

"MY TURN"

By
Carol Ellis



WE SEEM TO DO practically everything to excess around holiday time. We over-eat, we over-work, we over-spend, we over-party. It's all very exhilarating and I love every minute of the Christmas season, but it's a good thing it only comes around once each year.

The care and feeding of small humans has not gotten any easier during the 28 years that I have been engaged in the process of child-rearing. The "feeding" part of the job can get especially frustrating around the time of such holidays as Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The mother of the household begins planning the big meal weeks in advance. This is followed up by seasonal decorating of the home, then shopping for special food items which are reserved only for special occasions.

Each dish is timed for peak perfection at precisely the moment when the family members are ready to gather around the festal board. The cranberry salad is jelled, the bread has risen, the pies are warm, the stuffing is stuffed, and the turkey is juicy.

As soon as the food has been blessed, the youngest person present at the table will promptly announce that he or she is not planning to eat any of that "gushy stuff." If any of the food items on your table happen to be green in color, you might as well pitch it down the garbage disposal.

Sometimes the little ones will ask that ever-irksome question which causes the cook's blood to turn into ice water... "Have I had that before?" The implication being that if he hasn't had it before, he certainly is not planning to have any of it right now. To which I have worked up a standard reply, "You have to have had it the first time in order to have had it before when the next time comes around." The kid is usually so confused by that answer, that he will go ahead and try a few bites just to insure that I won't go into any detailed explanations.

I've never been able to remember which one of my kids it is who hates stuffing, which one hates pumpkin pie and which one doesn't want any gravy that has those turkey "lizzards" floating in it. But they all equally hate the sweet potatoes, even the ones with the gooey marshmallows melted on the top.

A survey of pre-school-age children was taken across the country last September regarding the meaning of Thanksgiving. A little five-year-old girl in Los Angeles said she would prefer "hot dogs, cake and ice cream" over the traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner. That doesn't come as any great surprise, does it?

Another little six-year-old who answered the Playskool survey questions said Thanksgiving "is a holiday where Benjamin Franklin discovered pumpkins." Some of the other children who were surveyed suggested that French fries and macaroni and cheese should be substituted for mashed potatoes and stuffing.

So the "visions of sugarplums which dance in their heads" today are quite different from the ones of yesteryear. If you should be so old-fashioned as to put an orange or an apple in their stockings "hung by the chimney with care," instead of a pair of earrings (girl) or a Hot Wheels car (boy), then you might end up getting nothing but a dirty look for Christmas from your little person. By the time they reach kindergarten age, they are pretty well aware of which "jolly old elf" is stuffing those stockings with the goodies and the knick-knacks.

Why don't we mothers and grandmothers get together and just plan to establish a "cook's walk-out" this Christmas, put our feet up and take it easy from now till Christmas Day. Then when it comes around to dinnertime, just send out for hamburgers!

Season's Greetings

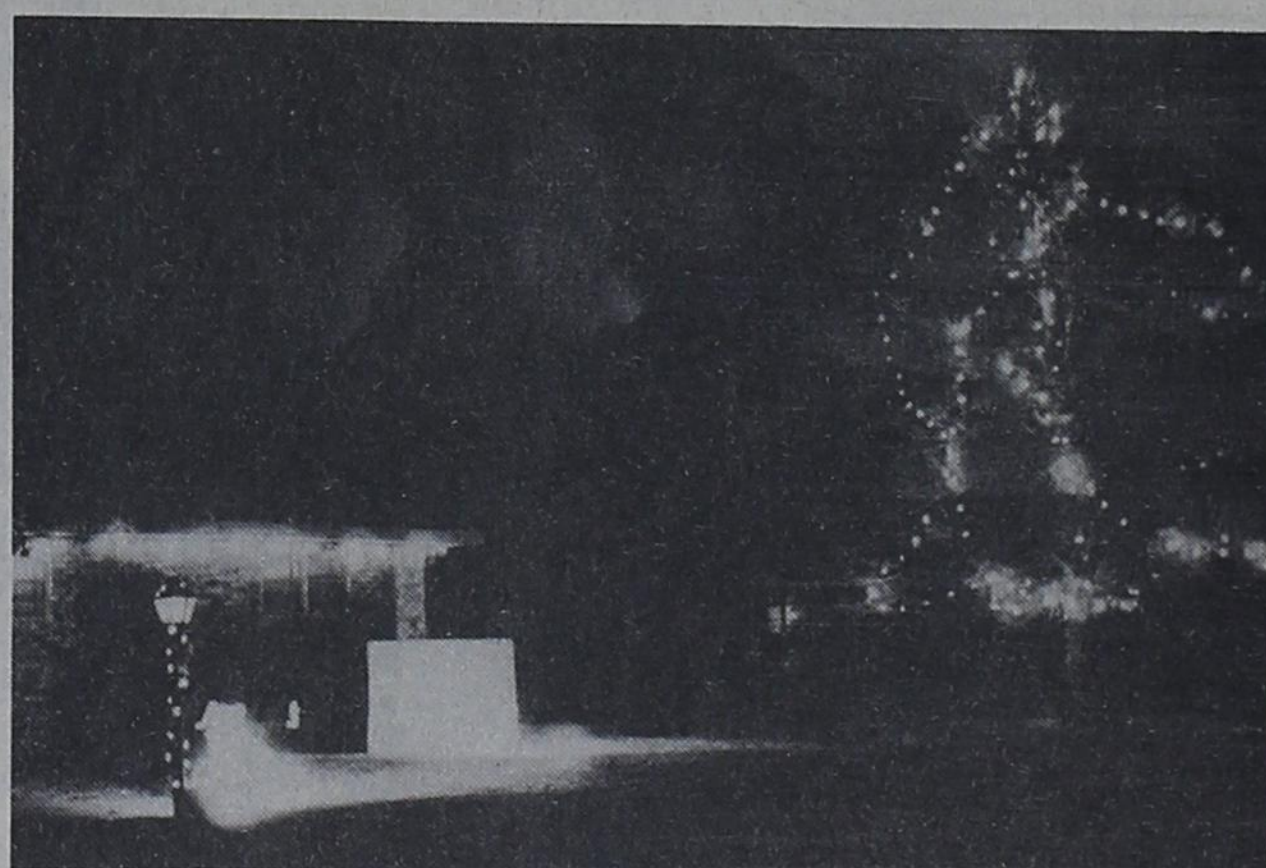


CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.....
Among the special holiday events held locally this season was the Christmas program at First United Methodist Church. The program was directed by Brenda Wilson and was entitled "Wise Guys and Starry Skies."

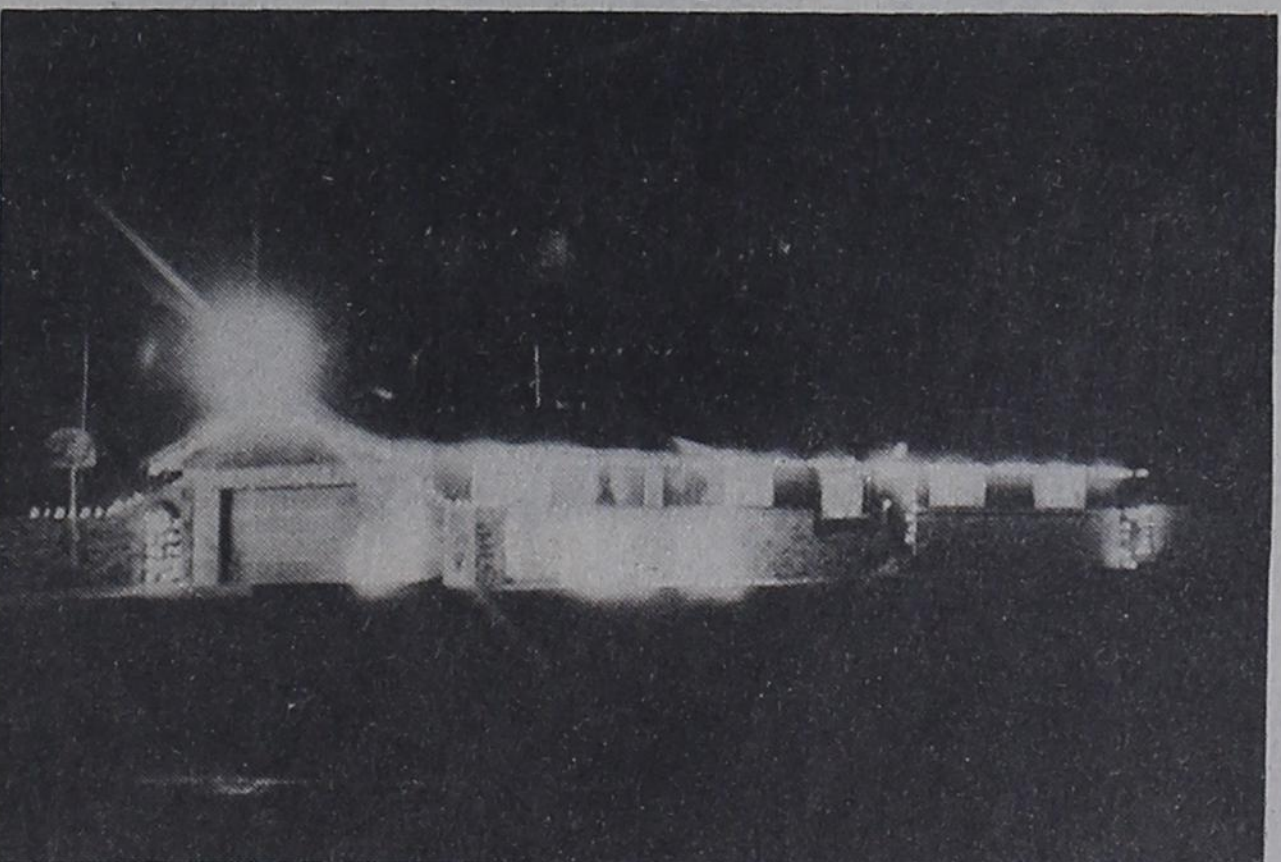
HOLIDAY DECORATIONS.....
A holiday decoration at First Bank has been enjoyed by bank customers during the season. It was provided by Kirkpatrick's Floral & Gift.



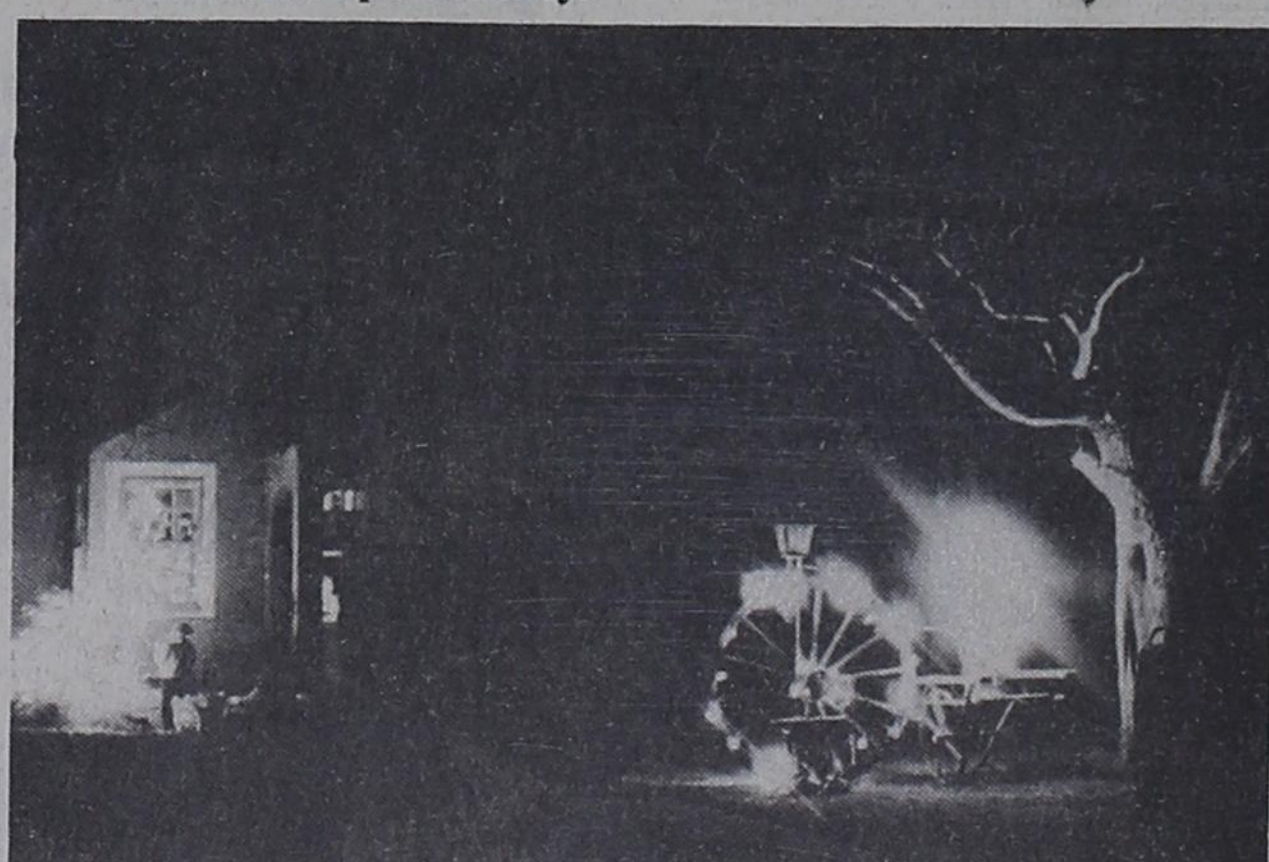
FIRST PLACE winner in the Lions Club's decorating contest was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Guest, who live at 705 Ninth St. They won \$25 in prize money.



SECOND PLACE winner in the lighting contest were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grisham of 703 Ridgelea Drive. They received \$15 in prize money.



THIRD PLACE WINNERS in the Christmas lighting contest were Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Treinen, who live at 207 E. Gardner. They received \$10 prize money.



FOURTH PLACE...The fourth place entry in the Lions Club's Christmas lighting contest was the Elton Venable residence.

REFLECTIONS

....from The Bovina Blade

30 YEARS AGO--DEC. 10, 1958
James Lawlis, recognized as Bovina's top ground gaining back during the 1958 football season, has been named to the 2B All-District football team.

Visiting recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Quickel were their daughter and children, Mrs. C.E. Stark, Mike, Karyl, Sabra and Kervin of Lubbock. Also spending the day were the local couple's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Quickel, Ike Bill and Teresa, of Farwell.

Members of the local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star met Thursday evening of last week for a salad supper. The meeting was held in the Masonic Hall and was in honor of the Deputy Grand Matron's official visit.

25 YEARS AGO--DEC. 11, 1963
Three Tullia men escaped death in a spectacular one car accident about midnight Saturday a mile east of Bovina on the Dimmitt Highway.

Mrs. Wallace Rogers was hospitalized Saturday night at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. She is reported to be improving.

Good Neighbor Sewing Club had a dinner party Thursday evening at a Clovis restaurant.

Ira Wellborn, who lives northwest of Bovina, suffered face and chest injuries Friday night when his car crashed into a dead end a mile from his home.

20 YEARS AGO--DEC. 11, 1968
Gail Turner, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Turner, was reported to be improving in the intensive care ward of Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, this week. She has been a patient there since Friday.

Mrs. Lee Sudderth is in High Plains Baptist Hospital, Amarillo, where she was transferred Saturday after receiving a fractured leg that day in Bovina.

Miss Toni Barraza, LVN, will

begin full time work after December 15 at Bovina Medical Center.

15 YEARS AGO--DEC. 12, 1973
George Long, 47, a resident of Parmer County since 1958, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack late Thursday afternoon in Clovis. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Clovis Memorial Hospital.

A trap shoot, sponsored by the Bovina-Friona Knights of Columbus, has been scheduled for this weekend, according to a spokesman for the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ward of Bovina announce the birth of a son at 10:51 (CST) Saturday, December 1, at Clovis Memorial Hospital.

10 YEARS AGO--DEC. 13, 1978
The second snowfall of the season was received this week and lowest temperatures ever were reported. Official temperatures were reported as low as ten to 18 degrees below zero the morning of December 9.

Bovina Wheat Growers have expanded their operation, and is now operating the former Bonds Oil Company station.

Clayton Williamson, Bovina City Manager, resigned his post effective at the end of 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Bowen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, December 17, hosted by their niece, Kay Kelly.

Virginia Steele won the quilt that the Senior Citizens made and gave away recently.

Senior Mike Verner at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, is one of 110 seniors eligible for the Wayland Citizenship Award, one of the top honors available to graduating seniors.

5 YEARS AGO--DEC. 14, 1983
Herman and Edna Estes returned home after spending several months in Santa Anna with his mother, Ollie Estes.

The Bovina Feed Store, owned and managed by Norbert Schueler, has been purchased by Parmer County Spraying.

The fifth grade classes will be presenting a play, "A Christmas Carol," adopted from the popular classic by Charles Dickens. Mrs. Garrison and Mrs. Bradburn are teachers in the fifth grade classes.

The Rebecca Sunday School Class had their annual Christmas

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo. I want tow one for me and one for my brother and a lot of jams. I want a bike. I want a Garfield. I wish we had a car. And some British Knights.
Love, Leticia Sierra

Dear Santa,
I love you so much. I want a lot of stuff and the things I ask for Christmas. I like the things I ask for and I want a black boy My Child. I want a white boy My Child. I want a lot of diapers. I want a dipper bag. I want a stroller.
Love, Amy

Dear Santa,
I want an Nintendo for Christmas and a bike and some British Knights and drums.
Love, Ricky Antillon

Dear Santa,
My sister wants a Barbie and I want a kid sister. And my sister wants Cabbage Patch. And I want a Cabbage Patch.
Love, Estella

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas. Sister wants a bike too. Sister Losie wants a Nintendo.
Love, Valerie Pena

Dear Santa,
I like what you brought me last year. I still have them. This year I want a Sega and play Dinosaurs. Dino riders.
Love, Erik Galvin

party on Monday evening. Marie Venable won the doll house made by Cecil Sisk in the bazaar held at Body Connection.

Marine Lance Rene Alonzo, son of Anita Alonzo, was promoted to his present rank while serving in the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California, and is now stationed in Hawaii.

Montie Howell is among 252 candidates who will complete graduation at the Eastern New Mexico University.

Sandra Turner, Pat Turner and Karen Renner were among teachers attending the 50th Annual Convention of the Texas State Teachers Association for District XVI.

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Jolly Christmas Wishes

To old friends and new, we happily extend our good thoughts for a season of abounding good cheer and good times.

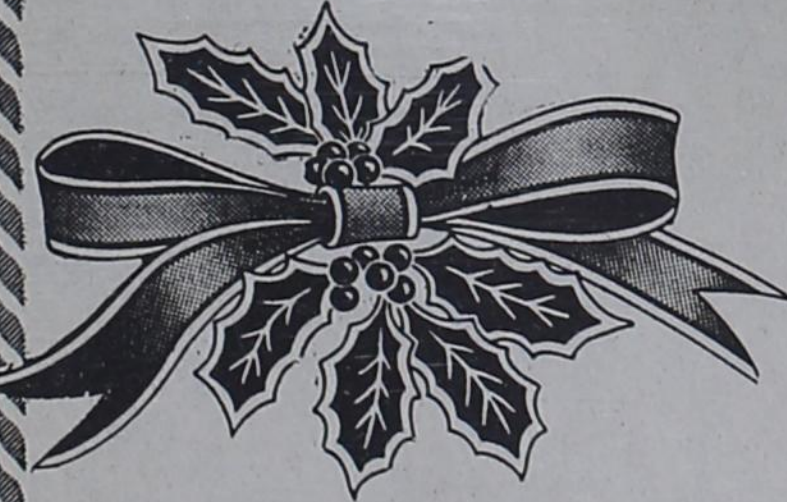
Blessings to all our friends!

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Christmas Cheer

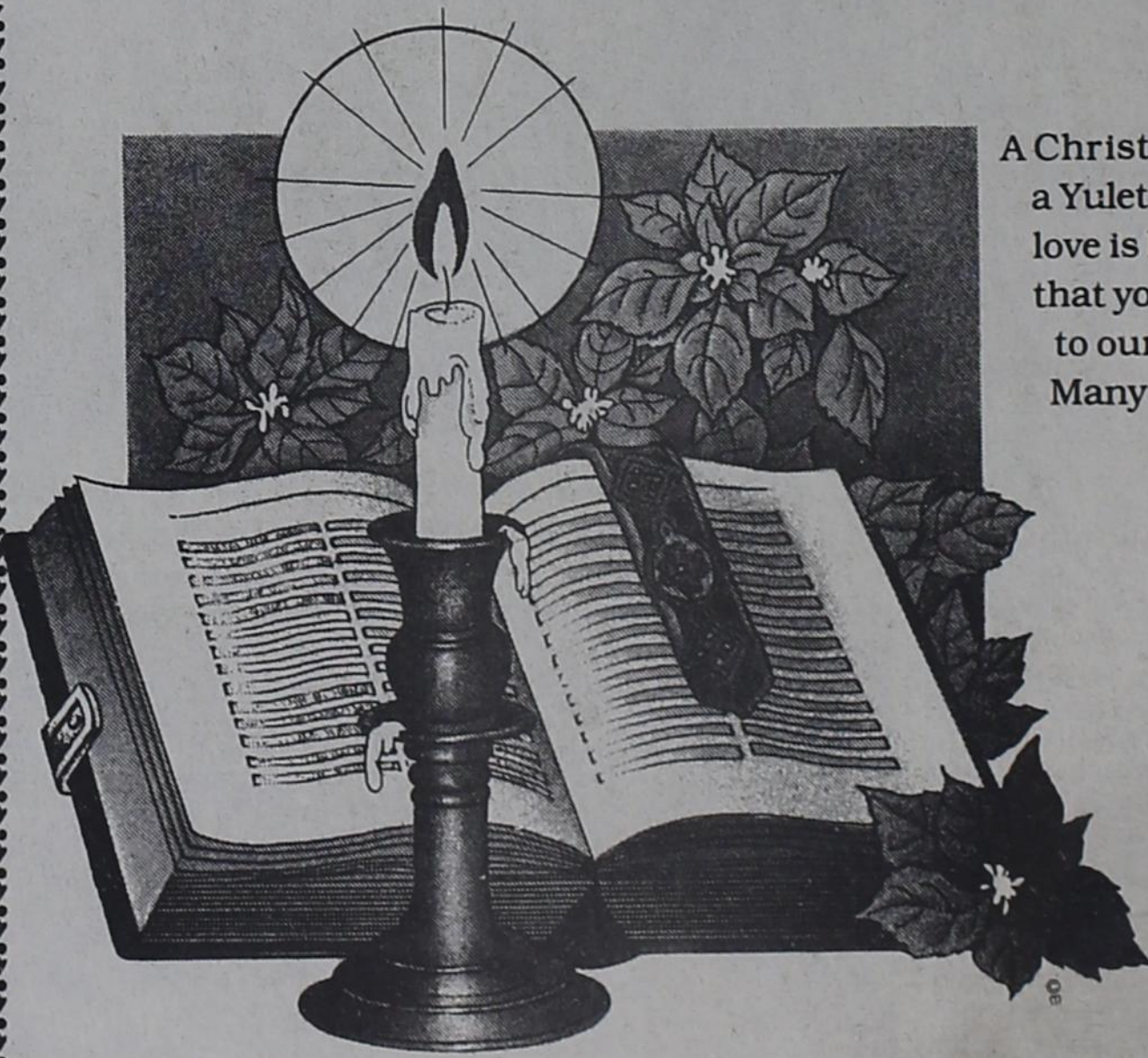


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Two streaks during the Bovina basketball tournament weekend.
The Mustangs 14-game unbeaten streak by downing the SPS boys' finals.
In the first broke their own season with Adrian.
Vega won the Area Rainf...
The month taken on a mild the past few temperatures recorded during the night below the freezing point.
On Monday, to fall, bringing moisture to the area.
As of noon Monday, 0.8 inch had been brought the year inches at the Friona.
The outlook for was for temperatures.
TEMPERATURES
Date Tuesday, December 20, 1988
Wednesday, December 21, 1988
Thursday, December 22, 1988
Friday, December 23, 1988
Saturday, December 24, 1988
Sunday, December 25, 1988
Monday, December 26, 1988
Friona NWS 8 a.m. daily for
Team
Two
At G...
Bovina basketball...
Tuesday.
The Mustangs win over Grady had dropped a...
Scott Sudderth three-point basket and added the line as Bovina's period lead.
Sudderth collected seven points in the fourth quarter, and Denver hit three including a three-point shot.
The Mustangs built a lead.
Scott Scaff... range in the third quarter, pair of field goals and a three-point shot from Shaun Pinkston.
Three shots from Bovina opened after three quarters.
The Grady... fourth quarter, to Bovina's 19-15 overcome the Mustangs.
Five players... figures for Bovina: 18, Scaff 17, Pinkston 14 and Porras 14.
In the girls' game out to a 17-0 first quarter never were serious.
Tonya Chison and Donna Grif...
Filles.
BOYS'
Scott Sudderth Kirkpatrick 2-14 4-1* 3-14; Denver Scott Scaff 5-7; Friona 5-0-10; Stone 1-4.
GIRLS'
Jennifer B... Marci Dale 0-1 3-0-6; Donna C... Johnson 1-0-2.
It's A...
For C...
Randy and... Friona are the boy, John... December 8, a Lubbock Meth... weighed eight... Grandparent... Marie Redwine and Mrs. W... also of Bovina.

Mustangs Whip Steers --Snap Farwell Streak

Two streaks were reversed during the Bovina Invitational basketball tournament here last weekend.

The Mustangs broke Farwell's 14-game unbeaten winning streak by downing the Steers, 80-71 in the boys' finals.

In the first round, the Fillies broke their own winless streak for the season with a 59-44 win over Adrian.

Vega won the boys' consolation

Area Gets Rainfall

The month of December has taken on a mild appearance during the past few days, with high temperatures reaching 60 and lows during the night failing to drop below the freezing mark.

On Monday, a light rain began to fall, bringing much-needed moisture to the area.

As of noon Monday, a total of .08 inch had been received. That brought the year's total to 19.99 inches at the Friona NWS service.

The outlook for Christmas week was for above-average temperatures.

TEMPERATURES

Date	Hi-Low
Tuesday, December 13	53-24
Wednesday, December 14	64-32
Thursday, December 15	54-23
Friday, December 16	39-17
Saturday, December 17	47-17
Sunday, December 18	53-20
Monday, December 19	60-35

Friona NWS station; readings at 8 a.m. daily for previous 24 hours.

Teams Split Two Games At Grady

Bovina basketball teams split a pair of games at Grady last Tuesday.

The Mustangs scored an 82-72 win over Grady after the Fillies had dropped a 46-18 decision.

Scott Sudderth hit a pair of three-point baskets in the first quarter and added one of two from the line as Bovina took a 16-15 first period lead.

Sudderth continued hot with seven points in the second quarter and Denver Riddle did likewise, hitting three from the field, including a three-pointer as the Mustangs built a 39-31 halftime lead.

Scott Scaff began finding the range in the third quarter with a pair of field goals and three baskets from the foul line, and Shaun Pinkston connected on three shots from the field as Bovina opened up a 63-47 lead after three quarters.

The Grady team had a good fourth quarter, scoring 25 points to Bovina's 19, but could not overcome the Mustang lead.

Five players scored in double-figures for Bovina. Sudderth had 18, Scaff 17, Riddle 16, Manuel Porras 14 and Pinkston ten.

In the girls' game, Grady broke out to a 17-0 first quarter lead and never were seriously challenged.

Tonya Chisom scored six points and Donna Griggs four to pace the Fillies.

BOYS' SCORING

Scott Sudderth 3-2*6-18; Corey Kirkpatrick 2-1-5; Manuel Porras 4-1*3-14; Denver Riddle 5-1*3-16; Scott Scaff 5-7-17; Shaun Pinkston 5-0-10; Stone 1-0-2.

GIRLS' SCORING

Jennifer Beauchamp 1-0-2; Marci Dale 0-1-1; Tonya Chisom 3-0-6; Donna Griggs 2-0-4; Penny Johnson 1-0-2; Barrera 1-0-2.

It's A Boy For Couple

Randy and Beatrice Redwine of Friona are the parents of a baby boy, John Ray Houston, born December 8, at 4:30 p.m. at the Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, two ounces.

Grandparents are Clyde and Marie Redwine of Bovina and Mr. and Mrs. Wenceslao Marquez, also of Bovina.

In girls' play, Vega placed first, Hart second and the Farwell girls won consolation.

Named to the all-tournament team were Scott Scaff, Denver Riddle and Scott Sudderth from the Mustangs, and Jennifer Beauchamp from the Fillies' team.

The main game came on Saturday night, when the Mustangs were playing as though they had a mission to accomplish.

Scott Sudderth opened with three field goals, one from three-point range, and Manuel Porras and Scott Scaff each chipped in five points as Bovina grabbed a 25-11 first quarter lead.

Scaff hit four baskets from the field, one of which was a three-pointer, and the Mustangs had built a 45-31 halftime lead.

Scaff canned three field goals and Denver Riddle a pair for Bovina in the third quarter. The Mustangs held a 69-51 lead entering the final quarter.

Scaff had a great fourth quarter. The 6-6 senior clicked on five shots from the field and added a point at the foul line as the Mustangs scored point for point with the Steers to take the 80-71 win.

Scaff's 32 points paced all scorers.

Jr. Girls Win Two Contests

The Bovina Junior High girls traveled to Lazbuddie last Monday to play basketball. Both teams came away with wins. The seventh grade girls are now 3-0 in district play, and the eighth graders are 3-1.

The seventh graders won by a score of 31-2. Scoring for the Colts were Kimberly Kirkpatrick, 10 points; Josie Pena, ten; Sophia Espinoza, six; Ione Molinar, two; Darla Stormes, two; and Laura Saenz, one.

The eighth graders won by a score of 36-24. Scoring for the Colts were Cindy Quintana, ten points; Nancy Vargas, eight; Debbie Rodriguez, four; Monica Rodriguez, four; Christina Noriega, four; Lorena Saenz, two; Christina Salazar, two; Teresa Stone, one; and Stephanie Rackley, one.

The "Max Hustle Award" went to Josie Pena. "Josie played good defense. She played our man-to-man defense well and had several steals. She just did a good job of hustling," Coach Kathy Rundell stated.

Christmas Eve Service Set

Due to popular request, there will be a Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. on December 24 at the First United Methodist Church of Bovina.

The community is invited to come to this special service and help celebrate Christ's birth.

Bovinan's Rites Held On Friday

Funeral services for Esta Faye Wheeler, 72, were held Friday morning at the First Assembly of God Church in Friona with Rev. Leland Hart, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wheeler, a resident of Farwell Convalescent Center, had been a resident of the Bovina community since 1947, moving there from Hereford.

She was born March 12, 1916 in Clay County, and was married to James Henry Wheeler September 8, 1948 in Clovis, N.M. She was a housewife.

Mrs. Wheeler was preceded in death by her husband on November 17, 1975. Survivors include four brothers, Benny McWilliams of Abilene, Raymond McWilliams of Big Spring, Lawson McWilliams of Lake Proctor and Curtis McWilliams of Irving, and a step-father, L.E. McWilliams of Crosbyton.

Coach Marks Lanham said, "We decided to change our defense up, and were switching from man-to-man to zone. We were able to control the boards most of the game, and also hit 54 per cent of our shots from the floor."

The win gave the Mustangs a 12-3 season mark. Two of the losses are to Farwell and the third to Canyon.

In the first round, the Mustangs downed Three-Way, 80-58. Denver Riddle had the hot hand for the Mustangs with 29 points. Riddle scored ten in the second, eight in the third and eight in the fourth. Sudderth added 15 in a backup role.

In the second round, the Mustangs outscored Hart, 72-62. Scott Sudderth was Bovina's leading man in this one with 25, and Riddle scored 18.

MUSTANGS 80, Three Way 58
Scott Sudderth 6-3-15; Corey Kirkpatrick 7-0-14; Manuel Porras 3-1*-1-10; Denver Riddle 14-1-29; Shaun Pinkston 5-0-10; Bud Venable 1-0-2.

MUSTANGS 72, Hart 62
Sudderth 7-2*5-25; Kirkpatrick 4-1*-1-12; Porras 0-1*-0-3; Riddle 5-8-18; Scott Scaff 4-4-12; Pinkston 0-2-2.

MUSTANGS 80, Farwell 71
Sudderth 2-2*4-14; Kirkpatrick 30-6; Porras 3-4-10; Riddle 7-2-16; Scaff 11-2*4-32; McLaughlin 1-0-2.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Netendo for Christmas. My little sister wants My Little Pony set and I want games for it, GI Joe men and new bike.

Love, Michael

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you give me what I want for Christmas. I want a Pogo Ball and my sister wants a doll that walks. My baby brother wants clothes.

Love, Mary Jane

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and my sister wants a big doll. My mom wants a macrowave and my dad wants some socks. Please get some markers for my brother and get my big sister a big tv.

Love, Jessica

Dear Santa Claus,
I do not want to be grety but I've been a good grile. I've got a geshten way pepole not believe. Well I would like foot notes. And toodabra. And annyinaamy. And poogodalldasster. I want twister.

Love, Seanna

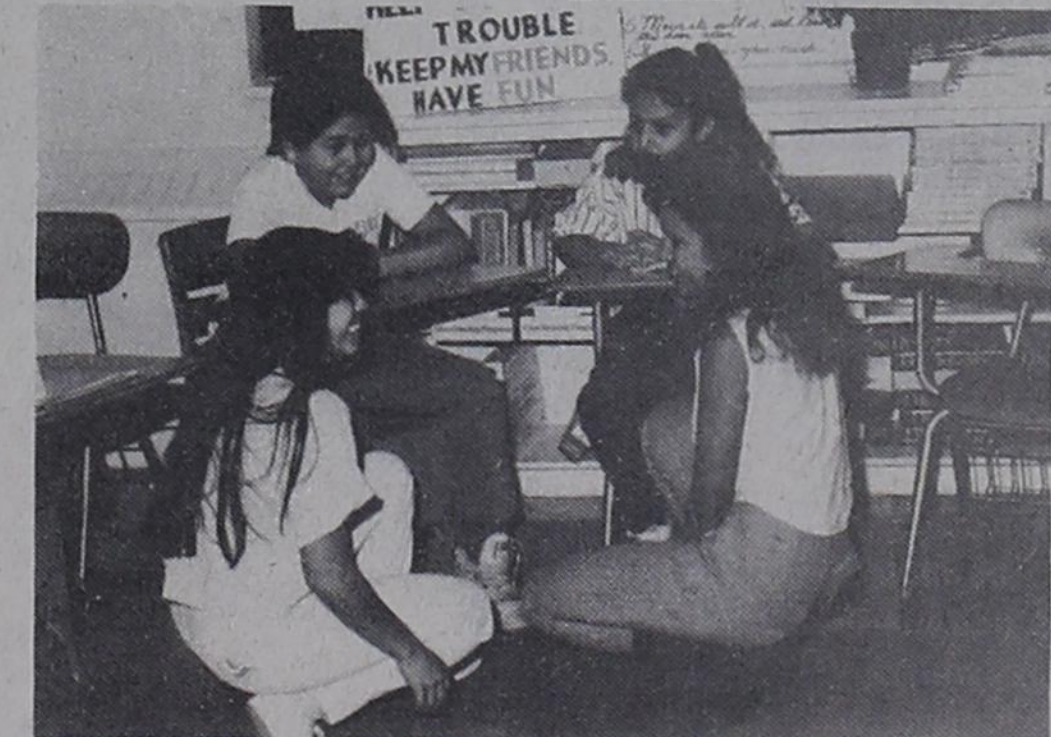
Two Officials To Be Feted

Two long-time county officials, who are retiring at the end of the year, will be honored with a come and go reception on December 29 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the County Courthouse at the Courthouse in Farwell.

Hugh Moseley, Tax-Assessor-Collector, will leave office after 33 years, 25 in his current office and eight as County and District Clerk.

M.C. (Bill) Morgan has been a county employee the past 13 years, eight as Sheriff and five years as Chief Deputy.

The public is invited to attend.



REFUSAL SKILLS...Seventh and eighth grade students have spent time participating in refusal skill activities designed to promote independent thinking and acting, a project directed by teachers Virginia Rhodes and Frances Willard.



MUSTANG CAGERS...The Bovina High School Mustangs have posted a 12-3 season record to date, beating Farwell in the finals of their own tournament. In the front, l-r, are Randy Stone, Denver Riddle, Scott Scaff, Shaun Pinkston and Corey Kirkpatrick. In the back are Coach Marks Lanham, Scott Sudderth, Kenny McLaughlin, Bud Venable, Pete Quiroga, Manuel Porras and Coach Monte Moore.

Fillies Snap Streak With 59-44 Meet Win

The Bovina Fillies broke into the win column in the opening round of their own invitational tournament, beating the Adrian

Jennifer Beauchamp got the Fillies off and running by hitting some first-quarter shots from the free-throw line. Miss Beauchamp hit four from the line and also hit a two-pointer, and Marci Dale had two field goals as Bovina held a 13-10 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Donna Griggs picked up the scoring pace with a six-point second quarter, and Joanna Clayton added four as the Fillies went to intermission with a 30-23 lead.

Miss Griggs kept up her pace in the third quarter, hitting four from

the field and two of four at the line, and the Fillies began to smell victory, holding a 47-39 lead at the end of three quarters.

It was the "Griggs and Chisom Show" in the fourth quarter, as these two players scored all of Bovina's points. Miss Griggs scored three baskets and Miss Chisom two as the Fillies held on to score their first win of the season and Adrian trailed off with just five points in the final quarter.

Miss Griggs led the way with 25 points and Miss Beauchamp had 14.

In the second round, the Fillies met Three Way. Miss Beauchamp hit a pair of field goals, one from outside the three-point circle, and Bovina enjoyed a 13-11 lead at the

end of the opening quarter.

Fouls began to hurt the Fillies, as Three Way's Kindle was eight of eight from the line in the second quarter, and this paced the Eagles to a 30-22 halftime lead.

Miss Kindle continued to have a hot hand for the visitors, sinking three straight three-point shots in the third quarter, to enable her team to open up a 45-30 lead.

Miss Beauchamp led a rally by scoring nine fourth-quarter points, including a three-pointer, but it was too late as Three Way took a 58-47 win.

That put the Fillies playing for the consolation trophy on Saturday, but the Canyon junior varsity, which already held a win over the Fillies, were once again too much to handle in a 59-26 loss.

The Canyon team bolted to a 19-5 lead, held quarter leads of 32-14 and 48-18.

Miss Griggs was Bovina's only player in double figure scoring with 12.

FILLIES 59, Adrian 44

Jennifer Beauchamp 4-6-14; Marci Dale 3-0-6; Joanna Clayton 4-0-8; Tonya Chisom 2-0-4; Donna Griggs 11-3-25; Dalton 1-0-2.

Three Way 58, FILLIES 47

Beauchamp 4-2*2-16; M. Dale 1-0-2; Clayton 2-0-4; Chisom 3-3-9; Griggs 5-2-12; Rodriguez 1-0-2; Barrera 1-0-2.

Canyon JV 59, FILLIES 26

Beauchamp 0-0-0; Clayton 0-4-8; Dale 0-1-1; Chisom 2-2-6; Griggs 3-0-6; Mitchell 0-0-0; Barrera 1-1-3; Rodriguez 0-0-0.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I'm 2 years old. I would like for you to bring me a train set, motor cycle and a lot of trucks and keyboard.

Love, Raymond Chisom

Dear Santa,
I'm 2 years old. Would you please bring me a bike, motor cycle, keyboard and a sleeping

New Class Is Underway

The seventh and eighth grade students have spent one period each day participating in refusal skill activities designed to promote independent thinking and acting.

Goals set were to (1) stay in control, (2) keep out of trouble, (3) keep friends, and (4) have fun.

The steps of refusal skills included (1) ask questions, (2) name the trouble, (3) identify the consequences, (4) suggest an alternative, and (5) move it, sell it, and leave the door open.

Each student was videotaped while practicing the skills. They worked in groups to write their own scripts.

The project was directed by Virginia Rhodes and Frances Willard, who attended a two day training workshop at Region Sixteen Education Service Center in Amarillo.

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Nell Roach Recalls Early Experiences As Area Resident

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Nell Roach is a long-time resident of Bovina who moved to the Oklahoma Lane community 56 years ago. She was born in Caddo, Oklahoma and lived with her parents, Tom and Emma Joyner, four sisters and two brothers.

She remembers being a "tomboy" during her growing-up years and having fun riding the animals on the farm, climbing in the barn and up the trees.

She said as a child they lived for a short time in the town of Caddo, but her father wanted his children to grow up on a farm so he moved them a short distance from town. They lived there until she was about ten years old, then moved to Memphis, Texas.

This is where she met her husband, James "Jack" Roach. She said he had returned home from serving in World War I and he and a neighbor man were sitting on a porch of a home when Nell and girl friends walked by.

A week later, the neighbor told her that Jack had said that day, that he would marry her if she would have him. Sure enough it was love at first sight for the both of them and after a year of dating, they were married.

She was only seventeen and he was ten years older, but said they always had a good marriage. The couple had two boys and two girls.

Their first child weighed eleven pounds and had difficulty from birth. He only lived two months. Next came their son, Sonny, who lives in Bovina and later their daughter, Frances Gober, who also lives in Bovina.

Another daughter, Billie Jean, was born and when she was very small she had rheumatic fever. When she was nineteen years old, she passed away with heart problems caused by the fever.

Nell said she has four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, but claimed Harold and Avis Carpenter as her children and also their son, Richard, and

his daughter as grandchildren.

She remembers the good old days when times were slower and people had time to visit more. She remembers the ice cream socials and all the good times people had.

Her husband, Jack, was a barber in Caddo and also in Memphis. Later his health failed and he was forced to get out of the shop and they moved to a farm that he bought near Memphis. Later they moved to Turkey, which is near Estelline, Texas.

Nell said Jack still barbered some as time went on and even did some barbering over the weekends with the famous entertainer Bob Wills. Later the family was listening to their radio and Bob Wills dedicated a song to "his bald headed friend the barber, Jack Roach."

In 1928, they bought a farm at Oklahoma Lane. They rented it for a couple of years then moved there in 1930. She said times perhaps were hard during the depression, but they always were able to give their children gifts at Christmas time.

They would have gift exchanging on Christmas Eve and then she and Jack would take the tree down that night and begin on the big meal for Christmas Day for the family.

She remembers being a child and said they always got at least one gift and it was usually a doll. If they received dishes, too, it was a big Christmas. One year, she remembers her brother getting a red wagon, a billy goat and harness for the goat.

She said one day her brother was away from home and she and some of her friends hitched the goat to the wagon and had him to pull them around and around the farm. Her brother came in and she remembered how angry he became.

Nell reminisced about how happy she and Jack were for 58 years of marriage before he died in 1977.



NELL ROACH spends many hours reading her Bible. She enjoys visiting with her many friends and is looking forward to Christmas in Bovina with her son and daughter, Sonny Roach and Frances Gober.

Even though Nell has had broken bones in the last few years, most of her life she had been a healthy person. She was always active in her church work and was president of the Women's Missionary Union for several years. She taught Sunday School for fifty years.

Nell recalled that one of the happiest times in her life was when she led her father to Christ. She said their daughter, Frances, was a baby and her dad had had an injury. He came to stay with them for three weeks. The church was having a tent revival and she and Jack had a Model-T car.

That evening they drove to the side of the church near the open tent so her father could near the services. She and Jack sat under the tent and her father sat in the car. When they gave the invitation, her father gave his heart to Jesus and actually shouted.

Nell is a very dedicated Christian and told of how she had continually prayed for her niece's husband that he may accept Jesus as his Saviour. Every time she

would see him she would ask if he had accepted Jesus. Two years ago she received a call from this man and he told her he had been saved.

Nell has always cared for people around her and did a lot of visiting when she was able to. She said the first year she lived here that she made four gallons of candy and several cakes and pies to give friends, those who were sick or those in need.

She shared several recipes with us and they are as follows:

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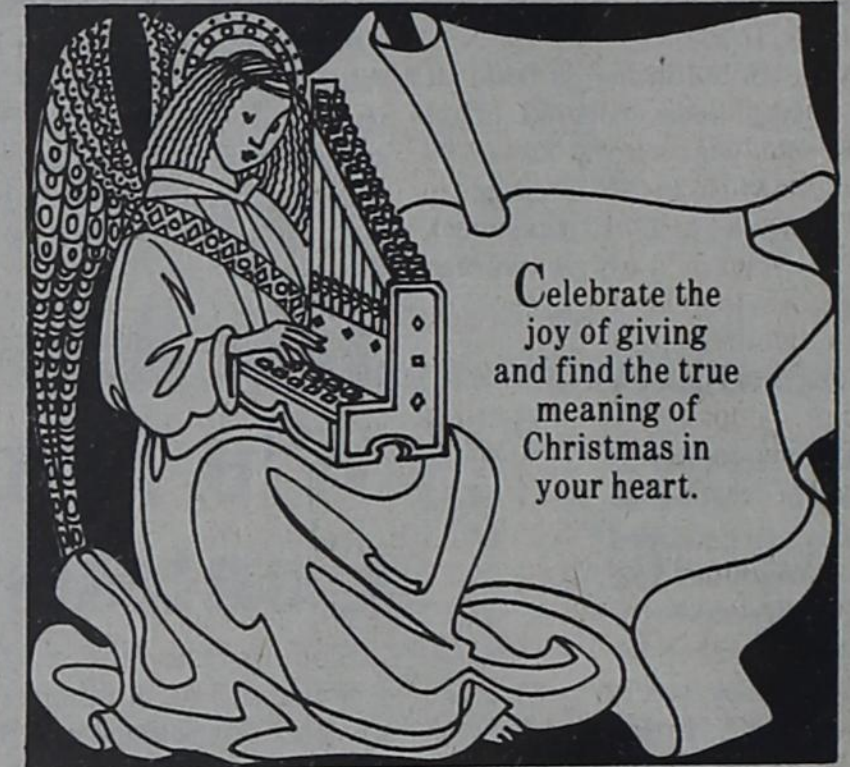
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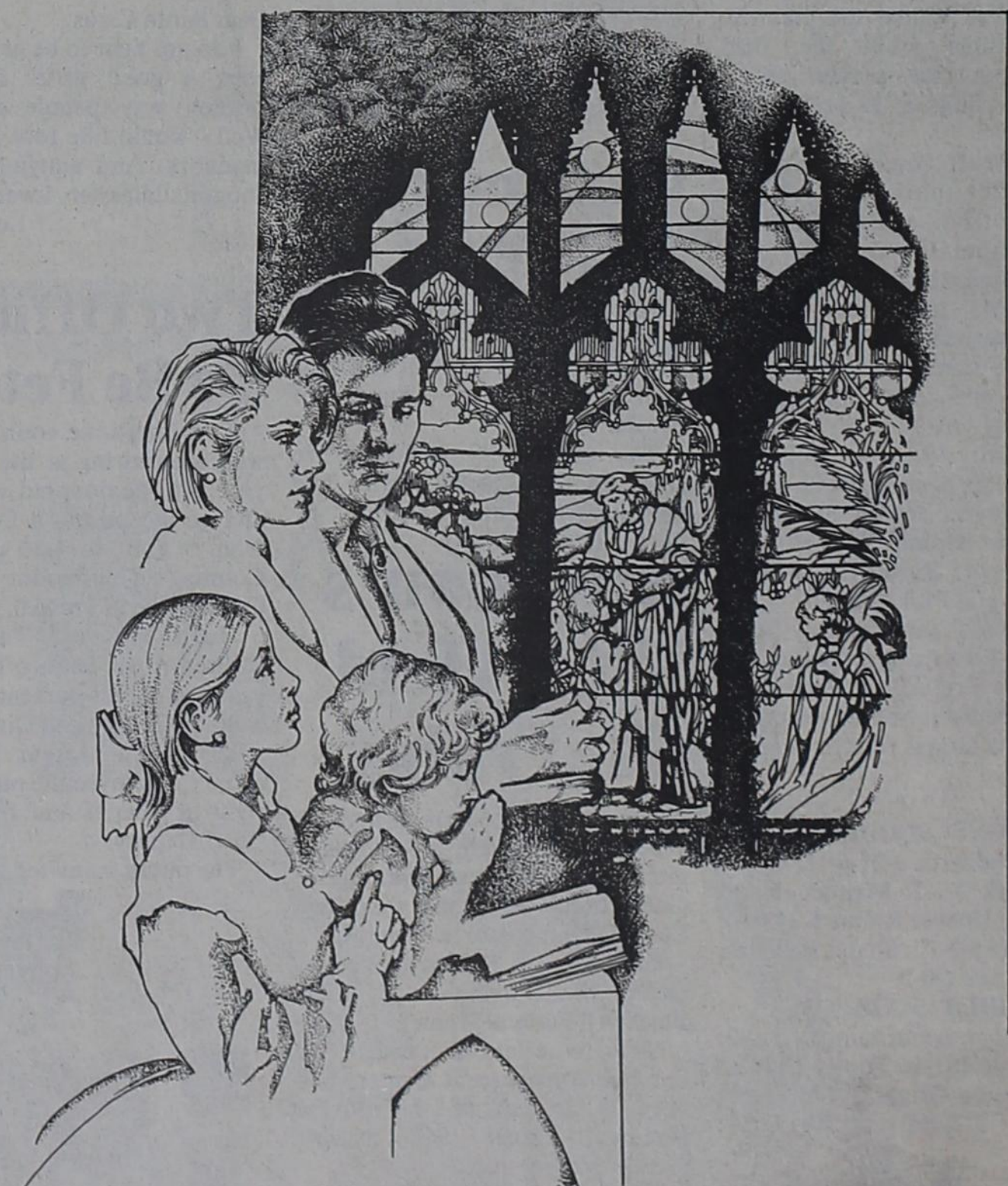


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Christmas in other lands

The joy of Christmas is boundless — it circles the globe and is celebrated in as many ways as there are nations.

In Panama, for instance, Christmas is a time for visiting. The visits begin on Christmas Eve, when friends come to your home. Together, you go on to yet another friend's home. So the visits continue, until Christmas night, when it's time for a party. Children open their gifts at midnight in this country, where decorated trees, both artificial and green, add to the holiday atmosphere. On Christmas Day, special fruitcakes and yellow cakes are served in honor of the holiday.

Italian children look forward each Christmas to the arrival of *Babbo Natale* or Father Christmas. Another Italian custom popular with youngsters is the exchanging of *panettone*, special cakes baked at Christmas time. Attending mass and gathering together with other family members for a big dinner are other Christmas traditions in Italy.

In Brazil, the holiday celebrations begin at midnight on Christmas Eve. Factories sound off their sirens at this time, and the cities are brightly decorated with lights, as stores stay open all night. After church services, families gather together for a feast of turkey or lamb, tropical fruits and Christmas cake. And, they toast each other with champagne. In this country, you'll find only artificial trees in the homes, because of the warm climate.

Bavarian children eagerly await a visit from *Knecht Ruprecht* on December 6. This Santa-like figure distributes candy to good children, while naughty youngsters get a spanking from "Grumbles," a devilish figure carrying sticks or a switch. The *Christkindl* or Christ Child brings presents on Christmas Day as well.

It's summertime in Peru during the Christmas season, so instead of going sledding, youngsters there go roller skating and biking on Christmas Day. The festivities begin with midnight mass on Christmas Eve,



after which families go home for hot chocolate with *panettone* (an Italian cake bread) and open presents. There is food in abundance at this time, notably roast pig or turkey, either cooked on a spit or in the ground. Musical instruments are played while everyone sings folk songs and there is much dancing. Firecrackers are set off during these holiday parties in Peru.

Denmark celebrates Christmas as the greatest holiday of the year and preparations are elaborate indeed in this Scandinavian country. The season begins with Baking Day, when the dough is mixed for *brunekage*, a paper-thin spice cookie served at Christmas. Mixing is done two or three weeks before the baking in order to allow the dough to ripen and the flavors to blend. Families gather for an early meal on Christmas Eve, and after dinner, the father and mother disappear into the parlor or living room, which has been kept locked. The doors are flung open to reveal the Christmas tree, decorated

not only with ornaments but with small Danish flags as well. As the members of the family clasp hands and circle the tree, they sing Danish songs and carols.

In the Philippines, celebrating begins a week before Christmas, when carolers go from house to house each night until Christmas. Church bells ring out at midnight on Christmas Eve, calling the faithful to services.

Everyone has new clothes for this occasion, as they crowd into the church, where a manger scene will be prominently displayed. Afterwards, the children take part in a colorful procession, wearing wreaths and chains. Later, everyone feasts on roast pig and rice cakes of all kinds. Then, it's time to open the presents! Philippine children also receive gifts on Christmas Day when they visit with their godparents.

Although customs may vary from country to country, throughout the world, Christmas is celebrated as a time of joy and coming together.



SHANNON ROMAN AND MICHAEL BENTLEY...Mr. and Mrs. Ron Roman of Milton-Freewater, Oregon, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shannon Lynn, to Airman First Class Michael Ray Bentley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bentley of Portales, N.M. Miss Roman, a 1986 graduate of McLoughlin Union High School, is a third year nursing student at Blue Mountain Community College. Bentley graduated from Portales High School in 1986 and is serving in the U.S. Air Force at Travis Air Force Base, California. A June 17, 1989, wedding is planned at First Christian Church in Milton-Freewater.

Blade Will Skip Issue

Continuing a custom of recent years, the Bovina Blade is publishing a larger than usual Christmas holiday issue, and will not publish an edition during New Year's week.

The Blade office will be closed until January 2, 1989. Our next issue will be published on January 4, 1989.

This special edition contains holiday greetings from local and area places of business, as well as feature articles and letters to Santa Claus from all the youngsters.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus,
I want this for Christmas a V.C.R. and a lot of clothes, a little Miss Make Up doll barbie in the Sensations and a wild Pullulup for Christmas. My broubher wants a Tonka truck. Thank you for the toys you gave me last year.

Love, Rebecca

Dear Santa,
I wish that my wish would come true. Because if you don't bring those three things I won't believe in you. I want those things because I like those things. Those things are doll, bottles, and a Pogoball.

Love, Maricela

School Sets Holiday Break

Bovina Schools will dismiss for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, December 21 at 2:30 p.m.

School will be out for almost two weeks, with classes resuming at the regular time on Tuesday, January 3, 1989.

City Hall To Be Closed

City Hall will be closed December 23-26 and will open again on December 27.

This will allow employees of the City Hall to spend the holidays with their families.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Scooter:

From The Chief's Desk:

I would like to thank everyone that has introduced themselves to me this past week. You have really made me feel welcome, and I appreciate the friendly people of this tri-city area, and hope that more of you will introduce yourselves to me.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Mustangs and Fillies for their victories and for winning of the Bovina Tournament this weekend. I had almost forgotten how basketball was supposed to be played, but the Mustangs brought back some fond memories.

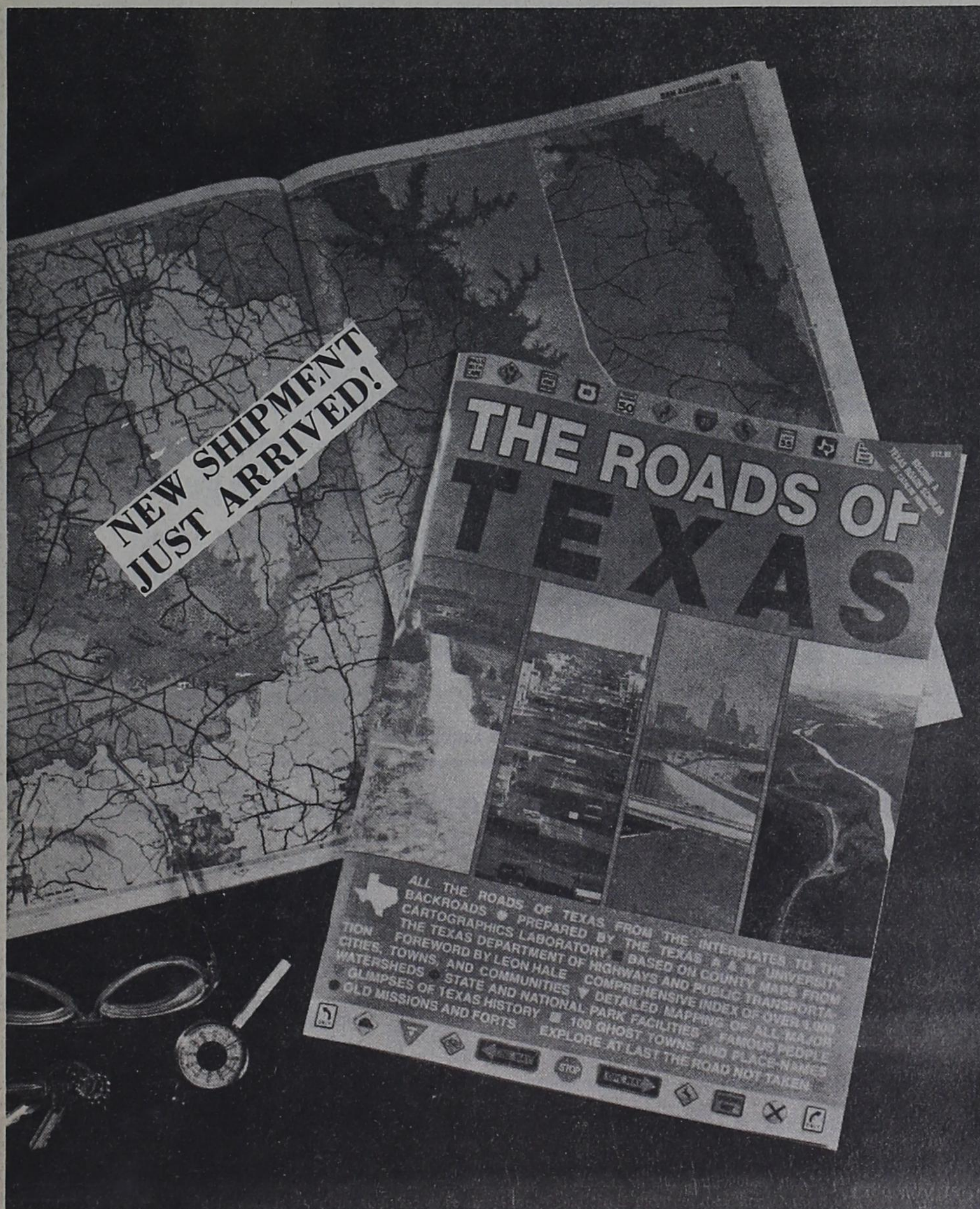
I want to wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year. But please remember the true meaning of the Christmas season and be careful while traveling the highways and at home.

If I can be of any assistance to anyone please feel free to call me. I would also like to meet the school students, also.

I would like to thank the Bovina Ambulance Service for their quick response to the accident that occurred December 13. Bovina is really fortunate to have medical emergency help of this caliber.

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Love, Kathy Rodriguez

Dear Santa, I want a talking Cabbage Patch Kid and a Corn Silk Kid for Christmas. And if you could fit it in your schedule I would like a hot pink ten-speed bicycle too. And a Tuba-Rubba.

Yours truly, Crystal

Dear Santa, I want a biek and a Barbie car and a cat and a dog and a berd and a bon and a doll and I lev sum cows and mied.

Love, Josie Cavazos

Dear Santa, I want a Nientendo and a bicke.

Love, Tino

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bike for Christmas and a dog to play with and have fun with. I will feed him and give him water when he is thirsty and build him a dog house.

Love, Ernesto

Dear Santa Claus, I want a football for Christmas, two football helmets, a bike and a radio.

Love, Manny

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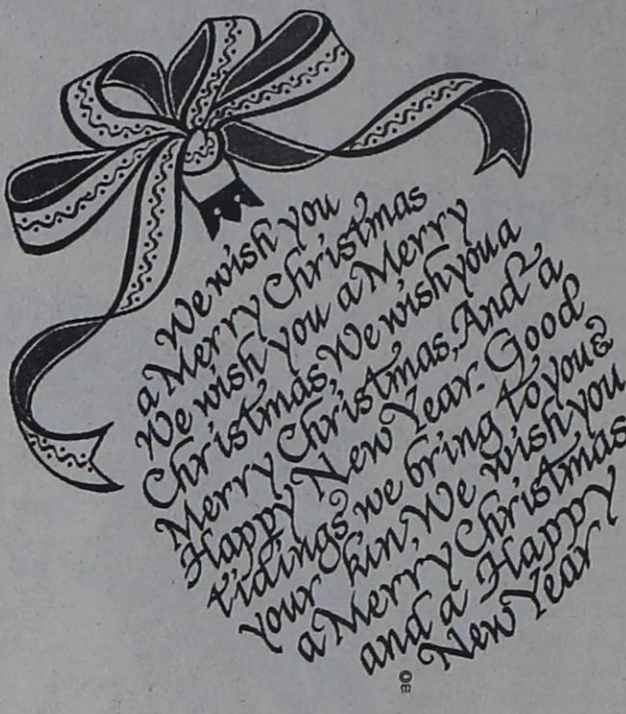
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Bells Ready For Holidays

By SCOOTER RUSSELL
Durward and Fern Bell, one of Bovina's most charming couples, are looking forward to having their family home for the holidays and sharing good times with their two children and four grandchildren. Their daughter and family, Karen and Royce Grissom and their children, Capi, 15, and Cody, 11, will be coming from Montrose, Colorado.

Also with the family will be the Bells' son, Greg and Pam Bell and children, Kasey and Will, who live on a farm near Bovina.

The Bells live in a beautiful home at 702 Ridgelea and have lived there since 1967. They moved into Bovina from their farm.

Durward was born in the house where the Homer Kelleys now reside, ten miles out in the Pleasant Hill community. Durward had one sister and one brother and his parents were Joe and Maurine Bell. His father passed away in

1977 and his mother has recently moved to the Retirement Ranch at Clovis from Bovina.

Durward has always farmed and raises cattle. He is active in the Methodist Church. He taught Sunday School several years and is a member of the Methodist Men's organization and sings in the choir.

He has served on the school board, city council, Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Lions Club and was a director on the Bovina Wheat Growers.

Fern was born at Gruver, Texas, and her parents were Guy and Ann Cooper. The couple had three daughters. Fern enjoyed being a homemaker and mother and now a grandmother. She likes playing bridge with the Thursday Bridge Club and has always enjoyed needlepoint and embroidery.

When asked about the special Christmases she remembered, she said their special times were always when all the family was together



DURWARD AND FERN BELL are anxiously awaiting Christmas. With the Bells will be their daughter, Karen, and family from Colorado and their son, Greg, and his family from Bovina.

for the holidays. In years past when she was a child, she said on Christmas Eve the children always went to church for the Christmas program and when they returned to their home, Santa had always made his visit and there were presents around their tree.

She said an aunt and uncle always came for she and her sister and took them to church on Christmas Eve.

Durward said it seemed like all their Christmases were lots of fun and he, too, remembered going to church or to the school house for programs on Christmas Eve and returning to find that Santa had visited their home.

Durward and Fern became acquainted when they were both students at West Texas State University in Canyon. They began dating and were married in 1949 at Fern's home town, Gruver.

Durward said his wife was an excellent cook and these are the recipes she shared:

LEP COOKIES

German recipe from Fern's Great-Grandmother Kulow)
1/2 gallon pure sorghum
2 pounds Crisco or butter
1 teaspoon each of cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice
2 cups brown sugar
1 cup dates
1-15 ounce package raisins
1-11 ounce package currants
4 cups pecans
1 quart buttermilk
1/2 teaspoon soda, dissolved in small amount of buttermilk
5 pounds flour

Mix together and let set overnight. Work in a little more flour and roll out fairly thin. Bake 10 minutes at 375 degrees.

FRESH APPLE COOKIES

Sift two cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking soda in a bowl. In another bowl, mix 1/2 cup shortening; 1 1/2 cups brown sugar; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon cinnamon; 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves; 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg and one unbeaten egg. Stir in one-half of flour mixture; then chopped nuts, one cup chopped unpeeled apples, 1 cup chopped raisins, 1/4 cup milk

and then remaining flour mixture. Blend to distribute fruit and nuts well. Drop on greased cookie sheet two inches apart. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 14 minutes.

While hot, spread on the following glaze with 1 1/2 cups sifted confectioner's sugar with 1 tablespoon butter or oleo, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, pinch of salt and 2 1/2 tablespoons light cream. Makes approximately 40-45 cookies.



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BOVINA COUPLE

Lides Don't Miss "Good Old Days"

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Visitors are always welcome at the home of Wiley and Velma Lide, who live two miles east of town. They are a gracious couple and well-known in the community. They are both from the Panhandle area of Texas.

Velma was born in Snyder, Texas, and there were six children in her family. Her parents were Asa Lee and Ora Lee Crow. She celebrated her eightieth birthday on December 4 and she and Wiley were married sixty-three years on December 19. They were married in Amherst in 1925.

Wiley was born in Canyon, Texas and there were nine children in his family. His parents are Theodore "T.W." and Zulia Melinda Lide. Wiley farmed all of his life and retired in 1970.

Wiley shared a picture that he had of his father with a trolley car taken in Amarillo. He said when they lived in Canyon his dad ran a trolley car in Amarillo for seven years and never missed a day of work.

The couple had three children, Edwin, John, and Frances. Edwin lives just down the road from them. John passed away with kidney failure twenty-four years ago and three years ago, their daughter, Frances, passed away. They have seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

They became residents of Bovina in 1975. After they married, they lived in Amherst from 1925 until 1964, then moved to Lubbock and lived there for twelve and one-half years. They said one weekend they were in Bovina, and after lunch their son, Edwin, wanted to talk to them. He started out saying he was afraid to ask, because he was afraid they would say no. He wanted them to come to Bovina and live near him and his wife, Esta Lee. He and his wife were thrilled when they considered and the Lides said they were sure glad they did, because they loved living here and had many friends and liked the

community.

They talked about years past, and Velma said times were hard and she had never wished for the "good old days" again. They both laughed when they spoke of the depression and said, "The depression would make a Democrat out of anybody."

The Lides' daughter, Frances, was married to a service man, Wineford "Wimpy" Mayer, and they were stationed several places throughout the country. At one time, they were in Italy for four years.

While they were in the states, the Lides visited them and saw a lot of the country. They visited them in Nashville, Tennessee, in the state of Virginia and the family toured parts of Washington, D.C. and surrounding states. Wiley spoke of having gone to Oregon one time and spent six months with Velma's parents, but they didn't like the cold wet climate there.

Velma has made many beautiful afghans and also has ceramic bowls and vases throughout her pretty home that she made and painted then fired in the kiln. Wiley said he always liked to hunt and did a lot of hunting. When asked if he liked to fish, he said, "No, I never caught anything but a cold when I went fishing."

Both Wiley and Velma said they never had Christmas trees when they were children because there was no money to buy them. Wiley said he never received gifts, but did remember getting fruit and candy. Velma said she remembered candy, fruit and perhaps a doll at Christmas time.

The Lides said one of the happiest Christmases that they remembered was when their daughter, Frances, and her family returned to the states after being in Italy for four years.

Velma worked as a private nurse for thirty years and took her training in the Amherst Hospital. She said she did this after her children were grown and married. She said she always loved the



WILEY AND VELMA LIDE have lived in Bovina several years and enjoy living in the country east of Bovina, just down the road from their only son, Edwin.

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nursing profession. When asked about cooking, Wiley said he had cooked 'most everything in his time, but never made a pie crust. Said at one time, he could make good biscuits and cakes from scratch.

Velma was a good cook according to her husband and he wanted her to tell us how to make the peach cobbler that he loved. She shared several recipes with us.

PEACH COBBLER

1 quart peaches poured in a big round pan set on the burner. Add block of butter and 1 1/2 cups of sugar. Make crust and lay on top of mixture. Heat on the top of the stove until the crust is well cooked, then put in the oven to brown.

CORN PUDDING

2 No. 3 cans of corn, one whole and one creamed. Stick of butter, 1/4 cup milk, 3 tablespoons flour, 3 tablespoons sugar, 3 eggs well beaten. Drain corn, melt butter in milk and add to corn. Add flour, sugar and eggs. Bake in casserole one hour at 350 degrees.

TANGY COLE SLAW

1 large head cabbage shredded, 2 cups vinegar, 1 1/2 cups sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons celery seed, 2 tablespoons mustard seed, 1 green pepper chopped, 1/2 cup onion, chopped, 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt (can freeze).

Combine sugar, salt, vinegar, celery seed and mustard seed in a sauce and bring to a boil. Allow to

cool, pour solution over cooled vegetables and mix lightly by hand.

FIVE MINUTE ICING
1 stick butter, 4 level tablespoons cocoa, 6 tablespoons sweet milk. Bring to boil for five minutes. Add box powdered sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

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Good Crowd Attends 1988 Oklahoma Lane Reunion



CHRISTMAS FUN... Pictured are Betty Kennan of Christianburg, Va., her twin daughters, two-month-old Kelsey and Katie and their big brother Caleb. Betty is the daughter of Billy and Paula Whitecotton and will be spending about a month in Bovina. Betty's husband Bill will be joining the family on December 17 for the holidays.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, I would like to have a bike, a doll that talks and a Cabbage Patch Kid. I want to get my Mom some clothes. I even want to get my sisters clothes.
Love, Paulene Borquez

Dear Santa Claus, I want Sunday shoes. You do not have to give me everything I want. I want to thank you for giving me everything I wanted last Christmas.
Love, Jackie Feldman

The Oklahoma Lane reunion was held in the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church on November 25. One hundred and thirty people were in attendance. It was an all day affair with the noon meal being catered.

B.J. Foster led the opening prayer before the meal. While everyone was still seated at the tables, a short business meeting was conducted by Wendol Christian, president of the organization. Then, he gave time to anyone who wanted to say anything—recalling old memories, etc. Several former Oklahoma Lane teachers were recognized, as well as school board members and bus drivers.

Again, one of the special attendants was Mrs. E.A. Hromas who is ninety-seven years old. Eight states were represented, with Walter Hurst and Lena Rundell coming the farthest, from Yakima, Washington. Also Jan Watkins' sister and husband were there, from Alden, New York.

It was decided to continue having a reunion every three years which will make the next reunion the day after Thanksgiving, 1991—same location.

Jimmy McGuire dismissed the meeting including a moment of silent prayer in memory of the sixty-one Oklahoma Laners who have passed away since our reunion in 1985.

Lots of visiting and reminiscing took place and lots of pictures were taken throughout the day and evening.

Those present for the occasion were: Rita Mast, Escondido, California; Bill and Maria Stinbarth, Alden, New York; Lon and Alpha Langley, Umpire, Arkansas; Walter Hurst and Lena Rundell, Yakima, Washington; Nova Robertson and Roberta McGuire of Mt View, Missouri.

Also, Rita Dollar of Norwood, Colorado; Jerry and Deanne Herring of Colorado Springs; Troy and Nancy Kersey of Albuquerque; Robert Rundell of Las Cruces; Ed and Sue Lee of Artesia; Stephanie and Amanda Thetford, Rogers, N.M.

Also, C.W. and Janean Grissom of Taiban; Ludene Davis of Roswell; Barbara Trimble of Texico; James and Sula Berry, Mozelle Bond, Marcie Bell, Ora Smith, Hoyet and Maxine Brown, Condy and Lorene Billingsley, Geneva Henson and Angeline Stanley, Clovis.

Those representing various places in Texas were: Eugene and Loraine Hromas of Olney; Frances Bruns, Dee and Dorothy Brown and Doug Jenkins of Muleshoe; Caryetta and Page Thomas, Plano; J.W. Hromas, Levelland; Glen and Glen Hromas, Roy and Lorraine Jordan, S.B. and Mary Crain and Sandra Jones, all of Amarillo.

Also, Amy and Arnold Hromas, Maggie Terry, Sonnie and Dot Roach, Leon and Charlene Grissom, Bill and Obereta Sudderth, Frances and Lloyd Gober, all of Bovina; Kenneth and Wilma Grissom of Shallowater; Parker and Martha Stewart, Zed and Staci, Buda.

Also, Bill and La Nelle Polley, Kyle; Randy, Sandy and Zachary Robertson of Dallas; S.A. and Frances Hodges, Tulia; W.E. and Ernestine Lovell, Ft. Worth; Jimmy and Joyce McGuire, B.J. and Bobbie Foster, David and Frank Carson, Pat Howard, Jackie, Erin and Lauren Combs, Harold Doshier, and Rudy Prindle, all of Lubbock.

Also, Weldon, Martha and

Bradley Rundell and Cleo Jolly, Plainview; Viola Duncan and husband of Magnolia; Loy McLellan, Friona; Lola Grissom, Hereford.

From Farwell were Harold and Avis Carpenter, Lois Billingsley, Wendol Christian, Ruby Billingsley, Willie Roberts, Pat and Bonnie Howard, J.B. Sudderth, Webb and Irene Gober, Turner and Jean Paine, Fern

Christian, Sterling and Dorothy Donaldson, Ethel Johnson.

Also, Tom and Skeet Caldwell, Richard Carpenter and Jordan, Carrie Christian, Troy Christian, Donald and Jan Watkins, Gene and Marue Snodgrass, Raymond and Elouise Robertson, Vernon and Julia Symcox, Louise Foster, Myron and Annabel Hillock, Bill and Gertrude Foster and Gwen Corn.

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- MARJORIE WATKINS**
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- HUGH MOSELEY**
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- JOHNNY ACTKINSON**
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FROM

BILL ELLIS, Publisher

SCOOTER RUSSELL, Editor

TAMI KUNSELMAN, Bookkeeper

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Santa Letters

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a scoter and a Nonteno and a presint.
Love, Jeremy Estraca

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 want Little Miss Make up doll and Bonnsin Baby and roller skates for Christmas.
Love, Priscilla M.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a stuffed Santa doll, jambox, dog, snow boots, tapes and a cat and also a piano. Christmas is the best time of the year. Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Santa.
Love, Charity Evans

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

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Laura Tritsch Enjoys Plants

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Laura Tritsch of 101 Avenue B, has been a Bovina resident for the past 56 years, and is now living in the first house ever built in Bovina.

Laura was born in Water Town, Wisconsin and her parents were Louis and Anna Kramer, who originally came from Germany. The family moved from Wisconsin when Laura was only three years old. They moved to the Rio Grande Valley, and later to the state of Kansas and then to Bovina. They first rented a two room house in Bovina, then bought the house she now lives in. The house and orchard cover almost an acre of land.

When they first moved to this country, they lived in the Rhea community and Laura's husband, William Adam, was a farm hand for Robert Schueler and then was employed by Shelby Jersey. They lived in the Rhea community several years before moving to Bovina. When the family moved to Bovina, Tritsch worked for the railroad.

Laura and William had four children: Virgil, who lives with his mother; Herman, who lives in Lubbock and one daughter, Mildred "Midgie," who lives in Fontana, California. The couple had one small son who died when he was five years old.

Laura said at one time she spent many hours crocheting and her son, Virgil, brought out a beautiful bedspread she had crocheted in the "granny squares" pattern. In the summer time, Laura spends much of her time in her yard where there are so many flowers and unusual plants. In the front of her home, she has English ivy, vinca vine, bird of paradise, Texas sage, honey suckle and orchid iris.

She has a greenhouse in the back yard full of hanging plants. Geraniums and Christmas cactus were in bloom and some of the unusual plants were a tall pencil plant, baby tears, Dutchman's pipe, sea onion plant and lilies.

An orchard grows behind their home and ten big pecan trees are growing there. Laura said she brought the pecans from San Antonio and planted them. They all came up and produce enough pecans now that they have them to sell. Other trees growing in their yard are crab apple tree, smoke tree, rain tree, Austrian pine tree, plum, peach and apricot trees.

There was a beautiful huge tree-like plant that is a lilac bush and Mrs. Tritsch said it was the only plant there when they moved there 56 years ago. Also on the grounds was another unusual bush called a butterfly bush and they said it had white blooms. Later when the blooms dry, they smell like peppermint.

Other than plants to keep them busy, Laura and her son, Virgil, also have a large number of chickens and a variety of birds. They consisted of bred banties, Polish chickens, melafours, buff cotchan, white cotchan, hard rock, Plymouth rock and the unusual black cochan, who lay green eggs.

Laura and Virgil also raise rabbits and beautiful big white ducks. To keep them busy, they have eighteen cats of all colors and kinds and two dogs, Cutie, who is five years old and Spanky, who is eleven years old. Four pretty birds are also enjoyable to watch.

Mrs. Tritsch said it seemed all Christmases had been special and filled with good times, but she especially remembers a wonderful year not so long ago when the holidays were near and she had sent presents to her daughter and her family in California. On Christmas Day, her daughter walked in and had the presents with her. Her family had come home for the holidays.

Laura Tritsch is seven-nine years old and has lived here since she was twenty-three. She's a delightful person to visit with and has a lovely outlook on life.



CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS....Those celebrating their birthdays at the senior citizens birthday party on Wednesday of last week were: left to right, Frances King, Gene Scott, Minnie Kelso and Ethel Johnson.

Christmas in early American times

Although Americans in Colonial times did not have Christmas trees or Santa as we know him today, they knew how to celebrate the season with merriment.

Christmas festivities in the Colonies began a week before Christmas and lasted until Twelfth Night, January 5. In Virginia, a huge bonfire would be lit to usher in the season and candles placed in every window. Cannons would signal the start of the festivities, at which time the candles would be lit. These candles would be lit each night until the new year.

Throughout the season, the strains of fiddles and caroling would fill the air, as Virginians would attend balls, fox-hunts and enjoy social visits.

Wreaths of sprigs, scented spices and dried flowers were popular Colonial decorations during the holidays. Mantels were adorned with pine or soft cedar branches, pine cones and bayberries. Sprigs of holly were tucked between picture frames and walls, following the English custom. Pomegranates were also popular decorations.

Feasting was integral to the holiday season in the Colonies. The wassail bowl symbolized cheer and hospitality to many early Americans, just as it had to their British forebears.

Dutch settlers enjoyed doughnuts, sweet cakes, short cakes, ginger cakes, fruit pies, preserves, fried shad, roasted chicken and bowls of milk and cream during the holidays.

In Virginia, roast turkey was the centerpiece of holiday meals, augmented with kumquats, roast beef, cranberry mold, spiced crab apples and glazed sweet potato slices.

Greetings among the widely scattered settlers would often be accomplished with the firing of muskets, a custom which has evolved into the setting off of firecrackers in some parts of the South today.

Christmas Day was a day of worship in Colonial America. In this land of freedom of religion, worship services ranged from morning services for Protestants to midnight mass for the Catholic settlers.

Although the Puritans objected to the revelry surrounding Christmas — in 1659, they enacted a law imposing a fine on anyone "found observing by abstinence from labor, feasting, or in any other way, such days as Christmas day" — the settlers in early America found much cause to celebrate, according to the country of their origin.

When the New Style Calendar was adopted by England, the Colonies subsequently followed suit, and took off 11 days from the year. Thus December 25 became January 6, which was celebrated as "Old Christmas" by many.

The very first Christmas in America was a time of hardship, but even then the Pilgrims managed to bring joy to the occasion. Harriet Beecher Stowe described the first Christmas in the colonies in one of her stories:

"The men had come back from their work on shore with branches of green pine and holly, and the women had stuck them about the ship, not without tearful thoughts of old homelands where their childhood fathers and mothers did the same. Bits and snatches of Christmas carols were floating all around the ship, like land-birds blown far out to sea."

Even in the midst of their difficulties, the earliest Colonists took time to celebrate Christmas as best they could, a tradition that Americans continue to this day.

Dear Santa,

I sent you this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I wish I had a game called Bed Bugs.

Love, Carolina Gomez

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a big doll that talks and alot of clothes for Christmas. And for my brother bring an Atari.

Thank you, Norma

Dear Santa,

I want arnotcotol car. And I would like lazer tag. And more parts to my race car track. I would like more games for my nintindo.

Thank you, Tony Beauchamp

Dear Santa,

I want some toys this Christmas. I hope I have been nice this year. I will tell you some of my toys. I want a terbo hoper. Then I want a trin.

Love, Will Bell

Dear Santa Claus,

I want you to get me a football for Christmas and a bike for Christmas and this is my lest big thing and this is it a big Nintendo. When you come to my house I leave some cookies.

Love, Jesse Castaneda

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a new car for my mom and a truck for my dad, a Baby Secret for my sister and a drum for my brother. I want a pet bull and a Nintendo too.

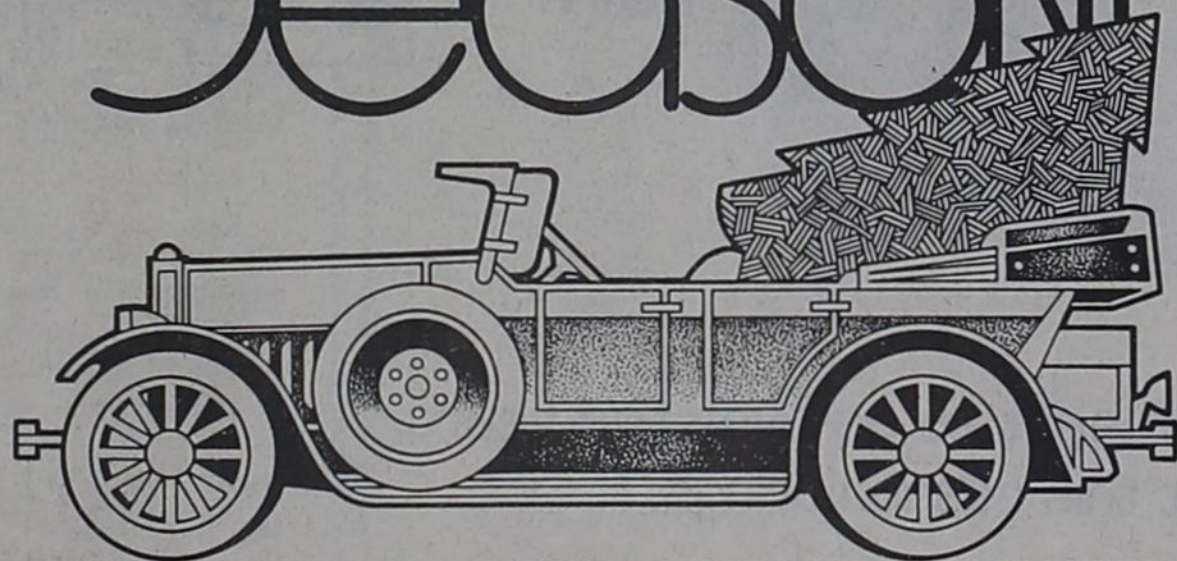
Thank you, Andy Cano

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like some new clothes and a bike. Then for my little sister for Christmas she wants a doll. My big sister wants some clothes. Next my dad wants a shaver. Then my mom wants a new dress. I love you Santa.

Melissa

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Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I want a dart set and a cliff hanger racing cars. I will have cookies and 7 Up for you because I saw you on tv and I know that's what you like. Here is my address so you won't get lost 506 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas.

Love you, Pete Rocha

Dear Santa,

I would like to have some toys you could give me what you want and have a good year.

Love, Hector V.

Best Wishes To All...



Hoping your efforts are rewarding and that your Christmas be blessed with joy.

A warm, wonderful thanks to all!

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4th Graders Take Part In Project

Bovina's fourth grade class has been involved in an exciting project called "The Artifact Box Exchange Network."

This is an interschool project that involves students in the development of advanced research, reference, and reasoning skills through the use of a hands-on simulation activity.

Borrowing content from the disciplines of archaeology, geography and science, the network allows students to collect, tag, reference and exchange a set of artifacts, or "clues," that are representative of their locale.

The students have been busy researching the Bovina area and finding the appropriate materials to send to a "partner" school somewhere in the U.S.A., Canada or Europe. That "partner" school will send the Bovina youngsters an artifact box from their locale, and the students will use the clues to determine the name of their "partner" city.

This opportunity has been made possible by the Gifted/Talented program of Bovina Independent School District. Working closely with their social studies teacher, Ms. Susan Niehaus, and the G/T teacher, Mrs. Brenda Wilson, the entire fourth grade has been directly involved in the project.

FOURTH GRADERS....Shown in the photo is the fourth grade students with their teachers, Mrs. Cindy Feldman and Ms. Susan Niehaus; the principal, Mrs. Sue Nuttall; G/T coordinator, Brenda Wilson; and a parent, Mrs. Denise Jones who has been helping with the project. The class picture will be included as one of their clues to Bovina's location and history (notice the western attire).

Prairie Acres Party Line

By CAROL COLE



We want to thank Friona Motors for loaning the Guerra family the four wheel drive vehicle last week, during the bad weather so they could make it to Amarillo to be with Alex. Everyone of us here at Prairie Acres appreciate all of you for what you did for Lupe and family.

Our residents enjoyed Christmas carolers from the United Methodist Church, and we want to thank them for coming out to entertain our people.

Thanks goes out to the Modern Study Club for their Christmas donation to the Love Fund.

Our sympathy to Lupe and Joe Guerra and family. Alex passed away Monday of this week and we are deeply saddened by their loss.

Thanks to Mrs. Fred Lloyd for the magazines, and thank you, Anna Mae Thomas, for coming out to play Christmas carols.

Hair care this week was done by the ladies from the Sixth Street Church of Christ. Ladies of the First Baptist Church are scheduled

for next Tuesday.

Our Sunday services last week were held by the Congregational Church and we welcome the Sixth Street Church of Christ this Sunday.

The Salvation Army from Clovis visited with us and brought gifts for our residents and sang Christmas carols. The Salvation Army is a double treat for Prairie Acres as they manage to bring our residents Christmas in July and in December.

Thanks to Janet Burleson and the G.A.'s for sharing with us.

We want to thank everyone who has brought gifts to the residents of Prairie Acres.

Memorials for Annie Mae Hays were from Charles and Melba Allen, Dr. and Mrs. G. Lee Cranfill and Jim and Christine Zorns. A memorial for Mamie McGowen was made by Mildred and Arnold Fuhrmann; for Charlie Clark from Jim and Christine Zorns and for Alex Guerra from Katie Osborn.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I would like a pair of shoes and I would like a scooter and one more thing a eietreck key board.

Your pal, Sarah

Dear Santa Claus,

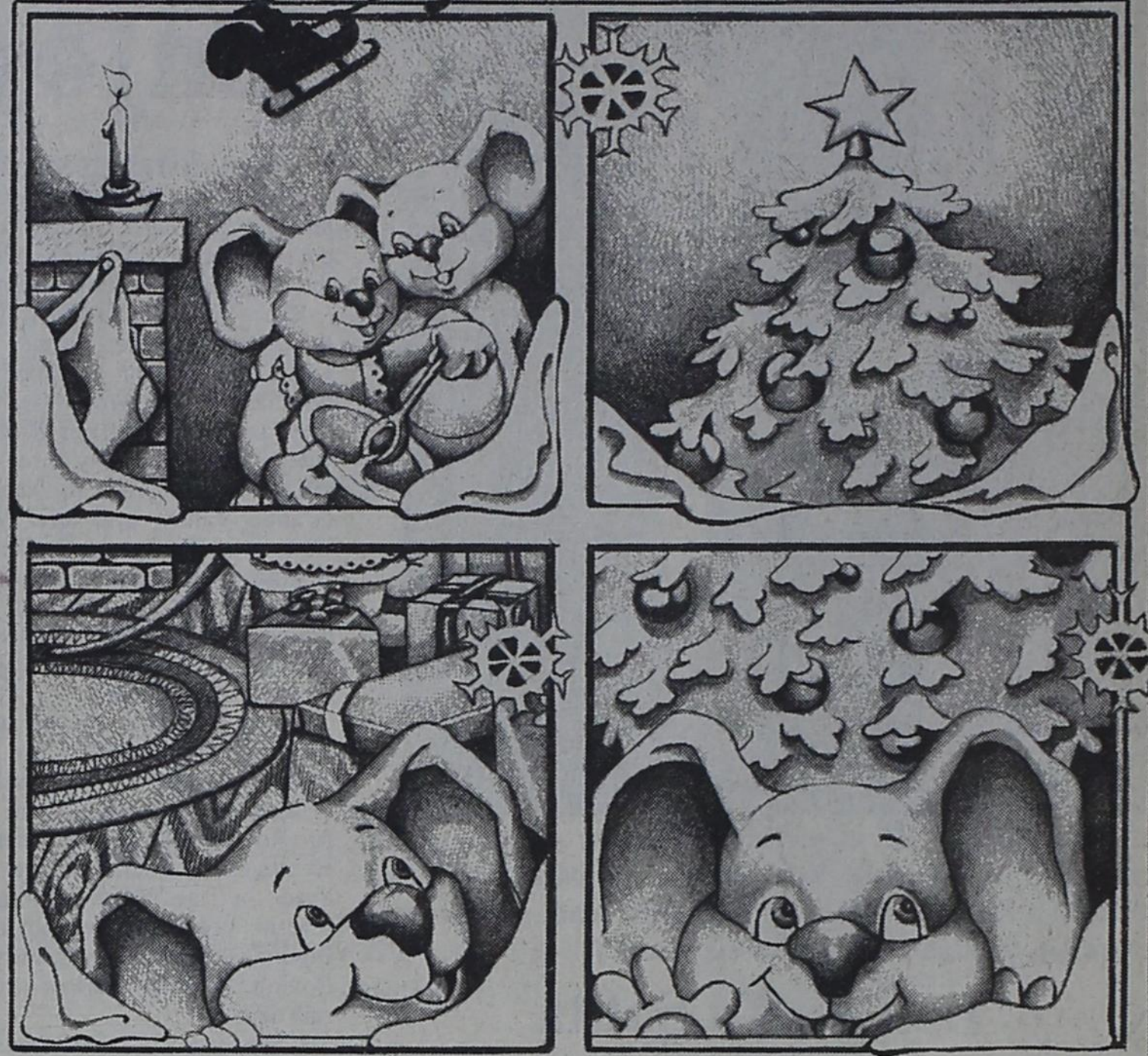
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Love, George

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a nintindo game, some boots, battelship, a watch, some micromachine.

Love, Luke



HAPPY HOLIDAY

Bundles of presents, sweet aromas of festive treats, the sight of the glowing tree, the sparkle in their eyes on Christmas morning... it's Christmas time.

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Our many thanks to each and all.

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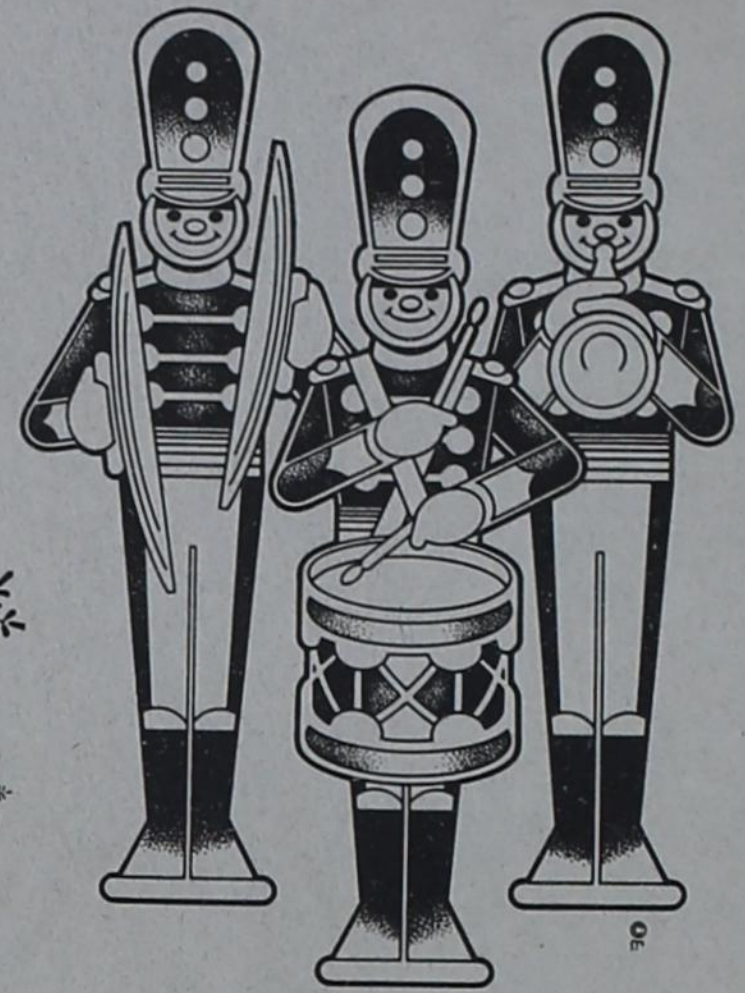


BOVINA GROUP VISITS NASA EXHIBIT....This group of students from the Bovina public schools recently visited the NASA Traveling Exhibit at Eastern New Mexico University's Golden Library. The exhibit will be at the Library through December and the public is invited to view it free of charge. The seventh and eighth graders toured the exhibit with sponsor Lawrence Widner.

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Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a doll. I would like a pair of shoes. I would like a bike. I would like a book. I would like a tape. I would like a stuffed animal.
Love, Jamie Parson
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Dear Santa,
I would like to say hi and tell you I've been good this year and would like you to give thanks to god for giving me my family. I want you to bring me a vacuum cleaner, a barbie house, and a bike, and a basketball and a basketball goal. Dear Santa there will be cookies and milk at my house waiting for your Christmas night. Please come by! Oh Santa will you bring my mom a microwave oven and my brother-in-law lots of cookies and my sister, Sandy, a microwave oven and Josie a car.
Thanks, Elizabeth Trevino
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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
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Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Nintendo game. Please bring me 10 micro machines, the big micro machine airplane, the carrier, and a micro machine city that turns into a case. Me and my Dad want a remote control car with no wires. I have been good for a long long time. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Cameron
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Dear Santa,
I want Ernei and Dino riders.
Thank you, Chris Dopp
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Dear Santa Claus,
I want for Christmas a t.v., a doll and a car. For my mom the car.
Your friend, Lorena Rubalcava
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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a free well and a rell red and blake car for Abel.
Abel De La Cruz
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Dear Santa Claus,
I wish I had a keybord that has a lot of buttons and a trampaling and a barbie house. My sister wants a car and barbie house to and me and my sister want a touboorooba.
Your friend,
Stephine Villarreal
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Dear Santa,
I would like a nentendo for Christmas. And new handbell bars for my bike.
Love, Chris Arias
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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a ball and a doll and I want a cakt and I want a par a taneh.
Your friend, Maria
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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pink bicycle with a banana seat. And one dags.
Your friend, Sandra Salazar
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Dear Santa,
I want some games. And some stuff animals. Santa hour are your elf doing. I want a bike to. And a tubrurbur. I want a t.v.
Your friend, Bonnie Quintana

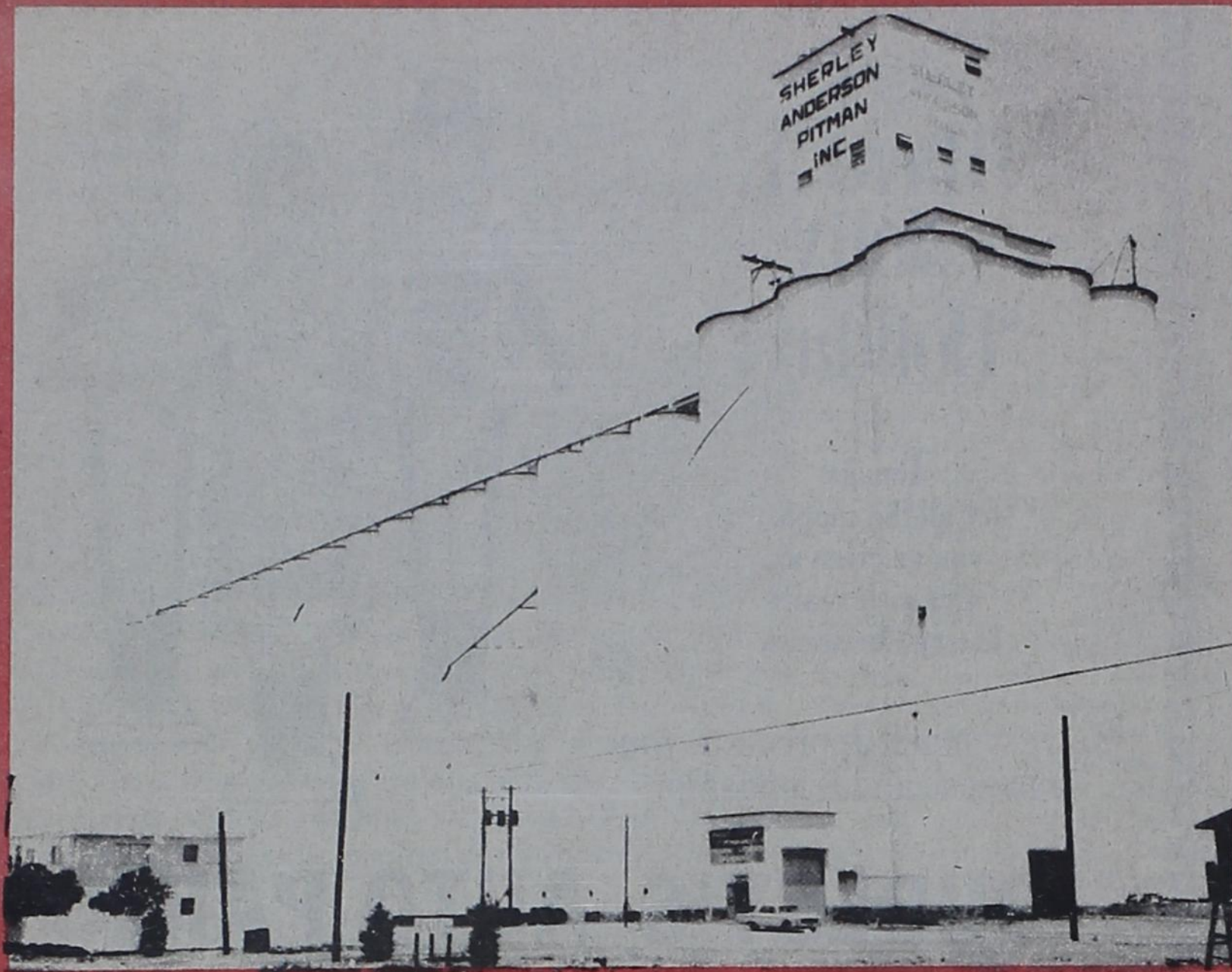
SEASON'S GREETINGS



May every blessing be realized and every joy be cherished.
The spirit of Christmas is the spirit shared.

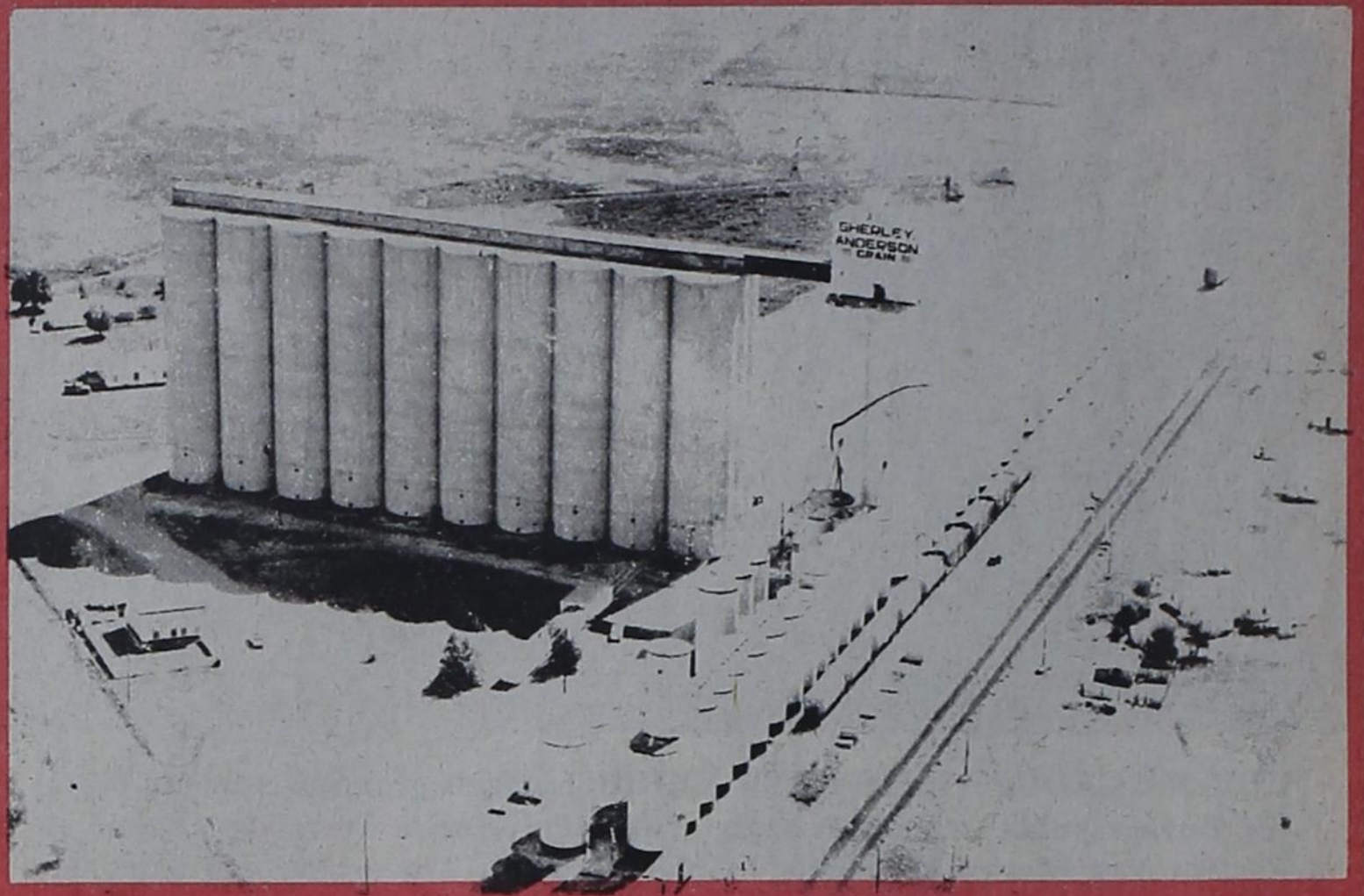
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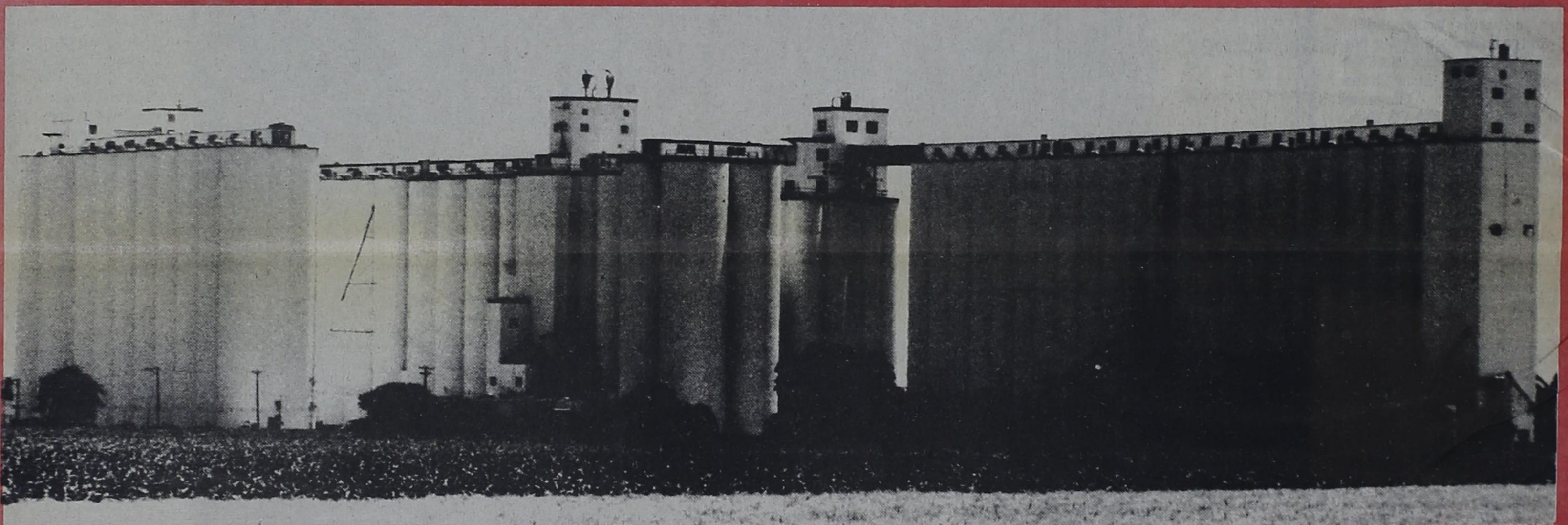
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
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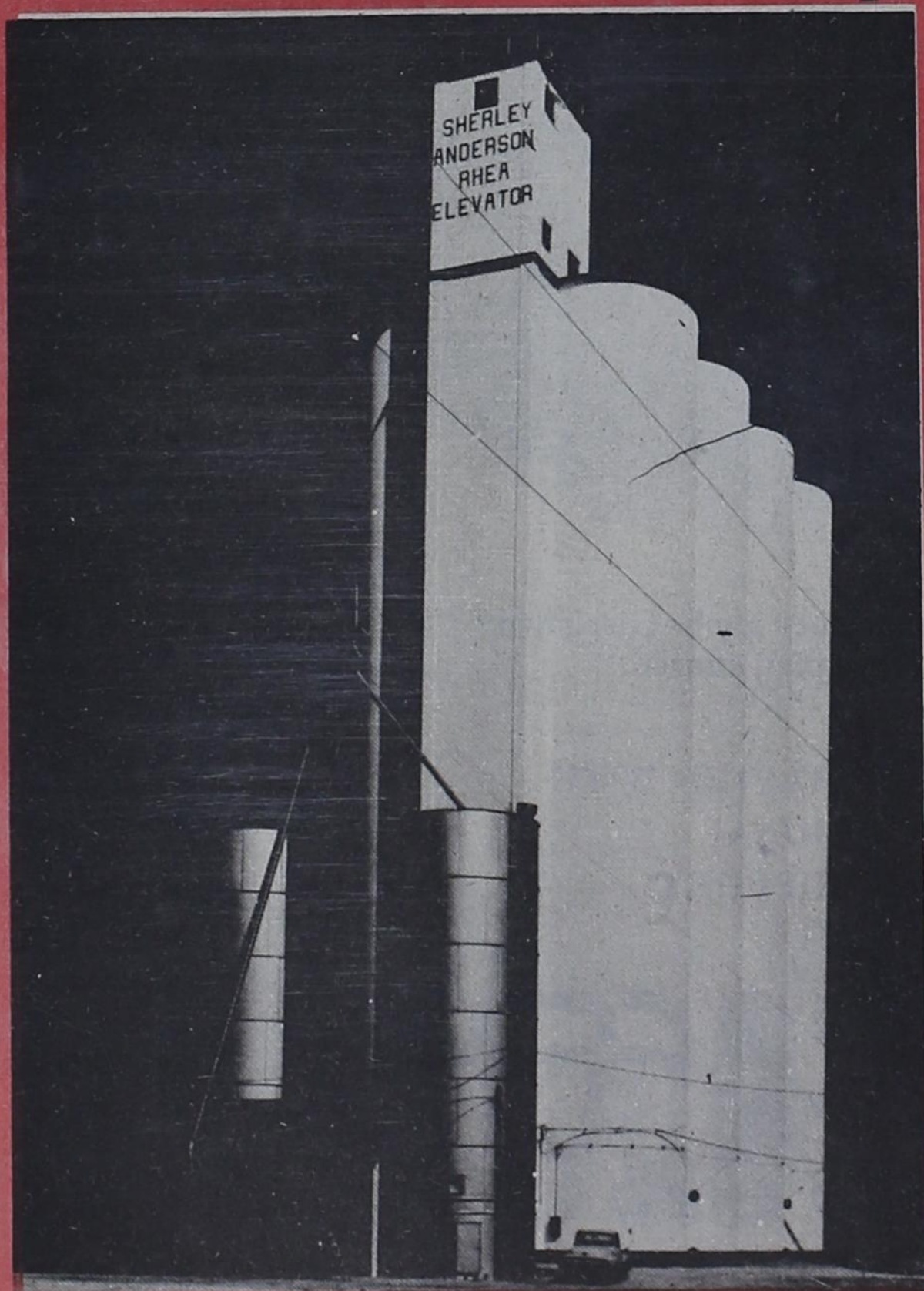


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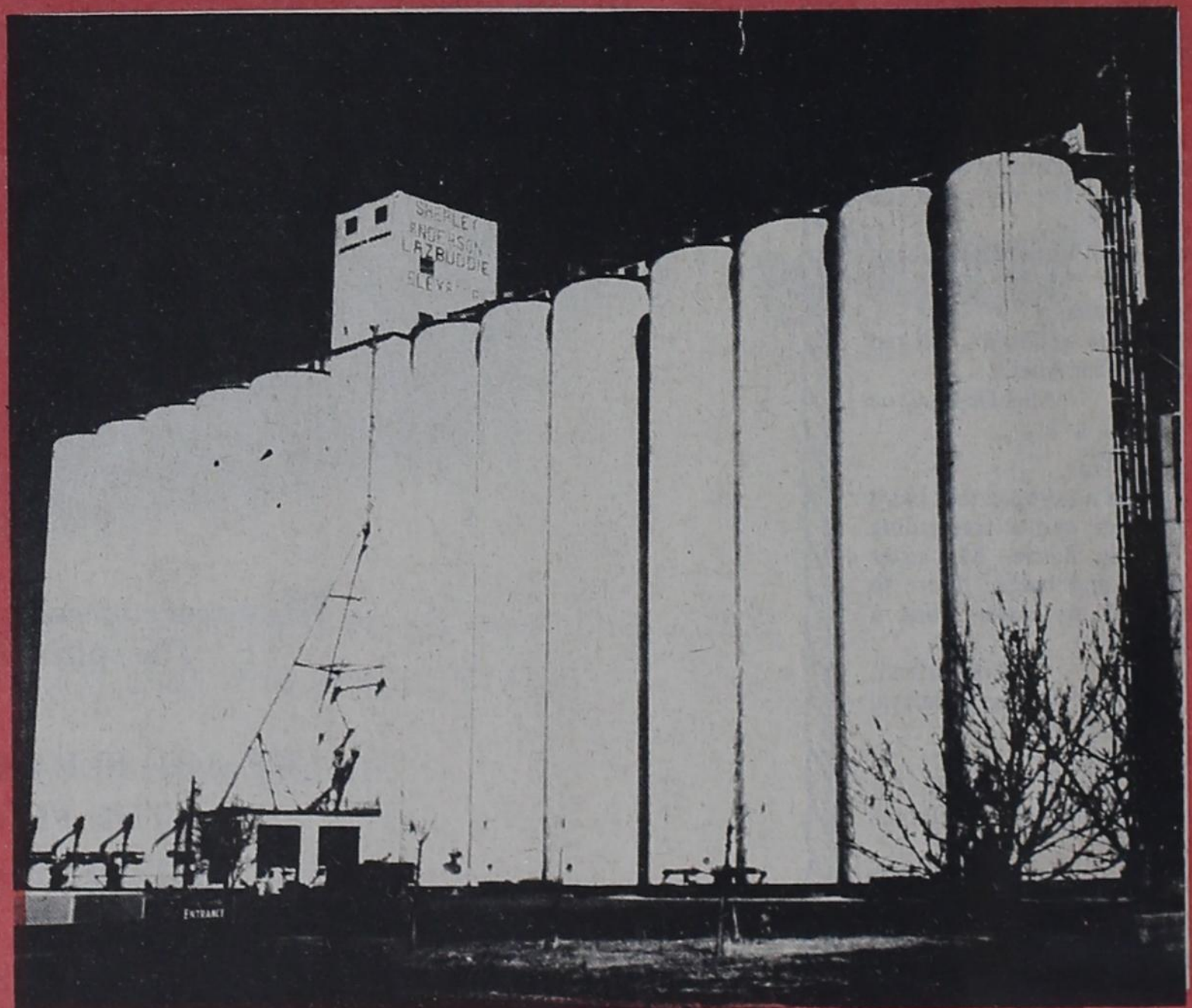
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