

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mills County — The Way It Was

1977 Christmas Greeting Edition

Section A (20 Pages This Week)

## The Cellar

By Hartal Blackwell

It was late in the afternoon, just before sundown, and Mama was down in the cellar - her apron in place - her hair tied up in one of Papa's worn-out shirt-tails; she had her broom, her dust pan and the cellar was being cleaned from top to bottom.

It was an afternoon when the sun lay heavy on the land and the air quivered with anticipation of something unseen - something coming.

It was early spring when some mornings called for a fire while others called for the windows to be open; it was the time of year when nature hadn't quite made up its mind to let winter die and spring be born.

All afternoon a dark cloud had hung in one place across the western sky as if it were painted there by an artist's brush in deep contrast to the light blue above and the purple horizon of the earth below.

Just after Mama got up from her afternoon nap, she noticed the cloud, barely visible over the budding postnaks, and said, "I've got to clean the cellar. That cloud looks like it might come up."

For over an hour noises and dust had boiled from deep in the cellar-sometimes called the stormhouse. The old cellar mattress was now hanging on the clothes line to air. Mama sent all throwable things sailing out the door to avoid so many trips up and down the steps - broken pieces of old chairs, the remains of toys, showers of newspapers and magazines, rubber shoes, boots and empty tin cans - all landing in a heap to be carried to the dump. Twice Mama came up gingerly dangling a snake skin on her broom handle and added them to the pile.

Even Spot, the dog, sensed there was danger and went off to hide under the fig tree. When Mama called out, "Son, come down here and help me," I knew we would be adding to the pile - rusty tubs filled with jars of moldy preserves, peaches that turned brown, and pickles that had spewed over.

All storm-houses didn't look alike. Ours was dug years ago by Grandpa just after the tornado; he put huge logs across the top to hold the roof covering of dirt. The walls and floor were dirt, too, and the floor was hard packed from years of use and Mama's sweeping. Grandpa had carefully carved steps in the hard clay soil, but now the edges were worn and the steps barely visible.

Not too many years ago, when Mama got her pressure canner, Papa built shelves in the back of the cellar so she would have a place to store the canned goods. Mama never got around to saying she was proud of those shelves, but we knew she was - every jar and can was marked and placed on them in neat rows.

Our cellar served many purposes. Protection from storms was its primary purpose, but we used it more for storage - storage of sweet potatoes, onions, turnips, left over furniture, Mama's flower bulbs and trunks full of old things.

Mama and Papa never missed going to the cellar if a cloud came up. They were afraid if they didn't go, it just might be the time the tornado struck, so we always went.

It is quite a jolt to be awakened in the wee hours of the night with Papa pacing up and down the hallway, saying "Everybody up, we're going to the cellar."

I can see us yet as we hurriedly gathered the necessary things; the frantic search in the dark for shoes and clothes with only flashes of lightning to guide us; Mama grabbing a box of

crackers in case we got hungry; a search for matches and the umbrella in the excitement - then the run back to the kitchen to blow out the lamp and the final slam of the back door as we went out into the sprinkling rain. We were like sheep, one following the other, working our way through the darkness to the glow of a lantern coming from the cellar door - me carrying Spot and Mama with the housecat tucked under her arm.

The inside of our cellar looked a little eerie in the middle of the night with light rays from the lantern playing on the ceiling and walls; the smell inside was a mixture of earthy dampness, rotting, moulding logs and burning kerosene; it was an odor not easily forgotten.

Papa always stood on the steps just under the door with the tie rope in his hands; he would peep out every few minutes to see if the house was still there and scan the sky. When lightning flashed we could see the house through the crack in the door and it looked strange and cold like a marble monument against the blackness of the night - not at all like the warm, cozy house we had just left.

A crowbar, grubbing hoe and chopping ax always stood in a cellar corner in case the tornado did come and something heavy, like the barn or an oak tree, fell across the door and we had to chop our way out.

We children sat cross-legged on the bed resembling young owls on a roost with our eyes open wide; one of us clutched Spot and another stroked the cat. Mama drew a line when it came to taking the goldfish to the cellar; she allowed as to how they could swim to safety if a tornado came.

We always kept a bed in the cellar in case the cloud was a long one and we needed to spend the night there.

The first thing Papa did when we went to the cellar was search for snakes, lizards and spiders around the logs overhead. I remember once he over-looked a lizard until it tried to climb up his britches leg. Papa did a jig and the lizard scurried off to hide under the trunk.

When we were in the cellar I was glad I wasn't at Aunt Mae's house. I had been there once when a cloud came up and we went to her cellar - a cellar with water at least four inches deep on the floor when the seeps were running, and they usually ran in the spring. She had boards propped on rocks for us to stand on, but there wasn't a thing cozy about Aunt Mae's cellar; it was more like the Florida everglades abounding with crickets, mosquitoes, bugs, tadpoles and spiders.

Once again inside our house and snugly tucked into bed, we heard hundreds of frogs down on the creek set up a mighty chorus to the distant thunder as the cloud passed on.

The next morning the sun would shine brightly; the yard soil, grass and all the outdoors would take on a fresh clean look. The ground would be packed hard in the yard and we could track earthworms in the wet sand; they left a network pattern that resembled miniature country roads, twisting and turning.

The cellar door would be open - airing out - waiting for another cloud.

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### HOLIDAYS OUTLINED

Most Goldthwaite businesses will close Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2 in observance of Christmas and New Year Holidays.

**The Goldthwaite Eagle**  
 and the Mullin Enterprise  
 Established In 1894

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## Three Women — Shoplifters Fined Following Thefts In Six Area Stores

Three women were fined \$451 each here last Saturday for shoplifting in six Mills County business establishments.

The women were busy in Bosse's Grocery in Priddy, JRB Supermarket, Blackburn's Variety, Hudson Drug, D Bar T Western Wear, and Woody Pharmacy in Goldthwaite.

They had about \$500-600 dollars worth of merchandise in their possession, according to Mills County Sheriff H. G. Brooks. They were discovered as they left the Woody Pharmacy location and a subsequent search led to the discovery of the other merchandise and later it was returned to its owners.



## Priddy Woman Loses Life In Auto Mishap Tuesday

Mrs. Alroy (Judy) Stegemoller, 30, of Priddy was killed in a one-car accident Tuesday afternoon about 6 o'clock.

The accident occurred about five miles East of Priddy on an unpaved road. According to investigating officers, Mrs. Stegemoller left the road on the right side, swerved back to the left, then went back across the road and overturned. She was trapped under the automobile.

## Water Under The Bridge

Many years ago there lived in a small village a cobbler by the name of Conrad. Though alone and poor, this kindly old man always had friendly and consoling words for everyone.

At Christmas time, some neighbors decided to visit their friend on Christmas morning since he had no family. To their amazement, they saw that his wrinkled old face was radiant.

As they entered his shop, they saw a room made festive with holly and evergreen, and the table was laden with delicacies.

"Who is coming to visit you?" one neighbor asked in surprise.

"Last night the Lord appeared to me in a dream and told me that He wanted to be my guest on Christmas Day. I am all prepared for His arrival," Conrad replied.

After the neighbors had left, Conrad sat waiting for his hallowed guest. While he waited, a beggar passed his window, ragged, and half starved. Conrad called him in, fed him and gave him shoes for his nearly frozen feet. After the beggar had left, an old woman hobbled by carrying a sack of wood. Conrad served her dinner, let her rest before the fire, and then helped her on her way.

Again, he sat by the window waiting for his important guest. Suddenly, he heard the sobbing of a child. When he opened the door, he saw a frightened, cold youngster.

After some warm milk and soothing words, he reunited the child with its worried mother.

Once more he returned to his vigil, but night was falling fast. Where was the promised guest? Anxious and weary, Conrad dropped to his knees.

"Oh, Lord," he pleaded. "What has delayed You?" Then out of the silence came a voice:

"Conrad, be not dismayed, for Three times I came to your friendly door, Three times my shadow crossed your floor. I was the beggar with frost-bitten feet, I was the woman given food to eat, I was the child in the lonely street."

## Mills County Schools Set Christmas Vacation

Goldthwaite High and Elementary Schools will dismiss for the holidays at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 22nd. There will be the regular class parties and the band will play for an assembly. Regular classes will take up on Tuesday, January 3, 1978.

Star Schools dismissed on Wednesday, December 21st for the holidays. Classes will begin again as usual on Tuesday, January 3, 1978.

Priddy Schools will dismiss Thursday, December 22, at about 2:30 p.m., after the regular Christmas program and parties. School will resume classes on Tuesday, January 3, 1978.

Mullin Schools will dismiss at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, December 22. A program will begin at 12:45, after noon, and will include all grades. The public is invited. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 1978.

## Col. Speir Issues Warning To Keep Holidays Safe

### 'Light The Way' Program

Col. Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today estimated that traffic accidents in Texas during the combined Christmas and New Year weekends will claim 71 lives.

He noted, however, that some of the deaths could be prevented if motorists would drive carefully and participate in the state's "Light The Way for a Safe Holiday" program.

Speir said 41 deaths are likely to occur in the Christmas period from 6 p.m. Friday, December 23, through midnight Monday, December 26.

Another 30 traffic fatalities are estimated for the New Year holiday which extends from 6 p.m. Friday, December 30, through midnight Monday, January 2, 1978.

The "Light The Way for a Safe Holiday" program calls on all motorists in Texas to drive with their low-beam headlights turned on in the daytime, as well as night, during the Christmas and New Year weekends.

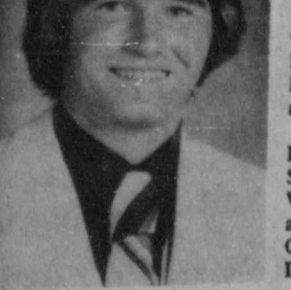
"We feel this 'Light The Way' program, particularly with wide-spread participation on the part of drivers, will serve as a very meaningful reminder to others to drive safely," Speir said.

The DPS director observed that traffic deaths in Texas are currently running about 11 percent over 1976, "with much of this increase caused by the fact that three out of four motorists are violating the 55 mile speed limit."

"On the interstate highways where nine out of ten vehicles exceed 55, traffic fatalities are up approximately 47 percent from a year ago," the DPS director added.

During the "Light The Way for a Safe Holiday" program, Speir urged motorists to hold their speed down and refrain from drinking if driving. He also urged drivers to keep their vehicles under control at all times and avoid following too closely.

## All Tourney At Evant



--Ruth Ann Johnson

--DeAnna Henry

--Jett Johnson

## County ASCS Committee Elected

Committeemen for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for Mills County were elected recently.

The balloting resulted in the following being elected for the coming year: Community A: Melvin Pax, chairman; Alton Drucekhammer, vice chairman; James A. Wells, member; and Lawrence Struempfer, Wilford Witzsche and Clarence Schuman, alternates.

Community B: A. W. Durst, chairman; Aivin Spinks, vice-chairman; Melvin Bessent, member; and M. C. Kirkpatrick, Guy Leverett and J. E. Phillips, alternates.

Community C: Charles Dennard, chairman; Ray Standley, vice-chairman; Woodrow Long, member; and S. R. (Tot) Casbeer, Glenn Dale Duncan, and Davis Owens, alternates.

Alvin Tiemann is the county Executive Director.

# J R B

## SUPERMARKETS

BROWNWOOD, COLEMAN, CROSS PLAINS, ABILENE, RANGER, EASTLAND, CISCO, DE LEON, BRADY, WICHITA FALLS, STAMFORD, LLANO, HAMLIN, SPRINGTOWN, NEWARK, BRIDGEPORT, ALBANY, HASKELL, GOLDTHWAITE AND DUBLIN

Specials Good Thru December 24th  
Double Stamps Every Day Thru Dec. 24th

### Dairy & Frozen Foods

GANDY'S - Your Choice Sour or Whipping  
**Cream** 8 oz. **3/\$1**

Gold Ribbon 1 lb solid  
**Margarine** ..... **3/\$1**

GANDY'S 32 oz  
**Eggnog** ..... **69c**

GANDY'S Ass't'd. 8 oz  
**Dips** ..... **3/\$1**

JRB, All Flavors 1/2 Gal  
**Ice Cream** ..... **89c**

PARADE 2 pan  
**Pie Shells** ..... **39c**

BIRDSEYE 9 oz  
**Cool Whip** ..... **69c**

BIRDSEYE 4 ear pkg  
**Corn on the Cob** ..... **79c**

BRIGHT & EARLY 12 oz  
**Orange Juice** ..... **39c**

### Fresh Produce

**Bananas**  
**19c**

Med Delicious lb.  
**Apples** ..... **39c**

California Navel lb.  
**Oranges** ..... **39c**

Large Stalks each  
**Celery** ..... **29c**

Medium Size lb.  
**Yellow Onions** ..... **19c**

10 lb. bag  
**Russet Potatoes** ..... **89c**

### Health & Beauty Aids

EXTRA STRENGTH  
**Tylenol** 24 capsule/30 tablet  
Reg. \$1.19 **89c**

PARADE Hair Net 8 oz can, Reg. \$1.39  
**Hair Spray** ..... **\$1.19**

CLOSE UP, Reg. or Mint 2.7 oz, Reg. 76c  
**Toothpaste** ..... **59c**

38 oz bottle  
**Crisco Oil** ..... **\$1.59**

Parade Fudge/White/Lemon 13 1/2 oz box  
**Frosting Mixes** ..... **59c**

PARADE All Flavors 18 1/2 oz box  
**Cake Mixes** ..... **49c**

Nutmeg ..... **79c**

PARADE 16 oz  
**Brownie Mix** ..... **69c**

KRAFT Marshmallow 7 oz jar  
**Crepe** ..... **49c**

IMPERIAL, Powdered/Light/Dark Brown 1 lb box  
**Sugar** ..... **35c**

PARADE #303 can  
**Pie Cherries** ..... **89c**

PARADE 1 1/4 oz can  
**Cinnamon** ..... **59c**

Limit 1 Please

## Crisco

Folgers All Grinds

## Coffee

JRB

## Sugar

3 lb. can **\$1.49**

Limit 1 Please  
1 lb. can **\$2.99**

Limit 1 Please  
5 lb. bag **79c**

HAMILTON BEACH - 2's  
**Donut Makers**  
Reg. \$19.97 **\$16.99**  
Christmas Gift Special

PARADE  
**Coconut** 7 oz bag **49c**

MARS Almond Fun Size  
**Candy** 12 oz bag **99c**

PARADE  
**Chocolate Chips** 12 oz bag **\$1.29**

Del Monte #303 can  
**Pumpkin** **3/\$1**

PARADE Sliced/Chunk/Crushed 1 1/2 can  
**Pineapple** **39c**

PARADE, Sweet #303 can  
**Peas** **4/\$1**

PARADE, #303 can  
**Fruit Cocktail** **39c**

DEL MONTE Sliced/Halves 2 1/2 can  
**Peaches** **55c**

PARADE Golden Whole Kernel/Cr. Style #303 can  
**Corn** **4/\$1**

JELLO All Flavors 3 oz box  
**Gelatine** **5/\$1**

OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY Jellied/Whole #303 can  
**Sauce** **2/89c**

PARADE, Cut #303 can  
**Asparagus** ..... **79c**

PARADE #303 can  
**Spinach** ..... **4/\$1**

Jumbo Roll  
**Teri Towels** ..... **59c**

KLEENEX, Ass't'd. or white 200 ct box  
**Facial Tissues** ..... **59c**

PARADE Pineapple 46 oz can  
**Juice** ..... **69c**

HELLMAN'S 32 oz jar  
**Mayonnaise** ..... **\$1.39**

VLASIC Sweet Gherkins 16 oz jar  
**Pickles** ..... **98c**

LYSOL SPRAY 7 oz can  
**Disinfectant** ..... **\$1.19**

PARADE Iodized or Plain 26 oz box  
**Salt** ..... **5/\$1**

AUNT JEMIMA 24 oz bottle  
**Syrup** ..... **\$1.37**

EAGLE BRAND 14 oz can  
**Milk** ..... **69c**

Gladiola Limit 1 Please  
5 lb. bag **59c**  
**Flour**

JRB Grade A Med.  
**Eggs** Dozen **49c**

JRB Brown and Serve pkg.  
**Rolls** **3/\$1**

### Tasty Meats

Farmland Maple River Sliced Slab  
**Bacon** lb. **99c**

Farmland Whole Only  
**Picnics** lb. **59c**

Farmland 3# can  
**Picnics** each **\$3.99**

8 oz. Kraft Philadelphia  
**Cheese** each **49c**

Armour Gold Band lb.  
**Turkey Hens** ..... **69c**

Farmland Sliced lb.  
**Picnics** ..... **65c**

USDA Inspected Heavy Beef, Full Cut lb.  
**Round Steak** ..... **\$1.19**

USDA Inspected Heavy Beef, Boneless lb.  
**Round Steak** ..... **\$1.29**

USDA Inspected Heavy Beef, Boneless lb.  
**Top Round Steak** ..... **\$1.49**

USDA Inspected Heavy Beef, Tenderized lb.  
**Cutlets** ..... **\$1.89**

USDA Inspected Heavy Beef, Bone In lb.  
**Rump Roast** ..... **\$1.19**

Pikes Peak, USDA Inspected Heavy Beef, Boneless lb.  
**Roast** ..... **\$1.29**

JRB, Our Very Best 1# pkg lb.  
**Bacon** ..... **\$1.39**

Armour Swancee 3# box each  
**Bacon Ends & PIECES** ..... **\$1.39**

Handy AAA 1# pkg each  
**Sausage** ..... **\$1.49**

Armour Star, 12 oz pkg each  
**Smokees** ..... **\$1.09**

Armour Star, 12 oz pkg each  
**Hot Dogs** ..... **79c**

Parade, 12 oz pkg. Beef or Reg. each  
**Franks** ..... **73c**

Decker Texas lb.  
**Cervelat** ..... **\$1.09**

Oscar Mayer, 8 oz tube each  
**Braunschweiger** ..... **59c**

Oscar Mayer, 12 oz pkg each  
**Smokie Links** ..... **\$1.39**

Decker, Fine for Seasoning lb.  
**Salt Pork** ..... **69c**

We have a good supply of  
Butterball Turkeys and Chicken Hens

### 5-Ring Bingo Winners!! 9th Big Week!!

#### \$100.00 Winners

Annie Dean  
Jack Morgan  
Mrs. A. D. Kirk

#### \$20.00 Winners

Grace Geeslin	Hortencia Duran
Mrs. Jerry Covington	Jeanette Welch
Jean Johnson	Edith Straley
Carl Allen	Bernice Kerby
Peggy Jenkins	Zona Kunkel
Judy Beavers	Jesus Sanchez
	Rose Motley

#### \$5.00 Winners

Sharon Branson	Jewel Chesser
Mrs. Ozell Robinson	Greta Sue Hines
Patricia Williams	Gracie Perry
Ardis Scrivner	Betty Portnajmer
Betty Portnajmer	Bonnie Partridge (3)
Irene Pafford	Louise Williams
Louise Williams	Marjorie Alexander
Mrs. A. D. Kirk	N. F. Harms
Bernard Perry	Judy Mullings (2)
C. Hollaway	Annie Dean
E. Phillips	Jack Morgan
Ruby Rector	Ruth Tullos
Sue Norton	Leora Hurst
Sue Jackson	Juan Cardona
Mrs. Jack Elms	Tot Casbeer
Ona Seward	Rita Leeder
Carl Greele	Carolyn Montgomery
Norma J. Sutherland	Marie Watson
Joyce Wilson	Kitty Lobstein (2)
Barbara Jernigan	Kathy Watson

#### \$1.00 Winners

Maudie Spinks	H. C. Schunke
Donna King	Connie Jones
Gay Geeslin	Darleen McCoy
Mrs. Elmer Phillips	John Williams
Wilma Hopper	Pat Grelle
Mrs. Hoyt Mize	Joyce Perry
Doris Koen (2)	Janis Harris
Mrs. Ozell Robinson	Stanley Odum
David Gilbreath	Nina Cummins
Mrs. Berta E. Hill	Louise Williams (2)
Vola M. Liptrap	Lauda Vines
Annie B. Padgett	Alta Turner
Mary Galloway	Benita Martinez
Elva McNeil	Gloria Correa
Mrs. C. A. Page	E. W. Shelton
Ellen Galloway	Mrs. W. C. Sherwood
Alice Lopez	Ruth Saathoff
Velma Harrell	Anne Pafford (2)
E. W. Shelton	Lucy Balencia
Theo Scott	Linda Petty
Theda Spinks	Winnlw Brown
W. C. Boseman	Pat Preston (2)
Veida Sanders (2)	Vera Sheppard, Jr.
Carl Allen	R. H. Sheppard, Jr.
J. Y. Weeks	Gladys Cockrum
Mrs. J. C. Petty	Willis Edwards
Truman Marwitz	Amelia Banda
Zona Kunkel	Amy Saledra
Neppie Long	Mae Faulkner
Ona Seward	Edith Combs
Mrs. H. B. Curtis	Jack Morgan (2)
E. Phillips (2)	Lee H. Esquivel (2)
Hortencia Duran (2)	Ida Dearson
James Burrus	Beatrice Lara
Lewis Sims	Mrs. Gracey Lee
Emma Whitlock	Lorene Egger
Eunice Knowles	Emmett Miller
Mrs. Dutch Smith	Jessie Hollums
John Pat Rudd	Sam McKown
Doris Koen	Odell Yarborough
Georgia Jacobs	Jewell Baskin
Ona Seward (2)	Mrs. Paul E. Kunkel
Dorothy Shelton	Juan Cardona
Annie Rose	Mrs. Harry E. Smith
Peggy Dunlap	Martha Faver
Julio Morva (2)	Carolyn Stewart
Viola Covey (2)	Dena Horton
Hortencia Duran (2)	Merris Brister (3)
Jimmy Welch	D. A. Long
Lillian Welch	Ruby Conley
A. L. Oliver	Gracie Perry
Lucille Hogue	Maxine Grba
M. E. Elms	Mona Henry
C. A. Skipping	Myrna O'Neal (2)
Mrs. M. Boyette	Cleta Hunt
C. Hollaway	Julia Martin
E. W. Shelton	Joyce Tiemann
Mozelle Herring	Jack Morgan
Mary Crawford	Rose Hoskins
Carolyn Montgomery	Kathy Alexander
Ruby Hartman (3)	Gladys Dean
Dorothy Shelton (2)	Clara Kimbell
Norma J. Sutherland	John Williams
Sam McKown	Virgil Casbeer
Mrs. Jim Kelly	Virginia Gavit
Mrs. M. A. Campbell	Gayla Ethridge (2)
W. L. Davis	Betty Portnajmer (2)
Leslie Dixon	Bonnie Partridge
Edna Schwartz	Vivian Wiedebusch
Len Price	Beverly Harvell
Peggy Jenkins (1)	Birtie Williams
Kay Featherston (2)	Joan Williams
Joe White	Julia Martin
Sharron Leach	Lena Jewell
D. A. Seale (2)	Irene Pafford
Gene Jones	Greta Sue Hines (2)
Barbara Miller	Lee Ruth Campbell
Jewel Dufner	Mrs. Inez Hammond
Kathy Evans	
Oleta Coffman	Melba Willey
Lena V. Lindsay	Mrs. L. E. Lane
Ruby Nell Berry	Eska Belle Morgan
Kathy Watson	Claudia Garza
	Bettye Hobson
	Helen Hale

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FTD Wire Service  
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Operator  
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Goldthwaite

## Texas, Southwestern Cattle Raisers Appoint Inspector

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has appointed Jack D. Andrews of Bremond, Texas, as field inspector effective Dec. 1, 1977. The announcement was made by TSCRA Secretary-General Manager Don C. King of Fort Worth.

Andrews, previously an investigator for the Robertson County Criminal District Attorney's office, will serve cattle raisers in TSCRA District 20. This district includes Brown, Comanche, Concho, Kimble, Llano, McCulloch, Mason, Menard, Mills, San Saba, Schleicher, and Sutton Counties, Texas.

Andrews and his wife, Mary Jane, will make his headquarters at Brady.

A native of Groseback, Limestone County, Texas, Andrews attended elementary school in Navasota and was graduated from High School in Texas City in 1962. He also attended Navarro Junior College and the College of the Mainland in Texas City. He later served in the U. S. Marine Corps.

Andrews was employed by the Robertson County Sheriff's office from April 1975 to March 1977. He then was employed by the Robertson County Criminal District Attorney until his appointment by TSCRA.

He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Texas District and County Attorney's Association. In addition, he is a past president of the Bremond Lion's Club and the Bremond Rodeo Riding Club.

Andrews replaces Jack H. Mims, who died in San Angelo September 25.



**JACK D. ANDREWS**  
... New Inspector



The penny is an alloy of copper, tin and zinc.

## Mills County Farm Bureau Newsletter

By Troy Berry  
MCFB President

The Mills County Farm Bureau has helped with the development of a new coyote film. This film is titled "The Lost Sheep". The film is in color and with sound. It is 16 MM and showing time is 28 minutes.

Andy Wells and Troy Berry have previewed this film and they say that it tells the true story. They further state that all of the people in Texas should have an opportunity to view this story on T.V. The environmentalist groups are waging a battle to keep this film from being shown by the networks.

Noticed a bumper sticker the other day that helps tell the story. It read "100,000 coyotes can not be wrong, eat more sheep and goats".

## Letters To The Editor

Jack and I attended the Ex-students Homecoming in Goldthwaite a few days ago and we had such a great time. I saw so many friends and acquaintances of long ago. Where were you Classes of 1935-1936?

There were three of my

teachers present and how I loved seeing them again. There was Miss Love Gatlin, who with a twinkle in her eye coming into History Class saying "Today we will have a little ten minute test". Willie Faye Gray and I would almost faint, as we had not studied our lesson. Then there was Mrs. Una V. Brim (Barnett) who tried to teach us Latin and I guess all I ever learned was Amo, Amas, Amot! Mrs. Helen Saylor was there and oh to be as spry and lovely when we are her age. To me they were the same today as yesterday!

I am truly a loyal fan of the San Saba Armadillos, especially since our grandson, Mike Miles, was quarterback for four years there, and Melinda was and is cheerleader for several years. But when we stand for the school songs and my old Alma Mater comes drifting across the football field, memories come rushing back of when I was a teenager in Goldthwaite High.

There were some bad times and some good times, but as we get older only the good memories remain in our hearts—Memories of The Way We Were.

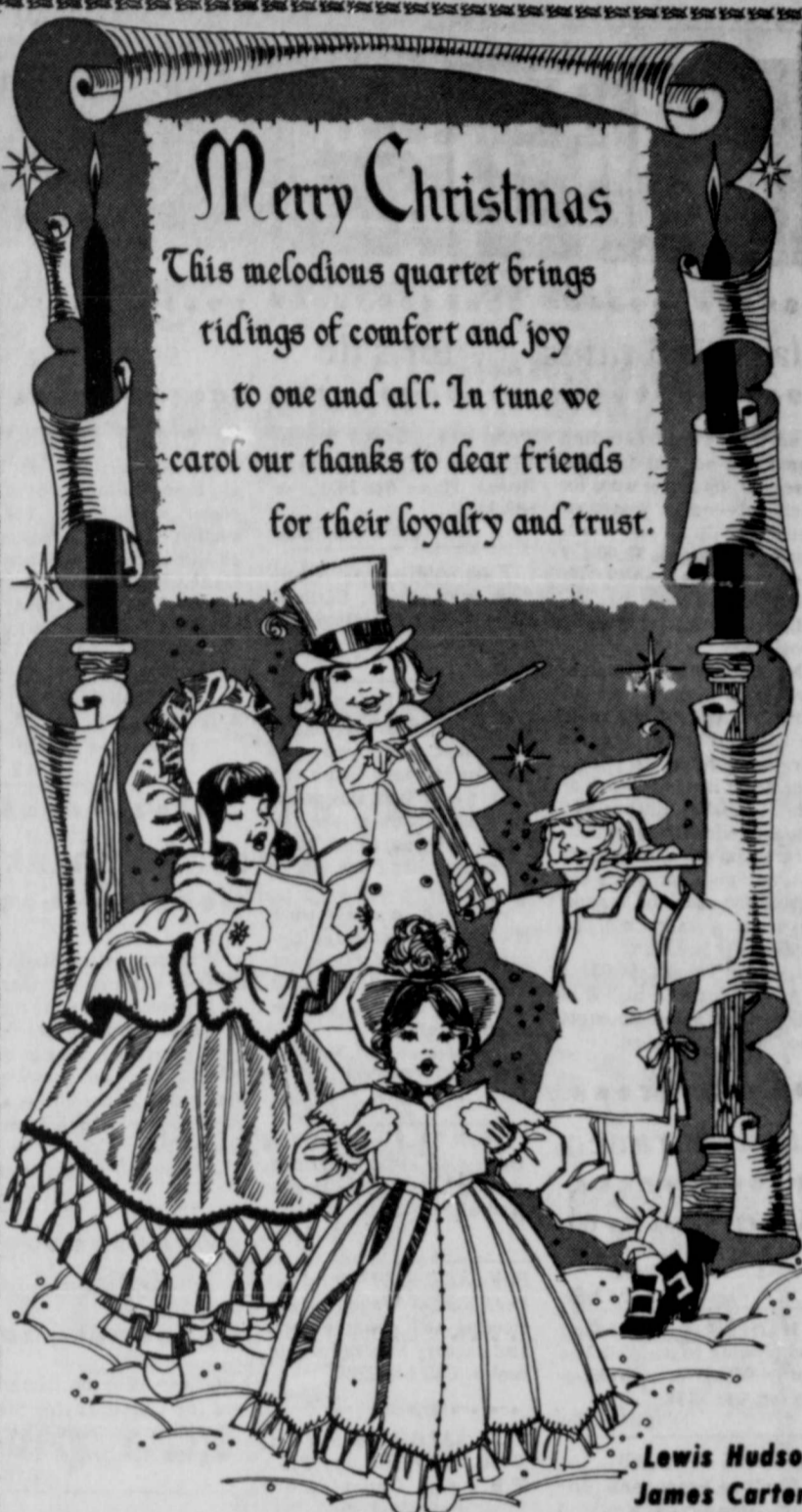
Mrs. Jack Owen  
(Anna McLean)

### O. E. SIDES CELEBRATE 54TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Sides celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary on December 17, 1977.

Attending were Oliver and Betty Traylor, W. L. and Ruth Sides and Shawn, C. N. Sides and Mary, Ruby and Sarah Clark, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Miller, all of Goldthwaite. Also Ken Hazlett of Llano.

**Fast, Dependable  
FILM DEVELOPING  
Hudson Drug**



**Merry Christmas**  
This melodious quarter brings tidings of comfort and joy to one and all. In tune we carol our thanks to dear friends for their loyalty and trust.

Lewis Hudson  
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Lotha Soules  
Etta Jordan  
Linda Yeager

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### New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Boyd Miller, of Goldthwaite, wish to announce the arrival of their son, Terry Dale, born Wednesday, Dec. 14. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Vannoy of Ft. Stockton, Texas.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller of Goldthwaite.

Maternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fraley of Ft. Stockton and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bledsoe of Akron, Texas.

Paternal great grandparent is Mrs. Lula Rainey of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Randal William Hohertz of San Angelo, Texas, announce the arrival of a son Michael Joe, born at Childs Clinic and Hospital, Dec. 19, 1977. He weighed 7 pounds.

Maternal grandparent is Mrs. Josie Kemp of San Angelo.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Hohertz of Priddy.

Maternal great grandparents are Mrs. Cordie Jones and Mr. G. L. Kemp, both of Goldthwaite; and paternal great grandparents are Mrs. Richard Hohertz and Mrs. Henry Sherrard, both of Priddy.

## NOTICE

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Will not be held in Goldthwaite in December.

Regular schedule will resume in January.

## Lometa Commission Company

LOMETA, TEXAS  
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SALE 12/16/77

RECEIPTS 1136

Light Weight Steer Calves	42.00	52.00
Medium Weight Steer Calves	42.00	50.00
Heavy Weight Steer Calves	42.00	49.00
Light Weight Heifer Calves	28.00	36.00
Medium Weight Heifer Calves	28.00	38.00
Heavy Weight Heifer Calves	28.00	36.00
Feeder Heifers	28.00	37.00
Feeder Steers	36.00	44.00
Heiferettes	25.00	31.00
Stocker Cows	23.00	30.00
Cows and Calves	185.00	294.00
Bull Calves	36.00	46.00
Bull Yearlings	35.00	43.00
Packer Bulls	24.00	30.50
Packer Cows	16.00	26.00
Shelly Cows	12.00	16.00

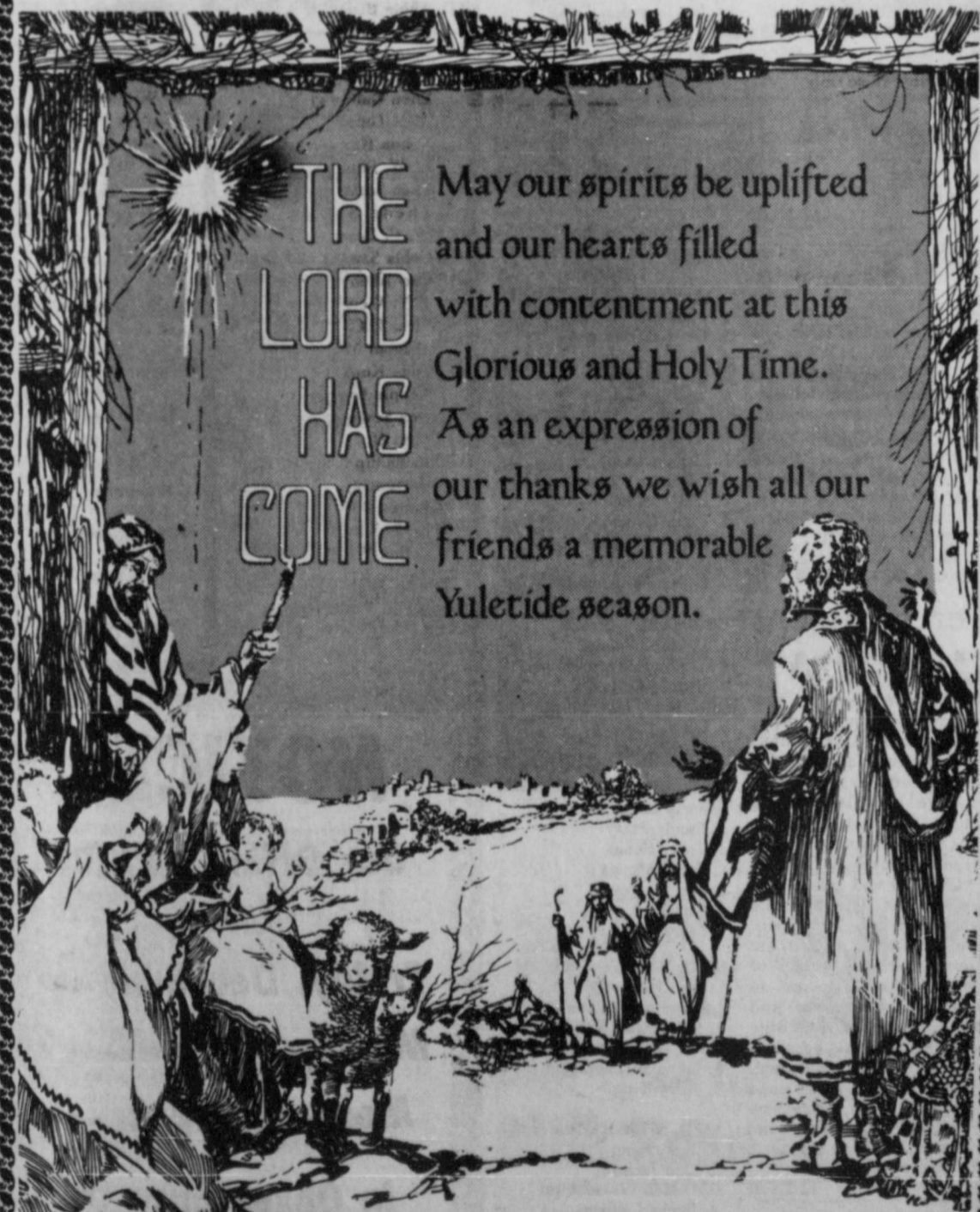
All light weight steer and heifer calves were fully steady to \$1 higher. Medium weight steer and heifer calves were steady to \$2 higher. Heavy weight steer and heifer calves were steady to \$1 higher. Yearling steers were \$1 to \$2 higher. Yearling heifers were \$1 to \$2 higher. Planer kinds of cattle and fat bull calves were \$1 higher. Packer cows and bulls were \$1 to \$2 higher.

### REPRESENTATIVE SALES

Wood Brothers, Richland Springs, 3 b w f Steers	at \$52.50
Baxter Lively, San Saba 530# Hereford hef.	at \$36.75
Mack Horne, Lometa, 385# Angus steer	at \$45.00
Katherine Kidd, San Saba, 625# Char. cross Steer	at \$41.50
Wilton Martin, San Saba, 555# b w f hef.	at \$36.25
Rough Creek Cattle Co., San Saba, 560# b w f Heifer	at \$36.50
Thomas and Johnson, Goldthwaite, 370# b w f Steer	at \$47.50
John Hogan, San Saba, 810# stocker cow	at \$27.00
B. & R. Ranch, Burnet, 290# b w f steer	at \$49.50

All classes of cattle were steady to \$1 to \$3 higher. Buyer attendance was excellent. We had 22 active buyers here today. All classes of cattle were in good demand. We want to wish all of our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We all hope that 1978 will be a better year. We want to thank all our customers for your business in 1977. At Lometa Commission Co. your business is appreciated.

OUR NEXT SALE WILL BE  
JANUARY 6, 1978 AT 12:00 NOON



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LORD  
HAS  
COME**

May our spirits be uplifted and our hearts filled with contentment at this Glorious and Holy Time. As an expression of our thanks we wish all our friends a memorable Yuletide season.

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FOR SALE - 1 1/2 ft. Star Boat, tilt trailer 20 HP Johnson motor. 4 trailers, 4 disc plows, 1 John Deere 6 ft. tandem disc, 1 IHC grain drill on steel, 1 John Deere grain drill, 16 disc on rubber, real good. One 10 ft. river boat like new. Two 5 gal. Propane bottles. Electric motors and switchboxes. V-pulleys and lots of good merchandise. Pat Parker, 904 Lee St., 648-2502. 12-15-2tp

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CALCUTTA POLES - The ones made for threshing pecans, and to get the ones the shakers left. Imported from India. Get them now at STEEN HARDWARE, on Fisher Street in Goldthwaite. 12-15-2tc

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FOR SALE - Pick up payments on 1976 Monte Carlo, two-door blue Landau top. Call 648-3512 after 5 p.m. 12-22-2tc

There will be a stated meeting of Goldthwaite Lodge No. 694, A.F. & A.M. Thursday, Dec. 22, 1977 7:00 p.m. All Masons Cordially Invited Bobby Wilcox, W.M. Owen B. Yarborough, Sec.

CARPET CLEANING - Two Operations. Heavy shampoo followed by cold water rinse with 140-lb suction extractor. Removes all dirt into disposal barrel. Local references. D.T. Boyd. Ph. 356-2454, Comanche, Tx. 4-10-tfc

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### card of thanks

With deepest gratitude we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the many friends and relatives for their expressions of sympathy and other kindnesses shown the family during the illness and death of our loved one, Mary Berry. The Family of Mary Berry 12-22-1tc

### Notice

NOTICE - Anyone hunting on the Claud Taylor place should have a permit. Signed A.A. Cline. 11-10-tfc

FOR SALE - 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, brick home. Central heat and air, fireplace, living room, den, kitchen, utility room, two car garage, covered patio, large corner lot. Garden, trees, large storage and workshop. Fenced yard. 1311 3rd St. Contact Florence Westerman, 1511 Periwinkle, San Antonio, Tx. 78232. 1-6-tfc

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GRAND CHAMPION Market Hogs: Delton Whisenhunt. RESERVE Champion Market Hog: Tracy Couch.

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## Mullin Livestock Show Held; Results Given

The annual Mullin Livestock Show was held last Saturday, December 17. The weather was great and the show was a big success. Judging the show was Vocational Agriculture Instructor from Richland Springs, Darrell Lusty. Listed below, in the order of their placings, are the results of the show.

**MARKET SWINE**  
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**SOUTHDOWN**  
1-2. Delton Whisenhunt 3. Cynthia Hasley 4. Lee Jackson 5. Linda Hasley 6. Ted Hasley

Grand Champion Lamb: Heavy Weight Medium Wool belonging to Jerry King. Reserve Grand Champion went to medium wool lamb owned by Don Jackson.

**TURKEYS**  
HENS 1-2-3. Charlie Leverett 4. Don Jackson 5. Sue Jackson

**Eaglettes -**  
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**JR. HIGH WINS OVER NEW HORIZONS**

The Goldthwaite Jr. High Eagles defeated the New Horizons Boys Ranch last Thursday night by a score of 27-22.

Wendell Tucker and Brent Dennis scored 8 points each, and Eric Henry, Daryl Schriver and Michael Fowler had 5, 4 and 2 points respectively.

**JR. HIGH VS. LOMETA**

Monday night the Jr. High boys traveled to Lometa where the seventh grade was defeated 34-30; and the eighth grade lost to Lometa 75-19.

The Jr. High teams do not play again until January 9, when they will play at Mullin.

**TOMS**  
1. Charlie Leverett 2. Sue Jackson 3-4. Charlie Leverett 5. Don Jackson

**STEERS**  
ONE CLASS ONLY 1. Debbie Lindsey 2. Delton Whisenhunt 3. Becky Lindsey

**GRAND CHAMPION STEER**  
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The Eaglettes season record is now 14 - 3. The J.V. record now goes to 4-1.

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--Tamra Long --Mina Kay Johnson

**ASU Performers**

**Tamra Long, Mina Kay Johnson On ASU Drill Team**

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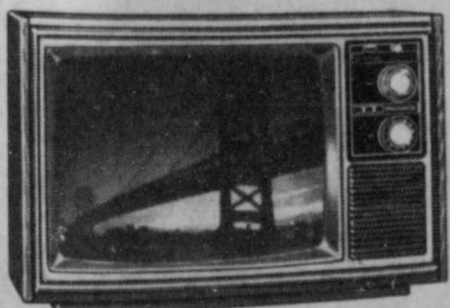
**PICKIN' & GRINNIN'**  
DISCONTINUED

We are sorry to announce that due to the high cost of rent, we will not be able to sponsor the monthly 'Pickin' and Grinnin' program, which has been held each first Saturday night of the month at the Goldthwaite Senior Citizens Building. **NEW HOME SIL** Mills Co. Fiddlers Club

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## Heritage Happenings

The spirit of Christmas is in the air, and everyone is making preparations for Santa. The tree is up and beautifully decorated. The packages are being piled high around the tree. We can hardly wait.

The Children's Choir from the Methodist Church entertained us with Christmas Carols. Also, some of Sybil Head's piano and guitar students played carols for us, which put us in the gala Christmas spirit. Our bulletin board done by Susie

Stewart has brought back many wonderful memories.

The Men's Downtown Bible Class singing was enjoyed so much. Several guest singers were here and we really appreciate them putting out a special effort to be with us. If you miss this group, you miss a treat. We invite you to be with us each second Thursday night for this singing.

Hazel Moseley and group was enjoyed very much. Thanks Hazel for all the times you have made our

lives happier.

We have enjoyed our usual activities this month and are looking forward to the Goldthwaite Baptist G.A.'s caroling Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Our Friday afternoon Choir at 2:00 p.m. is awaited with eagerness, and last but not least our Resident Christmas Party, Friday, December 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. We invite all families and friends of the residents to attend and enjoy the good times that will be offered. We especially are

looking forward to seeing Santa. Who knows, it might not be too late to put in a last minute order.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you who have helped to make our home a better and happier place to be. Your kindness, time and efforts have been appreciated by all the residents and staff. In return, may you be blessed with a reasonable portion of health and much happiness in the coming year.

## ★ Star Community News ★

### BASKETBALL NEWS

Last Monday evening the Star Jr. High played basketball in Mullin. The girls lost as did the Pee Wees. The boys team won. They are not scheduled to play again until January 9, when they will play Lometa at Star.

On Tuesday evening the High School teams traveled to Gustine for a return game. The boys "B" team won, but both the girls and boys "A" teams lost.

### EVANT TOURNEY RESULTS

The High School teams played in the Evant tournament over the weekend. They started Thursday with games with Oglesby. The girls won but the boys lost by two points.

On Friday, the boys played Pottsville in the afternoon and won. The girls played Evant that evening and lost. On Saturday the boys played

for consolation against Florence and lost. The girls played for third place against Meridian. They played well, but lost, which made them fourth place in the tournament.

### CHURCHES HOLD JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Center City Methodist and Baptist Churches had their joint Christmas party Sunday night. There were gifts, refreshments, carols sung and a puppet show. There was a fair sized crowd in attendance and the evening was enjoyed by all.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Star School will dismiss

### CHURCH SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, Christmas Day, the Star Baptist Church will not have Sunday School and the worship service will be at 10:00 a.m. instead of 11:00 o'clock, as usual.

The Church of Christ will hold its regular services on Christmas Day.

The Center City Methodist Church will not have Sunday School on Christmas Day.

Merry Christmas To All

## Hillview Highlights

The December Birthday Party at Hillview Manor was hosted by Tuesday Study Club.

Dedra Long and Beverly Carothers presented a lovely program.

Everyone in the nursing home is busy with working and enjoying the Christmas spirit. All of us got much pleasure from sacking Santa's candy for the Lions Club. Thanks for the privilege of letting us do this. We feel useful when we can help and are willing to do so in any way we can.

We want to express our appreciation to those who volunteered in helping us in so many ways.

### 5-Year Peak

AUSTIN—Last month the number of cows and calves placed in Texas feedlots hit the highest point in five years, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown reports.

A record 655,000 head were placed during October, the largest number since 1972, Brown said. This was 25 per cent above the same time a year ago and 72 per cent more than the previous month, he stated. These placements made a total of 1,850,000 head of cattle in feedlots statewide.

We welcome our new resident, Mrs. Alma Flowers. She is loved by all and she will surely be a blessing to our home.

We are looking forward to a Happy Holiday Season. Come up and share it with us!

### Mullin Senior

### Citizens Meet

### December 19th

The Mullin Senior Citizens met on Monday, December 19, with forty-four present. Games were played through the morning.

At the noon hour John Davidson asked the blessing for a bountiful Christmas lunch with turkey, dressing and ham with all the trimmings.

Some plates of food were taken to shut-ins. Then we had our program, which was the exchange of gifts.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 16, 1978. All are welcome.

The Reporter



*Caught up in the magic of the holiday, young and old dream dreams of fun and laughter and joy ever after? All these we wish for you... and more. It's our way of saying thank you for brightening our lives with your friendship.*

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## Christmas GREETINGS



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**Thank You —**  
So very much, our dear and faithful relatives and friends, for your help in so many, many ways, the last several months. The many cards, letters, calls, words of encouragement, kindnesses and especially your prayers and visits have been so greatly appreciated. God bless each of you. May you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

**Sincerely, Burthel and Evelyn Roberts**

## Mullin Community News

By Lillian Plummer

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Deward Chesser were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Chesser of Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Tyson of Brownwood; Mrs. Ethel Wilkins of Goldthwaite; and Mrs. Belva Cobb of Mullin. Mr. Coke Toliver of Brownfield spent several days last week with his

mother, Mrs. Margaret Toliver. Other guests of Mrs. Toliver were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nixon and three children of Austin, and Mr. Douglas Sedberry and Mr. Jack Frazier of Waco.

The Mullin Community Center was open Saturday night, Dec. 17, to the Perkins descendants. There was a beautiful Christmas tree with gifts and a delicious supper. There were more than thirty relatives present to enjoy the happy occasion.

Mr. Edgar Smith is able to be at home after a long stay in the Brownwood hospital.

Mrs. Ross Wheeler and my daughter from Rankin came for the weekend. Mrs. Wheeler (Dink) stayed in Goldthwaite with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weatherby. Jim is still in the hospital and improving daily.

Our aunt, Lucy Wilson, of Brownwood was visiting here and at Goldthwaite Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Kirkpatrick visit often with their aunts, Mrs. Marie Hancock and Miss Carrie Kirkpatrick in Brownwood. They think Aunt Marie is slowly improving since she is now at home.

Mr. Edgar Burkett has come home after several days in the hospital at Goldthwaite. His daughter Mrs. Juanell Curtis of Goliad is here with him. His daughter Blanche, of Victoria, has also been to see her father.

Mrs. Ora Wilson was a visitor in Brownwood Monday. She attended to business and visited Miss Lucy Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hancock and Mr. Mac Hancock attended the funeral of their aunt at Cooper one day last week.

Happy, healthy and safe Holidays to everyone! "There is nothing like a shower suddenly turned cold to persuade a man to pay his gas bill".

### Texas Cotton Crop Biggest In 26 Years

AUSTIN—Harvesting of Texas upland cotton, proceeding at a record pace due to dry weather, is expected to yield the largest crop since 1949, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown says.

Latest predictions by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service show production may reach 5 million bales. This is a 200,000-bale increase over the Oct. 1 forecast. In 1976, there were 3,307,000 bales ginned.

"All reports show that this year's crop will be of excellent quality also," Brown stated. "If the market would take an upswing, things could be looking better for cotton farmers."



The apple originated in Afghanistan.

### Sandy Land Square Dancers Host CP Dance

The Sandy Land Swingers Square Dance Club of Cross Plains will host its regular fourth Friday Club dance on December 23, at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Ralph McMullen of Baird will be calling. All area dancers are invited to come join the dancing.

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<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Dan Connally, Pastor  Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. Training Union, 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Priddy</b>  <b>ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Rev. Don Vlasak, Pastor Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.  <b>BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Mike Henson, Pastor Services Every Sunday	<b>Mullin</b>  <b>BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Joe Rigby, Pastor  Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m. Bible Study, 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 8:00 p.m.		
<b>ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Fr. Charles Davis, Pastor  St. Marys Catholic Church 504 West Wallace St. San Saba, Texas Phone 372-3679 Sunday Mass, 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m. Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.	<b>Star</b>  <b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Pat Brooks, Pastor  Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 8:00 p.m.	<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> R. L. Roberts, Pastor  Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.		
<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Roland Fry, Minister  Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting	<b>Center City</b>  <b>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> George Matthews, Pastor  Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. (Every Sunday) First & Third Sundays of each month and Fifth Sundays - Worship at 10:15 a.m. Business Meeting - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday of the first full week of each month.	<b>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> George Matthews, Pastor  Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. (Every Sunday) First & Third Sundays of each month and Fifth Sundays - Worship at 10:15 a.m. Business Meeting - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday of the first full week of each month.		
<b>ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Rev. Jack Vaughn 107 East Dry San Saba, Texas 76877  Sunday Morning Services Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Services 11:00 a.m.  Sunday Night, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.	<b>BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Todd Thompson, Pastor  Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.	<b>BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Harvey Patterson, Pastor Services Every Sunday  Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.		
<b>PRIMITIVE BAPTIST PHILADELPHIA CHURCH</b> Elder Elmer Isham of Comanche  Services Every First Sunday Each Month and on Saturday preceding the first Sunday.	<b>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> George Matthews, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. (Every Sunday) Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. First & Third Sundays of each month and Fifth Sundays - 11:00 a.m. Worship Children & Pastor - 3:30 p.m. Every Friday between Sept. 1 and May 31. Business Meeting - 8:30 p.m. - Friday of the first full week of each month.			

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor...The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

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## Dan Connally Accepts Area Missionary Job

Dan Connally, pastor of First Baptist Church in Goldthwaite since 1971, has been elected as director of missions for the Heart of Texas Baptist Area, which has offices in Brownwood.

The HOT Area represents four associations of Southern Baptists in Brown, Comanche, Mills and San Saba counties. Connally will serve as a member of the missions team of the Baptist General

Convention of Texas. He succeeds Dr. Clifford Nelson, who will retire on Dec. 31.

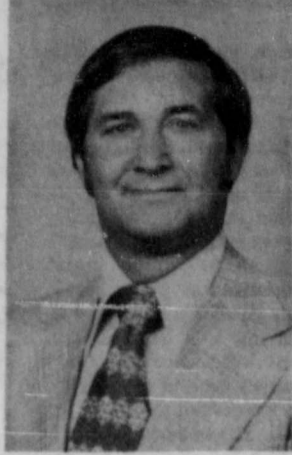
Leon Aduddell, pastor of Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood, was chairman of the HOT Area committee that recommended Connally. He commended Connally's missions experience in Latin American communities and in New York.

Connally has served as pastor of Baptist churches in Albany, Masterson and Turkey in Texas, and Orchard Park in New York.

He was president of ministerial associations in Goldthwaite and Orchard Park. He also served on the executive boards of the Baptist conventions in Texas and New York.

A native of Moran, Connally received the bachelor of arts degree from Howard Payne University in Brownwood and the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

He and his wife Oma Dale have a son, 17, and a daughter, 13.



Dan Connally Accepts New Post

### Letter To The Editor

The following letter was received at the Eagle office recently.

"In this year of 1977, on December 26, we will be quietly celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary with relatives and friends in Goldthwaite, Texas, where we grew up and were married. We were married during World War I, and we both volunteered for service to our country. I was at Camp Bowie and my wife performed duties for the food conservation in west Texas.

It is with grateful hearts to our heavenly Father for his many blessings; and to our friends and relatives for their friendship and love -- that is a warming fire in a winter world. We never tire of the crimson glow and the blue smoke of the flame your love and friendship has given us -- pleasant memories to cheer us -- to this fire we will add seasoned logs of our own -- for love and friendship is a two-way thing, and we don't want this lovely glow to die. Throughout all the years

that are before us, in hours of loneliness or sorrow, this glow will warm our old hearts. We still call Goldthwaite our home.

We wish for each of you health, peace and contentment this Christmas and always."

Ruby & Bedford McBride

### School Lunch Room Menu

Thursday: Dec. 22  
Hamburgers  
Lettuce-Tomato Salad  
French Frys  
Pickle Slices  
Cherry Jello  
Milk

Friday, Dec. 23 to Monday, Jan. 2 - Christmas Holidays

Tuesday: Jan. 3  
Hot Dogs with Chili  
Lettuce-Tomato Salad  
French Frys  
Cheese Sticks  
Apple Betty - Milk

Wednesday: Jan. 4  
Country Steak  
Buttered Corn  
Green Beans  
Picked Beets  
Hot Rolls - Butter  
Syrup - Milk

Thursday: Jan. 5  
Hamburgers  
Lettuce-Tomato Salad  
French Frys  
Sliced Pickles  
Strawberry Jello  
Milk

Friday: Jan. 6  
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Whipped Potatoes  
Buttered Peas  
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## Extension Highlights

Danny Long,  
County Ext. Agent

Small grain fields should be checked at regular intervals during the growing season for greenbugs. When greenbug populations are increasing, fields should be inspected at least once each week. During favorable weather conditions greenbugs can increase at a rapid rate.

Greenbugs suck plant juice and inject a toxin into the plant during feeding. This toxin causes leaves to turn yellow and enough toxin can cause the entire plant to die. Damage by greenbugs often occurs in localized spots. As plants die, green bugs move to uninfested plants, enlarging the affected area and eventually leaving large areas of dead plants. These spots are easily noticed from the turnrow.

Greenbugs are aphids, approximately 1/16 inch long, light green body with a dark green stripe down their back. Greenbugs may be winged or wingless and both forms may be found on the same leaf. They may be found feeding on leaves, stems or the base of the plant just below

ground line. Temperature seems to affect the feeding site. Biotype C seems to feed more below ground line than did the Biotype B. When inspecting a field remember to look below the ground line at several plants.

There are two other aphids commonly found in small grains; both are darker in color and neither has a dark green stripe down their back. Small grain can tolerate much higher numbers of these aphids than greenbugs without suffering significant damage.

Dr. George Teetes has reported resistance of greenbugs to organophosphorus insecticides in several counties in the High Plains. If difficulty in control is experienced, check on application and weather before declaring resistance.

Poor control can be expected from insecticides applied when the temperature is below 50 degrees F.

Greenbugs can reproduce at temperatures from 40 to 100 degrees F., but reproduce most rapidly between 70-75 degrees. When the temperature goes as low as 5 degrees F. or as high as 107 degrees F., most may be

killed. Yet the Biotype C can withstand higher and lower temperatures than previously thought possible for greenbugs.

There are several beneficial insects that feed on greenbugs such as a small wasp *Lysiphlebus testaceipes*, lady beetles, lacewing,

damselfly, syrphid fly larvae and several species of spiders. The temperature has to be above 65 degrees before you get a very rapid reduction in the greenbug population.

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When The Old Bird Was Younger

10 Years Ago

Taken from the Eagle files of December 21, 1967.

Dr. R. Glynn Raley, of Goldthwaite, has been named District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for Masonic District No. 114, which includes four lodges in Mills County.

Rev. H. S. Goodenough, Sr., former minister of First Methodist Church at Kennedy, is the new pastor of the Star-Center City Methodist Churches, effective Jan. 1, 1968.

The Texas Highway Department, now celebrating its 50th Anniversary, spends more than \$1 million a year on research for safer highways.

Carol Hall, a junior, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hall, was chosen FHA'er for November at the chapter meeting on November 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh W. Jones, of Clyde, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patty, to Mr. DeWayne McCasland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer McCasland of Goldthwaite.

Jana Petty and Kenneth Roberts have been selected Sweetheart and Beau of the Goldthwaite High School Band.

25 Years Ago

Taken from the Eagle files of December 26, 1952.

Will Rose has sold his business, the Goldthwaite Cafe, to Cecil Bradley, according to announcement made Monday of this week. Bradley comes to Goldthwaite from Alice, Texas, where he has been in business for the past 15 years.

Jane Ann Steen, a student at McMurry College, is one of the 56 named to the first scholastic honor roll for this year. She is in the upper ten percent of the class.

A. D. Kirk, who has been with Dow Chemical Company since 1941, was recently promoted from position of engineering group leader to section engineer. He and his wife and two children live in Lake Jackson, Texas.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Will Burks Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Kuykendall, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Denson and daughter, Miss Grace Denson, and Cecil Denson.

Miss Angeline Smith from Baylor University is spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Smith and family.

Mrs. Velva Dee Harris reports that her husband, Warren, landed in Germany the 6th of December.

40 Years Ago

Taken from the Eagle files of December 24, 1937.

E. D. Fuller and son Douglas, and daughter Vernell, and Ben Casbeer of Kerrville were visitors here Sunday. Miss Vernell visited with Dorothy Eunice Morris, while the gentlemen attended the singing convention at Center City. Dorothy accompanied them back to Kerrville to spend Christmas with her parents, who are staying there during the fur season.

The business section of the city is truly decked out in gala array for the holiday season. The merchants have

G'waite Garden Club Regular Session

The Goldthwaite Garden Club met in the community room of Mills County State Bank Wednesday, afternoon, December 7, at 2:00 p.m., with Mrs. R.G. Raley presiding.

Roll call was answered by each member telling the number of door decorations they had made for the two local nursing homes.

Mrs. Warren Duren discussed the final plans for "Christmas Around Town" Tour" December 10 in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Del Barnett, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Cody Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Homer McCasland, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Boykin.

Miss Laura Virden was leader for the program "Taking Christmas Decorations to the Nursing Homes". The hostesses Miss Laura Virden, Mrs. Herbert Cooke, and Mrs. Lloyd Reynolds served delicious refreshments carrying out the Christmas theme. After this the members carried the door decorations to the nursing homes.

There will be a Singing at Hillview Manor Nursing Home Thursday night, December 22, (tonight) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come join in the merriment.

Personal

Miss Belinda Wheat and boy friend of Corpus Christi spent the weekend here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nowell.

Church Time Change At Center City

Regular Sunday worship services of the Center City Baptist Church will be conducted at 10:00 A.M. this Sunday, December 25th.

shown more interest in decorating their stores than ever before, as to the interiors and show windows both.

Despite the increase in the use of trucks and automobiles by the U.S. Army, Uncle Sam is still buying horses. An Army representative from Ft. Sill, Okla., was in Goldthwaite Tuesday and looked at around 100 head that had been concentrated here for inspection. The requirements were strict. Of the carload of 21 horses shipped from here, Sam Rahl sold 13 and Key Johnson sold one.

W. E. Yarborough of San Saba spent Sunday with his nephew O. H. Yarborough and wife.

Highway Patrol Releases November Traffic Survey

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated ten rural traffic accidents in Mills County during November, 1977, according to Sergeant Reinhardt, supervisor for this Highway Patrol Sergeant Area. These accidents resulted in no deaths and 6 injuries.

The total rural traffic accidents for Mills County for this year is 107, which have resulted in 2 deaths and 53 injuries.

The twenty-four counties which comprise Highway Patrol District 6B have had a total of 5,351 rural traffic accidents this year which have resulted in 156 deaths and 2,826 injuries. This compares to 5,039 accidents, 143 deaths and 2,616 injuries reported during this same period last year.

Clay Touchstone, Captain Texas Highway Patrol Austin

Chappell Hill

By Pearl Crawford

We wish all our friends a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Chappell Hill.

To wish all our neighbors and friends a Happy Holiday, we send our love and best wishes to all the folks at the Hillview Manor.

George and Pearl Crawford

NOTICE

Goldthwaite Cablevision is changing its monthly rate from \$5.50 to \$7.00 per month. This is due to the greatly increased cost of labor and material.

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Services Held For Dr. Robert DeWolfe

Dr. Robert Hill DeWolfe, Sr. died of cancer in Goleta, California on December 15, 1977.

He was a native of Goldthwaite, the son of the late Blomer C. DeWolfe, Austin attorney, and Mrs. Ruyel K. DeWolfe. His grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Hill DeWolfe and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Keese.

Robert was reared and

educated in Austin. At the time of his death, Dr. DeWolfe was a full professor in the School of Sciences of the University of California, at Santa Barbara.

Survivors include his wife, Dr. Barbara Blanchard DeWolfe, of Goleta, Calif.; his mother, Mrs. Ruyel DeWolfe of Arlington; one brother, Homer C. DeWolfe of Grand Prairie; and two nieces and one nephew.

STARTING Monday, December 12

Mrs. Cheryl (Covington) Jones At Country Girl Beauty Salon Latest Haircuts & Styles Up Do's for Long Hair Feathering Wings (for teenagers) Blowcuts, Blow Drying & Iron Curling

Christmas Greetings advertisement listing various food items and prices such as Super Suds, Peanut Butter, Marshmallow Creme, Miracle Whip, etc.

Wagner Assorted Drinks advertisement listing items like 3 for \$1.00, Chuck Roast, Hamburger Meat, Pork Sausage, etc.

WALTER'S DISCOUNT FOODS advertisement listing items like Turkey Hens, Chicken Hens, HAMS, FRYERS, etc.

**MEMORIAL TO**

**MILLS CO. MUSEUM**

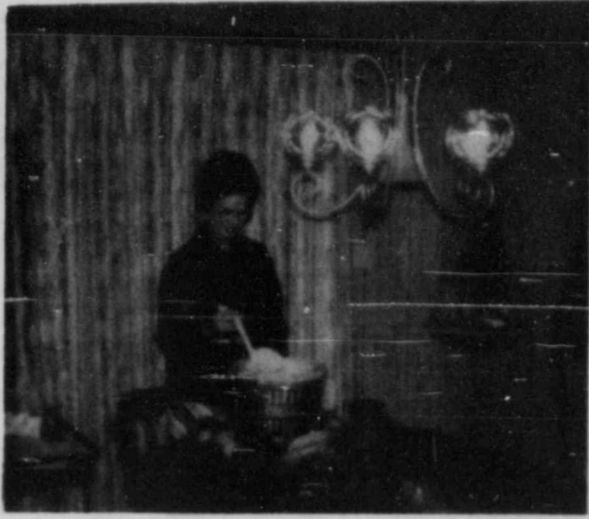
A memorial has been given to the Mills County

Historical Museum in memory of Miss Clyde Pickens by John Campbell Pickens and Mrs. Lucille Pickens Al-dridge.

**Garden Club Tour of Homes Enjoyed By About 250**

There were approximately 250 people who enjoyed the "Christmas Around Town" tour of homes Saturday evening, December 10th, which was sponsored by the

Goldthwaite Garden Club. We really believe it put everyone who saw these beautifully decorated homes in the Christmas spirit.



Mrs. Homer McCasland pouring punch from a basket in the dining room of her beautiful white stone home.



Mrs. Bobby Boykin is pictured in the entrance and stairway area of her beautiful home during the annual tour of homes. The Boykins chose with bells for their theme "Christmas Bells on the Hilltop" for their new two-story home.



Mrs. Del Barnett and little daughter Holli pose in the Barnetts beautiful home, which depicted a western theme "A Roundup of Christmas Joy and Holly" for the tour of homes.

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*For Christmas... or just any occasion Give Her...*



**Interlude**

The super lasting fragrance that treats all your senses. A fragrance that lasts up to eight hours or longer. Choose from a collection that includes perfumed cologne, natural spray and the bath series.

Interlude, by *Frances Danney*. Experience it for yourself, and for someone close. It's the fragrance that goes from bath to bed...

**Hope** is the fragrance that's rich, young and beautiful. It's a nice feeling to live with. Men like it too! Come in and sample both INTERLUDE and HOPE.

**WOODY PHARMACY**

Goldthwaite



Dr. and Mrs. Tom Cody Graves before the fireplace in their beautiful home which carried out the theme "A Medley of Christmas Carols" on the tour of homes which was sponsored by the Goldthwaite Garden Club.

**Hospital Report**

12-13-77 - 12-19-77

**DECEMBER 13 -**  
Admitted: Nellie Hardgrave, Patricia Ann Miller and Bonnie Rush.  
Discharged: Addie Mae Cox and A. D. Herring.

**DECEMBER 14 -**  
Admitted: Baby Boy Miller of Goldthwaite; Mary Elizabeth Kirby of Lometa; and Fairy Laughlin of Goldthwaite.  
Discharged: Matilda Elvira Heath, Willie Mae Roberts and Gordon Sue Bohannon.

**DECEMBER 15 -**  
Admitted: James S. Weatherby, Melton Olalde, and Bertha Jane Boykin, all of Goldthwaite; Tereso Pena Charles of Mullin.  
Discharged: Bonnie Rush, Maude Irene Hill and Sudie Walton.

**DECEMBER 16 -**  
Admitted: Huldah L. Doggett, Arvon Davis, and Florence Jones.  
Discharged: Nellie Hardgrave, Opal Singletary, Fairy Laughlin, Hettie Booker and Alma Flowers.

**DECEMBER 18 -**  
Admitted: Douglas Warren and Nellie Hardgrave.

**DECEMBER 19 -**  
Admitted: Sandra Kay Hohertz of San Angelo; Elton Roberts of Goldthwaite.  
Discharged: Edgar Burkett, Jay Lee Brooks, Teresa Charles and Patricia Ann Miller.

**DECEMBER 19 -**  
Admitted: Ernest F. Senger of Priddy; Billy Eugene Bryan of Kilgore; Amanda Jo Jackson of Mullin; Lena Brown; Baby Boy Hohertz of

**EAGLES WON 3RD IN EVANT TOURNEY**

In the Evant Tourney last Thursday, the Eagles played Florence first and won by a score of 66-44. Jett Johnson was high point with 25. They then played Meridian and lost 42-47. The Eagles played Oglesby for 3rd place. They won 99-44. The boys received their 3rd place trophy and Jett Johnson received an All-Tourney trophy.

San Angelo; Ada Lee Duren and Bertia Reaves of Goldthwaite.  
Discharged: Terry Dale Miller and Billy E. Bryan.

**YOU ARE INVITED:**

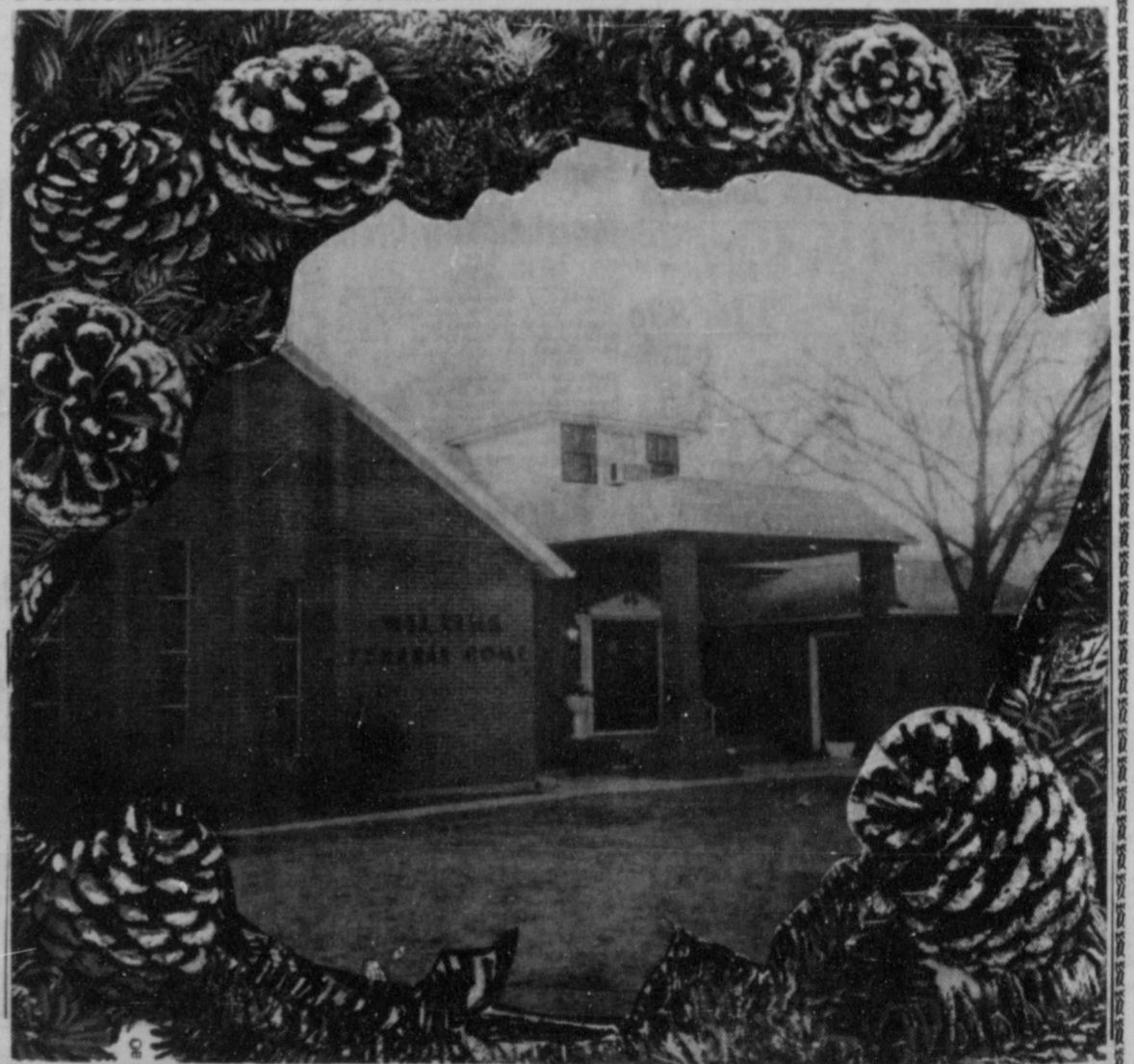
to come by and have Christmas Dinner with your friend or relative on Christmas Day.

We will have a special dinner prepared for the occasion and we know that it will be a happy way to celebrate Christmas.

Please phone 648-2247 for a reservation on or before December 22nd if you plan to attend.

**Hillview Manor**

Marie Hamilton, Administrator  
On The Hill In Goldthwaite



**Merry Christmas**

May the serenity of Christmas find and keep you content. May every day of this joyful season be filled with joy... abundant in peace... rich in brotherhood.

**Wilkins Funeral Home**

Lee Roy, Merlene, Ricky, Jo & Chastity  
Evelyn Wenzel, Lois Scoby, John Robert Mauney, and Homer Doggett



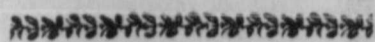
Merry Christmas from our family to yours. Hope it's filled with an abundance of holiday treasures—love, peace and happiness. Enjoy each moment of fun and laughter.

**Yarborough's**

Azilee Pribble, Lottie Denman, James Leonhard  
Gertrude, Owen and Harold Yarborough

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

1977 Christmas  
Greeting Edition



Section B

Thursday, December 22, 1977

## The Goldthwaite Eagle

### Goldthwaite Kindergarten Writes To Santa

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer?  
How are you doing up there?  
What have you been doing?  
I would like a tractor, a trailer,  
a dozer, a shovel, a big truck.  
That's all.  
Love,  
David Turner

Dear Santa Claus,  
Is Rudolph really true?  
And I hope you have a Happy  
New Year. I already told you  
what I want. That's all.  
Your friend,  
Brady Sherwood

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a truck, a trailer  
that's white. A brown shot-  
gun (toy). A gun belt and a  
football.  
Your friend,  
Martin Valencia

Dear Santa,  
I want a racing car track,  
and an airplane and an electric  
car. And a play Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Matt Malone

Dear Santa,  
I want an electric train, a  
tractor with a plow.  
Your friend,  
Bradley Shelton

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please give me the pres-  
ents that I wrote for already.  
That's all.  
Your friend,  
Coby Tyson

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll. You've got to  
get Misty something.  
Love,  
Melissa Blansit

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll. And a  
Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Tanya Miller

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck for my  
brother. And I want it to be  
red. And I want a Kool-aid  
mixer. And I want a doll that  
walks three feet and turns  
around and comes back. I  
want some play flowers. And  
I want a trailer to go with the  
truck, but I want it to be  
white. For my brother. I want  
a doll that eats and drinks a  
bottle (To Kim) I want a  
poodle with a chain and  
barks. I want a plastic  
Christmas tree for my  
brother so he won't mess  
ours up.  
Love,  
Kim Jernigan

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a little horse and to  
see Rudolph. Will you bring  
me any presents? Are you  
going to give me any  
jewelry? Do you have any  
snowmen - Frosty the Snow-  
man?  
Love,  
Jeannie

Dear Santa and Rudolph,  
Please bring me a new  
crane, because my old one is  
worn out.  
Love,  
Grant Cline

Dear Santa,  
I want a little truck, a  
bicycle, a tractor, a car, a  
horse. That's all.  
Apolonio Siller

Dear Santa,  
Are your reindeer ready to  
come? Are you ready to  
come? We are ready for you  
to come. I want a Raggedy  
Ann alarm clock. And a doll  
that you give her a bottle.  
And I guess that's all.  
Love,  
Jenny Long

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike-mobile, a  
Santa Claus doll that you  
blow up. A plastic Rudolph  
the Red-Nosed Reindeer. A  
Bugs Bunny that you pull the  
string and he talks. Those  
SWAT men, a CB (a play  
one). That's all. Okay, one  
more thing. You know one of  
these bean bag. That's all.  
Your friend,  
Jason Miller

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hi, Santa! This is Teresa.  
You must be hard working. I  
have already written you a  
letter. I want a new dress -  
blue, red, or orange. I like  
Rudolph the reindeer. I don't  
know anything else.  
Love,  
Teresa Tiemann

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle. That's all.  
Love,  
Juan Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a baton, necklace,  
belt, boots and a hat. I want a  
Baby Heartbeat. A doll that  
eats and drinks. I want a  
Frosty the Snowman doll. I  
want a little boy Santa Claus.  
I want a little lamb. Another  
little bottle of perfume. I  
want a nurse doll. And I want  
a little Christmas tree.  
Love,  
Jeannie Jernigan

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of roller  
skates and lots of toys and  
people. And a bicycle. And a  
doll that turns flips. That's  
all.  
Love,  
Leanne Whitt

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a baby carriage. I  
want a doll. And I want  
Triple-Up. I want a Sit-and-  
Spin. And I want Blip. I want  
a baby bed and a big stove  
and oven and sink. That's all  
that I can think of.  
Your friend,  
Kara Champion



the MAGIC of CHRISTMAS

As Santa jingles your way  
bringing all the  
treasures of the holiday,  
we join him in wishing  
you a host of bright  
Christmas memories to  
shine through this  
merry, merry season.

**Saylor Chevrolet**  
Since 1924 - Goldthwaite

Arriving in the  
flurry of this shimmering  
season, Santa stops long enough on his rounds  
to join us in hoping your holidays will  
be a wonderful mix of everything  
glittering and fun. Thanks to all.

**Central Texas Telephone  
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# the Blessings of Christmas



## A Story for All Time, The Blessed Birth

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7

Christians all over the world give prayerful thanks to God for the miracle of the manger. At Christmas, in church services and in private devotions, they turn again and again to the wondrous story of that Holy Night in a spirit of thanks and humility.

They recall humble shepherds, first witnesses to see and adore Jesus, herald angels singing their divine message, the Star that shone in the East guiding the Wise Men on their royal journey to Bethlehem.

The first Christmas lives anew in every word of its sacred and inspiring story. The words echoing across the ages bring comfort and a solemn sense of the meaning of the holiday and its universal message.

At services in small churches and grand cathedrals all over the world, midnight masses, vesper services, choir singing, censers exuding clouds of incense, and reverent prayers will celebrate Christmas.

Christ's life provided a

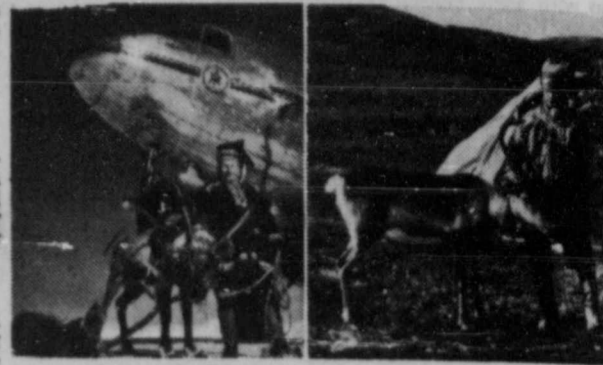


THE NATIVITY (Center panel of an altarpiece.) Tempera and oil on canvas, transferred from wood. Painted by Gerard David, Flemish artist. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Jules S. Bache Collection, 1949.

lesson for all. His legacy to mankind is summed up in His words (John 15:11) "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you."

## Yule Customs of Europe's Laplanders Related to Life

There are today some 30,000 Laplanders of which approximately two-thirds live in Norway, one third in Sweden, and smaller numbers in Finland and Russia.



Lapps are closely associated with reindeer, on which they have depended for a large part of their livelihood since prehistoric times.

The early Lapp religion was shamanistic, featuring a priest, or shaman, who divined the secrets of good hunting, fishing, reindeer grazing, and other matters of importance to the people, while in a state of trance. Beautifully decorated "magic drums" were a means of inducing the trances and are characteristic of early Lapp culture.

LAPLANDERS AND REINDEER, their lives intertwined by nature for hundreds of years, provide an economical balance in northernmost Europe's subarctic regions. Lifestyle of Lapp with sled-pulling reindeer is contrasted by prop-driven airplane, while another Lapp affectionately pets a reindeer upon which he so heavily depends. Photos courtesy Royal Norwegian Embassy Information Service.

## Letters To Santa

Mrs. Johnson's First Grade

Dear Santa and Elfs,  
I would like an Evil Knievel and a bicycle and some G. I. Joe's, a Long Ranger, an electric airplane, Mr. Quarterback, and a pair walkie-talkies and a pretend guns, and a trampoline.  
From,  
Steven Bridges

Dear Santa,  
I want a train set. I want Donald Duck Puzzle (100 pieces). I want a Show Biz Mike and a new rest mat, and a sticker fun book and a Mickey Mouse coloring book.  
From,  
Kevin Rudd

Dear Santa,  
I want a eating doll.  
Love,  
Terry Porraz

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a grabber.  
Your friend,  
Kenny Humphries

Dear Santa,  
I want Baby Kiss, Kick and Go, and a trampoline, Little Professor calculator, and that's all.  
Love,  
Jill Knight

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a dump truck, a racing track that glows in the dark, a green machine, Honda (a little one), football, airplane that can fly, one of those Batman clocks, Batman toothbrush, and one of them Robin Hood clocks, and that's all.  
Your friend,  
Mike Bruaw

Dear Santa,  
I want a Kick and Go, Operation, and an electric motorcycle.  
Your friend,  
Jarred Williams

Dear Santa,  
I want a Miss Super Star Fashion Barbie Head and a play bake and Donnie and Marie, Kick and Go, and Charlie Angels and a walking doll, and just a plain Super Star Barbie, and a play sewing machine and that's all.  
From,  
Missy Mullings

Dear Santa,  
I want Charlie Angels dolls and Baby Heart Beat, and Monkey See adding machine and a new record player, and some jewelry. That's all. I want an apple in my stocking, too.  
Love,  
Laurel Auldridge

And they came bearing gifts...  
May Peace, Love and Everlasting Joy be your gifts this Christmas.  
Thanks for the treasure of your friendship.

**Mills County Commission Co.**  
Goldthwaite  
Sale Every Friday



**BMW Cattle Company**  
Goldthwaite

## Yuletide Wishes

Hoping your Christmas will be merry  
Your holidays bright and gay,  
And all the good old fashioned joys  
Cross your hearth and stay.

Heartfelt thanks for your valued friendship.



## Mills County Public Officials

**James Ledbetter**  
County Judge  
**Walter Bryant**  
County Clerk  
**Jewel Yeager**  
County Treasurer  
**Bill Bishop**  
Comm., Prct. 1

**Hawley Jernigan**  
Comm., Prct. 4  
**W. G. Crawford**  
Comm., Prct. 3  
**Anna Lou Schlee**  
J.P., Prct. 3  
**Lewis Watson**  
Comm., Prct. 2  
**H. G. Brooks**  
Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector

## noel noel



May your Christmas be filled with the serenity and quiet contentment that is born in the Spirit. And may all your days be graced with health, happiness, peace and our deep gratitude.

**Childress Clinic & Hospital**

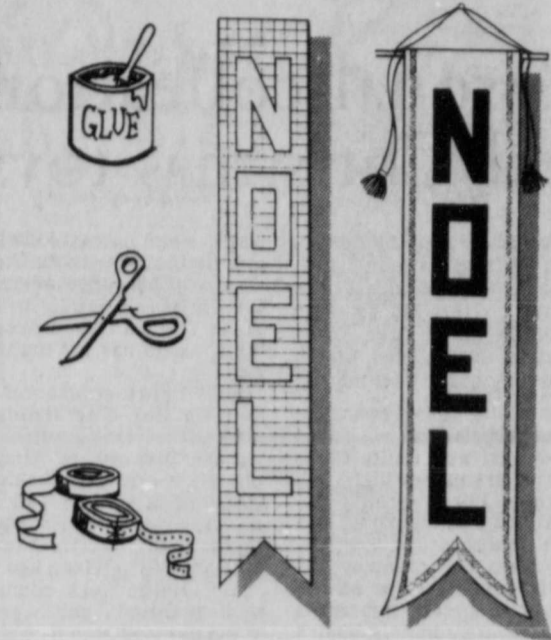
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Santa Remembers Southpaws

Many designers are creating accessories and tools for left handed people. Increasingly aware of the problems southpaws encounter daily in a right handed world, they've come up with some special, new items. Keep these in mind for gifts... your left handed friends will love you!

Books are available for "lefties" who want to learn to knit, play the guitar or become adept at calligraphy. There's even a book just about southpaws! You'll find special scissors, left handed jar and can openers, pocket knives, address books and brushes for pet grooming, too!



## Make a Noel Pennant to give...or to keep

Most every neighborhood has a "boutique"... a special gift department or small shop that carries unusual and expensive gifts. As you wander through them you'll see many choice items that can be duplicated easily and less expensively at home. The Noel pennant illustrated is one of the many things you can put together. Directions for this unusual present are below!

### NOEL PENNANT

- Supplies: Length of colored felt—8" x 50"
- 10 inch wooden dowel
- Gold spray paint
- 2 1/2 yards gold and white ribbon about 3/8" wide
- 3 1/2 yards gold braid about 1/4 inch wide
- Glue

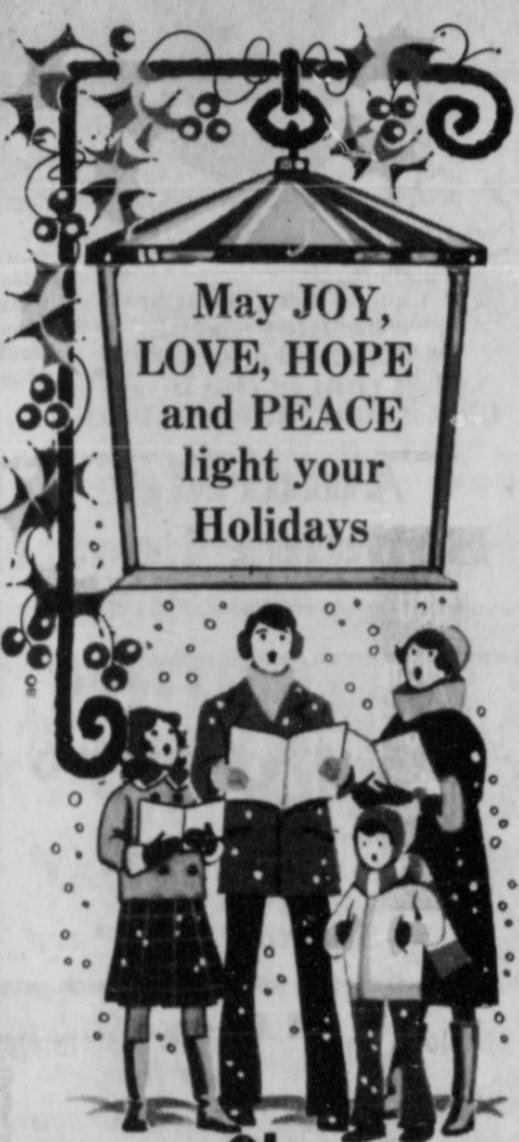
Making sure that all the edges of the felt are straight and even, cut notched end of pennant by making a pencil mark 4 inches from one end and 4 inches from side edge. Draw diagonal lines from pencil mark to each corner. Cut along lines.

Each square on chart is 1 inch. The first letter starts 3/4 inches below top edge and is 1 1/2 inches from sides of pennant. Outline each letter with chalk following measurements on chart as guide. Allowing 1/2 inch for folding under the cut ends, cut a length of ribbon for each section of the first letter. Fold under 1/4 inch at both ends of each piece and glue; then glue ribbon in place, following chalk outlines. Continue this way until all letters have been glued onto pennant.

Measure 2 inches down from top edge for hem. Starting across base of hem, glue the braid around edges of pennant.

Spray dowel with gold paint. Fold hem over dowel when paint is dry and glue hem securely. Tie a length of gold braid, approximately 16 inches long, to ends of dowel for hanging.

You can vary the designs, colors and letters on the Noel pennant. Short names like Amy, Eric, Mary and Jon will turn the Noel pennant into a personalized gift.



May JOY, LOVE, HOPE and PEACE light your Holidays

Merry Christmas

Leroy Miller  
Conoco Station  
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Miller and Dave

## Christmas Trees For Ecology...

Many people believe that the cutting of trees for Christmas "robs" nature and destroys a portion of our forests each year, but the truth

is that nearly three-quarters of such trees are raised specifically to be cut at Christmas-time. Most of the remainder are "thinners"—young trees cut in forests to improve the growth opportunities for other trees.

Forestry experts and nurserymen point out that young, growing

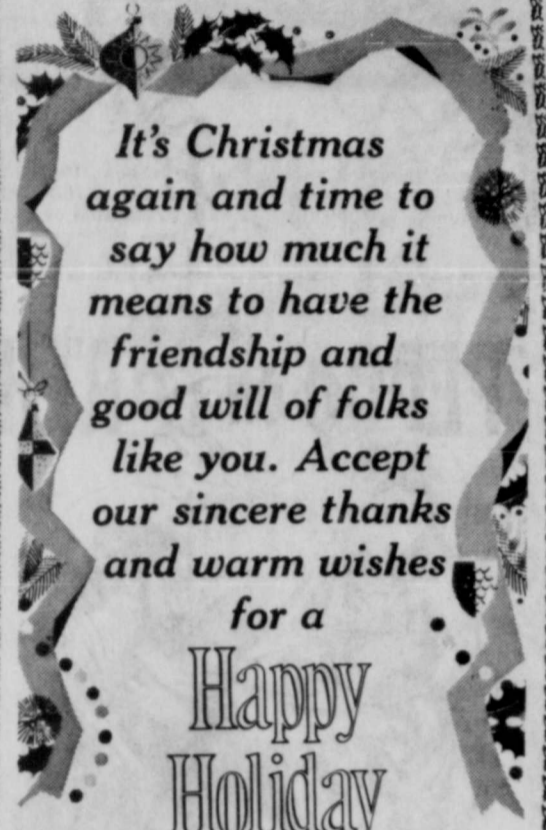
trees give off more oxygen and absorb more carbon dioxide than mature ones, so that the cultivation of Christmas trees actually helps the ecology. In contrast, they say, the manufacture of artificial trees uses up valuable energy and natural resources, which are not recover-

able. After Christmas, discarded trees can be used in various ways to benefit the environment. Even if you live in a city, ecologists suggest, you can help by getting in touch with a local conservation organization or commercial nursery.



Holiday Wishes

A heap of Christmas treats is our wish for you. May your holidays be everything you want them to be!



It's Christmas again and time to say how much it means to have the friendship and good will of folks like you. Accept our sincere thanks and warm wishes

for a Happy Holiday

The Dairy Cup  
Mike, Bettliann and Terry  
Goldthwaite

R & W  
Floor Covering and Furniture  
Goldthwaite

a Blissful Christmas



In the hush of this beautiful season we greet each other in the warmth of lasting friendship. As we renew the bonds of our happy relationship, we send thanks from our house to yours.

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★ Sale Every Friday ★

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Enchantment!  
Merriment!  
Glee!



That's Santa Claus... that's Christmas! Our best wishes and thanks to all.

Barnes & McCullough

"Everything to build anything"

Goldthwaite

## Start With Lemon Aid

Unlike most other fruits lemons have no season and there is practically no end to the uses to which they can be put. Their bright sunny color will accent any fruit bowl or centerpiece, but did you know...

You get more juice out of a lemon when it's at room temperature and if you roll it on a table or counter top before squeezing?



A handy convenient supply of lemon juice is always at your fingertips. Roll a lemon over a counter top and then poke a hole in one end with a toothpick. Squeeze... out comes your juice. Replace toothpick and store in refrigerator for future use.

Lemons will stay fresh for about 2 weeks at room temperature and up to 6 weeks when refrigerated.

Caught short with a recipe calling for buttermilk? Combine 1 tablespoon lemon juice with approximately 1 cup of milk. Let stand for 5 minutes and there you have it!

Dip fresh avocados, bananas, and apples in lemon juice to keep them from turning black.



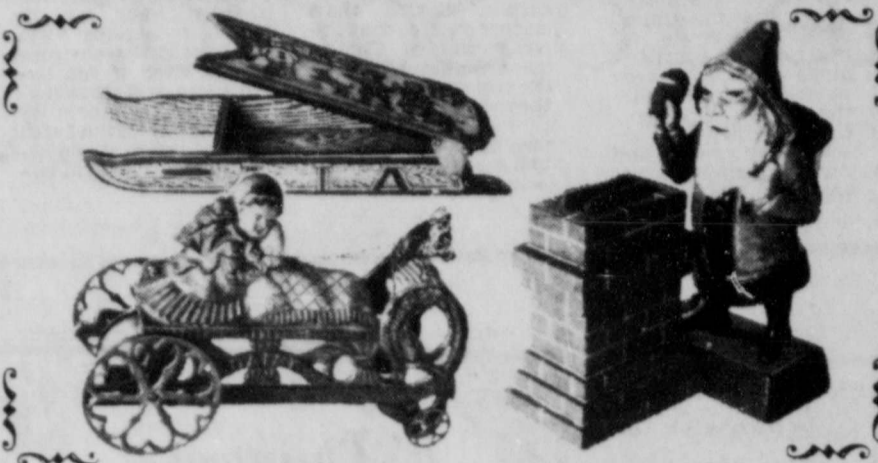
For a refreshing pick-me-up or thirst quencher try a quick squeeze of lemon in a glass of carbonated water.

Insert an ice cream pop stick into a thick slice of lemon for an original swizzle stick in iced tea, lemonade or any tall drink.

Slim slivers of lemon peel frozen into ice cubes add a pretty and festive touch to party punch.

Saw-toothed halves or thin, curled strips of lemon peel make piquant holiday garnishes on food platters.

And... last but surely not least... toss used lemons into your garbage disposal to help keep it clean and fresh smelling.



Top left: Decorated wooden sled pencil-box; 1910-1920. Bottom left: "Daisy" in her musical horse drawn sleigh; American, about 1880-1910. Right: Cast iron Santa Claus bank; American 1880-1920. From the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Irv Bahrt.

## A very personal collection of treasured Christmas toys

All year round Norma and Irv Bahrt enjoy their Christmas things, toys and decorations reminiscent of holidays past, all gathered patiently and lovingly.

Mrs. Bahrt, an enormously talented painter, began collecting Christmas mementos as a girl. Mr. Bahrt joined her in her never ending search when they were married.

In their large assortment of Yule treasures is a tiny sled, originally used as a pencil box. A Christ-

mas scene is painted on it, the soft colors muted with age. Another find is a little girl called Daisy who speeds along in a horse drawn sleigh, the sleigh making music as it moves; bells ring gaily every time the wheels turn.

A cast iron Santa Claus bank, six inches high, still works. Put a penny into Santa's hand, push a lever and Santa drops the penny into the chimney for safe keeping. One of the Bahrt's special ornaments is a figure about 14 inches high that is probably Father Frost or Father Christmas. He has a touch of red on his peaked hat, a full, white beard, high

black boots, arms folded and hands tucked into the sleeves of his tunic jacket. On Christmas day he will grace the Bahrt's dinner table, as he has for many years.

Mrs. Bahrt enjoys collecting her Christmas things because of their old style and flavor. She says "I love the faded colors, quaint scenes and fashions because they tell how people lived long ago."

Mr. Bahrt tells about having thrown out a set of old quintuplet dolls that Mrs. Bahrt owned when they were first married, some twenty-five years ago. About three years ago he finally was able to locate another set of quintuplets for which he had to pay \$600... considerably more than the original dolls cost!

The Bahrts never have too much of Christmas and they keep their lovely things where they can see and enjoy them every day, winter and summer.

## A JOLLY HOLIDAY



May your holidays ring with the resounding spirit that is the heart of Christmas! Sincere thanks.

**Auldridge Building Center**

## PEACE ON EARTH



Offering a prayer of thanks and hoping that the beauty of the Holy Birth will surround you at Christmastide.

**Duren & Holcomb**  
Real Estate,  
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Goldthwaite

## "ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS"

"It's like the inside of a Christmas stocking," said a delighted teen-ager of the unique gift shop in La Jolla, California, called "All About Christmas!"

The tiny shop, owned and run by Evelyn Killman, is a veritable treasure chest of Christmas delights. All the items displayed are fashioned by craftspeople, from all over the country. When Mrs. Killman first opened the shop most of her merchandise was made by local artisans, however as people in other parts of the United States heard about her venture, samples of handcrafts started to arrive from all over.

The only special requirements asked of these talented people, are that the workmanship be of expert quality and the item something that is associated with the holiday. The shop is busy the year round with tourists and local customers stopping by frequently to see what's new!

There are more different kinds of Christmas stockings than you ever dreamed of! You can order them knitted to order and personalized, a tradition in many families. Knitted stockings and slippers are available from adult sizes down to teeny-weeny ones for new-borns... the latter becoming tree ornaments after baby's first Christmas. There are some made from brightly colored crocheted Granny squares.

Among the most popular tree ornaments are starfish, angels and Santas made by teen-agers and bread-dough animals, football players and other figures molded by a schoolteacher. Mrs. Killman's mother crochets tiny ball tree ornaments together into Christmas leis.

There are many items for collectors of mice, owls and frogs made from felt, nuts or sea shells, wood, macrame, yarn and painted La Jolla beach stones. Tiny wooden kitchen tools are woven into small macrame hangings, and there are "hide-a-thing" wall plaques with secret compartments. Unique aprons, bean bags, handbags, stuffed dolls and animals, hand puppets cover the walls.

Smooth gourds are scooped out and fashioned into carolers with charming faces. You can have your choice of patchwork wrap skirts, handbags, and reversible table mats in exciting patterns and colors. Hand worked petit-point tree ornaments are unusual and lovely.

Crochet holiday dresses for infants can be ordered with or without a name embroidered on them. Diaper pin pillows are plump and pretty.

Visiting "All About Christmas" is an experience... its walls covered with bright gifts and the tables and counters crammed to overflowing. They really bedazzle the eye and fill the spirit. Though the shop is holiday oriented Mrs. Killman calls her treasures "Handmade gifts for all seasons and for all reasons."

## Yuletide Turkey

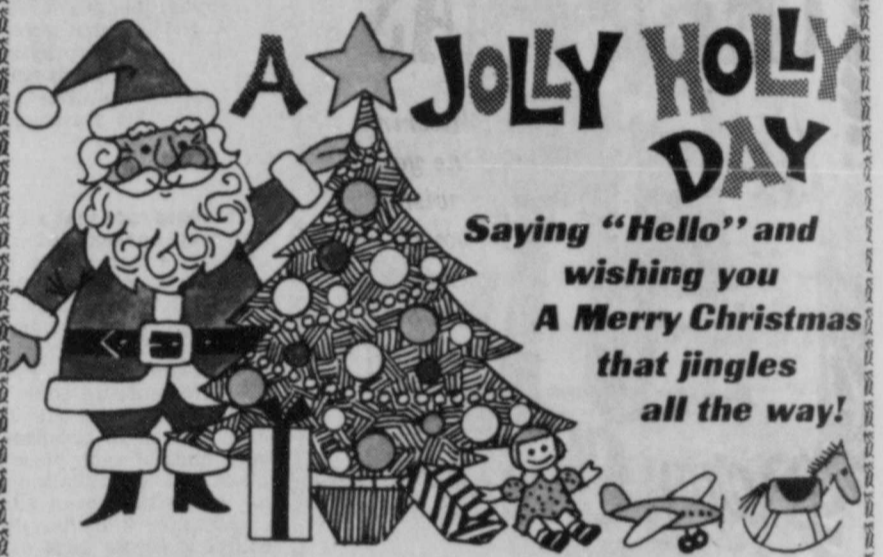
An elaborate turkey dinner at Christmas time yields untold dividends in second day lunches and dinners. You'll enjoy these delicious menus... and so will your family. The best part is that they're so tempting you'll never think of them as "leftovers."

**EASY TURKEY LOAF**  
6 cups turkey finely chopped  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
1 cup fine dry bread crumbs  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup chili sauce  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Combine all ingredients, mix well. Turn into greased loaf pan — 9"x5"x3". Bake at 350° for half hour or until lightly browned. Serve plain or with your favorite tomato sauce. 8 portions.

**CRUNCHY COMPANY CASSEROLE**  
3 cups diced cooked turkey  
2 hard cooked eggs coarsely chopped  
1/2 cup diced celery  
1 tablespoon chopped onion  
1 — 4 oz. can sliced mushrooms  
1/2 cup blanched almond slivers  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1 — 10 1/2 oz. can cream of chicken soup  
Crushed potato chips or chow mein noodles

Mix first 6 ingredients together. Stir mayonnaise and soup together; toss into turkey mixture. Turn into 2 quart casserole and sprinkle with noodles or potato chips. Bake in 350° oven for half hour or 'til dish is bubbly. 6 hearty portions.



## Hill Country Store

Thurman Johnson and the Gang  
Goldthwaite



LOVE... FAITH... PEACE  
Of these three eternal gifts the greatest is Love. At this glorious season we hope this most precious gift will be yours.

**City of Goldthwaite Utilities**



## Presents for Pets

As part of the family your pet will share the excitement of opening presents on Christmas morn. You'll find an interesting assortment of gifts for cats, dogs, birds, what have you, at department stores, variety and pet shops.

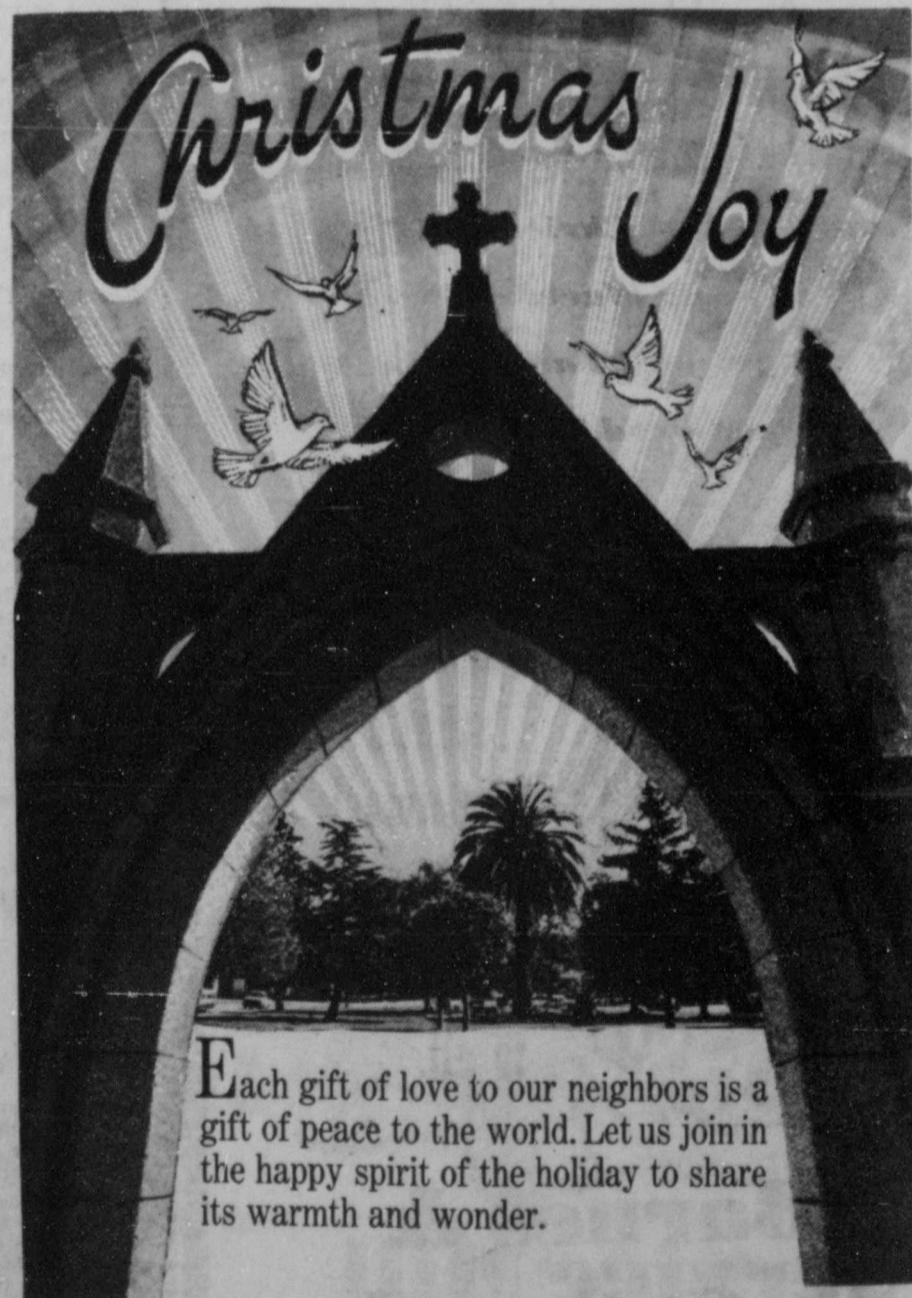
A carpeted scratching post makes an ideal gift for Tabby and will save wear and tear on upholstered furniture. Catnip toys and other feline treats come completely packaged in red Christmas stockings. Easy-to-clean litter boxes are readily available and there are odor absorbing litter chips to put in them.

Latex toys in a variety of shapes and sizes will keep Flido happy. A new item on the market is a ribbed vinyl ball that rolls about crazily, keeping your dog alert and happy. Assorted squeaky toys, rawhide chews, etc. come in bright holiday stockings. A new collar that is soft inside and non-irritating is always welcome, and while you're shopping, look at the many new grooming brushes that will help you keep your dog sleek and clean.

Arf, meow, Merry Christmas!

## A unique gift for your home

Make a shadow box picture for your house from those extra special Christmas cards that you hate to throw away and left-over ties, stickers and labels. Combine them with snapshots of the family and glue onto cardboard. Pick up a shadow box frame at an art supply or frame shop, put your picture in, and it's ready to hang! A real conversation piece!

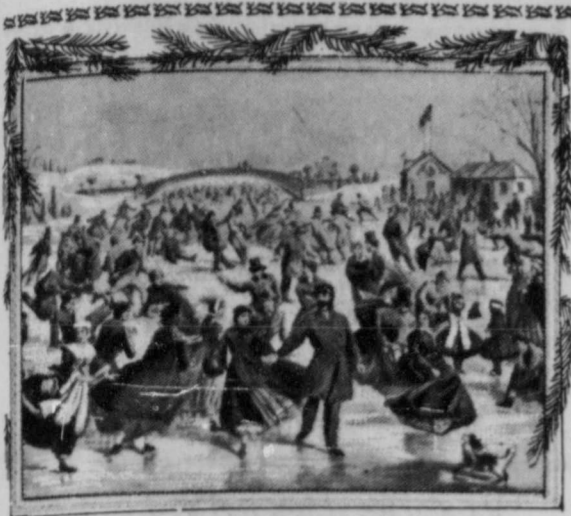


Each gift of love to our neighbors is a gift of peace to the world. Let us join in the happy spirit of the holiday to share its warmth and wonder.

**Hillview Manor Nursing Home**

On The Hill Marie Hamilton, Administrator Goldthwaite

# Our Kids Write To Santa:



There's no time quite like Christmas for remembering all the friends we cherish, and for wishing them all

*a Happy Holiday*

**Hereford Motel**  
**Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carey**

There's no time quite like Christmas for remembering all the friends we cherish, and for wishing them all

**CHRISTMAS**

*At this glittering time of the year we send wishes for your happiness, glowing with bright hope for the future.*

*We look forward to serving you again*

**Shelton Auto Parts**  
**Goldthwaite**

**SECOND GRADE**  
**GLEND A LEMKE**

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a pellet gun and a Mr. Whistle Machine and a TCR? I have something for you.  
Love,  
Terry Wright

Dear Santa,  
I want a horse and a Barbie Set.  
Love,  
Kendra Hunt

Dear Santa,  
I want a Mighty Mo.  
Love,  
Enrique Cardenas

**SECOND GRADE**  
**MRS. WRIGHT**

Dec. 13, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
1. Cowboy shirt Number 33  
2. Max Machine  
3. bike  
Your friend,  
Wayne Yeager

**FIRST GRADE**  
**MRS. BLACK**

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a Evil Kneivel bicycle and a puzzle.  
Love,  
Travis Shelton

Dear Santa,  
I want some Slime, a bicycle, a puzzle. I guess I'll have one more - a Barbie doll. Debra Graves - D.G. P.S. I want a Kick and Go too.

**FIRST GRADE**  
**MRS. BLACK**

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a oven, some skates and some boots and a telephone and a cowboy hbelt. That's all I want.  
Debra Kirby

Dear Santa,  
I want some skates and a "Fix-Up Face". That's all.  
Love,  
Sherry Covington

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a Kick-and-Go, and a doll that does anything I want her to, and a little deal that looks mean and is round, and it writes letters on a piece of tape. I also want a big bicycle.  
Maggy Winters

Dear Santa,  
I want you to please bring me a tape recorder. I want a walkie-talkie. Please bring me a Kick and Go, too. I want a cat. I want to have a new car.  
Love,  
Steven Riffe

Dear Santa,  
I have two Christmas trees at my house. Please give me a rock polisher, some match-box cars, and some real binoculars, and anything else. And Holli wants anything that you want to bring her.  
Love,  
Lance Barnett

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a trampoline, and a stretch Armstrong. That's all.  
Kevin Ward

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a truck. I want a bicycle. I want a car, and a puzzle, and a drum and a hammer, and some chains.  
I love you,  
Saul Torres

Dear Santa,  
I want some skates, some colors. I'll take a puzzle, a picture, and I will take a watch.  
Love,  
Elizabeth Esquivel

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a football and a car, and a shovel and a truck.  
Love,  
Earnest Cummins

Dear Santa,  
I want a Big Wheel, and cattle truck, a Stretch Armstrong, and a bow and arrow.  
Love,  
Will Dellis

Dear Santa Claus,  
Pleas bring me a bicycle.  
I love you,  
Esmeralda Munoz

**TURKEY FILLED POTATO BOATS**

Scoop out baked Idaho potatoes leaving 1/2 inch shell, using half a large potato per portion. Mash and season scooped potato pulp and set aside. Heat diced turkey in cream sauce. (Use your judgment as to amount of sauce according to quantity of turkey you are using.) Fill scooped potato shells with turkey mixture. Fill pastry tube with mashed potato mix and squeeze to form a border around each potato boat. Bake in 400° oven until brown.

This is a great dish for youngsters since it is easy to manage and doesn't need any cutting up. Try a little grated cheese over the top of each boat before putting in the oven, for extra zip.

**FIRST GRADE**  
**MRS. JOHNSON**

Dear Santa,  
I want a racing track. I want two big trucks and a big dump truck.  
Your friend,  
Brad Rush

Dear Santa Claus,  
Come to my house. I want a train and a truck. Bring a plane for my brother.  
Love,  
Miguel Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Batman car and a green machine and a Batman boxing bag and a big Tonka truck. I want a red car and a truck to haul toy cows, a pickup, a van, and a wood hauling truck and all those yellow trucks.  
Scott Childress

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll that cries, a table and chair set, a desk, and a Kick and Go. I want a Charlie's Angels and an apple in my stocking and I want some baby bottles for my doll. I want a bunny rabbit night light, a big set of colors like Jill's got. I want a book that has Merry Christmas in it and some dishes and a purse.  
Love,  
Julie Baird

Dear Santa,  
I want a Mouse Trap and Tippy Tumbles and Baby Alive and that's all.  
Love,  
Melody Fry

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Baby Come Back and I want Timby Tumbles and a cake maker and a sewing machine. That's all.  
I love you,  
Tammy Covington

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll and some toys.  
Alma Cardenas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a T.G.Y. truck, an electric train, and that's all.  
Love,  
Eddie Harbour



**Let us Adore Him**

We herald the Child born in the manger and ask His blessing for you and your loved ones. In the profound spirit of the Yuletide we extend sincere thanks to our friends.

**Woody Pharmacy**

**Mike McMahan, R.Ph. Goldthwaite**

The hills and valleys ring with songs of joy and exaltation extolling the Spirit of Christmas! We reverently join in to say thanks to all.

**Merry Christmas**  
**JRB**  
**Supermarket**

Mike Hall Joe Cooke Olga Davis Ruby Walls  
Lynn McCoy Steve Coronado Jim McCoy Wilma Hopper

**a happy Holiday**

*Sing a song of Christmas*

*Of snow and faces glowing,*

*Of holly wreaths and mistletoe*

*Old fashioned joys still growing!*

*Our gratitude to one and all.*



**Service Mill**  
**Your Kimbell**  
**Feed Dealer**  
**Priddy, Texas**



**Christmas Greetings**

May a wreath of happiness and love encircle you and your family.

**Landrum Ford Goldthwaite**



at **Christmas**

We heard a bird sing  
In the chill of December  
A magical thing  
And a joy to remember!

**Coronado Welding**  
Goldthwaite

**Community Spirit Greet  
A Joyous Christmas Season**

Christmas! The season of music and wonder is filled with a powerful kind of magic. A magic that is expressed in many ways . . . in the merriment of its parties and celebrations, the contentment of hearth and home, the heartwarming tradition of gift giving and receiving, the dazzle and brilliance of its Holy meaning.

Excitement grows as each new sign or symbol of this cherished holiday appears. Rehearsals begin for Nativity plays at schools. Christmas cards are addressed and closets are piled high with mysterious packages. Store windows glisten with dazzling displays and forests of fir and spruce appear on every corner. Parties are planned and tempting delights are cooked and baked. Carolers appear filling the air with lilting holiday tunes and the local community tree is decorated and lit. Finally ornaments are tenderly and nostalgically unpacked, stockings are hung with anticipation. Surely those are sleigh bells jingling faintly in the distance!

The many legends that surround Christmas add to its aura of magic and mystery. If bees can hum psalms, animals speak and cattle kneel in their stables, then surely any miraculous happening is possible! And so the excitement mounts!

This wonderful time of merriment is also one of profound reverence. Churches in cities and country byways hold midnight services to celebrate the humble birth of Christ. It is the season of worship and rejoicing. Set apart by its majesty, mood, and magic, Christmas stands eternally outside time.

As Christmas day approaches it seems that everyone is waiting for something to happen! All are caught up in the spirit of what-might-be. At long last we know what all the preparation and waiting means . . . the miracle of Christ's birth which happened almost two thousand years ago, happens again in the hearts of people everywhere!

Christmas is cherished as a religious holiday of unparalleled importance honoring the birth of Jesus Christ, by Christians the world over.

For those of other faiths, this beloved holiday happily expresses universal good will, cheer and the spirit of brotherhood.

And so Christmas, that magical season of music and wonder, belongs to everyone!



The Centennial Holiday Festivities. A Christmas Package Party, New York City. Woodcut illustration from Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, January 13, 1877. Courtesy of The New York Historical Society.



**Vogue Beauty Shop**  
Mullin



**TALLY HO!**  
*May your holidays be a gathering of love and togetherness! We greet our friends and wish you joy at Christmas.*

**Harry's Department Store**  
and **Harry's Fabric Shop**  
San Saba

**REJOICE**



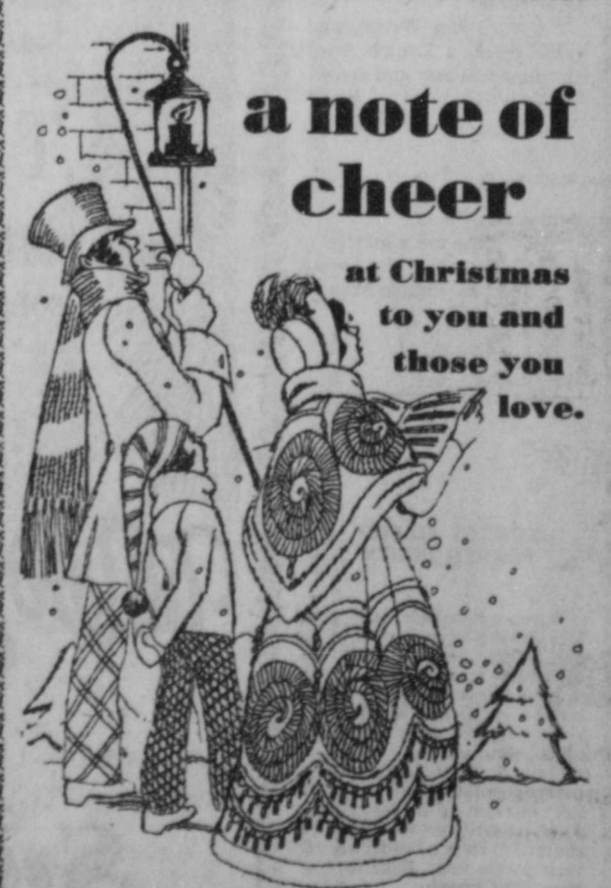
...for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.  
Matthew 2:2

Extending sincere thanks and wishing you a wonderful Christmas.

**Cattleman's Production Credit Assn.**  
Goldthwaite



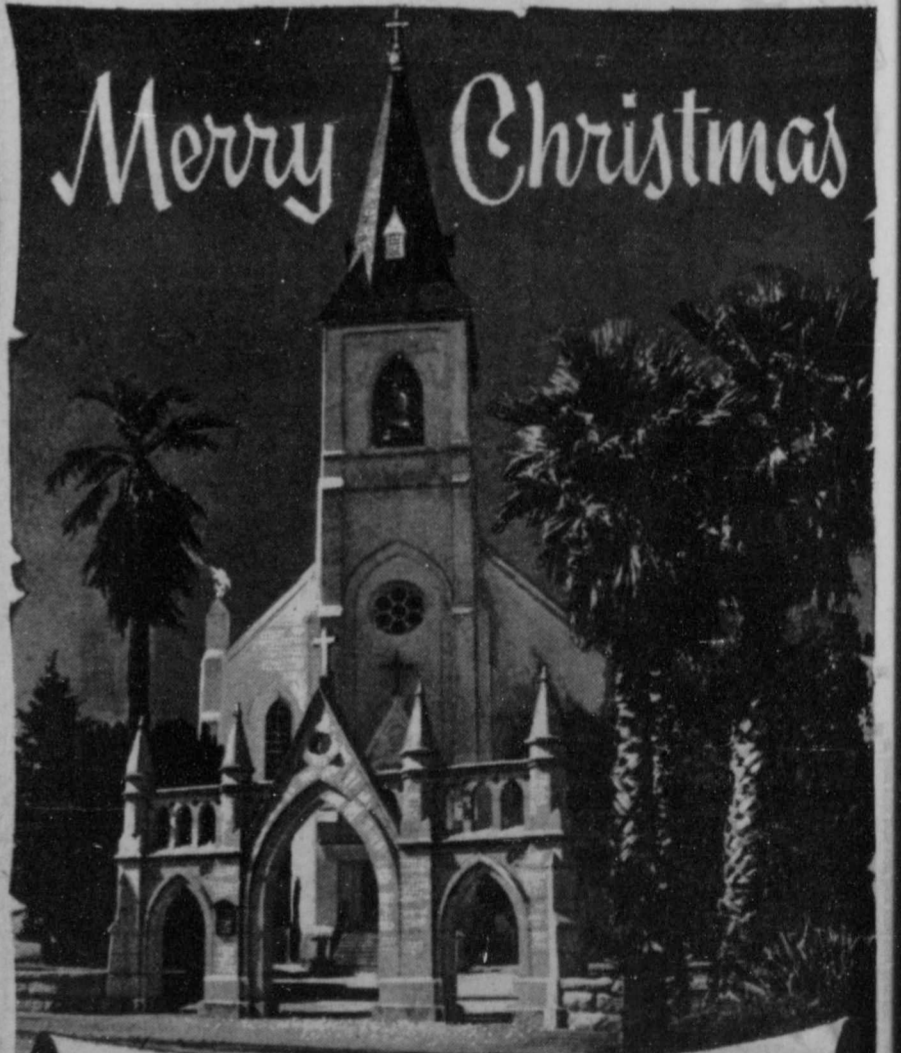
Christmas Scene from Godey's Lady's Book, December 1850. Courtesy of The Museum of The City of New York.



**a note of cheer**

at Christmas to you and those you love.

**Head Electric**  
Your Whirlpool Dealer  
Goldthwaite



**Merry Christmas**

The wonder of Christmas strengthens the bonds of brotherhood, fills joyous hearts with peace and gives pause to us all as we look ahead with hope. Heartfelt thanks for your faith and trust.

**Harper Implement Co.**  
Your John Deere Dealer  
Goldthwaite



# First Christmas Carols

The first carols were dance songs, or ring songs, sung by villagers around a Maypole, or to celebrate other festive occasions throughout the year, during the Middle Ages. Later they became more exclusively associated with Christmas.

The word "carol" derives from the Greek and Latin word "chorales" meaning "chorus." The phrase, "Christmas Carols" first appeared during the 16th century in England in little songbooks printed by Wynken de Worde and Richard Kele.

**DANCE CAROLS** — Best examples of

these rounds or ring dances are still to be found in Sweden, where people dance around the tree singing many rollicking songs. Elsewhere, dance carols are merely sung, although many of the tunes are known to inspire dancing feet.

**SHEPHERD CAROLS**, of and about the shepherds to whom the angels appeared, and their coming to the stable with humble gifts are the most human and appealing accounts of Christ's birth. They were sung to accompany the vivid portrayals of this scene in the medieval "mystery" plays, which were common in England as well as all other European countries. Best known today is the traditional English carol, "While Shepherds Watched."

**LULLABY CAROLS** were among the earliest Christmas songs and like all cradle songs have a rocking, lulling rhythm and a simple melody. "Cradle rocking" carols or "Kindelwiegen" were a part of the church ritual in Germany and Austria.

A good example of this type of carol is the 16th century English carol, "What Child Is This?" which was sung to the 19th century dance tune, "Greensleeves." Another is the 19th century American anonymous carol, "Away In A Manger."

One of the most beautiful of all lullaby carols is the "Coventry Carol," which was a part of one of the English medieval "mysteries." It is sung by a group of women, portraying Bethlehem mothers just before Herod's soldiers slaughter their babies.

**CAROLS OF THE MAGI** — The arrival of the Magi with precious gifts for the Christ Child is the most picturesque and colorful part of all Christmas pageants. The Magi songs all tell this rich, spiritual story. Among the most familiar of these to Americans is "We Three Kings," the words and music for which were written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in the 19th century.

**NATIVITY CAROLS** — There are many varieties of these. The first hymns in honor of the Nativity were written in Latin during

the 5th century, when Christmas was fully established as one of the great church feasts. It was not until the 13th century, when St. Francis of Assisi inspired his friends to write in their native tongue, that Nativity Songs were written for the people to sing. From Italy, these Nativity Songs spread throughout all Europe.

Two of the most familiar of these to us are: "Joy To The World," written by Isaac Watts in the 17th century and the 18th century German "Stille Nacht" (Silent Night) by Joseph Mohr. The original musical called for a guitar accompaniment.

**LEGENDARY CAROLS** spring from the folklore of people throughout the world inspired by superstitions and pre-Christian beliefs. One thing they have in common is that they all tell a story.

Most well known of these is the traditional English "I Saw Three Ships," "The Boar's Head Carol" both from the Middle Ages, the latter of which is still sung at Christmas dinner at Queens College, Oxford, as the boar's head is ceremoniously brought in. "Good King Wenceslas," written by J. M. Neale in the 19th century is about a fervent Christian Duke of Bohemia.

**CAROLS OF CUSTOM** deal with pre-Christian customs that have become attached to Christmas celebrations. For example, the yule log and mistletoe of England go back to the Druids. Decking the halls with boughs of holly and evergreen come from the Hebrews, Egyptians, Romans and other ancient peoples, for whom the evergreens were symbolic of life triumphant over death. The wreath came originally from the ivy crown worn by Romans in Bacchanalian festivals. "Wassail" was the Anglo-Saxon drinking pledge, "Waes-Hael" which means "Be in health" and which was part of Early Saxon feasts.

"O Tannenbaum" (O Christmas Tree) the traditional German carol goes back to the early days of wandering tribes, who would always leave a grove of trees in the middle of the land they cleared.

**CAROLS FOR THE TWELVE DAYS** — During the 6th century, the 12 days from Nativity to Epiphany were declared a festive season, celebrated in medieval England by many gay customs including, jousts, banquets, caroling and "mumming," which originally was a sort of pantomime dance performed by masked and costumed groups. Best known of these carols are the traditional English "God Rest Ye Merry," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas," which is based on an old French rhyme and chant.

# Letters To Santa

**SECOND GRADE**  
**GLEND A LEMKE**

Dear Santa,  
I want train cars 20, I want electric football TCR, I want clothes pants and shirts, I

Love,  
Glenn Haddock

Hope yours is a jolly holly-day!  
Thanks for your friendship.



**Merry Christmas**  
**Ed's Trailers**  
Sales & Service

want electric baseball TCR, I want Winnie the Pooh books. When we were very young, Now we are six. I want a hat a belt, I want a Nerf football, I want sholder pads, I want a helmet, I want a new pair of shoes, I want a new coat.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Alive. I want some Easy Bake Oven Cakes. I want some pretty earrings. I want a Marvelous Milking Cow.

Love,  
Melissa Carey

Dear Santa,  
I want to have some snow this year. Are you coming to my house? If you are, I want a Nightglow and a Mr. Mouth and a Matchbox with cars in it and a walkie talkies. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,  
Chris Villagan

Dear Santa,  
I want two guns and two holsters and a set of hot Wheels and two walkies talkies.

Love,  
Joe Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I want Power Passers race set. I think your a good Santa. And I want a pair of Walkie Talkies. Don't get hurt on the way coming down here.

Love,  
Charlie Halsell

Dear Santa,  
I want a pony for Christmas. Would you give me one? I like you. Santa, we have a lot of pictures of you at school.

Love,  
Arnoldo Torres

Dear Santa,  
I want a Bionic Woman and a jaws and a Poster Set and a Crissy and a Frosty the snowman and a charm bracelet and a diamond ring, and a stuffed Santa Claus.

I love you,  
Dean Harlow

Dear Santa,  
I want a race track. And I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Ricky Treadaway

Dear Santa,  
I want Baby Come Back and shoes, a tumbling and clothes.

Love,  
Taina Hayes



Filling a basket to overflowing with heartfelt wishes for peace and plenty for all our cherished friends.

Country Girl  
Beauty Salon  
Wanda Allen



**Friendship Inn — Mauney Motel**  
Goldthwaite



In tune with our holiday wishes for you are our warm thanks and deep appreciation.

**Head Hardware**  
Center City, Texas



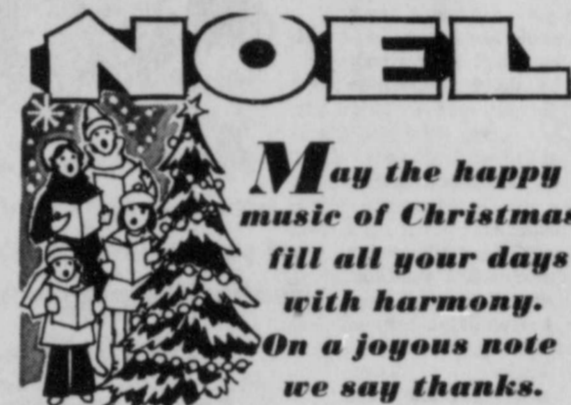
Friends are a wonderful part of Christmas, so we want to say thanks for our congenial and warm relationship.

May it continue to flower long after Christmas.

**Johnson Bros. Texaco**

Texaco Products — Firestone Tires

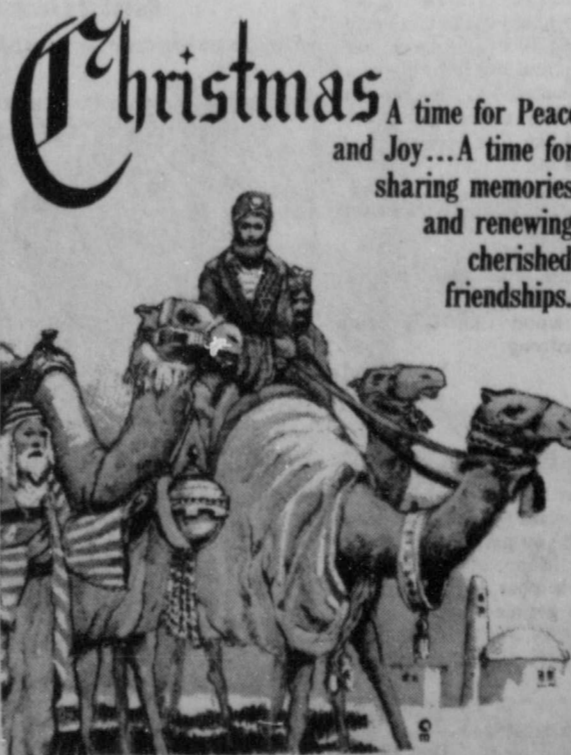
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**Shelton's Grocery**  
Mullin



**Ferguson Garage**  
Mullin



**Patty's of Texas**  
(Goldthwaite Blouse Factory)



**City Cleaners & Sears**  
Randal, Jeanie and Troy  
On The Square — Goldthwaite

# Letters To Santa

SECOND GRADE  
MRS. WRIGHT

December 12, 1977

Dear Santa,  
I want a staunchou of a mare and foal and a doctor's kit and a book of children's prares all over the world.  
Your friend,  
Mary Sides

Dec. 12, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
I wold like a plet BB gun, all so I wold like a Bike. I want it to have a gas tank it will be like a minebike, rase track, and a foot ball soot, and a horse.  
I love you Santa,  
Mike Wilson

December 12, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
I want a moterbike and a strecharmstrong and long ranger. And lots of snow and a whistle, and a football.  
Your friend,  
Terry Steven Germany

December 12, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a mity mow and a trailer truck and a bike and a set of cars and a big wheel and some new clothes.  
Your friend,  
Tomy Valencia Jr.

December 12, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a luchbox and a little bookself to go in my room. And a real fishing rod, and a brush and com for my dog. I want a sorry game and that all.  
Your friend,  
Shanna Covington

December 12, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
I want a hunting knife plus a fishing rod and a fishing box with some fishing tools.  
Your friend,  
Kenneth Earl Perry

December 12, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a train and would you give me a truck and I would like a drom.  
Your friend,  
Randy Lee Preston

December 12, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike and a baby come back. I wood like a oven to and a preste for my famle. I wood like a baby of alive and a big well.  
Love,  
Leslie Muse

Dec. 12, 1977  
Dear St. Nick,  
I would love to have a Bigfoot doll, and a shogun hero doll, bionic grip Steve Austin dall.  
Your friend,  
Wayne Miller

Dec. 12, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
I want a sadol an some barnerose an some boksing gluv's.  
Your friend,  
Jason Nowell, 2nd

December 12, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
I wook like to have a Micke Mase. I wook like your sleperid. I wood like one tracktre, I wood like a gun hostre, to, I wood like Rudolph to.  
Your friend,  
Spencer

December 12, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
Wood you please bring me a hollyhobby uven, and bring my big sister a suppere star barby and my little sister a baby alive and my mother and daddy a present to. They wood like that very much. I wood to.  
Love,  
Mindy Jean Long

December 12,  
Dear Santa,  
I wood like a Stretch Armstrong.  
Your friend,  
Gabriel

December 12, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
I want a ice crem macr. Will you get my big sister a boy friend, and will you get my brother a gil friend. Will you get me a borbie doll.  
Your friend,  
Jennifer Duncan

Dec. 12, 1977  
Dear Santa,  
I want a farm set and som boksing gloves and souper tanker and a hours lot and three houses.  
Your friend,  
Kirk Ed



Let us unite this Christmas day and share the precious gift of His love.  
**The Connallys**  
Dan, Dale, Mike and Kelli



As Christmas approaches it is a pleasure for all of us to wish all of you a holiday abounding with Health, Happiness and Prosperity!  
**Petticoat Junction Cafe**  
Mullin



**Wicker Studio**  
Goldthwaite



May the beauty of Christmas be an inspiration to you and those you love. Thanks for your faith.  
Branch offices: Lakeway & Ballinger  
**Heart of Texas Savings & Loan Association**  
San Saba, Texas

## Letters to 'Santa' Overflow Mailbox

There's something special about Santa Claus in a small southern Indiana town where the famous Christmas legend has become somewhat of an everyday reality.

This town with a population of about 300 year-round residents, and a family of deer, is the jolly old gent's namesake home — Santa Claus, Indiana — as well as the home of his helpers, and the location of his overflowing mailbox.

A unique landmark at Santa Claus is the U.S. Post Office near the intersection of Indiana highways 162 and 245, and next to the entrance to Santa Claus Land.

There is nowhere in the world where you can find a post office like this one. Its architecture is that of a stone-fronted fairyland castle in design and while the community has but slightly more than 300 year-round residents this post office each year is flooded with about four million pieces of mail. The bulk of all this mail comes around Christmas time to receive the cherished Santa Claus postmark. Still others arrive addressed simply to "Santa Claus, 47579."

Letters addressed to "Santa Claus" represent the tens of thousands of children's "want lists" that foretell visions of Christmas morning, promise cookies and milk, and extend best wishes to Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Rudolph. And, to the delight of children everywhere, all of these letters receive an answer from Santa Claus.

This unique practice dates back to the late 1920s when Robert L. Ripley popularized the town by featuring it in an article in his "Believe It Or Not" column. After the article appeared, mail began to mushroom, especially letters addressed to "Santa Claus."

Tourists with children also started to arrive and make visits to the post office with their Christmas mail, following in the steps of Ripley who also sent his Christmas cards through the office here as proof that there was indeed a Santa Claus, Ind. area. He noticed that the incoming letters were being stored away because there were too many for the postmaster of the day to answer and took pan in hand, along with his wife, to make sure children who cared enough about Santa Claus were answered.

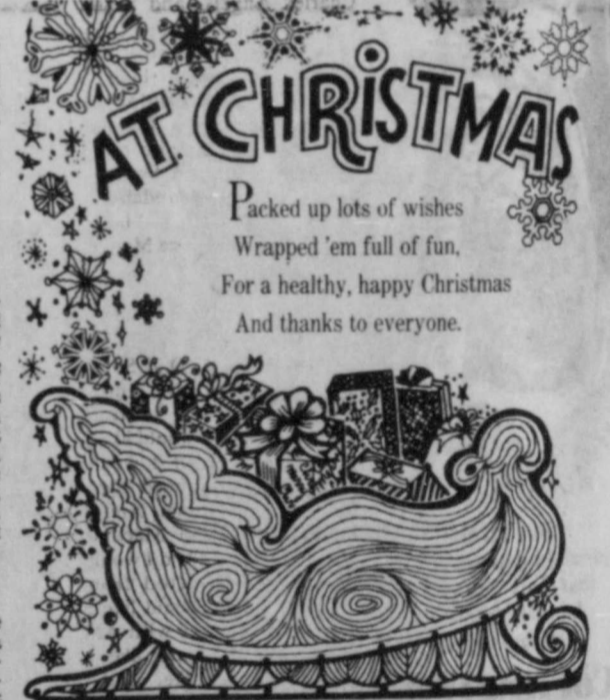


THE MOST FAMOUS RESIDENT in the town of Santa Claus, Indiana, population 300, is Santa Claus himself who receives well over 100,000 letters annually from children across the country and around the world.



Great peace have they that love. Trumpeting our wishes that all the seasons of your life will be filled with peace and love.  
We appreciate your faith in us.

**Manuel's Carpenter Shop**  
Floyd & Margie Manuel



Packed up lots of wishes  
Wrapped 'em full of fun,  
For a healthy, happy Christmas  
And thanks to everyone.  
**Treadaway Variety**  
Goldthwaite

## HARMONY AT CHRISTMAS

Santa and his band bring you the music of laughter and good cheer this bright holiday! Thanks for the harmony of your friendship.

**Tiemann's**  
Priddy, Texas

## HARK

the Herald Angels sing of eternal peace our Lord doth bring.

Our everlasting gratitude to our many friends.

**The Rag House**  
Goldthwaite

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

This merry old gentlemen is bringing so many good things your way, you'll enjoy them long after Christmas day!

Joining Santa with our bountiful thanks.

**BOYKIN FEED COMPANY**  
Feed & Seed Headquarters  
Goldthwaite

# Star, Third Grade Letters To Santa

Janel Heath, kindergarten at Star, submitted these letters.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like for you to bring me a telephone, a two gun holster set. I will leave you a candy cane to eat.  
Your friend,  
Wyatt Kinney,  
Star, Texas

## THIRD GRADE VEONA HOUSE

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Super Star Barbie. I want a trampoline for Christmas. I want a Tippy Tumbles doll. I want a Baby Heartbeat.

Love,  
Tera Berry

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a skate board please, and a Farrah Fawcett doll please, and a Bionic Woman and a calculator please, and a typewriter please and a snocone maker please and a Baby Heartbeat please.

Love,  
Laticia Crawford

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Starsky and Hutch Walkie talkies and the six Million Dollar Man and a big racing truck and Emergency 51 walkie talkies with Emergency truck.

Love, Joel Cardenas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a Farrah Fawcett barbie doll and a watch and a dog and a typewriter or a record player.

Love,  
Tihishia Dellis

Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please bring me a football helmet and a football jersey of the Houston Oilers, and one more thing a skateboard.

Love,  
Rolando Torres

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like for you to bring me a game called Charles Angels, and would you please bring me a new bicycle because my other one is torn up? I have been a good girl. And would you please bring me a Thirstee Baby. And would you bring my baby brother a Swyng -omatic-Deluxe - Roundabout.

Love,  
Rebecca Manuel

Dear Santa,  
I would like an O.J. Simpson super Pro kit. And I would like a hiking set from Sport toys. And I would like a Bat machine. And I would like a NFL Superbowl Electric Football Game. And I would like a M-3 Machine gun with tripod. And I would like a Spy imported from England. And I would like a C.B. bike receiver with AM radio. And I would like a C.B. Rig with mike. And I would like a Horse race. And I would like a Wilson red white and blue Basket Ball. And I would like a Mr. Muscl game.

Your friend,  
Jeffrey Head

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a baby Heartbeat and some doll clothes and a pant set and a Doll Buggy with a pillow and blanket and bring my sisters somethings too, and mother and dad something.

Your friend,  
Keri Miles

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have made good grades this year. I have too. Could you give me a

1. Chicago Bears Helmets, shoulder pads, pants, knee pads, leg pads, side pads, shirt number 34, Chicago Bears bag
2. Football
3. Mr. T. B.
4. Turn on
5. Land Battle
6. Drum
7. remote trol plane
8. Farrah Fawcett shirt

Love,  
Scotty Miller

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you Santa Claus. Please bring me Baby-soft. And please bring me diapers for my dolls?

Love,  
Susan Camille Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a watch. I want a timex, and I want a Mattel Vertibird air Police toy and a Six million dollar man toy, and a football and an archery and a ttp.

Love,  
Tony

Dear Santa Claus,  
I've been very nice. I want a wagon and a bowgun. It is very nice to be Christmas again. I can't wait till next Christmas. It is the best of the year.

From Tim Portnajmer

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have an Alphabet Zoo, and mark on -wipe off cards, Mother goose activity cards, Homonyms, Alphabetical order. Bicycle, Big 1 little 1 lenses, Tippy tumble doll.

Love,  
Lora Wiedebusch

Dear Santa,  
I want a C.B. Rig with mike and most of all BB gun and truck van.

Love,  
Chad Boykin

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a racing track.

Love,  
Ronald Treadaway

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Professor Mathics, a Magic Eight Ball, Perfection, Magic Set, Mouse trap, A trampoline, Evil Knievel, Silver Hi-Jump, and a train set.

Your friend,  
Bret Champion

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a junk yard game and I would like a race car set, and I would like a train set, and I would like an electric football game, and I would like a big Jack pot. And I would like a Go-Cart Racer kit, I would like a Jaguar it's pedal power. I would like a battery-powered patriot chopper. I would like a CB radio that goes on a bike. I would like a big wheel. I would like a Connect four. I would like a Mr. Muscle. I would like a rabbit bant game. I would like a stretch monster. I would like a bat machine.

Love,  
Chad Gray

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a little real motorcycle for one person and a plane that really flies and a walky-talky that is in space and a Starsky and Hutch radio and a CB and a moon explorer and a bullhorn that really works. And a power master. 80-lb pull cross bow and a truck and a lawman rifle. And a holster and two guns. And a pintsize drivers colxy-21, and a snap walls, and a car carrier and golf balls and a bat and a tent and a football and some wings to fly on.

Ricky Humphries

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you get me a bike, a little play car and a play gun, Evil Knievel, Silver Hi-jump, Smash Up Derby set, Sky-raider, Skycopter, Hot wheels, Six million Dollar man, with Bionic TM grip. Shot-top roller skates.

Love,  
Phillip Covey

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope I get a BB gun and a bow and arrow set, and a bike too, and a skateboard, too, Supur Jock Football game, and a Bat Machine, and Junk Yard.

Love,  
Lonnie Hayes

Dear Santa,  
I want a Wilson official NFL football, and a Marx toy and a Max Machine and a Mighty Max, and a McHaul and a Mr. Quarterback football passer and an operation, and a stretch Armstrong, and a stretch monster, and a Fonz and a Mousetrap and a Junk Yar.

Steven Williams

Dear Santa,  
I like Christmas because it is the only time that I get toys and stuff. I never believed in you. I know you are not real.

from Joel Pesch

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please send me a puching bag, a beanbag, a trampoline, a toolset, a lightbright, and a nightgiow racing set, a calculator and a magic money set, a United States puzzle and some walky talkies, and some leago building blocks and a dart-board, and a paint set and a minybike and pup tent.

Love,  
Curt Oliver

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like some toys. I would like a Pay Day game and a Benji game and a BB gun, and a bike and a Night-glow racing set and a six million dollar man, and a walkie talkie set, a football, a soccer ball, a skateboard, an Elvis tape, and record and a milion dollars.

Love,  
Mark Patterson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a gas-Powered plane that really flies and cab, trailer, a drive the big cars, a pool table game, and the pool sticks and the ball to go with it, too. And air hockey and an Elvis tape, a drum set, a metal detector, a rifle set, a trampoline, a tent, too Santa Claus, and a skateboard, a football, a BB gum, and a green machine, a bicycle and a minybike too.

Love,  
Jason Allen

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like Winnie Pooh slippers and bag set, Mickey Mouse watch, Bubble bath, Finger paints, two piece lighted candle, long lighted pine garland, a Santa door panel, a mucky mouse bean bag, Snow White Slumber bag, Label maker kit, racnch and corral set, lassie a dog, Malibu dolls, a shower vanity set.

Love,  
Theresa Lipke



May the blessings of the holy season fill you with peace and joy.

**Renfro Cabinet Goldthwaite**



Hope your holidays chime with happiness, good health and good fortune!

**Western Auto J. C. Wesson**



Have a perfectly heavenly holiday!

**New Horizons Ranch & Center**



**CHRIST IS BORN**

It is with a deep feeling of gratitude that we greet our friends and pray that the Blessings of the Father's most precious gift be yours this wondrous holiday.

**Mills County Farm Bureau Goldthwaite**



May all the joy and beauty of that Holy Night be with you at Christmastide.

**Cockrell's Riverside Nursery Goldthwaite**

**JOY, SHARING AND CARING**  
That's what Christmas is all about!  
May every happiness be yours at this loveliest of seasons!  
Our gratitude for your patronage.

**Stacy's Insurance Agency**  
Lee Roy and Merlene Stacy  
Riley and Claudia Ross Phone 638-2481  
Juanita Reeves Goldthwaite

**GREETINGS**

The beauty of Nature and the glory of the Yuletide bring a fulfilling sense of wonder, peace and hope to all. It is our pleasure, as we share the majesty of the season, to extend every good wish for your happiness.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Lampasas Federal Savings & Loan Association  
Lampasas, Texas

# Goldthwaite Kindergarten Pupils Write Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a B-B gun, a car with wheels, an electric car. That's all I can think of.  
Your friend,  
Bodie Wright

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a gun with a belt. A hat.  
Love,  
Johnny Locke

Dear Santa Claus,  
I've been nice. I like you. I want a gun and a bicycle.  
Love,  
J. R. Lipke

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want rainboots, a Hoppity-Hop, and a Sit-and-Spin. And a bicycle.  
Love,  
Jennifer Harris

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a red bicycle, a calculator, a doll that has a baby bed. I want some cheerleader shoes. I want Frosty the Snowman. I want a little doll that cries and eats. I want some pants and a shirt. Also, I want some cheerleader clothes.  
Love,  
Samantha Luce

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all of the good toys you gave me last year. I want gas Helicopter, a racing track. Rusty wants a toy train. I want a bicycle and a toy tractor and a mini-bike.  
Your friend,  
Mickey McLean

Dear Santa,  
I want a Happy Birthday Tender Love Doll and a doll buggy and a Baby Come Back Doll. and that's all.  
Love your friend,  
Martha Blackwell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want toys. I want a motorcycle. I want a BB gun.  
Your friend,  
Travis Dickerson

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby buggy, baby bed, baby doll, a little fluffy dog, a play reindeer.  
Love,  
Mandy Schuman

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want an airplane, and a train that goes by itself. That's all.  
Love,  
Jason Cockrum

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Stretch Armstrong, a trampoline, a Baby Chris. That's all.  
Love,  
Lawana

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle. I want a Mandy Doll and a CB radio. I want a picture of Santa Claus, that's what I want.  
Love,  
Jennifer Gilbreath

Dear Santa,  
Happy Christmas. I want a baby doll with polka-dot clothes (red). I want a buggy and a stroller. Happy Christmas again. That's it. My sister, I want to get her a baby doll and a stroller, too. I want to say Happy Christmas from her, too. Her name is Tanya.  
Your friend,  
Stephani Haines

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a gun with BB's, my size Big Wheel, a motorcycle with a man. A little truck. I don't need nothing else.  
Love,  
John Melnik

**THE ULTIMATE TOUCH**  
Christmas card senders who want to complete the seasonal appearance of their greetings are using postmarks from Christmas, Florida; Santa Claus, Indiana; Snowball, Arkansas; and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. They send their addressed cards to the postmasters for mailing and postmarking.

**CHRISTMAS STILL MOST IMPORTANT**  
According to a survey conducted in thirty cities, Christmas is the most meaningful and important holiday to Americans. The study also reports that the values of Christmas are as profound as ever and there are no signs of youthful anti-traditionalism.



The Lasting Beauty of A Live Christmas Tree

There are many reasons for choosing a live tree for the holidays. They are beautiful and fragrant. They are ecologically acceptable. They are a wise investment in that they can be planted outside your house once Christmas has become a beautiful memory. Some simple observations when choosing and buying your tree will eliminate the possibility of having it dry out quickly and the danger of fire.

The height of your ceiling and the width of the space the tree will occupy are important measurements to keep in mind when making your purchase. Plan to stand the tree away from a TV set, radiator, heating unit or duct. When selecting the tree test the needles for freshness by bending them back gently. If they spring back they're fresh... if not, beware!

Live trees consume a lot of water so choose a holder with at least a two quart capacity and keep it filled to within an inch of the rim at all times. The stand should have a collar several inches in diameter and screws to hold the tree firmly in place. Chop about an inch off the stump before putting the tree in water.

Trimming the Christmas tree is a celebration all itself! Many families have tree trimming parties for close friends and relatives. But before you get to all the fun make sure you inspect the light strings so there are no frayed ends or exposed wires. Lights can be strung at random or in any pattern your imagination conjures up. Keep larger and heavier lights and trimmings on the lower half of the tree, tapering toward the top.

That added bonus of being able to plant your tree outside your house will keep the spirit of the holidays alive all through the year. The tree can be planted outdoors in either of two ways. Keeping the root ball moist, carefully put the tree in a spot protected from the wind, to be planted in the Spring. If you've had the foresight to dig a hole for your tree before the ground froze, you can plant your tree right after the holidays are over. The dirt from the hole must be kept covered to keep it from freezing also. Once firmly set in the ground you'll be able to enjoy your Christmas tree every season of the year!



**JINGLE BELLS**  
A sleigh full of holiday treasures is what we wish for you!  
Enjoy Santa's bounty and cheer... you'll find our thanks tucked in his sack.

Your **FOREMOST MILK** Distributor  
James Harkey, San Saba  
Corky Poe, Route Man



Let there be Peace throughout the world and let us walk side by side in love and abiding good will.  
Thanks and

**Merry Christmas**

**Spradley Furniture & Upholstery**  
Carpet and Floor Covering  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Spradley  
Danny Spradley Tim Spradley  
Goldthwaite

**Merry Christmas**  
May you and your family share a starbright Christmas full of joy and merriment, in the warmth each other's love! Our thanks to you all.

**Ranchers Feed & Supply Goldthwaite**

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS



Hoping your holidays will be shining, filled with all the wonderful things that spell CHRISTMAS!

The Staff and Management of the Barbecue Shack in San Saba wish to take this means to express our sincerest thanks for the fine Mills County patrons we have had this past year. We want you to know that you are the greatest and that we look forward to serving you again at...

**The Barbecue Shack**  
Larry Hibler, Owner San Saba, Texas