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Merry Christmas



WAITING FOR SANTA.....The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weatherly are shown here in their favorite spot around the house for this time of year. They love to sit under the Christmas tree and peek at the pretty packages there. Ben, age

3½, and Brook, age 2, are typical of many Friona youngsters who are anxiously awaiting an annual visit from old Santa Claus this week. Grandparents of the children are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Coffey and Lois Weatherly.

Christmas is ...

Christmas is a silver star
That shone on Bethlehem,
Where lay the baby Jesus
Sent to save all men.

Christmas is a feeling
Of happiness and prayer
In every home, in every heart,
With power rich and rare.

Christmas is a story
And the carols that we sing...
The bells that ring so merrily
And snowflakes on the wing.

Christmas is a greeting card,
The handclasp of a friend;
The splendor of an evergreen,
A magic without end.

Christmas is a package
Wrapped in ribbons bright,
And mistletoe and holly
And candles shedding light.

Christmas is a lovely feast
Prepared for one and all,
And happy golden memories
So pleasant to recall.

Christmas is the whole world
Joined in peace and love...
For everlasting brotherhood
And blessings from above.



Friona Flashbacks

.....from the files of The Friona Star

50 YEARS AGO-DEC. 25, 1926

The front page of the Star carried an article tracing the growth of the Friona school system during the preceding five years: from a three-year to a four-year high school; from five teachers to eleven; from three buses to eight; from 98 students to 300; and from 10 grades to eleven.

45 YEARS AGO-DEC. 25, 1931

Owing to the 12 inches of snow which covered the ground Thursday morning of last week, the school buses were unable to get to school from the various parts of the district. Only three of the ten buses were able to make the trip Friday, and for this reason there was a very small attendance, at the Christmas program which the departments of the school had prepared.

40 YEARS AGO-DEC. 25, 1936

Canyon's high-flying Eagles made off with the first place trophy in the Friona Invitational Tournament which closed here Saturday night. The Chieftains gave them a mighty battle in the final game, before losing by the heart-breaking margin of 28-27.

35 YEARS AGO-DEC. 26, 1941

Entirely satisfactory was Friona's response to the Red Cross relief call, according to a report made this week by J.R. Roden, roll call chairman in Friona. Roden reports that Friona raised \$11.72 more than its \$300 quota—a much better showing than in some of the larger cities throughout the state, he says.

30 YEARS AGO-DEC. 20, 1946

The new uniforms for Friona High School's band began arriving last week, and four of the twirler

uniforms have also arrived, according to C.D. Holmes, superintendent of the Friona Public Schools. The uniform fund was helped by a \$100 check from Leo Potishman of Fort Worth.

Wayne B. Stark, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Stark, has received his discharge from the service, and is now at home.

25 YEARS AGO-DEC. 20, 1951

Work is speeding ahead at the Sloan Osborn A No. 1 test drilling location 10 miles northwest of Friona this week, with actual spudding-in anticipated tomorrow or Saturday. Whether or not oil is found in this exploratory well, local citizens may have the assurance that a really "big time" rig is being used on the location, with the most modern equipment available.

20 YEARS AGO-DEC. 20, 1956

Friona is fairly popping with new, modern service stations. The T&H Texaco Station has been open little more than a month, and now three more are about ready to enter the race for retail trade. They are a new Gulf Station at Main and Highway 60, a new Phillips 66 Station, which has been leased to K.E. Deaton, and a new Humble Station, at the intersection of Highway 60 and North 214.

15 YEARS AGO-DEC. 21, 1961

Dear Santa: I want a Kitten doll and a little red spinning wheel. With love, Andrea Hurst. Dear Santa: I am in the second grade. I would like a Tiny Tears Doll, a sewing machine and an apron. With love, Kathy Horton.

Dear Santa: I am 7 years old, and I would like to have a gun and holster set, a farm set and a race set. Michael Martin. Dear Santa: I have been a good girl. I want a Deputy doll and Nurse Kit and a suitcase, please. Your friend, Jill Riethmayer.

Dear Santa: I have been good. Please bring me a thumb-a-lena and a coke machine. Love, Teresa Bingham. Dear Santa: I have been a good boy. I want a pick-up. I want a truck. I want a filling station. With love, Carroll Cook.

10 YEARS AGO-DEC. 11, 1966

Michael Baronowski of Norris-town, Pa., a former student of

Friona High School, was killed in action in Vietnam on November 20. Mike made his home with the Steve Struve family during his senior year in high school, and was active in school activities.

5 YEARS AGO-DEC. 23, 1971

Winners in the Friona Chamber of Commerce lighting contest were announced this week by Chamber president Ralph Shirley. First place went to the Billy Jones residence at 608 Watkins. Jones will receive the \$60.00 first prize. Second place was won by the Dale Houlette residence, 804 W. 6th. The Houlettes will receive \$40.00 cash. Third place was won by the Charlie Wise residence, 603 Ashland Avenue. Third place paid \$25.00 cash.



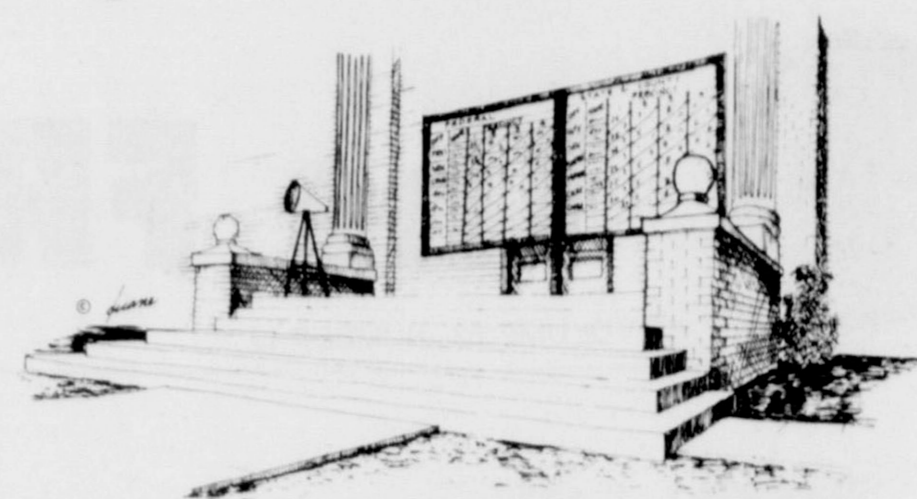
REMEMBERING... Election Returns

By BILL BROOKS

It was the first election I have any recollection of, a presidential election, as I remember. I would be telling my age if I told you which one so I won't. Dad came in early from the fields and said we were all going to the election returns. I didn't know what they were but I was always ready to go.

We arrived at the county seat to find a huge throng of people jamming the courthouse square. Traffic was backed up for blocks as it seemed that everyone in the county had turned out. We finally found a place to park then made our way to the south side of the courthouse. At the top of the big steps were several dignified looking people standing in front of big blackboards. On the boards were lots of names separated by lines. There were squares by the names and some had numbers scrawled in them.

As it got dark, flood lights were turned on so that we could see the blackboards better. A man with a megaphone made booming announcements every so often. There seemed to be a lot of excitement among the grown-ups but it soon became boring to us kids so we started milling among



the crowd. We soon met other kids who were bored too. We played "tag" and "hide-n-seek" among the parked cars and hedges and trees on the dark side of the courthouse.

Then some tough kids came up to us and started pushing us around. They said that if our folks didn't vote "dimercratik" they were going to beat us up. We said

sure they voted "dimercratik", though I didn't really know who they voted for. I just knew I didn't want to get beat up.

We found Mom and she asked us if we were ready for supper. I was always ready for supper but I didn't know where we could possibly eat since all the cafes were closed. She had thought ahead and packed sand-

wiches, boiled eggs, potato salad and cookies. We spread a quilt out on the courthouse lawn and enjoyed our nighttime picnic.

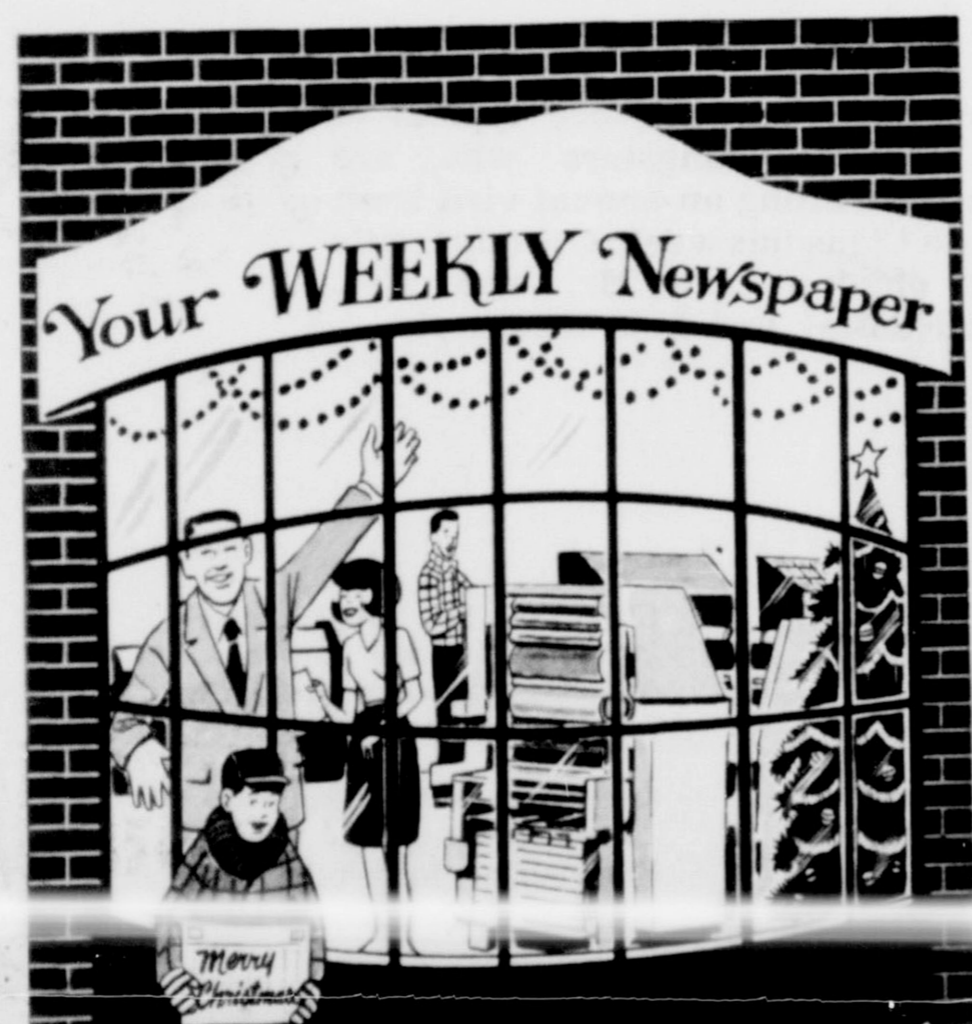
It was late when we started home. Dad was happy. He said he didn't know about the rest of the country but at least our county had voted for the best man.



To each and every one of our friends: thank you!

HOP'S PLACE

Merry CHRISTMAS FROM



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The FRIONA STAR



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On The Farm In Parmer County

MACK HEALD
County Agent

Corn producers who are thinking about taking advantage of possible high cotton prices next season by switching from corn to cotton may have to reconsider if they used atrazine this season.

Atrazine treated soils may harbor enough residue next spring to damage young plants such as cotton, soybeans or sunflowers.

Dr. James Supak, area specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. John Abernathy, research scientist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, both at Lubbock, say that only corn or sorghum can be planted on atrazine-treated land the following season, according to the atrazine label.

If more than one pound per acre of atrazine was used on this year's corn crop, the possibilities of making a crop of cotton, soybeans or sunflowers on the same land next year are very slim.

Conditions favoring breakdown of that herbicide in the soil, involve wet, warm weather. The wetter and warmer this winter is, the more chance there is for chemical breakdown.

A farmer may wish to take soil residue samples to ease his mind one way or the other. If so, the samples should be obtained in the spring to allow as much herbicide to break down as possible. A sample taken in the fall may not give a true picture, because the herbi-

cide residue level in the soil will decrease during the following six-month period.

A farmer can test soil himself simply by taking atrazine-treated soil and soil which has not had a herbicide applied this year, and place the samples in cups inside the house by a window. Cotton seed or whatever seed is being considered for planting next season can be planted in the cups, and observed for three or four weeks. Crop seedlings will usually emerge healthy looking, but begin to turn yellow and die after two to three weeks if too much atrazine is present in the soil.

Some producers may be concerned about propazine. Atrazine and propazine, both members of the triazine family of herbicides, persist for about the same length of time in the soil; however, cotton can tolerate only about one-fourth to one-half as much atrazine as propazine.

If the amount of these two herbicides left in the soil is borderline, consideration might be given to resistant varieties.

In research conducted at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock over the past three years, some 19 herbicides were tested in 48 cotton varieties. Certain of these varieties were much more resistant to triazine soil residues than others.

Various cotton varieties ranged from no injury to 95 per cent injury caused by the triazine herbicides.

Cotton varieties which were most tolerant of the triazine herbicides were Paymaster 303, GSA 71, and Auburn M.

Most sensitive cotton varieties were Lankart 611, Lockett 4789, and Paymaster 111A.

***** Letters To Santa Claus *****

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. The name of it is happy birthday tender love. I don't know what else.
Love,
Beth

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a truck, Steve Austen and a tiger.
Love,
Greg Koelzer

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Robin and bat man, Superman and I been a good little boy. I like you and I don't have fens and I want to be your friend, and I have one friend. Tell Rudolph I would like to be his friend. I live in Friona.
Love,
Santos

Dear Santa,
I want a rascak and a pool table.
Love,
Damian Romero

Dear Santa,
I want a real puppy dog and a baby that away that has long hair and is pretty.
Love,
Jill Herring

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a big doll and a real dog.
Love,
Rachel McMurtrey

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby That Away.
Love,
Shana Gibson

Dear Santa,
I love you. I've been good most of the time. Please bring me a baton and a snow white and a book. I'll leave you some good cookies.
Love,
Cayla Mabry

Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me a gun (a toy one). I am in Mrs. Stephenson's room.
Love,
Joe Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. So has my three brothers. You know what I want Santa. I want a watch. I like you Santa.
Chester

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Baby Alive and please bring my baby sister a toy. And please bring my sister a scer bord. And please bring a wosh, and please bring a dimen. And please bring a julry box, and my mother and father a car.
Love,
Yolanda Cruz

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. Would you please send me one or two of these things. A lite brite, Eviel Kneivel or a coloring book. I will be staying at home this year at 711 Sammitt. I will leave some cookies and milk by the Christmas tree.
Kevin Zachary

Dear Santa,
I want a Johnny West and his horse, and a bicycle and a Steve Austin repair station and a Evil Kneivil stunt cycle. I want a jaws game also.
I love you,
Reese Hand

Dear Santa,
I want a kangaroo and a kangaroo in his pocket. One kangaroo as tall as me. I want a stuffed animal.
Love,
Cristie

Dear Santa,
I want a football suit and a nerf rocket and evel kneivel.
Love,
John Jarecki

Letters To Santa Claus

Hi Santa,
I want a crash 'um-up-derby and a truck that runs without batteries and a lot of things. First, I want a big bulldozer and a pick-up, and two jeeps (one for outside and one for G.I. Joe). Santa, do you know what a G.I. Joe is? I also want a helicopter for G.I. Joe.

I am four years old and my brother, Steven, is one-and-a-half. Steven wants a watch and a lot of toys and a new baseball hat.

I've been good and I'll leave you some cookies and milk, because you may be tired carrying all those toys.

Love,
Michael and Steven Mann

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
I want a chalkboard and a knitting machine. Have a Merry Christmas.
Yours truly,
Karla Wright

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll house and skate board and I want a baby.
Love,
Lisa

Dear Santa,
I want a don't cry baby and a Barbby and Ken.
Love,
Shelly Lynn Salyer

Dear Santa,
I want a Barlrrie and a big buton.
Love,
Leigh Ann Neelley

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun. I want a rastrak.
Love,
George Richardson

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Alive doll from you.
Love,
Rena Burnett



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Love,
Sharlene Hill

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I have been nice. I am in second grade. I want a pair of shoe shates for Christmas. I was sick on my birthday.

Love,
Christy

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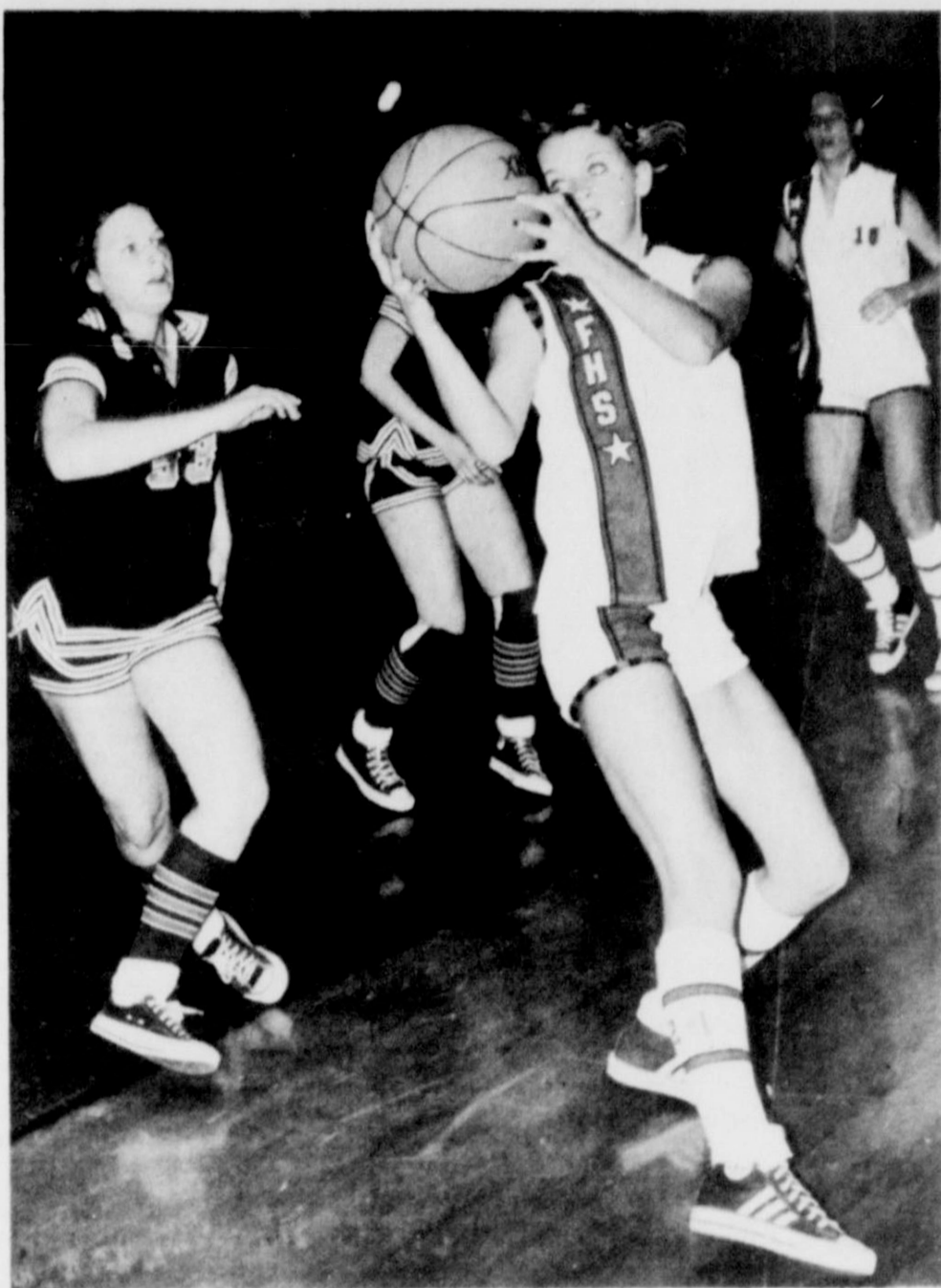
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I'VE STILL GOT IT....Grasping the basketball in this photo is Rhonda Parsons, a starting forward for the Squaws. Rhonda pitched in 21 points on the night with Diane Bennett adding 25. The Squaws captured the win by a 56-47 score.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a Star Trak Faser.

Love,
Damon George

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard and a BB gun. I love you.

Love,
Carl

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. And I want a microscope.

Love,
Seth

Dear Santa,
I want a football suit.

Love,
Joel Jass

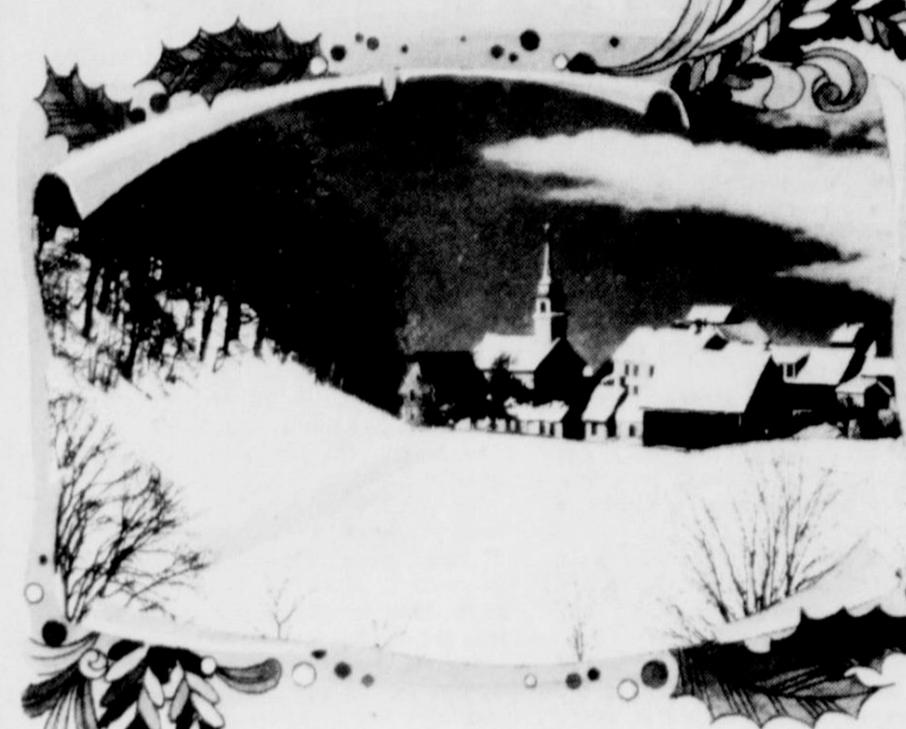
Dear Santa,
I want a truck and a radio.

Love,
Bruce Wikle

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball and kates.

Love,
Laquita Trusler

CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS

A December day is all the more beautiful in remembering...
Thinking of you and wishing you every happiness at Christmas.

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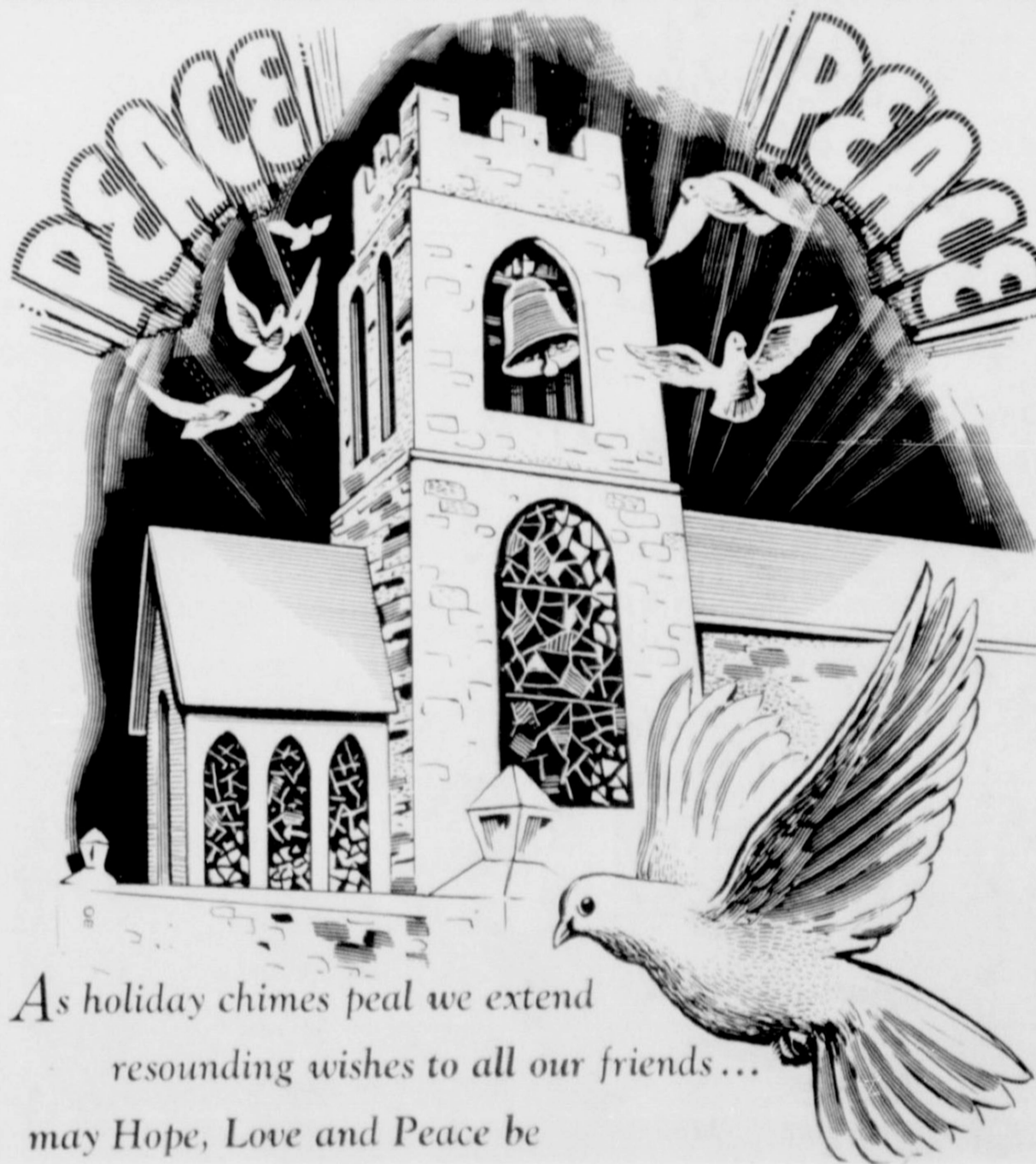
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10th VICTORY

Chiefs Thrash Amarillo Team

The Friona Chieftains made it three-in-a-row last Monday night as they downed the River Road Wildcats 72-44. The win brought the Chiefs' record to 10-4.

"It was hard to get up for the game, since the boys beat River Road by over 20 points the first time they played," said Chieftain head basketball mentor, Jimmy Pope.

"We had a fine second half, and the defense played much better," Pope continued.

The Chieftains' strong defense held the Wildcats to only ten points during the duration of the third and fourth quarters, allowing only four points in the third and six points in the fourth period.

Friona took a six point lead early in the first quarter and held onto it going into the third period, as they outscored River Road 17-11.

They weren't able to hold the lead long as River Road got hot in the second period and tossed in every

shot imaginable to make up the six point margin. The score stood even at 34-34 as both teams went to the locker rooms at the half.

The second half was all Friona as the defense dominated and eventually overwhelmed River Road. The Wildcats could not find a way to get past the press or through the zone as Friona forced turnover after turnover on their way to a 28 point win.

While the defense shut River Road down to ten points for the half, the offensive game did not suffer as Friona scored 16 points in the third quarter and 22 points in the fourth.

The Chieftains hit 13 of 34 tries from the floor the first half and 15 of 37 the second for an overall percentage of 42 per cent for the night. They hit 67 per cent from the free throw line.

Several players were in double figures for Friona. Jeff Whiteside was high point man for the club, scoring a total of 15 points in the game. He was followed by Kevin Kothmann with 12, Koty Kothmann with 10 and Mark Neill with 11. Jon Jarecki and Keith Martin both scored eight with Jeff Peak scoring six and Paul Ortiz rounding out the scoring with two.

The Chieftains are to play Canyon Tuesday night at Canyon as they look for their 11th win of the season. "Canyon has a fine ball club—possibly the hottest club in the panhandle right now," said Coach Pope.

So far all Friona's losses have been to 3-A schools. Hopefully the Chiefs can make their Canyon battle a turning point in that record.

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Box Scores

Friona	17	34	50	72	
River Road	11	34	38	44	
K. Martin	3-2-8	J. Whiteside	5-5-15	M. Neill	4-3-11
Koty Kothmann	5-0-10	Kevin Kothmann	5-2-12	T. Bandy	0-0-0
P. Ortiz	1-0-2	J. Jarecki	3-2-8	J. Peak	2-2-6
C. Mears	0-0-0				



CUT HIM OFF AT THE PASS.... Chris Barnett, a sophomore guard on the Chief's junior varsity team, exhibits some good defense against

this River Road dribbler, as he successfully cuts off the driving lane. The J.V. team won the contest 54-35.

Levelland Downs Freshman Squaws

The Freshman Squaws traveled to Levelland on Monday night losing 33 to 80.

Levelland jumped out to a commanding lead in the first quarter, which just kept getting bigger as the game progressed. Friona had foul trouble from the first of the game. This was the same problem the varsity teams ran into when they were there for the tournament.

The freshmen girls kept trying throughout the game.

Friona	8	18	25	33
Levelland	21	45	56	80

Forwards: Dana Miller 4-3-11; Karen Patterson 4-2-10; Shannon Parr 4-0-8; Sarah Mears 2-0-4; Kimber Britting, Tammy Schmidt, Becky Norwood.
Guards: Penny Whiteside, Laticia Riveria, Minnie Aragon, Diane Gustin, Jeanette Gilliam, Rosa Garza, Sally Leal, Brenda Schilling, Pam London, Becky McLellan, Shea Dodson, Jamie Fulks and Mary LaFuente.

Freshman Squaws In Tourney Play

The freshman Squaws traveled to Muleshoe last weekend for their first tournament of the season. The first game saw the freshman Squaws against the host team Muleshoe on Thursday night. This game was lost 47 to 52 in a hard fought game.

The Squaws got the first points of the game, then Muleshoe took a good lead with one minute left. The Squaws fought back to tie the score at the end of the quarter.

The second quarter saw Muleshoe pull away, but the Squaws would not give up. Some of Muleshoe's points came from the foul line when their balls went through the hoop while Friona had hard luck in hitting.

The third quarter saw both teams make the same number of points.

The final quarter both teams had problems at the foul line.

BOX SCORE

Friona	12	21	39	47
Muleshoe	12	28	46	52

Forwards: Dana Miller 9-0-18; Kimber Britting 5-1-11; Shannon Parr 3-3-9; Karen Patterson 3-2-8; Sarah Mears 0-1-1.

Guards: Minnie Aragon, Penny Whiteside, Laticia Riveria, Diane Gustin, Janette Gilliam, Rosa Garza, Sally Leal.

The second game of the tournament saw Friona against Tulia in a game Friona won 33-29.

Friona again got the first point of the game and saw them ahead by five at the end of the quarter. The guards did a good job of containing Tulia throughout the game, especially in this first quarter.

The second quarter the forwards gave Friona a substantial lead to go into the locker room at the half.

The third quarter Friona kept up the good play.

The final quarter both teams played about the same but Friona's lead had already made the difference.

BOX SCORES

Friona	9	17	25	33
Tulia	4	9	17	29

Forwards: Dana Miller 6-2-14; Shannon Parr 3-0-6; Sarah Mears 2-0-4; Kimber Britting 2-0-4; Becky Norwood 2-0-4; Sharla Duggins 0-1-1.

Guards: Minnie Aragon, Penny Whiteside, Laticia Riveria, Diane Gustin, Rosa Garza, Becky McLellan, Shea Dodson, Jamie Fulks and Mary LaFuente.

Whiteside, Laticia Riveria, Diane Gustin, Rosa Garza, Becky McLellan, Sylvia Bermea, Sally Leal, Jeanette Gilliam, Evelyn Hart, Martha Mendoza.

The third game of the tournament saw Friona against Canyon for the consolation bracket, which Friona lost 31 to 38.

Canyon jumped out to a lead in the first quarter, but Friona fought back in the second quarter to see them slowly close the gap and go into the lead at halftime.

The third quarter Canyon again took the lead and held it the rest of the game. Friona gave a good account of themselves the whole way.

This game saw a lot of fouls called on both sides.

BOX SCORES

Friona	8	20	23	31
Canyon	13	19	31	38

Forwards: Dana Miller 6-4-16; Kimber Britting 3-2-8; Shannon Parr 3-0-6; Karen Patterson 0-1-1.

Guards: Minnie Aragon, Penny Whiteside, Laticia Riveria, Diane Gustin, Rosa Garza.

8th Grade

Girls Top

Levelland

Friona's eighth grade Maidens came from behind Monday night to win against Levelland. The Maidens were behind at halftime with the score being 15-9. They came back at halftime playing harder and the final score was 35-33.

Myra Veazey was high scorer for Friona with 18 points, followed by Lynn Blackburn with 7, Theresa Bermea and Jana Brown both with 3 points and Jiselle Malouf and Tammy Smith both with two points.

Others playing Monday were Kayle Britting, Kenna Noland, Pam Perez, Kipi Fleming, Janette Reed, Tena Shavor, Mary Rodriguez, Lupe Brailiff, Anita Perkins, Cindy Alexander and Norma Barlow.

Myra Veazey 9-2-18; Lynn Blackburn 3-1-7; Theresa Bermea 1-2-3; Jana Brown 1-2-3; Jiselle Malouf 1-0-2; Jammy Smith 1-0-2.

7th Girls

Win Contest

Friona seventh grade girls came from behind Monday night to win against Levelland. The Maidens were behind 17-4 at halftime, but finally got it all together to come back and win by a score of 24-23.

Lesa Bermea was high point girl for Friona with twelve points, followed by Erin Davila with six and Gwen Maurer with four, and Teresa Loflin with two points.

Others playing Monday were Francis Guerra, Penni Weatherly, Rachel Perez, Joanna Flores, Jyl Hight, Sunny Horton, Kim Barnett, Julie Garza, Rene Noland, Joyce Melton, Karla Fleming, Brenda Seright, Cara Hand, Sandy Spring and Mary Madrid.

Lesa Bermea 6-0-12; Erin Davila 3-0-6; Gwen Maurer 2-0-4; Teresa Loflin 1-0-2.

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Eighth Grade Maidens Third At Muleshoe

The eighth grade girls won third place in the Muleshoe tournament December 16, 17 and 18. In the first round game, the girls played Canyon White team. With very few mistakes, Friona won 37-23. Teresa Bermea was high point with 18, followed by Lynn Blackburn with 8 and Mary Rodriguez with 6. The defense did an exceptional job on rebounding and ball control.

Bad luck hit home Friday night as the Maidens' mistakes cost them a loss to Lockney. Teresa Bermea was again high point with 14 points, followed by Lynn Blackburn with eight.

Fighting back in the finals for third place, once again the Maidens did a good job and controlled the game easily until the fourth quarter. In the final minutes of the game, Canyon Purple fought back to within two points. The final score was 40-38 for Friona and the third place trophy. Teresa Bermea was once again high point.

She had 20 points and was followed closely by Lynn Blackburn with 16

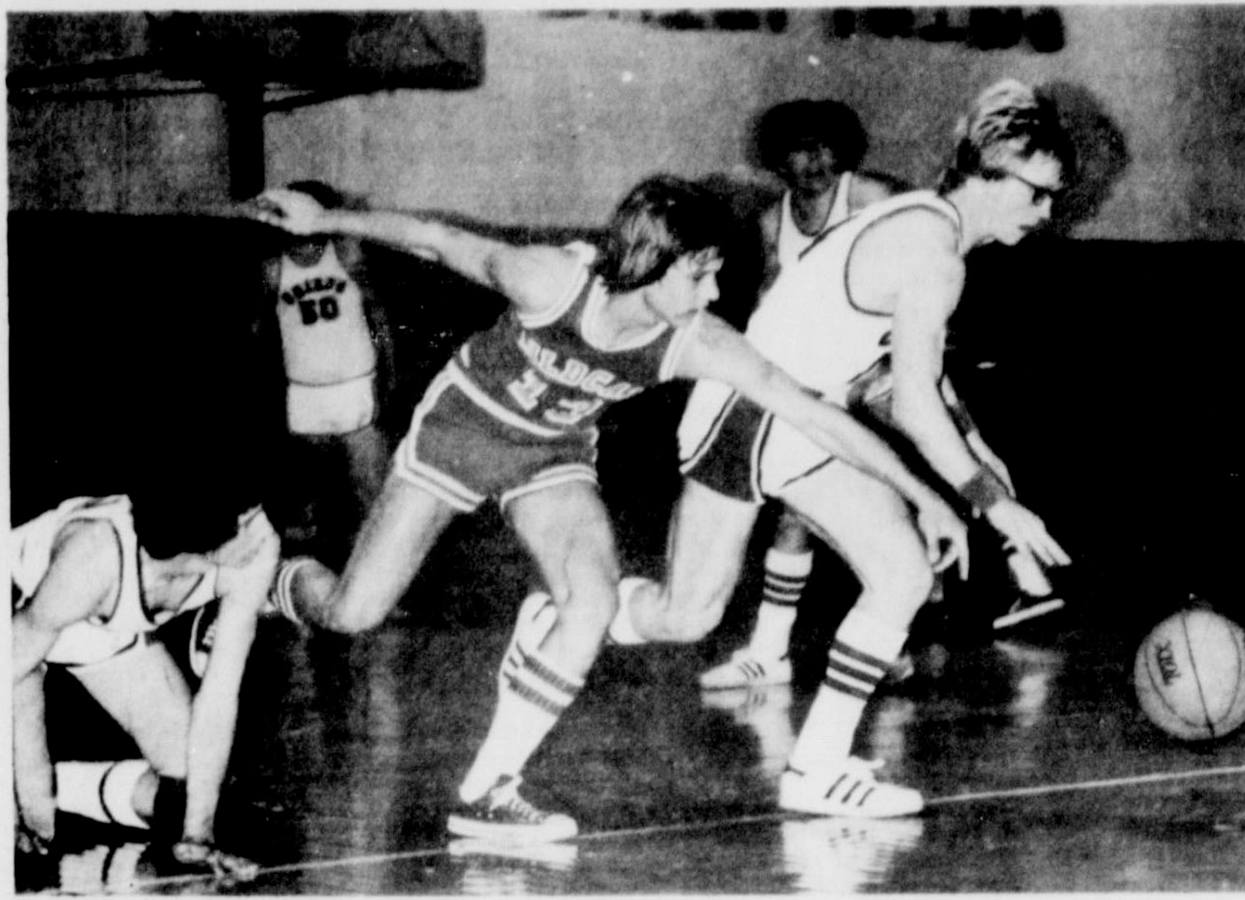
and Myra Veazey with 4. Once again the defense did a good job controlling the boards and ball control.

Others playing in the Muleshoe Tournament were: Kayle Britting, Kenna Noland, Pam Perez, Kipi Fleming, Janette Reed, Jana Brown, Norma Barlow, Tammy Smith, Mary Rodriguez, Lupe Braillif, Jiselle Malouf and Teena Shavor.

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Friona vs Canyon White
Teresa Bermea 9-0-18; Lynn Blackburn 4-0-8; Myra Veazey 1-1-3; Kenna Noland 1-0-2; Mary Rodriguez 3-0-6.

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Friona vs Lockney
Teresa Bermea 6-2-14; Lynn Blackburn 4-0-8; Myra Veazey 0-1-1; Mary Rodriguez 1-0-2; Jiselle Malouf 1-0-2.

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Friona vs Canyon Purple
Teresa Bermea 10-0-20; Lynn Blackburn 7-2-16; Myra Veazey 2-0-4.



GET IT, KEITH...Chieftain postman Mark Neill (left) shouts encouragement to Keith Martin

(right) as Martin battles with a River Road player for possession of the ball. The Chieftains forced a

number of turnovers in their 72-44 win.

Squaws Down River Road By 56-47 Score

The varsity Squaws met River Road on the home court winning 56 to 47 in a good game Monday night.

The Squaws came out fighting from the first with the guards doing an excellent job of moving the ball. Sylvia Malouf had a good night on rebounding the ball.

Dianne Bennett had her best night from the floor.

Friona took the lead midway in the first quarter and held it until near the end of the third quarter when River Road hit a streak of baskets.

The fourth quarter both teams went to the free throw line.

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BOX SCORES

Friona	14	27	37	56
River Road	10	23	37	47

Forwards: Dianne Bennett 11-3-25; Rhonda Parsons 9-3-21; Cindy Cleveland 5-0-10; Janice Peak, Renae Monroe, Donna McBroom.
Guards: Sylvia Malouf, Jatou Widner, Sheri Rector, Cindy Smiley, Johnna Thorn, Melodi Dixon, Linda Anthony.

JV Squaws Topple River Road, 36-25

The Friona junior varsity Squaws met the River Road junior varsity team on the home court Monday night and won 36-25. This was the second encounter for these teams.

Both junior varsity games were of the short quarter variety in which the quarters are only seven minutes long. Also we had Dale Cleveland of the Amarillo College Badgers and David Hutson, both former Friona Chieftain basketball players, calling these games.

River Road got the first points on the board, but Friona finally found the basket by Varla Welch's shots from the line. Friona went ahead but River Road kept fighting back and Friona held onto a one point lead at the end of the quarter.

The second quarter River Road came out to take the lead and give Friona a battle until the last minute. In that time Linda Nelson hit six times from the line to let Friona go

to the locker room with a 21 to 16 lead.

The third quarter Friona got out to a 35 to 18 lead. In fourth quarter action, all the Friona girls got to play.

River Road has become a high school in the last few years and it will take time to build a team.

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BOX SCORES

Friona	9	21	35	36
River Road	8	16	18	25

Forwards: Linda Nelson 3-11-17; Varla Welch 3-5-11; Vickie Smiley 3-0-6; Alesia Tucker 1-0-2; M'Lynnda London, Julie Owen, Sandy Schmidt, Robin Zetzsche, Cynthia Bermea, Rosa Esquelvel.

Guards: Karen Stevick, Stephanie Schueler, Veronica LaFuente, Christy Cunningham, Jerri Walter, Robin Martin, Kathy Martin, Kim Frye, Gay Clark.

Christmas Animals

Spaniards are taught to treat cows kindly, they believe that cattle breathed upon the Christ Child to keep Him warm. Tradition holds that cows and horses kneel in adoration at midnight each Christmas Eve. Among the residents of the German Alps it is believed that on Christmas Eve all animals can speak.

In Worcestershire, it was at one time the custom to give a bough of mistletoe to the cow that first bore a calf after New Year's Day, to bring good luck to all.

In Bohemia a horse is taken out into the river at Christmas and walked against the current. The rider tosses an apple into the stream and if it hits the horse it will be stronger during the coming year.

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Griffiths Outlasted Dust Storms

By RICK LUTHER
 "My family came to Ellis County Oklahoma in 1901. Mother and us three older children came out first in May of 1902 and we homesteaded Ellis County," began Mrs. Olive Rector of Friona. "There was five other children born in Ellis County to my parents."
 Mrs. Rector had eight brothers and sisters in all. One was lost at the age of two, but the others, with the exception of Gertrude Elliott, are all alive and live in Parmer County.
 They range in ages from Lauretta Brookfield, who is the youngest, to Frank Griffith, the oldest at 80. Mrs. Rector is second oldest at 78. The family averages out to 70 years old.
 "My oldest brother and I were married when we lived in Ellis County," she smiled. "I keep up pretty much with my family's records."
 Then she laughed, "Ohhhh, I tell you...we were poorer than Job's turkey. Everybody worked, everybody learned to work...everybody

had to work if they wanted to eat."
 "Times were hard...awful hard... poor...we were just poor farmers and everybody was in the same boat."
 "We walked to school 3/4 of a mile, and all of us, I reckon, completed the eighth grade. That's about as far as any of us got," she explained, "...but the girls came on down here; and they went to high school in Friona."
 "My folks came here in 1926. The dust storms is what run us out (of Oklahoma); and we moved down here in 1935," she chuckled. "That was the worst dust storm I ever saw in my life (in Friona). We just jumped out of the frying pan right into the fire...but we stayed...and we farmed...that's all we ever knew...we just farmed."
 "All of my children were born in Oklahoma," she said. "We came to Ellis County by train to Gauge, which was the only place a railroad came through and that was the closest place anyone could come for

supplies."
 "Gauge was the trading post. They came from as far as Dodge City to trade there."
 "We had an open, hand dug well that was 80 foot deep," she explained. "Many a time people that would pass through on their way to Gauge would drag our well dry to water their horses because they would have three or four horses to each wagon."
 Gauge was a new town...just beginning to build, and my daddy helped build elevators...he helped build churches...he helped build homes...just anything there was to help build the town."
 "When we came here," she smiled, "There wasn't no pavement...just a mud road. I mean really mud."
 "My folks lived here from 1926 to 1942 when they moved to Colorado. Paul (Griffith) still lives in the old house."
 "Frank was sick back in 1951, and spent five months in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo," she said. "My folks came to visit him and my dad had a stroke and they didn't think he would live ten days, but he lived ten months until December of '51."
 "Mother never went back to Colorado except on business and to sell her property. She kept her farm here until she died and she lived 16 years after Dad died. She lived to be 92 years old."
 "In 1936 the dirt blew for 19 days in January, all of February and March, I think, and then 17 days in April before we had any let-up from the dirt." She shook her head "...and absolutely, it just blowed so bad that the children would go to school on the bus and you couldn't even see those little kids from here to the driveway."



GRIFFITH CLAN...The P.B. Griffith family, which migrated to Parmer County from Oklahoma, are shown above. Top row, left to right: Frank Griffith. Bottom row: Lauretta Brookfield, Ethel and Pearl Griffith, Gertrude Elliott.

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funny now, but it didn't seem that funny then."
 The Griffith family consists of four boys and four girls. Frank, Jim, 76, and Paul, 72, all live in Friona. Tom, 74, lives in Bovina. On the girls side, Lauretta Brookfield, 56, Nola Adams, 66, and Mrs. Rector, 78, all live in Friona. Gertrude Elliott, 64, is in Cortez, Colorado.
 Mrs. Rector said that the family all loved this country. They came out here determined to make a go of the dry and dusty land and they worked hard, like many others here did also.
 "We just stayed it out," she explained. "We've had a very good living here...better than anywhere else we've ever been. The Lord's been good to us."



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WHERE IS IT???? Mark Neill (52) and Koty Kothmann (right) seem to be trying to find the ball in this shot. Their River Road foe owns the ball for the moment, however, Neill's and Kothmann's inside work proved profitable in the Chiefs' 72-44 Monday night victory.



COME BACK HERE....Losing control of the ball as he looks inside for a team member to pass to is Edward Castillo of the Chieftain J.V. Castillo paced the team in scoring as they took a 54-38 win over their River Road opponents.

Arctic Reindeer Flourish. Crucial to Man's Survival

Reindeer flourish in large numbers near the Arctic Circle in Europe, Asia, and North America. Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, and Alaska are all places where herds of at least semi-domesticated reindeer are accustomed to working with man, particularly the Laplanders.

The reindeer provides a vital source of food, clothing, and even transportation for many peoples living on the edge of the arctic world. Among other things, reindeer milk is as rich as the cream of cow's milk, although available in much smaller quantities.

There are several species of reindeer in North America, where it is called the caribou, ranging from the woodland species, which is found in wild northern woods, through the barren ground caribou, which is the slightly larger but close cousin of the European reindeer, to the Peary caribou, living north of the Arctic Circle.

The present domesticated reindeer of Europe and Asia, where it can be found in single herds of up to 30,000, is a descendant of the barren ground species of those regions and has been successfully introduced into Alaska as a stock animal. These tame reindeer are gentle and easily handled.

Reindeer and caribou feed primarily on mosses and lichens in the subarctic regions, a type of fodder which takes time to replenish itself. As a result, reindeer and those who depend on them for a livelihood are nomadic and have no permanent home, since they must move at frequent intervals to find an adequate food supply.

Because of the Arctic habitat, near his North Pole headquarters, reindeer provide an ideal means of transportation for Santa Claus, but he can hardly claim a first for using their wavy paintings and bones found in prehistoric sites in Europe are evidence that the reindeer has been



A HERD OF REINDEER cross a large body of water while roaming for grazing areas over the subarctic regions of northern Europe. The reindeer has been a semi-domesticated friend to man for centuries. Reindeer are traditionally associated with Christmas as pullers of Santa's sleigh. Photo courtesy Swedish Information Service.

more or less domesticated since the time of the cavemen. But Santa Claus might qualify as an early supporter of women's equality, since the reindeer or caribou is unique among the deer family in that the females as well as the males grow antlers. Both sexes shed their antlers in the spring, like other deer.

Keeping Christmas, Life Is Better

To observe Christmas day, is a good thing. The mere markings of time and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is wise and a wholesome custom.

It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time. But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love.

If you can keep Christmas for a day, why not always?



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Hunter Orange Offers Safety

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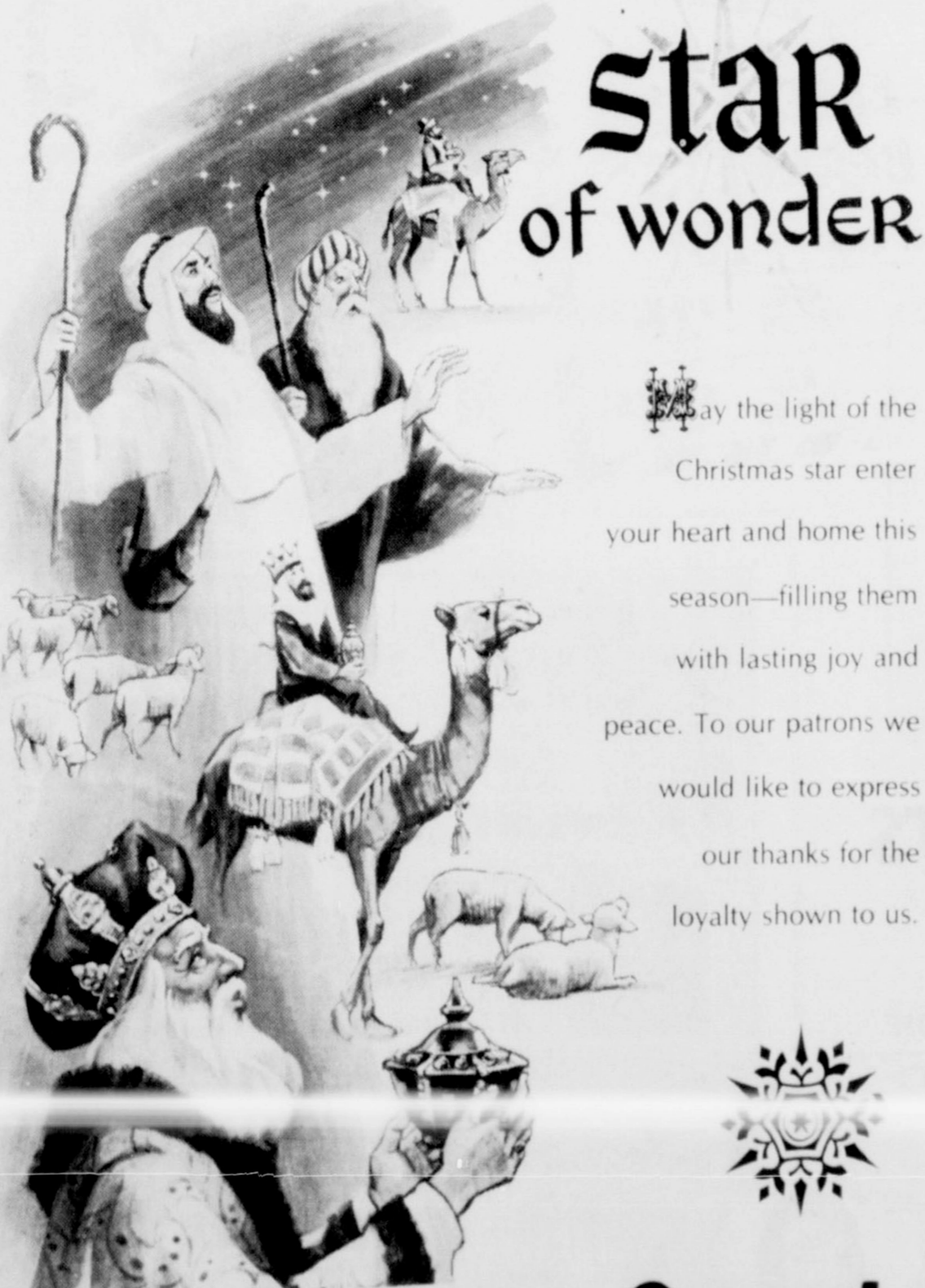
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Ashcraft Recalls His Cowboy Adventures

By JANU. TURNER

"It's all a day's work pumped all out of proportion these days," observed Clarence 'Slim' Ashcraft indifferently. "Ranching back in 1920 was just a way of makin' a living...it was just a way of makin' a living."

The 81-year old former ranch hand added, "I just didn't care about that cowboy stuff...they were stockhands or cowhands. A newspaperman wrote me up one time and I told him to put me down as a cook."

"I came out here when I was 21 from Seymour, near Wichita Falls, and worked on ranches with 1000 to 1500 head of cattle to look after," Ashcraft explained. "There wasn't much glamour to it...I'd see the cattle were all there, make sure they had salt, water, grass, fences up, gates closed, windmill running...a thousand things."

"My first job was for 'Butch' Galloway...his ranch started 12 or 13 miles north of town I guess," Ashcraft said, waving a hand in a northerly direction. "And I worked for the Pucketts doing a lot of day work...you know what day work is? That's when you get paid by the day out on the trail running a herd of cattle down to Midland or somewhere. You just had to stay with 'em...you'd make a certain windmill by night and let 'em graze, and you stood one or two hour guard at night depending on how many

men were on the trail."

"I've been a camp cook too," he added. "Only trouble I had was finding somebody would eat it..."

He laughed and related an incident which was apparently one of his favorite tales. "I remember a new hand came on and asked, 'Where am I gonna sleep?', and the boss waved out his arm and said, 'Here's three counties. Just pick you a place.'"



Ashcraft told that camaraderie was discouraged among the cowhands in those days...perhaps because a man's background was considered his own business and it was impolite and even dangerous to ask questions.

"I could be out with the men and ride a half a day at a time and never say a word," he said. "Jim Martin, a young feller who got to be sheriff several years ago, and I were working one morning and he asked me for a match and I said, 'Carry some matches...they're not heavy.' He got mad and got after me with his catch rope 'cause I wouldn't give him a match," he laughed.

He said it wasn't the first time a conversation got him in trouble.

"I got up one morning and told a fella in the bunkhouse, 'If you'd take a bath and change your clothes you'd smell better.' He got mad. I believe if a feller takes a bath every one or two years it'd help him out," he remarked.

"We didn't complain about hardships then," Ashcraft continued as he told about his duties and the constant battle with the wind and



"I JUST DIDN'T CARE about that cowboy stuff," said Clarence 'Slim' Ashcraft, 81, who was one of the last real "cowboys" around here.

Ashcraft considers running cattle 'nothing but a job' and snorts at the glamour it receives today.

weather in the Texas Panhandle. "If you had a job you didn't know what hardships was. Hard times was when you didn't have a job," he defined.

"If we had a hard enough blizzard we got pinned down at the house. Soon as it got back up to zero we got back out there...it was a job to take care of that stuff."

He went on, "When I first got here in 1917 it was all grassland round

here. The first old house was out north of Friona a ways. Out west of town the first house was where Floyd Reeve used to live, and south of town the first house was the Goodwines' house. The third house south of town was 17 miles south, it was so sparsely settled."

"Farmers came in here between '25 and '27 and went to plowing this country up and cattle went out," he said. "I got disgusted, quit, and bought me an outfit and went to farming 'cause I come mighty near starving to death during the depression. I had to borrow a dog to go rabbit huntin' with," he said with

a grin.

"There wasn't no money here. Nothing but a sandstorm or two a day. I was on leased land by the year, and when you go broke, you go broke," he commented. "I've farmed some since then, but I've been on wages mostly since then."

Slipping in an anecdote, Ashcraft grinned, "Back then if you had a carton of Bull Durham, a shirt, a pair of trousers, a pair of shoes and bacon to eat you's fixed up for a month!"

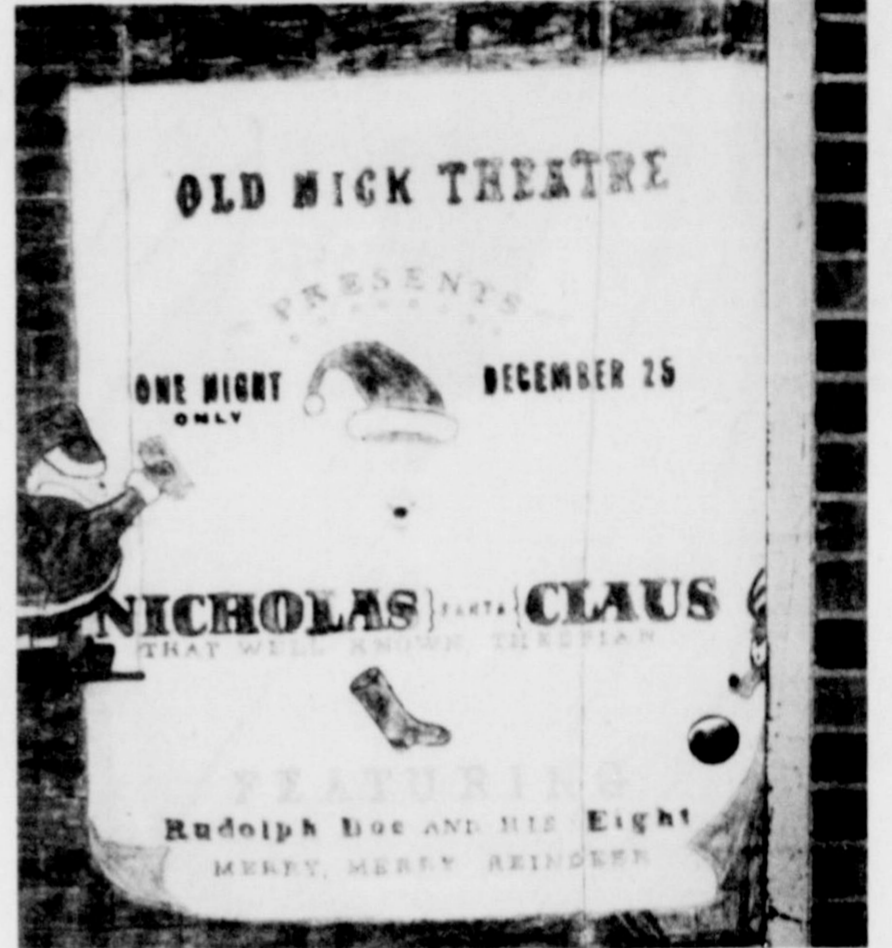
"We didn't have nothing back then, but people didn't know better and they were happy as they could be," he shrugged. "Didn't have nothing to do nothing with."

Ashcraft married Jewel Berry in 1932 and farmed until 1952 when he became the custodian at the

elementary school. He was a great favorite with the kids, and he enjoyed the work. "School is a nice place to work...there's a lotta good in everyone if you can just find it. I never did have no trouble liking people...I never had no pet horses or favorite women, so it didn't matter," he said.

"I wouldn't tell on the kids and they knew it," he smiled. "They didn't tell on me neither."

"Sometimes when I was ranching the idea was you's gonna burn up your bed and sell your saddle, but you never would. I liked it better than farming. Thataway you got to sit on a horse and let your feet hang down. It just grows on you running cattle," he said, musing "Getting to ride a horse. Beat walking."



FIRST PLACE...This door decoration at Friona High School took first place honors in the annual decorating contest last week. The door was covered in felt and depicted a brick wall with Santa and

Rudolph putting up an old fashioned play-bill for the Old Nick Theatre. The decoration, which was done by the Thesplans, captured the attention of the judges with its originality and art work.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Blackeyed Peas Are New Year's Tradition

Texans traditionally eat blackeyed peas on New Year's Day to insure prosperity and good luck for the coming year. This tradition will be observed once again in 1977 when we get out the kettle or new crock pot to cook the blackeyed peas, Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist, says.

The peas should be soaked before cooking to reduce required cooking time. This can be accomplished quickly by boiling them in water for two minutes, removing from the heat and soaking for one hour. They are then ready to cook. If you prefer to soak the peas overnight, it is still a good idea to start with the two minute boil, because you will have fewer hard skins and the brief boil will keep them from souring.

Season with one teaspoon salt for each cup of dry peas. Salt pork and bacon are old standbys for seasoning, but chopped ham or smoked turkey left over from the Christmas celebration are great also. Pepper, garlic and oregano can be added in small amounts, one-fourth teaspoon per pound of dry peas, to enhance the flavor.

In the slow cooker, soak the peas overnight, then cook them in water on high for two to two and one-half hours. Reduce control setting to low, add seasonings and meat and cook on low for eight to ten hours. If you prefer less watery peas, use less water.

Serve your peas with hot cornbread, butter and lots of fresh, crisp onions.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a little bike, and a roll baby buggy and a little baby.

Love,
Pattie Grace Zachary
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
I want a stroller and a baby that crys.

Love,
Alisa Perkins
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
I want a bean bag. And a stretch Armstrong. And a Evil Knievel bike. And a walkie talkie. And a trampoline. And a alarm clock. And a watch. And a boy guinea pig.

Love,
Aaron
+ + + +

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a set of dishes, and ababy don't cry and a pare of baby clothes and a new coat.

I love you,
Cassie
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. Why des Roodof have a red rose?

Love,
Ken
+ + + +

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a thumalina doll and a ball for my cat and a walkie talkie and money magic.

Love,
Karla
+ + + +



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THIRD PLACE TIE...This door decoration was the inspiration of the FHA girls at Friona High School and it tied for third place honors in last week's annual Christmas door

decorating contest at the school. The decor features a whimsical Tiny Tim done in colored burlap cut outs with a snow flocked background.

PEACEFUL THEME...The theme of this door decoration is Peace and it features St. Francis talking to a group of woodland animals. This was painted on black felt by

members of the Forensics organization for last week's annual Christmas door decorating contest at FHS. This inspiring scene tied for third place honors in the contest.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. So please bring me a White's semi truck and an electric train. Some candy and please bring my little niece a Baby Tender Love doll. I guess She has been a good girl. She will be 4 December 12th. She is coming to see us from Germany Christmas.

Love,
Donnie Ray Lanier
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
My name is Janie. I want a Baby Alive Town.

Janie

Dear Santa Claus,
This is what I want for Xmas. A six million dollar man doll and a Lone Ranger doll. I want 2, one for my brother, Corbin, to play with.

Please bring some boots for Corbin and Brenton. Thank you.

Love,
Brenton Riethmayer
Age 6
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
I want a doll.

Love,
McChelle Forrester

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want a cry baby.

Love,
Emelia
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
I would like a Safari Set, a Skateboard, and a transport truck. Thank you very much.

Shannon Cochran
+ + + +

Santa,
How are you doing and I'm thinking I want a baby alive for Christmas.

From Joy

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie with clothes. I want a guitar and a bike without training wheels.

Please bring my sister Beth a doll, a tricycle and a toy radio.

We have been good girls.
Tammy Noey
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Weeble's haunted house, a doctor's kit, a Fisher Price play school and a dolly.

Love,
Kelley Cash

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you bring my toys early, for I am going to Canada on the 21th. I would like a cattle truck, and a Steve Austin set. Please bring my sister, "Lisa," a doll that can crawl.

Thank you,
J.D. Carlton Jr.
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
I hope you will bring all of these presents—mouse trap, a nurse's kit, Old Maid cards, a play children's hospital, and a doll house.

I Love You,
J'Mai Cash

May the hope
and joy and beauty
That the Christmas season holds
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**BENGER
AERO SPRAYING**

Leon Coffey Enjoys His Sideline Profession

By JAN U. TURNER

"When you get to be 46 years old you get a lot of professions, although you don't always realize it," said versatile Leon Coffey, body shop man by day and silversmith and rock hound during off hours.

"I was one of the first students in a silversmithing class at Eastern New Mexico University, Clovis campus, several years ago," he explained. "I took it three times and they ran out of anything to give me a diploma for so they made me an assistant. Since then, I've taught on my own over these four semesters.

"The hardest thing for me about teaching is to understand that the students don't know things that are second nature to me," he said. "I have to get as elementary as possible."

Coffey teaches a Wednesday night class at the vocational college and many of his 16 students are Frionans. They are Gene Zachary, Barbara Bennett, Mary Beth Bennett, Doyle Cummings, Cecelia Duke, Mike Lamb, and Sue Rector.

"I try to tell students when they start making jewelry that they're making good jewelry...not junk... and if they'll take more time to prepare it for precision fit it will solder in a snap," he said.

"It's mostly precision fit and temperature control. With those two things you can't help but make good jewelry. There's nothing to it once you get the feel of temperature and redness of the metal when you put flux on it," he explained.

"We're kinda stumbling over each other in class," he added. "If a person really wants to do good they need to get set up at home and then they can go to school and get the facts and go home and put them into practice."

"There's always an arm in the pickle jar in class...there's no way you can do precision work and stumble over 16 people, but the way we learn is through the sharing of ideas," he explained.

"You learn through your mistakes, and what we're doing in class is getting 16 people together exchanging ideas," he said. "That's what vocational education is all about."

He said that five classes, including

his Wednesday night class, will be offered next semester in both Primary Jewelry Making and Advanced Jewelry Making. Registration begins January 12th, and the class has a \$30 fee.

Coffey has his own silversmithing setup at home where he does jewelry repair and custom-builds jewelry and sentimental pieces for people, as well as making his own jewelry to sell.

"Rings, bracelets, necklaces, watchbands, earrings...I'll custom build anything you want. You draw me a picture and I'll put in in silver," he stated.

"And I do a whole bunch of solid inlay work too," he added. "I will replace stones, repair silver jewelry, and size and repair rings."

Coffey, who also sells Indian jewelry on consignment, is selling Indian jewelry on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at Piggly Wiggly until Christmas.

An avid rock collector, Coffey enjoys taking field trips to collect rocks, fossils and Indian artifacts.

"If you can get to the caprock around Post and Grady it's just sea shells and fossils everywhere you look," he said.

"To me there's nothing more beautiful than nature in its natural form," he said, adding "You've just got to get out and look for it."

He pointed out, "You cannot look at a rock on the outside and tell there's any beauty there...you've got to cut into it to see what you've got. Whack and lick, I call it," he commented.

"The house is full of rocks," he laughed. "Every time I turn around there's another box of rocks!"

His wife, Laura Nell, mused aloud, "Someday the house is just going to sink from rocks..."

Coffey rebutted, "I don't care. We'll go down together." To which his wife replied, "Not me...I'm jumping out. You're the rock collector."

Grinning from the repartee, Coffey glanced around and stated, "You never would dream when I started out years ago that I'd end up in this business..."



"JEWELRY MAKING is easy. Kinda like a stranger...just a friend you haven't met yet," remarks instructor Leon Coffey as he cuts a shank for a ring.

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I am a girl. I want a Hush Baby and a money magic set and a trampoline.

Love, Shannon

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to tell you what I want. The two things that I want badly are big. So I just want them. They are a trampoline and a bike. Please leave a little money at the poor people.

Love, Kathy

Dear Santa, My name is Mary Ann. I want Gonzales a Baby Alive. Merry Christmas.

Mary Ann

Dear Santa, I want a baton. I love you, Candy Field

Dear Santa, I want a Baby That Away. Merry Christmas, Veronica

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, My name is Margarita. Merry Christmas. I want a baby alive and dishes.

Love, Margarita

Dear Santa, I want a Baby Alive.

Love, Angelina Prieto

Dear Santa, I am Maria Marquez. I love you Santa. I want a Baby Alive. Merry Christmas.

Maria Marquez

Dear Santa, I want a truck and a Six Million Dollar Man.

Love, Joe

Dear Santa, I want a Baby Alive.

Love, Angie Perez

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a monkey, and a Baby Beans. Thank you for all the toys last year. Also I would like some boots and gacho pants. Give all the other children in the world gifts.

Love, Holly

Dear Santa Claus, I want a magic set and a beard and rabbit ears and most of all a motorcycle.

Love, Peter

Dear Santa, I want a Six Million Dollar man and a mini bike.

Merry Christmas, Michael Aragon

Dear Santa, I want toys and a mini bike.

Love, Maria

Dear Santa, I love you Santa and I've been pretty good. I want a Mrs. Beazley, a bicycle, a baby to put in the tub and a tree house. I'm leaving you a snack, so don't forget. Don't forget my sister and brother.

See you soon, Susie Preston

Dear Santa, I would like a typewriter, Beaver work bench, Big Driver dash board, shopping cart, sing along, push button tell time, heart sewing machine, housekeeping set, supermarket food set, blender set, dish set, and a Lula-bye Rockabye baby and snow cone set. Could you also bring my sisters something with a drowsy.

Thank you Santa.

I Love You, Deena

May the blessings of the first Christmas be yours to cherish now and always.

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"IF THIS WERE a weld on a tractor we might forget it, but it's not...it's a piece of jewelry, so we'll just sand on it some more and get that dent out," explained Coffey to the class as Gene Zachary, Sue Rector, and Doyle Cummings observed.



MIKE LAMB and SUE RECTOR watch Leon Coffey apply flux to the beginnings of a shadowbox ring he is making for a class demonstration.

Practice Eye Safety During Holidays

There's so much to see at this holiday time—don't spoil the view by carelessness, warns the Texas Society for the Prevention of Blindness. Keep the holiday spirit visible throughout the year by making sure the family adopts good eye safety habits during this season and all of 1977.

The Society warns that each year an estimated 167,000 school-age children suffer eye injuries, many of them caused by inappropriately-selected toys or poor safety precautions.

A toy chemistry set can blow up, but if a potential Nobel prize winner is given safety goggles, not only will his eyes be protected from possible explosions, but he will get into the habit of

practicing eye safety.

Most of all, parents can set a good safety example by giving gifts of eye safety goggles for use in the workshop, working on cars, mowing the lawn and in any situation where the danger of flying particles may occur.

Proper supervision should be given to all children with potentially dangerous toys. The major responsibility for toy related eye accidents and eye loss rests with parents. The Texas Society for the Prevention of Blindness, devoted completely to sight conservation, wants all members of your family to see the flowers of spring. Provide them with safe eye habits and eye safety gear.



SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been a good boy. I want a Mr. Spock, a watch and a Star Trek puzzle and I want a girl cat for Sam our cat.

Love,
Glenn

Dear Santa,
My name is Emma Vega. I want a Baby Alive. I live in the Euclid. I live in a green house.

Love,
Emma

Dear Santa,
I want a mini bike and a CB radio. I love you, Santa. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Miguel

Dear Santa,
I want a car transport. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Perry

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I love you! Please bring me a happy birthday baby.

Love,
LeaAnn Edwards

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Alive hush baby and a kite.

Love,
Carolyn Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a toy. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Michael Valero

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Alive.

Love,
Alicia

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I am Alberto Fuentes. I want the Six Million Dollar Man and a bike. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Alberto Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I am Lucinda Nunez. I want a mini bike. Santa, I love you. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Lucinda Nunez

Dear Santa,
My name is Juan Luis. I want a truck. I love you. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Juan Luis



There's no time quite like Christmas... when the world is bright with fantasy and we are all children again at heart. In the midst of its magic, Santa and we take a moment to wish you all you're wishing for this sparkling holiday.



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WARMEST WISHES...Love was the theme of this lovely door decoration at FHS. Original art work depicting Santa and Mrs. Claus was done by members of the FTA group for the annual Christmas door decorating contest last week at the school. This design featuring art work and cut out letters on felt background took an honorable mention in the contest.

HEALTHY CHRISTMAS...The theme chosen by the Health Careers Club for their Christmas door decoration was "Have a Healthy Christmas." The door was decorated for the annual Christmas door contest at FHS last week. It featured a jolly Santa with a colorfully decorated tree and lettering done in cotton balls.

Letters To Santa Claus



FOURTH GRADERS...These three fourth grade students at Friona Elementary listen attentively as their teacher Mrs. Lois Miller reads them a Christmas story. The students pose in front of their Christmas bulletin board. They are Jo Ann Fabela, Beth Collier and Coy Jarrett.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Evil Knievel set and a Walkie Talkie and a big magic set and an alarm clock with a big tik-tok and a watch for me and a train with a toot toot and a rabbit ears, because I can hear better then, and I want to tell you something, Santa, Merry Christmas.

Love,
Scott

Dear Santa,
I want a doll with beauty salon. I hope you bring me the doll with beauty salon for I like you very much Santa. I am being very good. I hope you and Mrs. Santa are fine too. I am going to give you a present. Because every year you bring me a present. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,
Rita Madrid

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a outer space suit. I will leave some cookies and milk for you and I love you.
Your friend,
Will

Dear Santa,
I want walking Cuckoo Bird. They have them where Donnas mother works. Please bring Wade and Joy Fred something special. Terry wants a rattle. I love you Santa.

Love,
Jennifer Carson

Dear Santa,
My name is Tracy and I am seven years old. I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like to have a cattle and a John Deere tractor. I would also use some new clothes. Merry Christmas and I love you Santa.

Tracy Carthel

Dear Santa,
I want a truck. I want a walkie talkie.

Love,
John

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be a good girl. What I want for Christmas from you is a jump rope. Thanks. Please come to my home.

Your friend,
Marivel Castaneda

Peace on Earth



Once more the message of peace and joy resounds across the land. We extend our wishes for a happy and holy holiday.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
My name is Juanita Garcia. I want a Baby Alive. Santa I love you and Merry Christmas.

Love,
Juanita

Dear Santa Claus,
I want two paint sets. One of a cat skating. One of a dog in his dog house.

Love,
Stephanie

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll that cries. Also I want some clothes for the doll. I love you very much.

Love,
Inez Guerra

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Evil Kneivel and a nerf football, a race car track and a helicopter.

Thank You,
Kevin Frye

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

FROM THE 1977 ANNUAL STAFF TO THE FOLLOWING FOLKS WHO HAVE HELPED TO MAKE OUR "CHIEFTAIN" POSSIBLE

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GREETINGS

Good tidings... make merry, neighbors and friends. We hope the season is happy in every way. Our thanks to all.



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If You Drink, Don't Drive---

Are you a "mything person" where drinking alcoholic beverages is concerned? If so, there are some things you need to know.

Do you feel like you are really stimulated when you drink? Wrong! Ethyl alcohol, the ingredient that produces the "effect," is a depressant. Alcohol goes into the blood stream or small intestine and travels to the brain where the depressive action begins, to result in a loss of judgment and self-control.

Do you believe that drinking either doesn't affect your driving or makes you a better driver? Well, that notion is a result of the alcohol working on the part of your brain that controls your judgment. False confidence and taking risks are common by-products of alcoholic beverage consumption.

Do you rush in from cold Texas weather and have a drink to warm up? That drink will actually be lowering your body temperature. A false sensation of warmth may occur because

the blood vessels on the surface of the skin become dilated. Actually, more heat can be lost than gained by the "warming" effect.

Do you believe in the sobering up remedies of coffee, a cold shower, fresh air or a run around the block? Time is the only true remedy for reducing the effects of alcohol. The ethyl alcohol must leave the body by oxidation in the liver, and this process cannot be rushed. (The old joke about coffee producing a wide awake drunk is true.) The body needs about one hour to get rid of the alcohol in one average drink.

Do you swear by the old adage that it's mixing your drinks that gets you drunk? The truth is that ethyl alcohol, the intoxicant, is found in all alcoholic beverages. The same concentration of alcohol in the blood is produced from 3 1/2 ounces of wine as from a 12-ounce bottle of beer or 3/4-ounce of 100 proof whiskey, though the volume of liquid differs. So staying with one kind of drink offers no advantage; only the

amount you drink can control the degree of intoxication.

Do you believe that you get "picked on" about drinking and driving? There are places where a DWI is considered a worse offense. For instance, in San Salvador, the penalty for DWI can be the firing squad. If you think your spouse would be upset if you got arrested for DWI, consider Malaysia. There, your spouse goes to jail with you if you are convicted of driving while intoxicated.

Do you think the Texas presumptive limit of .10 per cent blood alcohol concentration level is too low? Well many countries have even lower tolerance and presumptive limits for driving while intoxicated. Sweden, for example, uses a .03 per cent level, and Denmark and Norway, .05 per cent.

The Texas Safety Association urges everyone to slow down their drinking and driving during the holidays to a responsible, informed level.



TREBELAIRES...Eva Miller's popular singing group for 1976-77 contains eight members. They are (back row) Mindy Moseley, Laura Ellis, Mrs. Lucy Beth Hinkle, accompanist, and Mrs. Eva Miller, director. Seated (center row) are

Becky Powell, Tracy Horton and Barbara Rhodes. Seated on the front are Sharla Bengel, Diane Westbrook and Holly White. The group has spent a busy Christmas season performing concerts for civic clubs and other functions.

SOPHOMORE DOOR....Members of the Sophomore class at FHS decorated this door for the Christmas decorating contest, on a nostalgia theme. The scene is the decorating of an old-fashioned Christmas tree with even the cats and dogs lending a helping paw. It was done in a montage of various fabrics and wrapping papers on a background of silver foil.

**BE SAFE - BE MODERATE
BE AWARE OF YOUR DRINKING LIMITS BEFORE DRIVING**

APPROXIMATE BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION PERCENTAGES

Body Weight	Number of 1 ounce drinks in one hour						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
100	.02	.06	.09	.13	.17	.21	.24
120	.01	.04	.07	.11	.14	.17	.20
140	.01	.03	.06	.09	.11	.14	.17
160	.00	.03	.05	.07	.10	.12	.14
180	.00	.02	.04	.06	.08	.11	.13
200	.00	.02	.04	.06	.07	.09	.11

In Texas you are presumed to be driving while intoxicated if your BAC is above .10%.

This chart is only a guide, not a guarantee. Only YOU can make any guarantees about driving safely within your own limits. REMEMBER that half the accidents and deaths on our highways are caused by drinking drivers.

Motor vehicle operators are considered by law to be impaired when the per cent of alcohol in the blood is above the .10 level.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a record player with speakers and record vacuum to clean my records.
Love,
Michael Thomas Forrester
P.S. There will be a Devil's Food cake for you.

Dear Santa,
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Santa,
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Jennifer
+ + + +

Santa,
I want a football suit, deats, and helmet. Also a nerf rocket.

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John
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Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a new doll. And a book. And a puzzle. And a stuffed animal. And T.V. magic. I hope you have a happy Christmas!
Love,
Lacye Osborn

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Extra Precautions Prevents Accidents

The hustle, bustle and excitement of the holidays are part of what makes the Christmas-New Year time a special season. That same exuberance can also lead people to drop their guard, and all too often the season is marred by the tragedy of an accident.

Slow down during the holidays and take time to be safe, advises the Texas Safety Association. Take a minute to read these holiday safety reminders.

Get yourself organized well ahead of meals, parties, decorations and such holiday activities. Frantic, poorly organized preparation times can set you up for an accident, as well as causing increased fatigue.

Take time to check wiring and extension cords for broken insulation, loose sockets, and electric load limitations. Remember that metallic Christmas trees should not have lights strung on them, but should be highlighted with indirect lighting. Real candles should never be used on any

kind of tree, or any flammable decorations. Natural trees should be in stands that hold water or buckets of wet sand to keep dry trees from becoming a fire hazard.

Be safety minded when buying gifts for children. Consider the age and physical ability of the child and check manufacturers' age suggestions. Be especially careful in purchasing electrical toys and other gifts, which should have the UL label. Flame-retardant clothing gifts provide an added measure of safety and thoughtfulness.

Keep a watchful eye on hot and cooking foods when youngsters are around. The bubbling, festive fondue should be placed where it can't be knocked over or touched by an inquisitive child. Keep kitchen snoopers to a minimum to reduce confusion and accident potential.

The Texas Safety Association asks that you take time for safety all during the holidays.



FIRST GRADERS...These three busy little youngsters are helping their first grade teacher, Mrs. Maurine Dunn, to decorate the classroom bulletin board for the Christmas season. Lending a

helping hand and learning to share responsibilities are a big part of being a first grader at Friona Primary School. Shown in the picture are Lutrina Pearson, Betsy Hall and Ken Murphy.

Hostess Should Consider Safety

Warm, friendly holiday hospitality is a tradition in Texas.

But the responsibilities of being host or hostess go beyond providing comfort, good food and good drinks, according to the Texas Safety Association.

For those who serve alcoholic beverages, hospitality also includes the safety of guests who drive home and those who "weren't invited to the party," but share the road.

Some of these responsibilities include:

-slowing down pre-dinner cocktails.

-not forcing drinks on people.

-providing plenty of non-alcoholic drinks for those who may prefer them.

-making sure that any who might have had "one too many" gets transportation home instead of driving themselves.

-serving coffee and dessert before your visitors have to drive home to allow that extra time toward sobering up.

TSA reminds you to add this item to the top of your holiday party list: responsibility to guests who may drink and drive.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I'm not always a good boy but I sure try to be. I will be 4 years old before Christmas. I have a little sister, Misty, who is 1. I would like for you to bring me a hell-a-coter, a big truck and Evil Kenivel. Please bring my sis a big baby doll and race cars.
Love,
Wes
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of boots and a pair of gocho pants and a doll, a race car set, a cup and saser. I sure did like my toys last year.
Yours truly,
Wendy Ann Tatum
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
I want a Baja Van and matchbox emergency vehicle set and snoopy and casey jones train.
Thank you,
Gavin Ellis

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a guitar, a baby that away that blows bubbles, a trampoline, a baby bed for my dolls, some new shoes, some new clothes, a Weeble's Haunted House. I love you, Santa Claus.
Love,
Kassie Weatherly
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. I would like a birthday doll, a bicycle (a big one), a buggy for my doll and a Mr. Mouth. I'll be six in February. I have two sisters and a brother, they've been good too.
I love you to,
Sindy Preston
+ + + +

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm letting you know what to bring me for Christmas. I want a bike and bring some toys for the poor boys and girls this Christmas Day.
Thank you,
Alice Telles

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Thumbalina doll and a ball for my cat. I would like a new ribbon for my typewriter. Please bring candy fruit and nuts so I can share them with my Daddy.
Love,
Karla Skipworth
+ + + +

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Lone Ranger and horse. My sister wants a high chair for her babies. Please bring our baby a little toy. We've been good and helped mommie. Thank you for the toys. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Ben and Brook
+ + + +

Note to Santa,
Dear Santa: I want a pair of ballerina shoes for Christmas. And two gerbils. And a Baby Alive. And a baby brother. And I wish you a Merry Christmas. And I may bring you a present.
Love,
Beth Johnson
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
I want an aircraft that has airplanes and my sister wants a humpety dumpy or weeble house with weebles or a school house with people. We wish you a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Bill and Elaine White
P.S. If you can't find the things on our list anything will be fine.
+ + + +

Dear Santa Claus,
First Santa I want to tell you that it don't matter what I get, cause Santa, what I want most is for you to do all you can for the boys and girls who will not have any toys this Christmas, for those who can't afford to have toys and a Christmas tree. Santa Claus, god has been good to me and my sisters on Christmas cause we got toys, but thats why I want you and god to do all you can for this boys and girls this year. Please bring any thing you can for this poor boys and girls and will see you this Christmas Eve. Thank you and try hard.
Love,
Teresa Telles

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football helmet, guitar, Six Million Dollar Man, Safari, and a service station.
I love you Santa Claus,
Guy Ellis
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Betsy Clark doll with a blue dress. I would also like a doll named Sylvana and a bake and decorate kit. If you can bring me a Mr. Chocolate Drink Machine.
Love,
Sarita Gay

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can I have the bionic woman and Dary Doll and Heart and Neck-lace and earrings and the name watch and hound dog label maker.
I love you,
Glenda Lynn Ellis
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Baby Alive and some food for her to eat. P.S. I haven't moved since last year.
Thank you,
Michelle Nichols

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a real guitar, a mini bike, and a jaws game, and a club house, and a real drum set, and a six million dollar man set, and a stretch armsrong, and a headache
Love,
Aaron Weatherly
+ + + +

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some toys and soem for Julie, too.
Love,
Cody Bracken

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SHEPHERD BOY...The shepherd boy with the winning smile made an attractive door decoration for the National Honor Society. The group decorated their door in black felt with a theme of Peace for the annual Christmas door decoration contest at FHS last week.

Texas Farm Bureau Re-Elects President

Carrol Chaloupka, Dalhart feed grain and cattle producer, was re-elected president of the 195,000-member Texas Farm Bureau at the conclusion of the organization's four-day meeting here Dec. 8.

Following adjournment of the convention, the TFB Board of Directors met and named Henry Burton, Lufkin egg producer, as vice president; and re-elected Reed Lang of Rio Hondo, grain, cotton and citrus producer, as secretary-treasurer.

Three new directors were elected by voting delegates, replacing three men who were ineligible for re-election due to a six-year

limitation rule.

They are Calvin Rueter of Clifton, replacing John A. Smith of Cameron; Vester Smith of Loop, replacing Bill R. Reid of Lamesa; and J.R. (Bubba) Day of Uvalde, succeeding R.A. Faseler of Hondo.

During the final two days of the convention, the 1,000 voting delegates from 160 counties adopted state policies to guide the TFB next year, and also approved recommendations on national issues. The latter are being forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consideration at its annual meeting Jan. 9-11 in Honolulu.

TFB took a stand in support of the effort to increase the "dollar a bale" cotton promotion and research program. The referendum on the cotton check-off will be conducted by mail Dec. 13-17.

Delegates also took a new position on Brucellosis control which calls for a strong emphasis on voluntary calfhood vaccination and an adult vaccination program for problem quarantined herds.

In other state-level policy matters, delegates:

-Favored the use of the state sales tax to finance public education in lieu of ad valorem taxes.

-Asked for a well-head tax on Texas-produced gas and oil to be used to lower school taxes.

-Opposed labor organizers having access to individual farms for the purpose of organizing farm workers. They also opposed picketing or demonstrating on private property.

-Asked that jurisdiction over natural gas be taken from the Railroad Commission and transferred to the Texas Utilities Commission. In the matter of national recommendations, delegates:

-Said top priority should be given to agriculture on all sources of energy.

-Opposed divestiture of any industry.

-Called target prices in farm programs unsound, but said "in the presence of a target price program, the target price should be increased on all crops to a level which would cover the current cost of production."

-Said farmers and ranchers should be exempt from certification requirements for private use of agricultural chemicals.

-Opposed export embargoes on any agricultural commodity except for national defense purposes.

-Asked the Federal government to enforce present laws relating to countervailing duties on agricultural imports.

-Wanted the Secretary of Agriculture to have veto power over any EPA regulations pertaining to agriculture.

-Favored making cheating on welfare a felony offense.

-Said we should "discontinue all allotments and subsidies." The latter was approved overwhelmingly by the delegates after an impassioned speech by Joe Frantzen of Fredericksburg who backed the resolution. Frantzen is the newly-appointed chairman of the TFB Young Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I would like to have a reporter toy typewriter, a hound dog table maker, a Quick Curl Barbie, Hawaiian coordinates.

My stocking will be under the tree. I will probably leave you a candy cane or something. I live at 1208 W. 5th, Friona, Texas 79035.

Love, Kim Wilcox

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a floral print stroller and a marching floral couch, and a freeze machine makes real ice cream, and Holly Hobbie phonograph. Pretty to look at, pretty to listen to! (Battery operated).

Love, Sonja McChelle Forrester P.S. There will be a Devil's Food cake for you.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll and a sled and I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love, Tammy

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a bisickol. Please bring me a bisickol. Please bring my mother a dress. Please bring my brother a truck. Please bring my sister a doll.

Love me, Mike Villanueva



SECOND GRADERS...These two second grade students are shown helping their teacher Mrs. Margaret Duggins as she trims the class room tree. Gayla Gilliam and Shane Hand are the teacher's busy helpers.

Members of the class have made most of the decorations which adorn the room. Shown on the table are "Santa Claus Boots" made by each class member.



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Specialist Gives Turkey Recipe

Leftover turkey meat provides endless possibilities for future family meals, Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist, says.

She is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Cool cooked poultry quickly and store, loosely wrapped, in the coldest part of the refrigerator. Cooked turkey meat can be stored in the freezer in moisture-vapor resistant wrappings such as glass, rigid plastic containers, freezer foil and freezer paper or plastic wrap.

"Cooked turkey covered with broth or gravy will keep for up to six months, but turkey not covered with broth or gravy will keep only one month.

"If the meat is removed from the bone before packaging and freezing, less freezer space will be used and the meat will be ready for use. Defrost in the refrigerator before use," she advised.

Try the following recipes to make the best use of one of this year's best buy-turkey.

TURKEY CROQUETTES
2 cups turkey, cooked, diced.
1 cup rice, cooked
1/2 cup celery, finely chopped
2 T. onion, finely chopped
1 t. flour
1/4 t. salt
1/4 t. poultry seasoning
1 egg, beaten
1/4 cup evaporated milk
3/4 cup breadcrumbs, fine, dry
2 quarts oil for frying
1 recipe turkey sauce
1/4 cup nuts, chopped
Combine turkey, rice, vegetable, flour and season-

ings. Add egg and enough milk to moisten. Shape into 12 croquettes. Roll in breadcrumbs. Heat oil in a deep kettle or deep-fat fryer to 375 degrees F. Fry croquettes until browned, two-five minutes. Drain on paper. Serve hot turkey sauce over croquettes. Garnish with nuts or parsley, if desired.

Note: to obtain one cup cooked rice, use 1-3 cup raw rice.

Calories per serving: About 360 if garnished with nuts; about 315 if garnished with parsley. Yield: six servings, two croquettes each.



Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

This year I know who you are and I wouldn't shoot you in the window at the babysitter's with my toy gun. I want a toy motorcycle to ride, a record player, a wooden puzzle, and some books. I will leave some candy for you, but don't eat the candy off the gingerbread house or you will get in trouble.

Love, John Olan Turner

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Hush Li'l Baby, a watch, and a radio, and a bonnet turtle. Thank you, Sharon Frye

Dear Santa Claus, I want two paint sets one of a cat skating and one of a dog in his dog house. Stephanie

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TWO HUNDRED CHRISTMASSES AGO...

General George Washington's ragged and decimated Continental Army was on the brink of dissolution; the cause was all but lost. Thomas Paine was calling for American resolve in "the times that try men's souls."

And resolve there was. Somehow our fledgling nation pulled through.

Now, as our country's two hundredth birthday year draws to a close, we at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative wish you a happy holiday season--and plenty of that American resolve. We'll all need it for the next century!

Merry Christmas from

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Results Known From Corn Study

Results are in from a corn disease demonstration study conducted in Castro County in 1976, and may become a source of optimism for disease-weary corn growers on the Texas High Plains. Complete details about the demonstration are revealed in a summary report released in Lubbock this month.

The demonstration, conducted by Dr. Robert W. Berry, plant pathologist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, showed that most of the major corn diseases appearing on the High Plains can be controlled with resistant hybrids.

Berry says that diseases are always hard to combat. Consequently, pathologists have looked to resistant hybrids as the most effective way to deal with disease.

"Irrigated corn production in the Texas High Plains has developed since 1963," Berry states in the 10-page document. "Production first started in the Castro, Parmer, and Bailey County area and has spread to adjoining counties. The greatest increase occurred from 1974 to 1975—from 400,000 acres to almost 1,000,000 acres. Production is found in all counties north of Lubbock, but the concentrated production area is in Castro and adjacent counties.

Word 'Manger' Has 2 Meanings

The Bible tells us that the newly-born Christ-child was "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger," a word derived from the French "mangeoir" or frame to hold animal feed.

It is interesting that the other common English word for a cattle-feeder, crib, which is derived from the German krippe, also means a baby's bed. Even the French word creche, which is often used to describe the nativity scene displayed in churches, homes, and other places at Christmas time, has the double meaning of "manger" and a public shelter for the care of infants.

MAGIC OF MAGI

Believed to have occult powers, the Wise Men were called Magi, the root of our words magic and magician. Magi were held to be magicians or soothsayers. They were also ancient priests who travelled far away to many lands in order to establish a following.

perienced very little loss to diseases before the 1975 season," he adds. "Diseases were occasionally observed but losses were negligible in rust, Maize Dwarf Mosaic Virus, common smut, stalk rot, and foliar diseases.

"In 1975, however, a new disease problem was discovered on the George Sides farm west of Dimmitt in Castro County. Corn head smut was infecting 30 per cent of the plants, causing a severe loss of yield. A survey of corn fields in the area showed many with 10 per cent loss and some with as high as 50 per cent infected plants."

Berry explains that head smut occurs periodically on sweet corn in deltas and intermountain valleys of the Pacific Coast states and Mexico. However, this was the first report of a natural epidemic of head smut on field corn. No information was available on which to base control recommendations.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, I want a swing, and a trampoline and a seesaw and a skitball. And I leave you some milk and cookies, and a present. And I want Startrak man. Pick your own startrak man. The end dear Santa.

Love, C.C.

Dear Santa, Santa Claus if you will make a football and a bike and a B.B. gun and a trampoline. Santa Claus I will leave some cookies and milk and a present. If I can, I love you Santa Claus.

Love, Alan Horn

Dear Santa Claus, I wish you a Merry Christmas. Santa Claus I have been a good girl and my sister and my brother too. We have been not fighting Santa. May I have a doll that eats and drinks and a car. And my sister wants the same. And my brother wants a bike and Steve Austin.

Love, Marivel



SECOND PLACE....This striking door decoration was awarded second place in the Christmas decorating contest at FHS last week. The door was done in brightly colored felt cutouts on a black felt background. This was the product of the Annual Staff at the High School.

Winter Is Time To Plant Greenery

Although most people shun the outdoors when cold weather arrives, that's the best time to add winter hardy trees and shrubs to the home landscape, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service landscape horticulturist.

"Texas weather allows trees and shrubs to set out good root systems in the colder months," points out Dr. William Welch. "This allows the plants set out in the fall and winter to better withstand summer drought than those set out in the spring."

The main concern when setting out trees and shrubs in the winter is to keep them watered to avoid damage during freezing weather. This is especially true for evergreens which have a

tendency to dry out or contract leaf burn, warns Welch.

The horticulturist also suggests that newly planted trees or shrubs be staked firmly to prevent damage from high winds.

"New plants should not be fertilized until after the first growing season. A good mulch of hay, dried grass clippings or leaves will help protect the root system from extreme temperature changes and will help retain moisture, explains the horticulturist."

Nurseries are beginning to get in good supplies of trees and shrubs, so Welch advises homeowners to start considering additions to the landscape in the weeks ahead.

Attitudes Affect Thinking

The Texas Safety Association has issued a request of Texas Motorists for the coming season: slow down for the holidays.

Slow down in "your head," as your attitude can drastically affect your driving safety. "Zipping" around to complete all the shopping and other holiday chores may seem a necessity, but it can also make you distracted behind the wheel, and more likely to have an accident.

Slow down your speed. Holiday traffic is heavier and frequently accompanied by bad weather conditions. Slower speeds can give you the extra time you need to avoid a collision.

Slow down your consumption of alcoholic beverages if you are going to be driving. A DWI, or even worse, an accident, is not a good holiday "happening."

enjoy the holidays safely.

SCENTED GIFT

Pomander balls make beautiful gifts trimmed up with velvet ribbons, lace and pretty braid. Tie them prettily from bits and pieces you have tucked away in your sewing box. Their fragrance will last long after the holidays are gone.

CHRISTMAS WRAP

Aluminum foil makes any gift special looking and is especially marvelous for wrapping those odd shaped things that never seem to fit into any box. Wrap and tie with brightly colored yarn several different colors at the same time!

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, I want a doll. Please love Penny DeShae Stowers. Penny

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Dear Santa, I want a bicycle, trampoline, gun, football, bullet man, Stretch Armstrong, football books and that's all. Have a merry Christmas.

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Dear Santa, Please bring Mrs. Smith a dishwasher and bring a bike, a ball to my baby sister and a game for mother and father and myself.

Love, Sharon Ward

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Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a little red wagon. I have been a good boy. Also bring my cousins Carol, James, Karen, Marion and Becky something too.

Love and Merry Christmas, Will Rushing

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Dear Santa, Hi. My name is Christi Perez. I am 8 years old. I want some magic card and a bake if you can. My brother wants a big wheel, his name is Hector Perez. He is 5 years old. This is Thank You.

Christi Perez

Dear Santa, I wish you a merry Christmas. I like it because I think it is the best month of the year. I hope you be good. I just mite bring you a present. I hope we have a snowy Christmas. I like to play in the snow. There is two things I want. It is a watch, I'm beginning to tell time. I want one more thing. I want some b.b.s.

Love, Samuel

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Dear Santa, How are you? I am fine. I would like a bike for Christmas. I like to ride bikes. I will like to get a present for you.

Love, Maria

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Dear Santa, I would like 2 gunbelts so I can give one to my friend Junior and a play motorcycle for Christmas. Please bring my little sister Kim a baby doll. I have been a real good boy this year.

Love, Kevin Anthony

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Dear Santa Claus, My name is Dolores Ann Granado. I would like for you to bring me a desk and a pretty necklace.

Thank you, I love you, Dolores I love you pretty reindeers, especially Rudolph. Bye see you at Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a real clock for Christmas.

Love, Shane Baker

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Dear Santa, Please bring my brother a football sout of the Dallas Cowboys. Please bring my father a new tractor and a wash. Please bring a game for all of us.

Love you, Frank Castillo

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Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I want a football and a tee. And a alarm clock by my bed. And two walkie talkies.

Merry Christmas, Love, Lance

Dear Santa, I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. I hope you bring me a doll one that will open and shut her eyes. I want a trampoline and a watch. Will you bring Sonia a comb and a brush? And bring Larrie Ann a blue ring. And bring Penny some earrings. And bring Jay some pants. And Roger a teashirt. And have a happy new year. I love you very much.

Love, Jackie

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Dear Santa, I want a doll named Audrey, cradle and a game. Merry Christmas.

Love, Stacie

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Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good little girl. My brother has to. He wants a sit 'n spin. I want a watch. I want it to be blue. My sister Celia wants a Thumbelina. When I roat this letter to you my sister was sick with the floo. I hope she'd get well. She went to the doctor.

Love, Sheila

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Dear Santa, My name is Lupe. I want a Evil Kaneval. Merry Christmas, Lupe

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May His ever-present love be a source of special joy to you as you celebrate His birth. May our thanks add to the splendor of your Christmas.



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Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I love you. Please bring me a Baby That Away and a ring. I am in Mrs. Stephenson's room at school.

Love,
Lena

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Dear Santa,
I want a purple record player, a toy gun, and some cars and trucks.

I love you Santa. I am in Mrs. Stephenson's room.

Love,
Randy Allen

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Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me a mini bike, a road grader and some other toys. I am in Mrs. Stephenson's room.

Love you,
Gary Blackburn

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Nerf flir and a hot wheel car and a capgun.

Love,
John Watkins

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Dear Santa,
I have already sent you my letter. I like December because Christmas comes. But most of all you come. Merry Christmas to your elves and Mrs. Claus and you. Merry Christmas to all.

Love,
Glenda

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Dear Santa,
I know your very busy but every Christmas you don't give me everything I want but that is right it is teaching me a lesson. But let's get on with toys. I would like a cat please and a ping pong deal and a Merry Christmas.

Good-by
Michael Griffin

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Dear Santa,
I will like a bike and the Six Million Dollar Man.

Robert

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 2 rings. I already have two! Robbin would like some things a doll and some more toys.

Merry Christmas,
Chris

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Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me a baby doll that cries. I am in Mrs. Stephenson's room.

Love,
Sylvia Guerra

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Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring one truck for Christmas. I am in Mrs. Stephenson's room at school.

Love,
Pablo

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Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me a big bike, a 10 speed. I am in Mrs. Stephenson's room. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Maurilio

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Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll that laughs when you press her tummy and a bionic woman Barbie and a whizz bee. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Denae Reeve

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Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me a electric train, racer cars and a mini bike. Will you please bring Darlene some nice things. I am in Mrs. Stephenson's room.

I love you,
Anthony Drager

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Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me what I want. I want a 10 speed bike for Christmas. I have been wishing for one since I was 3 years old and some games for Christmas.

Charles Andrew Cordle



THIRD GRADERS...Members of Mrs. June Rhodes third grade class decorated their school room on the theme of the Bi-Centennial Christmas. Here Neil Shipp is atop a stool

to put the finishing touches on the bulletin board while Robin Houlette, with a branch of mistletoe, waits for him to come down from his perch.



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
How is it at the North Pole? I want a police walkie talkie and Stretch Armstrong and a ten-can-alley and a neerf rocket. Have a happy Christmas. See you.

Love,
Brian

Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me a Baby-Alive and a 7-up machine. I am in Mrs. Stephenson's room.

Love,
Jane

P.S. Tell Mrs. Santa Merry Christmas for me!

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I hope you like it to.

Love,
Trey

Dear Santa,
I am wishing you a Merry Christmas. And I hope you like it too.

Love,
Marc

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me dolls and a big bike and woch. Mother a nacls.

Love,
Stephina Small

Dear Santa,
I want a green machine. Santa I know it is hard for you to get ready before Christmas.

Love,
Mika

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring my baby brother a toy gun and me a doll please. And my brothers cars. And my Mother an Santa Claus. Please. I love you very much Santa Claus. And my father a gun please.

Love,
Mary Ann Moran

Dear Santa,
I want a jaws game and a Johnny West and his horse and a bicycle and a evil knevil stunt cycle.

I love you,
Shane Hand

Pot Plants Are Popular Gift

Pot plants are popular gifts during the holiday season. And with a little care, these living gifts will retain their beauty for a longer time.

Dr. William C. Welch, landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, advises a cool location for poinsettias, chrysanthemums or azaleas. It is important to keep the plants out of drafts and away from heating sources.

Since Christmas plants usually come from a greenhouse where they get plenty of water, frequent watering is necessary in the home, usually every other day. Since overwatering is possible, use a good planting media or a container with a hole in the bottom to allow proper drainage.

All new plants need a good light source. The best light is by a window, but artificial light will do. A plant can be

damaged by placing it in direct sunlight or too near a glass window.

Some gift plants can be transplanted for prolonged beauty in the spring, notes Welch. Chrysanthemums are among the best plants for surviving the greenhouse-to-garden shock.



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motor cross bike. Bring a waging.

Love,
Roy Hill

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Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a pool table. I wish you a Merry Christmas. I am going to get you sumthing.

Love,
Lonnice

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a five speed bike. Please bring my daddy a car. Please bring my bruther a truck. Please bring my muther a stove. Please bring my sister a wagon.

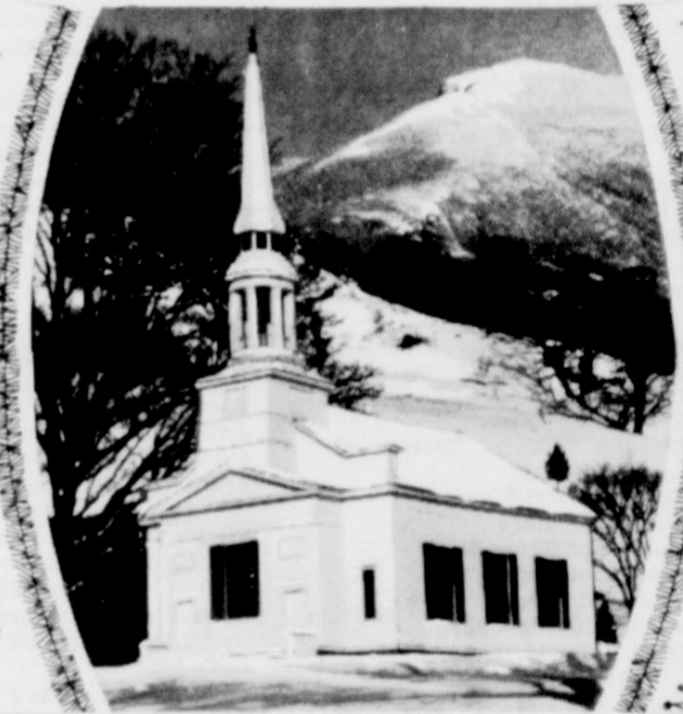
Love,
John Martinez

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real watch and bring my brother a game to and bring my little brother a little toy.

Love,
Javier Rodriguez

Merry Christmas



When we count our blessings at Christmas time we think of friends like you and wish you a beautiful holiday in a beautiful world!

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Joy at Christmas

The time of happy hearts and uplifted spirits is with us now in all its glory. And, at this glad season, our special wish is for you... a sincere wish that this may be your best Christmas ever... rich in happiness, friendships and lasting spiritual joy.

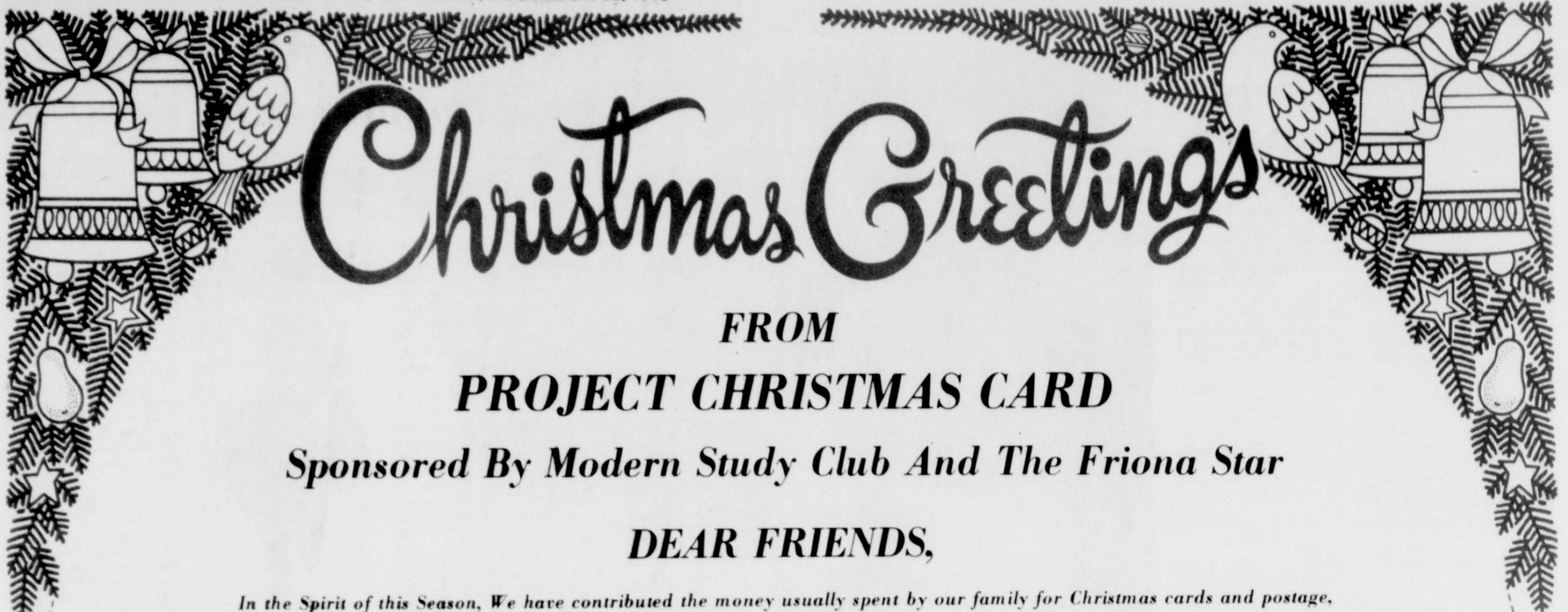
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Whatever is meaningful,
Whatever brings you joy and happiness,
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