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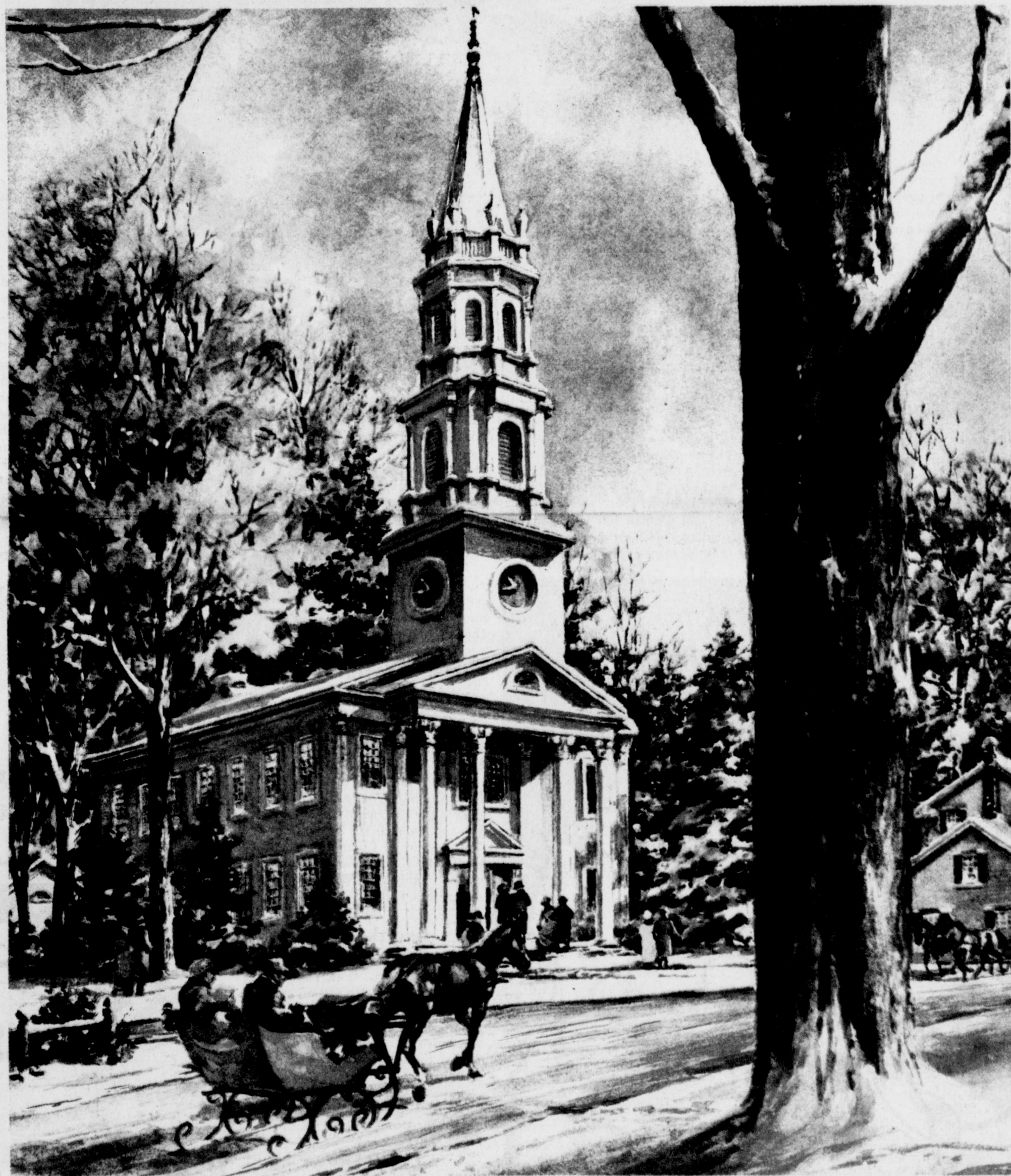
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These happy holidays come but once a year...and in the midst of all their flurry, scurry, fun and frolic, all of us here want to pause and wish each and every one of you a world of good cheer, along with our sincere hope that it will last throughout the coming year! A very Merry Christmas!

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**Merry Christmas From
the Enterprise Staff**

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Christmas calls for Passenger Safety

Even if you don't leave town, chances of being involved in a car accident during the holidays mount as harried shoppers snarl traffic, families rush to "get on the road," and social drinkers insist on driving.

"Automobile crashes are the number one killer of children under 4, making the use of seat belts and safety seats a health priority," said Dr. Robert Bernstein, Texas Commissioner of Health. "It's just as important to buckle in children in the stop-and-go traffic around shopping centers and in town as it is to protect them in high-speed highway traffic," he said.

Grim statistics from the Texas Department of Public Safety indicate local city and town streets will likely be the setting for several of the 94 traffic deaths predicted for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

During the Yule holidays last year, 26 persons died in traffic

mishaps in urban areas, while accidents on highways claimed 47 lives. On December 23, 1983 (not counted as a holiday), 20 persons died in traffic accidents statewide.

Nearly 98 percent of the 3,823 persons killed in 1983 traffic accidents were not wearing seat belts. In response to the number of passengers age 4 and under who sustained injuries or were killed in accidents - 77 died and 6,603 were injured in 1983 - children under 2 are now required by law to ride in approved child safety seat restraints. Youngsters between 2 and 4 years of age have the option of riding in a safety seat or under a seat belt.

A toll-free telephone line has been established to answer questions concerning child safety seats and the laws concerning them. Bilingual operators can direct callers to the nearest loaner programs as well. The toll-free number is 1-800-252-8255, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Since the mandatory use of child safety seats went into ef-



Tree trimming, 1902

Texans can thank German immigrants to the state for introducing the practice of holiday tree trimming. Settlers in Prince Solms Braunsfels' colony spent most of Christmas Eve 1845, their first Christmas in the state, decorating native cedar

trees. The idea quickly spread and was quite common by the early 1900's, about the time when Emmie and Ella Curry posed for this Christmas portrait. (Photo courtesy of The Institute of Texan Cultures, Elizabeth Koch Collection, ca. 1902.)

fect in October, numerous hospitals and community service groups statewide have put more than 6,000 seats into circulation through low-cost loaner programs.

"If we had 100 percent compliance with the safety seat law, 90 percent of the deaths and 85

percent of the serious injuries that children suffer in traffic accidents could be avoided," Dr. Bernstein stated.

He also explained that adults should use seat belts, not only for their own safety, but to set a good example for their children.

Noting that most accidents occur near home, he encouraged parents to buckle themselves and their children in, even if they're just going shopping.

D.C. statehood

On December 7, 1984, at page 284, *FACTS FOR YOU* reviewed a bill, introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Massachusetts), whose purpose is to admit "the State of New Columbia" (a substantial part of the District of Columbia) into the Union as the 51st State. The District of Columbia is actually the City of Washington, whose total land area is 67 square miles.

Tax break coming

Tax Foundation economists estimate that U.S. taxpayers will save about \$8 to \$10 billion on their 1985 tax liabilities as a result of indexing of the personal income tax system for the 1985 tax year, effective January 1, 1985.

Tax indexing refers to the annual adjustment of taxes based on the previous year's rate of inflation.

French student seeks job in U.S.

Gilles Christophe, 23 Rue des Tourterelles, 59240 Dunkerque, France, is seeking a job during a six-month period from the first of April to the first of October 1985. It appears from the information received by *Facts for You*, a Texas Farm Bureau publication, that he would be best suited to work on a plant production facility.

Anyone interested in employing this French student should contact him at the above address as soon as possible.

Baby whale

It's hard to call a newborn humpback whale a "baby" says National Wildlife's *Ranger Rick* magazine, because it's the size of a large station wagon.

New quilts sought for contest, show

In celebration of the Texas Sesquicentennial in 1986, the Museum of the Southwest is pleased to announce a juried quilt exhibition. Open to all quilters within the state of Texas, the exhibition will be juried by Karey Bresenhan of Great Expectations Quilts, Inc. in Houston. The dates of the exhibition are February 9-March 30, 1986.

The exhibition will be entitled *Contemporary Texas Quilts* and will include quilts in traditional styles as well as those which are innovative in design. Approximately 30 quilts will be selected by the juror for the exhibition, which will be on display in the Museum's Thomas Gallery. Cash awards of \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 will be awarded to the three best quilts in the show.

The Museum of the Southwest encourages all Texas quilters to participate in this exciting juried exhibition. Following is a list of rules for entering the show:

1. Each quilter may enter a maximum of three quilts in the exhibition. A slide of each quilt must be sent to the Museum of the Southwest no later than November 1, 1985. Please include your name and address along with the slides so that they may be returned to you.

2. Quilts must have been made within the past five years (1980-1985).

3. Quilters will be notified by December 1, 1985 of whether or not their quilts have been selected for the show.

4. Quilts selected for the exhibition must be sent to the Museum of the Southwest by January 24, 1986. The Museum will provide for all shipping and insurance expenses.

5. Awards will be given by Karey Bresenhan for the three best quilts in the show after the exhibition is installed at the museum.

For further information, contact Sue E. Devine, Curator, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 West Missouri, Midland, Texas 79701. Phone 915-683-2882.

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Card of Thanks

I wish at this time to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and to thank all of you for helping me with YOUR news, for without your help, we could not have any Blackwell news.

Thanks again. Bye for now, but I'll see and hear for all of next year in 1985.

Blackwell residents were awakened in the early Thursday morning hours by rain, which was very welcome; and by 9 o'clock, as I was closing my news for this week, we had received four-tenths of rain. It is dark, cloudy, overcast and very foggy; so it looks like we may get more rain. Here's hoping we do.

Blackwell Senior Citizens Meet

The Blackwell Senior Citizens met Tuesday morning, December 11 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Blackwell First Baptist Church for their regular monthly meeting and Christmas Program and Covered Dish Luncheon with 36 in attendance. A game fun day was observed with cards, 42, dominoes and a day of visiting being enjoyed.

The tables and hall were decorated for Christmas.

Brother Henry Rhynes, Baptist pastor, gave the invocation for the noon meal and then before they began the meal, the Senior Citizens presented Mr. and Mrs. Herman Seale a ham and a basket of fruit to show their appreciation for helping organize the Blackwell Senior Citizen Day.

Several persons came and as

it was their first time to see the new Baptist Fellowship Hall, they told how pretty it was.

Those attending were Rev. and Mrs. Henry Rhynes, Rev. and Mrs. Weldon Tucker, and Messrs. and Mmes. Herman Seale, Olin Corley, Charlie Strickland, Ben Noble, Ernest Ware, Kay Corley, Ben Murray, Grady Patterson, James C. Jones of Oak Creek Lake; Sam Sissom of Bronte; and Mmes. Willie Burwick, Ninnie Kinard, Thelma Smith, Ida Oden, Josie Craig, Margaret Stout, Thelma Conradt, Eula Nabors, Florine Van Zandt, Juanita Dancy, Savannah Thompson, and Miss Bertha Smith.

Plates were carried to Mmes. Susie Bryant and Esther Davis.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Our next Senior Citizen Day will be Tuesday, January 8 at the Baptist Fellowship Hall. All senior citizens, age 60 or older, are invited to come. Bring a covered dish.

Methodist Family Night Dinner

The Methodist Family Night Dinner for December was held Friday evening, December 14, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church with 28 in attendance.

Reverend Weldon Tucker, pastor, gave the invocation before the dinner. Following dinner, a game was played at which time gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Weldon Tucker directed the games, assisted by Amy Hood and Macky Flowers.

Those attending included: Reverend and Mrs. Weldon

Tucker; Messrs. and Mmes. R.Q. Spence; Herman Seale; Bobby Sanderson; James Lee; Terry Barrett; Gene Cole; Randy Flowers and children Macky, Jason and Tarra; Larry Oden and Mrs. Sallie Shipman and children Jamie and Mandy; Juanita McRorey; Ida Oden; Savannah Thompson; Brad, Amy, and Kathy Hood; and Connie Sawyer.

The church had their Christmas Program Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Friday morning came in a very cool, dark and cloudy morning, and by 10 a.m., a fine drizzly mist began falling, which lasted the rest of the day, and by night, we had received another three-tenths of an inch. All through Friday night and early in the morning hours, a steady mist prevailed, with little showers falling at times. By noon Saturday in closing the news we had received one-half inch, making a total of one inch and two-tenths in all since it began Thursday morning. At this time, there is still a fine mist falling and a cool 40%.



Ballinger Christmas concert

The Ballinger School sixth grade band, junior high band, and high school band along with the high school choir presented a concert last Thurs-

day night in the Ballinger High School Auditorium. Christmas songs and other selections were featured. Band director is Kyle Viertel.



Nice day

A resident of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home enjoys some sunshine with a friend

recently. Winters had a stretch of unseasonably warm weather last week.

Pecans in short supply this year

Pecans, those tasty morsels that are so much a part of the holiday season, are in short supply this year, at least in Texas.

The 1984 Texas pecan crop is only a fraction of what it was a year ago, points out Dr. George Ray McEachern, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System. About a third of the crop has been harvested to date.

"We are estimating a crop of less than 20 million pounds this year," says McEachern. "That compares to last year's crop of more than 80 million pounds."

Why the sharp drop? According to McEachern, the state's pecan crop was hard hit from several fronts. The first and foremost reason was the large 1983 crop. Pecans generally produce good crops on alternate years, so that accounts for the decline in this year's crop.

Other factors that kept pecan production down in 1984 was the severe freeze last December which damaged some trees, the extensive drought this past summer, and a heavy infestation of pecan nut casebearers, the most serious pecan pest.

"Because of the short crop, pecan growers are getting a good price," notes McEachern. "In-shell pecans currently are bringing a dollar or more per pound, and that price may increase as harvesting progresses and demand increases."

Although Texas produced a large pecan crop last year, use was heavy so carryover stocks were not that great, notes the horticulturist.

Texans can expect to see some pecans coming in from other states although the crop is also short in the other major pecan growing areas, adds McEachern.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a He man Sword and a fourwheeler Merry Christmas.
George Villarreal.
Age 6

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In a small town in South Dakota, the nativity pageant is reenacted in a real barn; hundreds of miles away in historic Williamsburg, a colonial Christmas is recreated, complete with cannon blasts. Such is the richness and variety of Christmas in America, reflecting its multi-ethnic origins and providing a feast of sights and sounds for the holiday season. Let's begin our Christmas tour in Los Angeles, where a large Mexican-American community has kept alive the tradition of *Las Posadas*. Here, Mary and Joseph's search for lodging is reenacted for 9 successive nights, ending in a celebration of singing and holiday treats, including the breaking of the *piñata*. Far to the north in Alaska, Eskimo boys and girls carry a brightly colored star from home to home all during Christmas week. After they have sung a few carols, they are invited in for treats. Pre-Christian games dating back to the time of the winter solstice are also part of Christmas celebrations in this state. To the south, in Florida, the palm tree replaces the traditional evergreen as a symbol of Christmas. Recalling the palms of the Holy Land, Floridians decorate their palms with lights and other adornments to great effect. In Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the central event of the season is the Love Feast that is celebrated in the Moravian church on Christmas Eve. During the service, the children in attendance are served sweet buns and coffee, and then are given lighted beeswax candles. Later, the Christmas Eve vigil is held, culminating with lighted candles being served to the entire congregation, in a dazzling spectacle of light. In New York City, the plaza at Rockefeller Center is famed for its illuminated tree and its ice skating exhibitions. The whole city takes on a festive mood, as department stores and "aah" as the great tree lights up. Spectators join in singing beloved carols, as the holiday season comes once again to our nation. "Little minds are wounded by the smallest things." La Rochefoucauld

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Turkey costs more
After two years of bargain prices for holiday turkeys, shoppers may be surprised to find that they cost more this year. "Consumers can expect to find 20-25 percent higher prices for turkeys this year," says Dr. David Mellor, Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service poultry specialist. Last year's lower prices were due in part to a plentiful supply of turkeys in storage. This year, the excess supply is gone, although consumers won't have any trouble finding turkey in the supermarkets, Mellor said. To cut cost on a Christmas bird, Extension food and nutrition specialist Dr. Alice Hunt suggests that consumers buy an unbasted, store brand turkey. Pre-basted store brand turkeys will cost more per pound than unbasted birds, and national brand pre-basted turkeys will cost even more, she says.

Due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to conduct our last sale as scheduled.
Therefore, we will be at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot this Saturday, December 22nd from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
We have oysters, shrimp, catfish, and other seafoods.
Simon's Seafood Market

**Best Wishes For
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ATTENTION HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS
Fur Buyer will be in Winters at Taylor's Restaurant each Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. beginning Dec. 11th.
We buy green and dry furs of all types. Case skin all furs (like Opossum). We also buy deer hides. Well handled furs bring TOP PRICES.
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John Deere has given us tremendous allowances on new equipment and we're passing those savings on to you. In addition to that there are many finance waiver discounts to sweeten the pot. Stop in now and choose your deal.

DEAL 1. 4WD TRACTORS
Thousands of dollars in pass-along savings on every new John Deere 4WD tractor in stock. No interest until June 1, 1985, with John Deere financing. * Or, in lieu of the finance waiver take these extra discounts.

| MODEL | DISCOUNT IN LIEU OF WAIVER | | |
|-------|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| | During DEC | During JAN | During FEB |
| 8450 | \$2100 | \$1725 | \$1350 |
| 8650 | 2575 | 2100 | 1625 |
| 8850 | 3225 | 2625 | 2050 |
| 8440 | 1725 | 1400 | 1100 |
| 8640 | 2125 | 1725 | 1350 |

Outstanding savings on used 4WD tractors, too, with no interest to pay until June 1, 1985, with John Deere financing. *

DEAL 2. ROW CROP TRACTORS
Huge pass-along savings on units listed here plus interest-free financing until June 1, 1985. * If you prefer, take an extra discount in lieu of finance waiver.

| MODEL | DISCOUNT IN LIEU OF WAIVER | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| | During DEC | During JAN | During FEB |
| 100-hp 4050 | \$1000 | \$ 825 | \$ 650 |
| 120-hp 4250 | 1075 | 875 | 700 |
| 140-hp 4450 | 1200 | 975 | 750 |
| 165-hp 4650 | 1450 | 1175 | 925 |
| 190-hp 4850 | 1675 | 1375 | 1075 |

Huge savings with the same Deere financing interest-free offer on used equipment, also.

DEAL 3. UTILITY TRACTORS
Get unheard of savings that we're passing along from John Deere on new Utility tractors shown in this chart. Then, get interest-free John Deere financing until June 1, 1985. Or, take an additional discount in lieu of finance waiver.

| MODEL | CUSTOMER DISCOUNT |
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| 40-hp 1250 | \$ 550 |
| 50-hp 1450 | 625 |
| 60-hp 1650 | 700 |
| 45-hp 2150 | 650 |
| 50-hp 2255** | 675 |
| 55-hp 2350 | 750 |
| 65-hp 2550 | 850 |
| 75-hp 2750 | 1400 |
| 2750 High Clearance | 1000 |
| 85-hp 2950 | 2700 |

Used equipment also qualifies for the same interest free John Deere financing offer.

DEAL 4. COMBINES
The John Deere combines listed here are offered at fabulous off-season savings. Thousands of dollars off PLUS INTEREST FREE FINANCING TO THE FIRST OF THE 1985 USE SEASON. These prices apply when the combine is purchased with new header equipment.

| MODEL | CUSTOMER DISCOUNT | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | SERIAL #600000 AND BELOW | SERIAL #610000 TO SERIAL #610000 |
| 4420 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 3,500 |
| 6620 | 5,000 | 4,000 |
| 6620 (SIDEHILL) | 6,000 | 4,500 |
| 6622 | 10,000 | 7,000 |
| 7720 | 7,000 | 4,500 |
| 7721 | 4,000 | 2,500 |
| 8820 | 10,000 | 5,500 |

If a new head or platform is purchased independent from the separator, a \$1,000 discount will apply. If the separator is sold without new header equipment, the discounts will be reduced by \$1,000.

Don't delay! Come in and make the deal of your choice.
*Availability of John Deere financing subject to approval of credit. These offers may be withdrawn at any time.
**This model is not available in Nebraska.

MANSELL BROS.
Hwy. 53 West Winters, Texas



The land of Jesus' birth, then and now

"O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie..."

Bethlehem! The very word calls to mind an image of verdant pastures and sheep grazing under shepherds' watchful eyes...dusty streets trod by donkeys laden with water jugs...and whitewashed dwellings clustered about the village well.

Here it was that Ruth gleaned barley in the fields belonging to Boaz. It was here that the young David tended his father's sheep and where he was anointed king of Israel.

In the time of Jesus, Bethlehem was just a small village in the province of Judea. Yet the prophet Micah foresaw its future eminence. Had he not prophesied, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

This prophecy and the Star of Bethlehem led the Wise Men to the place where Jesus lay. Today, the towers of many faiths dominate the landscape, just as the star must have on that night almost 2000 years ago. And, instead of Three Wise Men, thousands of pilgrims will descend upon the town where the Savior was born.

But, instead of a humble stable, they will find a basilica built over the cave where Mary and Joseph are said to have found shelter. A silver star marks the exact spot where Jesus is believed to have been born. Fifteen lamps surround it, donated by various Christian communities, demonstrating that here, in the land of Jesus' birth, differences fall away before a common faith.

Most pilgrims to the Holy Land will also travel to Galilee, where the town of Nazareth lies. Although the distance between the towns is short by today's standards, in the time of Mary and Joseph, the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem must have been a hardship for them — especially for the young woman, heavy with child. As it was, Jews resented the census greatly; it was a humiliating reminder of their subservience to Rome.

When Jesus lived in Nazareth, the countryside was composed of wooded hills, each with its little plain. Galilee was one of the most beautiful of the provinces. In fact, Galileans were suspected of being too easy-going and not strict enough in observing the laws; perhaps this was attributed to their pleasant surroundings.

Here, in Nazareth, the growing Jesus would become familiar with such commonplace sights as the fig trees, the mustard plants, and fields of grain, all of which he would draw upon later in his parables.

Since it was the practice for sons to follow in their father's trade, undoubtedly Joseph trained the young Jesus to be a carpenter, like himself. He probably taught Jesus the Shema: "Here, O Israel. The Lord our God is One Lord; and you shall love the

Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might."

As the Bible reveals, Mary and Joseph were devout Jews, following the traditions of their ancestors. In accordance with Jewish custom, they traveled to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

What an impression that city must have made on the young Jesus! It was the holy city to all believing Jews, the city that God Himself had chosen as the place for His worship. Here was the Temple, the center of Jewish tradition. The psalmist describes the feelings of pilgrims as they went up to the Temple:

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together;

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David."

Today, only the Western Wall, the Wailing Wall, remains of the Temple. But, visitors can still see the pool of Siloam, where the blind man washed his eyes to regain his sight, as Jesus had told him to do. And, from the Mount of Olives, travelers can look down upon the Holy City, just as Jesus did.

Although Nazareth is no longer the humble village it must have been when Jesus lived there, its narrow, roofed streets and colorful marketplace evoke Biblical times, and today's Galileans still harvest their wheat in much the same manner of their ancestors. Along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, fishermen still cast their nets into the lake, just as Peter, Andrew, James and John must have done.

There have been many changes in the land where Jesus once walked, but the thoughts of Christians will be turning back to that wondrous event that took place there in another time, in a small Judean town called Bethlehem.

St. Francis and the Christmas creche

One of the most common sights at Christmastime is the creche, or manger, holding the figure of the Infant Jesus.

Most churches feature large nativity scenes and many a home has its own small creche during the holidays. Nativity scenes such as this are so much a part of the season that we assume that they have always been so.

Actually, it was not until the 13th century that the creche came into usage. St. Francis of Assisi is generally credited with originating the custom. According to tradition, the gentle friar was staying near the town of Greccio, when he became inspired



St. Nicholas, 1930

Christmas has long been a special time for children as they anxiously await the coming of Santa Claus. These two youngsters, Roger Martin and Eloise Jones, did not pass up a chance

to perch on Santa's knee. St. Nicholas, the legendary jolly soul who comes laden with gifts for good boys and girls, is a contribution of the Dutch. Santa's arrival in Texas, however, was

courtesy of the Germans, who had borrowed the legend centuries earlier from their neighbors in Holland. The German Santa Claus did not get about in a sleigh pulled by

reindeer, however. Settlers from Sweden brought that particular legend to Texas. (Photo courtesy The Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio Light Collection, ca. 1930.)

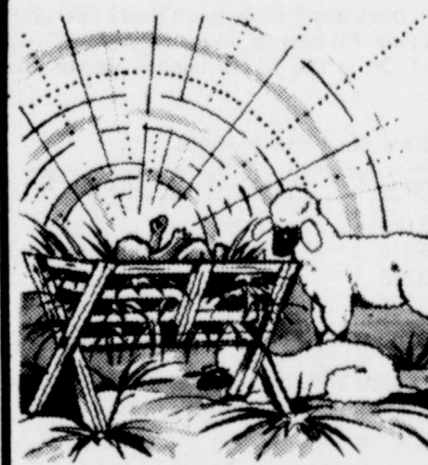
with the idea of recreating the first Christmas. Biographers say that he instructed a friend, "If you desire that we should celebrate this year's Christmas together at Greccio, go quickly and prepare what I tell you; for I want to enact the memory of the Infant who was born at Bethlehem, and how He was deprived of all the comforts babies enjoy; how He was bedded in the manger on hay, between an ass and an ox."

So it was that on Christmas Eve, the people of Greccio came to a spot in the woods near the town, where they found a manger filled with hay, and an ox and an ass next to it. Here Francis preached his Christmas sermon, filled with love for the Infant Jesus.

Legend has it that a member of the congregation saw a baby in the manger that night and that afterward, villagers took hay from the manger and gave it to their ailing animals, who promptly recovered.

Another version of this tradition says that St. Francis had a young woman and her baby represent Mary and the Infant Jesus. He placed hay about the church altar where the woman and child sat, and led an ox and an ass down the aisle of the church to take their place as part of the tableau. The villagers were delighted with this living representation of the nativity, and was only a matter of time before such tableaux were translated into lovingly carved manger scenes.

Today, they are universal reminders of that very first Christmas, inspiring devotion to the little Christ Child.



It was as if an earthquake rent The hearth-stones of a continent And made forlorn The household born Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said; "For hate is strong, And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!"

HERBED SALMON BALL

- 1 can (15-1/2 oz.) Bumble Bee Red Salmon
- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 1/2 cup small curd cottage cheese
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 1 teaspoon fines herbes, crumbled
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme, crumbled
- 1 cup chopped parsley
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Crackers
Drain salmon. Remove skin, if desired. Mash bones. Combine cream cheese, garlic, cottage cheese, onion, fines herbes and thyme until well blended. Stir in salmon to blend. Chill 3 hours. Mixture will be soft. Roll in parsley and walnuts. Serve with crackers. Makes 4 servings.

CREAMY RASPBERRY SQUARES

Makes 8 servings

- 18 Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, finely rolled
- 1/4 cup margarine, melted
- 2 (3-ounce) packages or 1 (6-ounce) package Royal Raspberry or Strawberry Gelatin
- 1-3/4 cups boiling water
- 1 (13-ounce) can evaporated milk, chilled
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen raspberries in light syrup, thawed or 1 (9-ounce) package frozen sliced strawberries, thawed

Prepared whipped topping for garnish, optional

In medium bowl, combine cookie crumbs and margarine; mix well. Press into bottom of 8 x 8-inch baking pan. Chill.

In large bowl, dissolve raspberry gelatin in boiling water. Stir in chilled evaporated milk. Pour half of mixture into blender container or food processor, add half of cream cheese. Process until smooth and creamy; pour into large bowl. Repeat with remaining gelatin mixture and cream cheese. Fold in raspberries and syrup. Chill until slightly thickened; pour into prepared crust. Chill until firm, about 3 hours.

Cut into squares to serve. If desired, garnish with prepared topping.

Then from each black, accursed mouth,
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



We wish you great joy this Christmastide...may love and peace abide with you and yours all through the holiday season and in days to come.

Winters Oilfield Supply

Seasoned Greetings

Holiday Menu

Appetizers
Hearts of Love
Seasoned Greetings
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Large Cup of Joy
Generous Portions of Kindness
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Cherished Friendship — Assorted Delights

Beverage
Old Fashioned Merriment

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Best Wishes For the Happiest Holidays Ever!
Gary, Michael, Pam, Matthew, and Susan
and All the Employees of

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We will close at 2 p.m. December 24 and will reopen at 5:10 a.m. December 26.
We will close at 8 p.m. New Year's Eve and will reopen January 2nd, 1985.

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Notice of Water Control and Improvement District Directors Election (A Viso del Distrito de Control de Aguas Mejoras Eleccion de Directores)

THE STATE OF TEXAS (EL ESTADO DE TEXAS) (CONDADE DE RUNNELS COUNTY) TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF VALLEY CREEK WATER CONTROL DISTRICT (A LOS RESIDENTES VOTANTES CAPACITADOS DEL CONDADO DE VALLEY CREEK DISTRITO CONTROL DE AGUAS Y MEJORAS) TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 19th day of January, 1985, (TOMEN NOTA que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia 19th de January de 1985, at the places, in manner, and for the candidates for the office of said district, as set forth in the attached copy of an order for en los lugares, en la forma, y por los candidatos al puesto de dicho distrito, como lo indica la copia anexo de la orden de directores' election, duly entered by the Board of Directors of said above mentioned district on the 19th day of election de directores, debidamente asentada por la Junta Directiva del arriba mencionado distrito el dia 19th de November, 1984. Said attached Order for Directors' Election is made a part on this notice for all intents and purposes. November, de 1984. Dicha Orden de Eleccion de Directores anexo se considera en todo caso ser parte de este aviso.)

Frank K. Antilley
President, Board of Directors
(Presidente, Junta Directiva)

Duncan Hensley
Secretary, Board of Directors
(Secretario, Junta Directiva)

Order for Directors Election

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS On this the 19th day of November, 1984, the Board of Directors of Valley Creek Water Control District convened in regular session open to the public with the following members present, to-wit: Frank K. Antilley, President H.O. Polk, Vice-President Carl W. Moore, Edd Poehls, Alpheus M. Hill, Lester Schaefer, Duncan Hensley, Secretary and the following absent: none, constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following: Whereas on the 19 day of January, 1985, there will be elected 4 directors for this district: Whereas this Board by order dated the 19th day of November, 1984, established the procedure for candidates who desire to file for said election:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VALLEY CREEK WATER CONTROL DISTRICT: That an election be held in said district on the 19th day of January, 1985, for the purpose of electing 4 directors to the Board of Directors of said District: That said election shall be held at the following places 2 in said District, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election. 1. For Election Precinct No., at Drug Store Building, in Wingate, Texas, within said District with D.F. Bryan as Presiding Judge. 2. For Election Precinct No., at Dave Compton Residence, in Norton, Texas, within said District with Mrs. Dave Compton as Presiding Judge. The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on election day be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m. D.F. Bryan is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at Wingate within the boundaries of the above named district and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for absentee voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding

the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. on each day for said absentee voting. The above described place for absentee voting is also the absentee clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent. The following named persons have duly filed as candidates for said election in accordance with the above mentioned order for election procedure in Directors Election passed by this Board, and their names shall be placed on the ballot for said election in accordance with a drawing held by the Secretary of this Board in the following order:

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order once a week for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the district is located, or if none is published in said county, in the nearest county thereto; the first date of said publication being not more than 35 days nor less than 21 days before the date of the election. Immediately after said election has been held, the officers holding the same shall make returns of the result thereof in triplicate, one being retained by the Presiding Judge, one delivered to the President of this Board, and one delivered to the Secretary. The ballot box and other election records and supplies shall be delivered to the Secretary at the office of the District and be preserved as provided by law in said office.

It is further found and determined that notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting was placed in accordance with the terms and provisions of ART. 6252-17 at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of this meeting and that the terms and provisions of said Article 6252-17 have been complied with and copies of said postings and return shall be attached to this order and become a part thereof.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: H.O. Polk, Alpheus M. Hill, Edd Poehls, Carl W. Moore, Lester Schaefer & Duncan Hensley, and the following voted NO: None. PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 19th day of November, 1984.

Frank K. Antilley
President, Board of Directors of Valley Creek Water Control District ATTEST: Duncan Hensley Secretary

*Art. 2.01 of the Election Code provides that polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., provided that by order of Commissioners' Court in counties having a population of 1,000,000 or more, according to the last preceding Federal Census, polls may be open one hour earlier. (December 13, 20, 24, 1984)

Orden de Eleccion de Directores

EL ESTADO DE TEXAS CONDADO DE RUNNELS En este dia 19th de November de 1984, la Junta Directiva del Departamento de Control y Mejoramiento de Aguas se convoco en reunion, abierta al publico con los siguientes miembros presentes, a saber: Frank K. Antilley, Presidente H.O. Polk, Vice Presidente Carl W. Moore, Edd Poehls, Alpheus M. Hill, Lester Schaefer Duncan Hensley, Secretario y los siguientes ausentes: None, constituyendo un quorum, y entre otras actas tomadas por dicha Junta Directiva se encontro la siguiente: En vista de que en este dia 19 de January, de 1985, seran elegidos 4 directores para este distrito. En vista de que esta Junta por orden fechada el 19th dia de November, de 1984, establece el procedimiento para los candidatos que deseen registrarse para dichas elecciones: POR LO TANTO, SE ORDENA POR LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE CONTROL Y MEJORAMIENTO DE AGUAS DEL CONDADO DE VALLEY CREEK DISTRITO NUM. Que dicha eleccion se lleve a cabo en los siguientes lugares 2 en dicho Distrito, y que las siguientes personas son nombradas oficiales para dicha eleccion. 1. Para el Precinto Electoral Num., en el Edificio Drug Store Building en Wingate, Texas, dentro del mismo Distrito con D.F. Bryan como Juez Presidente.

2. Para el Precinto Electoral Num., en el Edificio Dave Compton Residence en Norton, Texas dentro del mismo Distrito con Mrs. Dave Compton como Juez Presidente. Los sitios de votacion en cada uno de los lugares arriba designados se mantendran abiertos el dia de eleccion de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m. D.F. Bryan es nombrado Secretario para la Votacion en Ausencia. La Votacion en Ausencia para la eleccion arriba citada se llevara a cabo en Wingate dentro de los limites del mencionado distrito y dicho lugar de votacion en ausencia permanecera abierto por lo menos ocho horas diarias para la votacion en ausencia no siendo sabado o domingo o dia festivo oficial des Estado, principiando 20 dias y continuando hasta el cuarto dia anterior a la fecha de dicha eleccion. Dicho lugar de votacion permanecera abierto entre las horas de 8:00 y 3:00 en cada dia de la votacion en ausencia. El lugar arriba descrito para la votacion en ausencia es tambien la direccion postal del secretario para la votacion en ausencia a la cual podran enviarse las aplicaciones para boletas electorales tanto como las boletas con votos enviadas por correo. Las personas nombradas abajo se han registrado debidamente como candidatos para dicha eleccion de acuerdo con la orden arriba mencionada para procedimiento de eleccion en la Eleccion de Directores aprobada por esta Junta, y sus nombres aparecieran en la boleta para dicha eleccion y de acuerdo con un sorteo que se llevo a cabo por el Secretario de esta Junta en la siguiente orden:

Aviso de dicha eleccion se hara por medio de publicacion de una copia de esta orden una vez por semana durante tres semanas consecutivas en un periodico de circulacion general publicado en el condado en que se encuentra este distrito, o si no se publica ninguno en dicho condado, en el condado mas cercano; la primera publicacion debera ser por lo menos 21 dias anteriores a la fecha de elecciones, y no mas de 35 dias anteriores a la misma. Inmediatamente despues de que se haya hecho dicha eleccion, los oficiales a cargo de la misma deberan reportar los resultados de la misma en triplicado, una copia la debera retener el Juez Directivo, una copia sera entregada al Presidente de esta Junta, y una copia sera entregada al Secretario. La urna electoral y demas documentos electorales y provisiones seran entregadas al Secretario en las oficinas del Distrito para ser conservadas como lo estipula la ley en dicha oficina. Ademas se ha encontrado y determinado que aviso de la fecha, lugar y asunto de esta junta fue colocado de acuerdo con los terminos y provisiones del Artículo 6252-17 por lo menos 72 horas anteriores a la hora programada para esta junta, y que los terminos y provisiones de dicho Artículo 6252-17 han sido conformados y que copias de dichos avisos y resultados seran anexadas a esta orden y forman parte de la misma. Habiendose dada lectura a la orden arriba mencionada, se hizo la mocion y fue secundada para ser aprobada. Despues, al llamado sobre esta pregunta, los siguientes miembros de la Junta votaron afirmativamente: H.O. Polk, Alpheus M. Hill, Edd Poehls, Carl W. Moore, Lester Schaefer & Duncan Hensley, y los siguientes votaron negativamente: None. PASADA, APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este 19th dia de November de 1984.

Frank K. Antilley
Presidente, Junta Directiva del Distrito de Control y Mejoramiento de Aguas CERTIFICA: Duncan Hensley Secretario

*El Artículo 2.01 delCodigo Electoral indica que los lugares de votacion se mantendran abiertos de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m., a condicion que por orden de la Corte de Comisionados en Condados que tengan una poblacion de 1,000,000 o mas habitantes, segun el ultimo Censo Federal precedente, los lugares de votacion pueden ser abiertos una hora mas temprano. (December 13, 20, 24, 1984)

Public Notice

Do you own these bales of cotton? The following lot of Winters Warehouse Company cotton will be sold for warehouse charges in accordance with Section 7.219 of the Texas Warehouse Act: 89-747; 107-208; 109-883; 111-533; 153-716; 107-210. The charges due on this lot of cotton through December 31, 1984 is \$1,086.90 for storage, \$6.10 for receiving, \$126.60 for maintenance, resampling, classing of samples, and advertising. If payment is not received by 10:00 a.m. January 4, 1985, at Ballinger Compress Company's office, this lot of cotton will be sold. All bids on this lot of cotton will be kept sealed until this date. The warehouseman reserves the right to refuse all bids and retain the cotton, in which case the value for the cotton will be fixed at the highest bid received. Any interested party may receive a bid sheet at the office of Ballinger Compress Company, at 113 North 13th Street, Ballinger Texas. Anyone claiming this cotton must produce the warehouse receipts for any, or all, of the above bales and pay the charges assessed against the same in order to establish their ownership. Ballinger Compress Company 113 North 13th Street Ballinger, Texas 76821 915365-2117 (December 24, 1984, January 3, 1985)

Services held for George Corcoran

George Francis Corcoran, 55, of Greenville died Wednesday, December 19, in a Dallas hospital after an illness. He married Cleo Walker on March 13, 1953 in Fort Worth. He was an electrical engineer for E Systems in Greenville. He was a member of the Catholic Church. He is survived by five sons: Boyd of Greenville; Jimmy of Whately, Massachusetts; Don of Fort Worth; David of Wellesley, Massachusetts; Ronnie Smith of Puyallup, Washington; one daughter, Kathy Kapplain of Needham, Massachusetts; and eight grandchildren. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 22 in the Winters Memorial Chapel with E.B. McCown of Abilene officiating. Burial will be in the Shep Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home. Pallbearers are Gerald Walker, Max Walker, Jimmy Walker, Russell Walker, Jack Crayton, and Perry Poe.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

We wish you a Merry Christmas and success throughout the year.

Dairy Queen

Kings to celebrate 50th anniversary

A Golden Anniversary reception will be held for Mr. and Mrs. R.D. King of Winters on December 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Southside Baptist Church, Winters.

The reception will be hosted by Bob and Oval's daughters, and they invite all the couple's friends from Wilmeth, Wingate, and Winters to come and help them celebrate this special occasion. The family requests no gifts, please.



Blue eyes, are more sensitive to light than brown eyes.

Holiday buffet safety

Holiday buffets offer both a creative and efficient way to entertain a large number of guests in a limited space. But serving meals buffet style requires extra food safety precautions, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service food and nutrition specialist. The two basic rules to remember are to keep hot food hot, and cold food cold, explains Marilyn Haggard. Instead of setting out large buffet servings, try smaller ones, replenishing the food as needed from the stove or refrigerator, she suggests. If meat, poultry or egg dishes are left at room temperature for more than two hours, food poisoning bacteria may have an opportunity to grow. Frequent refilling ensures that these foods will remain safe to eat, she says.



Hi!

Just want to say we hope your Christmas is merry!

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce

GOOD TIDINGS



May this message convey to you our best wishes for a Christmas that will long be remembered by you and yours.

Bahlman Chevrolet

December Safety Corner



Home Heating Although cold winter winds are blowing across most of the Nation, we can stay warm, thanks to modern heating equipment. Here are guidelines for low-cost safe use: • Follow manufacturer's directions in operating and servicing heating equipment. • Inspect and clean chimneys and flues. Avoid creosote buildup in your chimney. • Keep portable heaters away from combustibles where they won't tip over. Use only heavy-duty extension cords with electric heaters. • Own and know how to use fire extinguishers. Have smoke detectors. Develop and practice a fire escape plan.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15

HAPPY HOLIDAY



We're decking the halls — and hoping your Christmas is merry!

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Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus!

A little girl's curiosity has led to a bit of Christmas philosophy that has since become a Christmas classic.

One day—in December—in 1897, Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the New York Sun.

"I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. My papa says 'If you see it in the Sun, it's so. Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?'"

Because we believe the reply with its message of keen, spiritual insight deserves reading again—we show it here. It was written by Francis E. Church, a writer for the old Sun.

Here it is:
"Yes, indeed!"
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds."

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and

knowledge."
"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist and you know they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We would have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished."

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies."

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children or men can see."

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that

are unseen and unseeable in the world."

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond."

"Is it all real?...Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding."

"No Santa Claus! Thank God—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Francis E. Church

How the mice turned back the Christmas clocks

One Christmas Eve, Santa was very late in arriving at the little village of Snowflake, the last stop on his annual trip around the world.

Fortunately, all the children of the village were asleep, so they didn't know that Santa had been delayed.

As the village slept, animals gathered at the town square to discuss the situation. It was almost 6 o'clock, the hour when the children traditionally arose on Christmas morning.

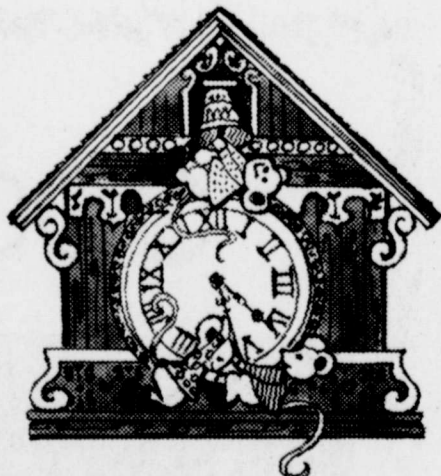
"There are going to be some pretty disappointed youngsters around here," commented the calico cat. "You can say that again," growled the German shepherd. You see, on Christmas Eve all the animals of the village would forget about their usual rivalries and speak to each other.

Just then, a robin landed on the square. "Santa's on his way!" he chirped. The animals barked, mewled, squealed, and crowded over this good news.

"Wait a minute," grunted the pig. "It may be too late. The children will be getting up soon."

"If we could only keep them in bed a little longer," whinnied the horse. But how, the animals wondered.

Suddenly, a field mouse squeaked excitedly. "I know! We'll go into all the houses and turn back all the clocks!"



The animals applauded this idea, and soon all the field mice of the village were scurrying into homes and clambering up the clocks. They moved back all the hands a half hour, just enough time for Santa to finish his rounds.

It wasn't long before Santa did arrive. When he heard about what the field mice had done, he laughed heartily and thanked them. Then he went to work putting presents under every tree.

Just as the clocks began to strike six, Santa climbed into his sleigh and flew off, waving goodbye to the animals of the village.

As the children happily opened their presents, the animals settled down for a nap. They were tired from waiting up all night for Santa, and the field mice were the most tired of all!

Heap on more wood! the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.
— Sir Walter Scott

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And though how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

From stately saint to jolly gent: How St. Nicholas became Santa Claus!

"'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house..."

So begins one of the most famous poems in the English language, one that has influenced American tradition greatly. For it is because of Dr. Clement Clarke Moore's "The Visit of St. Nicholas" that we enjoy our concept of Santa today.

In his classic poem, Moore described St. Nicholas as having "a broad face, and a little round belly that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly. He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf."

This picture of a jolly and plump fellow is a far cry from the stately St. Nicholas of Europe, where the tradition of a holiday gift-giving actually began.

Little is known about St. Nicholas other than that he was born in Asia Minor and eventually became a much-loved archbishop of Myra, where he died in the year 324.

After his death, numerous legends sprang up about his charitable deeds, especially in regard to children. He became the patron saint of boys and girls, and his feast day, December 6th, became the occasion for giving children small gifts of toys or gingerbread. The association of St. Nicholas with gift-giving probably came about through a legend that credited him with bestowing money upon a penniless nobleman who had three daughters to marry off, but no dowries with which to do so.

The Church, seeking a way to Christianize pagan customs, turned to St. Nicholas for assistance. For the giving of presents during the winter months is an ancient tradition. The Romans exchanged gifts during their Saturnalia festival in December, and the people of Northern Europe had the god Woden, who brought gifts to them in the middle of winter, as well as

These ornaments are fun to make and decorate!

Children love making ornaments at Christmas time—here's an easy recipe for bread dough ornaments that they can help make and then decorate:

Mix 4 cups of flour and 1 cup of salt in a bowl, using a wooden spoon or rubber spatula. Add 1½ cups of water slowly, mixing as you pour. You may need more water, depending on the humidity, but keep the dough stiff for best results.

Knead dough for 10 minutes; when texture is soft and smooth, it will be ready for cutting.

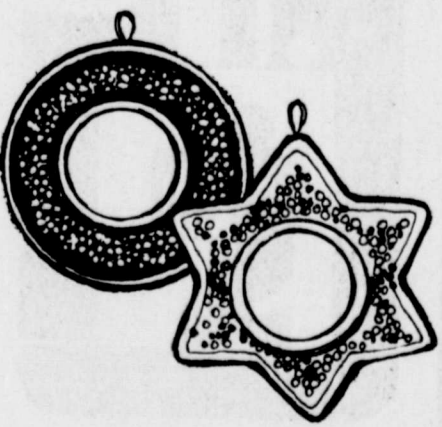
Have the youngsters shape the ornaments with cookie cutters, inserting hooks into the dough at this time.

Bake dough in a 325° to 350° oven and no hotter. The ornaments should be rigid when removed from the oven.

Allow them to cool and let the kids take over, decorating them with poster paint or tempera. They can also sprinkle them with cake decorations, using regular white glue.

To keep the finished ornaments looking pretty longer, spray them with an acrylic gloss; this will also give them a nice shine.

Hang the ornaments on the Christmas tree for all to admire, or have the youngsters give them as gifts.



Peace on earth

In Malaysia, it's Aman. In Sweden, it's Fred. In Italy, it's Pace and in Costa Rica, Paz.

Wherever you travel, every nation will have a word for it, and people everywhere a prayer for it. We call it Peace.

Hot polar bears

Despite the Arctic's subzero temperatures, the polar bear's main problem is not keeping warm, but rather trying to stay cool while running over the ice, says *International Wildlife* magazine. To prevent overheating, polar bears will often jump into the sea or roll in the snow.

Berchta, the hearth goddess, who paid visits to homes in December.

Thus, St. Nicholas became the Christian replacement for both Woden and Berchta, although vestiges of the latter are still in evidence with the Italian Befana and the Russian Bobouschka.

Accordingly, a new ritual came into being; on the eve of his feast day, St. Nicholas was supposed to ride across the sky on a white or pale grey horse, just as Woden and Berchta had done in pre-Christian lore.

For the good child, the saint brought gifts; for the naughty youngster, there were rods and switches. Retaining aspects of Berchta, he was still associated with the hearth in various ways. Either the children's shoes or stockings would be placed there, or hay or grain would be left there for his horse. And, he was accompanied by a decidedly pagan-like creature. Sometimes this small, ugly elf or dwarf was given the task of sliding down the chimney, a feat too undignified for the good saint.

With the reformation, St. Nicholas began to be supplanted by the Christ Child as a gift-giver in Protestant Europe. And, with the demise of St. Nicholas' Day, gifts began to arrive on Christmas Eve.

There were many other substitutions for St. Nicholas, such as Pere Noel in France and Knecht Ruprecht in Bavaria and Austria.

But, in Holland, St. Nicholas still retained his popularity, for which our

modern-day Santa can be thankful. For it was the Dutch who brought St. Nicholas to the New World in 1624.

They called him *Sinter Claes*.

In 1809, Washington Irving vividly described St. Nicholas as the patron saint of the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam. He wrote of the saint's annual ride over the tree tops in a wagon filled with gifts.

We can only surmise that Dr. Moore had read Irving's popular history containing the account of St. Nicholas. For instead of describing the saint as tall and stately, Moore echoed Irving's description of him as a sturdy Dutchman who smoked a pipe.

Moore was also probably inspired by an illustration published in 1821, showing St. Nicholas in a sleigh pulled by one reindeer.

Moore's poem was published in 1823 and many years later, Thomas Nast, the well-known illustrator, gave us his version of St. Nicholas, based on Moore's poem. However, he called the jolly gent Santa Claus.

Through the years, successive illustrators have added other dimensions to Santa's appearance until he has become totally unrecognizable from the tall and dignified St. Nicholas who preceded him.

Although their appearance may differ greatly, Santa Claus and St. Nicholas do have several traits in common; they both love children and they both love to give presents!

Greetings

Sending holiday cheer your way!

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The blessed season is here...may it bring joy to you and your dear ones.

Glen Hoppe Texaco and Staff

WINTER CHRISTMAS



It's that wondrous time of year, when nature wears her dazzling gown of white! We wish you a joyous Yuletide!

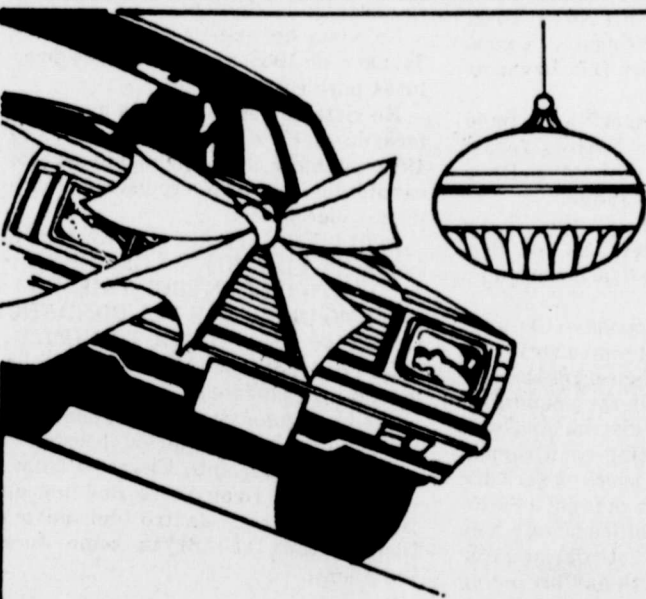
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Happy Holidays



Get in the holiday spirit and be glad!

Runnels County Tax-Assessor Collector
VaRue McWilliams And Staff



JOY TO ALL

We hope your holidays are all wrapped up in a pretty bow—best wishes from the folks at

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Nod Crowley



Winters population gains four percent

Between the 1980 census and a 1982 estimate of population by the United States Bureau of Census, Winters' population increased four percent, from 3,061 to 3,183.

The population estimates were released earlier this month. Ballinger showed a 5.9 percent increase, from 4,207 to 4,455. Miles increased 3.1 percent, from 720 to 742.

Runnels County as a whole showed a population increase of 3.4 percent, from 11,872 in 1980 to 12,279 in 1982.

Most area cities gained in

population in the two year period since the 1980 census. Among those with declines in population were Eden, Paint Rock, Blackwell, Brady, Mason, and Comanche.

Abilene became the 15th largest city in the state with its 6.1 increase in population. Abilene had an estimated population of 104,302 in 1982, compared to 98,315 in 1980.

San Angelo ranks 23rd in the state and showed an 8.2 percent increase in population, from 73,240 to 79,214.

During the two-year period,

oil boom cities gained in population. Many of them, such as Midland and Odessa, have probably lost some of what they gained due to a decline in the oil business after 1982.

The state as a whole gained 7.4 percent during the two years. Texas had an estimated population of 15,279,180 in 1982.

A breakdown of population in 1982 for area cities is as follows:

| City | 1982 | % gain |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| Brownwood | 19,715 | 1.6 |
| Early | 2,794 | 20.8 |
| Baird | 1,721 | 1.5 |

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| Clyde | 2,758 | 7.7 |
| Bronte | 1,025 | 4.3 |
| Robert Lee | 1,255 | 4.4 |
| Coleman | 6,056 | 1.6 |
| Novice | 202 | 0.5 |
| Santa Anna | 1,547 | 0.8 |
| Comanche | 4,043 | -0.8 |
| Eden | 1,241 | -4.1 |
| Paint Rock | 250 | -2.3 |
| Cisco | 4,657 | 3.1 |
| Eastland | 4,008 | 7.0 |
| Ranger | 3,268 | 4.0 |
| Brady | 5,937 | -0.5 |
| Blackwell | 278 | -2.8 |
| Roscoe | 1,642 | 0.9 |
| Sweetwater | 12,787 | 4.5 |

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| Buffalo Gap | 448 | 15.8 |
| Lawn | 440 | 12.8 |
| Merkel | 2,698 | 8.2 |
| Tuscola | 714 | 8.2 |

The 25 largest cities in the state in 1982 and their estimated population for that year are as follows:

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| 1. Houston | 1,725,617 |
| 2. Dallas | 943,848 |
| 3. San Antonio | 819,021 |
| 4. El Paso | 445,071 |
| 5. Fort Worth | 401,402 |
| 6. Austin | 368,135 |
| 7. Corpus Christi | 246,081 |
| 8. Arlington | 182,975 |

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| 9. Lubbock | 176,588 |
| 10. Amarillo | 155,356 |
| 11. Garland | 148,975 |
| 12. Beaumont | 123,477 |
| 13. Pasadena | 122,010 |
| 14. Irving | 114,305 |
| 15. Abilene | 104,302 |
| 16. Odessa | 102,465 |
| 17. Waco | 102,200 |
| 18. Laredo | 99,874 |
| 19. Wichita Falls | 99,555 |
| 20. Brownsville | 91,440 |
| 21. Plano | 84,191 |
| 22. Midland | 84,174 |
| 23. San Angelo | 79,214 |
| 24. Grand Prairie | 77,146 |
| 25. Richardson | 76,074 |



Two injured

Two persons were injured and two others escaped injury late Thursday afternoon when their vehicles collided at the intersection of U.S. 277 and F.M. 53, near Wingate.

The occupants of the small pickup, believed to be members

of the U.S. Air Force, were taken to Dyess Air Force Base Hospital by North Runnels Emergency Service ambulance.

Investigating Highway Patrol Troopers Mike Pueschel and Bob Shea said that the driver of the car, north-bound on F.M. 53,

apparently failed to stop and was struck broad-side by the pickup, which was north-bound on U.S. 277.

The names of the persons involved in the accident were not immediately available. Officers said that the occupants of the

car were residents of Uvalde and were enroute to spend Christmas snow skiing.

The occupants of the pickup were also on a Christmas trip, but officers did not know their destination.



DPS estimates holiday deaths

The Texas Department of Public Safety has estimated that as many as 94 persons will perish in traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Year holidays. DPS officials said they anticipate 53 deaths during the Christmas period and 41 deaths during the New Year's holidays.

Colonel Jim Adams, DPS director, asked motorists to observe speed limits, avoid driving while drinking and use seat belts.

"This joyous season will be ruined for many families because of traffic fatalities," Adams said. "Troopers and local police are working hard to increase the margin of safety for the motorist by ticketing speeders and removing intoxicated drivers from the roadways, but even the law-abiding driver must have the good sense to look out for himself and his passengers. I firmly believe that the best defense against the intoxicated driver is a fastened seat belt."

Adams warned vehicle passengers not to take chances by riding with a driver thought to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

A person's driving abilities can be significantly affected by alcohol long before the legal limit of intoxication is reached," Adams points out. "It's best not to drink at all if you plan to

drive." During the Christmas season last year, 34 persons were killed and the final count for the New Year holiday was 39 deaths. Numerous others were injured seriously.

DPS officials advised motorists that during December of last year Texas had 284 traffic deaths and 18,238 injuries reported during the month.

"Twenty people died on December 23, 1983—just 2 days before Christmas," noted Adams. "Law enforcement officers from across the state are hopeful this will not be repeated during the forthcoming holiday," said Adams.

The DPS reports additional troopers will be assigned where large volumes of traffic or additional accidents are anticipated.

"I have authorized Highway Patrol captains to utilize troopers from other services to augment the regular patrol if additional troopers are needed in a particular area," said Adams.

The DPS will operate its "Operation Motorcade" starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 21 and continuing through mid night Tuesday, December 25, 1984. The effort will be repeated during the New Year's holiday beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, December 28, 1984 and ending at midnight Tuesday, January 1, 1985. Each counting period is 102 hours long.

Ballinger Council has short agenda

Members of the Ballinger City Council made short work of a rather short agenda for their routine meeting Monday evening.

Two bids were opened by the council for the lease of 44.6 acres of land at the new Ballinger Lake. The land is located below the dam at the lake.

Robert Neff, who formerly owned the land, and Jess Hughtitt both submitted bids for the lease of the property.

The Neff bid was selected as being most advantageous to the city for a total of \$1,426 per year. Hughtitt's bid was considerably less at \$20.50 per acre.

The council gave approval to entering into an agreement with the engineering firm of Henningson, Durham and Richardson, of Austin, for engineering ser-

vices on the South Ballinger wastewater collection system expansion.

The expansion will provide city sewer services to the areas of Ballinger south of the Colorado River. The areas have been without a city sewer system.

Approval was given to the payment of \$2,500 to Charlie Taylor for the right-of-way granted to the city for a temporary pipeline from the Colorado River to the new lake. That pipeline kept Ballinger residents from running out of water during the drought last summer.

City Administrator Dennis Jones said that the council agreed to continue with the accounting firm of Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler and Oliphant for the annual audit of the city. The firm

has conducted the annual audits for the past several years.

The council agreed to submit a request to the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation seeking a reduction in the speed limit on the Old Winters Highway in north Ballinger.

The speed limit for out-bound traffic is not 50 mph and in-bound traffic is limited to 45 mph from the "Y" north to the city limits. The council is requesting the limit be lowered to 35 mph.

Discussion was heard, but no action was taken, on a proposal to lease a portion of unused property at the airport to the Industrial Development Board for development purposes.

In his report to the council, City Administrator Dennis Jones

gave an update on the water situation for Ballinger. He said the condition was "Excellent."

The lake now holds about a six-month supply of water and that the lake is rising about one foot per month from water being pumped in from the river. Runoff from the recent rains have also helped the water level to increase.

Jones informed the council that he had been approached by a Liberty, Texas man who wants to purchase the old beacon at the airport when the new light is operational. He said the individual wants the beacon for use at a private airstrip.

The council closed their last meeting of the year after being informed of Christmas Open House at the City Hall, Wednesday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tax exempt, tax deductible defined

When you're giving money away to charity, be aware that "tax-exempt" and "tax deductible" are not the same things, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service home economist. Exempt means the charities don't have to pay taxes, says Nancy L. Granovsky. Deductible means you, as a taxpayer, may claim your deduction on your federal income tax return.

Holiday publication deadlines

Special deadlines have been established for the first week of January, 1985 for the publication of *The Winters Enterprise*.

Correspondents and advertisers should note that the deadline for material to be published in the January 3, 1985 edition should be in our office by 12 noon Monday, December 31, 1984.

Our office will be closed on New Year's Day. We will be open on January 2 and the paper will be available that afternoon and in the mail on Thursday, January 3, as usual.

Please remember, the deadline for news items and advertising copy for the January 3, 1985 edition is 12 noon Monday, December 31, 1984.



Ballinger Choir performs

The Ballinger High School Choir performed December 13 in the High School Auditorium accompanied by the High School Band, during their

Christmas Concert. The Choir is directed by Dale Ellis.

Fire Auxiliary holds Yule party

The Firemen's Auxiliary held their white elephant Christmas party recently in the home of Rhonda Joeris. Hostesses were Jean Hilliard and Rhonda Joeris.

Attending were Nina Bedford, Melba Jo Emmert, Teresa Davis, Pat Simpson, and Lue Bowden.

We wish for everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you next year!



Preschool party

Four-year-olds encircle Santa at St. John's Lutheran Preschool's party Wednesday

afternoon. Most of them enjoyed talking to the jolly old elf, but a few cried.



Top awards

Top awards of the year were presented recently to two employees of the Town & Country Food Store in Winters at the company's annual Christmas Banquet.

Molly Poindexter, right, was

selected as the top employee of the year from all the employees of District 11, San Angelo Region.

Store manager Darlene Jones received awards for excellence in management and inventory control in the region.



A Visit from St. Nicholas

by Dr. Clement C. Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.



The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.



When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.



The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below, When, what to my wondering eyes did appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.



With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.



"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"



As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.



And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.



He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.



His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.



The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.



He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself; A wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.



He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.



He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all... and to all a goodnight!"



Rooftop garden

The largest rooftop garden in the world — with over 5,000 plant species — is located atop a seven-story department store in downtown London, England, reports *International Wildlife* magazine. The garden attracts a variety of wild visitors, including flamingos and pheasants, which simply fly in.

Sleepy birds

Birds sleep in many different places, says National Wildlife's *Ranger Rick* magazine. Most sleep in old nests close to where they feed. But sea birds snooze while floating on the water and a ruffed grouse will dive into a snowbank to catch 40 winks.

Toxic wastes

According to EPA's latest estimates, U.S. industry generates more than 300 gallons of toxic waste for every person in the country every year, says the National Wildlife Federation. All told, that adds up to 71 billion gallons of toxic waste. This figure is 60 percent higher than EPA's figures released last year.

Talpa

By Maggie Ruth Stokes

We had an inch and four-tenths of rain on Saturday. I want to thank everyone that gave me their subscription to the paper. I failed to keep a list of the names.

We had a beautiful candle-lit Christmas program at the Immanual Baptist Church Sunday night. Kay Evans was in charge of the program. There was a Christmas tree following the program.

Harvey and Dorene Schroeder spent Sunday afternoon and until bedtime with Newt and Marie Bains.

We were sorry to hear that Johnie Thompson fell and broke her hip Sunday morning. She is having surgery today, Monday, in the St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Our Quilting Club in Valera met on Thursday and had a Christmas dinner and exchanged gifts. We won't meet again until January 3. We had ten women that attended.

On Monday morning, Newt

and Marie Bains visited Bonnie Lou Pearce in the Coleman Hospital.

Clyde and Edith Hollinger spent last week in Houston visiting their daughter, Jim and Gayle Lanmon and grandchildren, and having a doctor checkup.

Wanda Green had surgery recently in the Community Hospital and has returned home on Thursday.

Shirley Baker had surgery in the Shannon Hospital recently and has returned home.

Anissa Brookshier of Ft. Worth, niece of Gordon Brookshier spent the weekend in the Brookshier home. She was on her way to Van Horn to spend Christmas with her parents, the Curry Brookshiers.

Holiday Cheer

Enjoy a terrific holiday season filled with laughter and good spirits.

Frank's Body Shop and Winters Bakery



Presents

Children at St. John's Lutheran Preschool play with presents received at their Christmas party Wednesday.

California Island?

After studying the shifting of the earth's continents for the past five years, NASA scientist David Smith predicts that all of California west of the San Andreas Fault will become an island in the Pacific in about 20 million years, reports *International Wildlife* magazine.

O Come All Ye Faithful



Christmas joy to all! Frank's Exxon



Visit with Santa

Preschoolers talk with Santa Claus at the Lutheran Preschool

party. Santa has made several stops in Winters lately.

Lost in Space

Some 3,800 pieces of space age junk, mostly pieces of old satellites and space probes, are currently orbiting the Earth, reports *International Wildlife* magazine. According to the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), among the six tons of debris is a white glove lost by astronaut Ed White.

Moose Habitat

As late as the Civil War, moose ranged as far south along the Atlantic seaboard as Long Island, says *National Wildlife* magazine. But by 1880 they had vanished throughout New York and southern New England because of habitat loss. Today, the moose is most commonly seen in Maine, but on occasion, a half-ton moose has brought traffic to a screeching halt in downtown Worcester, Massachusetts.



A Christmas gambol oft could cheer A poor man's heart through half the year.

— Sir Walter Scott



HELLO

It's holiday time and time for us to wish you a Merry Christmas.

Leon Groves
Ruth Greenwidge
Brian Mimmomager
Suzy Bates
Roberta Sparks
Estelle Brendeneyer

Peoples National Bank

158 N. Main, Winters, Texas

FULL SERVICE BANK

MEMBER OF F.D.I.C.

Holiday Greetings



We're wishing you just the nicest kind of Christmas. May it be filled with laughter and good cheer. And may the good feeling continue throughout the year.

Bedford-Norman Insurance

George Mostad, Marvin Bedford, Margaret Baldwin, Sue Hukill, Gloria Abernathie

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Christmas morning, 1858

The family patriarch passes out gifts to his brood on Christmas morning as he picks the presents off the tree. Gifts were once hung on the

tree, rather than piled underneath, before brightly colored paper was available to wrap them in. (Harper's Weekly, December 25, 1858)

Toys threaten children's safety

Last year, 130,000 children were injured—many seriously—by toys that cut, punctured, burned, shocked or choked them.

These injuries happened even though there are mandatory federal standards and voluntary industry standards about toy safety.

They happened because many toys—particularly imported toys—do not meet basic safety requirements. They also happen because as children use—and abuse—toys, event the "safe" ones can sometimes become dangerous.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has an extensive program on toy safety, but conducts only random sample testing of new toys unless there is an injury or complaint. Thus, it is up to the consumer to protect children from unsafe toys.

At this time of year, toy safety is a timely topic. Because of the safety factor and the generally high price of toys, it is important that consumers know what toys to buy, how to "test" toys for safety, and what to watch for as toys are used in home and day care settings.

Children twist, bang, pick at, taste, step on, bite, sit on, throw and squeeze toys. It is vitally important that their toys not chip, crack or peel under such abuse.

Federal safety regulations and voluntary industry standards call for the testing of toys by the manufacturers for sharp edges, sharp points, brittleness

and small parts. There are devices designed especially for these tests.

***Sharp edge tester** - Identifies toys or other articles that prevent an unreasonable risk of injury by cuts due to sharp metal or glass edges.

***Sharp point tester** - Identifies items that pose a risk of injury by puncture or laceration due to nonfunctional sharp edges or points.

***Bite test clamp** - Identifies mouth toys (articles reasonably intended to be placed into or in contact with a child's mouth) that are made of brittle material which may splinter or shatter when bitten.

***Rattle test fixture** - Identifies rattles that may cause choking or suffocation because their design permits them to enter an infant's mouth and become lodged in the throat.

***Small parts cylinder** - A small plastic cylinder that identifies toys or other articles that pose a choking, aspiration or ingestion hazard because of small parts.

Consumers don't usually have access to these tools, of course. It is important, therefore, that they be aware of the kinds of hazards that are present and examine each toy with an eye to the possible dangers both in the store and periodically as the toys are used.

Before giving a toy to a child, perform these simple tests and observations:

***Is the item strongly con-**

structed? Try pulling off eyes, buttons, wheels, parts, pieces and ornaments. These can pose a choking hazard if a child succeeds in pulling them off and swallows them.

***Check that rattles have no part or end that is small enough to fit into a baby's mouth.**

***Toy should not shatter or break when dropped from a height on a hard surface.**

***Most paints are non-toxic now. But be suspicious of the coatings on antique or hand-made items. Check for flame resistance on cloth items.**

***Run a finger around the edges of metal, plastic or glass pieces to see if they are sharp enough to cut or scratch. Sometimes molded plastics will have a rough edge of extra material at a seam. These can often be filed or sanded off. Sharpness designed into a toy should be avoided, however.**

***If an item is large enough (a riding or sitting toy, for example), place it on the floor and try to push it over. The base should be broad enough for stability.**

***When buying a toy chest, be sure the lid has a support mechanism to keep it open. There have many injuries when a toy chest lid slammed down on a child's head or hands.**

***Check for rough hardware, exposed screw and bolts, rough wood, splinters.**

***Avoid scissor-like mechanisms that can pinch, crush or cut fingers.**

***Avoid toys that have sharp points or propelled objects that can injure eyes.**

***Activate toys that can make noise to be sure they are not loud enough to damage hearing if they are set off too close to the ears.**

***No item with heating elements are recommended for children under eight years.**

***Electrical or moving parts must be securely enclosed.**

***When buying outdoor play equipment, bicycles or tricycles, buy according to the age and size of the child. Be sure there are no rough edges or exposed hardware. After purchase, take the time to assemble or install the equipment properly and according to the manufacturer's instructions. Place swing sets at least six feet away from houses, trees, sandboxes or other obstructions. Install equipment over sand, grass or dirt, not over concrete or other hard surfaces.**

A child's toys are for more than just playing. Toys are tools for learning, for exploring, for discovering and developing new skills, new talents, new horizons. For example:

***A dangling mobile in a crib encourages a baby to kick his legs and swing his arms. These movements help develop strength, coordination and awareness of other parts of the body.**

***Twisting and turning toys, (telephones, pieces that screw together) give a preschooler practice in using his hands and fingers in small precise movements. This is necessary in learning to hold a pencil and write, for example.**

***A lacing toy helps coordination of the hands and fingers, too, as well as teaching space concepts like in/out, over/under.**

***Toys with lids or parts that fit together refine the ability of**

Season's greetings

Thinking of you this Christmas season and hope you are well and happy.

BURGER HUT

Bobby Mayo And Staff



Christmas, 1892

A mother lifts her daughter to place the crowning touch, a small flag, on this family's tree. Printed in a German-language publication, the engraving's description translates to read: "From the dark green branches

comes the starlike glow of glittering candles, golden nuts, twinkling paper chains of silver and gold, and colorful ornaments." (Deutsch Amerikanischer Volks Kalender, Victoria, Texas, 1892.)



Three-star cognacs age two years.

Christmas Blessings

Sheriff Bill Baird
& Runnels Co. Sheriffs Dept.

Merry Christmas

Glad tidings to all...it's the season to greet good friends!

Homer Briley Trucking Company

NOEL

We'd like to "express" our very best wishes!

Bahlman Jewelers

NOEL

Christmas is the time for remembering our many good friends. We wish you joy!

Bahlman Cleaners

Inoyce, Martha, Agnes and the Nelan Bahlman Family

REJOICE

May the inspiration of this Holy Season bring a new understanding of peace to the hearts of all good men this Christmastime!

Winters Funeral Home
Ted Meyer and Mike Meyer

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE
 BOX 500, BALLINGER, TEXAS 76821
 DISTRICT NO. 11

RUNNELS COUNTY RUMORS



Long-Term Agreements
 We are holding an (LTA) sign-up at this time. It will continue through December 31. Applications for LTA's are being taken under the Agricultural Conservation Program. General provisions are as follows:
 1. Contract will cover a period of three to five years.
 2. A conservation practice must be designed and completed by September 30, 1985.
 3. SCS will have all technical responsibility.
 4. Cost-share limitation is \$3,500.00 per year.

Emergency Feed Assistance
 Small amounts of grain sorghum and wheat are still available in Texas. Most of it, however, is found in east Texas and along the coast.
 We have been informed that corn can be railed into our area from Colfax County, Nebraska. The price for the corn will be \$1.71 per bushel plus the freight cost.
 If you are interested, contact

our office.
County Committee Election
 The COC met in special session on December 5, 1984 for the purpose of counting ballots and naming a winner in the county committee election. The newly elected COC member who will serve for three years is W.O. Buxkemper. Congratulations to W.O. Buxkemper on being selected to the COC. We thank all nominees who allowed their names to be placed on the election ballot.

Wool and Mohair
 All applications for incentive payments on wool, mohair, and/or unshorn lambs marketed during the 1984 marketing year must be filed by January 31, 1985.

Holidays
 Holidays will be December 25 and January 1; our office will be closed.

FLASH: 1984 wheat deficiency

payments will be figured at \$1.00 per bushel.

December Calendar
 Mid-December: Wheat deficiency payment for 1984 should arrive in county office.
 December 31: Small grains must be reported to FCIC.
 Final date to file a prevented planting claim on small grain.
 Last day to sign up for LTA.
 All of us in the office wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Footprints in the sand

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life.

In each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times of my life.

I asked the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord said: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

— Author unknown



O tannenbaum!

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the fir tree, but it wasn't until the 8th century that the fir tree became associated with the holiday.

It was then that the missionary Boniface persuaded the Teutons to transfer their worship of the sacred oak to an evergreen tree in honor of the Christ Child.

In the mystery plays of the 11th century, the fir tree was hung with apples to represent the garden of Eden. It remained for Martin Luther to adorn the fir tree with candles, to give us the Christmas tree we are so familiar with today.



Light ye candles
 Then be ye glad, good people,
 This night of all the year,
 And light ye up your candles,
 For His star it shineth clear.
 — Old English carol



The oldest known murals on man-made walls have been found in southern Turkey. They date back to 5500 B.C.

The USDA reports that total civilian consumption of turkey in 1984 is projected at 10.8 pounds per capita, compared to 11.2 pounds per capita in 1983. *Facts for You*, November 9, 1984



Party time

Children at Sam and Eva Leta Smith's house enjoyed a Christmas party complete with Santa Claus last Wednesday.



Gift exchange

Gifts were exchanged by children at Eva Leta Smith's home Wednesday afternoon, followed by refreshments.

Legends of the season

There are many charming legends associated with the holiday season; one of the best-known is the legend of the Christmas rose.

According to the story, a young girl followed the shepherds to the stable in Bethlehem. Learning of the Christ Child's birth, she longed to go in and worship Him, but felt ashamed because she had no gift to offer Him.

Tears of disappointment fell from her eyes and as they touched the ground, a bush sprang up, bearing a beautiful white rose. Joyfully, the young girl picked the rose and took it in to lay before the Infant.

The legend of the Glastonbury thorn involves Joseph of Arimathea, who journeyed to Britain after the death of Christ. Coming to the town of Glastonbury, Joseph sat down to rest, thrusting his staff into the ground. It immediately took root and gave forth branches and green leaves. Every year after that, the thorn tree would bloom at Christmas.

Another legend tells of the poor shoemaker who lived on the edge of a village, near the woods. Each night he would place a candle in his window to guide travelers.

Miraculously, that candle light never wavered, inspiring others to place candles in their windows at Christmas time.

A beautiful legend explains the fir tree's association with Christmas. It seems that a young boy came knocking at the door of a forester's hut one stormy Christmas Eve. The forester's

WARM wishes

Have a glistening holiday filled with old-fashioned good cheer!

Triple J



The Wrong shall fail,
 The Right shall prevail,
 With peace on earth, good-will to men!
 — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Blessings to All

Our best wishes for the very happiest of Holiday Seasons!

The Families of Calcote and Sons



SILENT NIGHT

Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King! Greetings from

MELBA'S Arts, Crafts, Gifts

Emmert Garage
 Melba and Joe Emmert



May the whole world find the wisdom to follow His star.

Barnes Radio and TV

Peace on Earth



We pray that the spirit of peace and understanding will prevail throughout this blessed season.

FOXWORTH-GALBRAITH LUMBER COMPANY
 Building Materials Center
 Winters, Texas

St. Lucia's Day

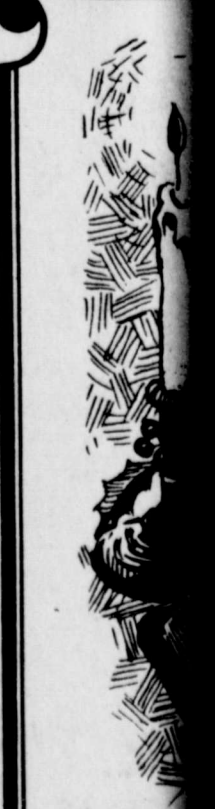
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May the the season wonder, hope into

Beauty Merle Cosm
 Leona Marilyn



St. Lucia's Day

In Sweden, the Christmas season is ushered in on December 13th by "St. Lucia." In reality, she is the eldest daughter of the family.

Dressed in white and wearing a wreath with candles on her head, she brings coffee and cakes to the other members of the family.

On this same day, young Swedish men and women wearing long, white robes serenade their friends and bring them refreshments. Called Lucia brides and Star boys, the young women carry candles and the young men carry silver stars.

BAH, HUMBAG!

For some people, Santa's ho-ho-ho may sound more like ho-ho-hum.

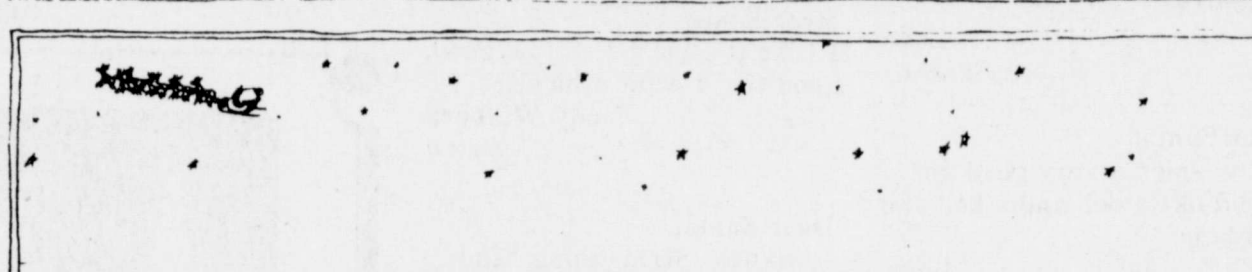
These are people who suffer from depression, which can be a particularly acute problem during the holiday season.

"Holiday seasons often serve as trigger points for feelings and anxieties that already exist within individuals and within families," says Rodney C. Brown, head of R.J. Reynolds Industries' employee counseling department. Brown says that holiday reunions with family members can rekindle old conflicts, and that the expectations for happiness are higher during the holiday season. If those expectations fail, depression can be the result.

Brown says he tells his clients that they should approach the holiday season with realistic expectations, and not hope to settle all their problems just because it is Christmastime. He also recommends taking time out from holiday activities for some personal leisure activities, and when you do participate in holiday events, try to pace yourself. Rushing out to do all your shopping in one day is not the best way to plan for a happy season.

Most important, Brown says, is admitting your feelings and discussing them. Getting problems out in the open with family members, friends, clergymen or a counselor can help avoid feelings of depression. ▲

Reindeer Antics . . .



Art courtesy of R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. ▲

A COWBOY'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER

I ain't much at prayin, and you may not know me, Lord
I ain't much seen in churches where they preach Thy Holy Word,
But you may have observed me out here on the lonely plains,
A lookin' after cattle, feelin' thankful when it rains,
Admirin' Thy great handiwork, the miracles of grass,
Aware of Thy kind spirit in the way it comes to pass:
That hired men on horseback and the livestock that we tend,
Can look up at the stars at night and know we've got a friend.

So here's ol' Christmas comin' on, remindin' us again,
Of Him whose comin, brought good will into the hearts of men.
A Cowboy ain't no preacher, but if You'll hear my prayer,
It's as good as we have got for all men everywhere,
Don't let no heart's be bitter, Lord, Don't let no child be cold,
Make easy beds for them that's sick and them that's weak and old.

Let Kindness Bless the trail we ride, no matter what we're after,
And sorta keep us on Your side, in tears as well as laughter.
I've seen old cows a starvin, and it ain't no happy sight;
Please don't leave no one hungry Lord, on Thy good Christmas night—
no man, no child, no woman, and no critter on four feet,
I'll do my doggone best to help you find them chuck to eat.

I'm just a sinful cawpoke, Lord, got no business prayin
But still I hope You'll ketch a word or two of what I'm saying;
We speak of merry Christmas, Lord, I reckon you'll agree,
There ain't no merry Christmas for nobody that ain't free,
So one thing more I'll ask you, Lord; Just help us what you can
to save some seeds of freedom for the future Sons of Man.

S. Omar Barker

Best Wishes
Good health ...
good friends ... all
the best!

Ace Automotive

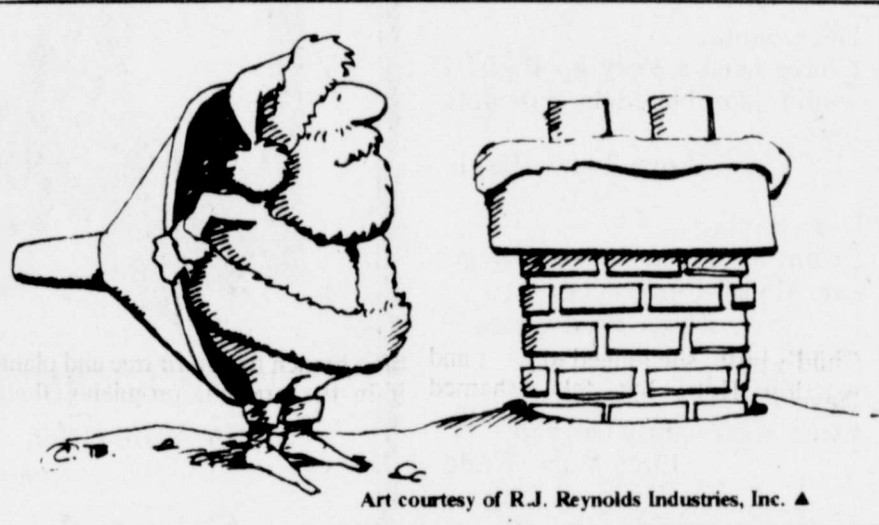


Noel

May the beauty of the season impart its wonder, peace and hope into your heart.

Beauty Center Merle Norman Cosmetics

Leona Mathis
Marilynn Presley



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PEPPER-ONION RELISH

- 1 can (17 ounces) Del Monte Whole Kernel Family Style Golden Sweet Corn, drained
- 1 1/2 cups chopped green pepper
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/8 cup Regina White Wine Vinegar
- 1 tablespoon mustard seed
- 2 teaspoons celery seed
- 1 teaspoon salt

Combine ingredients in large saucepan. Bring to boil; cook 1 minute. Pour into jars and cover tightly. Cool and refrigerate.

Yield: About 3 1/2 cups.

FOUR STAR BARBECUE SAUCE

- 1 cup Del Monte Tomato Catsup
- 1/2 cup Brer Rabbit Light Molasses
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 clove garlic, minced

Combine all ingredients, mix well. Pour into jars and cover tightly. Keep refrigerated.

Yield: 1 1/2 cups.

RUBY PORT JELLY

- 2 1/4 cups Harveys Gold Cap Ruby Port
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 whole cloves
- 1 package (3 ounces) liquid fruit pectin
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice

Combine Ruby Port, sugar and cloves in large saucepan. Bring to boil; boil 1 minute. Stir in pectin and lemon juice; return to boil. Remove from heat; remove cloves. Pour into jars. Cool 5 to 10 minutes. Skim off skin from top of jelly. Cover, cool to room temperature. Store in refrigerator.

Yield: 3 1/2 cups.

HARVEST CORN RELISH

- 2 cans (17 ounces each) Del Monte Whole Kernel Family Style Golden Sweet Corn
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup Regina White Wine Vinegar
- 1/4 cup chopped Del Monte Dill Pickles
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon caraway seed
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- 3 tablespoons chopped pimiento
- Dash pepper

Combine ingredients, except pimiento, in saucepan. Stir to dissolve cornstarch. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Remove from heat; stir in pimiento. Pour into jars and cover tightly. Cool and refrigerate.

Yield: About 5 cups.

season's best

May every holiday joy be yours!

Heidenheimers

Blessings

May His Word inspire you at Christmas and in the days that come. Joy to all!

Busher Ag Service
101 E. Hwy. 53
Bud & Kay Busher



Start a new tradition . . . making and wrapping holiday gifts for friends and relatives can be a family affair.

RAISIN POPCORN CHEW

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 4 cups miniature marshmallows
- 2 quarts popped popcorn
- 1 cup Del Monte Natural Raisins
- 1 cup dry roasted peanuts
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate pieces

In large saucepan, melt butter and marshmallows, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add popcorn, raisins and peanuts; toss until evenly coated. Add chocolate pieces, mix quickly and press into greased 13x9-inch pan; cool and cut into bars. Or form into balls with greased hands; cool. Store in airtight container. ▲

GREETINGS

Yuletide Greetings! May home and hearts be filled with laughter, joy and good will this glad Holiday Season.

Coleman County Electric Cooperative

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I wood like a Cabbage patch preme Girl and two my little pony and a pony catsle.
from Jamie Michelle Sims
age 7

ps I will have Some cookies and milk for you. I Love you Santa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Rainbow Brite doll and roller skates. I would like a big bike and a puppet. I would like a desk. I would like a Gizmo doll. I would like a Care Bear doll. I would like a snowman. I would like a Santa doll. I would like a duck doll and a clown.

Love,
Sande Curry
Age 8 years

Dear Santa,
I want a babydoll. I would also like a new bicycle.

Love,
Marie Spill
Age 7

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football and a baseball and a bike and a gold car

Love,
Anthony Ochoa
Age 9 years

Dear Santa, I want a three and I a wheeler. Also want a fine truck.

Love,
Austin Hord
Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,
I like a baby. I love to have a baby dog. I love to have a baseball. I like to have a Bike. I love a go car.

Love,
Pricilla Cortez
Age 9 years

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a jam box. Merry Crismis. and snakehasel.

Love,
Brice Current
Age 8 years

Dear Santa Claus,
I wanta super truck. I also wany some lego.

Tommy Roach
Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a talking tephone. and a Kavupatk ind amd kamru. and close.

Love,
Tammy Fraiser
Age 8 years

Dear Santa
I want a foot bal cartrig and I want a globe and I want a foot-ball with a tee.

John

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a suit of clothes a Cabbage Patch Doll a raccoon, (stuffed toy) a Checkers, a yellow shirt and blue jeans, Bring my Mom a ring, and my dad a pair of pants, my brother a pair of boots, my sister a Roll Stake Doll, and my little sister a doll,
I have been good at school my report card is good, too

Love
Carolyn

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and Cabage-Patch. I Love You

From Staci!!!!
Age 6

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a cassette player and a Chipmunk stage for Christmas.

My little brother Jeffrey is 2 years he wants a truck you can peddal and a cassette player too. We have tried to be good.

Jason Jordan
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I want a ball and a puppy.

Thank you,
Andrew Williams

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a riding John Deere Tractor and a trailer. I'm three years old and have been as good as can be expected.

I Love You a Whole Bunch.
Shane Briley

Dear Santa,
I want a radio with ear phones, a star badge, a rainbow Brite doll, and My little Pony. My little sister Kirra wants a doll, doll buggy and My little Pony. We have both been good girls.

Heather Reel
Age 6

Dear Santa,
You give good toys. Plasc bring me some toys.
Thank you.

Love,
Jason Hartis
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have ben a very good girl. I would like some wom botts and some beshes andsome close.

Love Jennifer Aguerro

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy. I would like Sokr boll and I want a Heman

Love
Ruben Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. I would like a doll and a boll and a crayola

Love,
Chrissy HuBach

Dear Santa claus
Please bring me a, recorder-tape a, calculator a, three wheeler a, night rider controll stoper a, football a, parashoot a, He man toy. a, watch I been good

Love
Homer Hernandez
I hope you have a good time

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a three wheeler, a football, a soccerball, a pear-a-shoot pants. Please give my Dad a watch. Be careful!

Love,
Richard Ochoa.

Dear Santa,
Bring me a fire truck, and play reindeers.

Love,
David
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I, love, Santa, you, love, me, I waht teys.

Love,
Michael Sanchez
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy. I would like a gun and a ball.

Love, Chane Reagan

Dear Santa Claus
I want a basketball, a racetrack with A. Team cars, a Calculator, a soccerball, a puppy, a Stomper, a kitten a, threewheeler, a four-wheeler, and a motorcycle.

Love Chris Dry

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy. I would like to have a gun and a rasn trak.

Love Jason Carrillo

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good gir. I would like a whit Short and Shuse and Jins and toys bike

Love, Melissa Alvarado

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. I would like dollsand a tesrbes and a bik and some koss and bole jeis and a kota and anow sus.

Love Misty Garza

Dear
I went c truck amd a Christmas tree.

Love,
David Ortega
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy. I would like tebr and a duuv cors.

Love James Tennison

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. I would like skats and a wite shert gens, teny shuse and toys. bike Woch

Love Kristie Baker

Dear Santa Claus,
I love Santa. Sana bring me presents.

Love,
Katie Dubose
Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. Have a happy New Year! Bring me a tractor.

Love
Jerry Esquivel
Age 7

Dear Santa Claus,
I believe in Santa. I love hin. I want a super man.

Love,
Julian Santya
Age 7

Dear Santa Claus,
I love Santa. Bring me a bicy-cle and a dress.

Love,
Jennifer Reyna
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy. I would like Trie in sist Gat it

Love, Shane McCaslin

Dear Santa,
I Like presents. I will be good. good too! I want a bicycle.

Cindy Willborn
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I wanta Stringalong and a lightsalve. I am will will! good!

I Love you Santa
Ricky Harvey
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I have been a Very good girl! I would like bobedols babedols bers

Love Tracie Hagle

Dear Santa,
I want a big black niterid er go kar. Merry Christmas

Kevin Minzenmayer

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a ball and a. tv.

Love Mark Wade
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a doll, some Pom-Poms, pants and a shirt, a dress, and a hat and some gloves.

Merry Christmas
Lucy Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old. I have been good. I want you to bring me a doll doll clothes and a rain-bow brite doll.

Love,
Alisa Presley

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bike for Christmas. and a car that is like KnightRider. and some batteres for it. and a He-Man and a skeleton and a G.I. Joe base a pair of timny shoe. and Go-Bunts.

Merry Christmas Santa and a Happy New Year.
Jesus Sanchez
Age 9 years

Dear Santa,
I Want a Cabag patch and a tape-player Love Santa

Jenny Adams
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabag patch Kid and four wheeler. I Love you

Dana Sheppard
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I want four Christmas a four wheeler
Happy Christmas

Cheri Dry
Age 6

Dear Sant,
I want a Cabage-patch and a tv.

Love Dusty Gray
Age 6

Dear Santa,
My name is Courtney Marks. I have been a pretty good girl this year. I want a Cabbage Patch doll, slumber bag, Cabage Patch sheets, stroller and diaper bag. I love you.

Courtney
Age 5 years

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. I want you to bring me and my brother a computer. Thank you.

Love
LisAnne Smith
Age 7 years

Dear Santa, Please bring me the Lanam Falcon and a pari of water boots if you can merry christmas

Kevin Briley
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to get me what even you can get me because I can't think of anything I like because I love my borther and dad, mom you too so whateven you can get will be ok.

Love,
Jody
Age 6 years

P.S. I like to wish everyone Merry Christmas. Happy New Year

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Basketball, Cabbage patch kid, Skates, Speak and spell, Calculator, Map, Carebear, Three Wheeler, My Little Pony, American Flag, Motorcycle, Rainbow brite, Romeo, Swing Pool, Ruba dubboggies, Baby skates, GooGoo-Kid, Get a long gang, Garfield, and Poochy.

Love Sheila
Age 8

Dear Santa Clause:
My name is Raquel Luz. I've been a good girl! (& I get good grades in school). So Please Bring me a cabbage patch doll & a Rainbow Bright doll & bring my big Sister a Small tv for our bedroom & That's all. PS I will have Some Cake & Cookies waiting for you

Love
Raquel Luz
Age: 5 yrs.

Dear Santa,
I want seven Gijoe stuff and a color tv. I ben good Happy Christmas.

Kevin Conner
Age 7

Dear Santa
I wan t to have a B.A. doll, Blaster and a pistol for Christmas I Luv You Santa

Fred

Dear Santa,
I want rainbow bright, my lit tle pony, and cabbage patch kid. I love you Santa, and my brother Jonathan loves you too.

Catherine Plumley.
Age 5 years

Dear Santa,
I want a flag. I want Pooche makeup I Love you Santa.

Sherry Poindexter
Age 6

NOEL
Good health, good cheer to you this Yuletide.
Swatchsue Electric

SEASON'S BEST
We wish you the merriest kind of Christmas...may you and yours rejoice in the season!
MAC OIL FIELD COMPANY, INC.
BOX 668 WINTERS, TEXAS
ANYWHERE-ANYTIME
"SERVING THE OIL INDUSTRY FOR OVER 20 YEARS"

Blessings
To you and yours at Christmas time!
And A Happy New Year to my customers!
W.J. (Pete) Sudduth

JOY AND PEACE
May the spirit of brotherhood prevail.
Western Auto
Wes and June Hays and Staff

Joyous Noel
Blessings to all our friends!
Harrison's Auto Parts

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old I have been good I want yuto breigbik bike Bigofft
I Love you
Lupe Romam

Dear Santa, I am a boy I am seven yers old I have been good I want youto bring HeMan andbatolcat.
CarLos

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I woyld like dol bike cabbage please Thank you
Love, Elodia Age 6

Dear Santa,
For ChristmasI would like toA Four Wheeler Love Hello Cabbage Patch boy.
Love David Age 7

Dear Santa,
For ChristmasI would like pom poms adoll house abaton.
Love, Tennille Age 8

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like pompoms a Barbie doll car Thank you
Love Inez Age 7

Dear Santa,
For Christmas caddage Patch Kid anew Clothes for my Litte doll Thank You
Love, Nancy Age 6

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I Would like I Well like a supermar a truck dinosaur Chris
Love, Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new bike and a stroler to push my cabc pach in and a cabc pach game.
Love, Brandi Killough Age 8

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like rain-bow brite care bear Starbrite Cabbage Patch kid How's Rudlphdoing up there? Thank you please
Love, Julie Age 6

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like Love Melton Age 6
2 three-wheelers and another three-wheeler

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Thank You Please atruck a superman an aguaman
Love, Josephen Age 6

Dear santa
For Christmas I would like Vove Alex Age 7
bog catBattle

Dear Santa,
For CnistmasI would lovelike Cabbage tha
you Thank Penny Age 6

Dear santa,
For christmas I like battle man castle of gray skull Rudolph I Love,
JJ Age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid, and I want my baby brother, Travis, to get a bear. I love you.
Tamra Grohman Age 5

Dear Santa,
I am a girl. I have ben good if I have will you bring me a Cabg pach and a new doll. And some Cabg pach cede. to a good man.
Love, Amanda Collom Age 7 years

Dear Santa,
I am a girl.
I am eight years old.
I have been good.
I want you to bring me Crestel Barbie Baby Kermit Barbie cloes Cabbeg Pach my littel pony.
Diane Abernathie Love Diane

Dear Santa I am seven I love you Dear Santa. I wontatoy airgamerrodgamer andatoy Kitera
Johnny Robinson

Dear Santa,
I am a boy and my name is Zane Guy I want to hav fist-O.
Zane Guy

Dear Santa,
I am a girl. I am seven years old. I have been good. I want you to bring mea pink wath with numbers I Love you,
Wendy

Dear Sant,
I am Seven yeas old. I have been good. I want robotex and snakmoten and eathcwokealee.
Darrel Spinks

Dear Santa I Love you I want youto bring me a kumsoky moder cikl.
I am a boy Steven Curry

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. I have ben good. I have not got a wupun yet. I want a baby buging and a pup. I Love you Santa.
Love, Mandy Hale

Dear Santa,
I am a boy.
I want you to bring me a knite 2000 voce car.
Mickey Shith

Dear Santa,
I have ben good I worn't a go-bot. And a knight 2000, and your pitcure.
Love Jay Dubose

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am nine years old. I have been good. Love Michael Garces. Bring me a stereo.

Dear Santa,
I am a girl. I am seven years old. I have been good. I want you to bring me a monkey. I Love you
Misty Gail Hicks

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a HE-MAN and Jaws and inspetr gagte and a set of star whas and an TRASFOMER FLASHFORSE 2000.
Kyle R. Green

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am seven years old. I have been good. I want you to bring me prsis. I Love you Santa
Love Jason Graves

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football and a bike. And a bat, baseball soaccerball. I wand a basketball and car. And blocks game.
Love, Juan Cabera Age 8 years

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a brbedoll hose. And a brbedoll. And clows for my brbedolls. And a car for my brbedolls. And a cabc Pack kid. And clows.
Love, Tambar Cox Age 8 years

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a fourteen and a pac man game and a foot-ball and a soccerball.
Love, Terry Plumley Age 9 years

Dear Santa,
Bring me some, nice toys pick-ups and,
Love, Michael Hubach Age 7

Dear Santa,
I would like a Rainbow Brite doll, Starlight horse, and a Cabbage Patch Kid doll, and a Rockinghorse for it. Hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love, Patricia Parker Age 8 years

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a telephone and a baby blanket. I would like some dishes and some abc blocks. I want a baby brother. And a record player and a rebounder. I want some earmuffs. I need some new church shoes. I also want Barbie's Dream Pool and a Tippee Toes doll and a baby stroller. Please could I have a baby push cart. I have been a good girl! this year.
Rahcel Lett Age 8

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I have been a good boy.
Bring me a night rider car.
Doug Sparks Age 9

Dear Santa,
I want a Knight rider car and Knight rider motorcycle. I also want a clock and a "go-bot" and a G.I. Joe and a Mr. T. and a Murdock man and a "Face man." I also want an Airwolf helicopter and Hawk and Dominic and Michael Knight. Could I have a Bert and Ernie record player and a Pac man game.
Scott Danford Age 10

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some toy blocks. I want a car go-bot and Knight rider car and a Daredevil race track. I also want some star wars people. Could I have a little blue bicycle and a 3 wheel cycle and a hobby horse? I want a Fisher-Price garage and a lite brite game. I have been good this year.
Adrian Puentes Age 7

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a fire truck that goes ding-ding and a Smurf mobile. Could I have a Mickey Mouse talking phone and some new boots? I would like a pickup truck and a remote control car and a small pool set. Please bring me a new football and a basketball. I sure have been good all the year.
Larry Horton Age 10

Dear Santa,
I hope that you have lots of love, fun, and letters. This is most of what I love about you, you are always very funny. My list is between short and long. And on my list are the following things: a stereo, a boy Cabbage Patch Kid, a Kodak disk and last of all, a stuffed unicorn. I wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love from your friend, Kristin Elaine Deike Age 8 years

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo anda My Little Pony book. and a stuffed animal and a new desk for my room, a new bed instead of a couch that folds out into a bed, Donkey Kong Atari tape, and a My Little Pony stuffed animal and a little care bear and a Rainbow Brite doll, large one.
Love, Tandy Reagan Age 9 years

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Love, Patricia Parker Age 8 years

Dear Santa,
Please bring Me a Video game and a GIJoe Set and a He-man and a Super Man and a conot book
Robert Castillo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me som G.I. Joe. things and He-Man and Battle-Cat and Dragon-Walker and Attack-Track and G.I. Joe Jepe and Helicopter. soccer ball and a new football.
Love, Charlie Burton PS I wont a Super Calif Hangers.

Dear Santa,
I won't a gobot racket and I won't a bike and I won't a foot-ball and I won't asoccer ball and I won't a guerilla
Love Nathan

Dear Santa,
I wont a basketball and Soccer ball and a remote control air plane and a big foot.
Love Santa, Ricky Bishop

Dear Santa,
Please bring a present for Every Body and please give them a card.
Love, Jonathan Flathman

Dear Santa,
I want a bouncing bal. and Batman and Robin and bat-mobile. and Super man and a yo-yo and pocket knife and a pair of camflod shous.
Jason Mitchell

P.S. and 10 go bots and a gobot Watch. and astoper and my brother Justin he wants a hous farm I don't no anee.
Love, Jonathan Flathman

Dear Santa, I want a footbaLL an baseball. I beengood for You I likeyou Dear Santa.
Michael Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. For Christmas I would like a Gobot, a toy car, a bike, and a knight rider car. I would also like a real gun and a toy one.
I hope you have a nice Christmas.
Love, Juan Rangel Age 10 years

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike because I can ride around.
And I want a go cart that I can ride and have fun. But the best thing is a motorcikle so that I have a high lot of fun. and a truck.
Love, Wylie Clough Age 8

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a ten speed. And a Soccerball. And a football. A doll. And a pac man small game. Kamra. A homstir. Another cabbage pach Kid.
Love, Melissa Smith Age 9

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas. I wuild also like a watch. I would like some new socks. I would also like a truck. I would also like a stocking. I would also like a knife. I would like a belt and a G.I. Joe Base and a pair of shoes. I want a tape recorder and a T.V. and a chair.
Brian Scott Hall Age 9 years

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a doll, some Pom-Poms, pants and a shirt, a dress, and a hat and some gloves.
Merry Christmas, Lucy Rodriguez

Greetings

It's always a pleasure to say, "Season's best!"

Underwood Real Estate
Marva Jean Underwood, Owner

JOY

Coming your wav...our best wishes for the holidays!

Linda Bruchmiller, County Clerk, and Staff

SEASON'S GREETINGS

...RING OUT THE GLAD TIDINGS TO ONE AND ALL ... CHRIST IS BORN!

Jerrolyn's Jewelry and Gifts
Ballinger, Texas
Carolyn Slaughter Jerri Wiley

Merry Christmas

May the 12 days of Christmas be filled with joy for you and your family.

Springers Pharmacy

Season's Greetings

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS

It's the time of year when we pause to remember friends old and new and wish them the best!

Bishop and Sons Dirt Contractor

GTE initiates children's identification program

General Telephone Company of the Southwest has joined a nationwide effort to alert parents to the importance of making every effort to educate their children to the threat some strangers may pose, and to record information that can assist law enforcement agencies should their child be missing.

GTE has child identification forms available at all GTE Phone Marts and other customer contact offices.

The form is simple and easy to complete, and is to be retained by the parents. Information to be compiled includes photographs, address, age, date of birth, color of eyes and hair, height, weight, and any identifying marks. Space is also available for thumb prints.

The company urges parents to update the information yearly.

"The most important aspect of a program such as this is for parents to recognize that the potential exists for something to happen to their child and to take every precaution available to keep it from happening, primarily to beware of strangers," E.O. Cambren, General Manager West Texas Division operations manager said.

Nationwide statistics show that more than 150,000 children

disappear from their homes yearly. Information such as that contained on the child identification form can aid law enforcement agencies in locating a missing child.

The Child Identification Program is one of several community relations programs sponsored by GTE. Others being utilized in

some locations are the Helping Hands Program where Parent Teacher Associations sign up block parents to display Helping Hands stickers in windows to assist youngsters who are lost or need assistance, the Child's Room Program administered by

fire departments to place stickers on the window of a child's room to show fire fighters that a youngster is possibly in that particular room during an emergency, and the Crime Watch Program in which local GTE employees report suspicious activities to the police. Contact Melissa Horinek, public affairs representative, 915-655-5769, to determine the availability of GTE community relations programs in your area.

"The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

Proverbs 11:25



Sports fans

A group of high schoolers and graduates watch the junior varsity girls basketball game with Baird here Monday night.

Munday resident holds award

Ray Herring of Munday bravely crawled into an electric utility truck bucket July 6, 1983, to rescue a fellow Knox City man and was awarded the 1983 Texas Rural Heroism Award for his lifesaving efforts.

The search is underway for a 1984 rural hero, says Ben

Bullard of Waco, president of the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council which presents the annual award.

The 1984 recipient will be announced April 1, 1985, at the 46th annual Texas Southwestern Safety Conference and Exposition to be held at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston.

Deadline for submitting 1984 entries will be March 1, 1985, Bullard said. Send all nomina-

tions to Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, Box 489, Waco, Texas 76703.

Herring received his award last March in Dallas for saving Ray Longan, a Knox County cop serviceman.

To qualify for the honor, a candidate must have performed a heroic act of human-life-saving within Texas 1984, and it should be related to farming or ranching, Bullard noted.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons involved. Newspaper clippings and photos should also accompany the nominations when available, Bullard said.

Seniors may apply for scholarships

Applications from high school seniors are being accepted by Angelo State University for approximately 400 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1985-86 ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$3,500.

Supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established in 1978 by Robert G. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the University and can be worth from \$4,000 to \$14,000 during a four-year course of undergraduate study.

During the current year, about 900 students are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships. Among these students are approximately 184 valedictorians and salutatorians in addition to a number of National Merit Scholars, Finalists, and Semifinalists.

Scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year are also available to qualified graduate students.

The priority deadline for submitting application and all supporting materials is March 1, 1985, although completed applications from outstanding students may be considered up until July 1, 1985, to the extent that funds are available.

Applicants who are high school seniors must normally have a high school average of 90 or above, rank in the top 10 percent of their class, and present a composite score of 21 or more on the ACT or a combined math and verbal score of 900 or more on the SAT.

Priority will be given to deserving individuals of high academic ability with financial need.

Application materials and information regarding the Carr Academic Scholarships may be obtained by contacting or writing to: Carr Academic Scholarship Program Office, Angelo State University, Box 11007-C, ASU Station, San Angelo, Texas 76909 (915-942-2103.)

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Winters Public Schools BREAKFAST MENU

January 2-4
MONDAY

No school

TUESDAY

No school

WEDNESDAY

Sausage, gravy, hot biscuits, milk

THURSDAY

Cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk

FRIDAY

Cereal, toast, juice, milk

LUNCHROOM MENU

January 2-4

WEDNESDAY

WEST SIDE

Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, catsup, fruit, cinnamon rolls, milk

EAST SIDE

Chicken patties, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, tossed green salad, cinnamon rolls, milk

THURSDAY

WEST SIDE

Hot dogs with chili and cheese, French fries, catsup, fruit, pudding, milk

EAST SIDE

Pizza, seasoned pinto beans, tossed green salad, cornbread, pudding, milk

FRIDAY

WEST SIDE

Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, catsup, peanut butter cookies, fruit, milk

EAST SIDE

Fried chicken, gravy, whipped potatoes, blackeyed peas, tossed green salad, peanut butter cookies, hot rolls, milk

Harvest mice

Harvest mice are the midgits of the mouse world, says National Wildlife's *Ranger Rick* magazine. The adults are only three inches long and four adult mice together weigh only as much as one slice of American cheese.

GTE Child Identification Program

The GTE Child Identification Program is being provided as a community service by General Telephone. This identification form is to aid parents in compiling important information about their children. This information can be very important and should be kept in a safe place. If your child is missing, take this information to your local law enforcement agency. Additional forms are available at most General Telephone offices.

| NAME | | NAME | |
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| Picture | Picture | Picture | Picture |
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| AGE _____ | BORN _____ | AGE _____ | BORN _____ |
| EYES _____ | HAIR _____ | EYES _____ | HAIR _____ |
| HEIGHT _____ | WEIGHT _____ | HEIGHT _____ | WEIGHT _____ |
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Merry Christmas



It's time to wish our friends the happiest of holiday seasons!

Bob Loyd LP Gas Co.

Gene Wheat

Why do the bells of Christmas ring?
Why do the little children sing?
Once a lovely shining star,
Seen by shepherds from afar,
Gently moved until its light
Made a manger's cradle bright.
There a darling baby lay,
Pillowed soft upon the hay;
And its mother sung and smiled:
"This is Christ, the holy Child."

Therefore bells for Christmas ring,
Therefore little children sing.

Eugene Field



Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Christmas Cheer

Chiming bells of Christmas pealing sounds so gay. May these bright good greetings stay past the Yuletide Day!

Winters Farm Equipment

E. E. Thormeyer