



# Season's Greetings



## Our Christmas Cantata

(with a chuckle or two!)  
First Baptist Bovina, Texas  
December 1988

'Twas the Sunday night before Christmas  
And all through the church house  
Everyone was stirring  
(But hopefully not a church mouse!)  
The choir was assembling and grabbing their robes,  
And Grady was hustling to hurry "the slows,"  
For the Christmas cantata was now in high gear,  
And all of the people were gathering to hear,  
The sweet Christmas music that soon would proclaim  
"A King comes," the cantata's name.  
When back in the choir room there arose such commotion,  
For Stan had come up with a preposterous notion,  
that all of the men (I know it's quite silly!)  
Including Galen, Eddie Gayle, Murphy, and Billy,  
Should somehow be moved to a more prominent place  
So everyone could see his sweet innocent face!  
But with lots of consoling and a promise for next year,  
Grady soon had him in his regular chair!  
And Dorothy and Leah, Kay, Esther, Darlene,  
Were relieved that Stan would be heard but not seen!  
Meanwhile Judy was having a time of her own  
Getting the wisemen ready to roam,  
For Andy the tie to his robe couldn't find,  
And Terry and Jamie were out of their minds!  
For how can you ride a camel at a galloping lope,  
And look at a star through a new telescope?  
(A telescope? Dare it should be hinted  
At the time of the wisemen wasn't invented!)  
And Mary and Joseph, alias Jana and Be,  
Were hectic and frantic as actors can be!  
They had misplaced the baby to lay in the hay,  
And a manger without Jesus would spoil the whole play!  
The shepherds were abiding and waiting their cue,  
James, Carlos, and Johnny, (a right motley crew!),  
And wishing the rest would hurry the show  
For burlap sacks are quite itchy you know!  
Alas, over yonder! Now who is that lad?  
The one standing by Juanda, J.D., and Brad?  
I think I know him, but I'm over a barrel,  
Who is that man in the kosher apparel?  
Surely it can't be a preacher or parson--  
By golly, I believe it's ole Rabbi Carson!  
Then there's poor little Luke with angel wings so high,  
If he falls off the piano he may actually fly!  
But his halo keeps dropping from his brow to his nose,  
And by next Christmas may circle his toes!  
And mean old King Herod (that's Ken'neath the crown)  
Must look quite wicked in bathrobe and frown,  
And although we know he's really a kind heart,  
He actually looks like he's made for the part!  
Now if Larry can just hold the spotlight real steady,  
And Kirk will remember to narrate when ready,  
I think we're about the program to start--  
sing men, sing ladies with all of your hearts!  
So the Lord was thus honored (we give Him the glory),  
As we all experienced the Bethlehem story,  
And all our hearts were blessed a whole lotta  
By all who presented our Christmas cantata!  
The whole program went off with nary a twither,  
And we were all glad that we had come hither.  
But writing this poem was quite an employment,  
(I included the funnies for your enjoyment),  
And we wish a blessed Christmas without problem or lurch  
For all of the family at First Baptist Church!

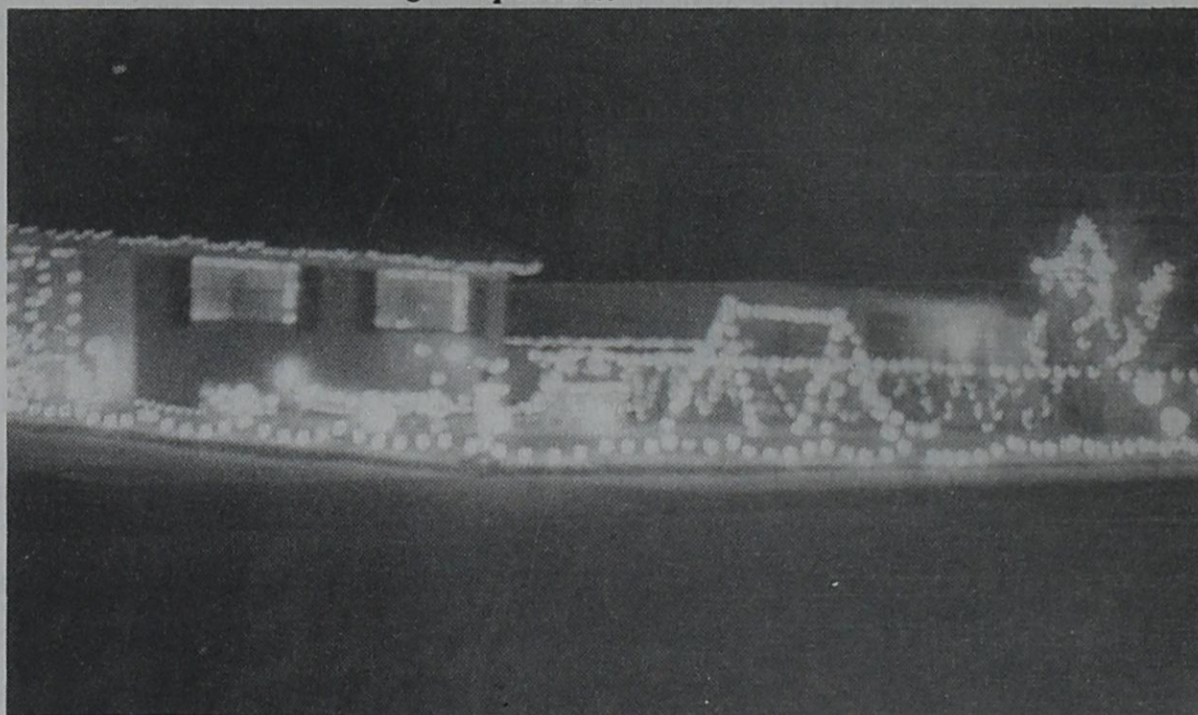
From Rev. Richard Grisham's new book of poetry, entitled "Christmas is Forever!"



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**WAITING FOR SANTA...**Kadi Smith and her cousin Elisa Smith are shown under the Christmas tree that is decorated at Celia's Floral Expressions. Kadi is the daughter of Mike and Lori Smith and Elisa is the daughter of Keith and Tracy Smith. Wayne and Carol Smith are the girls' Bovina grandparents.



**FIRST PLACE...**The home of Charles and Peggy Hargrove won first place in this year's Christmas Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The first place prize was \$200. This is the second year in a row that the Hargrove's home has won first place.

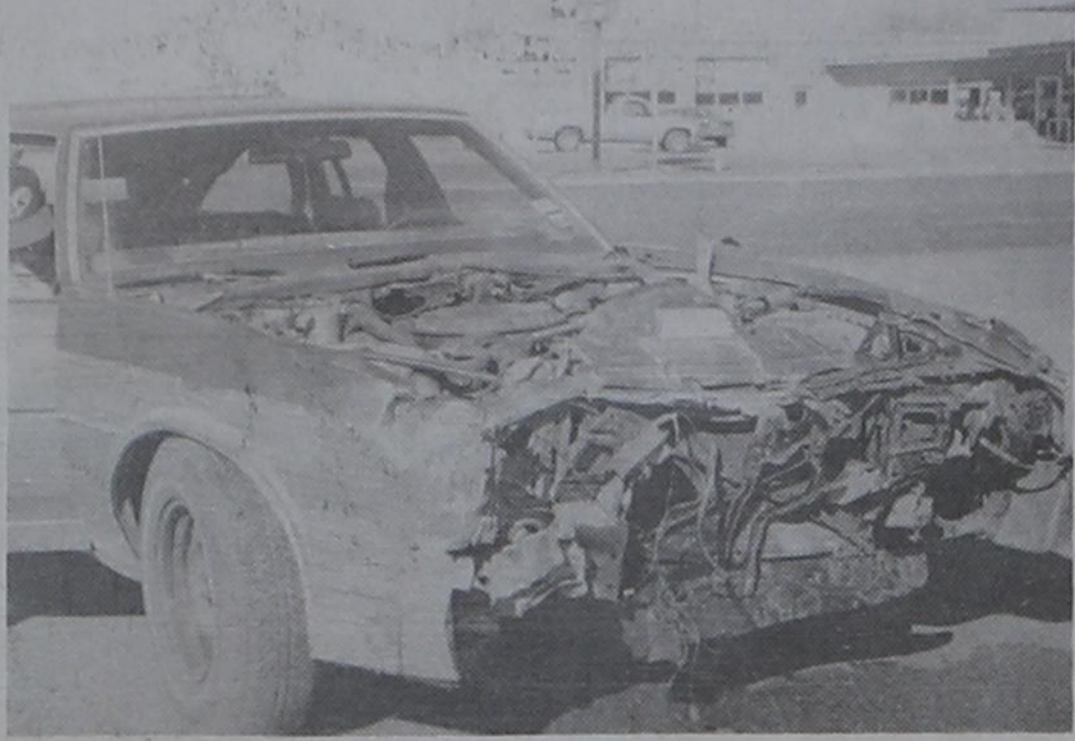


**SECOND PLACE...**The Richard Bonham home, adorned with a snowman, placed second in the Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and their prize was \$100.



**THIRD PLACE...**Mr. and Mrs. Owen Patton's home won third place and a prize of \$50 in the Christmas Lighting Contest. Their home has a manger scene and a Christmas tree made out of tumble weeds.





**ACCIDENT...Shown is the 1983 Olds Custom Cruiser belonging to George Spohn of Bovina after an accident which occurred last Monday on Third and Hiway 60. Spohn's car collided with a pickup truck pulling a trailer driven by Don White of Portales.**

**Two-Vehicle Accident Here**

A two vehicle accident occurred on Third and Highway 60, Monday just before noon.

George Spohn of Bovina was driving a 1983 Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser southbound and ran a stop sign. He collided with a pickup truck pulling a trailer driven by Don White of Portales, who was traveling north on Highway 60.

The Spohn vehicle struck the trailer and the impact ruined all four axels, wheels, tires and possibly sprung the whole trailer, according to White. He said, "I looked in the rear view mirror and my trailer was up on its side. If I had not had a strong fifth-wheel hitch, it would have turned over."

Spohn said that he received a citation for failing to stop at a stop sign.

**W. Clements Is Buried In Muleshoe**

Services for Wilmoth Clements, 81, of Muleshoe, were held at 11 a.m. Friday, December 16, 1994 in the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with the Revs. Jim Green, pastor of Progress Baptist Church, and James Bell, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Clements died Tuesday, December 13 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

She was born September 10, 1913 in Fisher County. She married Jim W. Clements on October 15, 1930 in Dickens County. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

A son, Jimmie Murl Clements of Bovina, died September 11, 1994.

Survivors include her husband; a brother, Charles Cooper of Montrose, Colorado; a sister, Mozelle Tabor of Roswell, New Mexico; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the First United Methodist Church.

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**JOYOUS NOEL!**  
Here's hoping your holiday is filled with an abundance of blessings. Many thanks for bestowing your friendship upon us!  
**BOVINA GIN**

**Reflections**

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 22, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you please bring me a tiny tears doll and a rocker bassinet? Thank you.  
Your Friend, Deborah Kay Spicer

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a basket and a nurse set and a tiny chair. Merry Christmas Santa, Goodbye Santa.  
I Love You, Debra Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa,  
I would like a BB gun and a Wyatt Earp Suit. If you are hungry, help yourself to our Christmas goodies.  
Love, Michael Beauchamp

25 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 24, 1969  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Charlie and I have been a pretty good boy only part of the time. I would like a trampoline, a mighty loader and a tru-smoke.  
Charlie Trimble

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a baby catch-a-ball, a watch, some black patent boots, size 13-D. How is Rudolph and the other reindeer?  
Love, Denise Read

Dearest Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Dallas Cowboy Football suit. I would also like to have a service station. Please bring me some little "extras" if you have them. I Love You, Santa.  
Jon Lin Riddle, Jr.

20 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 25, 1974  
Dear Santa Claus,  
If you can bring me some walkie-talkies, air hockey table and a mini-bike, I would be thankful.  
Love, Tommy Hutto

Dear Santa,  
I am Scotty. I would like a Cox Dunebuggy. Charles would like a crane car and and boomfender, Sharlet would like a bicycle with training wheels.  
Your friends, Scotty, Charles & Sharlet Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I want a stuffed monkey with a banana in it's hand, please. I also want a tape recorder. How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus?  
Love Holli Clayton

15 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 26, 1979  
Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I tried to be good this year. Could you please bring me a play dog and race track.  
Love, Libby Marshall

Dear Santa,  
My name is Angela. I have a

sister named Lori. We have been good girls this year. Would you please bring us a playhouse and some dishes. Thank you very much.  
Angela and Lori Beauchamp

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. I want a trampoline and fashion plate.  
Love, Keri Mitchell

10 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 25, 1984  
Dear Santa,  
I am in first grade. I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me Cabbage Patch Kid, care bear, barbie, cabbage patch swing and something for Willie.  
Love, Kasey Bell

Dear Santa,  
I would like to thank you for bringing all the toys last year. I know how Christmas was made. It was made like this when baby Jesus was born. That's how Christmas happened. Plez bring me a football.  
Love, Lance McClaran

Dear Santa,  
I would like to thank you for bringing me toys. I want a Care Bear and a mask of you, and a funny hat. Bring my brother a car.  
Love, Brooke Charles

5 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 20, 1989  
Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a Black Wolf Roller Coaster Set and the game of Gone Fish'n. How are your reindeer? How are you? I am fine.  
Love, J.T. Roach

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control pickup called Baji Bandit and a game watch. I want no school and \$100,000 dollars. I also want a racing sled for my vacation. I want a bunch of candy to and a nintendo tape.  
Thank you, Jeremy Willard

Dear Santa,  
I want P. J. Sparkles and bubl Baby. I love you very much.  
Love, Jamie Kunselman

**THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR!**  
Tradition calls for Christmas to be spent among friends and family. We hope you enjoy a good old-fashioned Christmas!

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**

**JOY TO THE WORLD**

We hope the voices of your little angels make your celebration even more meaningful and wonderful!  
All the best this holiday season!

**FANTASY BEAUTY SALON**

**DUTCH DEAN Is Buried Dec. 22**

Funeral services were held in Friona's Union Congregational Church, Thursday, December 22 at 10:30 a.m. for Dutch Dean, 84, of Friona.

The Rev. Herman Krauel, pastor, officiated at the services, which were conducted by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Born June 25, 1910 in Wellington, Texas, he married Sarah Schlenker on September 9, 1933 in Clovis, New Mexico. He died Tuesday, December 20, 1994 at Parmer County Community Hospital.

Mr. Dean had been a Parmer County resident since 1930, moving here from Wellington, Texas. He was a member of the Union Congregational Church of Friona and was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah, of Friona; three daughters, Florence Sifford of Bella Vista, Arkansas, Gladys Spring of Bovina and Lindy Varner of Phoenix, Arizona; three sisters, Ruby Sullivan of Littlefield, Grace Ridings of Pampa, Texas and Sylvia Shaw of Victorville, California.

Six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive.

**Rites Held Monday For Eula Terrell**

Mrs. Tom (Eula) Terrell of Plainview died Monday, December 19, 1994 at the age of 93 in Plainview, Texas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 21 at 2 p.m. in College Heights Baptist Church in Plainview. Rev. Don Robertson, pastor, conducted the services. He was assisted by Dr. Travis Hart, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Plainview.

Mrs. Terrell was buried in Plainview Cemetery.

She was born September 13, 1901 in Paris, Texas and married Thomas H. Terrell on February 28, 1921 in Plainview.

After growing up in Licing, Missouri, she moved to the Bellview community in 1915. After her marriage, they lived in the Bellview community and at Edmonson, Texas. In 1934, they moved to the Halfway community where they farmed until 1952 when they moved into Plainview.

At Halfway, she was a member of the First Baptist Church and was the church pianist for many years. She was active in the Halfway Home Demonstration Club, College Heights Baptist Church, taught Sunday School class many years, sang in the choir, was active in WMU and was a member of the Around the World Book Club.

Her husband, Thomas H., preceded her in death on April 19, 1965 and three sons are deceased: Curtis Terrell, Tommy Terrell and Glenn Terrell.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Weldon (Lavonia) Moody of Plainview; and one son, B.J. (Jeff) Terrell of Plainview.

**Santa Letters**

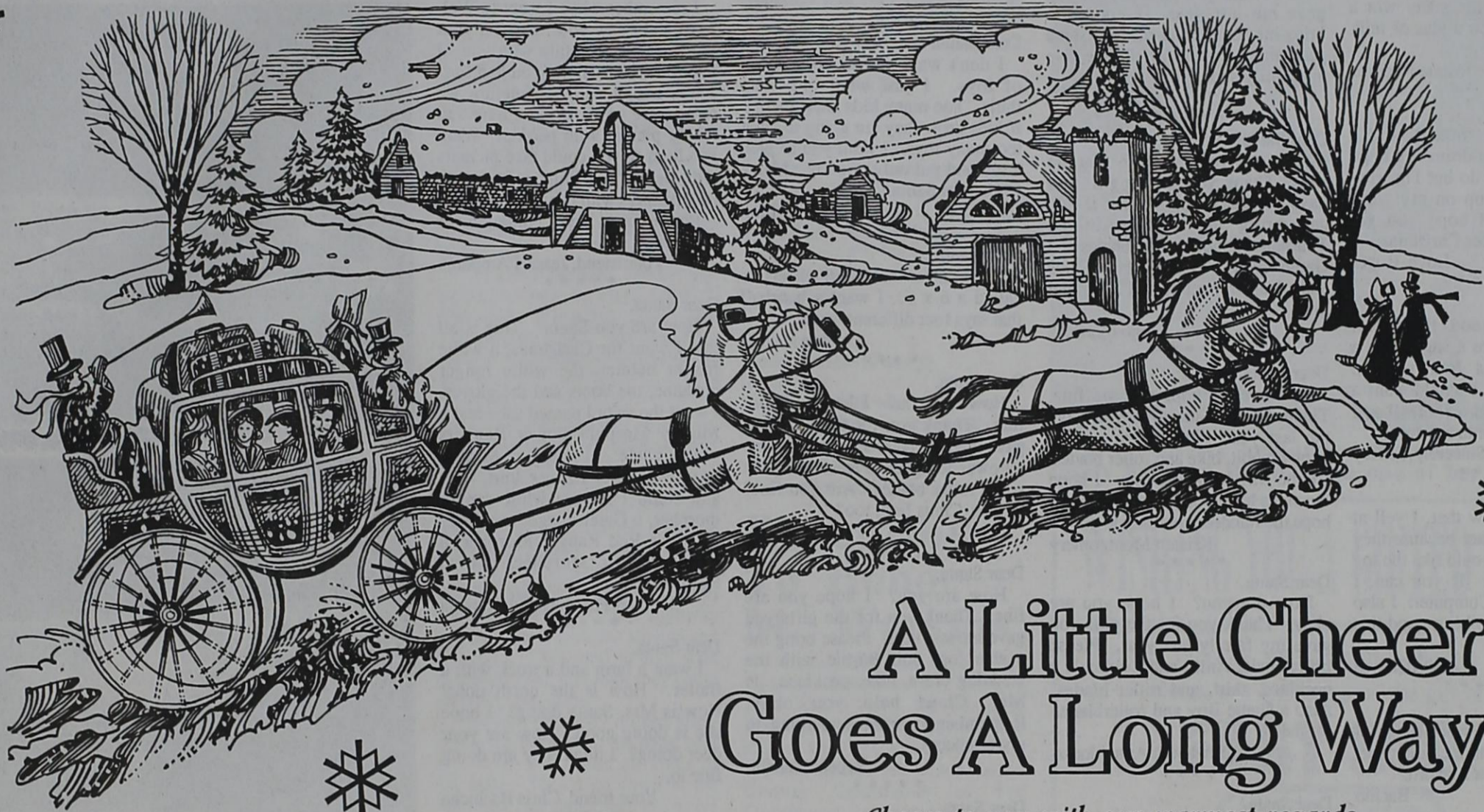
Dear Santa,  
I want a Sega Genesis and a Christmas tree and motosicel and a control track and a power ranger and a T.V. and The Lion King movie and a VCR and a movie and a track wan you can get on.  
Love Martin

*The Sky's the Limit!*  
May your spirits soar and may your joy have no boundaries this holiday season.  
Merry Christmas and many thanks.

**PARMER COUNTY SPRAYING SERVICE**



# Merry Christmas



## A Little Cheer Goes A Long Way!

*Cheers to you with our warmest regards.*

*These folks have joined together to wish their Bovina friends and neighbors a very Merry Christmas. Proceeds from the Annual Christmas Card Fund, sponsored by the Bovina Ambulance Service, will benefit the Bovina Ambulance Service and Bovina Volunteer Fire Department. Donations were received from:*

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# ❄️ Letters To Santa Claus ❄️

Dear Santa,  
I like Santa. He bring lot of presents and toys. But I want you to bring me a big giant doll.

Sandra Perez  
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Dear Santa,  
Win you cun to my house you bring me los of presents. I been good. I love you Santa. My brother been good. My mom been good. My dad been good. My teacher is good. Billy was a sega genesis.

Yvonne Espinoza  
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Dear Santa,  
I have ben a good boy. Dear Santo I wont a Sega and a game. Dear Santa my little sister wot a doll. I will lev you a glas of milk and sum cookies.

Joshua Ramirez  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like a football and a recorder and some drums. I hope thers not much to do but I'm tring my best to catch up on my work wish me luck. I hope you get everything I want for Christmas.

Love, Roger  
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Dear Santa,  
I been very good this year. Santa, I would like a saga, also a race car that has four wheels. Santa, if you can, I would want a new basketball and a football and some socks. By santa for now.

Sincerely, Jeffrey  
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Dear Santa,  
I Hope you know that, I yell at my brother and sister because they make me mad. I would like the toy My Secret Diary. If you can, I would also like a Computer. I also hope you think I've been good this year.

Luzana Chavez  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. I want a hat. I want a book. I want a candy cane. I want paper. I want a sword.

Bacilio  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are fine. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. Bring all the toys you can.

Jorge Trinidad

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are fine. Thanks for the gifts you gave last year to my family. Please bring me skates. Please bring me a necklace.

Erma Guilleon  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are fine. I would like some clothes. Also, some for my sister. I would like a bike. And my sister wants a doll and a bike.

Edgar Ortiz  
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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 my family some gifts, too.

Dustin Lara  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are well. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. I wish if you can bring me a Three-in-one Tournament table, roller blades and Game Gear. Please Santa Claus and please remember all boys and girls.

Hugo Martinez  
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Dear Santa,  
How are? 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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Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are okay. Thank you for the gifts you gave my family last year. Please bring Josie, Anito and Deolando a necklace, shirt, and roller blades. Also a Game Boy and rollerblades for me.

Elizabeth Ann Alonzo  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are ok. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. Santa, I want radio, TV, Super Nintendo and a watch. Santa, I love holidays. Thank you Santa for helping me.

Javier Guevara

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are fine. Thank you for the gifts gave me last year. Please give me a size foot doll Barbie with the wedding dress, bike, and roller blades. Is Mrs. Claus fine? Please remember the girls and boys.

Marta Gomez  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a backpack, a bag of candy, and I want a Christmas tree. I want a pурс and I want a little presnt what you think. I was good in class and I want some books of Christmas and I want a piano. I want Barney and I want a computer. I want some Christmas tree.

Gloria  
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Dear Santa,  
I don't want you to bring alot's of toys. I just want only one thing. Too many kids are growing. If kids grow they are going to want too many toys. I want you to pick a toy and put only one toy. Marry Christmas Santa Claus.

Love, Hugo Agillon  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a car that has 6 wheels its called a 6 x 6. I want a baseball that says four different words.

Love Miguel  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are fine. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. Please bring me a Power Rangers. Please bring me some roller blades. Are you fine? Is Mrs. Claus fine, too?

Eliseo Salazar  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are fine. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. Please bring me a size foot doll Barbie with the wedding dress, bike, necklace. Is Mrs. Claus help you okay. Remember to bring something to my brothers.

Rebeca Carrillo  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are okay. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. Please bring me a Game Gear, Three-in-one-Tournament Table. Thank you Santa.

Emigalio Flores

Dear Santa,  
I want some roller blades and some new tennis shoes and some new clothes, and a new pair of earrings and new ring. Thats what I want for Christmas. There are some more things for Christmas that I want: that big Barbie, it's called my size barbie. And Santa can I really go and see you at the North Pole? I wish I could. There's one more thing, I like you, very, very much.

What I really really want for Christmas is to see you at the North Pole.

Your friend, Jennifer Reyna  
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Dear Santa,  
I remember when I went to Wal-Mart and I saw you. I sat on your lap and took a picture with you. I had fun with you, did you had fun? I was happy with the picture we took, were you? Do you have fun taking picture with people? Were you born so you could take pictuers with people? I think it is fun to take pictuers with people and kids. Please Santa bring Nintendo for Christmas.

Your friend, Jessica Amparan  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? This is all that I want for Christmas, a white ranger helmet, the white ranger costume, the boots and the gloves. I want the sword named saba and a Mighty Morphin Power Rangers video game. I want a Mighty Morphin Power Ranger shirt. Oh, and could I have a white ranger morpher, a Green ranger morpher? I want a Red Ranger Morpher, a Black Ranger Morpher, a blue Ranger Morpher.

Your Frend, David Guevara  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a farm and a truck with a trailer. How is the north pole? How is Mrs. Santa doing? I hope she is doing good. How are your deer doing? I think they are doing fine to.

Your friend, Chris Bachicha  
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Dear Santa Clause,  
I want you to please bring me a telescope so I can look at the stars at night. Santa Clause my sister wants pompoms so she can take them to the football games and cheer. Santa Clause my brother wants a army gun that make loud nors.

Charlie  
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Dir Senta Clas,  
I want a moctow plane.

Justin  
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Dear Santa,  
I wish win it is Christmas Santa Clause would bring me a train for me and my brother.

David  
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Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa Claus. I wunt for Chrimes a bike and a dolls. And I like your toys. I like your dolls and your bike.

Karla  
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Dear Santa,  
I went a doll form santa please do you give to me go to my house. And I went a baby doll. Please do you give me the baby doll.

Irma  
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Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a Sega Genesis and a sega and a Mighty Morphin Power Rangers set and a Jurassic Park set. P.S. XOXOXO

Billy Sherbon  
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Dear Santa,  
I been good. I want a basketball goal. And my sister a present and me other sisters a present and me a present. I Luv You.

Noe Lara  
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Dear Santa,  
I been good. Do you know wut I wat wut I wat for Christmas. I wat sum skates. Wat I wat you to do is bring a present for teacher wat my brother was game toy you push a butin and it well pop up. And wut I wat a waterbed, me and my mom and my dad and my brother. I luv you Santa.

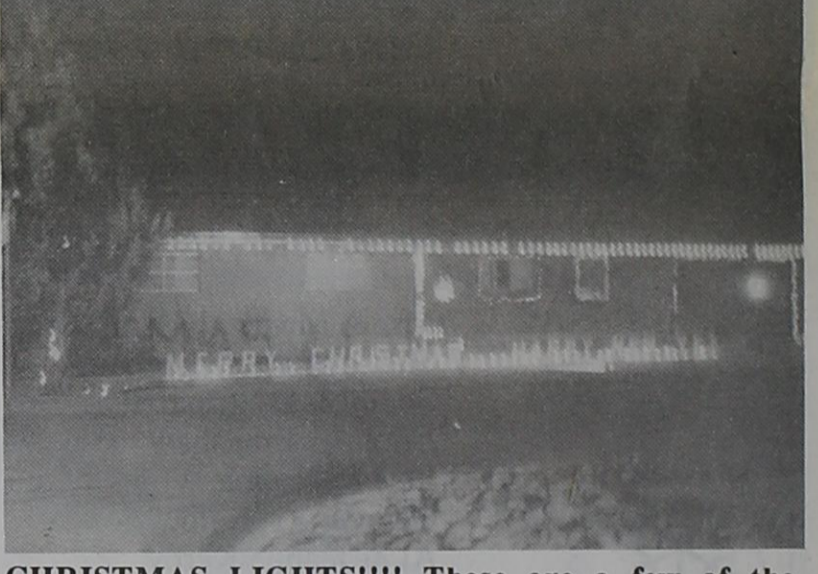
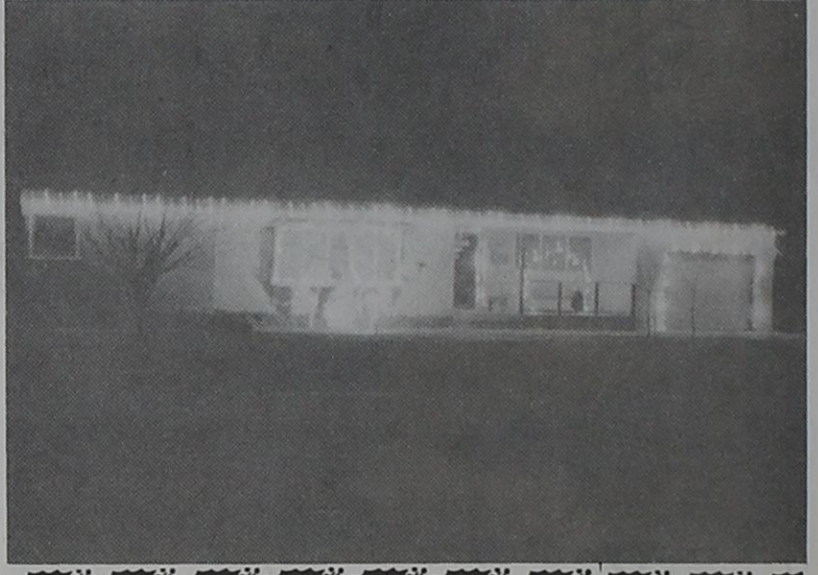
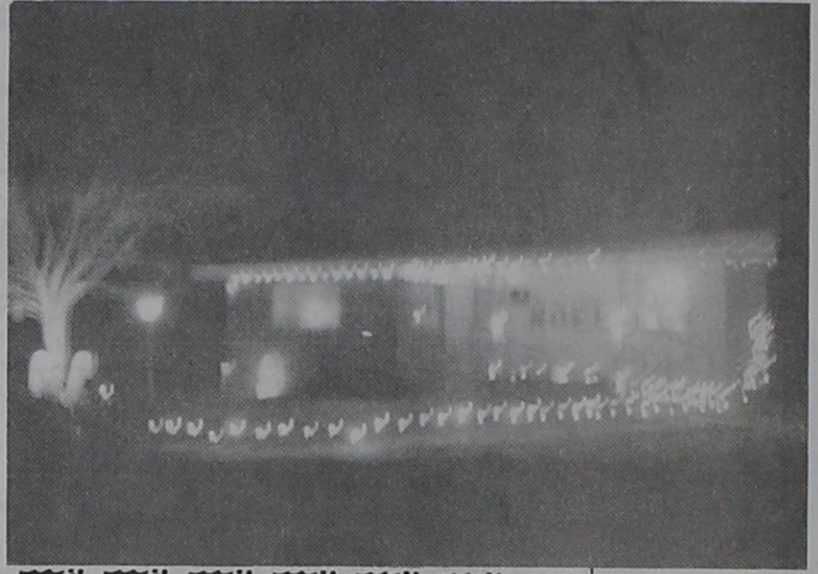
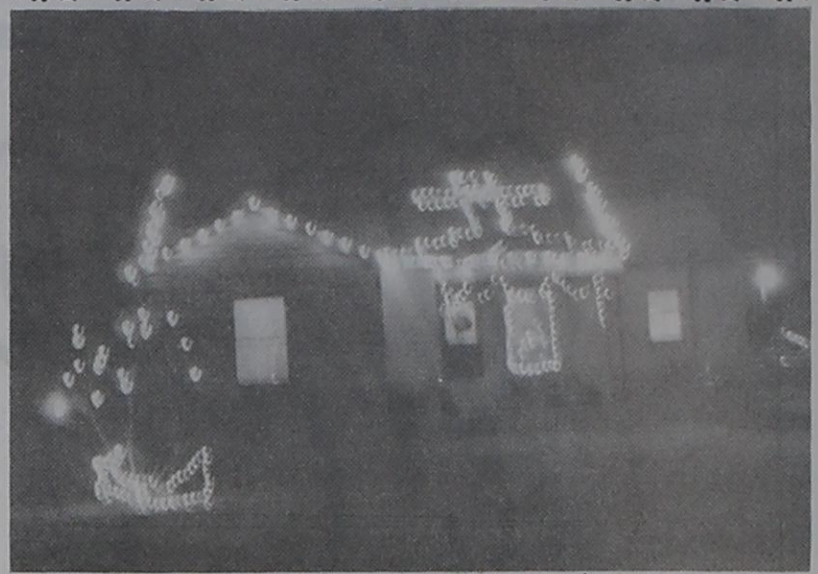
Iliana Garza  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want to get a book for Chistmas. I whunt a game for Christmas. It whill be quiet at my hous. I will leave you 600 dollars and sum cookies and milk. I whunt a lot of presents. I whunt 20 presents.

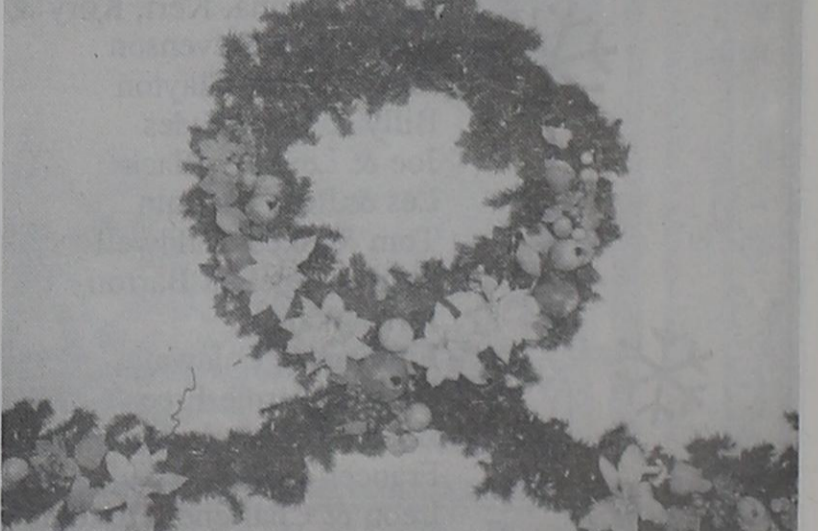
Emily Venable  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a sega genesis and a game gear and dear Santa my baby brother wants a football.

Marco Casteneda



**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!!!!** These are a few of the houses that are decorated all over town for Christmas, the homes of Nora Rivera, Gwen Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hastings, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Guest.



**OPEN NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
The Kid Korral, Licensed daycare. All ages, \$10.00 per child 6 p.m. - ??? a.m.

We will have movies, snacks, activities, and games. Call Tracy for more information and to register your kids. 238-9929 or 238-9920.

Wishing you a safe and Happy Holidays.

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

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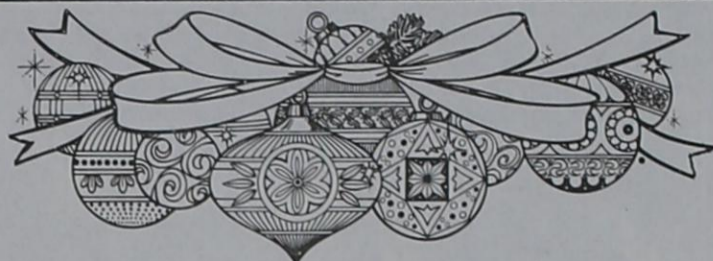
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# Joe Looney Has Been A Local Resident 73 Years



By SCOOTER RUSSELL  
 Good times, bad times, years of depression, sand storms, droughts, floods, crop failures, the loss of a child and then her husband, Reagan, Joe Looney has been through it all in the seventy-three years she's lived in Bovina. In spite of all the hard times, there have been many good years and she is still a very attractive, radiant, strong individual who thinks Bovina is a fine place to live.

Joe was born December 23, 1906 in Odell, near Vernon, Texas in Wilbarger County. Her parents were D.C. (Doctor Kraton) and Lucy Mae Howard.

Mr. Vassey had five children by his first wife, then she died and he married Joe's mother and the couple had one little girl, Myrtle, and later Joe was born. When she was nine days old, her mother died with Typhoid Fever. Joe spent most of her first year with her Grandmother Vassey. Then her father traveled by train back to South Carolina and brought home another wife who was thirty years younger than he was. The girl was nineteen years old and in the years they were married they had six children. She said her father was always a farmer and a wonderful farmer. He came to this country and bought a place that is located just down the road from where Joe lives now.

As a child, Joe remembers her dad having the first automobile in the county. It was a Ford and she said when he was at work, the children would have lots of fun pushing each other in the Ford around the place.

The car had butane lights on it which had to be lit with a match. There were big globes around the lights. People in the country were a little jealous and resentful of the automobile and wouldn't move over and let him by. One day, he met a man on a horse who wouldn't

move, but her dad eased up by the horse and honked the horn, then the man and horse moved over.

She said she was a honery child when she was little and would run off and hide. Sometimes she would even get a mile or more from home before they would find her. Her birth name is Lucille but she said her brothers thought she was so rough and tough she needed the name of "Joe" and she's been called that name ever since.

When she and Reagan were courting, one day her father sent her to the pasture to pick up cowchips. She saw Reagan and was so embarrassed that he caught her doing this particular chore.

The couple was married in the Bovina Methodist Church by Brother Walker and they were only the second couple that he had married.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Williams stood up with them. On their wedding night, they spent the night with his parents and the next night with his sister Evelyn Macon.

Joe spoke of how people named their children. Reagan had one brother named Colonel and one named Squire. Her father was named Doctor. Joe's oldest half-sister was named Maggie Lee Georgie Myrtle Parther Rene Emily.

Joe said she never knew what a bedbug was until she came to West Texas and she told about the problems of getting rid of them. All they had to kill them was coal oil (kerosene).

They would set the legs of the bed in cans of coal oil but the bugs would even drop from the ceilings. She said every morning they would pick the bugs off the beds before making them. Everyone had them. Joe said new lumber was brought in from the north to build new houses and barns and the bedbugs were in the lumber.

She also told how Johnson

Grass got its start here. The XIT Ranch brought big loads of hay bales into this country and they had Johnson Grass in them, so that was how the Johnson Grass got its start here.

Joe always loved to work outside on the farm and said she even loved to pick cotton. At one time, she could pull 950 pounds of cotton in a day and only one young man could beat her and he was nineteen years old.

At one time, her father hired her as one of the hired hands because she could do as much work as a man and he paid her a man's wages.

The first day she went to the field with Reagan shortly after they were married, she said when they came in at noon Reagan got a pillow and laid in the floor. She said she got a pillow and laid down to rest, too.

She said he said, "Aren't you going to cook us some dinner?" She said, "When you get up and help me, we will." She said from that day on, whenever she helped in the fields, he was good to help in the kitchen.

They ate lots of ho-cakes, which were fried cornbread and they ate that a lot when they were working because there wasn't any time to bake. The ho-cakes were good with bacon, which they had most of the time.

The first year they were married, they didn't make a crop so Reagan worked on the highway paving project between Bovina and Dimmitt. They had to live with his folks four years until they could get their own place.

At one time they milked thirty cows, fed the milk to the hogs, sold the cream and raised all kinds of chickens. They'd go down in the sand hills and gather wild plums for jelly.

They purchased 1,600 acres of land and have only sold six acres for the airport north of their place. She said Jimmie and Wes Cockerham leased and farmed her land and were very good farmers.

The couple had three children: Howard, who lives in Clovis; June Gay McMeans, who lives in Bovina; and a son, D.C., who was killed in a plane crash in 1960. Joe's husband, Reagan, died in 1992.

When they first came to Bovina, there was a big mercantile store that supplied their needs and Bovina's first restaurant was run by Dellie Horton's husband, Tommy. They would ride horses to town every day for the mail.

The Looneys were instrumental in providing much of the finances for the new First Baptist Church, which was built in 1960. Joe is a charter member and is now the oldest member of the church. She taught Sunday School nine years.

She was also a charter member of the Eastern Star until it disbanded. She helped to start the Study Club and it continued up until about four years ago and then disbanded.

She is a member of the Senior Citizens organization that began about twenty-five years ago. They first met at the Methodist Church, then the "Spot," which was the Baptist activity building and then they built the Senior Citizens Building on Main Street.

Joe still enjoys playing games

at the center and also does beautiful hand work. She is now piecing a bedspread for a king-sized bed.

She said she remembered they always had a Christmas tree at school, church and in their homes. They had apples and oranges and one time, she remembered getting a pretty doll.

She said she would always rather be outside working but when she cooked, these were some of her favorites and they came from an old, old cookbook and the words were different than ours today.

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### TAFFY

3 cups sugar  
 1 cup vinegar  
 1/2 cup water

Cook until it spins a thread and pull til gets hard and keep pulling until you can't pull it then put it down on a table until hard.

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### DATE LOAF CAKE

4 cups sugar  
 2 cups sweet milk  
 1 package dates  
 Butter the size of an egg  
 1 cup nuts

Cook milk and sugar until it will cream then stir in seeded dates while still on stove. Put in nuts after dates have melted. Pour into loaf and let cool, then cut.



JOE LOONEY, long-time resident is shown in her lovely home in Bovina with one of her quilts.

## Reception To Honor M. Watkins

A reception will be held on Tuesday, December 27, between 2:30 and 4 p.m. for Marjorie Watkins, who will be finishing her term as District Clerk this month.

The reception will be held in the County Courtroom of the Courthouse. Refreshments will be served. Mrs. Watkins has served as District Clerk for the past 12 years, and has been employed at the courthouse for the past 20 years.

## ATTENTION! No Paper Next Week

Continuing a custom of the past several years, the Bovina Blade will not publish an issue of the paper next week.

It has been a long-standing tradition to allow the newspaper employees the week between Christmas and New Year's to enjoy time for visiting with their families during the holidays.

You will not receive a newspaper next week. The next issue to be published will be January 7, 1995.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is... a Super NES, a horse, a shot gun, a BB pelet gun, a basket ball, forty-two books and maybe a computer with Mortel Combat one or two.

Love, Trey Widner  
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Dear Santa,

Can you get me a Super Nintendo? And a pair of shoes for my mom and a bike for me and my sister?

Love Ray Ramos, Jr.



**Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.** John 1:29

May you be blessed with peace and understanding throughout this holy season.

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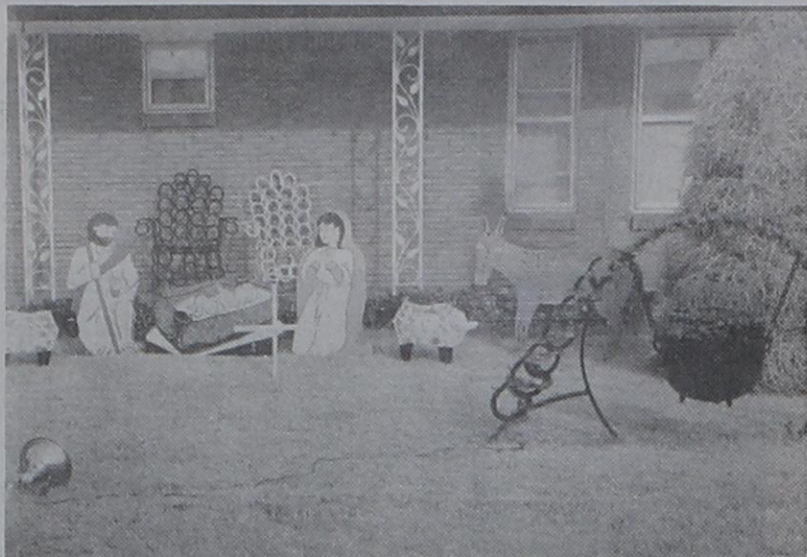
**Gift-Wrapped GOOD WISHES**

May your holiday season open with loads of cheer and wrap up with many pleasant surprises. Thank you for helping to bring us success this past year.

**SANDRA JOHNSON, CPA**

**SUMMIT CHRISTMAS**





**MANGER SCENE...**Mr. and Mrs. Owen Patton have depicted the true meaning of Christmas with decorations in front of their home this season of Baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



**GINGERBREAD HOUSE...**Zulema Garcia proudly shows us her gingerbread house she made at school. Zulema is a headstart student at Ridgelea Elementary School.

# Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



We have all enjoyed beautiful spring-like weather this week with more nice weather predicted. Susan Hughes said her husband, Kevin had recently killed a coyote and the old timers believe if the coyote's hair is thick and heavy it is going to be a cold, cold year. Kevin said it had lots of thick hair so maybe one of these days... We'll see.... Christmas time is almost here and we'll not have another paper until January 7. We always miss the week following Christmas but some always forget.... After the holidays, don't forget to call about your having company or perhaps where you traveled for the holidays and do be careful if you are on the highways during the holidays... because there are a lot of crazy nuts out there!

We express our sympathies to the family of Wilmoth Clements, 81, of Muleshoe. She was the late Jimmie Clements mother and he was her only child. Her grandchildren were Denise, Buddy, and Janie, of Bovina and Friona.

Les and Rose McCain had a housefull of company on Sunday. Rose's sisters and brother, Ruth Sheek of Pettit, Tiny and Eldon Morris of Levelland, Ray and Betty

Sanders of Abernathy, came for dinner and spent the afternoon. They enjoyed a good visit together.

Jim Russell went down south and had a good time with Larry Scott hunting for deer and birds. Jim said it was good and muddy in the area because they had a rain a day or so before. Also hunting with the men were the Jamerson brothers from Bovina. Jim brought home another deer and quail. They all had a good time.

Juanda Murphy was still in the hospital on Monday having ex-rays and so forth. She said she was hoping to be home for Christmas, and we're all hoping so too!

I talked with Marie Venable on Monday morning and she said their grandson had had surgery for the second time which was two weeks ago Thursday and he is still a patient in the hospital at San Antonio. They are still waiting for reports. The grandson is Neil Moore and he is the son of Owen and Margaret Jo Moore of Lubbock. Neil is in the Air Force and is in the base hospital.

Haylee, five year old daughter of

Kevin and Susan Hughes under a tonsilectomy a week ago Wednesday at the Clovis Hospital. She had the surgery at 7:30 that morning and was released at 1:00 in the afternoon. Her mom said she is pretty uncomfortable but improving every day.

Clyde Blalock was hospitalized last week with heart problems in the Clovis Hospital. He was put on the monitor for a while and released later in the day. He is getting along much better now.

Marty Spicer of Irving came to Hereford for a couple of days to visit with his mom and dad in the nursing center there. They enjoyed a good visit with Marty.

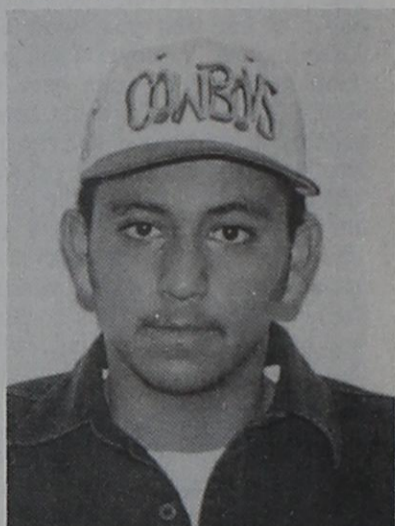
Ronnie Nuttall came to Bovina during pheasant season and spent a couple of days with his folks, A. L. and Sue Nuttall. Ronnie's boys also came with him and they are Grant and Kevin. They had a good time and visit.

Sue Nuttall's mom, Velma Hardy suffered a stroke and is hospitalized in the Lubbock

Methodist Hospital. Sue said she entered the hospital a week ago Friday.

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER**  
I said a prayer for you today,  
And know God must have heard... I felt the answer in my heart,  
although He spoke no word! I didn't ask for wealth or fame (I know you wouldn't mind) I asked Him to send you presents of a far more lasting kind! I asked that He'd be near you at the start of each new day, to grant you health and blessings and friends to share your way! I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small, but it was for His loving care I prayed for most of all!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.... Scooter.



**ALFREDO VARA**  
**A. Vara**  
**Chosen**  
**At BHS**

Alfredo Vara has been chosen to be this week's "Student of the Week" at Bovina High School. He is a junior and is 16 years old. His parents are Alfredo and Juana Vara and he has one brother, Juan. Alfredo's dad is employed at Excel and his mom is a homemaker. Alfredo has been attending Bovina Schools the past three years. He enjoys playing football, basketball and playing the guitar. After graduating from high school, Alfredo plans to attend college and become an electrician.

## Looking Up!

By Richard Grisham

(The following poem was taken from Bro. Richard's book entitled, "Christmas Is Forever!")

### Fear Not The Fear Knots Of Christmas!

Though Christmas time seems bright with cheer, A world-wide celebration, There may be some who find it drear, and full of great frustration.

For some it brings depression on. And springs to mind past sorrow; Still others spend 'till all is gone, Then worry o'er tomorrow!

The holidays deep hurts expose, Arousing strife and hatred: Hot words soon fly, tempers explode Forgetting what is sacred!

Though Christmas lights blink fast and bright, Some find it brings undue stress, They feel the fear knots growing tight, Within their stomachs and chesit!

Old Zachariah, temple priest, Had given up on praying, For him it all seemed simple least That God was long delaying!

An angel startled him right there

before the sacred altar, "Fear not, the Lord has heard your prayer!" Our faith should never falter!

To this one thought Mary aspired, One passion she did savor, For God to bless her she desired-- We too are in His favor!

"Mary, fear not! God did choose you, You shall bear His only Son! That is how He plans to use you, Mother of the Holy One!"

Young Joseph felt fear knots tighten, When Mary pregnant became; He did not want disgrace to heighten, He would not put her to shame!

But Joseph had no need to fear it, Soon God's angel did appear, "The babe conceived is of God's Spirit!" O fragile faith, why such fear?

The shepherds watched the temple sheep, The lowest of the lowly, When suddenly awaked from sleep, By angels come from glory!

"Fear not! We bring great news of joy!" They were the first to know it! In love the shepherds praised the Boy-- We too are called to show it!

This year if yule's filled with fear knots, That dim Christ's advent glory, Pause again to read God's fear nots, Within the Christmas story.

### Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
These are some of the things I would like for Christmas. I would like a bull rigger. A pair of leather gloves. A pair of Nike shoes for Christmas. A rodeo barn set for Christmas. A pair of spurs for Christmas. A race car for Christmas. A pair of pance. A intendo for Christmas. I would like a horse blanket. I want come colass for Christmas. I want a pair of scissors, a VCR for Christmas.  
Your friend, John Walter Nelson

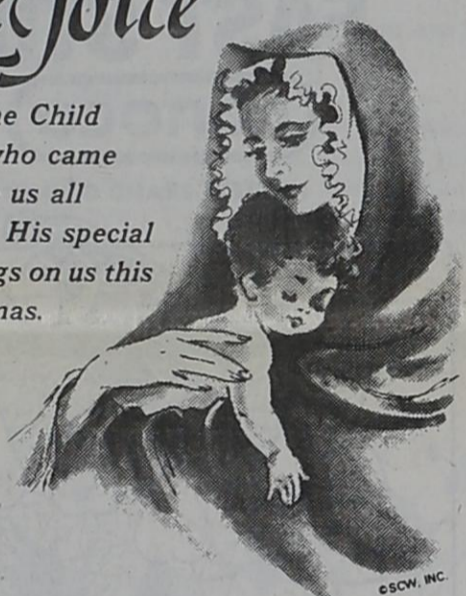
Dear Santa Claus,  
Santa I want for Christmas a Sega Genesis. I want a cowboy hat. I want a Super nintendo. I want some colloss. I want some kleenex. I want some clothes. Please send us some snow because we want a happy Merry Christmas with snow. I want a wooden horse, my little sister wants a little dog please Santa bring a little dog to my little sister. And when we went to Mexico my sister stayed and got married. Please bring her back from Mexico for Christmas.  
Love, Michael Nieto

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I want a big black truck and a red tractor and red plow.  
Love, Joshua Parson

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I want a doll cradle and doll.  
Love, Katie Martinez

## Rejoice

May the Child King who came to save us all bestow His special blessings on us this Christmas.



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# Unusual Customs Observed By Richard Villarreal Family

By SCOOTER RUSSELL  
One of Bovina's finest couples are Zeferino and Rita Villarreal and they have lived in Parmer County since 1956.

Both came from the Rio Grande Valley and Zeferino's parents were Didaco and Rafaela Villarreal. He had two brothers and seven sisters. At birth, he was given to an aunt and lived with them until he was twelve years old and then given back to his parents. He said this was not an unusual custom.

Rita's parents were Dolores and Eusebio Rodriguez. Her mother is in bad health but living with them for the time being. Rita had two brothers and two sisters. She said her mother had fifteen children and ten were stillborn.

They had a nephew that grew up at their home and she said her mother was always partial to him. He is now 47 and she said recently he said when Rita's mom died, he hoped to go at the same time because he didn't want to live without her.

Zeferino's and Rita's parents farmed. Rita said her father was a farm laborer, and later worked for a rancher. He then was able to rent his own fields and began farming on his own, according to Rita.

The couple lived within ten miles of each other while they were growing up but never knew one another until they both went on trucks to Michigan as migrant workers and worked in fields of sugar beets there.

They said both had very strict parents and were not allowed to talk to one another but would slip words to each other as they passed in the rows of the field. When they returned to their home, they wrote each other letters for four years. Both Zeferino and Rita said they didn't fall in love as much as they "grew in love" over the years.

They said back in those days things were different. His dad sent two respectable men to talk with her parents and then if they thought the family was "allright," they would ask for the girl's hand in marriage.

A girl's parents would always tell them that they would think about it and they were to come back for an answer in three weeks. In their case, when they came back in three weeks, the answer was "yes," so the couple was married without ever having had a real date.

The couple went to the Sacred Heart Church in Edinburg and later in the day, a judge married them. They said they had a huge wedding with over three hundred people present.

They both told of the large amounts of food, meat, chocolate and all kinds of breads and salads.

They said it was the custom for relatives to help you and many brought pigs and goats and all types of food. The food was served all day long. They began serving at 8 a.m. and served until 1 a.m. the next day.

They also had music and dancing all day with a live band. The days were so warm that they served food on tables set up in the yard. Their wedding day was February 26, 1951.

The first year they were married, they lived in an apartment with one room and a kitchen in Edinburg.

They had three children there and they were Zeferino, Jr., Norma and Dora.

Then the couple moved to Hub where he was working for T.I. Bureson and later for Gilbert Wenner. They were there five years and this is where George, Lisa, Eddie and Richard were born.

From Hub, they moved to Farwell and worked there ten years on a farm for Joe Schilling. This is where David, Johnny and Anna were born.

In 1971 the couple moved to Bovina. They said in between their moves, they once went to California for six months and worked in the orchards, but didn't like California and said it was great to get back to West Texas.

The couple had ten children and now have eighteen grandchildren.

Their children are Zeferino, Jr. and his wife, Mary. They have twins and two other children. Zef is employed at Charles Oil & Gas Company and Mary works at Texas TPMHA in Hereford.

A daughter, Norma, teaches school in Bovina. A daughter, Dora, and her husband, Joe Shipp, live in Amarillo and Joe teaches music there.

A son, George, and his wife, Nicki, and their two children live in Bovina and George works at the Highway Department.

Daughter Lisa, and her husband, Ramiro Navarro, live in Bovina and he works at the gin. A son, Eddie, and wife, Dollie, live in Farwell and they have two children. Eddie works at the Big O Tire Company and Dollie is secretary at the school in Farwell.

Richard is a sergeant in the U.S. Army and is presently stationed in Korea. He has another year there, they said. His wife, Elida, works at the school in Fort Hood and the couple has two children. Richard will be in the states on leave in August.

A son, David, is in the Army and has been for eight years. They said David would decide in July if he wants to stay in the service.

Another son, Johnny, lives in Clovis and works at Bovina Pump Company most of the time but is now working at the gin during cotton harvest. His girlfriend, Emma, lives in Clovis and the couple plans to marry in February.

Their daughter, Anna, and her husband, Tim, have one daughter and Tim works at the gin. They recently moved here from Corpus Christi.

The Villarreal family had three sons in the service and two in Desert Storm at one time. They shared what a scary time that was and told how people were so concerned and good to them.

They said it meant so much to them one day for Durward Bell to come by the house and tell them he was praying for them. One day they said, "We got a card from Brother Richard Grisham with beautiful words and it meant so very much!"

When asked about Christmas when they were youngsters, they said they didn't have much but Rita said she remembered some neighbors that had some cedar trees and she asked if she could have a branch.



**VILLARREALS AT CHRISTMAS....** Pictured are Zeferino and Rita Villarreal standing by their Christmas tree with tiny stockings with each child and grandchild's name on them. Pictured with them are twin grandchildren, Matthew and Christy, who are the eight-year-old children of Zeferino and Mary Villarreal.

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Then her uncle gave her ten cents and she bought some little roses and put on the branch. She then put Baby Jesus and Mother Mary's picture beneath it. This was the altar where she prayed.

She said her dad had an aunt that had a statue of Baby Jesus and she would put him under her altar and the family would say rosary, then sing for a long time. Later they would celebrate with lots of tamales and good food.

They said a man and woman would be asked to share Baby Jesus and they would lay him in a crib and a group would gather around him, have the rosary over the baby and then eat candy and peanuts to celebrate. Then Baby Jesus was taken to other homes and the celebration would continue.

Both were raised in a Catholic Church and Rita said she would walk five miles to church with her grandfather. Zeferino said he always was a Catholic but they lived too far from church to attend. He said if they went anywhere it was with horses hitched to a wagon.

They both became serious in their church work when they moved to Bovina. Zeferino was ordained as deacon in 1977. He said he had to study four years and during that time go to Lubbock and Amarillo at least once a week for study and then go one full week during each year and study.

Rita worked at the school cafeteria for three years back in the 1970s and is now working as substitute when needed. She also is a member of the Guadalupanas and the ladies clean the rectory, prepare meals of special food for the community and the donations go to help the needy.

She also helps her husband with baptismal instructions to their people, counsels with parents when their babies are to be christened, and also counsels with couples who are having problems.

Zeferino explained that if his wife were to die before he did, that he could later enter the priesthood with more study and could not marry again or he would lose his vow.

The couple took an exciting trip in May, 1992 when they flew to Mexico City on a Pilgrimage with eighteen people in the group. Their priest, Timothy Dran, went with the group.

They saw the Palace of Fine Arts with dancing of all kinds, including Mexican and Indian dances from throughout the states of Old Mexico.

They attended the bull fights and saw the huge pyramids. They visited homes of famous actors. For a whole week, they said, they would leave the hotel at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m.

They shared the story of Father Dran, whose goal was to say Mass

## Cancer Center Sets Breast Screening

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital will again conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic in Friona at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland on January 18 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to boosting your chances of winning the battle against cancer are early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

## City Hall To Close

Doris Strawn, Bovina city administrator, announced that the office at City Hall will be closed for business on Friday, December 23 and also Monday, December 26 for the holidays.

Business will resume on Tuesday, December 27.

Each participant at our screening will receive a breast exam and one-to-one instruction in breast self-examination by a Registered Nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician. Our program is certified by the FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The American Cancer Society urges all women to have their first mammogram by age 40. Those who have a close relative with breast cancer or other risk factors may be asked by their doctor to have a mammogram at an earlier age.

The total cost of the screening is \$70.00. Ask about funding that is available for free breast screenings and mammograms.

Please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-HOPE or (806) 359-4673 today for more information or to schedule an appointment.



## Rhea-Hollene Community Christmas Party



Conlee Family--Jim and Linda Conlee, Jim and Megan Conlee, James and Ashley Conlee and Santa Claus.



Robert and Jo Osborn, baby Katie Jo and Robert's grandmother, Ilene Osborn with Santa Claus.



Sarah Widner visits with Santa.

### Rhea-Hollene Residents Have Christmas Party

The Rhea-Hollene Christmas party was held Saturday evening, December 3 at the Activity Center. Some of the group went Christmas caroling to the homes of Hershel and Wilma Hughes, Cordie and Helen Potts and Chris and Ruth Drager.

### Homemakers Have Party

The Rhea Homemaker's Club held their Christmas party Thursday, December 15 at the Rhea-Hollene Activity Center.

The tables were covered with red and green cloths and were centered with tinsel and pine cones. The room was decorated with Christmas hangings and centerpieces. The Christmas tree was made from coat hangers, lights and tinsel. Hostesses were Bertha Camero and Cecelia Schueler.

Christmas carols were sung along with a tape of carols. The ladies shared a "special Christmas memory." They watched a video called "Jesus, The Story Begins." They decided to make a quilt in 1995 to raffle as a fund raiser with proceeds to benefit the Activity Center.

Christmas goodies, spiced tea, strawberry, cinnamon, apple tea, coffee and lemonade were served to those present.

Present for the party were: special guests, Diane Abarca, Ona Patterson, Judy Potts, Helen Potts, Martha Schueler, Bertha Camero, Gay Taylor, Donna Schueler and Cecelia Schueler.

### Activity Ctr. Is Decorated

Colored lights decorate the entry area and sign outside the Rhea-Hollene Activity Center. An antique tractor decorated with clear chaser lights is lit every night for everyone in the community to enjoy.

Norman Taylor and Herbert Schueler constructed the outside decorations on December 8. Herbert won a first place trophy with this tractor at the Antique Tractor Pull conducted during the 1994 Curry County Fair, held in Clovis, New Mexico.

Billy Joe Potts read "The Christmas Legend of the Candy Cane" and "Luke's Gospel of Jesus Christ's Birth." Sandwiches, snack foods, hot and cold drinks were served to those present.

Santa Claus was there and presented candy canes to everyone after hearing their "wish list" for Christmas. The adults even told Santa what they wanted for Christmas. The children sang Christmas carols and talked to their special guest, Santa.

Forty-two people attended the party. Guests included Ilene Osborn, Alicia Smith, Sarah and Patty Widner, Billy Joe and Zandy Potts, Logan and Abbie, Logan's friend, Matthew, all of Friona; Jeff Schueler of Harker Heights, Texas; Becky Potts, Kirk and Monia Ann Wilson, Jim and Linda Conlee, Jim and Megan Conlee, Ashley and James, all of the Rhea community.

### Drivers Urged To Drive Defensively

All available Troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety will be working this Christmas holiday season and they will be especially watchful for those drivers that are in excess of the speed limit and those that drink while driving.

The troopers want you to have a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday season, so please slow down a little, live a lot, if you drink, don't drive and if you drive, don't drink.

Christmas is one of the most travelled holiday periods we have. The Department of Public Safety wants to urge everyone traveling our streets and highways to use extreme care, so that they will arrive at their destination safely.

The best thing we can do is to adjust our attitudes, as we sit down behind the wheel of our vehicles and as we fasten our safety belts. Without a good attitude, we cannot be a defensive driver. Defensive driving is the key to arriving at our destination accident free.

Be a good defensive driver; take care of yourself and the other driver as well. Have a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.



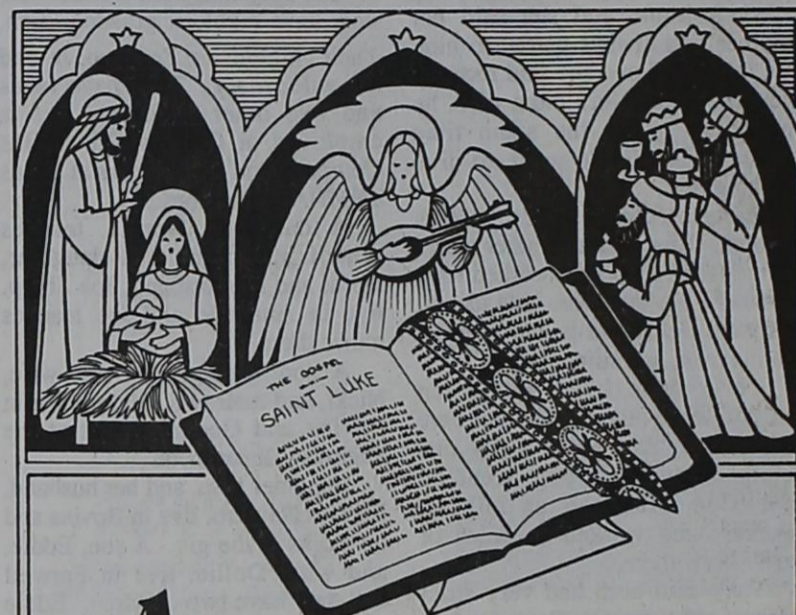
Potts Kids--Kirk and Monia Ann Wilson, Billy Joe, Zandy, Logan and Abbie and Becky Potts with Santa.



Jack and Ona Patterson talk with Santa.



Norman and Gay Taylor with Santa.



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

### ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

In keeping with the spirit of the season, celebrate with friends and family and please accept our sincere thanks for your support.

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I want for Chris...  
a Barbie doll set...  
horse that walks...  
Toys "R" Us. So...  
the Barbie horse...  
can not find it...  
raindeer find it ju...  
and wrap it up fi...  
under my Christm...

Dear Santa,  
I want the...  
Christmas. I wa...  
and a big bike...  
thank you for th...  
me last year.

Love,  
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Dear Santa,  
I like toys and...  
I like what you g...  
Would you give...  
jump rope, doll...  
games. My...  
boyfriend she w...  
my dad won't let...  
so I will ask you...  
her a puppy beca...  
us for one.

Love,  
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Dear Santa,  
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mr. Rntri bibbptn...

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and I want to t...  
present last year.

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Dear Santa,  
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Dear Santa,  
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a Dallas Cowboy

Dear Santa,  
I been a very...  
want a microwav...  
you.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a...  
Santa say hi to...  
Santa I will w...  
Christmas.





"SANTA CLAUS" VISITS SCHOOLS....Santa Claus came to visit Ridgelea Elementary School and Bovina Elementary School last Tuesday. He arrived by courtesy of the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department in the big red fire truck. Santa Claus had bags of candy for all the kids.



"OH SANTA, I WANT A NEW CAR," is what Pam Bell was overheard saying to Santa Claus last Tuesday when Santa made a visit to Ridgelea Elementary School.

SANTA MAKES VISIT....These photos were taken last week when Santa Claus made his visit to Ridgelea and Bovina Elementary School. Santa presented a bag of candy to each child. The Bovina Volunteer Fire Department provided transportation for Santa while he was in Bovina.

## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas is a puzzle, a Barbie doll set. I want a Barbie horse that walks. It might be in Toys "R" Us. So please try to find the Barbie horse that walks. I you can not find it let one of your raindeer find it just fly to my house and wrap it up first and then put it under my Christmas tree.

Love, Brandi

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Dear Santa,

I want these things for Christmas. I want a big trampoline and a big bike. I would like to thank you for the things you gave me last year.

Love, Mayra Banuelos

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Dear Santa,

I like toys and I would like more. I like what you gave me thank you. Would you give me these things? jump rope, dolls, trampoline, and games. My sister told her boyfriend she wanted a puppy but my dad won't let her have a puppy so I will ask you if you could give her a puppy because she is bugging us for one.

Love, Christy Villarreal

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Dear Santa,

I want a mr. Rntra blboso. And a mr. Rntri bibptnk.

Love Montana

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Dear Santa,

These are things I want for Christmas. I want a stamp set and a radio and some close for Christmas and I want a big trampoline and a tenspeed and a doll for Christmas and I want to thank you for the present last year.

Love, Teresa Brito

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Dear Santa,

I want a Sega Genesis for Christmas, my sester wants a riedo pater for Christmas she wants snow.

Love, Robert Kent

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Dear Santa,

Thanks for the puppe even theo I did not want it. I liked it very much. What I want this year for Christmas is a doll that I saw in Friona. I do know know if you saw it. But I really don't know if I was nice in school or in the house. Santa I wish I could see you with my own eyes.

Love, Marie Perez

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Dear Santa,

I wood like to have a remote car called the rattler. It has ten wheels. And, I wood like a dirtbike. And I wood a pelliot gun. And I wood like a Dallas Cowboy flip coin and a Dallas Cowboy Ring.

Zane Anderson

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Dear Santa,

I been a very good girl. I will want a microwave. This ledr is for you.

Suxey Ovalle

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Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. Dear Santa say hi to Rudolph. Dear Santa I will want a doll four Christmas.

Edda Robles

Dear Santa,

I want the tape watermelon crawl. I would like make up to play in. I would like a overnight bag. I would like a computer with games. I would like a desk. I would like some more dresses. I would like a Barbie walking horse. I would like a T.V. and VCR please get me some movies. I would like a Sega Genesis and any games. I want some more pony tail holders. I would like more panny hose. I would like a poster size picture of the entire football teams. I want this for Christmas.

Love, Randa Englant

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Dear Santa,

How our yuw how is Mrs. Claus? I been good. I want a doll. My sister is fine.

Dorothy Marinez

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Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer's? And how is the elf's? I've been very good. I like you to bring me a piano for my violin, and I want a Barbie.

Skyla Cocherham

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Dear Santa Claus,

I been good. My mom and my dad do food. Dear Santa I been rele good at the school. Santa Claus bring a doll and a Barbie. Santa Claus how is Rudolph is good. Santa Claus you are for Christmas I want two barbies and a Rudolph.

Laura Rocha

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Dear Santa Claus,

I been a good boy but can I have a moutin bike. Will you put something in my stocing?

Love Cody Jamerson

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Dear Santa,

I will like a Sega. And a Game Gear. I been a good boy and my mom and dad they have been riding a letter of me, ubat me being good so I love you and Marry Christmas.

David Salazar

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Dear Santa,

I bin a good girl. How is Mrs. Claus. I want a dol for Christmas.

Ashley Lovvora

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Dear Santa,

I am a good boy. How are the reindeer and Rudolph too? I want a red robot. And a chair.

Dusty Riley

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Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl. For Christmas I want a Barbie. I also want a bear.

Crystal Amparon

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Dear Santa,

I have been good. For Christmas I want a Power Ranger. I want a bear. Could I please have a Nintendo.

Martin Ramos

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Dear Santa,

I have been good all this time. How is Mrs. Claus? And how is Rudolph? This is wat I want for Christmas. I wont ten pers of pants and a super Mario Brother and a power ranger robot, and a super car.

Saul Martinez

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie. I been good. I want to no if the reindeer are good.

Andrea Garza

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Dear Santa,

I been good at the school. I work good at school. Dear Santa, I want a Barbie and a back pack.

Juana Roldan

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Dear Santa,

I been a good boy. How is Rudolph? My mom and my dad is fine. How are you? For Christmas I want a horse and how is Mrs. Claus?

Love Zachary Quiroga

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Dear Santa,

I have been good. How are your reindeer? How is your Chrismis. I want the red ranger robot.

Luv Ryan McClaran

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Dear Santa,

Hi Santa Clause. I want a doll and a Santa Clause book. My sister wants a dress and Mom wants a car.

Bianca Vangas

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Dear Santa,

I want toys and a bike. The End.

Josh Guevara

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Dear Santa,

I see a Santa Clause. Gave me a barbie.

Priscilla Lara

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Dear Santa,

Barbe, jumper, a toy cat, a toy mouse, a toy orange, a toy car.

Yvette Amaran

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Dear Santa,

I like a bike.

Gabriela De La Cruz.

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Dear Santa,

I wort a rattler. I wort a drot bike. I wort a telescope. Then I wort a remote car. I wort Dallas Cowboy ring for my mom.

Your friend, Victor Garcia

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Dear Santa,

I want barbes. I like Santa. My brother wants presents. My sister wants presents. Santa gives my mom and dad.

Vanessa

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Dear Santa,

How are you and are you all rite is Rudolph to. I want a bike and a control car and a pair of shoes.

How are the deer are they all rite. Are you giving me the stuff I want?

Your friend, Juan Carrillo

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Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole. What I really really want for Christmas is a racing car and Power Rangers. I want a Morpher of the Power Rangers, and the White Ranger. I want a Sega Genesis with the game Motor Combat two and rollerblades.

Your Friend, Crystal Morris

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa! Are you alright? I wish I had a White Ranger Morpher and a basketball goal. I want a real kitten, and a polar baer puzzle, and a Sesilian worm. Could I get a fish tank and a pair of gumsilencer?

Thank you, Kody Hawkins

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Dear Santa,

This are some thags I wont for Christmas. The fist thag I wont is a game boy, some turtle neck shirts, a pair of roke mates, a pair of shose, a soag ginas, a mint bike, and a chraplin.

Love, Kimberly King

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Dear Santa Claus,

I would a barbie, a big doll and play dishes, clothes, jewelry. Also I'm going to leave you some milk and cookie. I'm in the third grade.

Thank you, Maribel Ortiz

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Dear Santa Claus,

Here are a few things I want. I want a big puzzle, roller blades, the mask videos, all the small action Power Rangers, 30 pencils, soccer that is longlasting, Super Nintendo, new shoes, each one of the soft Power Rangers, a long lasting basket ball, Guess who?, Clue Jr. and a good Christmas.

Yours Truly, Romualdo Ruiz

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Dear Santa,

How are you and Rudolph and the other deer? Santa I want a VCR for Christmas. I like your hat and your shirt. I like Rudolph because he is a deer and he has a fluffy tail and I like the other deer too. I like you because you bring presents to all of us.

Santa please bring something for my little sister and for mom and dad. Could Rudolph and the other deer get here fast because I want my present soon. I want my sister, and my dad and mom to get presents too. Thank you for all my presents. I wish I was you.

Your friend, Victor Garcia

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Dear Santa,

Hello Santa Claus! My name is Victoria Carrillo! I hope you're happy. How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you are fine. I like the presents you give me every Christmas Holiday.

This time I want for Christmas ice skates, computer, a playhouse, and a refrigerator for my house. I would like a play stove for my house. Thank you Santa Claus.

Your friend, Victoria Carrillo

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Dear Santa,

Hello Santa, how are you, fine? Santa asked me to get on his lap and tell him all the things I wanted for Christmas. Then I told him, I want rollerblades, a computer, a doll that talks, and books about Christmas. I also want a Christmas tree, a fake Rudolph. Thats all that I want Santa.

How is Rudolph and Mrs. Santa? Santa told me Rudolph is sad because I came. Mrs. Santa is happy because it is Christmas time and because I came to see you and brought presents for you.

Your friend, Daniela Quintero



MRS. WIDNER, first grade teacher at Ridgelea Elementary School decided to visit Santa and ask him for a new Suburban this Christmas.

## Parmer Crimestoppers To Offer Reward

The Parmer County Crimestoppers will pay up to \$1,000 dollars for information leading to the arrest and indictment of any suspect. If you have any information on any of the following crimes, please call 1-800-774-TIPS.

In Friona, a burglary of a motor vehicle occurred on November 16. A local citizen left his pick-up at Friona Truck and Auto Repair located on Washington Street. After the repairs were made it was placed outside for the owner to pick up. After picking up the vehicle, the owner went to get some tools located in a bed mounted tool box and discovered that around \$250 worth of tools were missing. All tools were craftsman brand. A burglary of a habitation occurred on December 12 on Euclid Street in Friona. Taken from the residence was \$215 in cash from a

bedroom. Entry was gained through an unlocked window. The owner may have surprised the thief when they returned. A blue Ford pick-up was seen in the area.

Between November 18 and November 21, the Bovina Medical Clinic in Bovina was vandalized. Several lights were broken out on the outside of the building.

Between August 5 and 6, a black durastart battery was taken from a tractor located just south of Kirby Welding in Bovina.

Several reports of vandalism have occurred all over town in Farwell where Christmas lights were damaged.

On November 12, it was discovered that several engine parts were taken from an irrigation engine located West of Lazbuddie. On November 22, it was discovered that some more engine parts had been removed from several irrigation engines located South and East of Lazbuddie. Engine types have been Ford, Chevrolet, and Chrysler.

## JV Teams Do Well

The Bovina Junior Varsity boys and girls basketball teams both won their games against Anton on Friday, December 16.

The JV Boys won over the Anton JV boys with a final score of 55-40.

Perez led the way scoring 10 points. He was followed by Quintana with eight points.

Prather, Nieto, and Reyna each scored seven points; Beauchamp and Larrea scored six points each; Grisham scored four points.

The JV Girls beat the Anton JV Girls, the final score being 44-27.

Maria Fragoza was high scorer for the game with 12 points. She was followed by D'Anne Jones with 11 points.

Rachael Turner scored 10 points; Kasey Bell scored five points; Melissa Cantu four points; Rebecca Gomez and Marcy Guevara scored a point each.

## Mustangs/ Fillies Lose Two

The Mustangs and Fillies each lost their games against Anton last Friday, December 16.

The Varsity Mustangs game ended with a final score of 90-63 in favor of Anton.

Arnold Reyna scored 17 points; Lance McClaran 12; Jerry Rocha 11; Cruz Marrufo nine; Zeke Lara seven; Enrique Mares four; Jaime Flores two; Richard Beauchamp one.

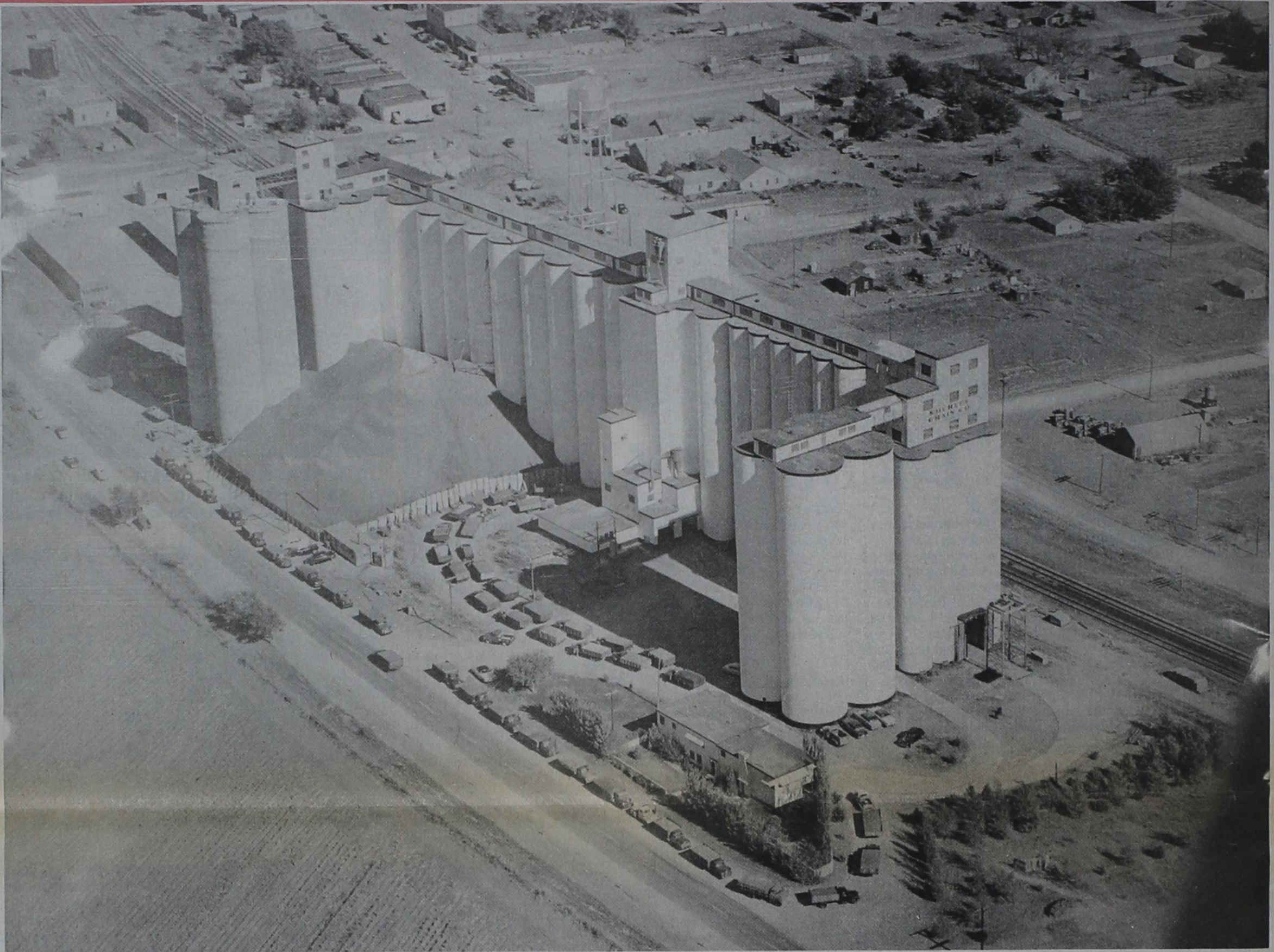
The Varsity Fillies also lost to Anton, the final score being 69-34.

Sally Noriega scored 14 points; Amber Willard 12 points; Lisa Hromas four; Carmen Campos three; Bonnie Quintana one.

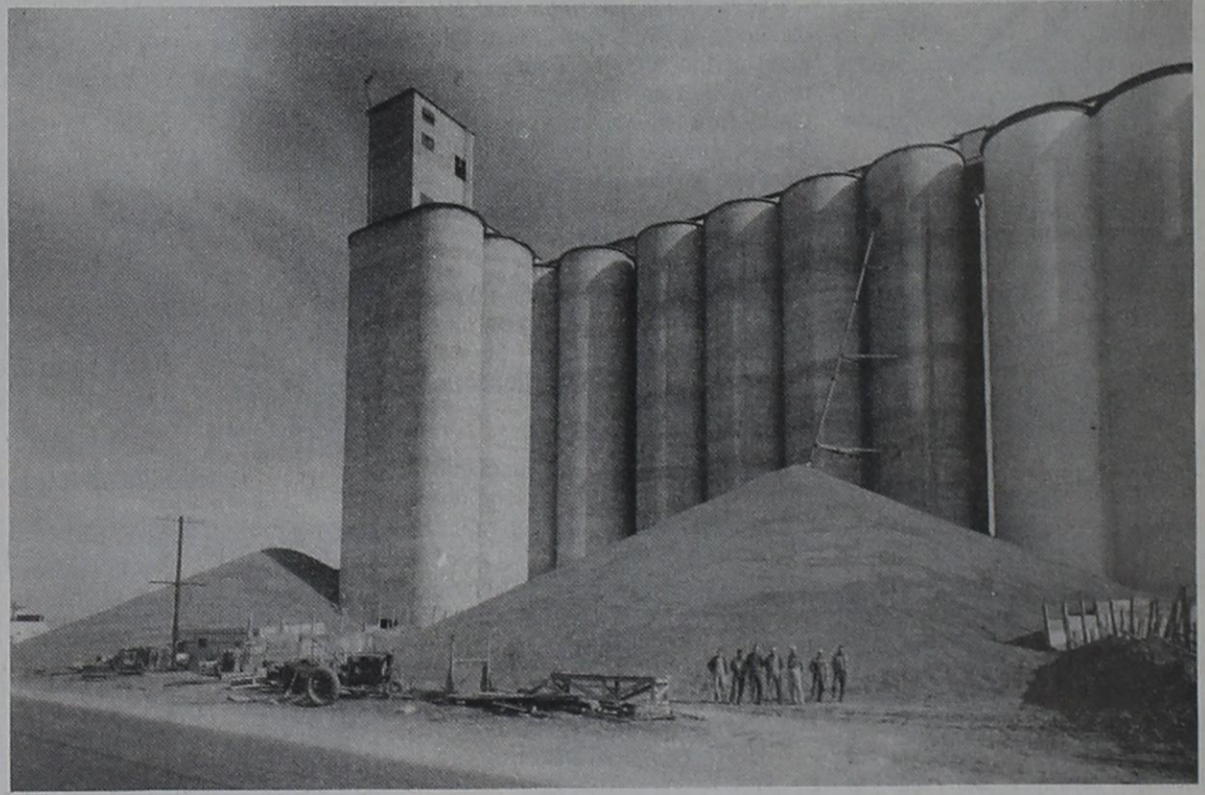
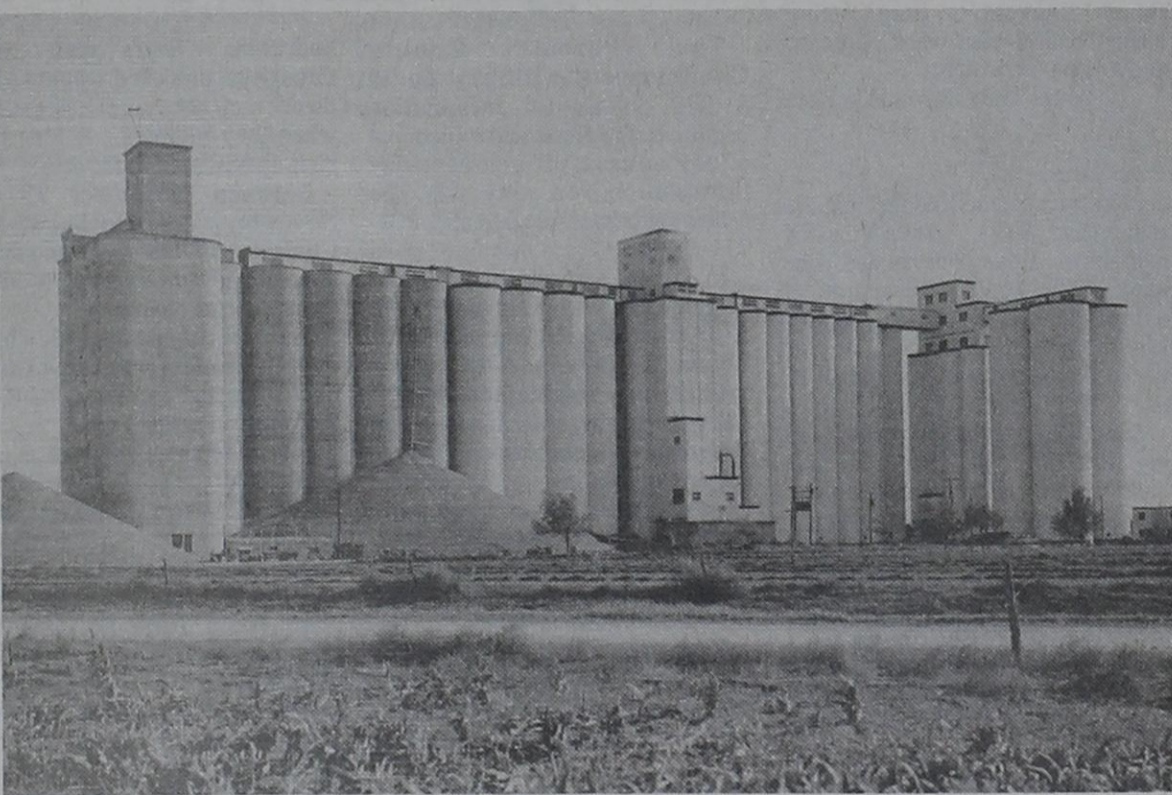


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This is an aerial photograph of Sherley Grain-Bovina and the northern portion of town taken in 1955. The long line of trucks indicates that this photo was taken during the peak harvest season that fall.



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

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BRUCE AND GRACE PARR

# Parmer County Pioneer Couple Return To Days Of The Old West

By Carol Ellis

Most people don't start an entirely new career when they are in their mid-sixties, but then most people aren't Friona's own home-grown, sassy Santa Claus known as Bruce Parr.

Bruce has been a farmer all his life but he has been collecting old wagons, buggies, antique farm implements, old blacksmithing tools, etc. for many years. Plus, he has always enjoyed working with large animals such as mules, horses, oxen and the like.

Then in the early 1980s, people started asking him to put some of his antique vehicles into area parades, so Bruce formed a small company known as the "Tejas KIID Express" and went into this as a business. He now considers himself to be a wagoner, a mule-skinner and a blacksmith.

By the way, the KIID in the firm's name is the initials of the Parrs' four children, Kim, Ira, Iva and Donna.

Bruce's wagons and other outfits always win trophies and prizes when they are entered in parades, but he usually gives the trophies to his grandkids. He made a fair living at working with people on entertainment events and promotions of various sorts with his wagon business but Bruce says after the oil business went "bust" he hasn't done very well with it.

He worked with the Texas Sesquicentennial Committee in 1985 and took his rigs to a lot of big places to publicize that event. He was in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in '85 when it rained four inches and the temperature was 34 degrees, so the parade wasn't a big success that year and the photos taken at the parade were not especially good.

Following the Macy's parade, Bruce and crew loaded up the animals and the stagecoach and drove all night in a blizzard to make it to Chicago the next day for an appearance in the McDonald's Charity Parade there.

He has customized a 40 foot long trailer which will hold the stagecoach and mules. He pulls this with a pickup as he travels across country to various events. He has appeared in just about every major parade in the state of Texas, Wyoming and Colorado.

Most of Parr's old vehicles are true antiques, but a few have been repaired and some have had to be modernized for travel on paved roads and the like.

But the bright red stagecoach which is his trademark was specially built by hand to authentic specifications. It took the builder ten months to make it. The entire coach is made of wood, just like in the early days, except the wheel bearings are modern and it has hydraulic brakes on front and back wheels. The outer skin of the coach is not painted red. It is red fiberglass so it won't ever wear out or get scared up.

His real pride and joy is an antique conestoga wagon built around 1850 or earlier. This piece is in mint condition, never repaired, and can be hooked up and pulled just like in the early days.

"The few conestogas that are still around are just a pile of splinters," Parr noted. He says most people are not as interested in seeing this one, because it is not as "showy" as some of his other pieces.

Also in his current inventory are several types of buggies and surreys.

He has a spring freight wagon which came from Minnesota, plus a lot of old blacksmith tools and farm equipment like bull-wheel binders and an old horse-powered mill for grinding grain or making molasses.

He still has the wagon that his daddy drove when he came to the plains and the anvil that he brought with it, plus the wagon that his wife's family came in from Oklahoma.

Parr has driven his vehicles in some pretty fancy weddings in Amarillo and other places. He drove singer-actress Carol Lawrence in the

Cotton Bowl Parade in Dallas one year and nearly every summer he does rides for tourists who stop at the Big Texan in Amarillo.

He grows a beautiful white beard, totally natural, every year around Christmas time so he will look more like Santa Claus as he takes various groups on hay rides, Christmas Caroling, Santa rides and the like.

Diane Dick in Amarillo has used him in her modeling agency as a Santa Claus for several years and he has done Santa rides for Wolflin Village in Amarillo.

He drove Gerald McCathern all around through his district when he was running for congress a few years back. Then Bruce took a lot of his equipment to the Town and Country Days at Tom Christian's ranch on the rim of Palo Duro Canyon, plus he has worked quite a bit with the museum in Canyon.

Working with the animals must be in his blood because Bruce is a natural at it. He understands that animals, especially mules, have to be handled properly. He says there is always a lot of noise connected with being in parades and this can spook an animal which does not have the proper handler. There were a lot of fireworks during the Cotton Bowl Parade but he didn't have any trouble with the animals at all.

He currently has about 20 mules and six horses. His eight matched palomino mules are quite a sight and are very rare animals.

At one time he had a team of ten oxen which was really impressive. He took this team to Cotton Bowl parade, too.

Bruce notes that the oxen were pretty old when he got them. They came from the lumber business in the swamps of Mississippi. Bruce says he learned a lot about working with oxen from old Tom Jasper who ran a freight hauling business in Friona until 1948 and he used oxen to pull the freight.

Bruce's oxen began to get too heavy and old for their joints to hold them up. Out of kindness to the animals he had to have them

slaughtered but he had their hides tanned and has kept a few of them. Some of the hides were as big as a king-size bedspread.

Bruce took some of his vehicles to Albuquerque one summer where son Ira and family live. Then Bruce, Grace, Ira and family all appeared as extras in a made-for-TV movie, "Sparks," which was being filmed there.

Victoria Principal was the major star of the film in which she played a lady mayor of Albuquerque. It was shot just north of the town on a river where there are some lovely old mansions. The movie was a pilot to introduce a new TV series which the backers hoped would take off and be as popular as the "Dallas" series, but Bruce says it never did get that far.

The "Lonesome Dove" people have contacted Parr and asked him to bring his equipment out to the Big Bend Country where they will soon be filming another sequel to that popular TV movie, but he is still in negotiation and has not finalized the deal.

There will be another statewide wagon train next year and Bruce is planning to participate. 1995 will be the 150th anniversary of Texas USA Statehood and this wagon train will be for celebrating and publicizing this historical event.

Bruce and Grace Parr are both pioneers of Parmer County. His parents, J. W. and Josephine Parr, came to Friona in 1919 with their six children, of which Bruce was

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PARADE PRIZES---The banner which went with Bruce Parr and his stagecoach to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade ten years ago is shown here in the background. He is holding a trophy from the Permian Basin Parade and several ribbons are shown above. Parr gives most of his trophies and prizes to his grandkids.

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# Jerry Ware Makes Her Holiday Preparations

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

It took several moves and a number of years for this lovely, dark-eyed lady to be living in her pretty duplex in Bovina. Jerry Ware began life May 13, 1905 only three hours from Bovina in Hansford, Texas.

This is the old town of Spearman that was first called Hansford and when the railroad moved across country the town moved about three miles in another location and changed its name to Spearman. The only thing at the old townsite is the cemetery.

Jerry's parents were Tom Been Windom and Frances Tennessee Douglas. Her mom came from Tennessee and her dad came from Farmersville, Oklahoma.

Jerry had four brothers and one sister. They were: E.J., Clell, Clyde, Cloyd and Imogene. While living in Spearman, Imogene, E.J., Jerry and Clyde were born in a dugout.

Her father was a rancher and farmed some land but mostly raised cattle. He raised broomcorn and milo. She said during the depression years they ate lots of combread because flour was rationed along with several other items during World War I.

Jerry graduated from high school in Springfield, Colorado and went to business college in Wichita, Kansas for three months before her mother suffered a stroke and she had to quit school, return to their hometown and help her father care for her mother.

Jerry said her mother lived six more years before she died. She was paralyzed on one side so her dad had to have help with her.

Jerry said she and her husband, Earl, had to go together for three years because of her mother's illness and she felt she had to wait. They were married March 27, 1931 at Estancia, New Mexico by a Presbyterian preacher in a barber

shop. The witness was the preacher's wife.

The couple had three sons, Jimmie, who lives at Maude, Texas; Leon and Tom, who both live in Bovina. They are all dark-eyed like their mother and she said when they were little, someone was always calling them her little "black-eyed peas."

Dr. Lancaster of Clovis delivered all the boys at the clinic except Jimmie, and he was born at home. Jerry said she just decided she wanted to have that one at home but before he came she thought that might not be a good idea.

She and Earl joined the Methodist Church and were both baptized at N.L. Tharp's tank. It was located near the Bob Wilson place. She said it was a beautiful day and there was group singing.

Earl farmed and the couple lived at McLean the first year they were married. Then they moved to a place between Clovis and Farwell. This was Gus Ware's place and Gus was Earl's brother.

Then the couple moved to a farm on the Grady Highway and lived for a time. She said this was the only time their home was broken into and the only thing taken was a brick-pattern quilt.

After they moved from the Grady Highway farm, they moved to a rented place at Pleasant Hill and farmed for Mr. Jarrel, located six miles west. While living there, they had a school teacher who lived with them for two years but they haven't stayed in touch with her.

They then bought the Herman Lucas place located four miles west of Bovina. It was just half a section to begin with and they added more land until they had two sections in all.

She said back then, they bought the land for \$15 an acre. They moved to Enids, Colorado, for a year ranching on the plains

country, but kept their place here and moved back a year later.

They built a new home and it is now where Grandson Pat and his wife, Donna Ware, live. Later they swapped houses with son, Tom and Sandy, and moved to town.

Earl became ill one day and she took him to the hospital in Friona. She said Earl reached up and pulled her to him, kissed her and told her he was going to go.

She said she told him that he wasn't going anywhere but he laid back and died. She said it was such a shock but now she realized what a blessing it was to die so easy without too much suffering.

After Earl passed away, she moved to the Bill Thornton place for a couple of years and loved the country. Then moved back to town and built the duplex where she has lived since 1965.

Jerry is the mother of three sons, grandmother of ten and great-grandmother of seventeen. She said she had attended all the grandchildren's high school graduations and been to all their weddings.

She has quilted all her grandchildren a quilt and has one for Grandson Todd's wedding shower. She said she worked on it while he was little and he helped her with the stitches and she left the part that he had sewn.

When she was a small girl, she remembers her father would always get a big box of apples and oranges at Christmas, and sometimes they would get a little toy.

They would have a Christmas tree decorated with strands of popcorn or cranberries. They usually had something special at church and received a little sack of candy. She said this was a real treat because they seldom got candy.

Jerry has been in several organizations. She is a member of the United Methodist Women's group, a quilting club and the Thrifty Club at one time. She is president of the Senior Citizens organization for the second time.

Jerry loves to travel and has been many miles. She went to Europe twice, Hawaii twice, Guam, Mexico City, Washington state, Salt Lake City, Alaska, Canada and the Bahamas.

Jerry has many friends and loves visiting, crocheting and is now knitting.

She is looking forward to spending Christmas with both her

sons in Bovina. She will have a meal with Leon and Shirley and family before Christmas and on Christmas Day, she will be with Tom and Sandy.

She still loves to cook and said she would cook as long as she could because she enjoys it so much, especially making homemade bread.

During the holidays, she always makes the "Overnight Salad" for special times. Mix:

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon flour
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1 cup pineapple

Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Set aside to cool. Add:

- 1 cup pineapple, cut up
- 1 cup nut, chopped
- 2-1/2 cups marshmallows
- 1 can No. 2 white Royal Ann cherries, cut up



**EARLY CHRISTMAS....**Jerry Ware admires an early Christmas present from Granddaughter Carol of Austin. She plans to spend Christmas in Bovina with members of her family.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 pint whipped cream</li> <li>Mix together and let set overnight. Will serve twenty.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p><b>WHITE FRUIT CAKE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 cups sugar</li> <li>1 cup butter</li> <li>4 cups flour</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 cup blanched almonds</li> <li>1 teaspoon baking powder</li> <li>Whites of 8 eggs</li> <li>1 cup candied pineapple</li> <li>1 cup candied cherries</li> <li>3 cups coconut</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cook slow about 1-1/2 hours at 275 degrees.</p> |
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# Bruce Parr's Family Members Are Pioneers Of Our Area

(Continued from Page 1-A) the baby, having been born that same year over in Castro County.

The Parr family started out in Montague County and moved to the Amarillo area around the turn of the century. J. W. Parr drove a horse-drawn Watkins wagon route from the Pecos River on up into Oklahoma.

When they arrived in Parmer County the family lived in a sod house for awhile. Bruce says there were only about ten houses in Friona and no streets had yet been cut out. The Parrs bought and farmed a section of land north of Friona and later J. W. Parr went into business with O. G. Turner.

These two enterprising businessmen started several firms in Friona including a farm implement house, automobile dealership, movie house, hardware store, real estate and insurance.

Grace's parents, Ira and Grace Miller, came to the Parmer County area about seven or eight years after the Parr family came. Grace was the youngest of a family of eight children.

Bruce says he first met Grace when she was five years old and her father brought her with him over to the Parr place to buy some milk pen calves. Bruce thought she was the prettiest little thing he ever laid eyes on and "I set my cap for her right then," he says.

Grace says she doesn't remember that, but the two of them dated all through high school in Friona. He worked at the movie theater then, where all the teens like to hang out on Saturday.

Bruce graduated from Friona High School in 1937 and Grace in 1939. These two childhood sweethearts have been married for 55 years.

Grace was also the youngest of her family of eight youngsters. The Millers came from the area of Woodward County Oklahoma where most the older children remained when the family brought the three youngest, Claude, Maesie and Grace, to Parmer County.

These three attended school at Lakeview where their dad served on the school board for many years.

Later they went to high school in Friona.

Johnny Miller, Grace's nephew, still farms the land where the Miller family first settled in Parmer County. Maisie Flynn, Grace's sister, is a long-time resident of Bovina.

Descendants of the older Miller children who stayed in Oklahoma are still farming the land in Woodward County which has been in the family since the Cherokee Land Run of 1893.

Grace says she doesn't go in for the old west routine like Bruce does. But she has gone along with him on many of his trips.

A few years ago when they traveled in a motor home, Grace took up the hobby of needlepoint. She has put many hours into a beautiful three foot by five foot rug which adorns the living room at the Parr home east of Black.

Bruce says Grace is also just about the best cook in these parts or anywhere else.

Bruce and Grace are members of Friona's First Baptist Church and were quite active in civic things during the time their children were growing up. Grace was a member of the Black Study Club, Lakeview Home Demonstration Club and Modern Study Club, president of PTA and involved in sponsoring all sorts of school activities.

Bruce has been connected with many of the agricultural organizations of the area and served on the school board at Black for many years until the school was consolidated with Friona. He is past president of the local Lions Club and past president of the Friona Chamber of Commerce.

The Parrs have four children, 16 grandchildren and four little great-grandsons.

Ira Bruce Parr is the oldest of their brood. He started to school at Black, finished school at Friona and then attended college at Texas Tech and LCC. He married Wynette Beaton and they now live in Albuquerque where he has a chain of western stores there.

Iva Ben Parr came along five and a half years later. She went

through school in Friona, got her degree at Tech and taught school for awhile in Bovina. She also taught college English at Tarleton College in Stephenville.

Then she married John Foster and they moved to the Ft. Worth area where she now works for a publishing house that publishes college text books.

Donna Jo Parr went to college at Southwestern State University at San Marcos and got her masters degree at the University of Texas. She taught English at the University at Edinburg. She is married to Trev Sparks and they have an auto dealership in McAllen.

Kim Parr went to college at Utah University at Logan, Utah. He married Cece Lewis and they moved to Landrum, South Carolina to be near her parents, former Friona residents Nelson and Lucille Lewis.

Kim finished his degree at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. He is a certified intensive care nurse.

Grace says her greatest joy is in getting to visit the kids and the grandkids in all these various places. They usually go to Albuquerque to see the Fall colors in New Mexico every year and they are planning to spend Christmas with Ira and family there this year.

She says the colors of the red maples are beautiful in South Carolina where Kim and family live at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Donna Jo and group live right on a river in the middle of bluebonnet country, so it is great to visit there in the springtime, plus they have a place on the beach at Port Isabell.

When they go to visit Iva Ben and her family, Grace enjoys going to sporting events, plays, shows and musicals in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

Bruce says his main goal now is to spend the rest of his days showing his old vehicles and animals as a teaching tool for both children and adults, because this sort of thing is a part of our heritage but it is dying out. In a



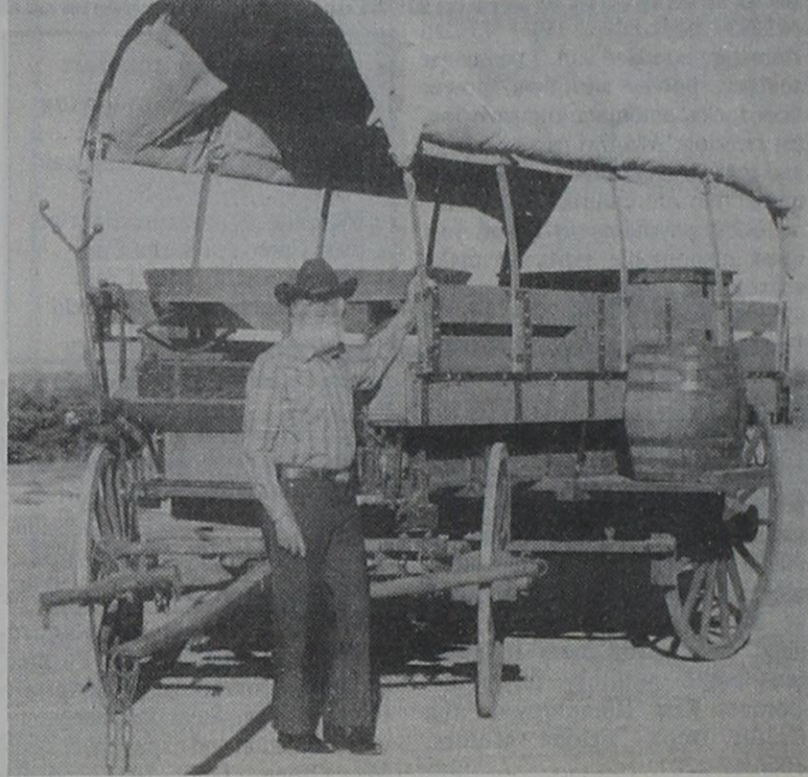
THE STAGE COACH---Grace and Bruce Parr are posed here on the rim of Palo Duro Canyon with their red stagecoach and team of palomino mules.

few years no one will know anything about what hitches to use, which tack is for which animal, how to train and handle the animals, etc.

Bruce also took his gear to El Paso once to visit former Friona residents, David and Gladys McVey. Gladys was teaching in El Paso at that time and Bruce set up the equipment at her school and put on a program for the school children.

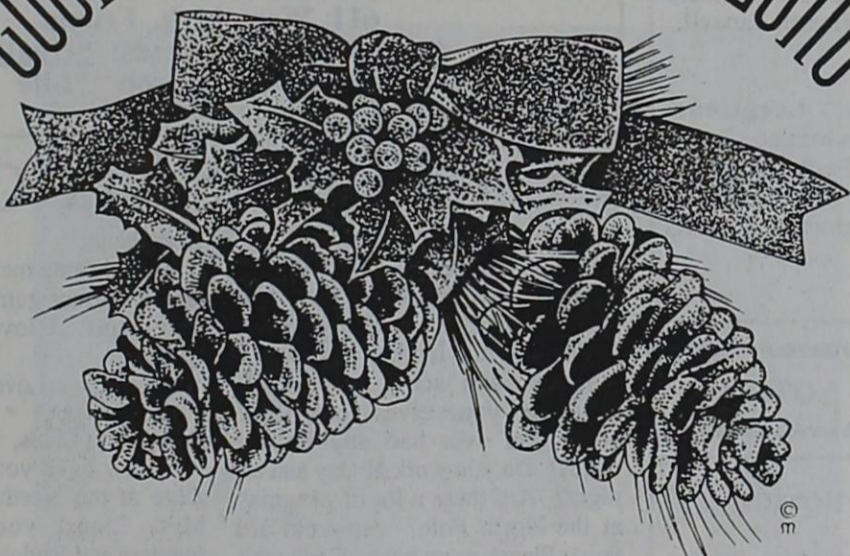
As each class would come out to walk among the wagons and animals, he told them about the history of these things and how they played a part in settling this country. He has also done the program for Iva Ben's school in Ft. Worth.

Bruce says he would like to do a similar program for the schools in Friona, Bovina, Hereford, Dimmitt, Muleshoe, Lazbuddie and others in this area, all in one week, if possible; Friona one day, Bovina the next day, and so on. This would be better than having to put everything up and then in a week or so get it all back out again.



CHUCK WAGON---Bruce Parr is shown here with the authentic chuck wagon which he built from scratch with all brass fittings.

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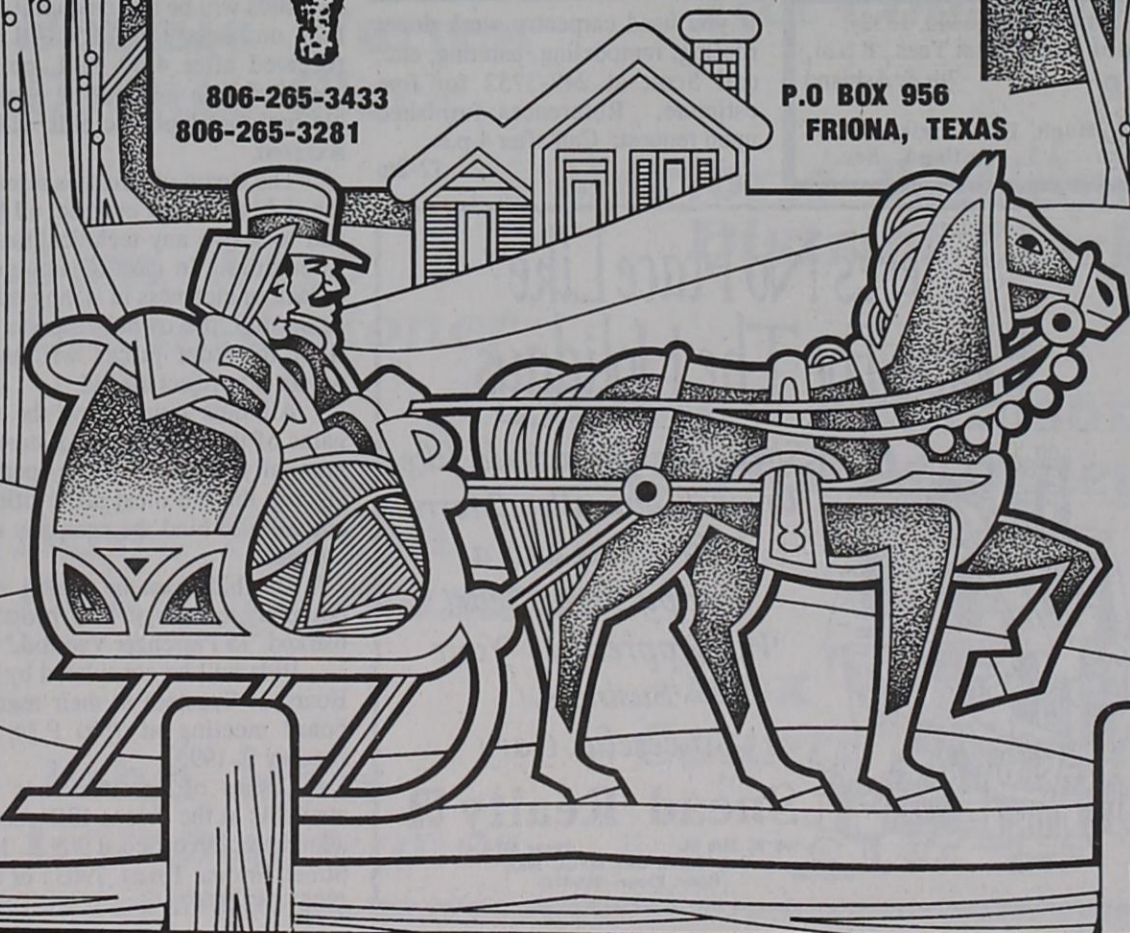
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Trustees of Friona Independent School District will receive sealed bids in the school administration office, 909 East 11th Street, Friona, Texas, 79035 for a 15 passenger van. Bids will be received until 4:00 P.M. on January 9, 1995. All bids received after 4:00 P.M. on the specified date will not be opened. No oral or telephonic bids will be accepted.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject all bids and to waive any technicalities or formalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the bid, the owner reserves the right to adopt prices written in words or to reject the bid.

All bids must show the full name of the company and must be manually signed. The person signing the bid must show title of authority to bind the company to a contract.

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Bids will be considered by the Board of Trustees at their regular board meeting at 7:00 P.M. on January 9, 1995.

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**Sale Location:** At the main entrance, being at the South door, of the Parmer County Court House, Farwell, Texas.

**Property Location:** The property is located on the North side of Farm Road 214 between Main Street and the Muleshoe Highway, Friona, Texas. 1tc

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Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, 1994, at 10:00 A.M., the following described Real Estate will be sold at the main front door of the lower level of the south side of the Parmer County Courthouse, Farwell, Texas.

All of that four acre tract of land out of Capital League 485 and being particularly described as a part of Section Six, Township Four, South of a Capital Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas, and also being a part of Blocks 166, 167, 186, 187, 194, and 195, and closed B and C Street, and Summitt Avenue lying between said blocks, all of Wrights' Southside Addition to the Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas, as shown by plat and dedication thereof of record in the Deed records of Parmer County, Texas.

This property is owned by Deon Awtry and wife, Fern Awtry, and is being sold by the U.S. Small Business Administration in foreclosure proceedings. Please contact Williams & Webb, Inc. at (806) 335-9711 or P.O. Box 5249, Amarillo, Texas, 79117 for additional information concerning the auction. 11-4tc

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## Laney Receives Award; Coalition Officers Elected

Texas Speaker of the House Pete Laney on November 17 was recognized for his efforts in creating a pro-business environment in the South Plains and Panhandle regions of Texas.

Laney received an award from the communities that make up the High Ground of Texas economic development coalition during the group's annual meeting and seminar in Lubbock.

Friona is a member of the High Ground of Texas coalition.

Laney has been Speaker of the House nearly two years. Since he was elected, Laney has worked to change the House rules, creating a more open legislative environment. This new environment has allowed for the passage of laws which support economic development and job creation.

Also at the meeting, Rod Ellis was elected president of the High Ground of Texas. Ellis is the director of economic development for the City of Lubbock.

Other 1995 officers are Mike Carr of Hereford, vice president; Grady Elder of Plainview, treasurer; and Myron McCartor of Perryton,

secretary. New directors for the year are Elder, Marty Mangum of Littlefield, Dave Marr of Muleshoe, and Lori Vincent of Stratford.

Outgoing President Rick Osburn said 10,000 new jobs have been created in the South Plains and Panhandle areas in the last year.

"The High Ground of Texas in essence markets the state of Texas," said Rick Osburn, 1994 High Ground president. "Under Speaker Laney's leadership, we have a lot to offer to businesses looking to locate in Texas, particularly in this region." Southwestern Public Service Company provides administrative support for the coalition.

The High Ground of Texas includes 25 communities that work together to bring economic growth to the region. Communities with membership in the High Ground are Amarillo, Borger, Brownfield, Canyon, Dalhart, Denver City, Dimmitt, Dumas, Floydada, Friona, Gruver, Hereford, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Lubbock, Morton, Muleshoe, Pampa, Perryton, Plainview, Slaton, Spearman, Stratford and Tahoka.

## The Night Before Christmas In Texas

'Twas the night before Christmas in Texas you know,  
Way out on the prairie without any snow.  
Asleep in their cabin were Buddy and Sue.  
A dreaming of Christmas, like me and like you.  
Not stockings, but boots, at the foot of their bed,  
For this was in Texas--what more need be said?  
When all of a sudden, from out the still night,  
There came such a ruckus it gave me a fright!  
And I saw cross the prairie like a shot from a gun,  
A loaded up buckboard come on at a run.  
The driver was "geein" and "hawin'" with a will  
The hosses (not reindeer) he drove with such skill.  
"Come on there, Buck, Pancho, and Prince, to the right.  
There'll be plenty of travelin' for you-all tonight!"  
The driver in levis and shirt that was red,  
Had a ten-gallon Stetson on top of his head.  
As he stepped from the buckboard he was really a sight.  
With his beard and moustaches so curly and white.  
As he burst in the cabin the children awoke,  
And both so astonished that neither one spoke.  
And he filled up their boots with such presents galore  
That neither could think of a single thing more.  
When Buddy recovered the use of his jaws,  
He asked in a whisper, "Are you Santa Claus?"  
"Am I the real Santa? Well what do you think?"  
And he smiled as he gave a mysterious wink.  
Then he lept in his buckboard and called back in his drawl,  
"To all children of Texas, 'MERRY CHRISTMAS, You-all!"

## DPS Troopers Make Plans For New Year's

During this upcoming 1995 New Year's holiday period, all available Department of Public Safety Troopers will be on patrol in an effort to reduce, both by their presence and actions, violations that could lead to accidents. It is only through the help and cooperation of the motoring public, by their self-compliance, that the needed reduction of death and destruction can be realized.

The Troopers of the Department of Public Safety are urging all motorists that if you are going to a party this New Year's Eve to plan your trips ahead. Take that designated driver with you. Remember, if you drink, don't drive, if you drive, don't drink.

If you are hosting a party during this holiday period, be a responsible host and don't push alcoholic beverages on people.

Have more to drink than alcohol, such as soft drinks and fruit drinks. Above all, don't let a person drive away from your party after he has had too much to drink.

The Texas Department of Public Safety wants everyone to enjoy the holiday period, but don't make the same mistake that so many have made by saying, "It will never happen to me," because it can. Have a safe, healthy and happy New Year.

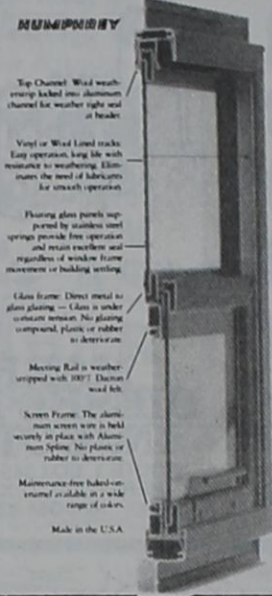
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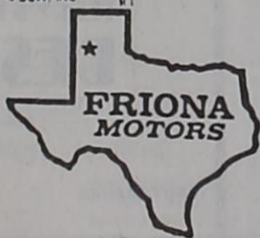
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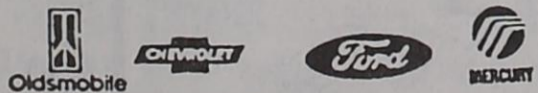
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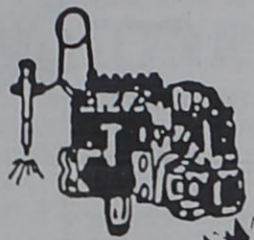


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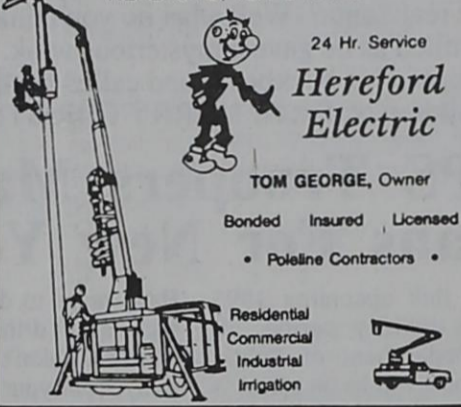
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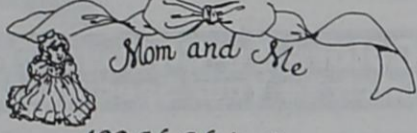
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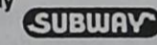
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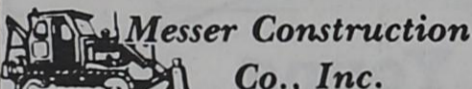
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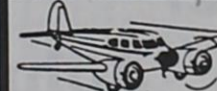
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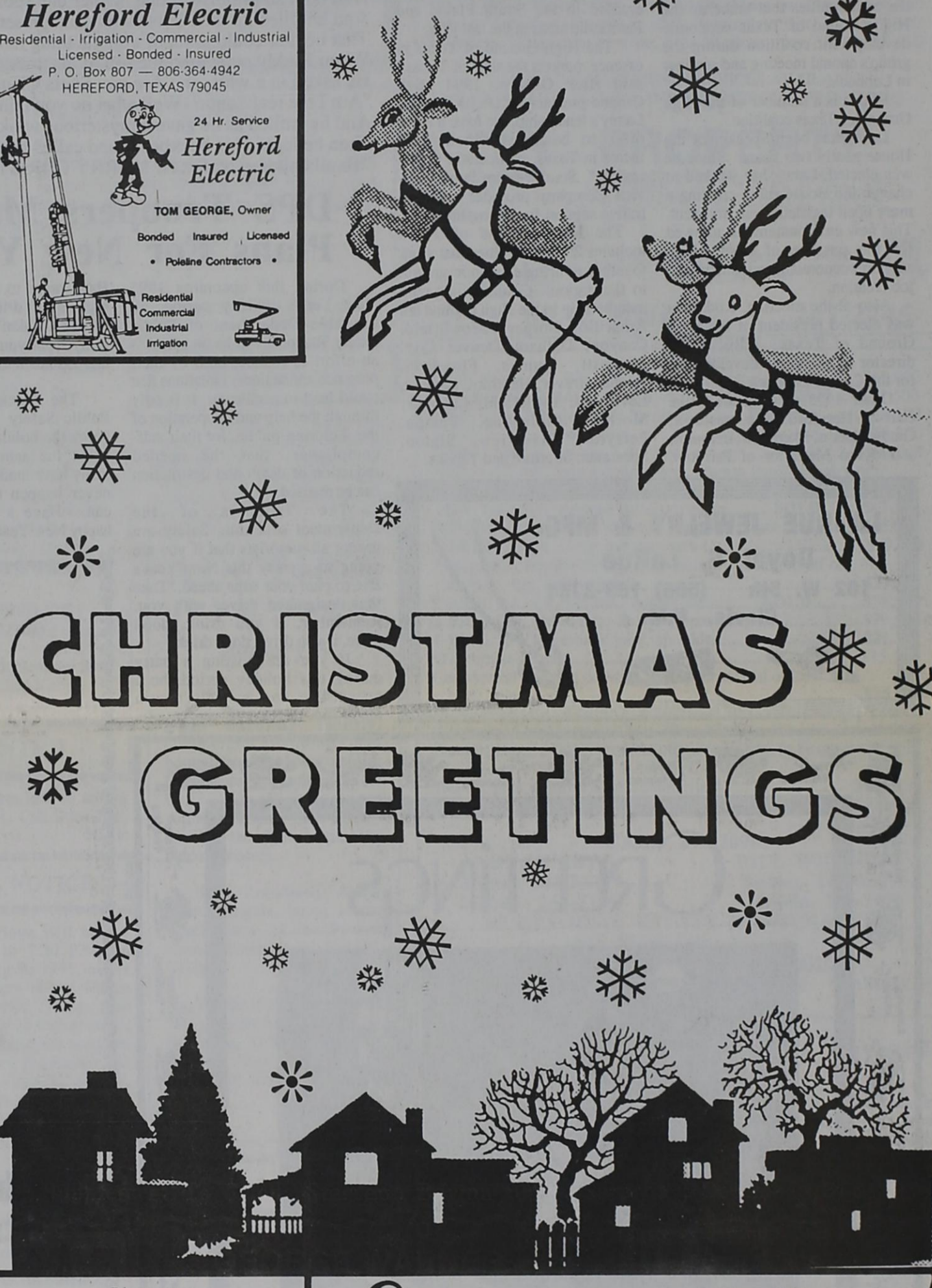
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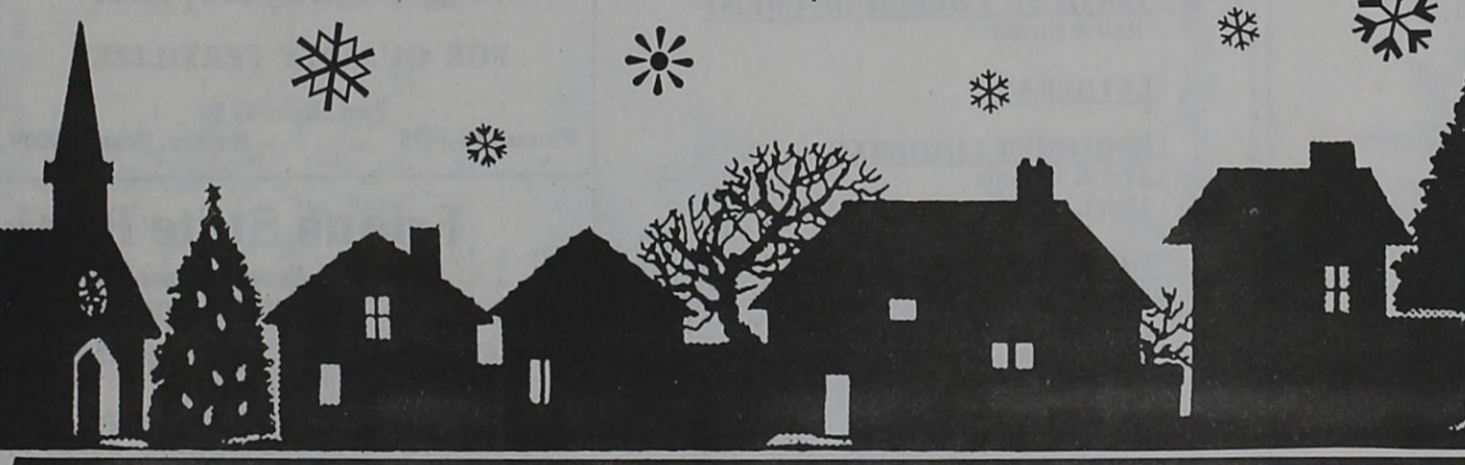
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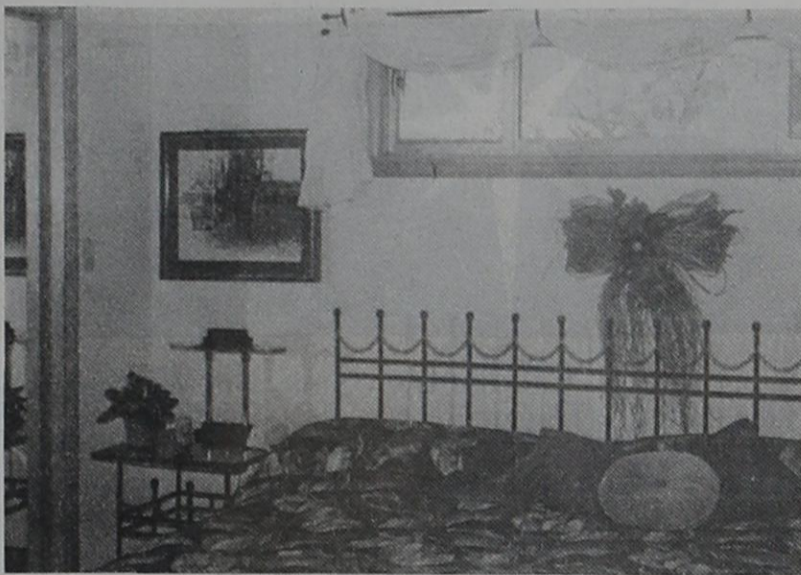
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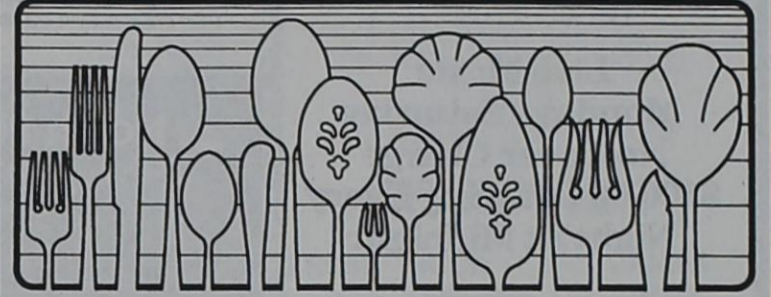
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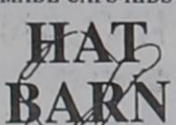
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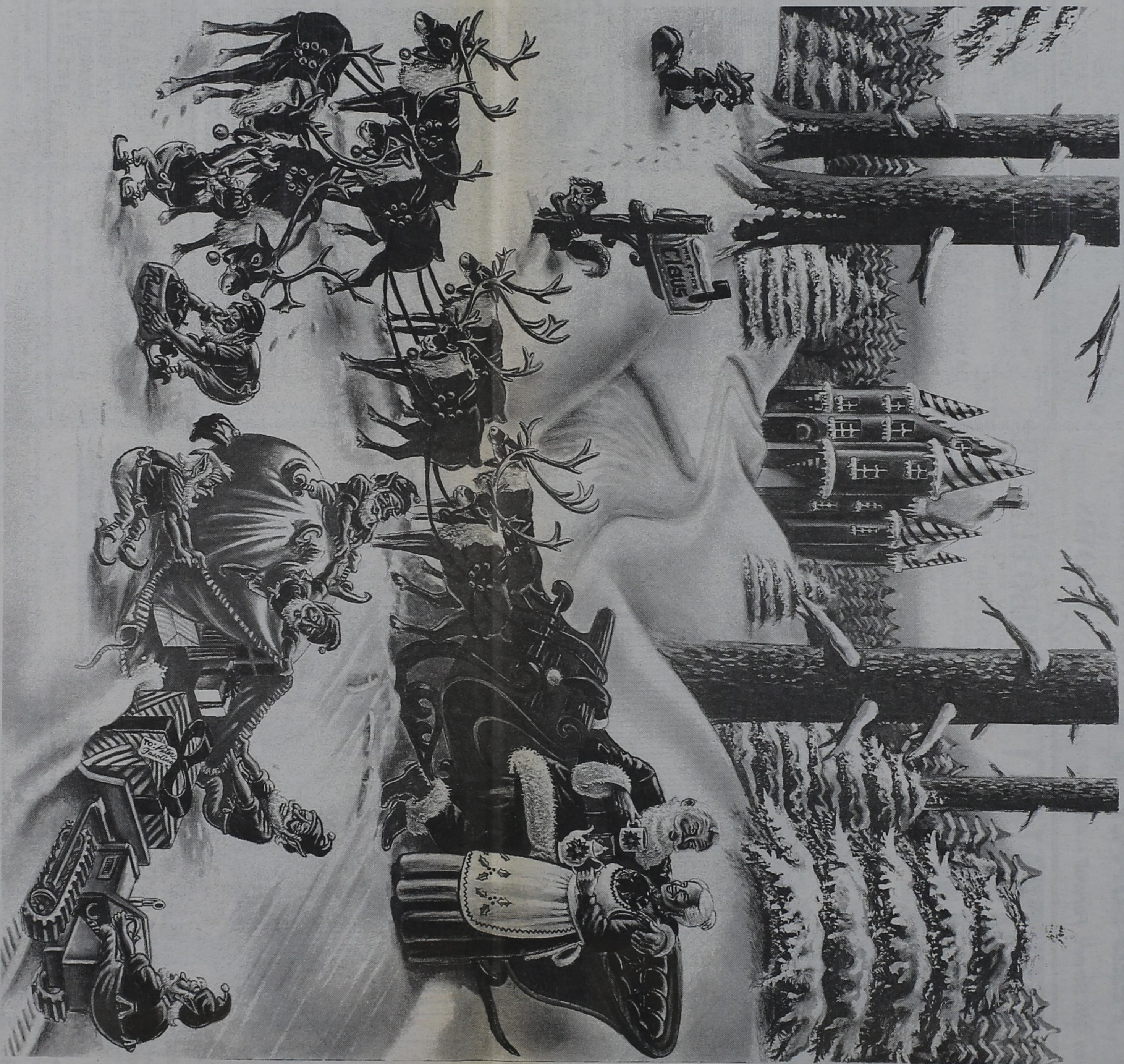
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