

Amy Fields lights the fourth Advent candle during Sunday services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Presbyterian. Amy is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Johnny Fields.

Merry Christmas

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★ **Win \$25** ★

Hazel McClelland Wins Again....

Wow! Two weeks in a row isn't all bad...Mrs. Hazel McClelland did it again this week as she correctly picked 12 winners in our Football Contest. Dora Mata, Linda Samanlego, Gene Edwards and Bob Snodgrass came in second with 11 correct winners. Be sure you get a chance at the \$25 weekly prize...enter your contest form before Friday, 4 p.m.

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Local Police Investigate Death Of Shooting Victim

Peter Anthony Dougherty, 21 year-old Chattahoochie, Fla. native, died Monday evening in Sonora following a gunshot wound to the left chest.

Dougherty was pronounced dead on arrival at Sonora's Hudspeth Hospital by Dr. Charles Browne.

Exact cause of death is under investigation with an autopsy being

performed by Bexar County Medical Examiner Dr. Ruben Santos in San Antonio at the request of Justice of Peace Mat Adams.

Sonora Police Chief Jerry Kemp says that his office responded to a call at 8 p.m. Monday to a residence in the 400 block of West 4th st., where Dougherty was found.

No charges have been filed in the shooting, as Chief Kemp and Texas Ranger Clay Bednar of Ozona continue the investigation.

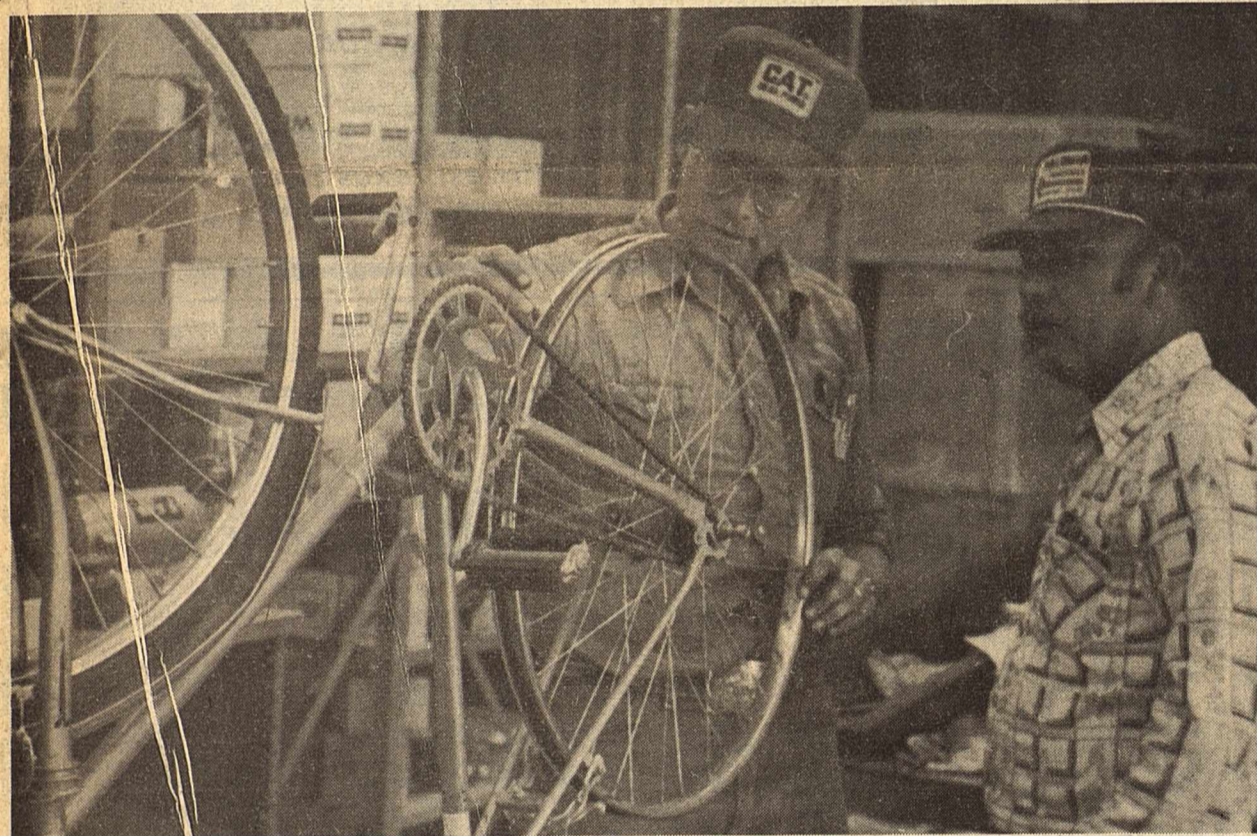
Dougherty is the son of Mrs. Lois Dougherty of Chattahoochie. Kerbow Funeral Home and a Chattahoochie funeral home are conducting the arrangements for Dougherty's services.

The Devil's River News

Eighty-Seventh Year, Seventeenth Week

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Amoco Employees Johnny Jones, Sonny Nixon

Third Annual

Amoco Goodwill Benefit Program Opens

By Al Henson

The people involved with the Amoco Goodwill Benefit Program are happy to be working on their Third Annual Christmas benefit in Sonora and expect to distribute groceries and toys to approximately a dozen needy families.

We hope and trust we will enable some children and families to have a Happy Christmas that might not otherwise be so Merry.

We especially wish to thank all the following firms and individuals who have contributed their time and finances to make our efforts possible. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the citizens of this Community.

Merle Harding, Shurley Enterprises, Lerondo Well Service, Joe Turnbull, John Young, Ace Transport, Pool Co., J.A. Morris, Scada, Inc., John Casparis, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B Mayfield, B.J. Hughes, Inc., Charlie Niblett, James Smith, Gordon Forehan, Clyde Construction Co., CKC Testing Co., Pan American Service Co., Ed Kull, Tony Cheatham, Baker Oil Tool Co., Max Martin, Ben Lawson, Bob French, Basin Tank Rental Co., A.A. Henson, Griffin Oil Co., Bob Smith, Steve Stephens, Bill Wood.

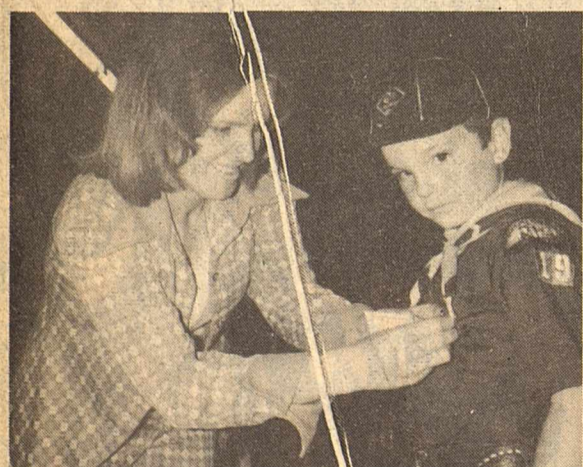
Hal Snider, Dowell Co., Dresser-Atlas, Jim Denham, Joshua Smith,

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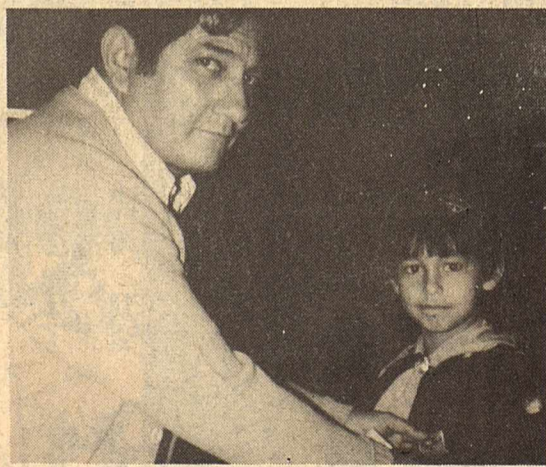
Pam Smith, Bible Welders, Inc., David Stafford, Brown Electric, Johnny Jones, Steve Tackel, Randy Surber, Gus Willeke, Allen Sallee, Don Poston, Guy Parker, Roy Robinson, Homer Nelson, Greg Morris, Charles Blackwell.

Tony Martinez, Nick Anderson, Curtis Weant, Hoot Hearn, Luther Stewart, C.C.I., Dennis Purvis, Les Stafford, Paul Prather, Randy Durossette, Buddy Neighbors, Dan Bullock, Ken Payne, Brittain Construction Co.

Cub Scouts Earn Badges



Mrs. Jo Ann Jones pins her son, Dwaine, during Cub Scout ceremonies last week at the Christmas Party. [Photo by Rev. Jim Miles]



Sam Perez puts the pin on his son Peter at the Cub Scout Christmas party last week. [Photo by Rev. Jim Miles]

Ryan Convicted In Shooting; Gets 99 Year Prison Term

One of two men indicted by the Sutton County Grand Jury for the November 29 shooting of a Florida motorist, has been sentenced to a term of 99 years in the Texas Department of Corrections according to District Attorney Joe Grady Tuck.

Michael Edward Ryan, a 26 year old Casper, Wyoming man was brought by Sheriff Bill Webster and Deputy Joe Fincher to Sonora from Wyoming on December 10.

Ryan and a co-defendant, Shawn Farris were indicted by the grand jury the following day, and a

non-jury trial was heard last Thursday before 216th District Judge Robert R. Barton.

Sheriff Webster and District Attorney Tuck plan to initiate proceedings to return the other defendant, Shawn Farris, who is being held by California authorities in connection with murder charges in that state.

Ryan was represented by court-appointed attorney Charles Sherrill.

Ryan and Farris are accused by indictment with shooting a 23 year old Florida motorist, William Duane

Streeter, who assisted the pair after the vehicle they were driving developed engine trouble on IH 10 in Reeves County.

The pair allegedly shot Streeter on the T Half Circle Ranch 14 miles west of Sonora, and robbed him of his wallet and automobile.

Streeter, who is in the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, was paralyzed by one of the .25 cal. shots fired into his body.

Sheriff Webster reported that the arrest and conviction of Ryan was the result of a coordinated effort by the Sutton and Reeves County Sheriffs' offices, and the Casper Wyoming and San Bernardino, California Police Departments.

Sonora Man Charged With Drug Possession

Bond was set in Judge Mat Adams' court last Thursday in amounts of \$7,500 and \$2,500 when 21-year-old Eriberto S. Bernal, Jr. was charged with felony possession of marijuana and possession of amphetamines.

Bernal was apprehended after Sutton County Sheriff's officers were told by a confidential source that he had in his possession

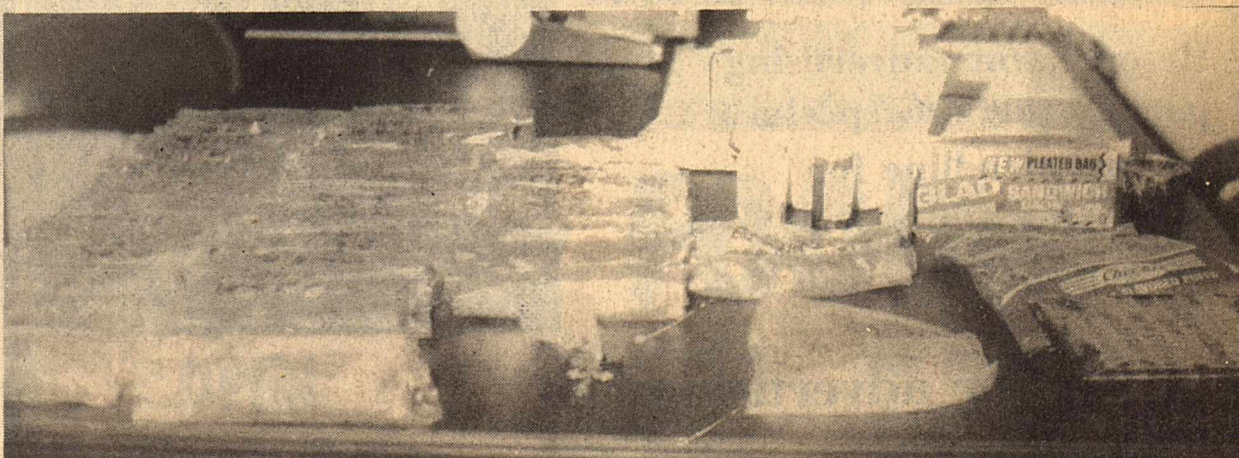
approximately two pounds of what was believed to be marijuana and some amphetamines.

A search warrant was obtained from Judge Adams and executed some few minutes later at which time officials seized from Bernal's apartment, 52 baggies containing approximately one ounce of a substance believed to be marijuana, 122 assorted pills assumed to be

amphetamines, marijuana paraphernalia, seeds, stems, and smoking materials.

Sheriff Bill Webster stated that although the confiscation is not considered large in other cities, it is the biggest such seizure ever made in Sonora.

Webster estimated that the street value of the substance would be an estimated \$700.



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members of the local sheriff's department in what is believed to be the biggest such raid ever made in Sutton County. Street value of the contraband is valued at approximately \$700.

Sonora Posts Big Sales Tax Increase

The city of Sonora posted a 39 percent increase in city sales and use tax for the period ending December 2. State Comptroller Bob Bullock announced this week.

Sonora's check this month was \$28,857.54, compared to \$19,785.99 for the same period in 1976. Year to date the city's one percent sales tax receipts are a whopping \$158,505.82 up \$45,062.18 from the same period last year.

This latest report from Bullock continues the strong growth trend Sonora has seen for the past several years.

"Our annual growth of 30 to 40 percent is an excellent indicator that more people live and shop in Sonora than ever before," Devil's River News publisher Wes Burnett commented.

"Although we still need to concentrate on keeping retail dollars in Sonora," Burnett added, "this month's sales tax information does tell us that we're doing a better job of selling Sonora to our people."

The sales tax receipts do not include gross sales of groceries or automobiles.

State-wide, Bullock's office reported similar success stories for Texas cities.

The December checks totaled \$3.2 million more than those for the same month last year, and bring the rebate total for the year to \$361.6 million. This is up \$58.9 million -- 19.4 percent -- over calendar 1976.

"These figures indicate that 1977 was a banner year for merchants and other sales tax permit

holders in Texas, and we expect the coming year to be as good or better," Bullock said.

Eight of the cities will receive checks totaling \$1 million or more.

They were Houston, \$9.7 million; Dallas, \$6.6 million; San Antonio, \$3.5 million; Fort Worth, \$2.2 million; Austin, \$1.9 million; El Paso, \$1.4 million; Corpus Christi, \$1.2 million and Lubbock, \$1 million.

Of those eight cities, Austin registered the biggest percentage increase in city sales tax rebates for the year. City sales tax rebates for the city were up a whopping 31 percent.

The local option sales tax is collected by local merchants and other sales tax permit holders and returned to the cities monthly by the Comptroller's Office.

W. R. Cusenbary Dies In Local Hospital

Funeral services for Sutton County rancher, W.R. Cusenbary, were held Sunday at First United Methodist Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery.

Mr. Cusenbary died Saturday at the age of 82 in Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital after an illness.

The son of Sutton County pioneers, he was born September 6, 1895 in Sutton County on the ranch he later operated.

After attending Sonora

Schools, he studied at Southwestern University and Southern Methodist University. He was past director of West Texas Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, and past president of the Sonora Lions Club.

He married Elizabeth Kitchen March 26, 1922 in Dallas.

A member of First Methodist Church, Mr.

Reflections

By Rev. Jim Miles

Last week many of us viewed "It Happened One Christmas", a holiday drama starring Marlo Thomas. Some of us are old enough to remember the original production, the movie "It's A Wonderful Life", a James Stewart vehicle of the 40's. The plot is a heartwarming and touching tale of a person who is in dire financial difficulties, and consequently, while standing alone on a bridge during a snowstorm, contemplates suicide. An angel appears, the protagonist rescues the angel, and then makes the statement "I wish I had never been born." The angel grants this wish, and he/she is able to see what the life of the community would have been like if he/she had truly never existed.

The conclusion, of course, is a realization that much good had come out

of this one life, and the story ends in a great celebration of life itself.

I believe that this drama has a Christmas message that should be retold as often as Dickens' "Christmas Carol" and O Henry's "Gift of the Magi", for it indeed celebrates life and helps the reader or viewer to rethink his or her own personal worth.

Each of us is blessed with a very precious gift of God, life itself. We have touched many people, and with each passing day our life intertwines with many others. Christmas is a time of thanksgiving, a time of remembering that we can love others, and help others because of the gift of Christ's life. As we celebrate this holiday, and continue our existence here, may we so live that we see Christ in others, and touch them as he would have us do. Merry Christmas.



Cusenbary was well known as a serious student of the sheep industry and of West Texas water problems.

Survivors include his wife of Sonora; one son, Charles Cusenbary of San Antonio; one sister, Mrs. Hattie Epps of Sonora, one brother, Ben Cusenbary of Sonora, and two grand-

children.

Pallbearers were Jim Cusenbary, Ben Epps, James Hunt, Dr. Frank Bond, Leo Merrill and Fred Campbell. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Dan Cauthorn, Joseph Vander Stucken, Frank Bond, W.B. McMillan, Thomas Morriss and W.T. Hardy.

Kerbow Accepts Chamber Role

Jack Kerbow (left) is welcomed by John Tedford (right) with the announcement that Kerbow has accepted the part-time position of Chamber of Commerce executive secretary. Kerbow's duties start Jan. 1, 1978 and he will replace the departing Dave Nevill. The Chamber office will continue at its current location for the near future.



Juanita's Beauty Shop

Sonora Churches

Primera Baptist Church
Rev. Guadalupe G. Pena
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:30 p.m.
Worship 7:00 p.m.
WMU Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Services 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Paul Terry, Pastor
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

First Baptist Church
Rev. Clifton Hancock, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m.
Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Services 7:30 p.m.

St. Ann's Catholic Church
Rev. Louis B. Moeller
Sat. Vigil Mass 7 p.m.
Sunday Masses 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
Holy Day Mass 7 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church
Rev. Ray Nations, Rector
Holy Com. 8 a.m., 11 a.m.
1st and 3rd Sundays
Morn. Prayer 11 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays

Sonora Tabernacle United Pentecostal
Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Services 7:30 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church
John E. Hafermann, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Church of Christ
Ralph Weinholt, Sr., Minister
Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Eve. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Eve. 7 p.m.

Church of God of Prophecy
Kenneth Cook, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Eve. 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Eve. 7:00 p.m.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
The Rev. Jim Miles
Sunday: Church School 10:00 a.m., Fellowship 10:45 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m.
(Communion on first Sunday of each month)
Inquirer's Class 7:30 p.m.
(Session and Diaconate meet at 7:30 on the 3rd Wed. of each month)

This message and information is brought to you by the following merchants:

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January 25, 1978

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Photos of Industry in Sutton and surrounding counties

Individual company stories

The people in the industry

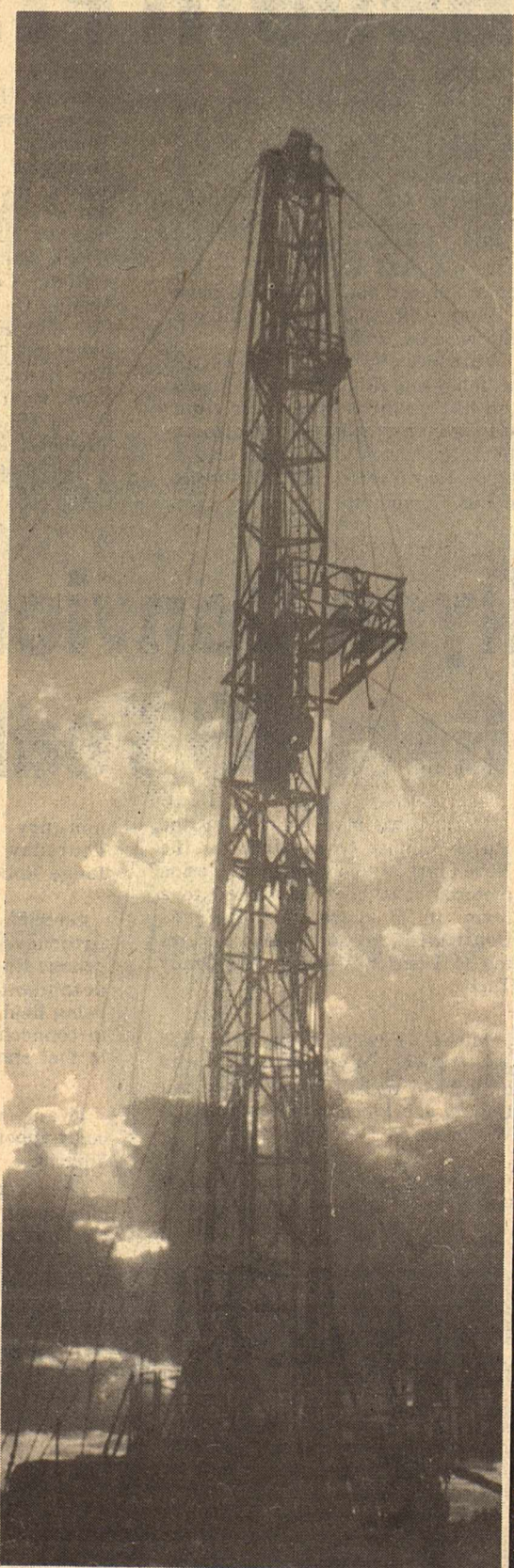
The future for Sonora and Sutton County

Reserve your advertising space in this BIG special edition....deadline for advertising and stories Wed., Jan., 18, 1978.

For your advertising call

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

David and Mary Owensby

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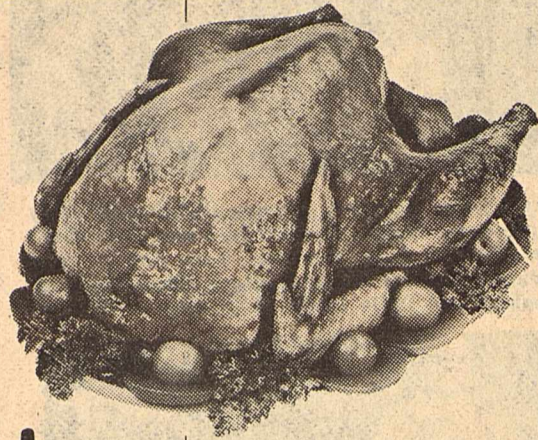
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12 oz cans

Mrs. Smith's
Pie Shells 69¢
pkg of 2

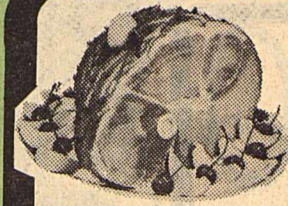
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**Ground
Chuck**
lb **89¢**



Plantation
Beauty
Turkeys
12-14 lb avg
lb **65¢**



Smoked
Ham
Shank Portion **\$1.29** lb
Butt Portion **\$1.39** lb

Chuck Roast	Heavy Beef	lb	65¢	Beef Neck Bones	lb	69¢
7-Bone Roast	Heavy Beef	lb	75¢	Hog Heads	For Tamales	lb 39¢
Arm Roast	Heavy Beef	lb	85¢	Menudo	For that Great Stew	lb 39¢
English Roast	Heavy Beef	lb	85¢	Hot Link Sausage	Dankworth	lb 79¢
Chuck Steak	Heavy Beef	lb	89¢	Texas Chili	1 lb brk	\$1.29

Handy
Breakfast
Sausage
1 lb roll **\$1.29** 2 lb roll **\$2.58**



THRIFTY VALUES

for Christmas Dinner Shoppers

Betty Crocker Layer Cake Mix 19 oz box 59¢	Gold Medal Flour 5 lb bag 59¢	Del Monte Pumpkin No. 303 cans 3 \$1
Imperial Sugar 5 lb bag 89¢	Golden Krust Brown 'n' Serve Rolls 12 ct pkg 3 \$1	Mead's Dinner Rolls 12 roll sack 3 \$1

Gandy's
Whipping Cream 8 oz ctn **3 for \$1**
Half & Half 16 oz ctn
Sour Cream 8 oz ctn
Mix or Match

Egg Nog Gandy's qt **69¢**
Cream Cheese Philadelphia 8 oz pkg **49¢**
Whipped Topping Cool Whip 9 oz tub **59¢**

Del Monte Fruit Cocktail No. 303 cans 2 79¢
Del Monte Mandarin Oranges 11 oz cans 2 89¢
Del Monte Cut Green Beans No. 303 cans 3 \$1

Kraft Miniature
Marshmallows
10 oz bag **39¢**

Ocean Spray
Sauce Cranberry
No. 300 cans **39¢**

Whole Kernel
Corn Kountry Kist
12 oz cans **4 \$1**

Stokley's
Catsup
14 oz btls **3 \$1**

Golden Yellow
Bananas
lb **19¢**

Red or Golden
Delicious
Apples
3 \$1

Tangerines Zipper Skin **15 for \$1**

Est. Texas
Yams lb **35¢**

Sunkist Navel
Oranges 8 for **\$1**

Baking Size
Potatoes 10 lb bag **79¢**

Calif. Pascal
Celery stk **23¢**

Hershey's Chocolate Chips 16 oz bag 99¢	Reynolds Aluminum Foil 12" x 25' roll 3 \$1	Del Monte Sliced-Crushed-Chunks Pineapple No. 1 1/2 cans 88¢
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Hershel's FOODWAY

OPEN
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Prices Effective
thru Dec. 24
Closed Monday
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Jaycees To Carol

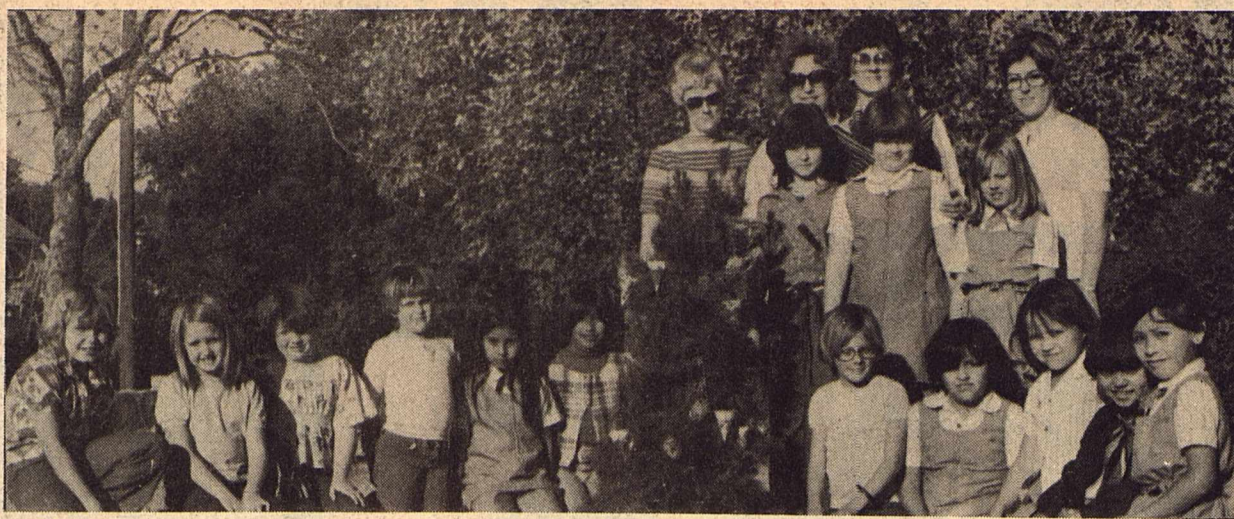
Sonora Jaycees and Jaycettes are planning an evening of Christmas carols tomorrow. The caroling will start at 7 p.m.

Jaycettes will sing at your house or a friend's house...call the Sonora Agency at 387-3697 or 387-2676 or call Rita Hale at 387-3996 for reservations.

Phillips Visit Midland

Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips were Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. Phillips' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold

Briscoe of Midland. Also guests were Briscoe's sisters Mrs. Louise Glasscock and Bobbie Glasscock of Austin.



A new pine tree for the Library was planted Monday afternoon by members of Brownie Troop 226...[left to right] Sandra Merrill, Karen Shaffer, Joey Badgett, Cindy Doran, Jennifer Ramirez, Mary Barrow, Gina McMillon, Julie Jackson, Shannon Payne, Shawn

Brown, Emily Gonzales, Monica Castilleja, Tammy Holquin and Nelda Castenada. Woman's Club representatives at the ceremony were [left to right standing] Elizabeth Hemphill, Doris Rousselet, Joan Cusenbary and DeDe Doran.

Open House
Doyle Morgan Insurance
 Friday, December 23
 10:00 to 12:00 a.m.

Tedford Jewelry
 Bridal Registry
 Phone 387-2434

Miss Lovelyn Brown of Del Rio, bride-elect of David Wharton
 Brenda Bartz, bride-elect of David Whitworth
 Mrs. Richard Obenhaus, nee Keila Phillips
 Mrs. Scott Jacoby, nee Diane Pfluger

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Tim's Liquors

Keeps you in good spirits
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Brownie Troop 239 participated in a tree planting ceremony in front of the Library Monday afternoon. Brownies [left to right] Lori Marlow, Theresa Hale, Tina Smith, Lainy Manis, Yvonne Maskill, Eleese Bateman, Krista Zech, Ganna Ramirez, Robbi Dickenson, Shelly Lucky, Sue Dean and Rita McGinnis are joined by Evelyn McGinnis and Edna Duren [standing].

ESA Celebrates Holidays

Kappa Gamma chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha met Monday evening in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Jim Miles for the annual Christmas party.

Hostesses for the event were Nelda Mayfield and Judy Miles with the help of other members.

Tamales, sweet and sour sausage, dips and chips, cookies, punch, holiday candy and egg nog were served.

Secret sister gifts were exchanged and each member tied her money to a love and caring tree which was given to someone they wanted to share the Christmas spirit with.

Those attending were Jan Berry, Kay Story, Jo Ann Wilkinson, Debbie Kemper, Debby Kiowski, Linda Todd, Linda Cayce, Dolores Hodges, Judy Miles, Jean Hughes, Pat Burnett, Pam Martin, Nelda Mayfield, Debbie Hard, Jo Ann Jones, Jan Robertson, Mary Jo Pfeiffer, Ann Bundy and Glenda Short.

Bunko Clubs Meet Dec. 14

The Supper and Dessert Bunko Clubs held a joint Christmas party December 14 at the home of Debbie Morriss, Mrs. Morriss and Mrs. Mollie Hite were hostesses.

Members and guests were served a meal of turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings.

Winning bunko were Kathleen Moore and Nellie Adkins; high, Debbie Kiowski and Elaine Donaldson; second high, Ann McCutchen and Sadie Archer; and low, Ruby Jolly and Debbie Hard.

Others attending were Twila Jones, Darla Berkeley, Erma Lee Turner, Eva Clanton, Joyce Chalk, Pat Robbins, Louise Hearn and Nora B. Kiser. Ruby Jolly and Trevlin Luttrell were guests.

The average price of natural gas paid Texas producers in 1977 was 83¢ per thousand cubic feet, State Comptroller Bob Bullock reports.

GREETINGS
 Hoping your holidays will be bright with the light of Christmas.
 Sincere appreciation

from all the folks at
Country Fried Chicken 'N Fish
 We'll be closed Christmas Day

new arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Thorp are parents of a son born December 13 in the Angelo Community Center. He weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces and was named Thomas Marion Thorp, Jr.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thorp. Mrs. Mike Moore of Sonora and E.E. Johnson of Ozona are great-grandparents.

A Bride-to-be's First Stop
Ruth Shurley Jewelry
 The following brides and brides-to-be have made their selections with us...

Diane Pfluger, bride-elect of Scott Jacoby
 Brenda Bartz, bride-elect of David Whitworth
 Josie Lopez, bride-elect of Fernando Emilliano

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 MONDAY-SATURDAY 9:00-5:00
 Phone 387-2755

Help us write the phone book.

The new edition of your phone directory is going to press. If you want to make any changes in your listing, now's the time to tell us. It's time also to add listings for others in your household. Like your spouse or kids or relatives or in-laws. And remember, your phone book's a true directory. Emergency numbers in the front. People numbers in the white pages. And in the Yellow Pages, everything: let your fingers do the walking for anything you need. So now's the time to add or change listings. The rates are very low. Call our Business Office now. Help us write the book.

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 Sat., Dec. 17
 Sat., Dec. 24

Children must be accompanied by a parent

Modern Way Grocery & Market
 Hwy 277 South Open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mon.-Sat. Sun.-8a.m. to 1 p.m.

<p>USDA GRADE "A" BUTTER-ME-NOT YOUNG TURKEYS</p> <p>69¢ 10-LBS & UP</p>	<p>SWIFT PREMIUM BUTTERBALL TURKEYS</p> <p>85¢ 10-LBS & UP</p>	<p>USDA Heavy Beef BONELESS CHUCK ROAST</p> <p>99¢ LB</p>	<p>FULLY COOKED SMOKED SHANK PORTION</p> <p>(BUTT PORTION LB \$1.09)</p>	<p>Hams</p> <p>99¢ LB</p>
<p>Boneless Stew Meat Lean LB \$1²⁹</p> <p>Agar Ham 3 lb can \$5⁹⁹</p> <p>Agar Ham 5 lb can \$10⁹⁹</p> <p>Turkey Hens TV 8-14 lbs lb 65¢</p> <p>Ham Steak Center Cut Smoked LB \$1⁶⁹</p> <p>Smoked Turkeys Sunday House 6-12-Lb Avg LB \$1²⁹</p> <p>Turkey Toms T.V. 18-24 lbs LB 63¢</p>	<p>Chuck Steak BONELESS USDA Heavy Beef LB \$1⁰⁹</p> <p>Franks Good Value Meat or Beef 12-OZ PKG 69¢</p> <p>Little Wieners Oscar Mayer 5½-OZ PKG 79¢</p> <p>Little Smokies Oscar Mayer 5½-OZ PKG 89¢</p> <p>Bologna Oscar Mayer Meat, Beef Thick Sliced 12-OZ PKG \$1⁰⁹</p> <p>Variety Pack Oscar Mayer Round, or Beef 12-OZ PKG \$1⁵⁹</p> <p>Longhorn Cheese Wisconsin LB \$1⁹⁹</p>	<p>FULLY COOKED BONELESS TV HAMS</p> <p>\$189 LB</p> <p>WHOLE or HALF</p>	<p>Sliced Slab Bacon HICKORY SMOKED FLAVOR Dankworth LB 99¢</p> <p>Lean Ground Beef Extra Lean LB 99¢</p>	

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Downtown Sonora 387-2755

The board of trustees appointed a textbook committee, approved the audit, amended the tax roll and board policy, authorized additional personnel and extended the contract of the superintendent, during the regular meeting December 13.

Appointed to the textbook committee were: Harold Miller, Reed Jen-

nings, Kay Holdridge, Roberta Sappington, Marion Castleberry, Bob Snodgrass, Charlotte Wilson, Donald Patton, Donna Benson, Dale Ethridge, and Joe R. Andrews.

The audit for the year ending August 31, 1977 was approved. The auditor commended the school district on the improve-

ment in its records and for its fixed assets. He said "these records puts Sonora ahead of most schools in this area."

The board authorized the employment of one additional teacher and one teacher's aide for the Special Education program. A part-time aide was also approved and will

be funded by the Manpower Commission. Jinger Wagner has been named to fill the teacher vacancy and Elfida Solis has been employed for the Manpower Program.

In other action, the board increased the price of meals for adult school personnel from 75c to 85c without milk and to 95c with milk. The increase was necessary to comply with the state lunchroom program guidelines.

The distance junior high teams may travel was limited to 100 road miles.

Plans for a bus garage were discussed and the superintendent was authorized to proceed with the planning for construction of a building for the washing, greasing, and maintenance of the school vehicles.

Charles Nelson was employed as school mechanic.

The board extended the contract of Dr. Joe R. Andrews for three years beginning July 1, 1978.

The district Christmas banquet was held in the school lunchroom December 19 and approximately 166 persons including board members and spouses and employees and their spouse enjoyed a traditional turkey and dressing dinner.

Musical entertainment was provided by the high school choral group under the direction of Sterling Allen.

After the welcome and introduction of the board by Dr. Andrews, James Hunt brought greetings from the board of trustees.

Salary checks including

a \$400 Christmas bonus for full-time employees and \$200 for part-time employees were distributed at the close of the program. School will dismiss Thursday, December 22 at 2:30 p.m. for the holidays.

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Duplicate Bridge Winners

Eldorado Duplicate Bridge Play December 8 saw Billie Porter of Eldorado and Tom Peaslee of Sonora take first place. Lottie Puckett and Fred Adkins of Sonora placed second and Margurite Frost and Pete Finley of

Eldorado were third. Placing fourth were Helen Blakeway of Eldorado and Vivan Mears of Sonora.

In duplicate play December 15 Billie Porter and Tom Peaslee again took first place.

Tying for second place were Margaret Frost -

Pete Finley, and Helen Blakeway - Jack Bebee; third place Lottie Puckett and Fred Adkins; and fourth place Imogene Edmiston and Zella Barker.

The club will meet again at 7 p.m., Thursday, December 22.

First Baptist Reveals Holiday Church Services

First Baptist Church will hold 10:50 a.m., worship services both Christmas and New Year's Day but will hold no night services either of those nights.

There will be no Wednesday night services this week or next week, according to the Rev. J.C. Hancock.

Visitors...

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Jennings over the Christmas holidays are their son-in-law, Bill Lamb, and their grandson, Bill, Jr., of Chesapeake, Virginia.

Hospital Notes

Patients receiving treatment at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital during the period from Tuesday, December 13 Thru Monday, December 19 include the following:

- Ida Bloodworth*
- Johnnie Barker*
- Rex Cusenbary*
- Candelario Jimenez*
- Bertha Holmes*
- Debra Ray*
- Lisa Sahara*
- Miguel Arisp*
- Debra Bohannon*
- Andrew Langford*
- Pam Martin*
- Jim Wilson*
- Clifton Doran
- Mary Castaneda*
- Irene Gomez*
- Patsy Turman*
- Robert Halbert*
- Darlene Dacy*
- Charles Tarrance*
- Lupe Gamez
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For those friends with a green thumb, try giving a beautiful plant accented by a wicker basket or ceramic pot. When you need to say "I love you" to someone special, there is no better way than with a dozen of long stem roses.

If you wish to give a gift that will be cherished forever, try entering a heart with a touch of brass.

And what a variety of other gifts we have to choose from...beautiful matching shawls, caps and socks...

Also you'll find our scarves and hats ideal for the gift to warm her heart.

Oh, and such fine pottery ware...brown pots, pickling jars, wicker baskets...serving trays, lazy susans, cheese servers, spice racks...and brass, brass candle holders, flower vases and cache pots.

And remember, every woman loves clothes... An elegant velvet blazer is suitable for any occasion, but don't forget at the go anywhere casual wear too.

Oh, we almost forgot to mention that Sonora Floral, Gifts and Fashions also has a terrific selection of the traditional Christmas poinsettias.

Sonora Floral, Gifts and Fashions would like to wish you and your loved ones a Happy Holiday Season.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

At this time of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone in Sonora, especially those that we have met personally, a very Merry Christmas, and health and happiness in the coming New Year.

We were newcomers about two years ago, and I really hated leaving my home and coming here to Sonora, but after meeting such nice and friendly people, I am in hopes we can stay here for many years to come.

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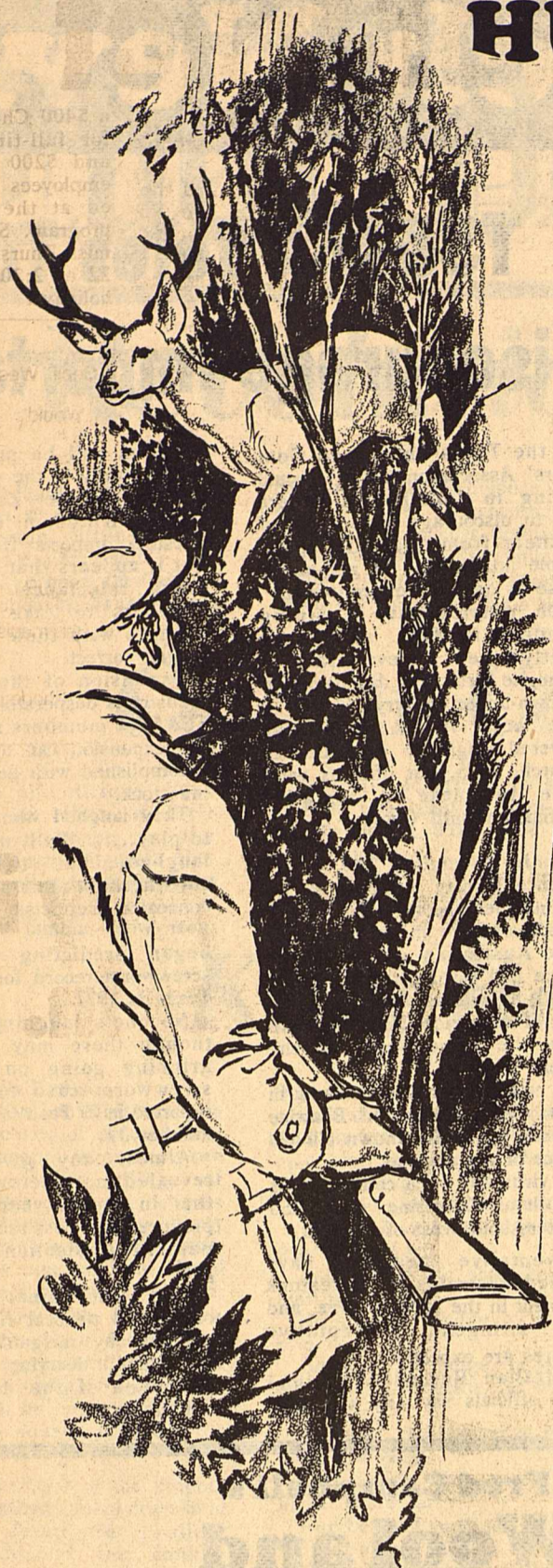
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Prize:

Old Granddad

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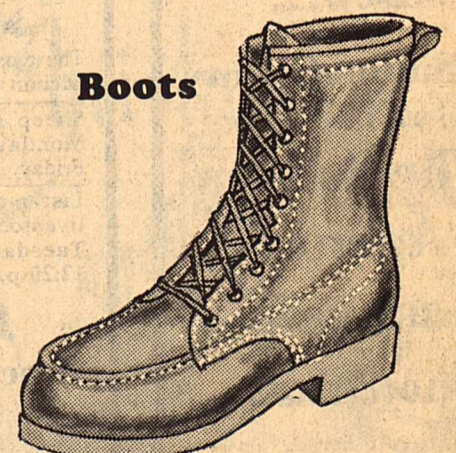
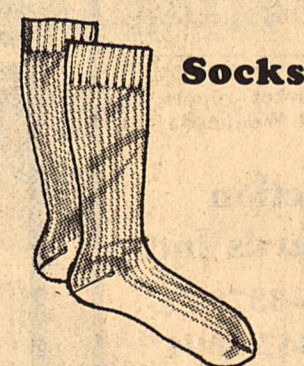
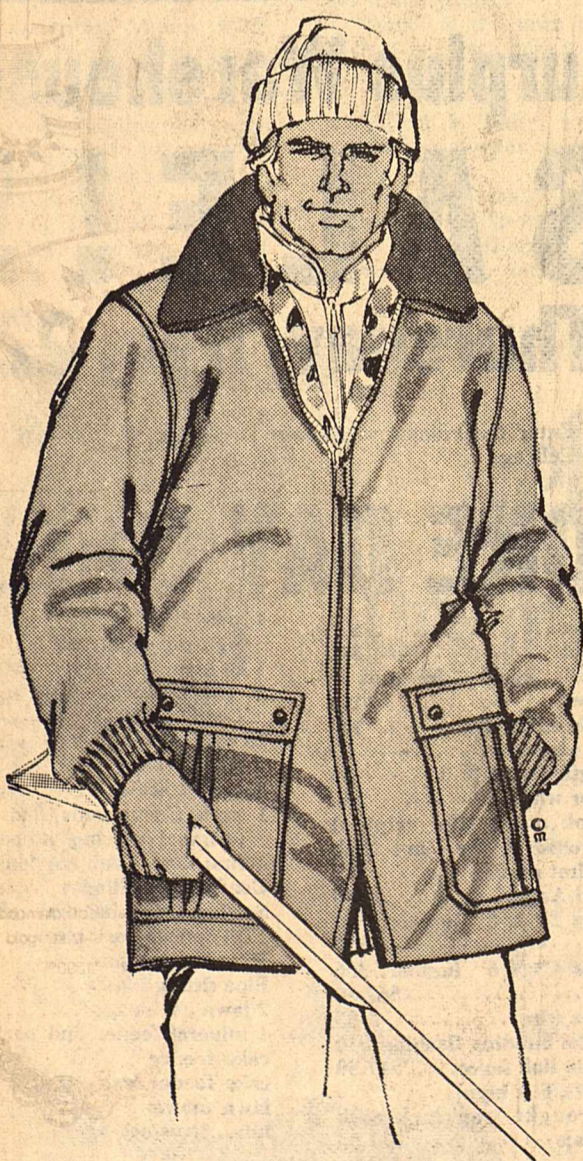
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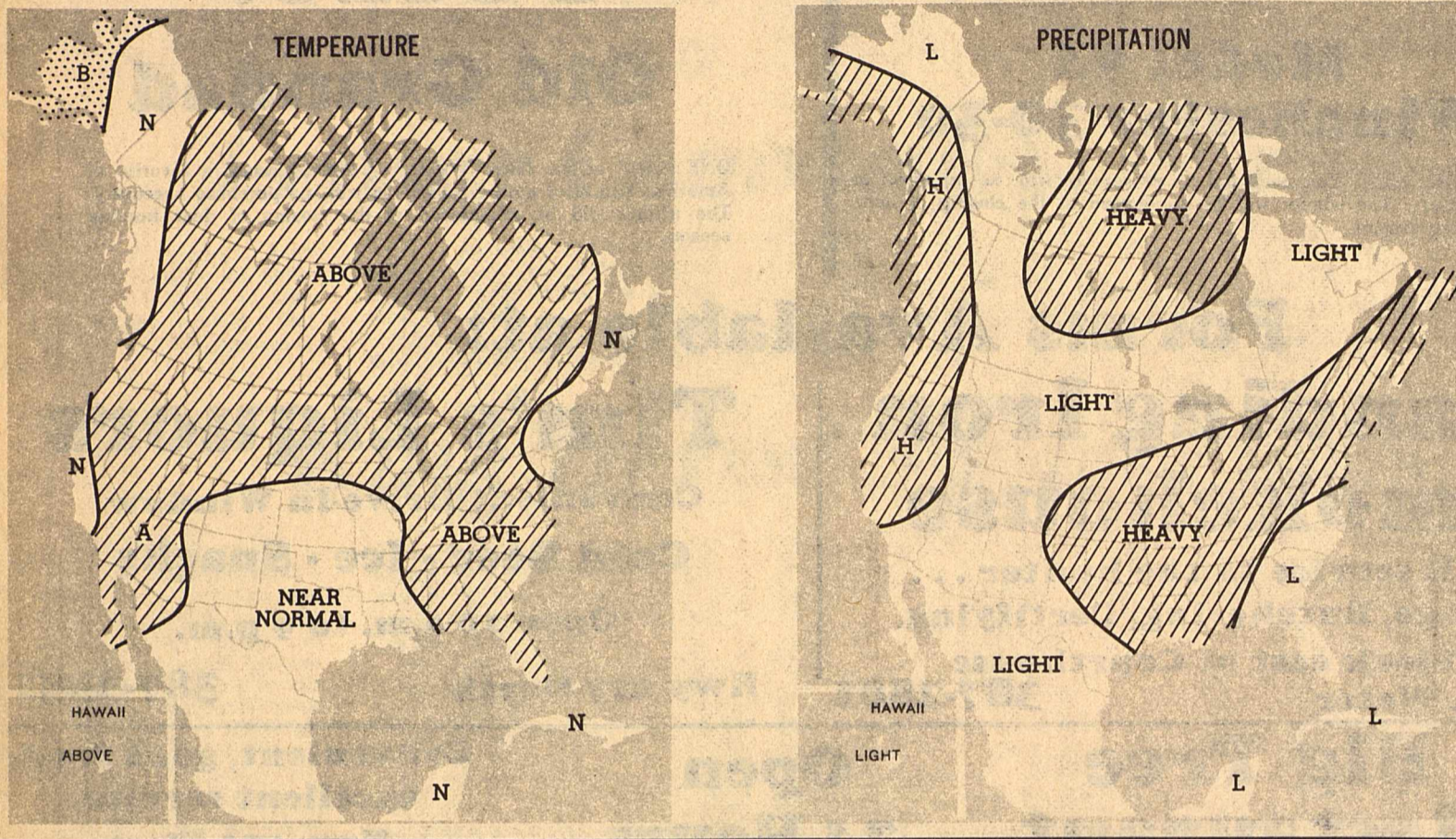
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Sutton County Ranch News

National Weather Service Monthly Weather Outlook

For Mid December 1977 to Mid January 1978



TS&GRA Votes To Discourage Importation

At the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association fall tri-annual meeting in Junction, members voted to discourage importation of live sheep from Australia, citing possible introduction of non-native disease as one of their concerns.

Such worries have a strong grounding in fact, as proven recently when a new strain of bluetongue virus was discovered in the down-under country.

The new virus strain was discovered originally near Darwin in March, 1975, but officials were unable to make a tentative identification until October of this year.

By mid-November, the World Reference Library in South Africa had confirmed the identification.

Bloodtests have shown that cattle on the Australian government's Beatrice Hill research station were affected, as well as similar animals south of Beatrice Hill but still within the upper end of the Northern Territory.

Test sheep near Darwin and in contact with the affected Beatrice Hill cattle have also shown clinical evidence of the disease.

The virus has been confirmed as far south as Katherine, about 450 kilometers southwest of Darwin.

Preventative measures have included restraints on livestock movement in the affected area, and more stringent preventative measures are expected.

Australian Bureau of Animal Health officials say any slaughter

program will be preceded by a careful study of the situation.

So far only New Zealand and the United Kingdom have banned livestock imports from Australia, but it appears that the common-sense reluctance of TS&GRA members to take unnecessary chances with their industry has proven correct.

Expansion of the U.S. sheep industry is desperately needed, but TS&GRA members maintain that the expansion can and should be accomplished with domestic breeding stock.

They laughed when I sat down to play.....Well, maybe no one laughed, but there was a considerable amount of partially concealed skepticism earlier in the year when animal health officials began predicting a near-zero screwworm record for the state of Texas in 1977.

No one's laughing any more, though there may be a lot of grinning going on.....the last screwworm case for the year, reported in El Paso in October, was number 39.

Almost any given roundup revealed more screwworms than that in recent years. 1977 has produced the best record since the parasite eradication program began.

And just think, so far no organized protest has yet been mounted by misguided "environmentalists" decrying the possible extinction of the dear species. Shhhhhh!

National Attention Focused On Unique Cattlemen's Project On Consumer Beef

National attention has been focused on a unique new project initiated by the Independent Cattlemen's Association which promotes the use of American produced beef in consumer food

products, according to T.A. Cunningham, ICA president.

The project includes the distribution of red, white and blue window decals proclaiming the exclusive use of domestic beef in food products and food preparation to restaurant and retail store merchants. Decal promoters say they hope to see the decals displayed in food establishments throughout Texas and the rest of the country in the months to come.

The decals read, "This Establishment Serves Only American Produced Beef." The beef promotion campaign is a cooperative effort of the cattlemen's association and the Independent Food and Energy Producers, Inc., a national group also headed by Cunningham.

Details of the project were unveiled before a congressional committee holding hearings in Scottsbluff, Neb. on a bill requiring labeling and tighter inspection of imported meat and dairy products. During this testimony, Cunningham told the Congressmen that the strong popularity of the decals proves that there is a deep, grass-roots support in America for domestic beef products over foreign products.

"The cattle ranchers in this country are by nature a very independent breed," the Goliad rancher told the congressional committee, which included Charles Thone of Nebraska, Keith Sebelius

of Kansas and Bob Poage and Jack Hightower of Texas.

"Over the years as the need for promotion of our products grew, we adapted our cattle production to match the quality and variety asked for by the American public.

This effort to adapt to consumer needs kept the rancher on his ranch and he was not able to look for new markets and support of his products."

However, Cunningham said, "The members of the Independent Cattlemen's Association and the Independent Food and Energy Producers, Inc., feel that it is our responsibility to promote our domestically produced meat products."

In living up to this responsibility, we are starting a nation-wide campaign to encourage restaurants and retail food outlets to use our meat products."

The decals are available from officers or the staff of both groups headquartered in Austin.

Fred Campbell's Wool and Mohair Report

Overseas auction sales continue to be somewhat weaker especially on the finer types of wool.

Cleanup selling continues in the U.S. as supplies dwindle to less than 5 million pounds. Sales of good Texas 12 Months wool were made this week at a top price of \$1.01. Clippings sold at a high price of 55 cents this week also. The last wool sale of the season

is scheduled in Sonora on Wednesday this week where the accumulation of clippings is being offered along with 28,000 pounds of short wool.

On Tuesday this week about 25,000 pounds of December shorn mohair is being offered.

These sales should clean up remaining supplies in the Sonora warehouse. Prices will be released next week.

Wool House Sets Open House

Friday, Dec. 23, from 2 to 5 p.m. has been set aside at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. as an open house.

Officers and directors of the company extend a cordial invitation to customers and their spouses to stop by and meet

and visit with employees and see the new merchandise display room.

The wool house will be closed for regular business during the open house and again on Saturday and next Monday.

Fields Elected To ASC Committee

Herbert Fields has been elected to the Sutton County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee for a three year term, Corleen S. Meyer, of the Crockett-Sutton County ASCS office announced this week.

Other Sutton County committee members are W.B. McMillan, Gene Wallace, Jack Baker and Billy B. Savell.

Meyer also announced that the 1978 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) has been formulated and is awaiting state approval.

"We will announce sign-up very soon, so be looking at your conservation problems and planning

cost share measures," she reminded.

"Remember, you must file your application for cost shares before you begin the practice," Meyer continued.

Applications for Emergency Feed are now being accepted, Meyer added. "It will help speed processing of your application if you know how much feed you have on hand and the number of livestock in each pasture of your ranch," she continued.

Meyer also announced that wool and unshorn lamb receipts and applications for incentive payments should be filed by January 31.

The incentive price for shorn wool is increased from 72c to 99c per pound for the 1977 marketing year.

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6 ft Feed Auger.....\$50
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1 lot wrought iron tack rack materials.....\$17.50

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1 lot electric conduit.....\$10
1 electric fogging machine [working order].....\$12.50
25 gal. butane bottle.....\$25.00
2 Wool trucks
Set table scales.....\$10
1 sack Camp cups and plates [original serving utensils for first Lions Club auction].....\$10
Used air conditioner.....\$10
Sewing twine [several rolls]
1 lot Jensen Jack parts.....\$20
Pipe fitting bins.....\$50
Pipe fitting bins.....\$50
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Jerusalem Edition

The Devil's River News

Revolution Rumors Fly In Capitol

Rumors are flying in the nation's capitol that a revolt or revolution may be brewing within walking distance of Jerusalem itself. Reports have been received of mysterious occurrences which the

Roman Central Intelligence Agency (RCIA) have determined have transpired in or near Bethlehem, a small suburb of the capitol. The coup may be a grass roots revolt, as shepherds from the hills

surrounding the village seem to be foremost in proclaiming the arrival of a new king of the Jews. This king, curiously to the shepherds, is a new born babe. It is believed, according to a

usually reliable source close to Herod, that the Roman government will not tolerate even the hint of insurrection.

Preliminary plans, according to the source, are to launch a full

scale investigation into the situation, and to execute the child as soon as possible.

Further plans, it is said, could possibly include a full scale massacre of all infant sons born

within the last several years, although official press releases from Herod continue to deny such rumors as "utter nonsense", stating that "Such rumors are completely unfounded. People of Judea have nothing to fear."

Ceasar Commands World - Wide Census

Thousands of citizens have flocked to the cities of their ancestry in response to the mandate of Caesar Augustus that they be enumerated for purposes of taxation.

There is, according to official sources, none exempt from fulfilling the decree during the allotted time period.

Roads and trails are therefore lined with carts, donkeys, camels,

and foot travellers, making their way to the prescribed places.

Evidence that obedience is complete by spot checks by reporters at several points along the routes.

Travellers include both the very young and the very old.

The sick and the lame are among those who are attempting to fulfill their government's demand.

Even women nearing the end of

their pregnancy can be seen atop beasts of burden.

Meanwhile, the villages are packed. Fortunate travellers are able to board with relatives or friends.

Early arrivals and the well-to-do

are lodged at the few inns located along the route, but the majority of those travelling are finding shelter from the winter nights as best they can, setting up camp under trees, in caves, and, when the owners permit, in barns and stables.

King Herod Shows Signs of Worry

By Kathab

Despite the administration's continuing denials of concern over the recent events in or near the heretofore obscure village of Bethlehem, this columnist believes that (a) there is definitely something very consequential transpiring at this time, and (b) Herod and his cabinet are indeed worried.

Conversations with Jewish religious leaders have led me to believe that sacred writings indeed point to the coming of a Messiah, or Saviour, at an unknown time. One such source is the 11th

chapter of the book of the prophet

Isaiah, a messianic poem describing in some detail the salient characteristics of the coming Messiah.

"There shall come forth a shoot

from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding.

The spirit of counsel and might. The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, Or decide by what his ears hear;

But with righteousness he shall judge the poor.

And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,

And with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist,

And faithfulness the girdle of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,

And the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

And the calf and the lion and the fating together,

And a little child shall lead them; The cow and the bear shall feed;

Their young shall lie down together;

And the lion shall eat straw like the Ox.

The suckling child shall play over the hold of the asp.

And the weaned child shall put his hand on the adders den.

They shall not hurt or destroy In all my holy mountain;

For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord

As the waters cover the sea."

Theologians state that this indicates the Messiah will (a) be of Davidic stock...and (b) be filled with the spirit of the prophets.

Upon questioning these experts further, I asked them if, since this Messiah was to be of Davidic stock, would Bethlehem not be the logical choice of his birth, since this had been David's home.

Their reply further substantiated belief that something very heavy was transpiring.

They showed me another passage of their scripture, this one from the book of Micah.

"But you Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

God is therefore going to

abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feel his flock with the power of God, with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from them then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace."

Herod, too, seems to be seeking the advice of religious leaders, he must indeed believe the rumors, for several of the chief priests and scribes have been seen entering the palace, although their entries and exits have been through the rear gates, and then only at night.

His investigation is even more far reaching than has been previously thought, for a little publicized trip

by the Maji from the East to Jerusalem included a visit with Herod...at his initiative. The Messiah subject is known to have been one of the topics of discussion.

My advice then, to the parents of this child...and to all others who have recently given birth to a son, is to flee...from Judea, from Israel if necessary.

Find refuge, in Egypt if necessary, for if Herod behaves as he has throughout his reign of terror, he will stop at nothing to prevent a rival following.

Besides, the self imposed exile may be of short duration...for another source informs me that Herod is in very bad health...This is Kathab, and this is Jerusalem Journal...today!!!!!!

Update:

Mysterious Star Settles

Star gazers have reported that the mysterious star which first appeared in the east some time ago, and has continued to move slowly westward each night has grown brighter in intensity, and now appears to have ceased its

westward movement. The star is now located just over Bethlehem, a small village six miles south of Jerusalem, the nation's capitol.

The star has created much interest and some confusion and

alarm. Its origin and meaning, to this time, remain unexplained. Further reports of the mysterious star will be given each day, but as of now, the light must remain a mystery.

Strange Easterners Tell Weird Story of Birth

(Yesterday we encountered three men, finely dressed, traveling through the capitol.)

Q. Sirs, Your attire seems strange to us, could you tell me from what country you have come?

A. We are from the east, from places whose names would mean nothing to you.

Q. What is the purpose of your visit?

A. We have come in search of the king of the Jews, that we might do homage to him.

Q. You mean Herod:

A. We have seen Herod, but the king we seek is an infant. Herod expressed a great interest in this

child, and has asked us to find out all we can about him, that we might tell him so he too can worship this king.

Q. How do you plan to pay homage to an infant.

A. We have brought gifts, treasures from our land, gold, and frankincense and myrrh. Excuse me, but we must be going now.

Letter to the Editor....

Sir, I feel bound to report what happened to me this evening, so that all might know, as soon as possible, the good news I have for all people.

I was guarding sheep with several of my friends and family members last night, one of the clearest nights I have ever seen.

The stars were brighter than ever before. One seemed to be just over the village and seemed so close we could almost touch it.

Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to us...and the glory of the Lord shone around us.

We were all terrified, but this angel spoke to us and said "Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people.

"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord.

"And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Then, there was, with this angel, a great many others, praising God and singing: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men

who enjoy his favor."

And then, we were alone again, but filled with awe and wonder. We decided to go to Bethlehem, and to see for ourselves.

There, behind an Inn, was exactly what the angel had described. A man, a very young woman, and a newborn boy, wrapped in swaddling clothes, asleep in the manger.

I feel this message must be told to the world, but since I fear Herod, I ask that you do not use my name.

Name Withheld by request.

Birth Announcement

Last Night, to Joseph and Mary, of Nazareth, a son, Jesus, born in Bethlehem.

Omission:

We have been informed that the birth of a child in Aim Karim was inadvertently omitted from this column several months ago: To Zechariah and Elizabeth, a son, John.

Public Notice

By decree of Caesar Augustus through his governor, Quirinius. A census of all the world is now being taken.

All inhabitants of the Roman Empire are required, under penalty of law, to return to the city their origin to be enumerated.

This registration is required and commanded immediately.

Editor's Note:

In observance of this special holiday, we prepared this page to add a little extra to those of you who celebrate the birth of Christ at

this time of the year. Rev. Jim Miles worked with us on this project and we thank him for his thoughtfulness and special

attention to our Christmas page. Merry Christmas to all of you from the Devil's River News... Wes, Shirley, Debbie, Jerry, Paula, Vicki and Pat.



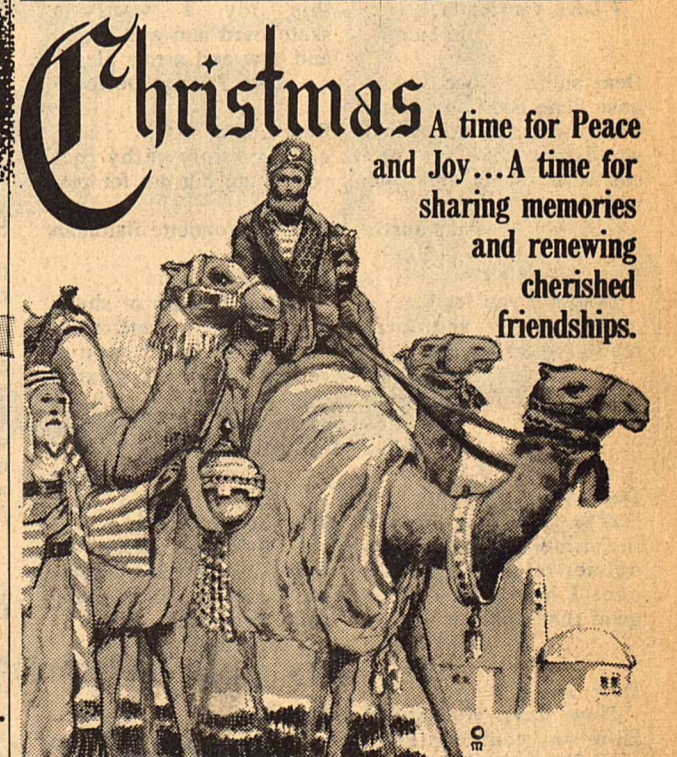
Let us Adore Him

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

Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital & Nursing Home



Sonora Electric Nelson & Reba



Zola's Motel



Dear Santa; Please Bring Me....

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a race track ARF.
a pair of scissors. Please
get Crystal a can of dry
cat feed.
Karen

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? How is
the northpole? I hope you
are fine. I'll see you on
the 25th of December.
Signed, Christopher

Dear Santa Claus
1. I want a doll 2. i want
a opendition game 3. i
want boots 4. i want
books 5. i want dishes 6. i
want piano 7. i want
rollerskates 8. i want a
watch 9. i want a sundress
10. i want shoes 11. i want
a baby alive
Lisup

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an thrak.
Travis

Dear Santa claus,
I want you to bring me
some skates and a baby
Come back.
I Love you Santa Claus,
Monica

Dear Santa Claws,
I want a little plane and
a shorpearers a 22 gun
rasing set gunset B.B gun
to pair of levi's 2 wektron
sherts a belt to pet birds
for me and Bloyze
From Jack and Blayze

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a
doll that eats and has a
carrage.
And I want you to bring
me some jacks. And happy
Christmas to all the
children and you to Sant
children and you to Santa
Claus and have a nice
Christmas holiday.
Thank you Santa Claus.
And also I love you very
much. Thank you.
from Susana
to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I
hope you are we'll. what I
want for a 22
love Joe

Dear Santa,
I have ben a good gril
Santa. how or you to day I
want a Baby taht a way
and a baby alive
Love Traci

Dear Santa I Love you I
what something for
CHRISTMAS have a nice
CHRISTMAS
from George MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Dear Santa,
I hop you a Marry
Christmas form Davy Ross

Dear Santa,
I Love you how are you
today I wanta doy and a
horse to
of Patricia

Dear Santa, how are you
doing. I Love you Santa I
wit Baby Comeba Bak
Aidalu

Dear Santa's
how are you dun at you
have com and I Love you
Santa's. I want a boll I
want bay com bag
from Monica

Daer Santa,
haw are you have you
ben find I no I have ben
find I wot a B.B gon a
sum par of wogtogs.
I Love you Santa,
fum Sammy

Dear santa I Love you. I
have bene good do you no
what I wonte a Snoopy and
woodstock have a happy
christmas. santa and your
wife.
from Justin

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling.
are you r reindeers
ready for christmas.
I have been a good girl.
all i want for christmas
is a boton
Love Delma

Dear Santa, I hope you
Had a good year Now is
the time to get out to
delvier toys To the little
ones I hope you have a
good time doing it
from Brandin

Dear Santa,
How have you been?
How was your winter? I
want Baby that away and
Baby come back and a
baton and tipsy tumbles
and a sewing maching and
a bike and a bike that you
can just put down and the
front wheel rolls. Natasha

Dear Santa Claus,
I help mi mother wash
the desh.
I want a skateboard and
a bike and a motorcycle
and a BB gun and a par of
boxing gloves
Love Santa
From David Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus
I have been good. I
would lick a dale. The
nened baby came back. I
bickel I want a ten speed.
love Holly Estep

Dear Santa,
I don't have much to
say. I want a tv. a record
player and a kitten. I love
you
Love Lane Cayce

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would
like a bike and a growing
hair skare and a skate
board and a sugar doll and
a tape-recorder and a
kitten.
Your friend
Kate Mathews

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bike and
bb gun and to be a cub
scout and a Raceing set
and a 22 gun. a tape
recorder
Love Ismael Duenes

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a barbi bus and a
super doll barbi and a doll
for my sisters and a math
book. and typewriter and a
set of play deshes
I Love you Santa Claus
Love Rebecca Vela
Haro thank you

Dear Santa Claus,
1. Rub a dub dolly
2. Mouse trap
3. operation
4. Don't break the ice
5. baby come back
Love Sharla

Dear Santa,
I Wot a boll. and a toy.
I been good.
I Love you Santa.
Love Matilde Tobias

Dear Santa,
I want a gun and a
football and a black hat
and Mr. mussle
love Mike Fullen

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas
is this But get my mother
someing for my Daddy and
get me someing I want
two doll for Christmas and
a toy and I had been
Good.
Love Maribel Sentena

Dear Santa,
I been good. So that
Why I wear a pin.
My mother weat a VT.
Jose Mendoza
I Love you Santa

Dear Santa,
I bena goda all The yera
I wist I yant a toy farm
weh all of The peses and I
yant a toy nrsea cet and a
toy bell
I Lave you Santa, fram
Krita to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a tender loveing
kissis and for my father i
want some tools and for
my mother i want some
shoes and thats all i want
Alisia Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want something but i
dont care wut you bring
me.
love MaryRoss

Dear Santa,
I want a present I want
a bike and a gun and six
melian doler man
And Ken and a watch I
want you to give my
mother a present and my
daddy six dolers
love Joe Vela
Merry Christmas Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and boots
love Eddie Perez

Dear Santa,
I wata bike and a tow
dog and a play house. I
been good
Love Cindy Gomez

Dear Santa,
I v ben whating for you
a long time, I v all ways
whanted to warch and a
bike and my mother
whants a warch to and my
father whants some gun.
Merry Christmas
Stephanie. Fulcher

Dear Santa,
I Love you I have been
good I hope that you come
to my house if you do
come I will have cookies
and milk I wish you a
merry christmas.
Love Zane Dunnam

Dear Santa,
I v ben wnatng foor you
a long time all ways
whanted and daddy worch

Dear Santa
I Love you wuold you
Please bring me a bike
Brandy Chandler
Dear Santa Claus:
My mame is irene
hooper.
And i want you to bring
me a dress and a rill
pretty hat. And a beutful
gown with beutful roses i
want it rill red.
Thankyou

Dear Santa,
How are you doing?
How is Mrs. Claus?
Please bring me a baby
needs you and a baby
carriage. I have been a
good little girl.
Love Lancey Lowe

Dear Santa Claus
Please breen me a bike
for christmas.
I have been good all the
others girl and boy have
deen good. I like you
Santa.
I Love you Santa
and Mrs. Claus to.
Wyfonda Snowder

Dear Santa,
I have been good. How
is Rudolph and the other
ruinbeer. I hope that
Rudolph make the teme
this yaer. Merry Christmas
To All Santa Claus.
Linda Elaine QuattleBaum

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a
Electro-man, Pistols,
To Santa From Armando

Dear Santa Clause
I want a Kenworth truck
and van tarilor.
From: Mike Friess

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Will
you me something? My
bother has been bad. My
mother whats a ring. My
daddy whats a watch for
Christmas.
Love from
Laticia Cawthorn

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Dear Santa,
I want a Night glow and
A tape player and a radio
and a new bed and a 3
pped bike and a pelet
gun and a 22 gun a my
mother a set of chairs and
table set and some new
shoes and a washer and
dryer and father a gun and
a set of gun powder and a
table and a 55 gun and a
chair and a gun book
Love Tony Dodd

Dear Santa,
all i what for Christmas
is a little doll.
Love you Monica Mata

Dear Santa,
I what a baby alive and
a bike and I what Someing
for my mother and daddy
this is what I what for my
mother a ring and some
shoes and this if for my
daddy some tools.
Merry Christmas
Love Michelle Olenicks

Dear Santa,
I want a Bell for
Christmas and a babby life
and a babby come back
Maria

Dear Santa,
I want you to Bring a
Babby come back.
Love
Yvonne Marie Maskill

Dear Santa Claus
I help my Mother wash
the dishes. I wants a
racing track.
think you

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs claus I have
try two be a good boy.
please bring me a set of
waKietalKies and a cow-
boysuit and a maxma-
chine.
Love Craig Hughes

Dear Santa,
How are you daing?
Prings me a motorcycle
and a little car and a claus
I Love yun claus
Alfredo Acosta

Dear Santa, claus.
I have been a gud girl.
Please. Birg sum toe. with
you.
I want You to brug a
bike to, ride.
love Angie Johnson

Dear Santa, claus.
How are you doing.
Santa, Claus.
How are your deer.
Would get me a little
weightis?
Scott Gamez

Dear Santa,
I have Bin good. I wanta
a motorcycle and a jeep.
Love Danny Vaughn

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs.
Claus and Rudolph find
and I wand a Baby Baby
That-Away
Candise Patlan

Dear Santa,
How are you doing, I
doing find. is your mother
find yes. I find are you
having fun. yes how is
rudolph is he find. I want
a Baby that-Away
I Love you Santa,
Cynthia. Arevalo.

Dear Santa Claus
I have been a nice little
boy I want a Dallas

tippy tumbles and suntan
Tusday Taylor and raggedy
ann and andy clock that
tall.
love your friend Shawna
michelle mclaughlin

Dear Santa, Claus
I help my Mother clen
the tabel and wash the
dishes and i want a bike
for christmas and a doll.
from Dora Lira

Dear Santa, Claus.
I help my Mother clean
the table and I want a doll
it is call baby alive would
you get it for me My name
is Rachel Benavides

Dear Santa, Claus
I want a minibike fome
Duke Johnson

Dear Santa, Claus
I won't a new bike and a
new urigin to play and i
won't a little doll for
Venessa and you have a
verey Happy! Happy!
Christmas
from Alma

Dear Santa Claus,
I what a baby come back
and a new bike.
Love Shannon Payne

Dear Santa,
I have leen a good girl
and I would like to have
nulers ip jaws and super
star Barbie.
Love, Gina McMillon

Dear Santa Claus
Please get me a
Electro-man-minie bike-
matchbox speedetrack.
From. Bobby To. Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a canera, some
film, boolatanbord, tape-
player, charlies angles, a
horse, and a cow
Love Penny

Dear Santa,
We put our Christmas
tree Tuesday 13, 1977. For
Christmas I want a Dorothy
Hamel Doll. P.S. Please
get Sara, my little sister a
Baby Heartbeat.
Love, Stacy Patton
Love, Stacy Patton

Dear Santa Claus
I Love you Santa Claus.
I want a bike a blue bike
and I want a telling doll
and a game and a play
dog.
to Santa Claus
from Tina

Dear Santa Cluas
I want a now bike and a
wick and a book and a
notbook for skcool I want
some skate and a piar of
shose
from Juanity

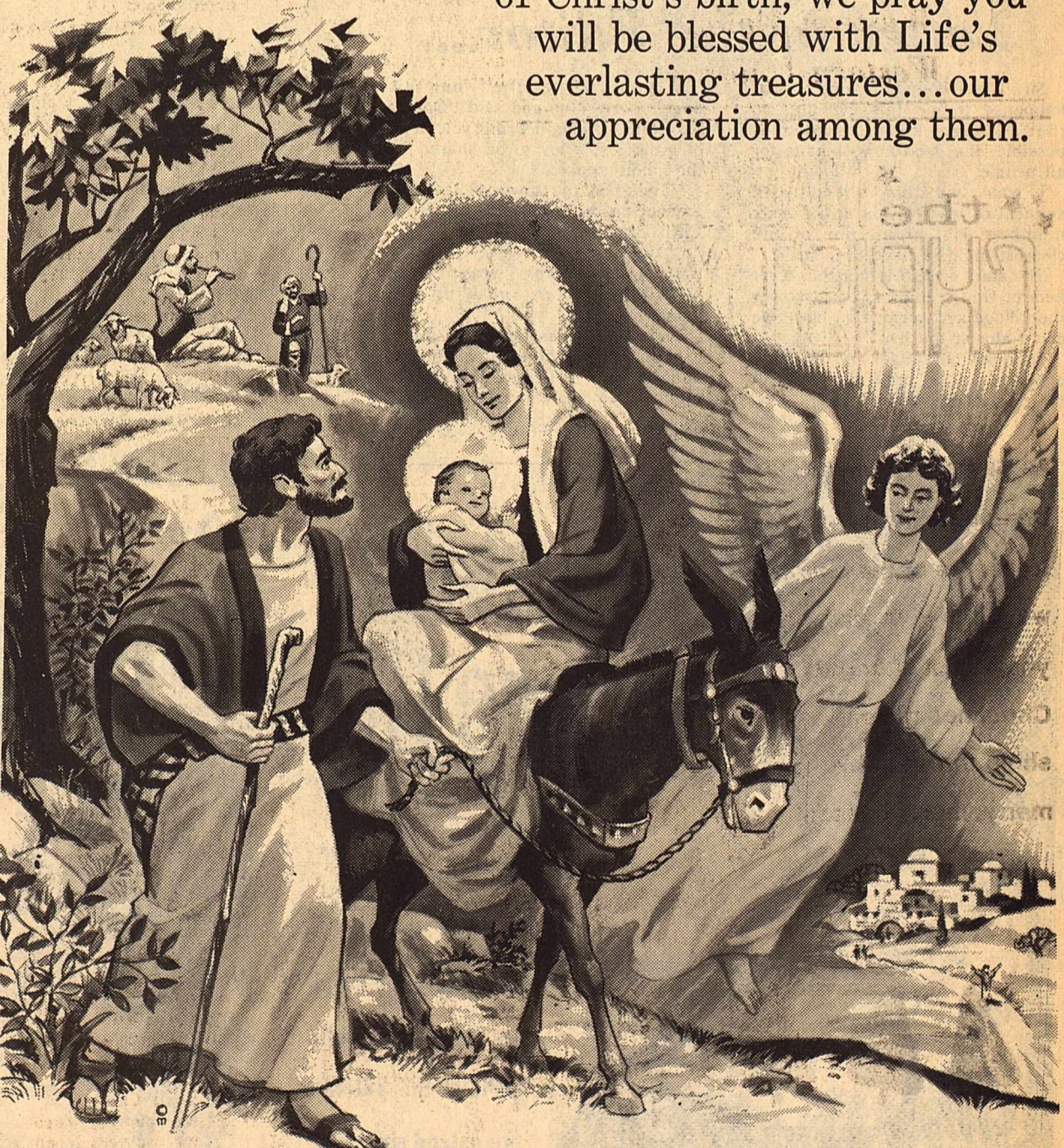
Dear Santa Claus
I would like a Baby
come back and a horse
and a suntan tuesday taylor
and other thing.
Love Dawn

Dear Santa Claus
I would like to have a
Radio and a B.B. Gun and
a baby come back and a
horse and a Suntan
Tuesday Taylor and a
shear beauty center. And
lots of other things.
Love, Dina

The Splendor of Christmas

the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and His mother, and flee to Egypt... Matthew 2:13

As we reverently recall that hallowed journey and the glory of Christ's birth, we pray you will be blessed with Life's everlasting treasures...our appreciation among them.



Commercial Restaurant

Lemuel and Gloria Lopez
Juan Lozano, Carlos and Antonio Gallegos, Tommie Sanchez,
Maria Robles and Rosantina Gonzales

Dear Santa;

Dear Santa Claus,
What I would want is a boxer player and a B-B gun and a dog.
your freind,
David Guerra

Dear Santa Claus
I want a dady that a way will you bring it I love you Santa Claus will bring me a dady come Back.
Drar Santa Claus
I love you ok.
From Teresa

Dear Santa
I want two battrys that all for these: Radio walky talky.
Abel

Dear Santa Claus.
I want a dolly thats wets and drinks and bady carriage. Sallie wants a dolly that's wets and drinks to and a baby carriage.
Love Sondra and Sallie

Dear Santa Claus
we are having a play at school. I hope you will be there. I hope I see you in the play I am going to be a cowboy in the play. I hope I get somethink for Crismes. Jason and Jack and David D. like you.
Jason

Dear Santa,
I want a dolly and a carriage and a boat, and a dall and that is all.
Love, Cindy.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Holly Hobby oven. We put up orw Christmas tree and we have some presents onder orw tree. I do want a baby come back, and a horse. and a Suntan

Tuesdy Taylor. and a Shear beauty center.
Love Sandy

Dear Santa
I want a Honda and a lospede and made laglan. and a thunder trail 78.
David Dodd

Dear Santa Claus, please send me Pulsar 3, matc box cars won like this if i could (NITEGLOW) B-B. gun! 22-pelet, Eletrowman motercross bike Adventure people.
Johnny Chance

Dear Santa,
How are you? Have you been alright? Have Mrs. claus been alright?
Please let me have some toy's a motorcycle and a 22 shells gun.
I Love you Santa Claus from Tom Preston to santaclaus

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Is he OK? Would you please bring me a Bike?
David McDonald

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santaclaus
How is mrs claus.
How are your deer I
How are you deer
Would you get me a baby Alive and a deer
Monica Zapata

Dear Santa,
I would like you to Bring me a Doll and doll carriage and talking Phone
Love Sara deLaGarza

Dear Santa Claus,
I want boots and a pellet gun I love you.
Tommy Zapata

Dear Santa,
How are you doing?
How is Miss Claus doing?
Will you Please bring me some things? Will you please bring A Flying Aces and a 202 Rifle?
From Sean J Matthews

Dear Santa,
how is Mrs. Claus I have been good I wont a little Motorcycle and I want a you
Love Love Robbi Dickenson to Santa

Dear Santa,
Hou is Mrs. Claus and Haw are you. Will you Pleas send me a toy of you and your slay and Rain-deers. I have been a good girl.
I Love you and Mrs. Claus
Melanie kring

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a bike and a sald. and a drum set and a motorcycle. Dear Mrs Claus
Mario Avila

Dear Santa,
How are you doing I want some boots for Christmas and also a baby alive
I Love you santa
Kimwing

Dear Santa claus.
How ore you doing. I lave you to. How is mrs santa doing. I want someing for christmas. I want a bike.
I Loveyou
Cody Lozano

Dear Santa,
How are you all. I am doing fine. Please bring me a skateboard. I want one. And a pear of earring's. and the doll baby-comeback. I have been good.
Thank you. Sataclaus
Love Julie Jackson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a sled! and some skates and a Dalls cowboy football suit
love, Neal Brown

Dear Santa,
Please Breg e a Baby That-Away and A Movie Star Barbie.
I Love you. Veronica Aguilar

Dear Santa,
I have been good I want a baton I Love you Santa Christmas is a nice day how aer you Santa, but you look cute The End
Love Lori

Dear Santa,
I hope I've been good al year. I was tking about having a game like: Jaws, tik-tak-toe, or a bench and orgen, and some borby dolls.
with Love
Robin Yvonne Kneese

Dear Santa,
I had been good how are you Santa. I Love you Santa, this is what i want for Christmas. Baby Kiss Baton I don't no any more.
from Janie Cearle

Dear Santa, have you had a good year. I hope you did I want a B-B gun and a matchbox speed way and a drum
From Duane

Dear Santa we all Love you we all what you to come to tow so we can get some presene and I what one doll for christmas. to santa from Jennifer we all Love you.

Dear Santa,
What are you Doing. I Love you Santa, Will you Be here Santa, MERRY CHRISTMAS, Santa, MERRY CHRISTMAS, CHRISTMAS is fun, CHRISTMAS is fun to Santa, CHRISTMAS is fun to you and to me, Santa,
Sylvia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a race track and Big guns litten guns and Bullet and a MinieBicke foot Ball stretch ramstroq streachram moster.
and I wus a gud Boy
Love Jammy

Dear Santa Claus
I have been a Good Boy. I want a diamond ring, and a trampulane. I want the Clash of the cosmic Robots, and streach monster, streach armstrong, rudolph puppet, racetrack. I want a Bee Bee gun, oprashan
Love Curtis Howard

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike
I want you to bring my Dad a shotgun and I want you to bring tate a toy pestel and I want you to bring my mother a new coffy maker wolud you bring ty a new bbgun
Love Tracy Fincher

Dear Santa Claus,
I have Ben a good girl. I want a piano whith letters.
I want a big bike
Love Neida Castaneda

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl I want some bubbles and a bike and more toys.
Love Ann Marie Herrera

Dear Santa Claus,
May I have a gocart Becas I have Been a nice boy But I also wonde a gocar lisuns But the shot al becose I wonde a Hamstere and I wonde it too snow
Love Cleve Jones VI

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a racetrack and a operishn and a strech armstrong and a streach armstrong monster.
Love Peter Perez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll. I want some boots too. I love you.
Love Elsa Trevino

Dear Santa,
I want a baby come back and I have been a good girl and my brther has been good, too. But sometimes he taers the presents.
Love Shelly Luckie

Dear Santa Claus,
I hop you can bring me some toys but if you can not that will be all write becuse I have A lot of Presents under the tree but I do wont A blimp.
love, Cindy Doran

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I want a trampulane And a doll and a suntantaylor And a her cusrn.
Love Joey Badgett

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. I want a diamond ring. I want a trampulane. I want a streach monster.
Love JoeDavid Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
May I have a bike and riect and a baddcomedack I have been a good girl
Love Beatrice Love

Dear Santa Claus,
I Love you very much. i I Love you very much. I hope that you give me a bebe gun and some cowboy boots, and a strech armstrong and a bike.
Love Salvador Castilleja

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a little cat and a little dog. and a little piano.
Love Brandy Childress

Dear Santa Claus,
I been a good girl and I want a babytivee. and a new bike. and a toybox. and a new bed. and I want a new piano. Love,
Debbie Esquivel

Dear Santa Claus
I want a boots Please and a blue jeans Please and a blue shirt and a cap and a Football and a Football suit and a little truck and a bb gun
Love Pancho Galvan

Dear Santa Claus,
I went a thresped Bik and a BaBe wents you and sopr star BoBe and a teteBer i went it to By Beg i have Bend a god girls.
love Camille Cauthorn

Dear Santa Claus
I want a colorieg Book and a Word Book car Flag, Pinsos, colos, Boat, I want a Boat. I want a Babby como Back. Football, Foot-Boll Suit, ring, BIB gon.
I peen a good boy.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a deisel truck, a rase car set, a train engine. a smash-up-derby.
Love, Marshall

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Donny doll and a Marie doll. Bring my sister, Becca, a toy. I have been good. Thank you.
Love, Elsa Lumbreras

Dear Santa Claus,
I want: a verti-bird, a pocket knife, and a quick shift carvet
Love, Jimmy Miles

Dear Santa Claus,
I was hoping i could get some barbie clothes. I was hoping that i could get a new record player and a basket for my bike.
Love, Kemberly

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Bake and rade for my year fome. OK? How are you and you'r wife.
Love, Javier

Dear Santa,
How are you.
I would like a Remote control Kenworth, sleeper, and triler. And some drums.
Love, Mickey

Dear Santa Claus
I like a car For yuo
Love Genaro

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a typewriter and a recorder and a Holly Hobie oven. You are very nice bringing

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Dear, Santa Claus, I want a Doll and Barbies, But most of all I want you to bless me and my family and teacher too.
Love, Tammy

Dear Santa Claus
I wish i had a randen truck
Love James

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish for a TenSpeed and u Roller Skates and a owl R and I want a baton.
Love Shawn

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Jeans shirts, nightgowns how do you and your reindeer go around the world in one night. I hope you a merry merry Christmas.
Love Cristy

Dear Santa Claus
I would like to have a Pizza Hut maker and roller skeats.
Love, Cinnamon

Dear Santa Claus,
Your a very jolly man. Sence you are I would like a dress and a real horse, and a esey cook oven, and a tipie tumble and a Hollie Hobby. I love you very, very much. Thomas does to. I have bee a good girl.
Love, Heather

Dear Santa clous,
I like to have a Bike. and lot of toys. and i love you Santa Claus
love Arturo

I wish i had doll and same clove and same shoes And Mary Crem
love Tammi

Dear Santa claus
Quiero una muneca y un santaclaus y un monitoque le dan cuerda.
love, Bertha

Dear Santa Claus
I wold like a bike and a doll and a Jack-in-the-box and a SantaClaus doll
I Love you SantaClaus
Love Nancy

Dear Kris Kringle,
How are you. how is your wife.
Please give me what is listed below:
A Calculator and a Tape Recorder.
Yours Truly, Craig

Dear Santa clous,
I like to have a Bike. and lot of toys. and i love you Santa Claus
love Arturo

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GREETINGS

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from the friendly folks at
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Dear Santa
I want a Dall. and a bike and some games. and some Dishes and a Barbie Dall. and a Dall that talks and walks and baby comeback and some Books. I want a necklace a-Bracelet.
Love Amalia Acosta

Dear Santa
I dont have so many toys and dalls I want baby come back and some dishes and some bookes. I want a necklace and bracelet.
with love
Lurdes Cantreras

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dall that can

walk and talk. And some dishes. nd A Barbie Dall. and baby cone back to momy. I would like a little dall. I know I an not a baby but I like them I want you to know that I love you very much
with love
Bertha Alicia Valdez

Dear Santa
I believe in your I have lots of doll and toy ne and ny sister are eight years old and I want a baton and sane boots.
Love Christl McLaughlin

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a radio and a airplane. And a million dollars. And a TV. And a record Player. And a bicycle to.
Love Forrest Crawford

Dear Santa
I don't have to much to say. I want some nomey I want 200\$ and I want a Tv and I want a tenspeed
to Santa
from Charles Valverde

Dear Santa Claus
I will love a biskl and a afx racing track and a foured pickup and a million dollars and some 4 boxing gloves and that is all.
Love, Jeff Kimbrel

Dear Santa
I want a 22 rifle and a pinball machine and a tape recorder and a bean bag for Christmas
Love, Stevie Love

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a big crane. I want a electric racing set. I want some western shirts. I want a electric train
Love, Kenny Harmon

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle please I want a doll please I want a baby cane back doll please I want a charlies angles dolls please. I Lave Yuo
Sandra Martinez.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeers doing? How are you doing in the north pole? Don't slip on the roof because you might fall on the presents in the bag. How is Rudolph nose doing? I want a picture of you and Mrs. Claus. I like your reindeer like "Dasher; Dancer; Prancer; Vixen; Comet; Cupid; Donner; and Blitzen. I hope you bring me a radio. Have a

merry Christmas. Ho Ho!
Love Tom Sneed

Dear Santa Claus
I love. I want it to snow so we can make a snowman and I want a guitar too and I wint a Six million dollar man and a pellet gun and a picture of you and your wife and Rudolph the red nose reindeer and a Deer.
Please come to my house.
Love Jaime Castillo

Dear Santa Clus
I want a Baby won't let go and Boots and barbie and I want Rudolph.
Dear Santa Clus
I want a picture foo you and Mis Clus.
I want a picture foo Rudolph.
I hop you are fine and mis Clus.
Love Lisa Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
I love. I want a bike, gaucho boots, green machine, gaucho's, nerfoot-ball, super star barbie, barbie house with barbie clothes, barbie car, a Bionic women car, a baseball glove, How is Rudolph? How are the other reindeer, I want a picture of you and Mrs. Claus. I will see you soon.
love Tommie Woodall

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. Why do you wear red suit? I want green machine, Ken with some Barbie cloths and Pulsar. Don't slip on the roof. Why do you have a long bear? How is Rudolph? I want a picture of you and Mrs. Claus. How do reindeer fly? Can I pat one of your reindeer?
Love, Janet Barlemann

Dear Santa Claus, why do you wear a cap and coat. Why do you live in the northpole. I want a toy of you and your wife. I want a racetrake and a real gun.
I Love you Santa Claus.
Love Rene

Dear Santa Claus I want a dogs and kittens. I want a Bionic woman. I want a ring and Rudolph too for Christmas. And don't be wait for you.
I Love You Jeana

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a truck. I want a kitten. I want a kite and guiter and Rudolph, and stretch arm strong monster and Six million dollar man and shirt and box and 'yoyo.' and I love Mrs.

Santa Claus Picture and BB gun, and football and pup and snow, and bike and I like Rudolph, rain Picture.
love Johnny Lombraana

Dear Santa,
I want a sizzlers two and I want a nerry Christmas. This year will be my best Christmas. And I nerlly forgot a puppy.
Ho, Ho. I Love you
Love Casey

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun for Christmas. And I want a kitten to but most of all I want a blazer with a motorcycle on the back and canoe on the top and stretch arm monster please give it.
I love you all.
love Wayne Jackson

Dear Santa Clause,
Dant sleep on the rofe top orr you fall on the gift, and barbie town house. I Like yoo Why do you wear a red suit.
How is you wife Mrs. Clause. We orr find down here how our you. How is Rudolph
See you on Chistmas Eve.
Love Tonjia Moore!

Dear Santa Claus,
I love. Why do you wear red and white suit. I help my mother make same cookie and cake. Haw are your reindeers doing? I like Christmas very much it is fun to me. How is Mrs. Santa Claus. Is the boys and girls being good and bad. I want a barbie and clothes. I want a doll a Rudolph. How is Rudolph nose. I want a dog and a kittens and a horse.
Love Joann Bible

Dear Santa Claus
I want Baby wan't let go I want a little white kitten and I want it to snow because I want to make a snow man and I want a pair of pants and a shirt
Dear Santa Claus I want a picture a you and Mrs. Claus
Dear Santa
How do the rain deer fly in the air and I want a picture of Rudolph the red nose rain deer
I love you
Jannette Gandar

Dear Santa Claus
I want a camera. A little puppy a piture of you and your wife. I want a Greenmachine a big snow for Frosty
Now you get fatter so you will be my favorite!
And becarefull on the roof.
Ho ho Merry Christmas.
Love Emily Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus
I want a kitten. I want a I want a kitten. I want Baby want let go and Boots and barbie and I want Rudolph
Dear Santa Clas
I want a picture foo you and miss Clas
I want a picture foo yoo Rudolph
Marry Christmas.
Santa Clas
Love Alda Tobias

Dear Santa Claus
I like you. I want a nice Kitten. and I want a Twenty Two. and I want a Two forty Three.
Tony Kelso

Dear Santa Claus
I am 9 year old. I want a picture of you and Mrs. Claus. I want a super star barbie and a super size barlie. Now you get your reindeer in shaper ok? Don't run out of corn. Every one I am related to will not give me a toy train set Pleas bring me one.

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



Merry Christmas
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How come you are fat. If one of thes days If you dont need Rudolph can I have It? See you Christ-mas Eve

LoveKristin Keel
I have som cookies for you. I Love you very very much
Writ me beck ples

Dear Santa Claus
I want a truck for christmas and a Six million dllar man stretch arm monster and a bike and a BB gun and a train and a green machien for christmas and have a merry christmas love Dave C. Ramirez

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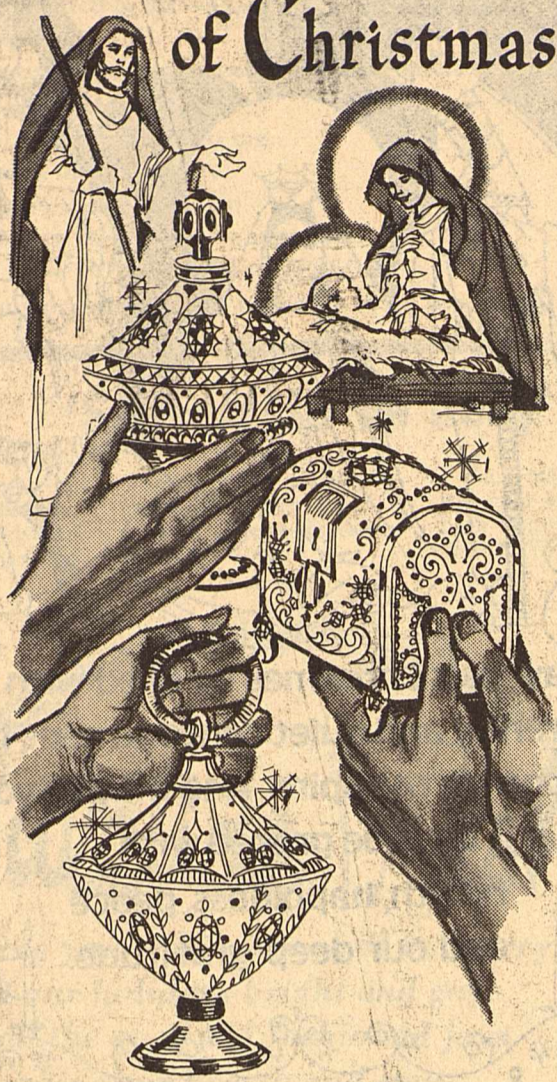
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There is a saying that "Christmas is for kids." Realizing this may be true, then it is also a time that all of us should strive to become "kids" again, even if it is for just a short time. With this idea in mind, Mrs. Ehridge, high school English teacher, assigned as her regular Monday writing journal assignment for her junior English students to "write a letter to Santa Claus." After much objection that "they were too old to do this," the assignment was completed and some of the results are reprinted here for your enjoyment. To become a child during this most special of all seasons somehow helps us recapture again some of the magic we seem to lose as the years carry us from childhood, from those wonderful years of "believing" and wishing and waiting.

Dear Santa,
I am writing this short letter to Santa Claus to inform you of my main wish for Christmas. I guess over-all this wish is a common one among teenagers my age. You may have already guessed it by now, but Santa, I want a car of my own for Christmas.

I'm telling you this, Santa, because you are probably the only person I can convince that I really need a car. The main and most prominent argument I have is that if I do get a car, I won't be fighting for the family car with my parents. They would never have to worry about how I would get home from sporting events or even from school.

If only I had a car, I would never be in a bad mood nor would I argue about my household chores. I don't know, but my parents just seem to stay uncertain about this car. I'm just hoping they'll soon get tired of me griping and give in.

Deep down, I know I won't get a car for Christmas, but, Santa, I have always heard you have a little magic in that

old body of yours. If ever I needed magic, it would be now! All I have to do now is pray and leave my faith in you, Santa.
Sincerely, DL

Dear Santa,
I wish you knew how hard it was for me to write this letter telling you what I want for Christmas.

The reason why it was so difficult was because when a person gets my age or older, it is hard to think of something that he needs or wants. However, I could use a new stereo with an AM and FM radio, 8-track tape player, and a record player. I also want you to know that my clothing department is running weak, and my wallet is getting hungry for some money. I also want you to know that my tape box is worn out and all the tapes in it are getting to sound old. I think that I could use a new necklace of some kind because the ones that I have are getting a little dull, and my shoes look like they have walked to Africa and back, so I guess that I could use a new pair. I guess I had better be going and I hope that this letter told you something.
Yours truly, MJ

Dear Santa,
It has been a long time since I last wrote you, but I know you never forget anything (such as that awful list of naughty and nice) so I'm sure you'll remember me. I trust you, the Mrs., the elves, and the reindeer are all in good health and cheer. I naturally have been good this year as I always am; too bad my brother can't follow in my footsteps in this respect.

I'll bet that things are really busy around you place. If things are half as busy around there as they are here, you're probably at you wits' end (my mom almost is). We're trying to get ready for company, parties, Christmas and everything else, so it just makes for a real

mess. If you're wondering what to get for Christmas, don't worry much about it. This year I won't be particular and will settle for anything as long as it is suitable for a guy of my age and tastes. I guess I had better let you go because I'm sure you've got a lot more letters to read before your famous trip can be made. Have a safe trip. Hope I see you soon.
Faithfully, PL

Dear Santa,
I bet you think I'm pretty "goofy" writing you a letter when I'm nearly seventeen years old, and I guess I am. How's everything doing up at the North Pole? Are all of your reindeer still doing all right and are they all still coming down this Christmas? How about Rudolph? Is he doing all right? I guess I had better get down to business about what I want for Christmas. You'll probably think I have gone nuts when I tell you one of the things I want for Christmas. Remember how I hated getting clothes for Christmas? Well, this year, one of my wishes is to get a whole lot of good-looking clothes. It seems that toys are gone now and all I want is clothes. I really don't have too many things that I want for Christmas this year, but there are a few. I would like a good little pocket knife, some good smelling cologne, a good-looking necklace, and I could use a little extra money if you have some left. Well, I guess I'll have some cookies and milk on the kitchen table for you. You won't believe how good a boy I have been this year.
Yours truly, BG

Dear Santa,
Even though people grow older, they still wish for things. I, like everyone else, do, too. Sure, I don't wish for everything that I used to, but still, wanting helps to fulfill a certain need that I have. Also, not everything I wish for is materialistic.

At this point, the main thing I want for Christmas is a car. It must be nice, but not brand new. Brown is my favorite color; I think a dark brown car with a beige vinyl top

would be both sporty and conservative. Please don't give me a small car, because this car will have to serve as a family car, too. This wish would not be a selfish one at all because I would share it with my mother.

Clothes would be a good gift for anyone, especially for me. If you gave me some clothes, I wouldn't have to spend my hard-earned money for them. If you do give me clothes, make sure I get plenty of jeans; I only have one pair right now, and I don't know how much they cost you up at the North Pole, but they are expensive down here. I wouldn't have to wear a T-shirt at night if you would give me some pajamas, and if you give me a robe to go with my pajamas, I wouldn't

have to wear my mother's. As I told you, not everything I want is materialistic. The main

thing I am seeking is self-satisfaction. I know
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Wishing you a joyous Holiday Season and may the Spirit of Christmas remain with you throughout the coming year.
Mary Hoover



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the struggle for self-satisfaction is ceaseless, but any little way you help me would not be wasted. You see, I kind of think the way you do. I like to give things and help people. I promise you that if you help me, I will take part of

the happiness and share it with someone else. Now if you are thinking that this is a little bit dumb, I figured if you gave away the immense amount of material things that you do, you could always give away a part of yourself and your goodness also. Since no one else in the family has to write you a



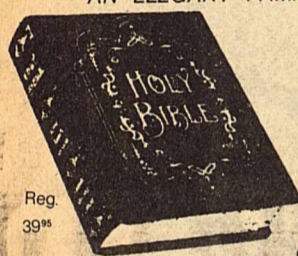
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letter, I will suggest a few items for them. A good practical gift for my mother would be to pay off all her bills; if you did this, she could take a real vacation. Did you know she has never had a real vacation since she has been married? I know you can't give her everything, but she is a wonderful person and deserves the very best in life. My grandmother and grandfather need help in finishing their new house; a few elves could get the job done in a couple of months. My brother likes records and tapes and could use a new tape deck to go with his new stereo. My sister would also like a new car, but beware: she is very picky!

Above all of the things I want for Christmas. Maybe if you and God got together, you could give me a few of these things. Please help all the people find happiness. Oh, yes, could you give me one last little thing? Let me make an A on this journal.

Thanks, for listening, BB

Dear Santa, I want to begin by telling you that this has been one of my better years. As I get older, I mature and learn from my mistakes. By getting into a lot of trouble before, I have learned how to handle myself and have therefore been a better person this year.

I know that at Christmas, you're a very happy person because you're making everyone happy with gifts. I feel like I want to make the people around me happy, too. Not with gifts, but with my love.

I don't really want anything for myself, but I do want happiness for my family.

Since I feel closer to God, this Christmas will mean a lot more to me than just a lot of food and presents. I'm not saying your presents are worthless because children especially enjoy getting them. It would mean more if you could give to those that don't have a lot.

Christmas is a happy time for everyone. I know that you're making everyone happy, and I feel better because now I know how to make the people near me happy, too.

Love, FP

Dear Santa, As you know, I'm writing this for a grade, but also for another reason. I'd like to apologize for opening my presents early last year and the year before that! I know that I wasn't supposed to, but I just couldn't resist. Now I'm more mature and have more respect for you. I promise this Christmas I won't peek.

Please bring everybody what they want. I know

that I'll be happy with anything you give me. Please tell Rudolph hello for me and the rest of the reindeer, too. Tell Mrs. Claus to keep you good and fat. I'll be really extra good next year so that maybe I'll get a car.

Love, CB

Dear Santa, Don't bring me any toys this year, for I'm a little older and I like girls now, so bring me some Levi's because my old blue jeans are almost white. You can bring my dad some toys for the only girl he likes is Mom.

Love, JM

Dear Santa, This year I think I should get what I want since I have been a very good "little" girl.

I have been a good girl because I have gone to church every Sunday, I have done all my homework, I've taken a bath every night, and I've even sat on the basketball bench every game without bawling and squawling.

This year I have a short list of gifts. I want a curling iron, blow dryer, and new clothes since my sister will be leaving for college and taking everything with her. Most of all, I want all my family to be in good health.

I think that this is all I want this year. Santa, say hi to Rudolph and all your other reindeer and good luck with your money.

Love, MG

Dear Santa,

I love you. This year I want a G.I. Joe, a bike, and a new sister. I also want one other thing...an old-fashioned kid Christmas. Just like the ones we had before all of us kids grew up. I can see it now; it started about December 1, when we went and decorated the tree. Then, it was important to us to decorate it early and get the Christmas spirit, even if it meant a twenty mile drive to the ranch. Now, we have Christmas in town.

We used to be surprised on Christmas morning when we saw what you had brought us; these days, it is all wrapped up and under the tree. I always know what's in the boxes. One last thing, now that I'm older, I've got worries and don't have the care-free attitude. Please, Santa, if you can't bring me all the other stuff, can I have just one of the Christmases like I remember? That would make it a very Merry Christmas.

Love, GW

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I hope, fine. I am getting excited about Christmas this year. I am hoping that I can go to Odessa and visit my sister. That is one of my Christmas wishes.

I will try to make my list short this year, but you

know how I am. I guess that I am still a child at heart.

My mother is wanting her kitchen re-done. I told her it might be hard for you to bring a new kitchen in your sleigh, but she still wants one.

My dad wants you not to come because he says that you always cost him money. My brother-in-law wants Farrah Fawcett-Majors and my sister wants a job.

As for me, a stereo would be fine. I would not send back a new car either.

Well, I had better go and help Mom clean up. I am trying to be as good as I can before Christmas. I hope I can see you soon.

Love always, LH

Dear Santa,

Even though I don't believe in you anymore, I'm going to write you just in case you're really there. About all I want for Christmas this year is some nice clothes. I like to get clothes that I really like. I also want a .243 deer rifle, even though I can't go deer hunting since I hurt my arm. Another thing I would like is a car. You don't know how bad I need one. To go on a date, I have to beg for a car; if I had one, I would take really good care of it. Wait a minute...why am I doing this??? I don't believe in you! You're just a big fake. I never got anything that I asked you to get me when I was little. I always left you some cookies and milk to snack on. It's not fair. I know I won't get anything now.

Not your friend, BG

(Dear BG,

If you don't believe, you surely won't receive anything!

Love,

Santa's "helper")

Dear Santa,

I would like a stereo for Christmas. On your way to Sonora, I would like for

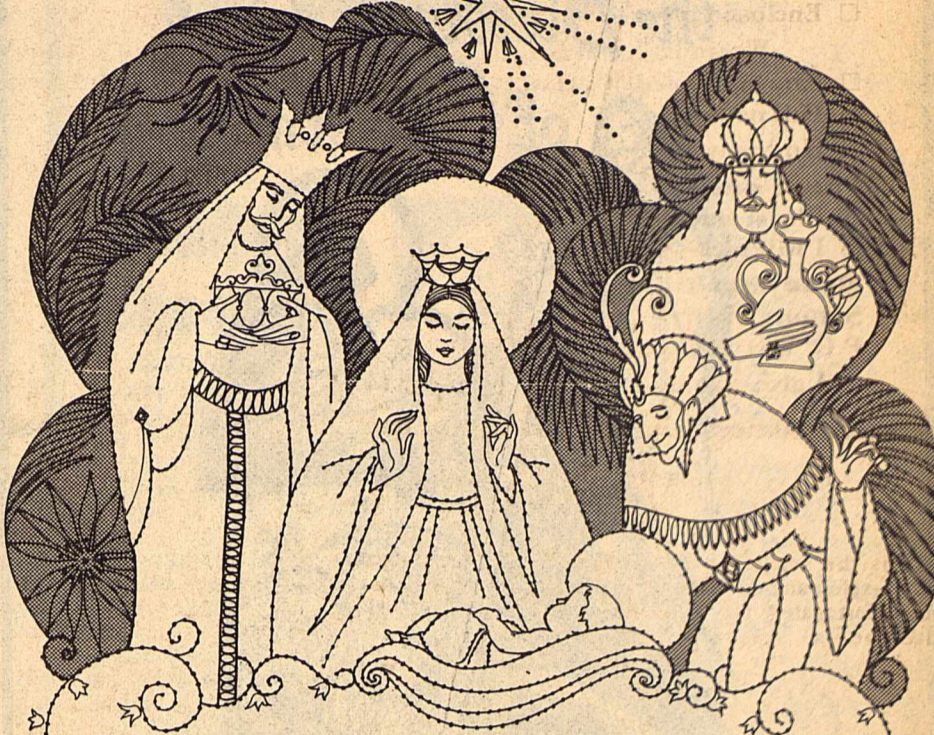
you to stop at the Ernest Tubb Record Shop in Nashville and pick me up a Tex Ritter tape. If you should run over a rattlesnake, I would like a hat

band made out of it. I would like a hood ornament and a pair of mud flaps for my pick-up. I would also like to see a 24-point buck with a 36

inch spread on Christmas Eve.

Love, DJ
P.S. If you should pass over Texas stadium, get me a couple of Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders.

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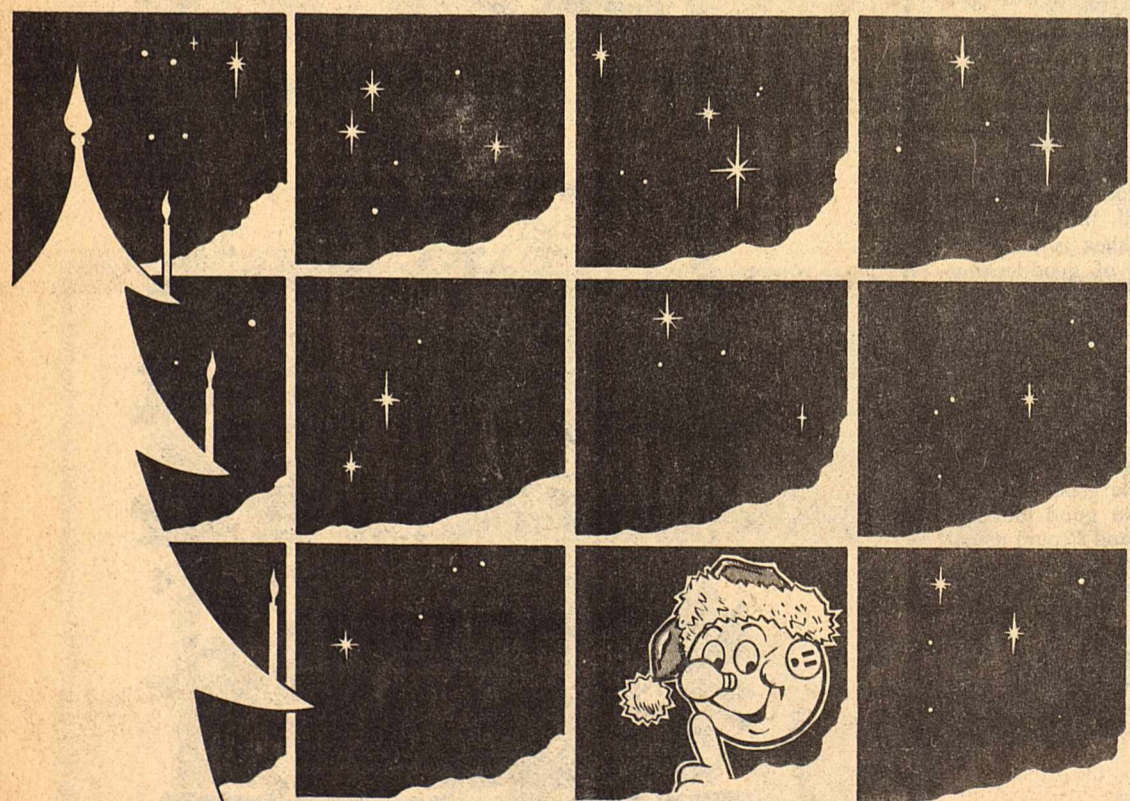
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tragedy with safety precautions, warns Sarah Mahon, County Extension Agent.

Four major precautions will help keep the season both happy and healthy, SHE SAYS.

PRECAUTION 1)--Keep unsafe foods, such as nuts and hard candies, out of the reach of small inquisitive hands.

Nuts and hard candies are often set out for friends who drop in, but they also may tempt babies and small children. These foods may lodge in a baby's throat or be sucked into the windpipe.

PRECAUTION 2)--Keep the Christmas tree well-watered, and check the lights carefully before they are hung and during the holidays. Don't leave the lights on when the family goes out.

PRECAUTION 3)--Make sure an open-space heater is well away from children and objects, such as curtains or flammable materials which might catch on fire.

Caution children not to play close to the heater, especially when wearing a nightgown or other loosely fitted garment.

Open-space heaters give off welcomed warmth in the winter, but they are also a potential fire hazard.

PRECAUTION 4)--To open a champagne bottle, cover the bottle with a towel and point it away from yourself and others, even when removing the wire mesh.

The pop of a champagne cork often accompanies a holiday gathering, and some of them cause serious injuries.

These corks and plastic stopper have caused severely detached retinas, partial sight loss and the total loss of sight in one eye.

Yuletide Wishes

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Charles Valverde, Tom Sneed, Joe Maskill and Rene Ramirez retrieve gifts they made for their parents. The Cub Scouts were celebrating their annual Christmas party. [Photo by the Rev. Jim Miles]



Mary Belle & Nelson Stubblefield

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to express our thanks.

Time For Giving:

Blood Drive Next Wednesday

A special Christmas blood drive will be conducted in Sonora next Wednesday, Dec. 28, from 1-6 p.m. at the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

CBers Monitor Channels

In Sutton, Crockett and Reagan Counties there is a Citizens Band Radio React Unit monitoring Channel 9, 24 hours a day.

In case of emergency or in need of road information Channel 9 on your CB is the place to go.

In the Sonora area there are six bases in the city, one base on the Juno Highway and one base on the Rocksprings Highway monitoring Channels 19 and 9, working to help the public and also the local law enforcement.

For further information please call 387-2340.

Grider Wins Rifle

Don Grider was the winner of a Winchester 270 rifle given away by the Petroleum Club of Sonora. The drawing was held December 17.

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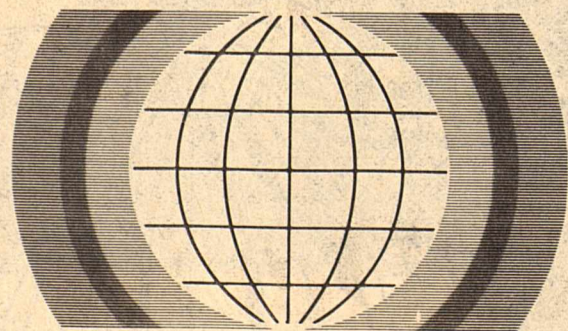
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Water Conservation Key To Life

Our planet's lakes, streams, rivers and oceans provide scenic beauty and recreation. But—more important—they contain the water that is vital to the existence of all life on earth.

The quality of this water is of major concern to young people in the national 4-H conservation of natural resources program points out Clint Langford, county agent with the Texas Agriculture

Extension Service. 4-H members recognize that the problems of water and air pollution, careless waste disposal, soil erosion, and endangered species of trees, plants and animals call for effective citizenship in conserving resources today and for the future.

conservation methods are needed.

In Cole County, Missouri, for example, 4-Hers initiated cleanup campaigns, planted trees in reforestation projects, set up wildlife shelters and built bird feeders. Poster contests encouraged other young people to use their talents in conservation efforts. Last year, the county won a \$50 award for the best 4-H conservation program in the state.

4-H'er Luke Lind, 17, of Windsor, Colo., cleaned up a stream near his home, stocked irrigation ponds with trout, and planted grass in a three-acre wildlife habitat. Linda

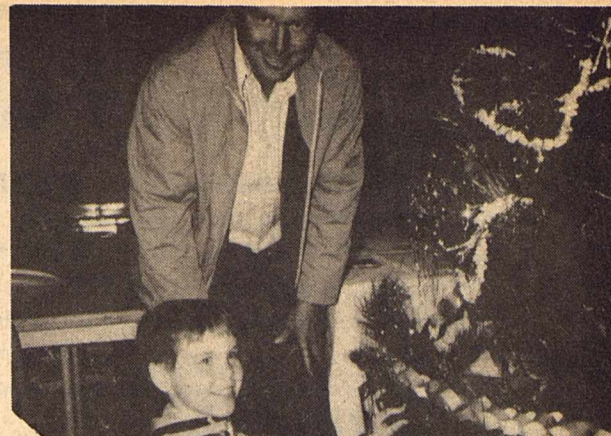
was one of six national winners in the 4-H conservation program last year.

Deere offers a variety of awards to recognize the accomplishments of 4-H members, clubs, and counties. Awards are arranged by National 4-H Council and winners are chosen by the Extension Service.

In addition to six national scholarships of \$1,000 each, one 4-H member per state can earn an expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago each year. And four members per county are eligible for medals of honor.

Four clubs per county and 10 per state are awarded certificates of recognition. A \$50 cash award goes to the one county in each state reporting the most outstanding 4-H conservation program.

More information on the 4-H conservation of natural resources program is available from county Extension office, notes Langford.



Davey Ross hangs an ornament on the Christmas tree with his dad, Joe David Ross during the annual Cub Scout Christmas party last week. (Photo by the Rev. Jim Miles)



HOLY HOLY Let us rejoice in loving adoration as we celebrate and remember the miracle of Christmas.

Tan-De Beauty Shop
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Tower Gets Verbal Assurance From HEW

Senator John Tower (R-Tex) said in a statement released from his office this week that he wanted more than verbal assurances from Washington that national health care guidelines would not force hospital closings in rural communities.

"We need action from Mr. Califano expressly modifying provisions of the National Health Planning and Resources and Development Act which could severely alter the quality of health care for Texans by closing hospitals and forcing an exodus of physicians from rural communities," Tower said.

Tower's remarks came in response to recent assurances from the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare that the agency's proposed guidelines would not have the impact on small rural communities that critics of the guidelines have suggested.

"I think there are many Texans who have reservations about assurances and promises from Washington, especially after promises for natural gas deregulation during an election campaign were so quickly forgotten later," Tower said.

"Texans deserve the best health care possible and that does not include being victimized by an impersonal ignorant of local conditions and insensitive to the very real health needs of individuals," Tower said.

"If HEW doesn't understand this fact and remedy the problems with its proposed health care guidelines, it will fall to those of us in the Congress to do so legislatively."

Tower said that in a letter delivered to the HEW Secretary Monday, he and others of his Senate colleagues urged the Secretary to rewrite the guidelines giving more consideration to the special circumstances of rural health care facilities. "If the Carter Administration is really committed to

rural development," Tower said, and greater access of rural Americans to quality health care, then "HEW should clarify and strengthen the exemptions given to small rural hospitals."

In Texas, Tower said, implementation of the guidelines as presently written could work a grievous injustice on small rural communities, forcing the closing of many hospitals, the loss of as many as 12,000 beds, and an exodus of physicians from already insufficiently staffed and funded rural hospitals.

Largely in response to

letters he and his Senate colleagues wrote, Tower said, Califano attempted to curb fears that the guidelines would have an adverse impact on rural health care.

"I believe the comments of the Secretary are of no comfort at all," Tower said. "The health care of Texans is far too important to be left to Washington bureaucrats and this is why I intend to keep up pressure until we can get some satisfaction which goes beyond mere gestures of intent. I want to see it all in writing and I know many Texans do too."

REA Loan Approved

Senator Lloyd Bentsen was advised Tuesday by the Rural Electrification Administration that a \$946,000 loan has been approved for the Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Eldorado.

The loan is being made at two percent interest.

The funds from the loan will be used to finance

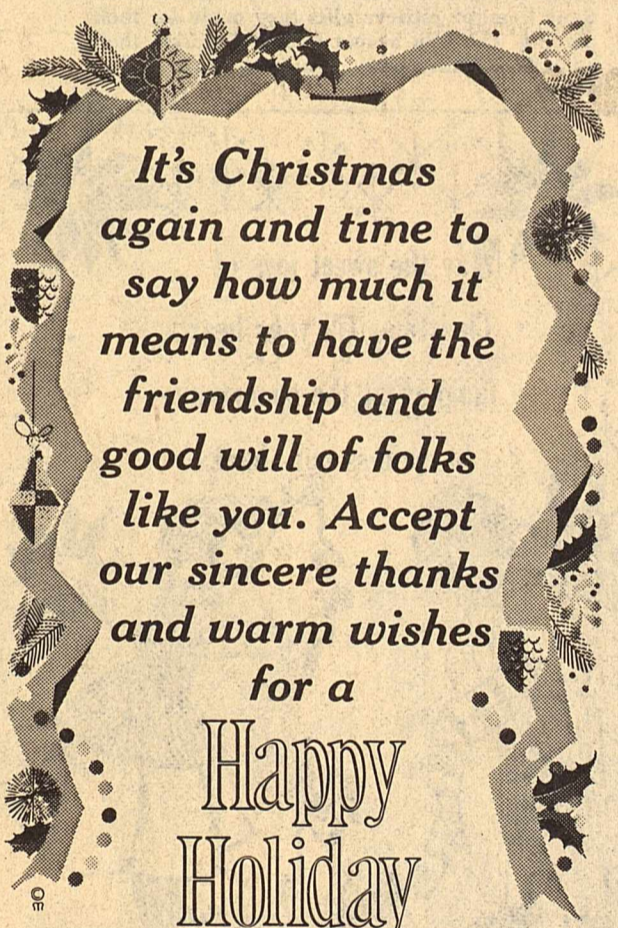
service for 214 additional consumers, 72 miles of distribution line and system improvements.

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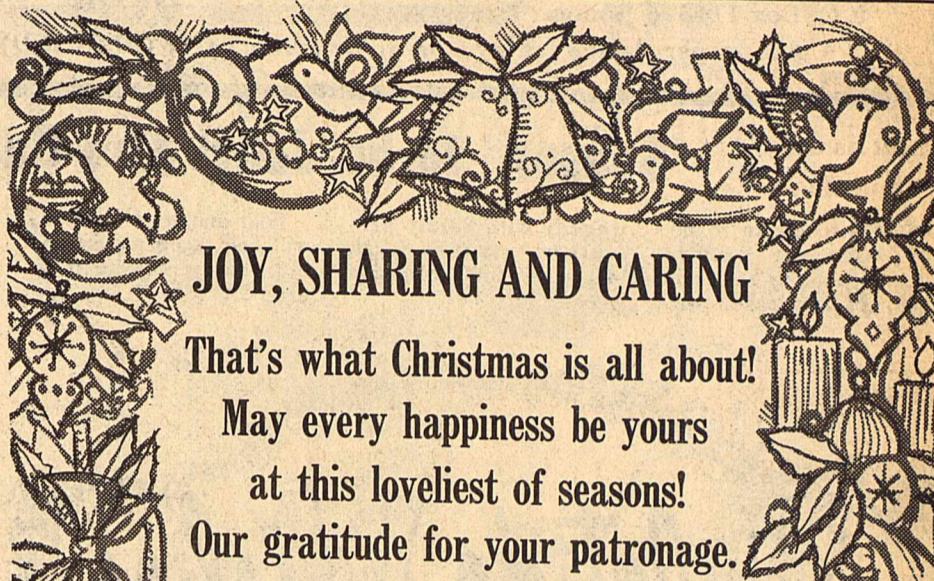


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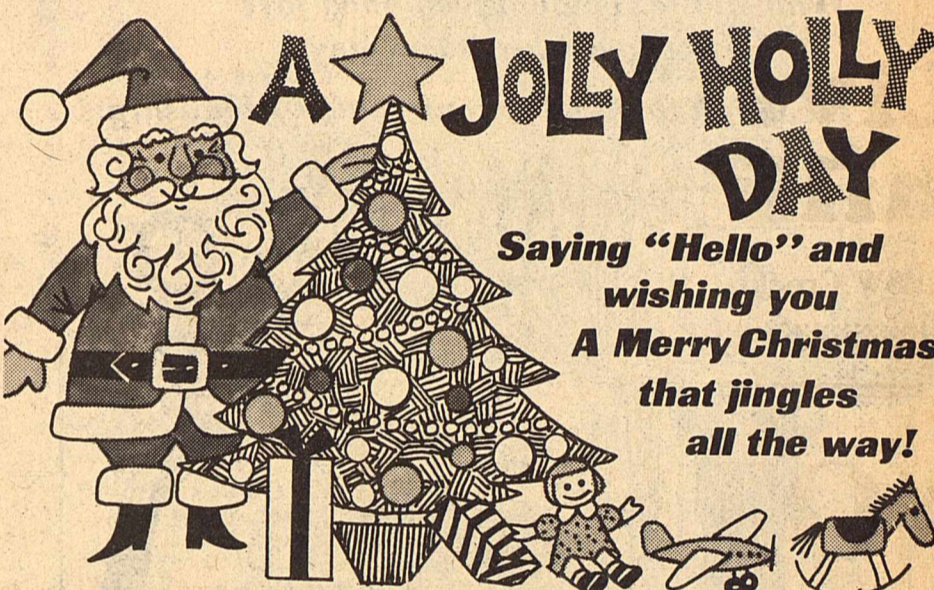


It's a bloomin' pleasure sharing the beauties of Nature with you. Many thanks.

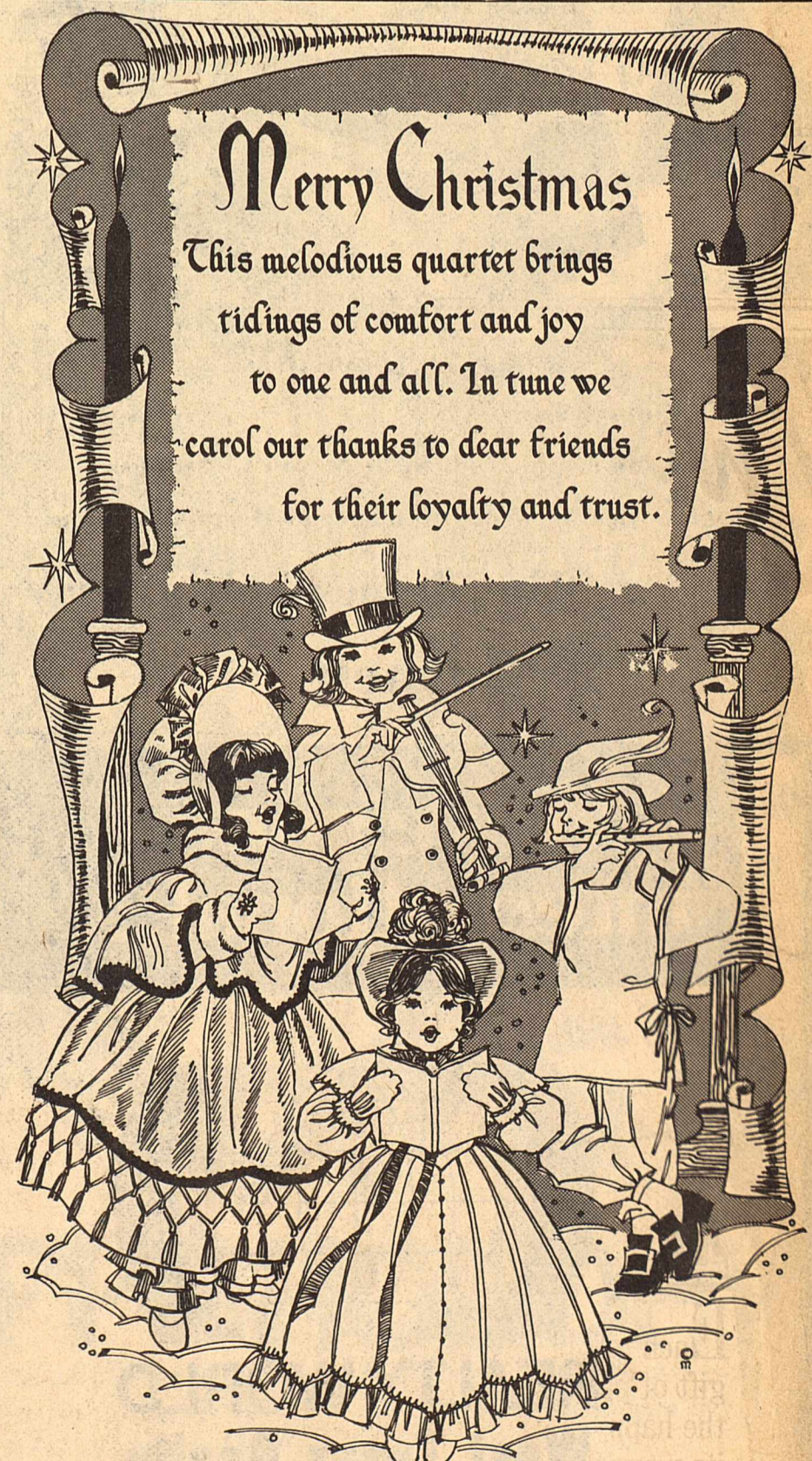
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Compiled by Kent Keeth Director, The Texas Collection Baylor University Waco, Texas

SHIPWRECKED ON PADRE ISLAND: 1846
When the United States went to war with Mexico in May 1846, a call was issued for able-bodied and adventurous men to enlist as soldiers.

Dr. S. Compton Smith, who was traveling in East Texas at the time, set out for Galveston Island and there joined Col. Joseph Bennett's partially organized company of riflemen.

Near the end of the month Smith and about one hundred other volunteers embarked upon protest upon the unseaworthy, overcrowded, and ill-provisioned schooner Rosella, the ship assigned to carry them from Galveston to Point Isabel and Brazos Island near the mouth of the Rio Grande.

Here they would join other volunteer troops preparing to invade Mexico.

This first portion of a three-part series, taken from Dr. Smith's memoir, "Chili Con Carne," published in New York in 1857, recounts the circumstances which led to the shipwreck of the company on Padre Island.

SHIPWRECKED ON PADRE ISLAND: 1846 (I)

"We had been but two days from port, when a storm came on, which, in an ordinary staunch vessel, we might easily have weathered; but the old rigging and spars could not long stand before it.

The gale came, at first, from the northwest, accompanied with hail and rain. At the same time a current, running from the south along the Texas coast, at the rate of six knots, made a most ugly and uncomfortable sea. Everything not lashed to the deck was soon swept away by the heavy seas the little vessel shipped.

The storm increased in violence as the day advanced—the wind, how-

ever, veering from north-west, to north, and northeast....

"As the storm worked round to the north, it seemed to gather strength and fury. With nothing but close-reefed foresail we had been running before it for some time very comfortably; but, as a sudden squall from that point struck us—crack! crash!—away flew the sail, blown clean out of its bolt-ropes—and away it fluttered, in ribbons, to leeward.

The same fate awaited the rotten jib; for, before it was hoisted home, away it went, overboard, dragging under the bows, and held only by its gasket, became a useless hamper, and was cut adrift.

"A moment more, and the vessel, relieved of all canvas, would have broached to, in the trough of the seas; but the order to get up the main-sail was promptly given, and obeyed.

This brought her head once more before the wind.

The main-sail was now our only hope; but the main-gaff boom, which before had been sprung, and patched with battens, no sooner felt the strain of the sail, as it filled away, than—snap!—it parted about four feet from the mast; and down dropped the main-peak.

"The pitching and rolling of the vessel increased as the sail was diminished; and soon our main-topmast went overboard.

"Besides all this, the poor old craft labored so heavily, that the seams were opened, and the brine began to come in upon the men in the hold, to such an extent as greatly to increase the alarm.

"By this time, the gale had worked round to the northeast; and, driving before it, we came within hearing of the roaring surf, which for a long time, had been visible, broke over the low sandy beach.

"It was now determined, as the only chance left

to us, to run upon the beach, and thrust to our individual efforts to reach the shore.

It required cool and steady nerves to steer the vessel through the breakers....Then, borne aloft again on a heavier sea than she had before surmounted, (the ship) was dashed, with a terrific crash, upon the bottom.

This was the moment, as was previously arranged, for every man to quit the object by which he was holding, and throw himself into the next succeeding wave, — thrusting to his strength and presence of mind to reach the shore.

Again the vessel rose, on the next sea, and, being now lightened of her living freight, was thrown high upon the beach, a broken and worthless wreck.

"Fortunately, not a man was lost. We found ourselves upon Padre Island, a wretched, barren sandbank, one hundred and thirty miles long, extending along the Texas coast, between Corpus Christi and Brazos de Santiago.

"The island was destitute of animals; and nothing found existence here, but disgusting sand-crabs, and venomous insects. There was no water, but such as was to be found by digging into the sand, some distance from the beach.

This had been furnished by the rains of the previous summer; but was so impregnated with salt, that its taste was nauseous in the extreme.

However, to compensate

for the bad quality of our water, we did not suffer from hunger. The storm going down, soon after we had reached the shore, we obtained from the wreck, among other necessary

articles, fishing lines and hooks.

Baiting these with sand-crabs, and throwing them into the surf, we soon supplied ourselves with quantities of the delicious

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Average calendar day allowable of Texas oil production as of Dec. 15 totals 3,542,332 barrels, the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division reported.

This legal rate of flow from 181,041 wells on allowable schedules compares with 3,488,945 barrels daily on Dec. 1 when 180,015 wells were listed.

Texas oil allowable in December 1977 is pegged statewide to a 100 percent market demand factor. Estimated actual production this month is approximately 2,987,000 barrels daily and compares with actual production of 3,083,209 barrels daily in the same month last year.

The Commission lists 8,920 oil fields in the state on Dec. 15.

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Hearts soar in the crisp winter landscape reminding us of the glories of Nature and of Christmas. May all that brings meaning to this sacred celebration add to the special delight of your holiday. Our thanks.

Food Center

Last Night Robert Lee Girls Beat Sonora 73-49

by Kay Holdridge

The Sonora girls varsity ran into a tough Robert Lee squad last night whose forwards were accurate inside and outside, and came away on the short end of a 73-49 score.

Offensively, Sonora had trouble getting clear shots and were forced to work for every shot. Both teams had a few mental lapses and committed successive turnovers.

The guards had their problems containing the taller Robert Lee forwards and the visiting girls used a screening offense which found our guards lost at times.

The first quarter ended with a nine point Steer lead at 16-7 and the half found the Broncos trailing by 15 with a 19-35 margin.

The Sonora team began to click in the third quarter. The guards figured out the Robert Lee offense and made them work for their shots, but the quarter ended with Robert Lee ahead by 16 at 51-35. Robert Lee began to turn the ball over and Sonora showed signs of determination and hustle.

Sonora played well early in the fourth quarter, forcing the Steers to turn over the ball but the Bronco forwards began to get cold and were unable to get offensive rebounds.

Sonora got flustered midway through the final

period and fell behind by 23. They had pulled to within nine points but Robert Lee was just too much for the Broncos.

High point for Sonora was Becky Cavaness with 31 and Jamie Condra hit the nets for 18.

Defensively, Jane Wallace, Paige Pollard and Kim Cox had to pool their talents to slow the Robert Lee offense down. Sonora got too far behind to catch up to a very good all-around basketball team.

In other action over the weekend, the girls captured third place in the Iraan Tournament. They won in the first round by a 54-45 score over Odessa Ector and played the final tournament champion, Iraan, in the second round.

The girls did not play well at all and lost by a whopping 81-35 score.

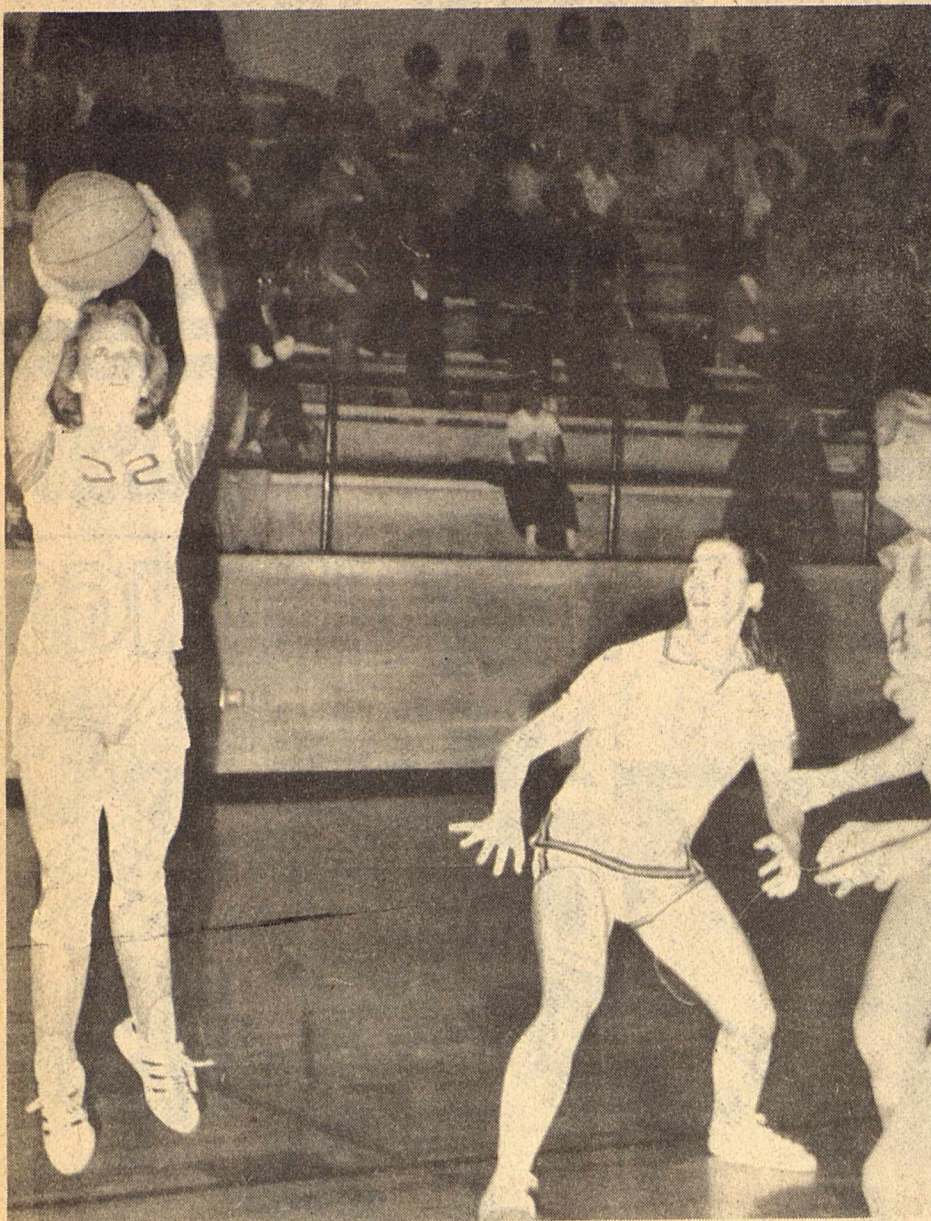
The girls shot a poor percentage and valuable players got into foul trouble early.

In the game for third place, Sonora faced and defeated Rankin by a 62-50 count.

Cavaness hit 26 of 30 from the free throw line and a large 48 points for the game.

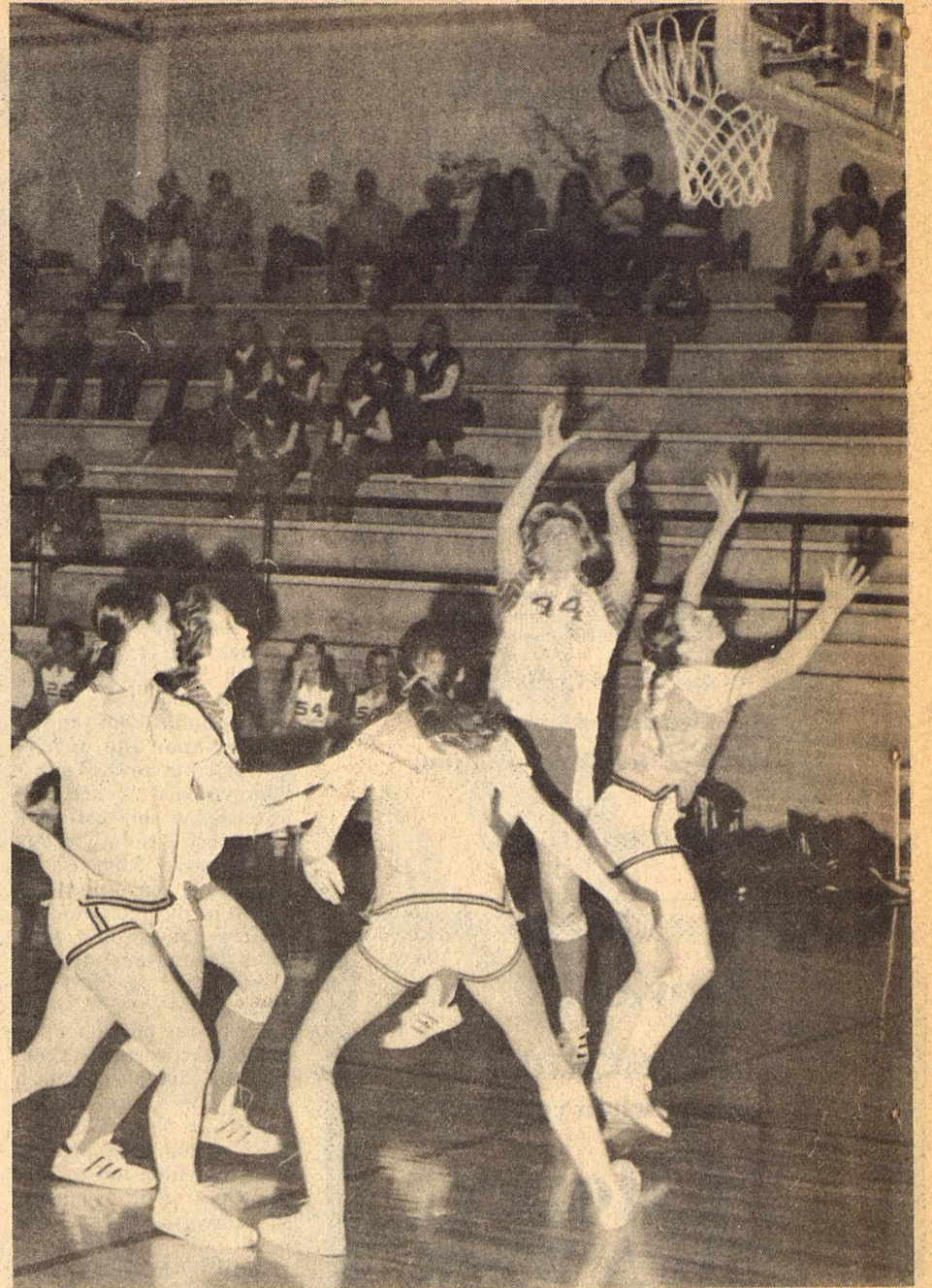
She was named to the all-tournament team.

In the game for third place, the girls were down by 10 and a third quarter comeback garnered the lead and kept it.



Jamie Condra (32) sets up for a shot during first half action last night in Bronco Gymnasium where Robert Lee outscored Sonora's

girls 73-49. Becky Cavaness (right) prepares for the possible rebound.



Becky Cavaness shoots one straight for the net as she led her

teammates in scoring during last night's contest with Robert Lee

8th Grade Girls Trounce Ozona

By Kay Holdridge

The eighth grade girls played a good team ball as they trounced Ozona by a 41-7 margin. They led 18-2 at the half as defensively, the Colts were unbreakable. All of the girls contributed to the victory and the scoring was

spread out.

Jessica Robledo was high point with 14 and Tonya Ridgeway added 10. Rosa Noriega popped the nets with 9. Gina Thompson found the range for 4 points and Pam Marlow, Lisa Ramos, and Julie Stewart each contributed 2 points.

Robert Lee Girls Outscore Jr.Varsity

by Kay Holdridge

The junior varsity girls lost to Robert Lee by a 22-11 margin last night in the Bronco Gymnasium.

The Sonora girls couldn't score but four points in the first half due to poor rebounding, bad passes, and few offensive chances to score.

The ball remained on the Robert Lee end of the

court the majority of the first half.

Defensively, the first half was not sharp. Robert Lee had numerous shots at the bucket and luckily the shots wouldn't fall.

The girls looked sharp in a few spots, but a case of fumbles and mental errors kept them from taking the lead.

The third quarter came to an end with Robert Lee retaining the lead 12-8. Sonora seemed to perk up a little and kept the ball more.

The girls found getting inside still difficult but shots were more frequent. Shots still would not fall.

The Sonora girls hustled more during the fourth

quarter but mental lapses were evident. They appeared tired at the end of the game.

Five girls had two points each: Stacy Chandler, Paula Friess, Annabelle Gonzales, Trina Powers and Janie Gold.

Defensively, Janie Gold showed hustle as did Cody Gold.

7th Grade Girls Demolish Ozona

By Kay Holdridge

The Sonora seventh grade girls used a stiff defense and a potent offense to drum the Ozona team by a 24-5 margin. The girls led 10-3 at the half and pumped in 6 points in the third and 8 in the final quarter allowing

Ozona only 2 points in the final half.

Three girls led the scoring. Anna Mata, Delma Noriega, and Twyssa Woodall each contributed 6 points and Sonya Ridgeway had 4. Debra Zapata hit for 2 to complete the scoring.

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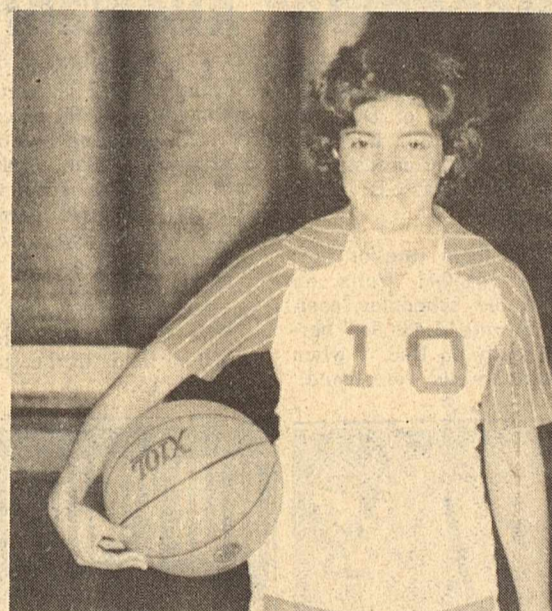


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Gloria Gomez, an 18 year old senior, is a three year varsity player. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gomez, Gloria plays forward. Her strengths are experience, leadership, and being left handed. Her weakness is height. Gloria was all district honorable mention last year.



Mary Gomez, a 16 year old junior, is a one year varsity player. Mary plays guard and lists hustling and ball handling as her strengths. Her weakness is lack of height. Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gomez.



Emily Elliott is a first year varsity player. A sophomore, Emily is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Webb Elliott. She is a forward whose strengths are height and strength and whose weaknesses are inexperience and ball handling.



Pam Powers, a junior guard, is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Powers. She is a 2 year letter player who also runs track. Pam says meanness and aggressiveness are her strengths while dribbling is her weakness.

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Last Night

Bronco Jr Varsity, Varsity, Whip Llano

The Bronco varsity and jr varsity boys came home winners last night from their contests in Llano...jr varsity won 51-47 and varsity edged out Llano 67-64.

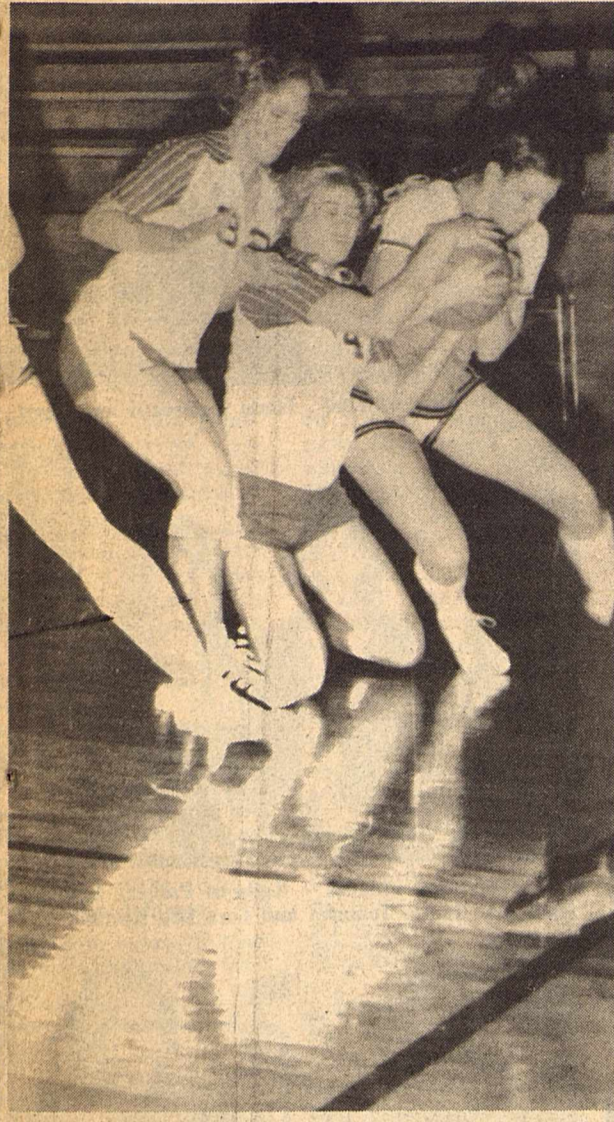
Coach Dale Etheridge reported to us by telephone, praising both teams for their efforts.

Johnny Doan scored 19 for jr varsity high points, followed by Johnny Reyna with 14...and

Preston Love performed exceptionally well on defense," Etheridge commented.

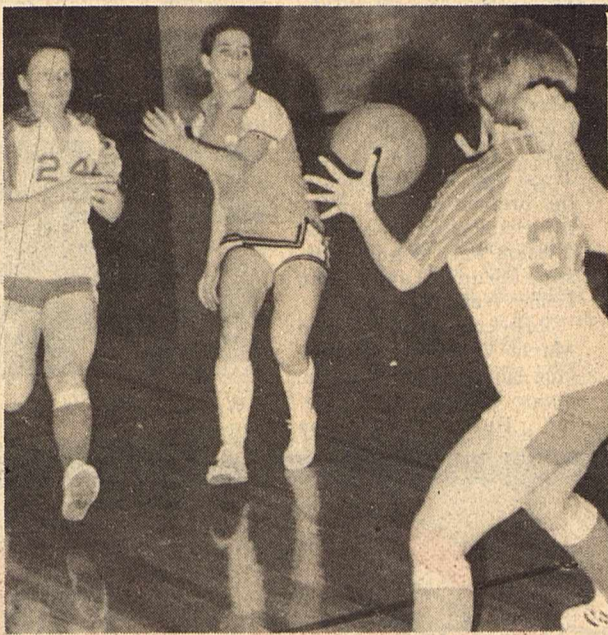
Bruce Phillips took the scoring honors for varsity with 21 and Dan Lawson was close behind with 18. Eddie Favila and Pat Street played outstanding defense and ball handling, according to Etheridge.

Our thanks to the coach for calling us.

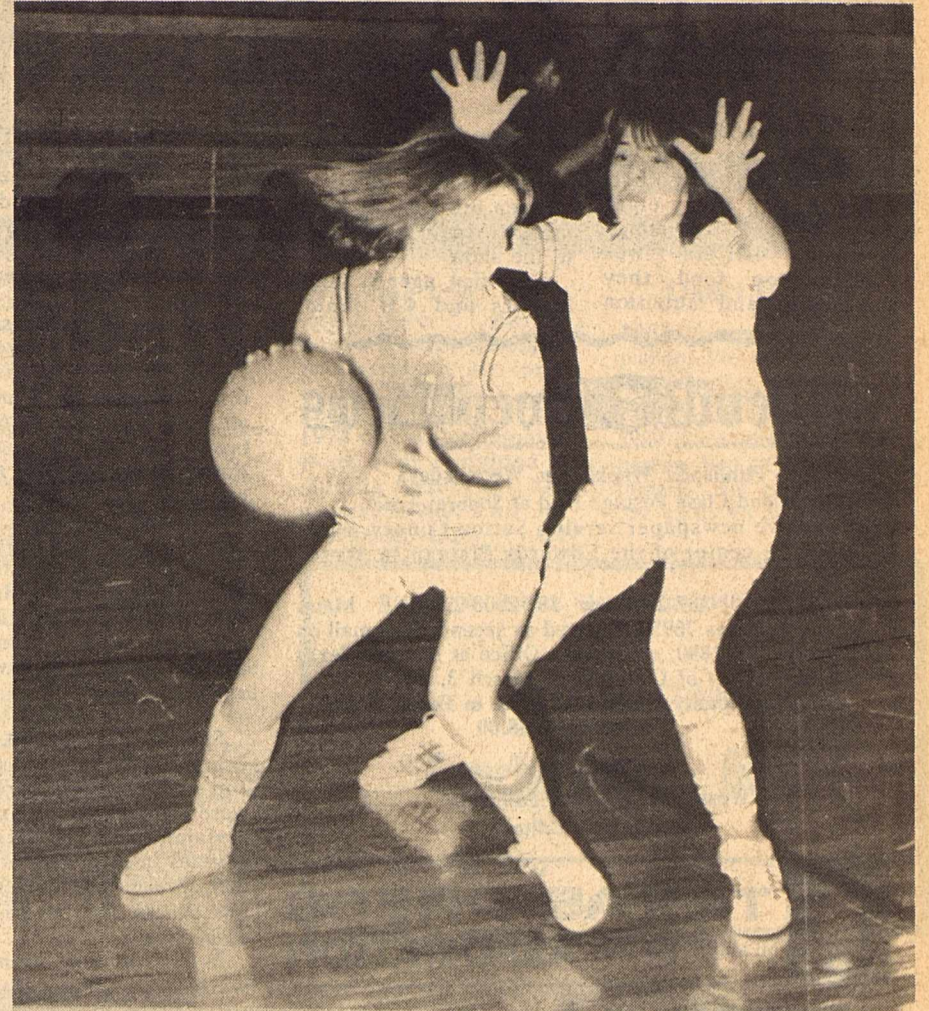


Becky Cavaness [44] grabs the ball from a Robert Lee defender during first half action last

night...as teammate Jamie Condra puts on the brakes to avoid a collision.



Kim Cox [24] passes the ball across the court to Jamie Condra as Sonora's varsity girls move the ball toward the net last night.



Sonora girls jr varsity Vicki Sheppard [14] guards one of Robert Lee's players during last

night's final minutes here. Sonora's jr varsity girls lost 22-11.

Jr Varsity Boys Lose to Brady

The Junior Varsity had a weak third quarter scoring on six points and lost to the Brady Bulldogs by a 44-47 count/ in Brady Friday night.

The Broncos scored only 17 points in the second half. However, they only allowed 16 to the Bulldogs. Both teams shot better in the first half as Brady led 31-27 at the

half's end.

Two Bronco scorers were in double figures as Johnny Doan led the Broncos with 12 and David Creek added 10. Other Bronco scorers were Ronald Berkley and Preston Love with six and Johnny Reyna popped the nets for seven. Ricky Wright added 2 points and Jessie Vela managed one point.

Broncos Fall Short at Brady

The Bronco varsity and junior varsity boys both lost to Brady by a combined total of five points in Brady December 16.

Led by Bruce Phillips' best offensive effort of the season, netting 29 points, the Broncos stayed close to Brady throughout the game losing by two points, 55-57.

Coach Dale Etheridge said that Brady should have blown the Reds out because of a 21 percent

nets for 6. Pat Street and Kent Cagle added two points each to complete Bronco scoring.

Etheridge commented that the boys continue to improve and must continue their enthusiasm and play with desire in order to contend. He added the other three teams in district are much taller and more physical than the Broncos and in order to contend we must show mental alertness and enthusiasm.

first quarter shooting percentage, a 27 percent second quarter percentage, a 37 percent third quarter average, and finally a 57 percent fourth quarter percentage.

Etheridge added that the Sonora boys played with enthusiasm and determination and kept themselves in the ball game.

The only other Bronco in double figure scoring was Eddie Favila with 10 points. Johnny Creek and Dan Lawson popped the

Basketball Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 29
Girls varsity vs. Wall, here
Boys varsity, jr varsity vs. Wall, here

Ozona 8th Grade Boys Win 31-17

By Kay Holdridge
8th Grade boys vs. Ozona
The eighth grade boys were defeated in Ozona by a 31-17 count. The Ozona team used a solid defense and prevented the Colts from shooting inside percentage shots. The Cubs also employed a trap to prevent the Reds from bringing the ball upcourt easily.

Scott Savell was high point with 8 and Fred Sutton hit for 6.

7th Grade boys vs. Ozona
Inconsistency in shooting still plagues the seventh grade boys as they only managed 9 points against Ozona. Marney Sorenson managed 3 points to be high point scorer. The remainder of the points were spread out with 1 or 2 points per player as the 7th grade Colts were defeated 24-9.

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4-H Food Show Winners Announced

The Sutton County 4-H Food Show was held this past weekend at the 4-H Center with thirty-eight boys and girls competing. Each 4-H'er was judged on food they exhibited and nutrition

questions answered. Another portion of the judging was devoted to written information each member contributed prior to the show. Extension agents, adult leaders and 4-H junior

leaders from Crockett, Irion and Schleicher Counties served as judges.

The show was divided into five divisions being beginners, preteens, juniors, seniors and outdoor cookery.

In the beginner division receiving rosettes were Janet Barlemann, main dish; Tommie Kay Woodall, side dish; Mary Ross, breads and desserts; and Kate Mathews, snacks and beverages.

Receiving rosettes in the preteen division were Cathy Doran, main dish; Jody Luttrell, side dish; Chad Stewart, breads and desserts; and Amanda Martin, snacks and beverages.

Shawna Hallmark, Lora Lea Kordzik, Jackie Johnson and Kathryn Parker were winners in the junior division each receiving rosettes in main dish, side dish, breads and desserts, and snacks and beverages respectively.

Senior division winners were Linda Galbreath in

the main dish category and Terri Threadgill in the snacks and beverage category.

Wayne Hill was the winner in the outdoor cookery division.

High point winners were Mary Ross, beginners; Jody Luttrell, preteens; Lora Lea Kordzik, juniors; Linda Galbreath, seniors; and Wayne Hill, outdoor cookery.

Other winners in the show were Charlene Hulsey, blue ribbon; Stacy Patton and Gina McMillon, red ribbons; in the beginner division; Rebecca Powers, Ann Marie Ford, Mary Huckaby, Tammy Martin, Stacy Miller, Cindy Sneed, Lori Webster, Anita Balch and Tessa Joy, blue ribbons in the preteen division. Winning red ribbons in that division were Bonnie Jackson, Trudy Taylor and Leslie Webster.

Rebecca Hulsey and Marla Van Hoozer were blue ribbon winners in the junior division with Tammy Duren and Lisa

Webster winning red ribbons.

Blue ribbons in the outdoor cookery division were won by Darren Halford, Houston Powers, John Woodall and Scott Miller.

Donating awards for this year's show were the Downtown Lions Club, Gosney's, and the Sonora

Branch San Angelo Savings Association.

The following served as leaders: Barbara Arendt, Louise Barlemann, Edna Duren, Wanda Halford, Glenna Hulsey, Linda Joy, Trevlin Luttrell, Rose Mathews, Lou McMillon, Allison Powers, La Verne Sneed, Ilene Stewart, Melissa Teaff and Belinda Woodall.



Senior Division winners - Linda Galbreath and Terri Threadgill.



Junior division winners - Kathryn Parker, Shawna Hallmark, Jackie Johnson and Lora Lee Kordzik.



Wayne Hill was winner of the outdoor cookery division.



Preteen division winners - Amanda Martin, Jody Luttrell and Cathy Doran. Not pictured is Chad Stewart.



Beginner division winners - Kate Mathews, Mary Ross, Tommie Woodall and Janet Barlemann.

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Notice: The Sonora Independent School Tax Office will be closed December 23 and 26 and open again December 27. Also be closed January 2, 1978.

Notice

The Learn and Play Daycare Center will be open New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Reservations would be appreciated. Please call 387-3941, 387-2234 or 387-3277. 3c16

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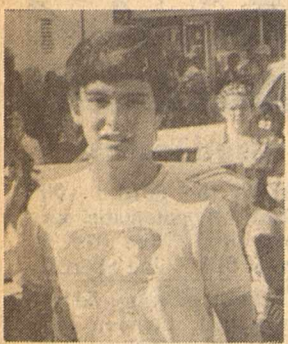


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Coupon Drawing Winners Named



Lance Love, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston O. Love, won one of the two \$275 drawings last Saturday in the "Buy It In Sonora" coupon campaign. This Saturday's drawing will be in front of Tedford's Jewelry.



Mrs. J.D. Mirke had one of the two winning coupons in last Saturday's "Buy It In Sonora" drawing.

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Thursday, December 22
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Friday, December 23
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 Joe Wallace
 Peggy L. Grobe
 Kay Sanders
 Charlie Preston
 Mrs. Clifford Green
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Saturday, December 24
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 John Moore

Sunday, December 25
 Frances Chance
 G.W. Archer, Jr.
 B. H. Cusenbary
 J.B. Wright
 Debbie Hard
 Cathy Minatra

Monday, December 26
 Jimmy Black
 Mrs. Mickey Powers
 David Kingston
 James L. Robbins
 Betsy Schwiening
 Debra English
 Don Lawson
 Preston Schuder

Tuesday, December 27
 Melinda Earwood Niell
 Bill McClelland
 Will Wallace
 Al Elliott
 Mrs. Lin Hicks
 Jim Pollard
 Jerry Don Balch
 Laura Hanus

Wednesday, December 28
 Tyra H. Ledbetter
 Penny Lynn Batchelor

Weather

Compiled By Pat Brown

Date	R	Hi	Lo
December 13		67	43
December 14		71	26
December 15		76	34
December 16		80	42
December 17		73	29
December 18		79	29
December 19		75	28
Rainfall for the month, .06; rainfall for the year, 17.08.			

Martin
 Plumbing

Governor Tells HEW To Change Plan

Dr. Louis E. Gibson, chairman of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) said that Governor Dolph Briscoe asked for and received assurances from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare that pending "National Guidelines for Health Planning" would be modified so that no Texas hospital would be closed for any service reduced.

Gibson, a Corsicana surgeon, was present in a meeting with Briscoe and Undersecretary of Health Hale Champion where Champion assured the Governor that the guidelines would be modified

and that they would not become regulations and would act as simple benchmarks for planning purposes.

Champion also gave assurances that no budgetary restrictions would be placed on any Health Systems Agency or any State Planning Agency

whose plan did not conform to the guidelines and that he would so instruct planning and grants management people of H.E.W.

The only condition being that a reasonable explanation should be given for not complying to the guidelines.

The Undersecretary also gave repeated assurance that no Texas facility would be closed or its services reduced by the guidelines, unless so recommended by the local Health Systems Agency and Statewide Health Coordinating Council and the Governor.

Airman Mounce Graduates

Airman James T. Mounce, son of Mrs. Margie M. Mounce of Sonora, has graduated with honors at Lackland AFB, Texas, from the U.S. Air Force technical training course for security police specialists.

Airman Mounce, now trained in security and law enforcement, is being assigned to Alconbury RAF Station, England, for duty with a unit of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe. Completion of the course

earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman is a 1977 graduate of Sonora High School.

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Happy Holidays

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Christmas GREETINGS

Remembrance, like a glowing candle, shines brightest at Christmas. We are thinking of you dear friends, and wishing you every happiness.

Kerbow Funeral Home
 Sonora Eldorado