-Saxon
word "mistleltan." It is a parasitic plant which on evergreen trees, with small yellowish-green leawes
yellowish flowers and waxy white Under a sprig of mistletoe men are by cus berries. leged to kiss any women standing under it Tom privi. is supposed to irst remove one of the berries and man
sent it to the woman When sent it to the woman. When all the berries and pre-
this kissing game is over. It is tho comes from an early pagan marriager this custom Mistletoe was considered sacred by the ancient Britain and they performed elaborate Druids in
monies around it at the winter monies around it at the winter solstice. Because decorations.


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Spanish Christmas Customs
Have a Realm of Enchantment
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To the young and young-at-heart. Our holiday wishes...heartfelt appreciation.

John Wift Butane Co.

## Tymit cmanty

famous bullfighters and politicians. folklore, the to Spanish eled through Spe Men travto the stable at Bethlehem They play a leading role in the Spanish Christmas cel ebration. Instead of Santa, it is the three Wise Men
who bring gifts to children on Epiphany Eve. Just as American children write letters to Santa, Spanish children write letters to the uary 5th, their shoes, filled with straw for the camels, and a plate of turrons are
left on the balcony. In the morning they find their morning they find their and surrounded by presents. is the annual "cabalgata" is the annual "cabalgata," a
colorful parade which marches through the center of town with floats depicting the birth of Christ, lated personages.

## Well of the

Wise Men
There is a "Well of The Wise Men" on the outskirts of Bethlehem where, ar-
cording to legend, the three cording to legend, the three
discouraged Magi found their lost star reflected and conin ON MISTLETO BAN ON MISTLETOE Mistletoe is almost never
one of the greens used in one of the greens used in it has always been considered pagan, as the badge of the Druid.
Plan Candle Safety
A glowing candle may be a charming addition to holiday decor, but Texas Safety Association points out that candles can be one of the worst fire hazards.
According to TSA, candles should never be used in ar rangements of flammable terial.such as evergreens, hay, otton, Never leave or plastic all night. And, never use candles as decorations on or under the Christmas tree. Care should be taken in making candles as well, says TSA. Some hot waxes and paraffins will burn wildly if spilled onto a flame.
 treasures blanket this joyous season. For our loyal patrons, we're ever grateful.

King Henry VIII of England owned 2000 all tapestries made by Flemish weavers, whose work
consider


## Christmas

We're hoping that your holidays are beautiful in every way! Thank you for your pas patronage...we hope to serve you again

The Mirror
ANN-MARGARET-NADINE-HELEN


May you find under our roof the priceless gifts of Christmas...Peace, Good Will and Abiding Happiness for you, your family and all.

Dink \& E. L. Short

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## Past Days In <br> Lynn County

Copled from Dec.
Dear Santa Claus:
Winl you please bring me some nice toys to play with. As you know, Santa, some one gave my little black dog "Snip", some poison and he died. I loved my little dog and he loved me. I miss him very much.
Won't you please tell the one Won't you please tell the one
who did it not to do any other little child's dog like that because it makes us sad. Remember all the other children, too, Santa.
Your little Your little friend,

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a hot rod, cornet, trombone, cowboy gun No. D, spit fire machine gun, striking ban and stand. Love from Jack Wood

Dear Santa Claus: Would you please bring me a guitar, a sack of toys, some eye goggles, two scabbards, one belt and two pistols, and a telephone. R.E. wants a guitar, too. Your friend,
Charlie Overstreet


Glad Christmas Tidings
Let us glory in God's promise of Joy and Peace on Earth, Good Will to all men. Echo '87' Motel HELEN WRESTLER LUBBOCK HWY.

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## Dear Santa Claus: $11 /$ years old.

 I am a little boy $21 / 2$ years old.please bring me some cowboy Please bring me some cowboy forget my brother, James Doyle and my little sister, Dana Marie. I have been a good boy. Thanks, Santa.
Tommy Mark Martin

## Dear Santa

My Mother and Daddy told me to be good and you would come to see me. My three big brothers say I'm real good, so I'm looking for you.
I want a doll with hair, a doll buggy and some dishes, lots of fruit, candy and nuts
Santa, Patsy's good, too, so be sure and go to Muleshoe to see Jimmie Lue Dulin

## Dear Santa,

First I want to thank you for the nice things you brought me last year.
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I have helped Mother and Daddy lots.
Please bring me some dishes, train, tractor, and a big doll and anything else you have you think I would like.
Santa, Uncle Pad will hang his sock up with mine, I guess, so you be sure and fill it full. Jeanie Smith
P.S.: Oh, yes. I'm getting a new baby at my house, too, so

The Legend of Christmas Tinsel According to an old leg-
end, a poor peasant woman end, a poor peasant woman,
with many children, decowith many children, deco-
rated a Christmas tree with rated a Christmas tree with she was able to gather,
mostly berries and nuts and mostly berries and nuts and such odds and ends as she during the year. She labored far into the night trying to make her tree as beautifu
as she could. as she could
siders came and crawle from branch to branch trailing their lacy webs be
hind them. To reward the homan for her devotion The Christ Child blessed
the tree and all the spider the tree and all the spider
webs were turned into
gleaming silve

To all the friends we have had the pleasure of serving - wishes for a warm, old-fashioned, family-filled holiday

Tahoka Co-op Gin


## Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a Big Jim Rescue Rig, a crack-fire rifle, so I can go hunting with my Daddy, and a punching bag. Bring my Daddy new scope for his rifle. I calves with! I've tried to be a good boy all year.
Thank you,
Tadd Knight

## age $51 / 2$

Dear Santa,
I would like a Newborn Baby Tender Love and a bottle with it. I want a stove and dishes oo. Bring my Grandad and Grandmother something, too! am a sweet little girl, and I hope all little children something from you! Love,
Tamara Knight
age $31 / 2$
Dear Santa,
please bring me a pair of boots please bring me a lospeed bike please bring me a baceball and bat and a grove
from travis Moore to Santa
Dear Santa,
I want a bady aliva and skis I want a bady aliva and skis. wont a bike.
I wont a lamp
I wont a lamp
I wont a book
I want a basket ball
to santa from Jennifer
Dear Santa
wot a ball
I wot a prsse
wot a rarp
I wot a dies
I wot a tavo
I wot a brom
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I wot a dog
I wot a littik be
Love, Debble
Dear Santa,
I love you, will you please bring me a Evsebackr will you bring it on the 25? If you bring it on the 25. I Will be happy am in the sacut grade I am ? That is the End.
Beverly Evans
Beverly Evans
Dec. 11, 1973


May all our good friends share
in the quiet wonder of Christmas. We are grateful for your patronage.
Janie's Beauty Salon
Todd's Finc



Dec. 10,1973
Tahoka, Texas
Dear Santa Claus I would like
to have a football suit and football and toy gun and 22 gun and firetruck
Your friend Dennis Allen Billington
Dec. 10. 1973
Tahoka, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a football suit and a Helment and a per of pads and a foot ball and want to know how is the elves is the raindeer and how are you and your wife?
Your friend, Jay Viertel

Dec. 10, 1973 Tahoka, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike and a barbe kemper. And a big raggy dan. 1 have been good. Have a Merry Christmas. Santa Claus. I like you Santa Claus. Les'lle
Dear Santa Claus I Love you. Dear Santa Claus I Love you.
Merry Christmas will you brag Merry Christmas will you brag
me Some toy and some doll's me Some toy and some doll's I want a barbe doll and her
kemper and so do I want tender Love and I want a raggudan and Love and I want a raggudan and
doll Mother says I have been good Have a Merry Christmas Tahọka Texas
Have a Merry Christmas my Name is Lola Fay Rogers

## Dec. 10, 1973

Tahoka, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
big car and a big speed and a big car and a big fire truck and a clock and a barn I Love you Santa Claus, I Love you Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Luis

Dear Santa Claus,
I Love you Santa, Would you bring me something for Christmas? Mary Lopez
Dec. 10,1973
Tahoka, Texas Dear Santa Claus Dear Santa Cl
Want a bike.

##  <br> i <br> t's time to be merry and bright and to thank our many good friends for your valued patronage, loyalty, good will, confidence and support. <br> HANDI HOBBY



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## And I want a dress

And I Want a coat.
And I Want a tree to play And I Want a
with for Christmas with for Christmas I Love you Santa Claus your friend Sheila Pergeson

Dec. 10, 1973
Tahoka, Texas Dear Santa Claus My mother says I'm good. Cause I've been helping her. Here is what I want for Christmas. want some dinahmite clothes. And a typewriter. And I wan some barbie clothes. Have a merry christmas Your friend Paige McInroe

## Dec. 10, 1973

Tahoka, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you come to my home. I want a barbe kemper. And a big raggudan. Mother says have been good.
Have a Merry Christmas Love Tami Pebsworth
like you Santa Claus,

## Dec. 10, 1973

Tahoka, Texas
Dear Santd Clausy,
Merry Chistmas Santd Claus, I hope you come to my house, Pleas give me a raggudan to play Mather says I have been good I help my mather cleen the hause. Love, Tina Espinoza

Dec. 10, 1973
Tahoka, Texas
Dear Santa Claus
I would like to have a three speed bike and if you do not have that I won't a be be gun that shoots pellets and if you do not have that I won't a tee and one more thing. I won't to know how are the elves and the raindeer and how are you and your wife? Your friend, Daron Norwood


AY, DECEMBER 20,
Dear Santa, Dear Santa,
please bring please bring me a quick
barbei, barbel barbei, barbei house,
Buety settnep Buety settnep I am ths grade I am seven I have
a good girl Dear sun a good girl Dear Santa !
you have a merry Love Alecia Reld ---I won't a gun set I won't a beach bun I won't skis I won't a baksteball I won't some tonka truks I won't smash up derby from Keith

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS



You can bet "dough" on it - we're wishing you a very merry Christmas!

JOE DURHAM the bread man

opening bis gifts. To you - a holiday season bright with good cheer and warm with good fellowship. And to you, our sincere and hearty thanks for your patronage.


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Dear Santa Claues,
I have been a good gril,
want a doll with pretty hair, Love Santa Claues,
have't been seen, him Lupe Rodriguez
Dear Santa Clouse
have been a good boy this year I want a B-B gun want a piggy bank.
wont a horse.
wont a hat.
Love
Dear Santa,
hope you bring me nice presents have been a nice boy i wo truck and a train and cars Play Guns horus traler farm animals a bike and wagon. I'm in Grade 2 I'm 8 years old Love Jimmy Antu
Dear Santa Clause,
have been a good boy This year. I want a Tractor and a m eight yeas old and I want Im eight yeas I want a love Raymond

Dear Santa clause
I have been a good boy this year. want a truck and a train and train and a te te pe car
am 7 years old.
my name is Mike Morales
my street is south fourth street
ny box is 1592 .

部 Morales

Ihave been cood boy this year. help my mon and Dad please candy and one ship. Ove Todd Pebsworth


Dear Santa Clause
m in second grade
${ }^{2}$ ove 7 and 1 yant a wgun Andra Sue Chapa

Dear Santa C lause, I have been a good boy this year. please seend me a train and a bike and a wagon and a bout and that's all and iam in sact grade from Randy Suniga
Dear Santa
Can you bring chopper I have been good boy I want a truck Stacy Sayles
Dear Santa Clause
I have been a good girl this year help my Mother and Father Patricia Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a doll for to plays with. Thank you.
Irma Martinez
Dec. 10. 1973
Dear santa claus,
I Love you Santa claus, vary I Love you Santa claus, vary
much. I wish you bring me a toy much. I wish you bring me a toy for christmus.

Tymin Cmaty avexa Santa Klaus I wot you to oring me
a rase track and a truk and rase a ar and trane and a boll. Erick Dec. 10, 1973
Tahoka, T exas
Dear Santa Clous
Thave been nice. Can you come
to my house? And have a Merry


Tahoka Texes
Dear Santa Claus
I Want a doll and I Want a bike you.
Your friend

# Narm ones. $\begin{aligned} & \text { And thanks } \\ & \text { for your } \\ & \text { good winued } \\ & \text { and wind } \\ & \text { lonfidence. }\end{aligned}$ 

 Tom Cloe Texaco, Inc.Reddy soyou can enioy


This Christmas, as in the holiday seasons past, key people in our his Christas in the hou have the power service area are working to make sure need for all your electric needs. The picture above is you need for all your electric needs. The picture. Information from every corner of the area we serve is at the fingertips of the people who staff our control center

When the call comes for more power - even on Christmas Day our people act instantaneously to be sure you get that pow roasting the colorful lights decorating your home to the roasting your Christmas bird, you can rest assured kilowatt is $\begin{aligned} & \text { electricity you need is there - and every kilowaing. } \\ & 100 \% \text { usable - because we're work. }\end{aligned}$


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## post Days In <br> Lynn County

little sisters Geneva and Jo Johnnie and Edna Corley
On Santa:
hardly wait for Xmas. I
pig red rubber ball, a a bigrow, a choo-choo train barfow, Please bring me
truck, Puit and nuts; also, of fruit and nuts; also,
fireworks. I sure will
in be sure and are
pou Santa, but be sure and
forsee $m y$ lil baby brother, lorget my lil baby brother,
George. He's not very George. He's
y youlll see him. billie Joe Oliver

## Dear: is to remind you of what

 looking for Xmas. I amty good lil girl 6 years ty good il girl dears assinet, a doll trunk, a lil
nd ironing board, also a 6. Please leave me lots t, candy and nuts. Thanks, Santa, and I love you lots.
oolver
Santa Claus:
ye been real good little this year. I, Johnnie, doll, tricycle, nuts, fruits,
andy. I, Edna, want a andy. I, Edna, want a
bicycle, somenuts, fruits,
bandy. Please bing our

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## Tymu County memis

## Dear Santa Claus

I am a ittle girl five years old will you please bring me a Pats doll and a trunk? I would like some apples, oranges, nuts and candy. Love
from Carolyn Miller
P.S. I want my doll to have an organdy dress and please give me some sparklers.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a school girl just 8 years old. I want a pair of slippers and hose, a pair of pajamas, a purse and handlarmhiafe nnair
of beads, a lot of fruits, candies,
and nuts. And please don't for. get my little nephews and nieces. Nell Bairrington

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Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl five years old, and I have been a good girl. a red purse, a pair of pajamas,
a tam, a handkerchief, a pair or beads, and a lot of apples, or anges, candy and nuts.

Sina Bairrington


We hope that the true spirit of Christmas will bring a glow to your spirits, warmith to your hearts Themks to alll!

## TATUM BROS.

1029 LOCKWOOD
 new, wishing them all the blessings that the Yuletide brings. May you be surrounded by your loved ones as you enjoy the gifts piled high around your tree. In other words, may your Christmas be truly merry!

## Patients \& Employees of

THE COLONIAL NURSING HOME

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PEACE ON EARTH
God grant that not only the Love of Liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade aid
the Nations of the Earth, so that anybody may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say: This is My Country.

SHEAF OF GRAIN
Scandinavian farmers traditionally practice the cusstom of attaching a sheaf of grain to a pole and placing it
out in the snow as a christmas feast for birds, often with suet added as an a extra treat. . It is said that no peasant
would sit down to Christmas dinner until the birds had would sit down to Christmas dinner until the birds had
been provided for.


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## Letters to

 SantaDear Santa,
I wot a horse.
from trismus.
Will you siund a horse. and a gun from the horse To rid with the horse. and a hat Michael Lopez
Dear Santa,
Please gave me a gun and a hat I Love you Santa, and please gave me a bike.
from Fernando
Dear Santa,
I have been so nice I wish That I hade a bike and a gun and a car and I want a rocker and $I$ am in grade two Santa, and I want the toys to come on the 25 ,
from Gilbert Torres ave $m$ house 1608


ur spirit with happiness, laughter. Thanks to all the folks we have had the pleasure of serving. Jolly Texaco Wishing you a purrfect Christmas


Just want to tell you we think you're the cat's meow and that we're hoping your holidays are purrfectly wonderful! Best wishes

New Home Farm Store, Inc. "SELLING FARMS FOR PROFIT


Dear Santa Clause
I have been a good gril
please bring me ul doll
Love Santa Clause
I'm 7.
dna May name is Sharlette Fof Sharlette
Box 119384153
Dear Santa clause,
I have been a good boy this year. I help my mother and dad.
Russell
Dec. 10, 1973
Dear Santa Clouse
I hear Santa Clouse
I have been a good girl this I have been a good girl this
year. I would like a bike with year. I would like a bike with am in 2nd grade and I am 8, year old.
Love Deanna Stanley
Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a good boy this year.
Please brin gme some toys
I would like a lospeed bike
and I want big Jim a some other things. I am in 2nd grade and I am 8, year old.
Love Trent Moore
Dear Santa Clouse,
Dear Santa Clouse,
have deen a good girl this year.
I want a 32 inch dol
I want a bik
I want a barbie
I want a baby alive doll.
Love Martha Arellano

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"the twelve nights" In northern Europe, the Teutons observed the winter referred to as "the twelve nights."


House Of Flowers



Christmas Cookery: Old and New Traditions In the Baker's Art

The first Christmas trees, which originated in Germany
were decorated with apples, symbolizing Adam's fall, and round wafers, representing the Sacred Host, which signi-
fied redemption Later, the apples and wafers were replaced by Christ-
mas cookies, which became more and more elaborate
through the years. Fancy Christmas cookies were introduced to America
in the 18 th century by the early German settlers, who
counted their old cookie molds, made of ciay counted their old cookie molds, made of ciay, tin or wood,
among their most treasured heirlooms. Industrious Pennsylvania Dutch housewives baked them
by the washbasketful in such varying shapes as fish, rab-
bits, men smoking pipes, horseback riders, hatchet-bearing Indians, stars, dolls, and of course all the characters were even some reindeer which were over a foot long. Christmas trees were decorated almost entirely with these
edible ornaments and it was part of the celebration to eat from the tree all through the Christmas season, so
that it was practically bare by Twelfth Night. This cus-
tom is still followed in Europe. Outstanding cookie specimens were proudly displayed
and used to decorate the windows. Cookies were tucked and used to decorate the windows. Cookies were tucked
into Christmas baskets for the poor and it was customary
to include several dozen cookies when returning molds that had been borrowed. Many cookies were handed out to the Belsnickles, those costumed visitors, like mummers, who went from house
to house checking up on the children's behavior during
the year. It is said that some of the Belsnickles were so unsuspected misdoings.
After World War I, as American women began to emerge from the kitchen to go out in the business world and
follow more modern pursuits, the practice of making
elaborate cookies and breads was largely abandoned. However, a few years ago, The Museum of Contemporary
Crafts in New York City put on an exhibit called "The
Baker's Art," which traveled to many cities throughout the country. This apparently helped set off a nationwide were submitted by Mae Gerhard, a teacher at The Hussian Miss Gerhard, who learned this traditional art from
her Pennsylvania Dutch mother, created a beautiful gingerbread creche of more than two dozen pieces from
five to six inches tall, all decorated in brilliant Byzantine puppets baseas onso mamide arge and elabor ate working
nedibie dough.

$\mathcal{M a y}_{\text {ajoy fill our beart and erricb }}$ your life this C Crisismas Season. We extend our warm thanks to you. GRASSLAND CO.OP GIN

PAGE 2 THILI Cmunty Nrwua THURDAY, DECEMBER 20,1

V.F. JONES county Judge

GEORGE D. McCRACKEN
tax assessor-collector
C.W. ROBERTS county clerk

NORVELL REDWINE sheriff

JESSIE JEWEL STEVENS treasurer
W.B. (BILL) GRIFFIN county agent

CAROLYN HALEY home demonstration agent
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DORMAN GANDY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT?
PAUL SHERRILL COMMISSIONER, PRECINCTS
LK. NELSON COMMISSIONER, PRECINCTA
${ }_{\text {gSOAY, DECEMBER } 20,1973}$ fini Christmas Trees, Fascinating and Creative Hobby According to John Rieck, a New York interior designer
to has made a hobby out of creating and decorating ho has made a hobby out of
oing and fascina miniature decorations whenever and Mr. Rieck collects mind them. Many antique and curio deal phave learned of his interest, and notify him immedi-
bey when any tiny toys or other miniature objects
 One of the other prospects are endless because not al objects are necessariry antiques. When he travels, For instance, he ind a shop in San Salvador that had hundreds of tiny ckey Mouses, which are now part of his collection. some ornaments are rare and valuable. For example,
discovered some Austrian wax figures, Hansels and discovered some Austrian wax ing tels, that were barely an inch high.
eleng the other miniature objects Mr. Rieck is on the Among the other wax angels, teddy bears, toy dogs, mice, mals of all types, shoes, doll furniture, snowmen, solIrs sleighs, m
ins and cars.
Ins and cars.
lost of these ornaments are made of wood, wax or
celain. A few are ivory. Birthday cake candles are cu ven to represent tree lights, and colored pipe cleaners twisted to form interesting shapes.
There are also many inexpensive, small ornaments to iound ill artificial Christmas trees. Usually, he enhances m by adding branches for greater fullness and to achmodate more ornaments. The more ornaments the
ther, according to Mr. Riecc, because people get great ter, according to Mr. Rieck, because pe
asure, discovering each individual one.
ome tiny toys are placed under the tree along with
teh boxes and pill boxes, which are done up in gay ppings to look like tiny Christmas presents in gay everal of Mr. Rieck's trees are priceless as their treas dictorian predecessors. Some are kept under glass
is elaborate creations are probably quite beyond most us. However, simpler versions can be done by anyone sh can be used and tiny illustrations of Christmas ds an be cut out to serve as decorations. Stars, angels, \$ainta Clauses abound on these cards, many of which giitering and colorful indeed. They can be mounted (Use gift boxes for this.) Hanging loops can be attached heir proper categories in envelopes or small boxes shoula in an interesting and inexpensive for children and year-round. vear-fou


Lankford Variety


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## TOWN <br> 

County Home Demonstratio Agent, Carolyn Haley, was prin cipal speaker when the Draw Home Demonstration Club me on Tuesday afternoon in the home of Thelma Dewbre. Her subject was "Snoop Before You Buy" and she gave the "Ten Commandments on Buying". Fruit cake cookies, coffee and soft drink the hostess.
 Another shut - in was mad happy on Sunday afternoon whe he Jr . High quartet from O'Don nell Baptist Church came to sing for Mrs. Faye Thayer at Golden Manor. The quartet is composed of 2 boys and 2 girls of Jr. High age. Two sponsors, Mrs. Winnie Young and Mrs. Dixie Middleton were with them.

Mrs. Edna Brasher, visiting

## A Message from Billy Graham

God is always with us but at Christmas we are more intensely aware of his presence. He looks out at us from the faces of those we love. He speaks to us amid the sounds of bells and the anthems of praise. And His great est gift comes to our hearts anew when we hear the beautiful Christmas story once again - and believe.


UURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1973

## STATE CAPITAL Highlights "Nosidelights <br> by Bill Boykin

provide coverage for
Tex. Texans will
AUSTIN, Tex. - Texans will be offered a new option on
healch care insurance which proponents claim will lead to improved cost
health.
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ance last
lat nce last week announced puidelines for so-called Health
iuintenance Organizations HMO's) which provide for prepaid care programs.
 per month in other states. Board Chairman Joe Christie sid he feels proposed guidelines for HMO's answer objections raised by Texas Medical
the 1973 Association during
legistative session.
"My legal staff assures me,
we are on sound legal grounds," we are on sou
sid Christie.
One of the major differences in HMO's and conventional hos-pitalization-medical insurance is that the new plan is designed to cover all bills, not just a
standard portion of expenses. standard portion or expenses.
Employee groups and others functioning under the plan, would, in effect, contract with insurance companies, doctors

competing health care arrange-
nents will strengthen the posi-
ionof the individual consumer.
health care plans.
At least one HMO is in be ginning operation - at San Antonio, under Bexar County Medical Foundation direction. CONVENTION PLANS MOVE -Planning committee heads for the 1974 Constitutional Convention have invited Texans to express their views at com mittee hea
uary 16 .
Rep. DeWitt Hale of Corpus Christi and Sen. Nelson Wolff of San Antonio said eight proposed convention processing committees will begin their hear ings at that time under a suggested timetable.
Hearings may last four weeks r longer. Committees have been recommended in the subect areas of finance, education, ocal government, general provisions, executive, legislature, judiciary and rights, suffrage, amendments and separation of powers.
A poll of lawmaker-delegates to the convention, which opens here January 8 , has indicated most of them want to get their work completed within 90 days. Whatever amendments or revision the legislature proposed while sitting as a conention will rentio subet to approval or rejection LEASE SALE SUCCESSFUL University of Texas oil and gas


May the spirit of Christmas remain in your hearts all through the holidays.


GRASSLAND BUTANE INC.
 land leases last week brought in
$\$ 11.1$ million for 84,642 acres $\$ 11.1$ million for 84,642 acres

- more than twice expectations, - more than twice expectations, and aver
an acre.
an acre. Commissioner Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong credited the price together with the increased demands for energy sources." mall leases contain a provision that UT can take its oil and that "UT can take its oil and
gas "in-kind" rather than cash. gas "in-kind" rather than cash.
It is hoped the state will make more money from selling the more money from selling the
gas to communities hit by short ages, such as Austin and San Antonio.
The Permanent University Fund now stands at a record high of $\$ 633,998,580$. Bringing highest bids were two 320 -acre tracts in Winkler County which accounted for bonus payments of $\$ 650,000$ each. Pecos County tracts were also leased to Texas Gulf Sulphur Company for bonus bids of $\$ 1,152,222$.

COURTS SPEAK - The Su preme Court set arguments in cases of two attorneys jailed for contempt of court in Bexar and Frio County incidents of refusing to produce real estate appraisal reports in condemnation proceedings. In other cases, the High
Court:

## Held value of Hays County

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deer leases should be considered in tax valuations.

- Rendered Judgment in the full $\$ 94,500$ awarded by a jury to a man struck by an Abilene Christian College bus.
- Found driving with an open door is not necessarily negli gence causing an accident. - Refused to force state investigative records on air conarea to be released to a Jefferson County firm.
- The Third Court of Civil Appeals said a widow can file a suit in Austin to recove 27,000 spent for dance lessons. - The Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the conviction of a Houston youth (on circummurder of his parents at Hous murder of his parents at Hous
- An Austin federal distric court removed legal roadblock to construction of the long delayed San Antonio North Expressway; but new appeals mentalists.

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNC ED - Don B. Odum of Austi was named to succeed Clay Cotten as commissioner of insurance. Cotten, who has been ommissioner since 1964, re signed to enter private law

## Joy at CHRISTMAS



Burl Moore, Man.

## rAGE 6 <br> Tymit Cminty afewa <br> Nativity Creche Art Dramatizes Story Of Birth Of Christ

 According to legend, remnants of the manger at Bethlehem were brought to Italy by early Christians. So it is not surprising that some 1300 years later, St. Francis of Assisi the Umbrian mountains. "I desire to represent the birth of that Child in Bethlehem in such a way that with our bodily eyes we may see all that He suffered for the of and ass." life-size manger with straw and a live ox and ass. Members of the community posed as Mary, Joseph and the shepherds and a wax figure of the Christ Child was placed in the manger. A great throng assembled to worship at the site on Christmas Eve 1223 . ceremony, that Greccio assumed the fame of a second Bethlehem as the news spread far and wide. St. Francis, artisans and craftsmen began to make miniature manger Inspired by St. Francis, artisans and craftsmen began to makescenes for their homes, and the creches spread all over Europe.

Whole families fashioned
the little figures from wood or clay and created replicas ned it would look Oftenned it would look. Often
these scenes looked more like their own villages than
the Holy Land


Riddle Garage
every Christmas Eve The members of the court took up the hobby of their king and soon all the great Neapolitan famillies were produce brilliant and lavish

## PRAY FOR PEACE

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Awed Shepherds and Their Goats, polychromed terraItalian (Neapolitan) 2nd half of Shepherds $181 / 2$ high. ropolitan Museum of Art, gift of Loretta H. Howard.


Jur sincere wishes for a holiday abounding with memorymaking good times. We extend thanks for your loyalty and continued confidence.

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