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Polly Mills Is Honored On Birthday, Retirement

On Sunday, November 1, Polly Mills was honored with a reception at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, hosted by her four daughters, Patti, Debbie, Karla, and Kara.

This was to celebrate Polly's 65th birthday and almost twenty years retirement from Excel.

Polly's daughters and their families are: Patti and Mike Gencarelli and their daughters, Angella, Amber and Aubree, of LaPorte, Texas; Debbie and Dan Goldsmith and daughters, Rachel and Sarah of Dimmitt; Karla and Jarod Withrow and children, Layai, Emily, and Jordan of Littlefield; and Kara and Mike Fulcher of Lorenzo, Texas.

Polly's brothers and sisters attending the celebration were June Muse of Lubbock; Larry Webb of Hale Center; Al Webb of Dimmitt; Joyce Smith of Cleburne; Sam Webb of Farwell and Pam Clark of Bovina.

Three members of her family were not present, her brothers, Bob Webb of Burkburnett, and Wayne Webb of Azle; and her sister Ann Lee of Bovina. Ann Lee passed away four days later.

Daughter Debbie made and decorated a peach colored three tiered cake with white roses. There were four tables, each portraying the girls' pictures while growing up and their families today. They were covered with clear plastic cloths so the pictures could be seen. Other tables had displays that reflected Polly's life.

She was born in Bellville, Arkansas and was one of ten children. Their parents were Hugh and Bessie Webb.

The Webb Family moved to Bovina in 1953, and Polly began working at a little cafe on Main Street, owned by Jack Hart.

Polly said Herman and Vernon Estes told her they had someone they wanted to 'fix her up with'. They introduced her to a young man, Alfred Mills and they had their first date on

December 1, and were married on December 24, 1953 at the Church of Christ on 21st Street in Clovis.

Alfred had worked at the Highway Department before going into the United States Armed Services and had just been back a short time when they married. He continued to work there for almost twenty years before his death.

On February 19, 1971, Alfred was working on his job in heavy blizzard conditions. His pickup truck became stuck in the snow and ice. As he was standing near his pickup, another vehicle came along and hit him, pinning him between the two vehicles. Alfred had a crushed leg, broken pelvis and multiple injuries. Dr. Alexander of Friona rode with him in the ambulance to Hereford, then Alfred was airlifted to an Amarillo hospital.

Polly rode with a policeman, who took her to Amarillo. Alfred underwent one surgery and was to have more surgery, but died on the operating table. Weldon Moody was managing Farmer County's highway department office and was with Polly at that time.

Polly had only worked as a housewife and mother but found herself with the great responsibility of raising four daughters, ages nine to sixteen years old.

She and Alfred and the girls had been working as janitors for the Church of Christ and Polly continued that job for a while. She then took a bookkeeping course and went to work for Birklebach Machinery in Bovina, which is now Bovina Pump Company.

She went back to work at the church as janitor for a time, then went to work for Riverside Chemicals. Later, she worked for Chemical Enterprises at Pleasant Hill and in July, 1979, she began working for Excel, where she continued to work for almost twenty years.

Three of Polly's girls had

four years of college and one graduated from beauty school. All of her daughters are active in church work.

When asked what it was like to raise four girls as a single parent, she said, "It wasn't very hard-oh well, a little at times."

Almost 100 people attended the reception, and Bovina people who signed the guest book were: Billy and Teen Marshall, Sue McClaran, Emmagene Calaway, Herb and Montie Howell, Melissa Taylor, Bubby and Linda Marshall, LaTrel Meier, Barbara Cockerham, Scooter Russell, Jeff and Monica Procter, Martha Schilling, Isabelle Gilbreath, Brenda Riddle and Mary Evelyn Steelman.

Out of town guests who signed the guest book were: Garhett Sikes of Cleburne; Karen Smith of Clovis; Colt Calahan of Lorenzo; Jerry and Melony Early of Snyder; Ruth and Earl Dean Boyd of Amarillo; Glenna Monk of Brownfield; Dale Sikes of Farwell; Sue Ann Flowers and children, Michael and Daniel of Lubbock; Joe Beth and Caleb Renfro of Brownfield; and Laurie Vandiver and children.

Also, Lindsey Taylor of Farwell; Billy Don and Becky Hughes and son, Brennan of Lubbock; Scott and Patti Johnson and children, Drew, Abby, Jill, and Cari of Farwell; Esther Barber of Friona; Christa Garza of Friona; Byran Muse and children, Layna, and Storey of Lubbock; Kristi Blakley of Lubbock and Joe Withrow of Littlefield.

Also, Jan Gromosky Smith of Sudan; Katie Beth Morgan, and children, Emily, and Jaykin of Lubbock; Sheila Muse of Lubbock; Charles and Mechille Johnson and children, Josh and Kelsea of Farwell; Flo Davis of Farwell and Lupe Pena of Friona.

Besides the big crowd that attended there were many who called and sent cards.



POLLY AND DAUGHTERS...Polly Mills of Bovina (center) and her four daughters are shown here at her 65th birthday celebration. The celebration also honored her almost twenty years' retirement from Excel-Friona. Pictured are (left to right) Kara Fulcher of Lorenzo, Texas; Debbie Goldsmith of Dimmitt; Polly; Patti Gencarelli of LaPorte, Texas; and Karla Withrow of Littlefield.



BROTHERS AND SISTERS...Pictured are Polly Mills standing with her brothers and sisters at a reception in her honor. They are: L-R, June Muse of Lubbock, Larry and Patsy Webb of Hale Center; Kathy and Al Webb of Dimmitt; Joyce and Art Smith of Cleburne; Polly Mills, Sam and Rhonda Webb of Farwell and Pam Clark of Bovina.



A Message Of Thanks

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Local AMC Fan Finds A Way To Watch Her Favorite Soap



DEVOTED AMC FANS---Carol Ellis of Friona, left, presents Rose McCain of Bovina, right, with an "Erica Cane" doll as a thank you gift. Rose has been recording the popular soap opera "All My Children" for Carol every day for the past ten years. The ABC affiliate station in Amarillo does not carry the program. Rose gets the show from stations as far away as Denver or Chicago on her satellite dish.

What does an ardent soap opera fan do if the area network station refuses to air her favorite show? Give up and watch something else? No way! Not if you are like Carol Ellis of Friona. You simply find a friend who lives out in the country and has a satellite dish. That friend is Rose McCain of Bovina, who has been recording "All My Children" for Carol every day for the past ten years.

Both ladies have for many years been fans of this daytime soap opera and its popular star, Susan Luci who plays "Erica Cane" on the show. "All My Children" continues to be rated in the top three daytime soaps year after year.

"I don't have any vices," says Carol. "I don't drink, or smoke. I just want to see my one and only favorite soap."

Rose's two boys, Butch and Ben McCain are currently living in the Los Angeles area, have met Susan Luci, and have even played bit parts on the show in the past.

Susan Luci was asked to host last year's "Daytime Emmy Award Show."

Recently the Mattel Toy Company manufactured a doll in Miss Luci's image and put it on the shelves of toy stores around the country just in time for Christmas. Luci is the only soap opera star to have ever had a doll made of her. The doll is dressed in a replica of the ivory satin gown which Susan wore as the host of last year's award show.

This week, Carol presented Rose with an "Erica Cane" doll as a way of saying "thank you" for recording the show all these years.

Carol says when they took AMC off the air at KVII-TV in Amarillo, she called the station manager and the

program director, she wrote letters to the sponsors, and even wrote to Stanley Marsh III who owns the station, all to no avail.

At that time, Rose was already taping the show for Tami Kunselman because Tami was working and couldn't watch it during the day. Tami then passed the tapes along to Carol once she had watched them. Later Tami moved to Spearman, and Rose just continued taping the show for Carol.

How does that work since Carol lives in Friona and Rose lives six miles northwest of Bovina? Well, Rose records a whole week's worth of AMC shows on one tape and then drops it off at Dorothy's Beauty Shop when she comes into town. Then if anyone is going on to Friona, they take the tape with them and drop it off at the Friona Star office where Carol picks it up. Carol brings the tapes back to Dorothy's later, where Rose picks them up and leaves the new ones.

"I try to keep Rose supplied with new tapes from time to time," Carol says. "We've worn out quite a few tapes and several VCRs over the years."

"They've had some really nauseating talk shows like Geraldo Rivera running in the AMC time slot," Carol says, "And they seem to change them up once a year."

"I wonder what new people in the Amarillo area think when they move in here and can't get this well-loved show that is available everywhere else in the country."

"Thank goodness for a good friend and dedicated fan like Rose McCain," Carol added. "I'm thinking of nominating her for KVII's annual 'Seven Who Care' award next year, for people who go out of their way to help others."



RAFFLE WINNER Socorro Gonzales, right, receives her set of matching watches from Patti Widner of Prairie Acres. The raffle benefitted the Empty Stocking Fund and Friona's children.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Youngster Has Mature Approach To Scandal

Dear Editor:

I am 16 years old. Though I am not old enough to vote, I am writing this on behalf of my generation. The recent speech by the President and the reaction of our nation to it, gives me reason to write this letter in hope that those who read it will be challenged to look closely at the condition of our nation.

In the President's speech he admitted to having a relationship with Monica Lewinsky that was "improper" and "wrong." Then he said that it was time to move on.

Many people have said that the President's private affairs are his own business and people should not pry. Others have said that the President's private affairs do not affect the job he does. The President himself touched lightly upon the supposed injustice of prying into his personal life in his speech.

Hugo Grotius once said that a man cannot govern a nation if he cannot govern a city, he cannot govern a city if he cannot govern a family, he cannot govern a family unless he can govern himself, and he cannot govern himself unless his passions are subject to reason.

The President is accountable to the people. We must know whether he can control himself or not. If the President cannot control himself, he certainly is not capable of governing a nation. Yet we sit in our selfishness and refuse to look at the truth because it does not feel good. We look at the nation and see a booming economy. We look around and see prosperity and say, "Why should we mess this up?" And yes, Mr. Clinton has helped with all these things. But there are better things than financial security, and there are worse things than poverty. We give the control to a man who can make us feel good but cannot control himself.

I would like to call your

attention to a recent international affair where Pakistan and India were developing nuclear weapons. The President offered a deal to Pakistan saying that if they would stop developing nuclear weapons, the United States would protect them in the case of an attack. The Pakistani minister of foreign affairs said that he did not believe that the President (Clinton) would follow through on his promise. This was because he saw the character of our President and realized he could not be trusted. This endangered the lives of the citizens of Pakistan and India, more than 900 million people. Although war has not broken out, we must heed the warning: the character of the President affects the entire world.

The American people have chosen to become selfish, and my generation--your children--are growing up seeing the highest authority in America, a man who cannot control himself. Why should I put others first when the President himself will not even put his duty to his wife or his nation before his sexual desires? I'm asking you, the generation that holds the voting power, to think of your children and the future of the world. If we cannot trust our President to fulfill his marriage vows, can we trust him to do what he has promised us?

And if we cannot trust the man our parents elect, can we trust our parents? You owe it to the world, you owe it to God, and you owe it to your children to consider this.

Christopher Vincent
Editor's Note: The above letter by 16-year old Christopher Vincent appeared in the "Arkansas Democrat." It was sent to Bernie Gowens by his brother in Waco and Bernie thought it would be good to share this with the readers of the "Friona Star" and "Bovina Blade."

Parmer County S.W.C.D. Offers Windbreak Trees

Seedlings for conservation windbreaks are now available for order through Parmer County Soil and Water District (SWCD). Landowners in Parmer County are encouraged to purchase the one-year-old seedlings before preferred stock is sold out.

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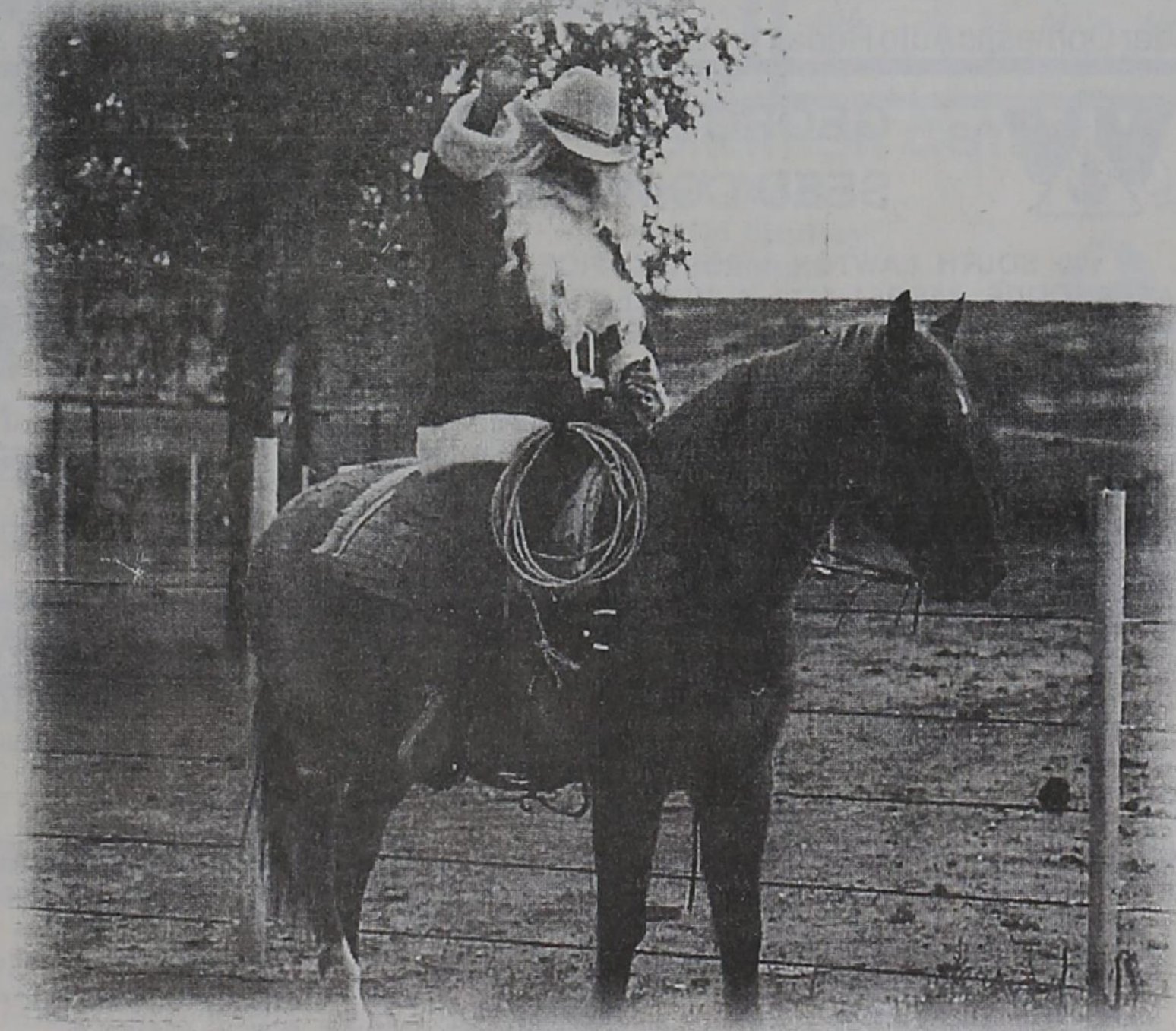
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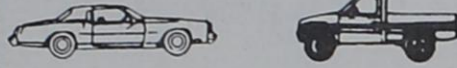
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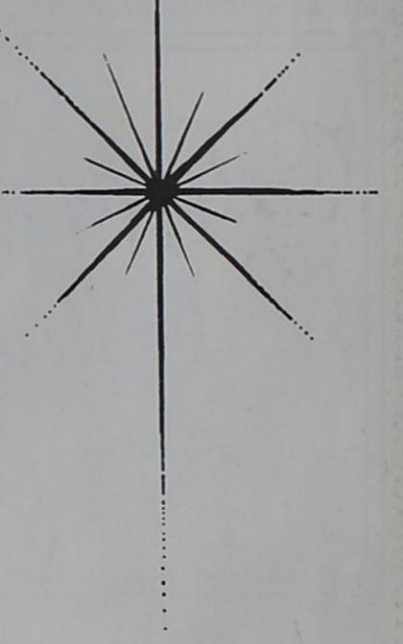
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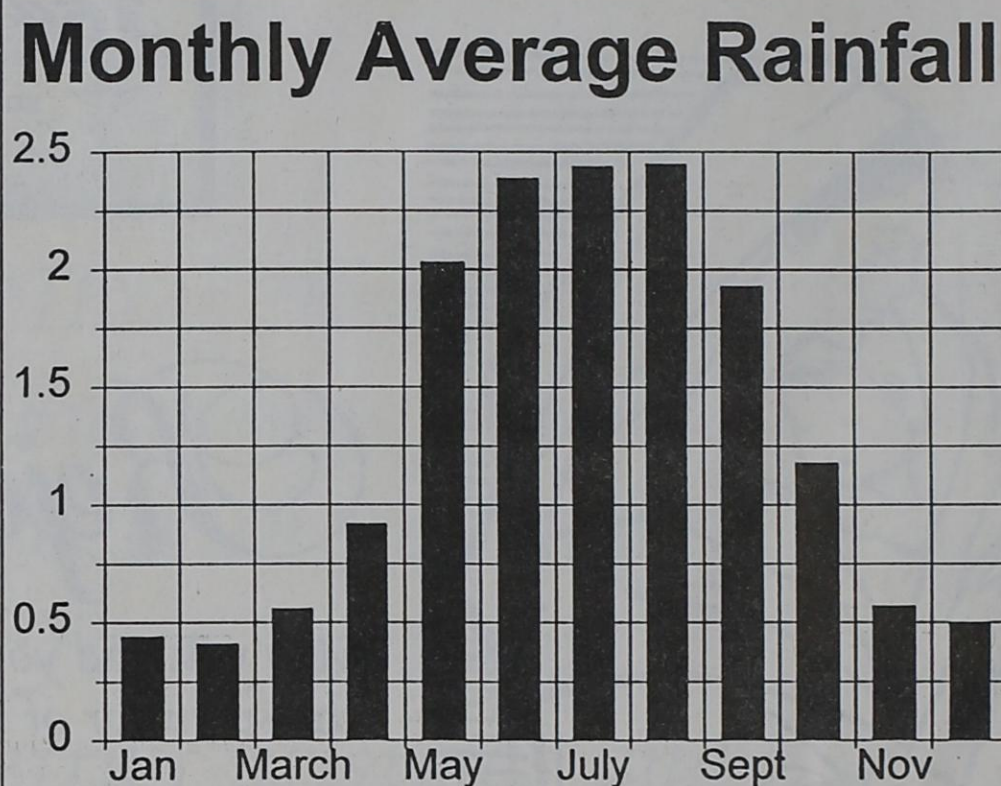
BRAND NEW AMBULANCE...The City of Friona took possession of a new ambulance in December, complete with a Chieftain logo. Excel had contributed \$50,000 toward the purchase. Shown inspecting the new ambulance are, l-r, Excel general manager Scott Entz, city manager Paula Wilson, EMS director Dana Hendrix, Lori Clayton and Tom Randolph of Excel, EMS's Leland Harris, and Excel's Brad Churchill.



SOME HOLIDAY FUN...Prairie Acres board president Mike Hanes draws the lucky winner of two watches. Hanes' store, Bi Wize Drugs, donated the watches for the Empty Stocking Fund raffle to benefit Friona's children. With Hanes are, l-r, PA employees Rhonda Bentley, Dawn Widner, and Jennifer Baize.

Monthly Average Rainfall For Friona, Texas 1945 through 1997

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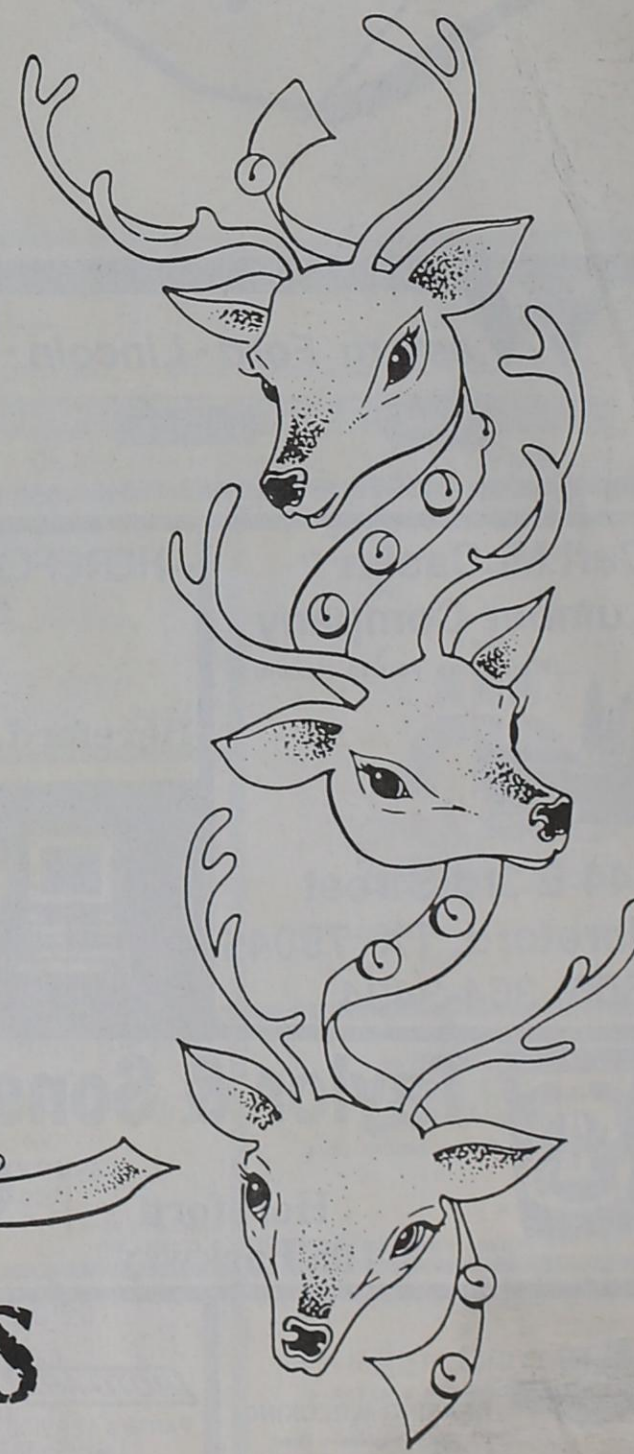
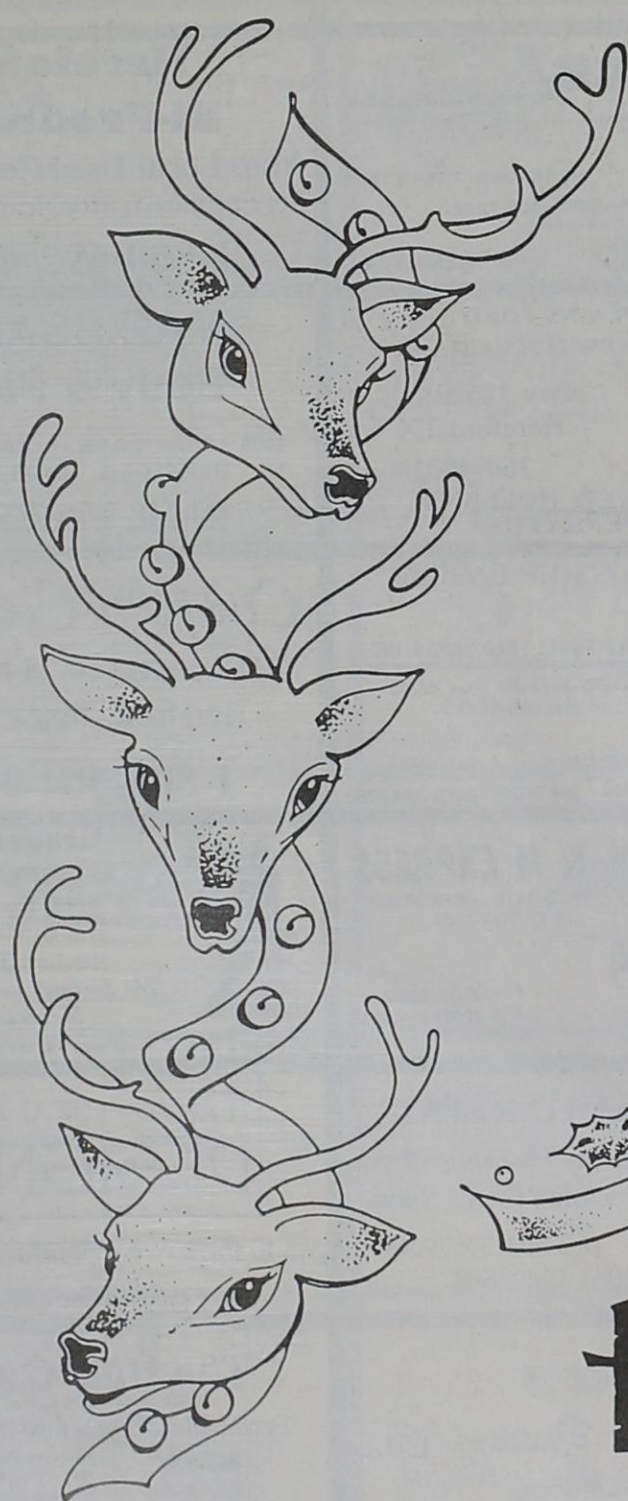
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Happy holidays, everyone. We look forward to serving you again in the year to come.



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Holiday Celebrations Can Build Family Traditions

As the strains of "I'll be home for Christmas" play on the radio and the sounds of jingling bells echo through stores, the holiday season brings memories of times past and special symbols that represent family, friends and fun.

At the same time, the holiday season can mean stress, anger and depression, but building a sense of celebration, sharing and ritual to families can make such hectic days seem bright.

Dr. Gladys Hildreth, associate professor of family sciences at Texas Woman's University, says that the holiday season can be one of joy, giving and love--if family members, parents, children, relatives and friends take time to appreciate one another in the spirit of giving.

"The holiday celebration has a special meaning for children, and it helps to build positive family memories and cohesiveness among members. The season gives people an opportunity to renew and keep the bonds between family members--to create an environment of unity."

Often families have their own favorite rituals--special meals, gift exchanges, stockings and other symbols of the season--and today they should learn to blend traditions when couples marry or children leave home.

"We should learn to enjoy differences, maintain a family's system of values and adopt an attitude of 'the more the merrier,'" says Hildreth. "Be open-minded, too, and experience others' celebrations and cultures."

The holiday season also is a time when many people return home to their families, she adds. "Folks like to go home for Christmas--they get re-charged to go back into the world of work. Going home and remembering special times is the 'glue' that holds families together and encourages us to go back and work for another year," Hildreth explains.

For those who can't go

home, she suggests calling, writing and sending gifts (early!). "Create some contact and send some pictures, particularly if there's a milestone in your life--such as a new baby, graduation or a wedding," she adds.

"But whatever you do and however you choose to observe the holiday season, don't lose sight of its meaning and don't get caught up in other people's expectations," says Hildreth.

Listed below are some rituals that families might want to blend with their traditions, plus some other advice for the holidays:

- Put up the tree together and think about baking cookies with your children--even "grown-ups" can do that. (Hildreth's siblings, for example, have a Sisters' Day and a Brothers' Day during the holidays--a time when mothers visit daughters and fathers spend time with their sons. "My family has done this for as long as I can recall, and my mother and her sisters did it, too," she recalls.)

- Celebrate gift giving, but remember that handmade gifts are especially appreciated, and people often prefer to have you and your time rather than a gift. For those persons who have large families and who budget their funds, draw names.

- Remember that giving is better than receiving--and teach family members through activities that this old adage is true. "Find ways to give gifts, money or time to people who are in need or who are less fortunate than you," says Hildreth. "While you may want to emphasize visiting hospitals, children's homes, the elderly and others in the community during the holidays, you should do so with the hope that family members will continue to do these things throughout the year."

- Sharing food preparation with family members and enjoying meals together--at the same table, at the same time. Hildreth's family goes

one step further, setting out place cards and seating older and young generations together.

•Other holiday rituals can include preparing special dishes using favorite family recipes, decorating with poinsettias, choosing between real and artificial trees, collecting ornaments for each year that represent special times and even shopping (again!) the day after Christmas for bargains.

Through it all, Hildreth reminds everyone: "Set your own expectations, rituals and celebrations for you and your family. Establish your family's own direction and goals so that you are not driven by others' holiday expectations. Finally, don't lose sight of the meaning of the holidays--enjoy one another, share your time and celebrate!"

CCC Offers New Course

A new psychology class is being offered for the spring semester at Clovis Community College. Instructor Mike Brennan will be teaching Group Dynamics (PSY 211). This class is being offered on Wednesday nights from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. at CCC.

Group Dynamics is a particularly interesting topic because groups tend to have a strong influence in the personal and professional development of most people throughout their lives. Classic and current theories of how small groups work will be presented in the class.

Students will also learn communication skills that emphasize how to work in groups. It is important to understand the complexity and challenges of working in a group, since groups are quickly becoming the American way of doing business.

For more information about this class, please contact Chris Walters at (505)769-4923.

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Merry Christmas!

We thank you very much for the opportunity to serve you this past year!

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at
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Lights are twinkling. Carollers, singing. Trees all aglow. And lots of snow!

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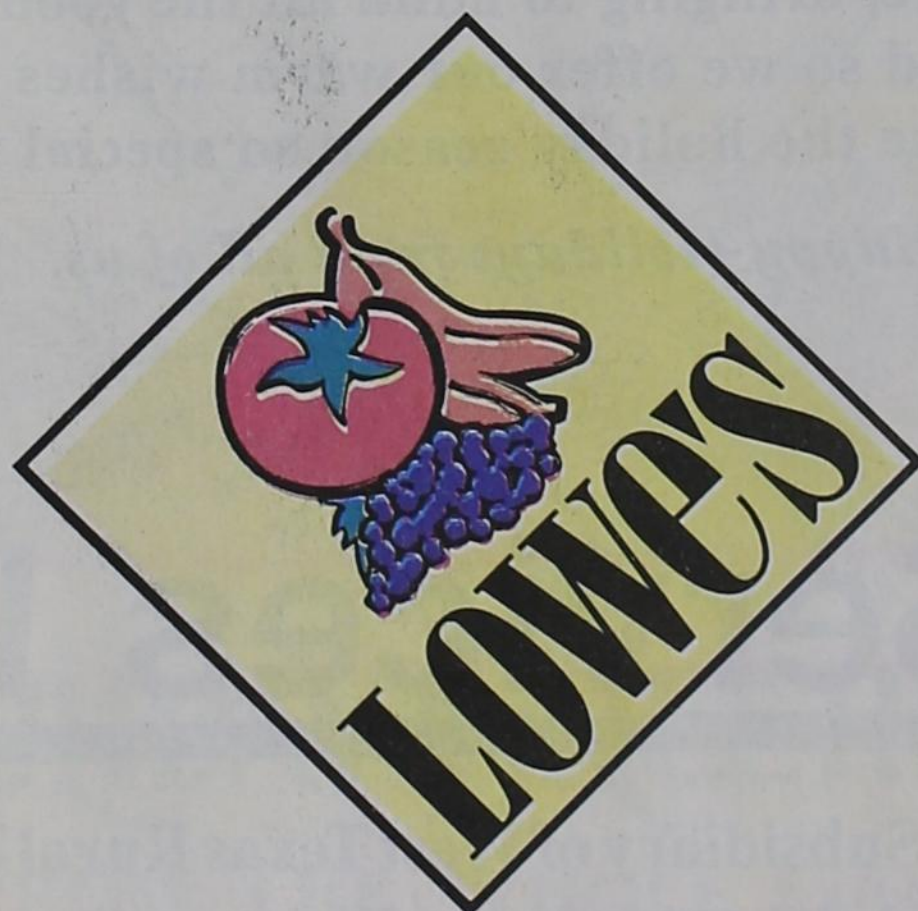
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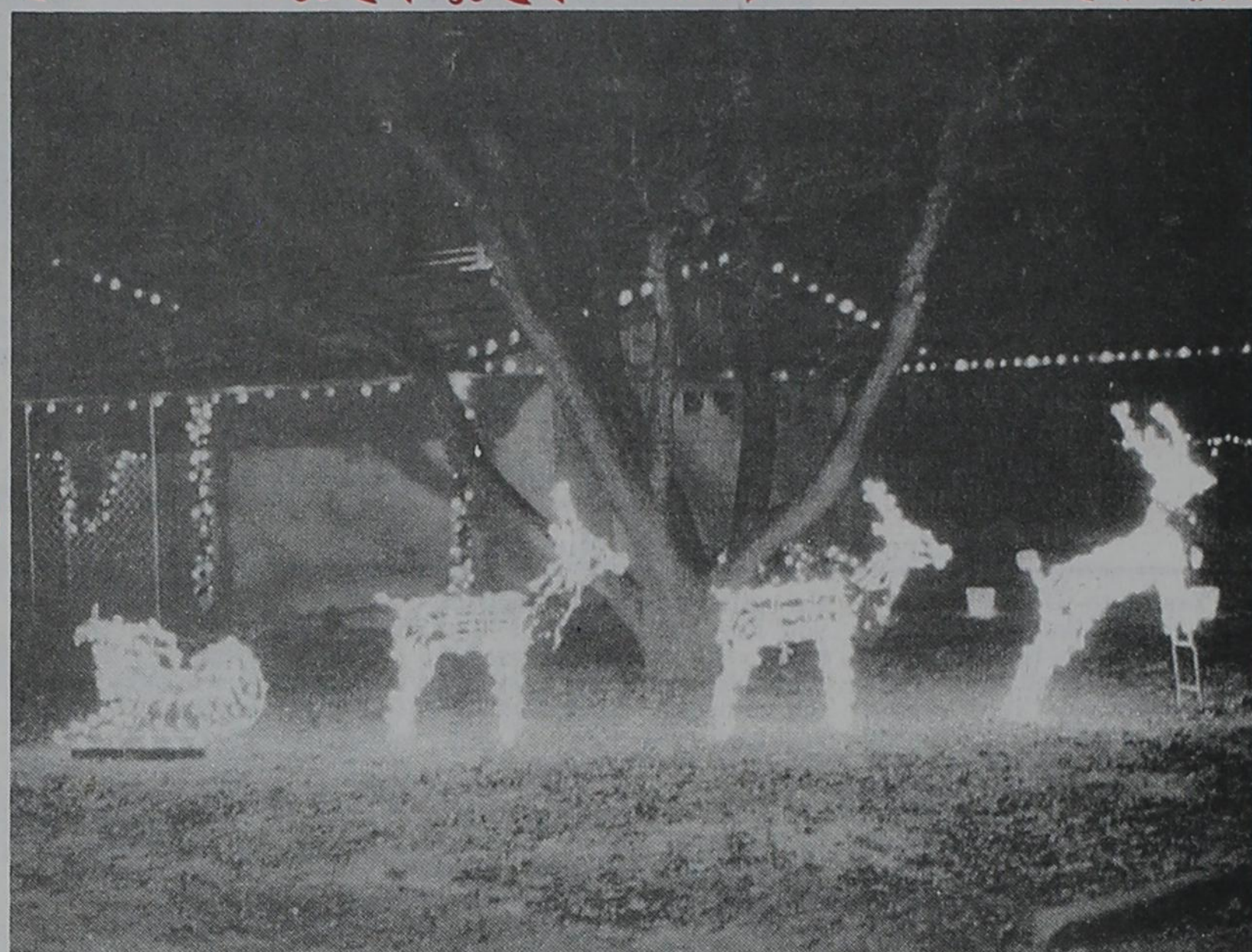
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Season's Greetings



SANTA IS BUSY at the Smith home as the reindeer wait for his return. We wish lots of toys for girls and boys and a Happy Holiday Season to all. ron carr photo

I STILL BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS. He came to my house on Christmas Eve when I was five years old. He may have been there on previous occasions, but that was the first I can remember. I heard him rustling around in the living room as he placed gifts and toys under the tree.



The reason I know it was Santa, is because both of my parents were with me in the back bedroom, getting me ready for bed. They said "Sssshhh!" I should be real quiet because Santa musn't know that I was still awake. We heard some bells jingling and then silence. They let me peek into the living room at all the goodies he'd left, and then I got to open one package. It was a knitted cap. I don't think I ever went to sleep that night, but I wore that knitted cap to bed.

Santa left a big juicy orange down in the toe of my stocking hanging beside the big gas heater (we didn't have a fireplace) on that Christmas Eve more than half a century ago. He left me an orange every year. Oranges always remind me of Christmas.

It never occurred to me that all those Santas in the stores and on street corners weren't the real thing, because Santa is magic and Christmas is filled with wonder and anything is possible for Santa Claus, even at a house with no chimney.

I've always admired Santa's work ethic. He sorta hangs around all year and then gets all of his work out of the way in just one long hectic evening.

There are about two billion children in the world. Of course he doesn't stop to visit every one of them because he doesn't have to deliver to Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, Buddhist, or Jehovah's Witness children. So that probably cuts down his delivery list to about four hundred million kiddos. As far as the naughty or nice group, he still has to stop at the homes of the naughty kids in order to leave rocks in their stockings. Census figures tell us that there are 3.5 children per household the world over, so Santa will have to visit 91.8 million homes.

There really was a St. Nicholas, you know... an actual historical person... not just an imaginative figure given substance by Clement C. Moore's poem "A visit from St. Nicholas." ("Twas the night before Christmas..."). He was a bishop of Myra, in modern-day Turkey, in the fourth century, whom legend characterizes as being exceptionally compassionate toward those who were not well-off. He was evidently quite a wealthy and devout individual, who was credited with helping those in need, always in secret.

He did his best charity work by the dark of night, bringing gifts to the doorsteps or window sills of poor families. Then the recipients were free to accept and make use of the gift without a feeling of shame or obligation to anyone.

Once he was caught with a pack of gifts on his back and the secret was revealed. After that, when a gift appeared from an unknown source, people would assume that it was from St. Nicholas. In this manner parents began to give credit to St. Nicholas for gifts which were delivered to their children on Christmas Eve.

Thus grew the tradition of St. Nicholas, who later became known as Santa Claus. Rather than thinking of Santa as an integral part of the commercialism of Christmas, perhaps we should draw inspiration from him as a real saint in the very best sense of the word. I think Santa truly manifests the real spirit of Christmas. And don't we all need to know that once a year, in this not-so-perfect world, the jolly old boy in the red suit is going to show up to remind us that there is still some goodness floating around out there.

You never get too old to still believe in Santa Claus.



PACKAGES PILED HIGH....First Bank had a beautiful tree in the lobby again this year. Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year are bank employees, l-r, Bobbie Pierson, Jill Timms, Leonor Espinoza, and, seated, Janice Moore.



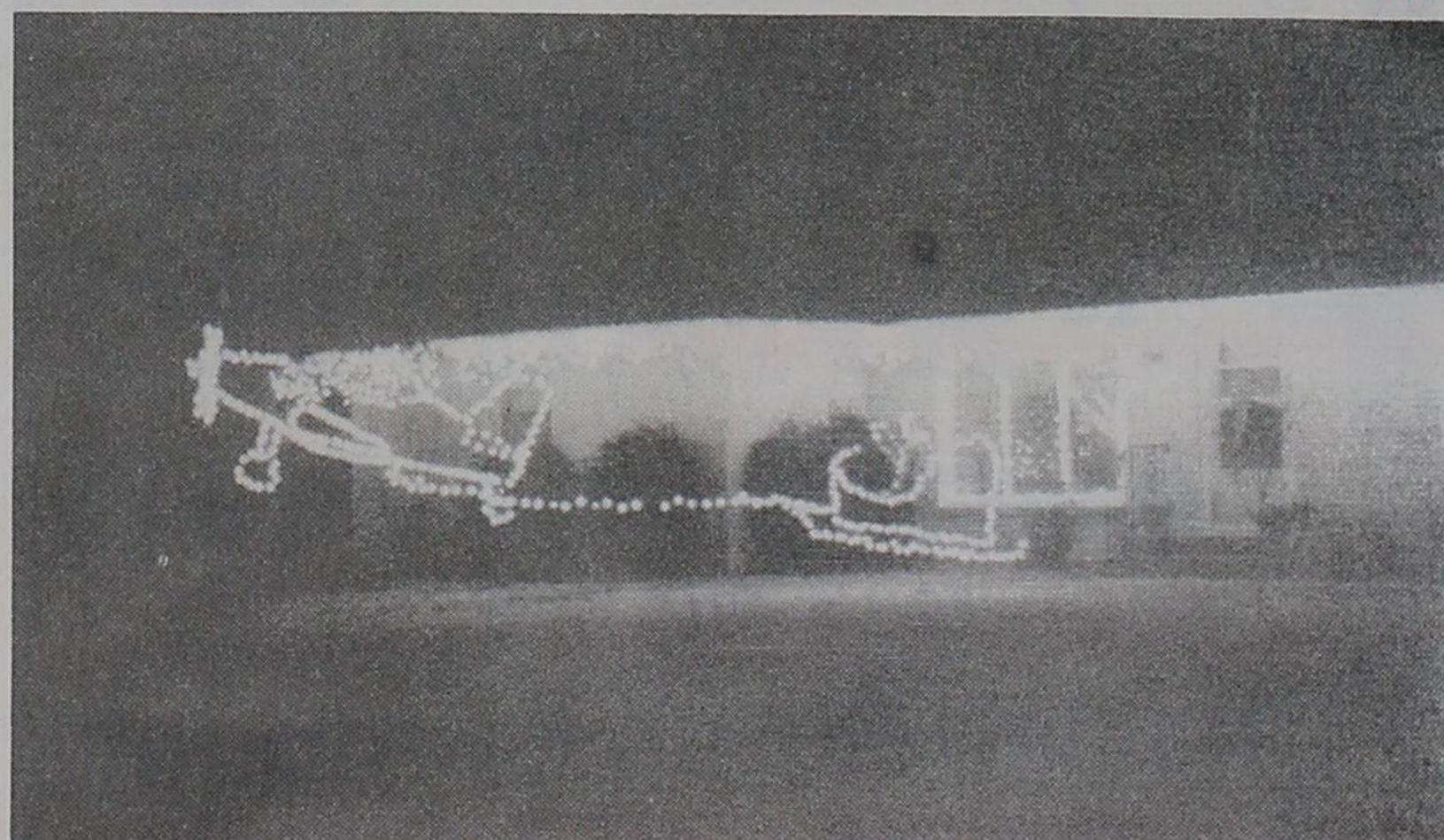
ALL EXCITED ABOUT CHRISTMAS---Jennifer Fisher's pre-kindergarten class posed for a moment in front of the Santa decoration in the hallway just before school let out for the Christmas holidays.

Merry Christmas To Bovina

Continuing a custom of many years, there will be no *Bovina Blade* issue next week. The management allows the staff to have the week between Christmas and New Year's to enjoy time for visiting with their families during the holidays. Your next issue of the paper will be January 8, 1999.



WE'RE NOT ON THE FENCE about wishing everyone Merry Christmas. This nice display is at the Miller home.



UP, UP, & AWAY....Santa's off to fly around the world from the Rhodes' yard. Have a special Holiday season.

Financial Aid Night Jan. 13

All parents of high school juniors and seniors who have students wishing to attend college or vocational school after graduation are invited to attend Financial Aid Night.

The meeting will be held in the high school library at 7 p.m. on January 13, 1999.

Marriage Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Uriegas and Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Osterbauer announce the marriage of their children, Grace Uriegas and Paul John Osterbauer. The couple exchanged vows Saturday, November 28 in Irving, Texas.



SANTA'S HELPERS....Pictured are members of the Lions Club as they are shown sacking about 300 sacks of candy to be given away when Santa Claus visited in Bovina Tuesday afternoon.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 25, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy three yrs. old. I have tried to be good, but sometimes it is awful hard. I would like for you to bring me a farm set, a cattle truck, a record player, and a road grader. Please bring Connie, my little sister, a doll and a teddy bear.

I Love you Santa, Mike Ware

Dear Santa,

How are you this year? I have been a good little girl. I would like to have a big baby doll and doll buggy. Remember all the other boys and girls. I live at Bovina, Texas.

Cathy Ruth Sikes *****

35 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 25, 1963

Dear Santa,
I want a robot, a scooter, skates, some guns and cowboy boots, a horn, a cowboy hat, also some nuts, candy, gum and fruit. Thank you so very much.

Love and Peppermints, Randal Charles

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a go-cart, gun and a Big Bertha cannon. Remember all the other little boys and girls, too.

Thank You, Butch McCain *****

30 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 25, 1968

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a hot wheels and a train, too. Please bring me an airplane and trucks too. That's all. Now I want to say goodbye. Merry Christmas.

Love, Buddy Ed Hutto

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a Bovina football suit and a go-cart.

From, David Merrell

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a swinger camera. And a bicycle and a baby small walk. Merry Christmas.

Love, Pamela Rhodes *****

25 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 25, 1973

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 8 yrs. old. I think I have been good. I would like to have the blue Petite Typewriter and case. I like the blue. But, if you don't have any of the blue, I would like the green. Thanks for all

the gifts Santa Claus that you have given me. I like them so much. How is Rudolph? And how are all the reindeer? And how are you and your wife? I love you so so very much.

Love, Wendy Hall

Dear Kris Kringle,
How are you doing? I am doing just fine. This may be asking a little much, but I want a trampoline. I am in third grade. And you better tell me how your reindeer are doing, especially Rudolph.

Love, Karl Brent Willard

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I am fine. I would like a Dallas Cowboy football suit and some walkie talkies. I would also like a screen art and a magic kit. I would like a nerf football.

Love, Bret Russell Whitten *****

20 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 25, 1978

Dear Santa,
My name is Greg. I want a stretch monster and some hot wheels. Little Larry wants some toys too. Please don't forget to bring my aunt Ne-Ne and Pam something so they don't cry. I'll leave some cookies and juice on the cabinet for you.

Love, Greg McCormick

Dear Santa,

My name is Alan and I am 2 1/2 years old. I have been a good boy so please bring me a train set and a guitar. Please bring all the other little boys and girls something also. Tell Rudolph hello for me.

Love, Alan Hromas *****

15 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 25, 1983

Dear Santa,
I am in first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a Barbie doll set, dishes, a Care Bear doll, Make-And-Bake-It oven.

Love, Gina Villarreal

Dear Santa,

I am in first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a bike, a Barbie, a Barbie house, Barbie clothes, a new swing set, play make-up, and a baby that pushes a stroller and Smurf.

Crystal Brito *****

10 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 25, 1988

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a play dough set that makes french fries and ice cream. If you can't find that bring me a baby doll-any kind of baby doll.

Thank You, Jamie Kunselman

Dear Santa,

I want a jewelry set. And a elephant wuzzle. And a new bedspread. And Lile Miss makeup. And a little bit of new clothes.

Love, Jamie D. Stanberry

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a play dough set. My sister wants to share it with me. I wish I could have everything I want. I want you would fix the kitchen! Not really.

Love, Gina Kunselman *****

5 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 24, 1998

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are well. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. I hope you bring me some roller blades, Game gear, and a teddy bear. Please give by family some gifts, too.

Dustin Lara

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you are fine. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. Please bring me a bunny rabbit, bike and roller blades. I hope Mrs. Claus is fine. I hope the elves have got the gifts ready. I hope the reindeer are ready to go.

Kristen Montgomery

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MELANIE STANBERRY All-Region Band

Melanie was selected to the All-Region Honors band in competition at Floydada last Saturday.

She finished twelfth out of thirty one contestants and the top fifteen were winners. Melanie, a sophomore, plays the clarinet.

Happy Birthday....

Belated and current birthdays for the rest of 1998 and the first week of 1999.
Dec 14 Barbara Hall, Laura Gilbreath, Dorothy Sorley.

Maria Najera Buried Mon.

Services for Maria Najera, 87, of Bovina were held Monday in Church of God of the First Born in Bovina with Reverend Rosendo Lara, pastor and Reverend Raymond Mendoza of Muleshoe officiating.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery. Mrs. Najera died December 17, 1998 at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. She was born October 2, 1911 in Tegamen, Mexico.

Maria had lived in Bovina for fifteen years moving from Weslaco, Texas. She had been a homemaker all of her life. She was a member of the Church of God in Bovina. Mrs. Najera was preceded in death by a son, Reymundo Najera, and three daughters, Juanita Najera, Matilda Najera and Lupita Najera.

Survivors include, one daughter, Juana Maria Reyes of Bovina; fifteen grandchildren; thirty-nine great-grandchildren; and fourteen great-great-grandchildren.

Bovina Lions Club Has Annual Christmas Party

The Bovina Lions Club had their annual Christmas dinner Tuesday evening, December 15 at K-Bob's Steak House in Clovis.

President Gaylon Rhodes welcomed guests and each husband stood and introduced his wife.

Jeff Procter, minister of the Bovina Church of Christ, asked the blessing before the meal. A steak dinner with all the trimmings was served to about thirty guests.

Grady and Dorothy Sorley sang Christmas carols and Brother Gary Morgan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, spoke to the group about what Christmas is all about, to make us aware that God is responsible for life itself and that one should reflect on the true meaning of

Christmas.
Don McNerlin, pastor of the Bovina United Methodist Church, gave the benediction. Those present were Pat and Pat Kunselman, Durward and Fern Bell, Jim and Scooter Russell, Sam and Shirley Garrison, Jeff and Monica Procter, Tom and Virginia Rhodes, Don McNerlin and Frances Willard.

Also, C.E. and Joy Trimble, Bob and Sarah Owen, Gary and Donna Morgan, Darla Sealy, Jay and Patsy Sherrill, Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes and Galen Hromas.

The men sacked candy following the meal, to be given away to the youngsters when Santa visited in Bovina last Tuesday.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pulling truck and a fire truck. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Andrew Marrufo, age 3 *****

Dear Santa,

I'm fine. I want a radio and I want a bike and 64 Saga. I hope I get a bike.

Crystal Sierra *****

Dear Santa,

I want some rollerblades and a robot and Buss Lightyear. I help my mom to wash the dish and the cups. I let everybody play with me.

Your friend, Daniel Rivera *****

Dear Santa,

I want for my car and a fireman and a train and a bus.

Alan Chavez

Dear Santa,

I want a doll and some clothes and I want some movies and I have been good this year.

Katie Martinez *****

Dear Santa,

My name is Shaq Walker and I'm in K. I think I have been a pretty nice guy as the time gets closer to Christmas. I only want to tell you a few things to get you started. 1. wagon, 2. clothes, 3. army guns, 4. remote control car, 5. new Jordan shoes. I would be very happy if you could get a few things on my list.

Shaq Walker

P.S. Please think about it and surprise me.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some skates and some pajamas and a toy truck and some clothes.

From Joshua Andrew Parson *****

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Hotwheel Volcano race track. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Anthony Ortiz, age 5 *****

Dear Santa,

How are you? Don't forget your coffee. I want for Christmas a bike.

Your friend, Gilbert Salas *****

Dear Santa,

How are you. I was wondering how it is at the North Pole? Is it cold over there cus I was wondering if you are cold over there.

Your friend, Jonathan Roldan *****

Dear Santa,

How are you? In the winter I make a snowman. How cold is it in the North Pole? I love you. I want a pair of ice skates.

Jesus Anaya *****

Dear Santa,

I have been good. Please give us what we want. We will be gone on Christmas. We are going to Mexico. We are going to stay two weeks. My uncle and aunt and my little cousin are going to my grandma's. I want a Barbie house.

Katie Chavez *****

Dear Santa,

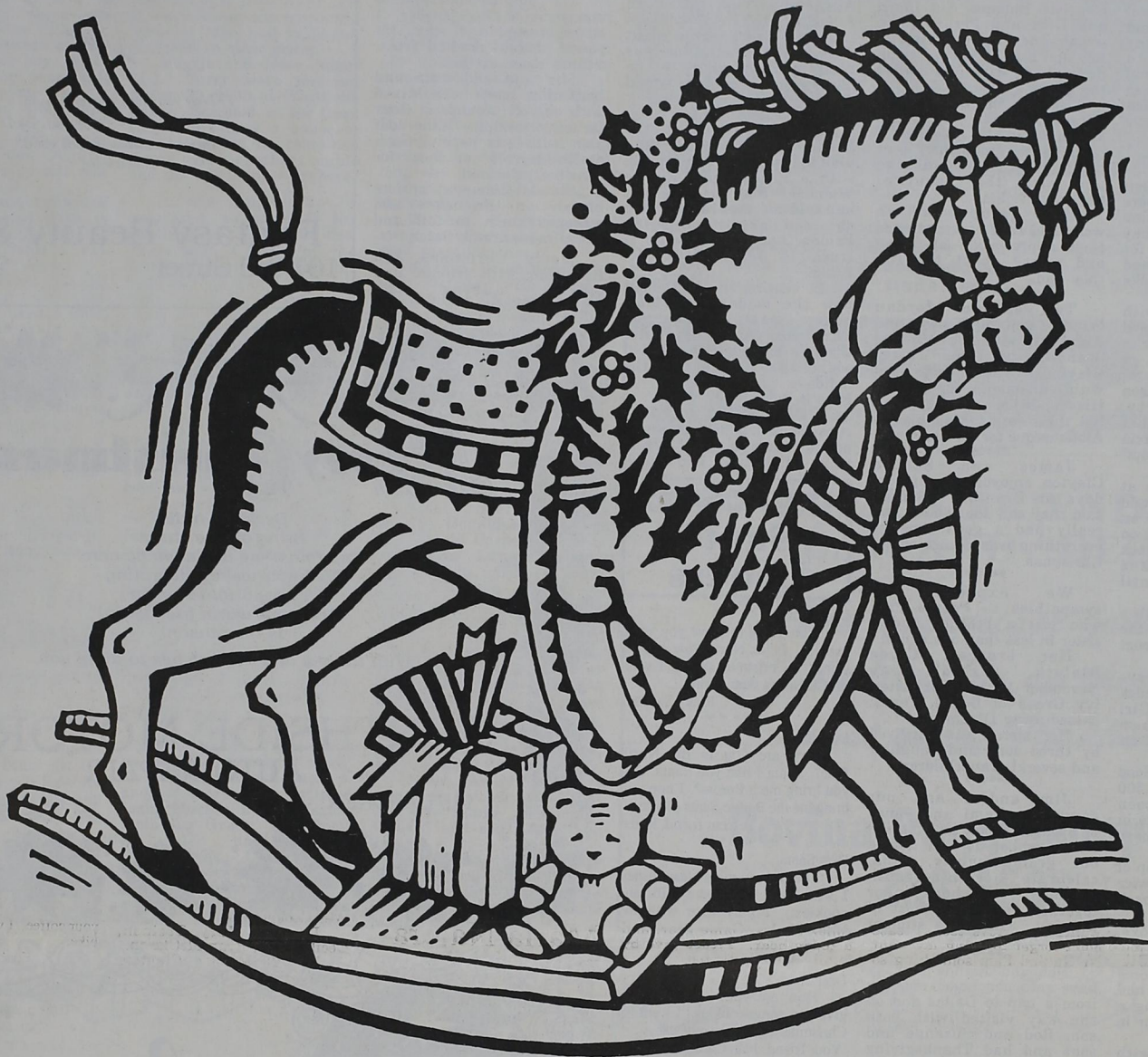
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Your friend, David Saucedo

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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Our Winter weather seems to come in spurts. Can't get used to the cold weather before it warms up again. We have had a beautiful Indian Summer and it is good weather to travel in so that makes it great. Just wish we could have a little snow about Christmas time.

NEWS AROUND TOWN....

We enjoyed a good visit with Tiny and Maggie Moore of Childress, who came Saturday morning. They lived next door to us for about seventeen years and they are like family. We really miss them!

They also visited with Montie Turner and had lunch with her before going back to Childress that night.

I was talking with Jason Kerby's mom, Susan Kerby, and she was telling me that Jason and friend, Pete Garcia collected 2,500 "toys for tots" in one week in Snyder.

Jason is a sophomore at Western Texas College and works for a radio station on weekends. The boys went on top of the roof at six o'clock last Monday morning and didn't come down until Friday midnight.

They were honored with a celebration at the end of the week and had an escort through town.

Susan said the guys would collect a pickup truck full of toys and the Girl Scouts would deliver them and bring the vehicle back for more.

It was reported on Good Morning America that 2,500 "toys for tots" had been collected in two weeks time in New York City so the boys did real well.

They had a tent on top of the roof and came down twice a day but went right back up.

Congratulations, boys, good job!

Julia Leake came home from Lubbock where she had been in therapy following a broken hip. She has been in Lubbock for three weeks.

Julia spent time with daughter Kay and Tammy Williams in Bovina and her daughter, Janice, has been spending time with her. Janice lives in Clovis and they were going back to the doctor on Monday because she still had some discomfort.

She said she had washed her car and was standing by the car wiping it off when she suffered the break and fell. A neighbor saw her and called the ambulance.

Julia expressed her appreciation to the fine ambulance crew and for friends who had been so kind during these days bringing food and sending cards and calling.

James and Sandra Clayton and Dale and Tonya Gober hosted a fun evening for several senior citizens. Those who were picked up by the church bus were Artie

Faye O'Hair, Joey Looney, Charlsie Eubank, Sid Lloyd and Dick and Pernie Free, Arnola and Amy Hromas and Roy and Eva Miller of Friona drove their cars and joined the group.

After a meal of baked potatoes with assorted stuffings and also a dessert of parfaits, the group then went to Clovis and rode around and saw the beautiful Christmas lights.

The group had a wonderful time and expressed their appreciation all week and talked about the fun they had.

Two-year-old Jordan Windle, son of Shawn and Joanna Windle of Clovis and grandson of the James Claytons, was hospitalized with pneumonia for a day. His condition has improved but they were taking him to Albuquerque for further tests.

James and Sandra Clayton enjoyed a couple of days at Branson. Sandra said they saw four shows and really had a good time as everything was decorated for Christmas.

We express our sympathies to Pernie Free who lost a brother and a sister in less than one month.

Her brother, Clyde Blalock, passed away November 18, and her sister, Ivy Green of Bowie, Texas, passed away December 4.

Her sister was survived by three sons and daughter and several grandchildren.

Jim and I and our daughters, Tami and Janice of Spearman met in Amarillo on December 1, and helped our granddaughter, Gina, celebrate her nineteenth birthday. We had dinner together and spent most of the day. Gina is a student at Amarillo College.

Don and Juanda Murphy have returned home recently from a trip to Dallas and on the way visited with both son, Rod and Suzanne and sons and had Thanksgiving with daughter Darlene and her husband in Midlothian.

Dot Roach is getting along fine and was hospitalized for heart problems but said they were able to treat her with medication this time.

She had to have two stints in September and daughter, Judy Ezell of Plain Plano was with her three weeks at that time and this time she was in Bovina with her for a week.

Florence Ritchie was hospitalized for five days in the Clovis Hospital following surgery. She said she is getting along much better and glad to be home.

Esther Steelman's and Gilda Garner's dad, Porforia Mejia has been hospitalized

again in the Baptist/St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo and on Monday of this week it had been eight days. Ester said he was really getting ready to be home and she said he would probably be released soon.

I took a friend to the Friona clinic recently and visited and got acquainted with a Friona lady, Eunice Widmier. She was a delight and told me that at one time she ran a restaurant in Friona and even drove a truck 13 years for a Mr. Buske.

In visiting she told about how she made white fruit cakes each year for Christmas. A few days later she sent me the recipe and it sound like a treat for the holidays.

Here it is:
WHITE FRUIT CAKE...4 cups flour, 1 pound pecans, 1 pound brown sugar, 1 pound white raisins, 3/4 cup butter

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

I am going to leave you some cookies. Is the North Pole cod? I want for Christmas skates. I want for Christmas skate board.

Ricky Sanchez

Dear Santa,

How are you in the North Pole? Santa I like you Santa. Can you bring me a Barbie? I hop you bring me the Barbie Santa please.

Your friend, Karen

Dear Santa,

I helped my mom clean dishes. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I play nice with my brother.

Maribeth Salazar

Dear Santa,

How are you? I'm going to give you some cookies. I want for Christmas a game uv race car.

Your friend, Juan Carlos Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a bike and a big bear and I will give you some cookies on your plate. Can you bring me a little baby rabbit for me and a belt for my pants?

Your friend, Yoselin Rueda

Dear Santa,

I would like to thank you for the things you gave me last year. I have tried to be nice. Remember all the other boys and girls. Santa I heard that you live in the North Pole. How are your reindeer? They are fine good. Santa I would like for this Christmas a Barbie, money, Zeldia that's what I want for Christmas. Santa, oh and my brother wants some new skates, colors and a coloring book for Christmas. And my little baby sister needs some new shoes and clothes, too.

Jessica Salazar

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Maggie Terry Takes Pride In Her Close-Knit Family

by SCOOTER RUSSELL

Maggie Terry came from a large family which has not only had a close relationship but have lived in close proximity for many years.

Joe and Pearl Donaldson left a heritage of love to thirteen children, three boys and ten girls. One little boy, Onie, died at thirteen months of age. Another boy, W.M., who was sixteen years old, was killed in a plane crash.

Maggie said the plane was piloted by their nephew, who was taking some of the youngsters for rides. At first W.M. refused to go but was later talked into it.

The plane caught fire and the pilot instructed W.M. to loosen his belt and when the plane came close to the ground, he was to jump.

The pilot jumped, but the boy went down with the plane. He only lived a short time. Maggie said her nephew was also killed later in another plane crash.

The six sisters who are still living are Maggie Terry of Bovina, Beulah McWilliams and Gladys Hromas of Farwell, Amy Hromas of Bovina, Avis Carpenter of Oklahoma Lane and Ruth Boone of Clovis.

The sisters who have passed away in later years were Maybelle Edwards, Tressie Sparks, Ruby Tucker and Louise Christian.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

Santa, how is Rudolph and the other reindeer? I would like to thank you for the things you gave me last year. I would like a viper for Christmas. And a corvette for Christmas. You better get the reindeer fed before you leave for Christmas. Is Rudolph's nose still shining as bright as it was? Will you tell the reindeer Hello for me please? I like all of the reindeer you have. Have you gotten any more reindeer this year? I was just wondering.

Love, Brett Anderson

Maggie said all the girls still enjoy spoiling their only brother, Sterling.

It is unusual that all seven siblings live within twenty miles of each other. Maggie said she was the only one who ever lived away and it was because she married a preacher who had to pastor churches in other places.

Maggie and Jesse James "J.J." Terry were married March 30, 1930 at Whitfield, Texas. She said, at the time, they didn't have a house or any money so he remained living with another couple and she was living elsewhere.

It was difficult to be separated, so some of the family came up with an idea. There was a man in the community who had lost his wife and he had two small sons, ages eight and ten years old. The man needed someone to help with the children and asked them to come live with him. They lived there fourteen months and Maggie cared for the boys.

So, she said the Lord provided them a home, and also help for the man who had sole responsibility of the boys, and it worked out fine.

Reverend Terry had gone to Wayland College before the couple married and later returned to college. She said she missed being close to her brother and sisters but with his job it was necessary, as he pastored thirteen different churches.

On two occasions he pastored what was called "half time" churches, that is, he pastored two churches at the same time.

The Terrys' first church was at Dickens, Texas, then he returned to attend school at Wayland before he went to another church. He pastored some churches in New Mexico, including Grady, and Dora. He also pastored at Oklahoma Lane and Whitfield, where he was baptized and ordained.

He also pastored at Spade, Hedley, Flomont,

Enochs and Fairmount in Hardeman County. He also served as interim pastor for Bovina's First Baptist Church and also a Baptist Church in Muleshoe. He later took Bible courses at Eastern New Mexico University.

Reverend Terry and Maggie had two children, Melvin and Ludene, seven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Melvin lives in Lubbock and Ludene's home is in Roswell, New Mexico, but she spends time in Bovina with her mother. When asked how long she would be with her mother, she said, "As long as she needs me."

Brother Terry passed away but the couple had 56 good years together.

Maggie celebrated her 87th birthday with a party on Sunday, November 29, held at the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, with about fifty people attending.

Those attending were: Melvin and Lois Terry of Lubbock; Ludene Davis and Diane Clayton of Roswell, New Mexico; Beverly and Jackie Duncan of Guymon, Oklahoma; Joe and Beulah McWilliams and Gladys Hromas of Farwell.

Also, Sterling and Dorothy Donaldson and Avis and Harold Carpenter, all of Oklahoma Lane; Ed and Gwen Corn, and children, Clay, Christin, Clint and Charla of Farwell, and Joe and Loy McLellen of Friona.

Also, Donald and Dot Christian and Lois Billingsley of Oklahoma Lane; Shirley Ware, Brother Gary Morgan and family, Amy and Brad Hromas, Charlsie Eubanks, Norma Whitten, Misty and Lindsey Pruitt and Michael Wilkins, all of Bovina.

Other family members who came by her home that day were Tammy and Dennis Willard and sons, Josh and Jeremy.

Music for the birthday party was provided by family members, Clay and Charla Corn and Barbara and Little Maggie Collins.



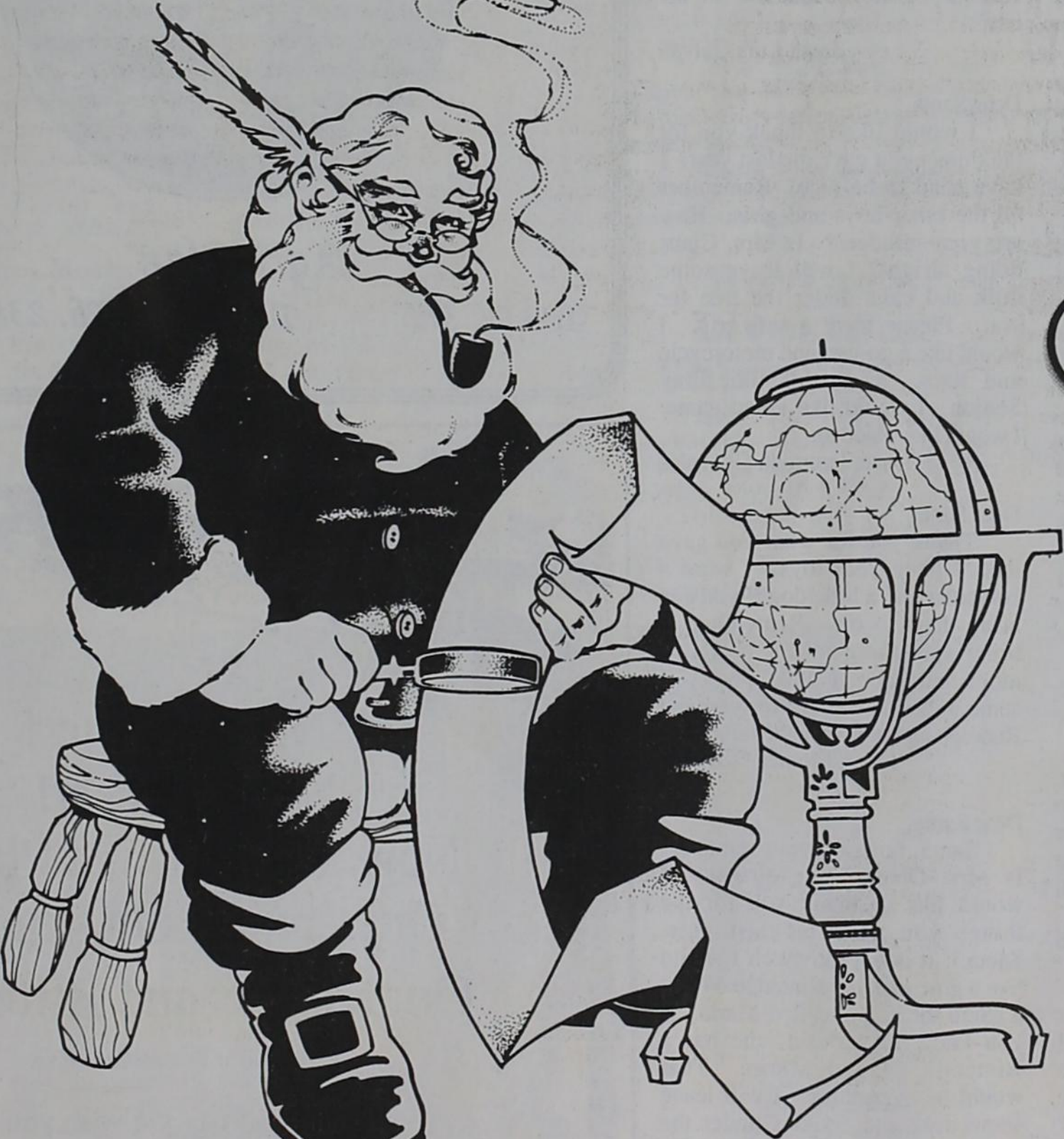
BIRTHDAY PARTY...Maggie Terry, (sitting) is pictured with her brother and sisters and their spouses, who helped her celebrate her 87th birthday with a party, Sunday, November 29, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. They are: L-R, Harold and Avis Carpenter, J.C. and Ruth Boone, Arnold and Amy Hromas, Gladys Hromas, Beulah McWilliams, Dorothy Donaldson, Joe McWilliams and Sterling Donaldson.



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Local Women Take Paris, France Tour

by VIRGINIA RHODES

Frances Willard and Virginia Rhodes accompanied Rhonda Rhodes and Ragan Armstrong to Paris, France, recently.

Ragan was part of a group of 130 girls from 30 states sponsored by the National Cheerleading Association for cheerleading performances at Disney Paris, and on an outdoor stage in front of the Eiffel Tower.

While in Paris, the group went on a bus tour around Paris to see the historic landmarks such as Notre Dame Cathedral, Montmartrain, the Moulin Rouge, Champs Elysee, and the river Seine.

They stayed at the Cheyenne Hotel at Disney, which was a 45-minute ride by train to the metro system which they took to the Louvre Museum, where they saw DaVinci's Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo statue.

The Louvre is a former fortress constructed in the 13th century and converted into a museum in 1793. It is the biggest museum in the world.

They also made a quick tour of the Museum d'Orsay, which houses Impressionist paintings and art from 1848 to 1914. One of the notables there is Whistler's Mother.

The group went to the shopping areas downtown, some of which were very upscale. The people were neater in their dress than what is seen in America. This was noticeable both in the downtown area and at the airport.

Fur coats were commonplace, and many women wore dark hose and heels with skirts and coats and hats as part of their attire. A lot of shiny and "clingy" black and other dark-colored clothes, as well as French perfume and lingerie were available in the stores.

French pastries lived up to their reputation and the girls particularly enjoyed the croissants. On the last night before returning home, the group enjoyed a full-course dinner cruise on the Seine.

The meal was fantastic and the lights of the city were very impressive. Before boarding the boat, they walked past the monument that marked the place where Lady Di was killed in the automobile wreck.

Members of the group all agreed that they had not budgeted enough time to visit such a famous city and were reluctant to board the plane from Paris to Dallas for the return 10 and one-half hour flight.



FIVE GENERATIONS met recently in Bovina for a family gathering. Pictured in the back row (left-right) are Lupe Guerra of Friona, Angie Gomez of Bovina, Geronima Perry of Muleshoe, (baby) Bryanna Mashea Larrea and her mom, Rebecca of Bovina.



ON THE TOWN....Posing in front of the famous Eiffel Tower in Paris are Frances Willard, Virginia Rhodes, Ragan Armstrong and Rhonda Rhodes, the tour guide.

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May this holiday take your breath away with its natural beauty and growing excitement.

Thanks for adding to our scenery with your welcomed visits.

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Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year. I've worked hard in school. So please could you bring a toy for Christmas. I'm not picky. I'll be happy with anything. Thank you Santa.
Love, Aaron Franco

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer Santa Claus? I would like to thank you for the things you gave me last year? This is what I would like a bike, skates and a Sega video game. Have a safe trip.
Love, Delfino Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things you gave me last year. Santa you have a very good Rudolph. And you have very good reindeer. I would like a Barbie and a doll for Christmas. Can you make this be a happy Christmas Day?
Love, Esmeralda Saucedo

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a computer and a Barbie and a cat and new shoes and clothes and a new doll house so I could play with my Barbie house. I will like to grow up and I want to pass all the grades. I want to have a tv in my room and I want a toy for my little sister and a book to read at home and a puzzle to put together and money.
Love, Audrie Temones

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer for Christmas and a play money and a book of Rudolph. I will leave some milk and cake under the tree for you. Is Mrs. Claus doing alright? How are your reindeer? I like what you gave me last year like the Barbie and the bike and the camera.
Felysha D. Villa

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year. I've worked hard in school. So please could you bring a toy for Christmas. I'm not picky. I'll be happy with anything. Thank you Santa.
Love, Aaron Franco

Dear Santa,
I would like to thank you for the things you gave me last year. I want the ice cream maker, a keyboard and a Barbie car. How are your reindeer especially Rudolph? Is Mrs. Claus doing alright? I will leave some milk and cake under the tree for you. Please have a safe trip. I have tried to be nice. Remember all the other boys and girls. I hope you can come. I hope it is not cold so you can come.
Love, Danna Cuervo

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Is it cold at the North Pole? I would like to thank you for the things you gave me last year. I have tried to be nice. Remember the other boys and girls. How are your reindeer? Could you bring me crayons and a camera and a radio. I like Rudolph. Have a safe trip.
Love, Peter Hiebert

Dear Santa,
Santa, I want a ice cream maker, Nintendo 64 and a Rudoph with a red nose. I will leave some milk and cake under the tree. I would like to thank you for the things you gave me last year.
Love, Yesli Candia

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be nice for Christmas Eve. Did you put me on the list? Thank you for bringing me and all the other children presents. Were all the other children nice this year and last year? Can you bring me a Sega Genius, motorcycle and a drum?
Love, Jeremy Curtis

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be nice. Remember all the other boys and girls. I would like to thank you for the things you gave me last year. Can you bring me a drum, bike, clothes? Did you put me on the list?
Love, Luis Galvan

Dear Santa,
I would like to thank you for the things you gave me last year. I have tried to be nice. Remember all the other boys and girls. How are your reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus doing alright? I will leave some milk and cake under the tree for you. Please have a safe trip. I would like a go-cart and motorcycle and toys. I would like Play Station. I would like video game. I would like Madden.
Love, Jeremiah Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Thank you for what you gave me. I liked your toys. I want a computer and a little dog if you can bring them to me. Remember to bring something to my brothers, mom and dad. I will leave you some milk and cookies for you and Rudolph and of course the reindeer.
Love, Monica Martinez

Dear Santa,
Santa, how are your reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus doing alright? I would like to thank you for the things you gave me last year. Santa if it is not too much I would like a go-cart and a Nintendo 64 and a game for it, it is called Mario. If you know my cousin, she has a Nintendo 64 and Mario. That would be everything. I will leave some milk and cookies under the tree for you. I have tried to be nice all year. Remember all the other boys and girls. I hope you bring me everything I want. I saw my cousin dressed as Santa last year but I knew it was not the real Santa Claus. I wish I could see you Santa. I hope you have a very safe trip.
Love, Aaron Ramon

Dear Santa,
I would like to thank you for the things you gave me last year. I have tried to be nice. Remember all the other boys and girls. How are your reindeer? I will leave some milk and cake under the tree for you. Please have a safe trip.
Love, Robert Salas

Our Holiday Wish

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Out Here

By RON CARR

This Is It For '98! See Ya' On The Other Side!

This is number fifty-one. The fifty first newspaper we have published in 1998.

That means at least 51 roundtrips to the printing plant in Canyon. Some

weeks we made two or more trips in the same week to the plant when we published special issues or printed early to accommodate a playoff game or a holiday.

The senior kids we wrote about in January appeared in the May graduation issue and are now in college, the military, married, or otherwise "out in the world." When we published our first 1998 issue in early January, no one knew who Monica Lewinsky was. Seems like she has been in the headlines a lot longer.

For one reason or other, I missed writing this column a few times in 1998. But I still managed to fill this space almost 50 times, mostly thanks to Billy Jeff and Hill Rod Clinton.

This is our last paper in 1998. The next edition will be dated January 8, 1999, when we will start over with basketball, track, baseball, graduation, yadda, yadda, yadda, until before you know it, I will be writing a final column for 1999.

But let's not rush things. One day at a time, as they say.

The front page headline in Sunday's Clovis News Journal said: "Clinton Impeached, Remains Defiant." But he has been arrogant and defiant throughout and apparently the American People (whoever they are) love him for it.

I have maintained a fairly simple view of William Jefferson "Billy Jeff" Clinton. I think he is a conniving liar and a rotten example to most everyone, probably fun to party with but unfit to grace the office of President of the United States of America.

This is America. You can believe him and even like him if you want too. However, as Christmas arrives, try to remember that regardless of what his staff says, it was not Billy Jeff that was born in the manger.

Here are some other things that I learned during 1998:

* The proper usage of reprehensible and contentious.

* That "is" and "alone" have no meaning and when used together, as in "is alone" is totally undefinable.

* The president is not above the law but he is not below the law either. So where is he?

* Lying to a grand jury is A-Okay 'cause the American people say so.

Bovina's Livestock Show Jan 14

The Bovina Junior Livestock Show is set for Thursday, January 14 at the Bovina Livestock Barn.

The show will begin at 6 p.m. Contact Cody Hill or Michael Kissire for more information.

* No one on earth or anywhere else knows what a high crime or misdemeanor is.

* The definition of Billy Jeff Clinton as "a good man who did a bad thing" applies to many men in prison doesn't it?

* The attack on Iraq began the night before impeachment hearings began and ended about an hour after he was impeached. The American people say nothing wrong with that.

* The attack on Iraq used up around 400 missiles in 70 hours at a cost of one half of one billion dollars. In the five-week Gulf War of 1990, the U. S. used less than 200 missiles.

* In the long run, our attack on Iraq will harm the U. S. more than it did Iraq.

* There are now almost 300 million American People in America. Most of them don't have a clue about politics, rights, the constitution, or due process.

* Lying in general about anything, is now A-Okay. The American people said so.

* The term "oval office" will never again have the same meaning.

* Ken Starr probably doesn't like Billy Jeff. I'm with him.

* Billy Jeff thinks because he was impeached by a group of Republicans it doesn't count. He had the continued arrogance to hold a pep rally after he was impeached and say he would work for the American People for the next two years, "until the last hour of the last day of my term."

* When a reporter asked if he would ever resign, he had a one-word answer: "Never." It is probably the only truthful word he has spoken in 1998.

* The President of the United States should always be held to a higher standard, in spite of what the bleeding heart liberals and other American People say.

* Many experts say that Billy Jeff is an excellent politician which should make all politicians feel better. After all, it is 99% of the politicians that give the other 1% a bad name.

* If so many politicians are so concerned about what the American People want, I guess they will cut taxes right away, huh?

* Finally, I know that Billy Jeff Clinton has damaged and weakened the United States of America and brought disgrace to the once esteemed office of the presidency. I don't like it, don't have to like it, and don't understand why so many of those "American People" say they like it.

On a non-political note I want to say a special and sincere thank you to each superintendent, principal, coach, teacher, staff, and student who were always cooperative when I came around with my camera. I appreciate your gracious cooperation. I really do.

Thanks to all of our advertisers. I know it seems like I called you every week. Thank you for your support on those times I did call. I appreciate all of our advertising customers.

Thanks to the EMS, volunteer firemen, police, sheriff's department, and the State Troopers for their cooperation in gathering information and letting me take a few pictures too.

The biggest thanks go to you readers. Sure, I am aware that not everything I wrote this year was received with love and affection. I irritated a few people. That goes with being a newspaper editor.

But we also made many parents and grandparents and kids happy by putting their pictures and stories in the paper to share throughout the community.

So to everyone who had a hand in the news and photos that appeared in those 51 issues in 1998, thanks a lot.

Have a safe, joyful and very happy holiday season. As for me and the huge staff that helps me put this Out Here column together every week, we'll see you in '99.



MR. & MRS. BILL ELLIS--The Ellises were honored with a private 40th anniversary dinner at Chez Suzette in Lubbock last weekend, followed by a Christmas Musical Revue at the Cactus Theater and a tour of the lighted Christmas decorations around Lubbock. The evening was hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Noel Garcia. Sons Stan Ellis, of San Antonio, and Rick Ellis, of Los Angeles, were unable to attend. Other family members present were Kenney, Beverly and Kristen Ellis and Mozella Ellis Tew, all of Lubbock. Bill and Carol Stone were married December 20, 1958 at First Methodist Chapel in Lubbock.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus,

I don't know if I have been good or bad. I think I have been good, so can you get me what I want. I want a computer with an Internet on it please! Also a phone that works for my very own. Not a colored phone. I want it clear but purple ok! If you don't mind and if it isn't trouble get me a new house of my very own. Also a new Corvet please pretty please with sugar on top! Have a nice Christmas Santa Claus. Guess what I'll leave you some milk and some chocolate cookies.

Your best friend, Sonia Murillo

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good boy this year. I want some Play Station games and a soccer ball. I would also like nice clothes and shoes. I want a trick bike to do tricks on it. I want a pair of skates and a Game Boy. I really want to spend Christmas in San Antonio. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Sincerely yours, Justin

Dear Santa Claus,

I've been kind of good and kind of bad, but I think I was a good boy. If it is not so much to ask I would like a computer with the internet plug in. I would like a computer with the mouse, pad key board and the tv screen. I want 3 games they are Orgen Trail 3, Deer Hunt 2 and kids pix. If you can bring it to me will you set it all up for me and turn it on for me please? Put it on my desk. I can play it when I get home for 30 minutes. I will give you a snack.

Your special friend, Aaron Chavez

Dear Santa,

I have been a really good girl. I would like some things for Christmas. This is what I want. I want a game that is called Manacala. Next I would like Nail Salon, so I could have beautiful nails. I want a computer and a bike. These are the things I want for Christmas.

Sincerely, Betty

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good girl. If it is not so much to ask I would like a Sega with a Sonic the Heghog game. I promise to share it with my little brother. If it is too much just bring me a pair of black rollerblades.

Sincerely yours, Rebecca Salas

P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Retired Teachers To Meet

The Parmer County Retired Teachers & Employees Assn. will meet on Tuesday, January 5 at the Headquarters Restaurant in Friona, at noon.

The group will have a meal, and a program by Kathryn Gurley, attorney.

All members and interested persons are invited.

Love, Hannah Miller

Dear Santa,

I've been a good kid this year. I hope this is not too much for you. I would like a Nintendo 64 for Christmas. I will try to let my brother and sister play. Also I would like a computer with the Internet hook up also I want a kids pick. I would like a B B gun too.

Your friend, Erik

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I do not wish for much. I hope you will give me a bunch of Lego sets or a computer. I will be sure to leave you some cookies even though you should go on a diet. If I can't leave you some cookies, I will leave you some 10% milk if it doesn't sour.

Your special friend, Zachary D. Morgan

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl. These are the things I want for Christmas. I want a computer, a playstation and roller blades, a new bike, a watch, and a necklace that has my birthstone. I will leave out cookies and milk. I hope the milk does not sour and my dog does not eat the cookies. That is what I want for Christmas. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

Your friend, Amber

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a pretty good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a TV for my room and a VCR for the TV. I also would like a Lazer Tag game. In addition, I would like a go-cart so I can go to my friends house, if my mom lets me. One more thing I would like a computer that has the Internet.

Your friend, Jessica Bachicha

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. These are things I want for Christmas. I would like a pair of easy, scatch boots that are flat bottoms. I would like a black felt hat like George Strait. I would like a remote control Peterbilt cattle truck. I would like a tool box. Not a very big one just the size of my dads with some tools in it. Also, I wish for a shotgun for pheasant hunting season.

Sincerely yours, Justin Don Lide

Dear Santa,

Thank you for what you gave me last year. I have tried to be nice. Don't forget the other boys and girls. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! I would like a Life Size Barbie, a model of Rudolph, a painting of you and your wife, a painting of your elves and your reindeer, a puppy, a cage and water bed and a food bowl and leash for the puppy. I would also like a new keyboard, a new baby kitten, a new leash and water bowl and food bowl for Fluffy, a new cat house for each cat, a new dog house for Fluffy and a new basketball and baseball set. I would like one more thing. I would like an ice cream maker. And that's what I want for Christmas.



JOY TRIMBLE'S COAT was one of the many quilted items and quilts on display at the recent Friona State Bank Tea & Quilt open house. Shown admiring her colorful coat is Leon Sandoval.

Ex-Area Resident Dies In S. Dakota

Doris Poindexter, 74, of Miller, South Dakota, died Saturday, December 19, 1998 at home from kidney cancer. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at First United Methodist Church in Miller with the Reverend Beth Kelsey-Engelmann and Reverend Richard Gould officiating. Burial was in GAR Cemetery at Miller.

She was a member of the Methodist Church all her life, was church pianist for several years in Friona, and was a member of UMW and Merry Homemaker's Club.

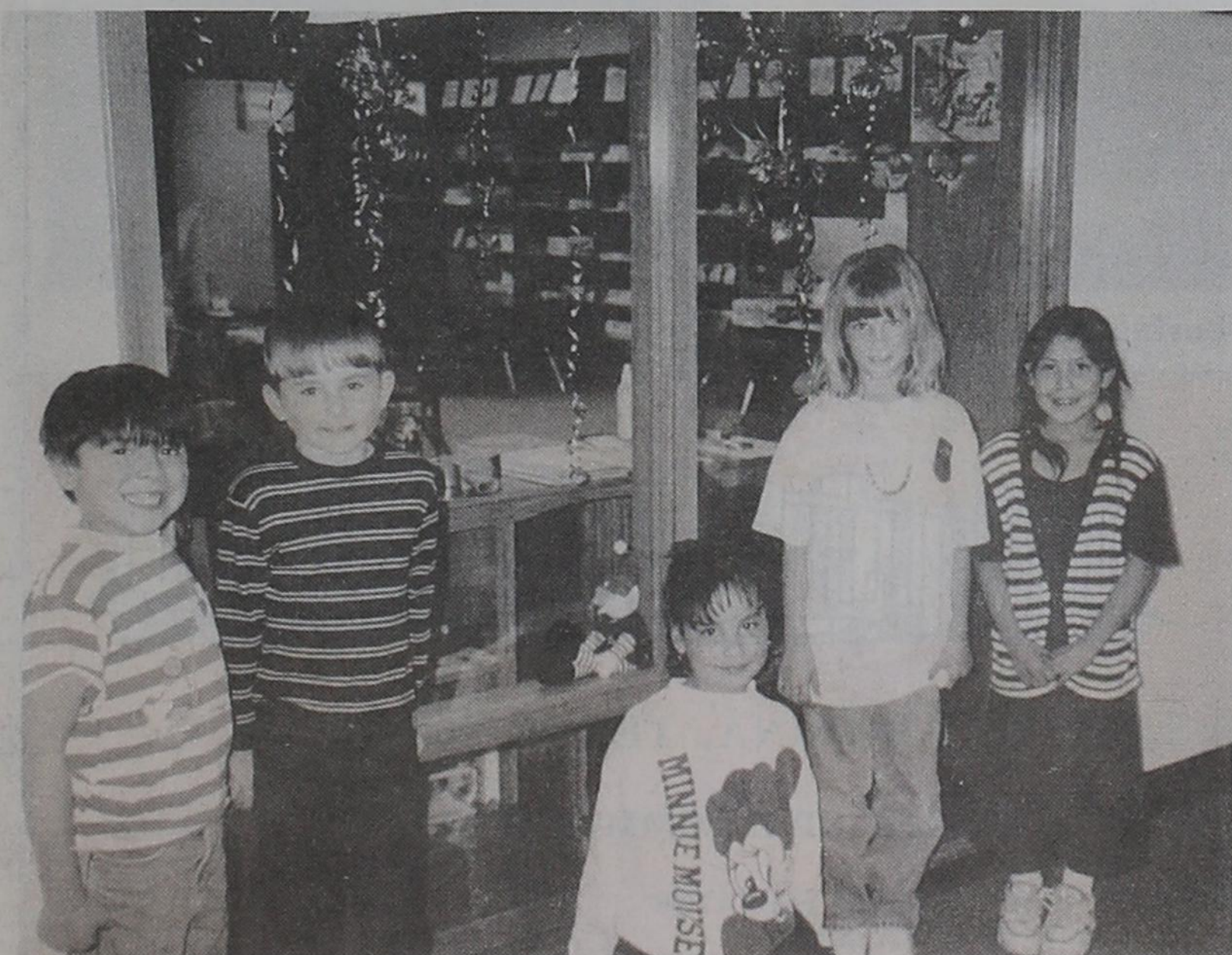
Doris Fern Moody was born June 29, 1924 at Hammon, Oklahoma to Murray and Vinita (Collier) Moody. She graduated from Friona High School in 1942. She attended Draughn's Business College in Lubbock.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Hal and Don both of Faulkton, and Jerry of Miller; eight grandchildren, Pete, Andy, Matt, Brian, Julie, Craig, Jonathan, and Katie Poindexter; two sisters, Jo Johnson of Pampa and June Cruse of Pierre, South Dakota and several nieces and nephews.

On August 11, 1946, she married Horry (H.A.) Poindexter in Friona. They farmed in the Bovina area. In 1952, they moved to Miller, to farm.

She was preceded in death by two infant brothers, her parents, and one sister Jurhee Lawson.

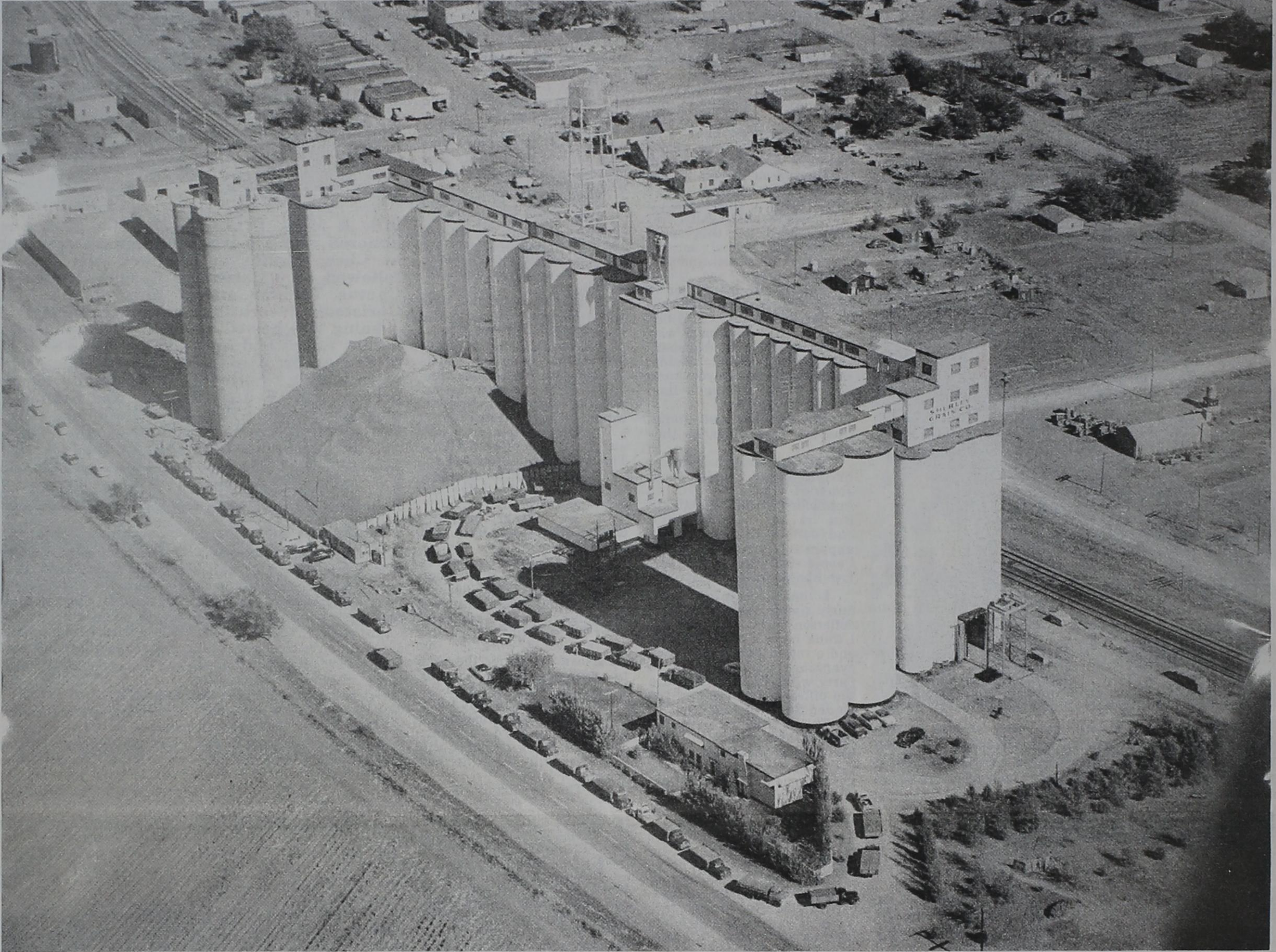
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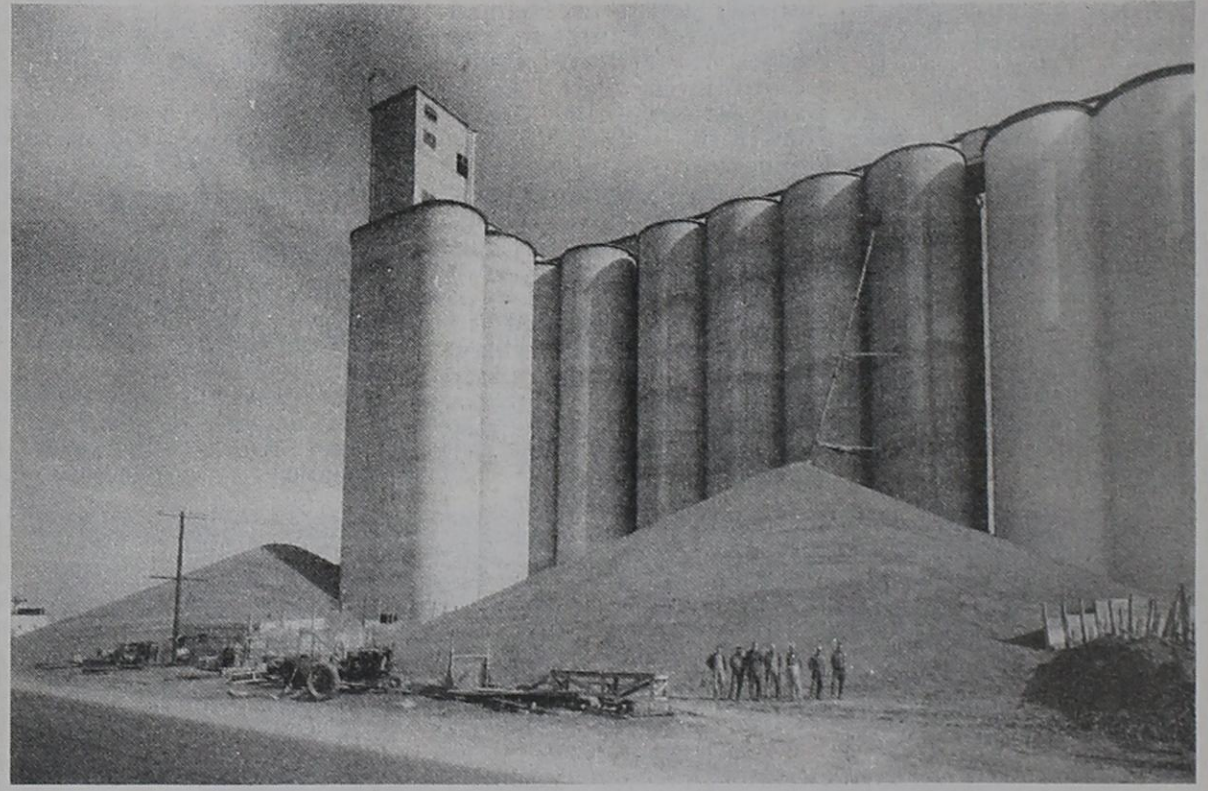
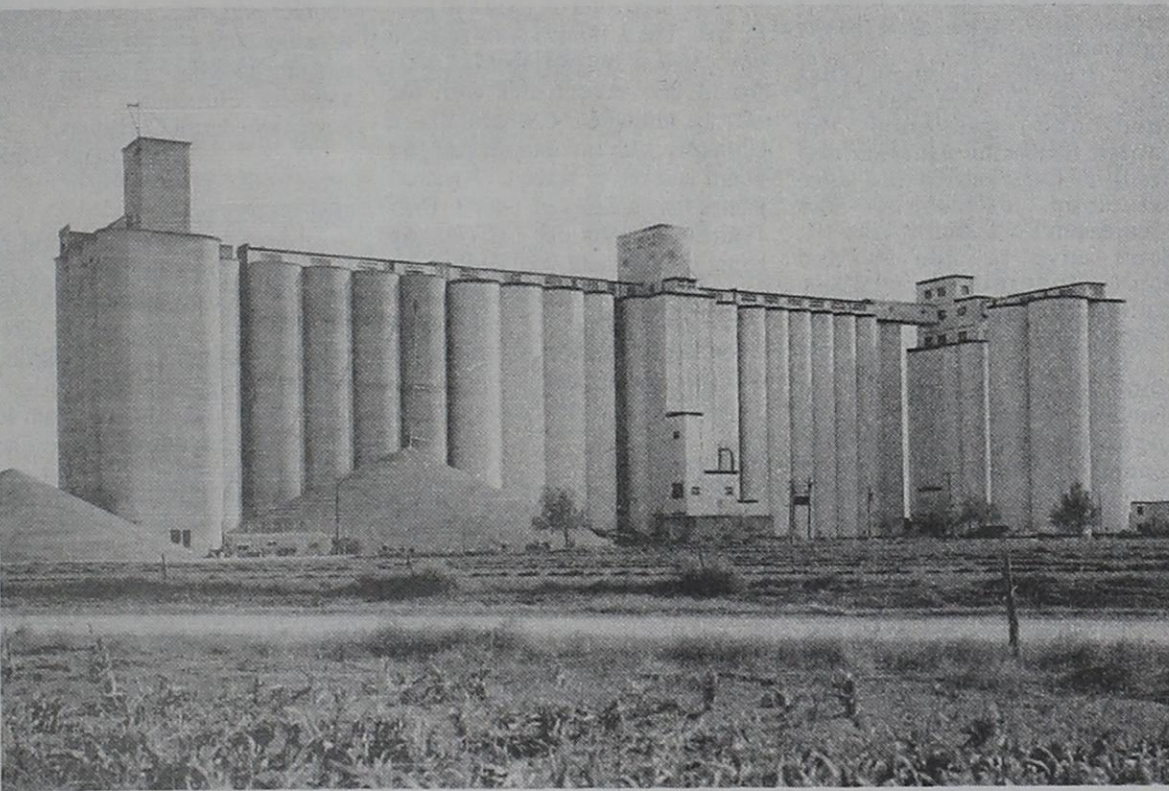
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS--The window in the computer science lab was especially pretty during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Here a group of first graders pose for the camera in front of the lab window: 1-r Juan Navarro, Frankie Blatz, Katie Chaves, Taryn Jamerson and Michelle Lara.

Season's Greetings

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This is an aerial photograph of Sherley Grain-Bovina and the northern portion of town taken in 1955. The long line of trucks indicates that this photo was taken during the peak harvest season that fall.



These photos of Sherley Grain-Bovina were taken in 1954.

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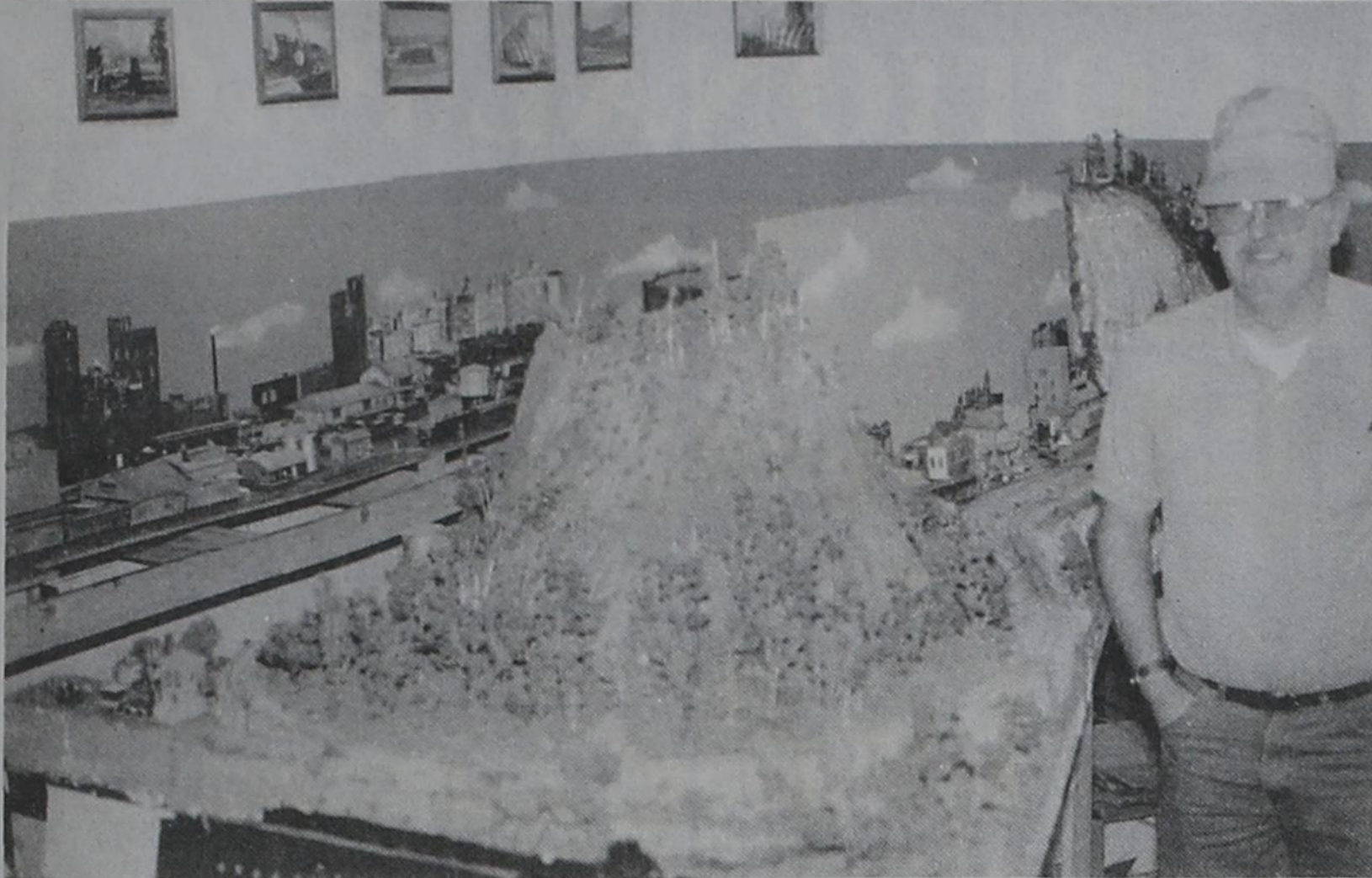
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YERGER MOUNTAIN dominates the landscape in the miniature village of Yergerville.



THE YERGER MANTEL is home to a growing collection of teddy bear Christmas stockings.

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FAVORITE PASTTIME

Trains Are On Time & Folks Are Friendly In Yergerville

BY RON CARR

Every day he plays cops and robbers, then goes downstairs to play with his model trains.

Christmas stockings with bears on them line the fireplace mantel at his house, awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus.

Sounds like a normal way for a boy to spend his time during the Christmas season. It also could describe a routine day for Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger.

"We bought the house because of the basement," Yerger says. "It was the ideal place for my trains."

Yerger, who came to Friona almost two years ago as a captain with the Friona police department, ran unopposed in November for the Sheriff's job. He was appointed Sheriff last April to fill the unexpired term when former Sheriff Rex Williams resigned.

During his tenure as Sheriff, the department and its four deputies have taken on a new look and a more aggressive law enforcement effort throughout Parmer County.

With money gained from property seized in drug busts, the county now has a crime scene unit and two new sheriff's cars. All vehicles are now standard white with department markings and the deputies are wearing new, standard uniforms.

There is another plus for Sheriff Yerger in the county too. Lots of trains run through here everyday.

"My dad gave me an American Flyer train set on my 7th birthday and I have been hooked ever since," he said as we headed to the basement and his miniature train world.

The comfortable, cluttered basement room houses wall to wall miniature buildings, mountains, trees, people, animals, and train cars, all built by Yerger and assorted helpers.

One wall has floor to

ceiling bookshelves packed with various railroad manuals related books and magazines. Many framed pictures of old locomotives adorn the walls.

Needless to say, Yerger works in his train-land basement wearing, not a Sheriff's hat, but a train engineer's cap.

There is a telephone down there too. The ring of the phone is a locomotive whistle, the phone is shaped like an engine, and I think it even blows smoke when someone calls.

On another wall, ribbons from various train shows are proudly displayed. He is proudest of a set of ribbons from the 1997 Tri-State Train Show in Amarillo, where he swept first, second, and third place in the steam engines-maintenance of way category.

The only non-train related items in the basement were several models of and books on military airplanes from World War II to the Korean War.

Yerger is quick to point out that all his trains, engines and cars, are built from scratch by him. They are either kit built, or built from raw materials and a set of plans. "You can buy ready made models," he said, "but I had rather make my own. It's part of the enjoyment for me."

Yerger estimated he has nine steam locomotives, six diesel locomotives, about 175 different train cars, and at least 100 feet of track.

There are 40-50 buildings that make up the scenery, along with some 250 hand painted "little people" figures with more being made all the time. There is a lot of room for more residents here at "Yergerville."

He made all of this too. One train station is modeled after a train station in Pennsylvania where he lived as a boy.

The scenery, mountains, trees, grass, and sky, are made mostly from plaster of

paris which he shapes and carves while it is still wet. Colored and crushed styrofoam was used for trees and shrubs, all of which he made by hand too.

He says he tried to figure out what to make the dirt out of, then in a flash of brilliance he had an idea. He uses real dirt.

There are several control panels around the display for maneuvering the trains through mountains and tunnels. He says he enjoys having other train nuts over for a round of competition as they each take a control panel and try to keep from having a major train wreck.

Walt Yerger has spent 30 years in law enforcement, beginning with 18 years with the Amarillo police. He also accumulated two years as director of security for Sears-Roebuck, four years as police chief for Amarillo College, and one and one-half years as a sheriff's deputy in Hemphill County.

Prior to coming to Friona, he spent three years at Caprock High School teaching the law enforcement program.

"After having 42 high school kids in class five times a day, it was nice to be able to relax and play with my trains," he said.

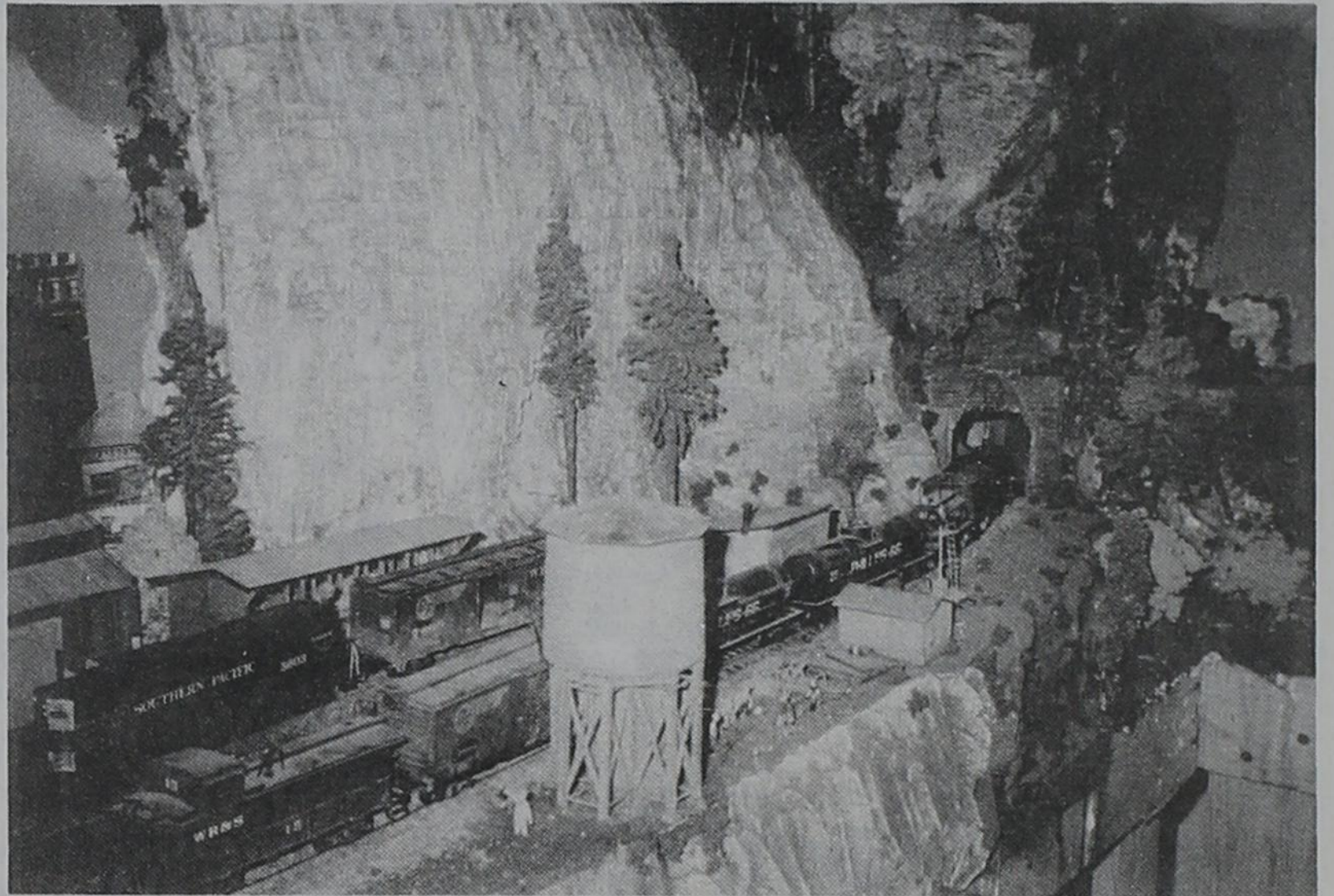
Yerger's oldest son, who lives in Amarillo, inherited an interest in trains and is adding to his own collection. His young grandson loves to visit, he says.

They spend a lot of time downstairs in Yergerville and chances are the tradition will continue.

As we left we couldn't resist a picture of the train engineer alongside a mantel full of bear stockings, another collectible at the Yerger household.

His wife Evelyn was finishing a huge afghan and no doubt has begun another by now. It is a good time of year at the Yerger house.

A good time to play cops and robbers and fire up the trains down in Yergerville.



ONE OF THE MANY trains in Walt Yerger's collection enters a tunnel in the man-made mountains in Yergerville.

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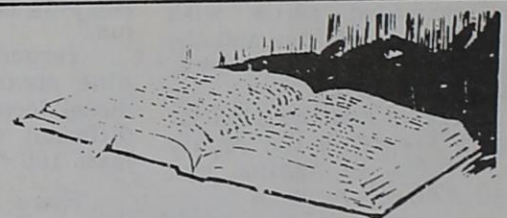


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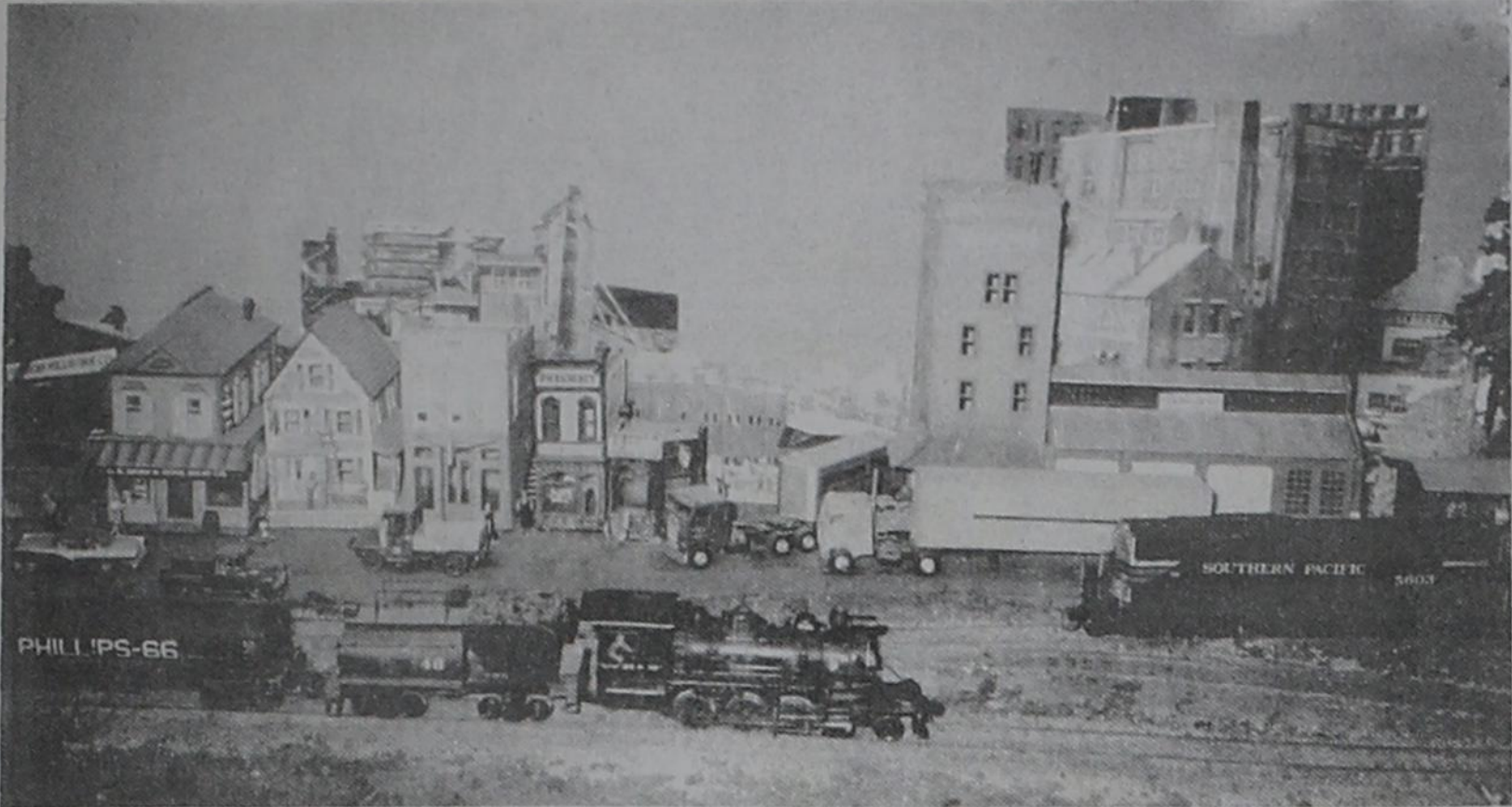
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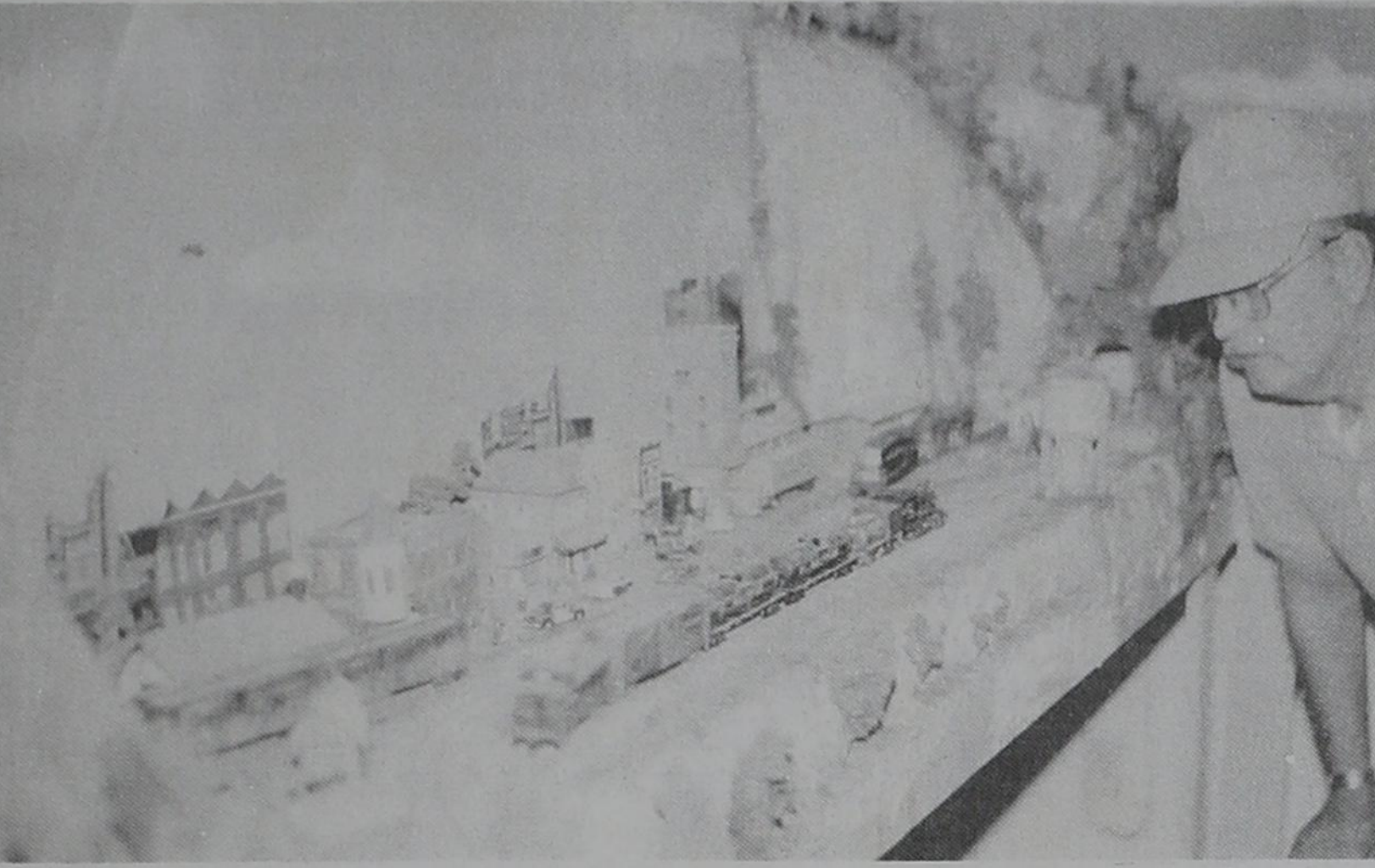


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SOME OF THE buildings and trucks that are a part of the landscape as a miniature train passes by.



WALT YERGER observes his creations in motion as one of his many trains chugs past.

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Deadly build-up of carbon monoxide gas concentrations in homes and businesses is especially common during cold weather. So, this month Southwestern Public Service Company is reminding homeowners and renters to protect themselves from the dangers of deadly carbon monoxide, and—for the first time—is selling carbon monoxide detectors.

"Nothing is more important to our customers than their families' safety," said SPS carbon monoxide products specialist Tommy Bonner. "So SPS surveyed the marketplace for the most accurate and reliable residential carbon monoxide detector available. We chose an electro-chemical sensing device that instantly detects the presence of carbon monoxide. It both sounds an audible alarm and flashes a lighted warning. It meets the strict new standards for performance set by the American Gas Association, the IAS 6-96 safety standard.

And it sells for under \$60. We believe it will be one of the best gifts anyone can give a family."

Bonner said the product SPS offers is not available in stores, but noted other products are. Because of the widely varying quality of carbon monoxide detectors, he cautioned customers, "Make absolutely sure any detector you purchase meets the tough new IAS 6-96 safety standard for home CO detectors set by the American Gas Association. Just look for the IAS 6-96 blue star of approval."

Carbon monoxide is generated by incomplete combustion of fuels such as natural gas, wood, kerosene, gasoline and coal. Potential sources of CO in a home include poorly maintained or poorly vented gas-fueled appliances and heaters, fireplaces, blocked chimneys, grills used indoors and automobile exhaust captured in attached garages.

SPS strongly recommends having gas furnaces and other appliances, and vents, checked annually by qualified contractors.

The Journal of the American Medical Association reports that carbon monoxide poisoning is responsible for approximately 1,500 deaths in the United States each year.

Exposure to the poison often is difficult to detect because symptoms of CO

poisoning resemble symptoms of the common flu—nausea, headaches, dizziness and fatigue. High concentrations of CO in the bloodstream result in loss of consciousness, brain damage and death.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission and other safety professionals recommend carbon monoxide detectors be placed in a home's hallway near bedrooms, and on each floor of a multi-story home.

Information about the SPS-offered AIM Safe Air CO Alarm is available with this month's electric bill from SPS, or by calling 1-800-220-0121. Person's who are not direct SPS customers also may order the device, Bonner said.

"We want everyone to realize, there will not be a better time than now to provide this protection to yourself, your family and relatives," he said. "It's not important where you live or who provides you electric service. These detectors can be shipped anywhere. What is important is reliable protection against the poison, carbon monoxide."

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From left, Michael Aragon, Mauri Sanders, Leon Sandoval, Jerry Ripley, Sandra Mendoza, Dwayne Alexander, Marissa Trujillo, Jack Bryant, Robert Bridges, Mitch Terry, Antonio Rocha, and Daniel Mullins.

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Friona Masonic Lodge No. 1332 Stated Meeting-1st Tues. 8 P.M., 7th & Ashland James W. Dixon, W.M. Larry J. Knowles, Sec.

THE CHILD ABUSE HOT LINE PHONE NUMBER IS 1-800-252-5400. Remember that our children today are our future tomorrow. F&B-tfnc

First Texas Federal Land Bank Association- Muleshoe 316 Main St., Muleshoe (806) 272-3010 Long Term Financing for Farms, Ranches, Rural Housing, Operating and Improvements. Both Variable and Fixed Rate are Available. Call for quotes. Property Rights Advocate and Equal Opportunity Lender.

Carousel Day Care will soon be open and is now accepting applications for both enrollment and employment.

For information call Keeley, 250-5462 or 250-5631. F-4tp-12/4-12/11-12/18-12/25

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every Saturday and Monday, 8 p.m. at Union Congregational Church on North Euclid St. in Friona. tfnc

WATKINS DEALERSHIP at 1006 Prospect, Friona Phone 247-3428 Lela Mae George

ATTENTION; KIRBY SALES & SERVICE

207 W. 7th Clovis, N.M. *We Service What We Sell *New Generation Self-Propelled Vacuum Call for JOE ENNIS (505) 762-4991 Next to Sonic Drive-In, Corner 7th & Mitchell

For All Your Construction Needs-- Call Terry Copley at 265-3427

(just leave a message and I'll get back with you as soon as possible)

I can build you a new:

- *Storage building *Covered patio
*Carport *Barn
*Concrete Patio or Driveway

If you need a metal, pitched roof on your flat-top building or old barn, just call.

AUTOMOTIVE

1988 Chevy Cavalier 4 door. Has AC and automatic transmission. Very well maintained. Has new tires and battery. Asking \$2500 or best offer. See at 701 Summit or call 250-3248.

F-2tp-12/18-12/25

STEVENS

Chevrolet *Olds Buick *Pontiac *GMC Hereford 1-800-299-CHEV Our everyday prices are better than their sale prices!

FOR RENT

NOW LEASING Cottonwood Townhomes 13th & Walnut In Friona 1, 2 and 3 Bedrooms NEW SPECIAL--- 1/2 OFF first month's rent

- *New Carpet *New Air Units
*New Appliances

For More Information: 250-5288

FOR SALE

FOR SALE...Nordic Trak, excellent condition, \$400.00. Call 238-1565.

B-2tc-12/11-12/18-12/25

FOR SALE...Cardio Glide exercise equipment, \$100. Just like new. Call (806) 247-3409 after 5 p.m. dhh

HELP WANTED

Mechanic needed at Friona Feed Yard. Must be able to do repair on gas and diesel trucks. Call (806) 265-3574. F-tfnc-12/25

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Immediate Opening!!

Qualified applicants must have: Experience meeting clients, excellent telephone personality, knowledge of computers and MS/WORD. Knowledge of accounting, payroll preparation, file maintenance and delivery is a PLUS! Salary commensurate with experience.

Send resumes to: P.O. Box 673-KD Hereford, Texas

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Call your local used cow dealer for 7 days a week dead stock removal. Serving the cattlemen for the past twenty years. Call 247-2563 or 1-800-692-4043. 41-tfnc

- *NEW LISTING-Super location 3/2/1 w/cellar & storage...\$66,000
*NEW LISTING-Secured warehouse w/dock on 4 lots...\$18,000
*NEW LISTING-3BR country home...CONTRACT PENDING
*NEW LISTING-recently remodeled 3/2/2 near FHS...\$65,000
*NEW LISTING-2BR, 1bath stucco, corner lot...\$18,000
*CHEAPER THAN RENT, 1BR/1BA, near elementary...\$16,000
*CORNER LOT, 2BR, 1bath w/loft...\$22,900
*GOOD INVESTMENT PROPERTY, has renter...\$20,250
*AFFORDABLE, 2 BEDROOM, 1 bath stucco...\$20,750
*TWO-STORY, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, needs some work...\$23,450
*FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS must see this darling 2 BR...\$24,500
*STUCCO HOME, close to FHS, 2BR, 1 bath...\$27,200
*LARGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath brick w/cellar-REDUCED...\$53,600
*CLOSE to high school, NEW PAINT, new AC, 3/2/2...\$59,900
*MAKE AN OFFER, large 3/2/2 with sunroom...\$63,000
*ONLY 7 yrs old, 3BR, 2bath w/storage...SOLD
*PRICE REDUCED, 4/2/2, fireplace, near FHS...\$99,500
*RAMBLING RANCH home, corner, den, gmroom FHS...\$139,500
*CUSTOM BUILT, 4br-2 1/2ba, basement, today's colors...\$235,000
*NOW RENTING COTTONWOOD TOWNHOMES 1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS AVAILABLE

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Hwy. 60 & Main Phone 250-2745

Need consignments for farm sale the last of January, 1999. Call John Tannahill at 250-3336 or 265-7902. tfnc

REAL ESTATE

NEW LISTING! 3 bedroom/2 baths; close to F.H.S.; central A/C and heat; open floor plan w/fireplace and lots of storage; backyard has cellar, storage building and gas grill. Call Hal Ratcliff and Property Associates, Realtors, 250-2745. F-tfnc-12/18

FOR SALE...Three bedroom brick home in Bovina, Texas, \$58,000. Located at 807 Sherwood Lane. Call: (806) 238-1565 to see. B-4tc-12/4-12/11-12/18-12/25

LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!

1401 West 7th: 2446 sq. ft.; 4 bedroom w/2 baths; central A/C and heat; corner fireplace; updated kitchen w/all new appliances and ceramic tile; beautiful backyard w/redwood deck and hot tub. Call Hal Ratcliff, owner/agent, at Property Associates, Realtors at 250-2745. F-tfnc-12/18

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, I want a Bore car and a doll to play and a dog to play and a dress and a cap and a bow and a puppy and a rife crowd. Thank you Santa, Ilsy Vital *****

Dear Santa, I want a go car, nife and toys and bb guns and sa jerguns. Thank you, Isidro Aguilar

- 4 BR, 3 BA, 2 living areas w/fireplace, formal dining, kitchen, utility, new paint, new tile, new air conditioning, \$3,000 allowance for carport...\$72,000
3 BR, 2 baths, 2 living areas, fireplace, kitchen, dining, utility with office space, double garage, 2 storages...\$64,900
3 BR, 2 BA, 3 living areas, 1 with fireplace, large kitchen, dining, utility, new carpet...\$59,500
NEW LISTING--3 BR, LR, kit, dining, utility, single garage...\$55,900
3 BR, 1-3/4 BA, kitchen/dining/family room with fireplace, 2 car garage, storage building...Contract Pending...\$54,900
3 BR, 2 BA, living room, kitchen, dining, double car garage with cellar...Contract Pending...\$53,900
3 city lots, good location...inside lots \$3,000/corner lot \$4,000
Choice lots, Western Addition, 100' or 200' lots...CALL FOR PRICE
3 lots on Washington...\$7,500
210 acres irrigated land. Good area...Call For Price
Main Street Lot...\$3,750

NEW LISTING--3 BR, 2 BA in Bovina, large living room with fireplace, dining, kitchen, utility, large covered patio, double garage, basement...\$84,500

CALL 250-2090

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YOUR EYES

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In the United States, chronic glaucoma is one of the leading causes of blindness. If detected and treated early, it need not cause blindness or even severe loss of vision. Unfortunately, most people do not notice any symptoms (a gradual loss of peripheral vision is the biggest sign) of chronic glaucoma until there is permanent damage. For this reason, it's important to be aware of the following risk factors:
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*Family history--glaucoma runs in families.
*Diabetes--diabetics are at greater risk of developing glaucoma.
*Ethnicity--certain ethnic groups have a greater chance of developing glaucoma. Be sure to check.
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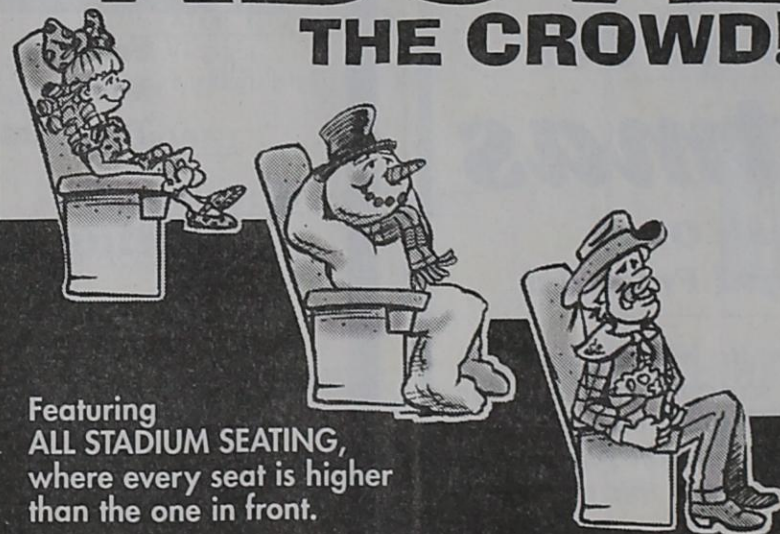
DR. HAROLD W. BRIGANCE

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- 908 W. 11th St. Phone 250-2345 Fax: 250-3682 Gary Snead, MFLA, MSA Home Phone: 265-3383
3 BR, 1 bath, storage building, unique, storm windows & door...\$28,900
3 BR, 2 baths, 2 living areas, 2 car, with large shop, large corner lot, basement, plus garden shed...\$112,000
3 BR, 2 baths, 2 car garage, assumable, heat pump, built 1993...\$61,000
3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, 2 living areas, storage...SOLD...\$78,900
3 BR, 1-1/2 baths, 1 car, fenced, ready to sell, ready to sell...\$45,000
Country home, 5 acres, new in 1991, basement, with 2 car garage, large shop plus large 2 car garage det...\$195,000
2 BR, 1 bath with siding, corner lot, GOTTA SEE...SOLD...\$23,400
9.5 acres w/country home, 1.5 miles to Bovina, on highway...\$65,000
2 BR, 1 bath, plus 2 story rental unit, corner lot...\$42,000
2-3 BR, 1 bath, metal, shop, 2-car carport, nice & clean...SOLD...\$51,000
1.15 ac. w/3 BR country home, 2 carport, 5 miles out...SOLD...\$35,000
Duplex, re-done and really nice...\$34,950
3 BR, 2 baths, permastone, large corner lot, near FHS, 1-car...\$49,900
2 BR, 1 bath, newly re-done and nice...\$27,000
3 acres, 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car, country home...SOLD...\$80,000
3 BR, 1 bath, corner lot, good rental property, in Drake Subdiv...\$26,000
3 BR, 1 bath, ready to sell, income property...\$18,000
3 BR, 2 bath, near high school, 3 car, basement...SOLD...\$64,900
Small office/studio with 1/2 bath to be moved...\$5,000
298 acres with CRP, 2 wells, a real deal...at \$400/Acre
4 BR, 2-3/4 baths, 2 storages with garage, corner lot...\$85,000
3 BR, 2 baths, 2 car, corner lot, near H.S., storage building...\$59,500
3 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, utility, front and back fenced yards...SOLD...\$35,900
3 BR, 1 bath, corner lot, new paint...SOLD...\$34,900
4 BR, 3 baths, 2 car, storage building, lots of new items...\$80,000
3 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 3 acre country home, barn, new roof...\$95,500

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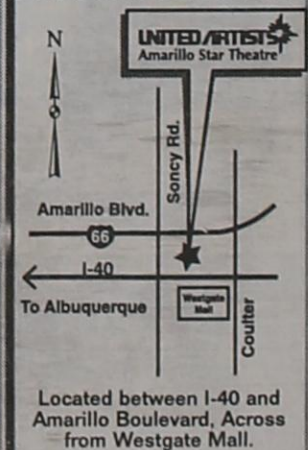
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