

Gray home, Sue's judged best in decor contest

a view from The Lamplighter By Ken Towery

First off, we want to express our own hopes, and the hopes of all of us here on the staffs of the Floyd County Hesperian and the Lockney Beacon, for a wonderous Christmas season among the households of our readers. This ought to be the most joyous of our holidays, since it celebrates the birth of Him who brought us Light, and we hope that will be the case all across our land. We know, from long experience, that in some households there will be touches of sadness, since some who gathered with the family circle last year will not be present at that same household this year. It will be forever thus, but on the other hand the message of Christmas itself should bring some comfort, indeed much comfort, to those so afflicted

So again, from all of us to all of you, A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In addition to our best wishes to our readers, we have what we think is a very good paper for your enjoyment and enlightenment. The staff has performed yeoman service in putting together another "keeper" edition, at least for a lot of people. One of the benefits of working at a community newspaper is that we get to read all the letters to Santa before they get bundled up and sent off to his headquarters. Never ones to keep secrets, we traditionally share

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"The judges were real impressed with the spirit of the city in lighting their homes for Christmas," Nettie Ruth Whittle told The Hesperian after winners in the annual yule decor contest were chosen Thursday night.

The Bill Gray residence, located at 800 West Georgia, and Sue's Gifts, 100 East California, were named first place winners in the residential and commercial divisions, respectively.

The L.V. Assiter home at 900 West Mississippi garnered runner-up honors in the residential division. Third place went to the Tino Gomez residence, 313 South Wall.

In addition, three homes received honorable mention: Troye Massie, west

dreamed possible," although he had

Gowens is county roadway mainten-

"We're hoping that a contract will be

let by late summer" for rebuilding the

five miles of four-lane stretch of U.S. 62

east of Floydada. This section of

highway has been in need of attention

ance supervisor for the State Depart-

ment of Highways and Public Transpor-

tation

applied for an even greater amount.

d part of town; Clar Schacht, 904 West g Crockett; and Connie Galloway, 706 ie West Lee.

In the commercial division, second place laurels went to Thompson Pharmacy, 200 South Main, and City of Floydada, 114 West Virginia, earned third place.

Recognized with honorable mention were Cover All Corners, 202 West California; Southwestern Public Service, 220 West California; and The Floyd County Hesperian, 111 East Missouri.

Floydada Chamber of Commerce sponsors the contest each December. Mrs. Whittle, CofC manager, accompanied the out-of-town judges as they

t traveled "all over town" viewing lighting and other decorations.

Emphasizing the complexity of choosing winners, Mrs. Whittle notes that "We started driving around at 6:30 and finished at 9:10 p.m. It (selecting winners) was very difficult."

She points out that "Even though the McCandless house (northeast of town) was not in competition, it's still worth the drive to go see!"

The judges remarked to Mrs. Whittle that "There are so many pretty lights that we have to have more places for awards." This was the first time that honorable mentions had been given.

Seal coating, rebuilding and bridge projects anticipated during new year

While viewing anticipated improve- for several years.

ments on Floyd County roads during 1988, Donnell Gowens remarks that "This is more seal coating than I SDHPT is planning to seal coat four Farm-to-Market roads, all or most of which are situated in this county.

Seven and one-half miles of FM 788, in the Lone Star-Providence area, are scheduled for seal coating. Also due work are 14.7 miles of FM 2286 from South Plains west through Sterley and on to the Hale County line.

Approximately 16 miles of FM 784 from Floydada west through Sandhill to FM 789 are due seal coating. This extends about 1¹/₂ miles into Hale County.

Also on the drawing board for seal

coating is a segment of FM 789 from Petersburg in Hale County to FM 2883.

Gowens says he anticipates that the local crew, using district equipment and some district personnel, will seal coat FM 28 through Dougherty and south to the Crosby County line. Work on this 17 mile stretch is expected to be undertaken in "early spring."

In another improvement project, the SDHPT is seeking bids on replacing and widening a bridge on FM 37, about four miles west of US 62. The bridge is four miles south and four miles west of Floydada.

What Christmas means to me ...

What would be your answer if asked, "What Christmas Means to Me?" No two answers would be exactly the same.

This question was posed to Floydada elementary school youngsters. Their responses are listed inside this Christmas issue of The Hesperian.

A few of the youngsters' thoughts are shared in this space:

What Christmas means to me is being with my family. It also means when Christ was born in Bethlehem and how He saved us from evil.

I like Christmas a lot but it is a special time for families and friends. It is for praying for everyone that's sick, old and also for my little cousin that's real sick. I would like her to get better before Christmas so she can have fun.

I want to say Merry Christmas to everyone.

Darbie Brooks

Christmas means to give and share. It also means to be with your family and friends. Christmas means playing games.

It means celebrating Christ's birthday. Christmas means being full of surprises and having fun. It also means to get a few things. Christmas means a lot of good eating. It means getting to see the smiling faces as friends and families open gifts. Also having fun wrapping and giving gifts.

Christmas means getting up in the middle of the night and getting a glimpse of Santa Claus. It means going shopping and buying. Christmas means getting out for Christmas vacation and resting, peace and quiet. It also means playing in the snow if there is snow. This is what Christmas means to me.

Jodie Villarreal

Christmas means joy and happiness. It is a time for sharing and laughter.

We have Christmas for the celebration of Jesus' birth. At that time we put up our Christmas tree and give presents.

We do that because showing our love to Jesus and God. That's what Christmas means to me.

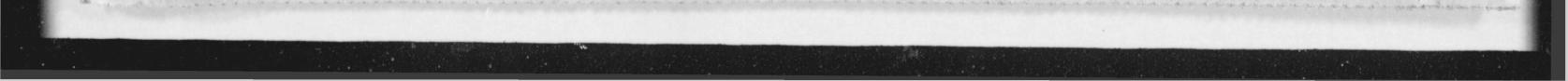
Mindy Evans

Christmas means a time for family and friends to get together for the birth of Jesus.

Usually Santa Claus comes at

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This Week

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GRAIN PRICES

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Wheat

Corn

Soybeans

Courtesy of Energas			
DATE	HIGH	LOW	
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Dec. 18	40	42	
Dec. 19	48	35	
Dec. 20	42	32	
Dec. 21	58	34	

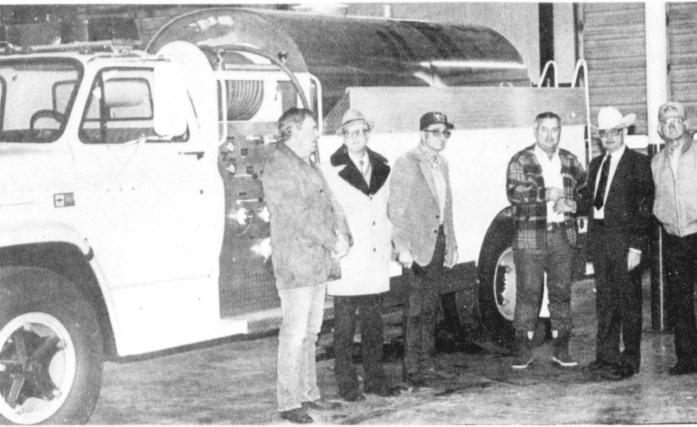
Courtesy of Producers Coop.

'BROKEN VICTORY' SLATED SUNDAY AT FIRST BAPTIST "Broken Victory," a dramatic 50-60 minute presentation will be featured Sunday evening in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church in Floydada. It is scheduled for 7 p.m. "Everyone is invited," according to church officials.

PRODUCERS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE REVEALED

Producers Co-op Elevator will close at noon Thursday, Dec. 24, for Christmas. The firm is to reopen Monday morning, Dec. 28.

> Merry Christmas!





\$2.90/100 wt.

\$2.50/bushel

\$5.00/bushel

\$3.35/100 wt.

By Jo Bryant

Monday we had morning break of coffee and juice. Then at 10:30, the devotion was on "The True Meaning of Christmas." First that "God loves us," and "God is with us" and "God offers us peace." Only that He alone can give. Then we listened to some carols and sang some too. At 2:00, the residents had arts and crafts, made some Christmas decorations.

Tuesday Bro. Neeley came and brought the residents some bananas and some sunshine after the snow and the cold. He shared and sang some songs for the residents. At 2:00 Sherry too. Hale, came as a Friend from the Library, and shared "Customs in other lands at Christmas." It was very interesting to learn about how other countries celebrate Christmas. Then the resident had a chance to spend their Christmas traditions. At 3:00 the children from the 3rd grade at Duncan Elementary came and sang carols. They did a great job on "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The posters drawn were pretty, colorful.

Wednesday Bro. Earl Blair from the First United Methodist Church came and shared the Christmas story and emphasized that He would come as a King and be great. At 2:00 the residents played Bingo. Charles Breeding had the first Bingo. Bananas and cheese crackers were the treats. Later in the evening Joyce Lipham came and played the piano, accompanying her were her ter Julianne and son Skyler, and Kelli Whitten and her daughter Lindsey. They sang carols. The music and songs were lovely. Thanks for coming to bring some holiday cheer to the residents. Thursday was our monthly birthday

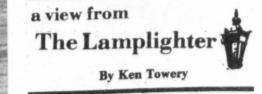
party. Those having birthdays this month were: Mamie Bradshaw, Ova McPherson, Gertrude Feuerbacher, Clara McNeeley. Mrs. Feuerbacher, and Ms. McNeeley were born on December 24, Christmas Eve. What a beautiful gift for a mother to receive. They were honored with red corsages from Williams Florist and served by the ladies from the Church of Christ, Lorilla Bradley, Mrs. Lloyd Hardy, Mrs. L.H. Blum, Gladys Lawson and guest, Gail Ramsey. Thanks ladies for the delicious cake and punch. The Hesperian came and took the photos, we appreciate you

Friday, coffee break was as usual, the exercise and games were played. In the evening games pertaining to Christmas were played by the residents. At 3:00 the children's choir from the First Baptist Church came and sang some Christmas carols directed by Bill Smith. Friday at 7:00 we had our annual staff party. The ham and all the trimmings were delicious. Thanks for all who helped to get it prepared.

Christmas greeting throughout the world...German, Frohliche Weihnachten: Spanish, Feliz Navidad; French, Joyeux Noel; Italian, Boun Natale; Swedish Norweigian, God Gul, and in American, Merry Christmas. From our administrator Steve Westbrook, all the staff and the residents a "Very Merry Christmas and a Great 88.

This week's visitors were: Sherry Hale, Phillip Wilson, Randy Wilson, Artie Webb, Lucille Daniel, lettie





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those letters with our readers. And this year also we have a rather large section of "What Christmas means to me" letters. We commend both features to our readers. There you may find much in the way of faith, love, hopes, and just a whole lot of plain old human nature. By that, we mean you will find a lot of wisdom...out of the mouths of babes, as it were.

We were struck, for instance, by the wisdom in a letter by young Andy Outlaw. In the "What Christmas means to me" section Andy notes that to him "it means coming home and it has just snowed and I had to walk home, and I would come home and go by the Christmas tree, and just sit, and think about how I could have prevented the events in my day.'

How many of us have done the same thing, Christmas tree or no Christmas tree. Andy is learning early.

It is also good to see that some of the youngsters are thinking ahead, and preparing for the future. Jeffrey Lyles, a K-2 pupil, wants Santa to bring him, among other things, "an A&M football suit and helmet, and a Baylor football suit, and a TCU football suit." He probably feels he'll have a better chance of making the team if he shows up with his own suit, no matter which team he decides to join.

And while we commend the outpourings of our youngsters to your reading pleasure, we also want to commend your attention, and to your appreciation, all those who helped underwrite these special sections. You will note a number of Christmas Greetings from area businesses and citizens, without whose support this would not have been possible. Our staff has worked long and hard putting it together, but there is a point beyond which we could not have gone without such support .. To those who stepped forward to help, we want to express our own thanks, and we ask our readers to show their appreciation, by word and deed, to those who made it possible. So peruse the paper, notice them, tell them, and support them. You'll be supporting your community when you do. So have a good Christmas. Relax. Enjoy. And remember why we celebrate. May God bless you and yours.

Moss, Frances Badgett, Glenna, Carollyn and Corisa Sue, John and Christian Lyles, Bessie Wilson, Buck Gallaway, Gladys Lawson, Gale Ramsey, Winnie and R.L. Neil, Hazel Bradley and Vera Cox.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY-Celebrating birthdays at the Floydada Nursing Home in December were [left to right] Gertrude Feuerbacher, Mamie Bradshaw, Ova McPhearson and Clara Mac Neeley. An interesting side note to the celebration is that both Gertrude Feuerbacher and Clara Mac Neeley were born on December 24. Staff Photo

Home residents celebrate birthdays

By Lorilla Bradley December is a happy monthWith Santa, trees and snow But don't forget it's birthday time ... To a party we will go! ****

Mrs. McNeeley we will greet On this her special day .. She came along with Santa Claus And helped "to guide his sleigh!" *****

For Mrs. Mamie Bradshaw Whose years are 93... We have the best of wishes .. She's earned them, don't you see! *****

We greet our Mrs. McPherson ...She's boastin' 81...

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She may have slowed her step a bit But still she likes some fun!

Another lady we have here Who came on Christmas Eve... It's Mrs. Feuerbacher...(did you guess)? That's right...she won't deceive!

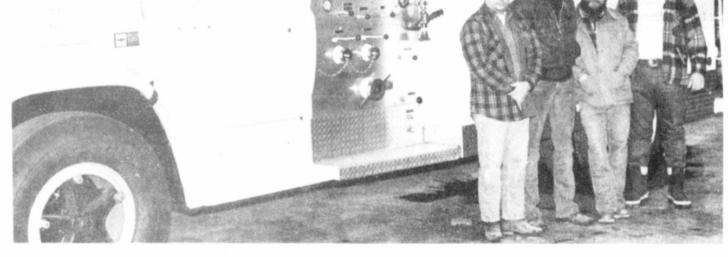
Let's serenade these ladies With the good old Birthday Song So get your "vocals" ready And sing out good and strong!

Thursday, December 17, was birthday party time at the Rest Home with ladies of the City Park Church of Christ acting as hostesses.

The Hesperian photographer came for the picture taking after which everyone was ushered into the dining room with the honorees being seated at the "honor" table. It was laid with a white cloth and centered with a silk floral arrangement. Places for the honorees were marked with special cards and each lady wore a fresh corsage, compliments of Williams Card and Flower Shop.

The poem was read and all joined in singing the Happy Birthday song. A delicious refreshment plate of beautifully decorated birthday cake and angel food cake complimented with a delicious fruit punch was served to the honorees, home residents, employees and a guest Gayle Ramsey, who was kind enough to help with the serving.

The next party will be Thursday. January 21, 1988. You are invited to join us.



FIRE TRUCK DELIVERED - Don Hardy [fourth from left] of Don Hardy Race Cars presented the keys to the new fire truck to Floyd County Judge Bill Hardin [second from right]. Pictured left to right are Commissioner Kay Crabtree, Commissioner Sam Spence, Commissioner Thomas Warren, Hardy, Hardin and Commissioner Floyd Jackson. In middle

photo, Judge Hardin hands the keys to Larry Guthrie, chief of Floydada Fire Department. Left to right are Crabtree, Spence, Warren, firemen Bobby Welborn, Carroll Sims, Guthrie, Hardin and Jackson. The Hardy crew who worked on the fire truck are, left to right, Mack Fowler, Mike Arwine, Ed Lamb and Hardy. - Staff photos

Keys to new fire truck presented

Keys to the county's newest fire truck were presented by Don Hardy of Don Hardy Race Cars to Floyd County Judge Bill Hardin shortly after 10 a.m. Friday. Commissioners Sam Spence, Floyd Jackson, Thomas Warren and Kay Crabtree looked on as the county accepted the fire fighting equipment.

Judge Hardin then handed the keys to Larry Guthrie, chief, and Bobby Welborn, assistant chief, and Carroll Sims of Floydada Volunteer Fire Department.

Floydada firemen are to utilize the vehicle for rural fires.

The county purchased the truck, a 1987 Chevrolet, purchased from Oden Chevrolet-Olds. which was transformed into a fire truck by Hardy and his crew.

Courtroom Activities

Manuel Dominguez, 36, of Plainview, pled guilty to DWI. He was fined \$350.00 and court costs of \$90.50. He

What Christmas means ...

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night and brings a lot of toys and presents to open. You also hang your stockings over your fireplace and he puts candy and small toys too! What Christmas really means to me is my family gets together and exchange presents with each other.

Kimber Williams ****

It means to me when God was born. I like the sound of that because Christmas brings joy to everybody and you have fun be-

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cause that is what Christmas is all about.

You can even sing and play games because that's what Christmas means. It means get together and celebrate how happy you are when Christmas is here. Esmeraldo Navarette

I think as Christmas as love to your family and giving and caring. Christmas to me is the birth of Christ.

James Vick

body and tank and built the pumping unit. The tank is a 1,500 gallon capacity.

The truck's auxiliary pumping unit has its own engine and is independent of the truck's engine.

Don Hardy Race Cars designed the

In county court on December 21, was also sentenced to 140 days in jail which was probated for two years. Rebecca (Becky) Camacho Hernan-

dez, was charged on December 21, 1987 with giving a false statement to obtain property.

Manuel Lucio Ovalle, 54, of Dougherty, pled guilty to DWI on Dec. 21. He was fined \$350.00 plus \$88.50 in court costs and 120 days in jail which was probated for two years.

Tomas Ovalle, 60, of Eagle Pass, also pled guilty to DWI on Dec. 21. He was fined \$400.00 plus \$88.50 in court costs and 30 days in jail.

Tomas Ovalle also pled guilty on Dec. 21 to driving while his license was suspended. He was fined \$100.00 and \$88.50 in court costs and 3 days in jail. In J.P. court for the week of Dec. 15-21, there were 34 misdemeanor cases filed, one of which was a bad check.



Where's the fire ...

By Mike Reeves

Nor fires were reported during the past week.

Firemen held their annual Christmas party Friday night at the fire hall. Approximately 50-55 members, their families and guests were present. Wives of firemen were presented floral bouquets as a token of appreciation from the department. Children received gift bags.

Billy and Jimmy Marquis were presented with honorary membership certificates. Both men have been associated with the fire service for over 20 years.

Games of bingo followed the turkey and dressing meal, program and recognitions.

Firemen received keys to the new county fire truck Friday morning. They had not used the vehicle on a call at press time.

Firemen wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

GRIGGS ADOPT ORNAMENT

Kenny, Judy and Derrick Griggs have joined other community residents in adopting one of the yule lighted decorations which grace the downtown area and along the highway. The Chamber of Commerce appreciation message had been printed in an earlier section and the Grigg's names do not appear on it.





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Commissioners accept audit proposal

After several days of study and an executive session, the commissioners of Floyd County voted unanimously to accept an audit proposal from Davis, Kinard and Company of Abilene, Texas. The proposal is for the performance of the yearly financial audit of all county records.

Cost of the audit has been set at \$3450 by the financial firm. Other proposals were received from Gary Lancaster, Matador, \$5,500; Gary, Thayer and Bowers, Floydada, \$4,050; Williams, Adair, Rogers & Company, Plainview, \$4500; Durbin & Company, Lubbock, \$6,500 to \$7500; Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, Lubbock, \$6,000; and Williams, McRae & Ridley,

Lubbock, \$6,500 to \$7,500. Approval of the Davis, Kinard proposal was made on a motion by Thomas Warren, seconded by Floyd Jackson

during a morning session on December 18. Earlier in the week, the regular December session of the court was held. Several items on the agenda were

cancelled because of the weather.

The First National Bank of Floydada was accepted as the agent for withdrawal and acceptance of securities by the county on a motion by Jackson, seconded by Warren. The vote was unanimous.

A resolution approving the taxation of Crabtree.

personal property was approved on a motion by Jackson, seconded by Warren and carried by unanimous vote. This resolution is a yearly item.

Other business conducted at the session included the examination and approval of monthly bills, the reading and approval of the treasurer's report and the reading of the previous meeting minutes.

Farm work contracts were approved for Lanny Glasscock, Delmas McCormick, Q.D. Williams, F.L. Montandon and J.R. Turner.

Attending the session was Judge William D. Hardin and commissioners Sam Spence, Jackson, Warren and Kay







A large and lovely green Christmas tree adorns the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church.

Items which make it special are Chrismons, white and gold Christian symbols.

During Sunday morning worship on the second Sunday of Advent, "each family" is invited to place a Chrismon on the tree, according to the Rev. Earl Blair, pastor. The tree also bears lighting.

The Rev. Blair explains that "the hanging of the greens" or decoration of the sanctuary takes place on the first Sunday of Advent.

Each Chrismon has a different meaning.

Data prepared by the Rev. Blair states that "The Chrismon tree was originated by Mrs. Frances K. Spencer in the Luther Church of the Ascension in Danville, Virginia, in 1956. While searching for a way to honor the Christ. Mrs. Spencer came across some drawings of designs called Chrismons."

"Chrismon" is a combination of parts of two words: CHRISt and MONogram. 'A Chrismon is just that, a monogram of Christ," the Rev. Blair says.

The sketches she found were copies of Chrismons designed and carved or drawn by some of the earliest Christians. The monograms were found in many places - some on jewelry and utensils, others on doors or in catacombs or in buildings.

Early Christians used them to identify themselves to one another, to designate meeting places of the church, and sometimes, to show unbelievers where they stood.

All Chrismons are made in combina tions of white and gold. "White refers

to our Lord's purity and perfection; gold

refers to his majesty and glory. We

point to Christ as the Light of the world

by using tiny white lights on the tree,"

Among the symbols found on the

*Three entwined circles - the holy

*Cross over the world represents

*Epiphany star - the revelation of a

*Descending dove - the Holy Spirit

*Crown - the kingship of our Lord

*Cipher - Two Greek letters - Iota is

*Shepherd's crook - our Lord said "I

the first letter in the name of Jesus and

*Triquetra - the Holy Trinity

Chi is the first letter in Christ

*Triangle - the Holy Trinity

*Circle - God's eternal love

ians used to identify themselves

"He will feed His people."

*Monogram for our Lord's name

*Alpha and Omega - the beginning

*Rose - Symbolizes our Lord's moth-

*Fish - the secret sign early Christ-

*Fish with basket of bread on back,

am the Good Shepherd"

First United Methodist Church in

the FUMC pastor states.

Floydada are:

*Latin cross

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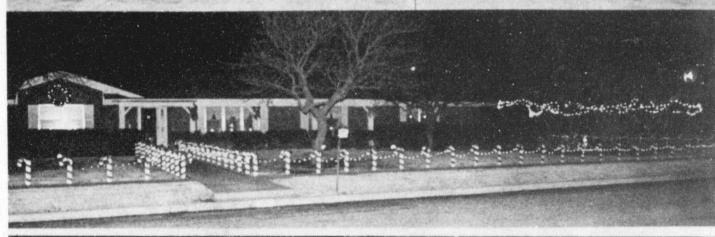
*Greek cross

Christ over the world

Savior, Jesus' divinity

*Butterfly - eternal life

trinity





was named as the first place winner in the residential division of the Christmas decor contest. Candy cane poles set off the

DECOR WINNERS — The Bill Gray residence [top photo] L.V. Assiter home which placed second. Third place honors went to the Tino Gomez family [bottom photo].

- Staff photos



P.O. Box 74 letters, phone calls and travel, and no Caledonia, Mississippi 39740 administrative cost will be incurred. In 1982 and 1986, a few producers

Legalization Project Catholic Family Service, Inc. 1219 16th Street

CHRISMONS - The Christmas tree at First United Methodist Church is adorned with Chrismons. Each symbol has a different meaning. - Staff photo

Worth remembering ...

One of the greatest gifts I have ever received was a half-bottle of purple ink. When I was teaching migrants here in Floydada, this little girl, Griselda, was my shadow. It was Christmas time and she had gone to the dump and found two bottles of green and purple ink in tattered boxes. She had very carefully tied a piece of string with a big bow around each of the boxes and presented them to both of her teachers. This act of love touched my heart more deeply than any gift bought with money and wrapped elaborately from a store. This was a gift of love straight from a child's heart.

One Christmas when I teaching at Della Plain School, I had surgery but was able to return in time to see the Christmas play. This little Black boy with a bright smile greeted my return with, "Thank you, Lord Jesus! Yonder comes Miss Merry! I've been praying for you."

In recalling Christmas past, one of my memories is setting off fire works, especially Roman candles and sparklers. We were celebrating Baby Jesus' birthday!

My mother told me many memories of early day Christmases in Floydada where she was born in 1892. Her father, Judge Bartley, always bought a stalk of bananas and oranges at Christmas time. They cut a cedar tree which was resplendent after decorations of candles, pop corn, and cranberry strings. The old Methodist Church was the

setting on Christmas eve for receiving gifts from a community tree. The beautiful tree is now decorated with Chrismons placed by the church family of the First United Methodist Church in Floydada for the four Sundays of Advent. Advent is the season for preparing your heart room for readiness in receiving the Christ child.

Any child that I taught knew the true meaning of Christmas as related in the second chapter of Luke. In my own family we established a tradition of always reading the Christmas story as related in the Gospel of Luke and to this day my child carries forward this tradition in her own home.

I would like to share this poem by William Wordsworth.

The World Is Too Much With Us

The world is too much with us; late and soon,

Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers:

Little we see in Nature that is ours; We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!

This Sea that bares her bosom to the moon

The winds that will be howling at all hours.

And are up-gathered now like sleeping flowers;

For this, for everything, we are out of tune; It moves us not.-Great God!

The true meaning of Christmas to me is found in being with those you love and those who love you. If one has lost loved ones, one can still find a way to give love to others who have less than you and by doing, lose yourself.

Let us never lose sight of the inexplicable love of God in giving us his Son whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas.

Worth Merry Howard

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

DPS predicts 77 will perish in holiday traffic accidents

The Department of Public Safety has estimated that 77 persons will die in traffic accidents in Texas during the upcoming holiday periods, DPS Director Leo Gossett said.

Gossett said the department believes as many as 42 persons will be killed on the state's streets and highways during the Christmas holidays, with another 35 losing their lives over the New Year's travel time.

"If 77 persons were to die in one incident, it would be considered a major disaster," Gossett s a i d. "Traffic deaths, even though they are individual occurrences, are no less tragic to the family and friends of the victim, and to us all.'

The Christmas holiday period begins at 6 p.m. December 23 and continues for 102 hours until midnight December 27. The New Year's holiday period will begin at 6 p.m. December 30 and continue through midnight January 3, also 102 hours. In 1986, 28 persons died as a result of

injuries suffered in traffic accidents

and the end

er, Mary

during a 54-hour holiday period, with another 20 dying as a result of injuries suffered during the 54-hour New Year's period.

Colonel Gossett said all available Highway Patrol troopers will be out during the holiday periods.

"Our troopers primarily will be looking for the two violations that lead to the greatest number of traffic deaths-DWI as well as excessive speed," Gossett said.

"This is the first Christmas season during which the new drinking and driving law and the 65 mph speed limit on portions of interstate highways will be in effect," the DPS director added.

"It is a violation in Texas for a driver to drink an alcoholic beverage while operating a motor vehicle," Gossett said. "This is an important law, because some driving impairment can occur below the .10 blood alcohol level that is the point of intoxication as defined by law."

I am interested in contacting descendants of John H. Myers who lived in Floydada in 1942. In June of that year he wrote, "A Short History of a Group of the Myers Family." I have the first

that I am a part of the same family. I would like to know the names of the parents and grandparents of John H. Myers.

page of the history he wrote, and I find

If any descendants read this, please write me at the following address: Marzee Myers Day, P.O. Box 74, Caledonia, Mississippi 39740. Or call me at (601) 356-4120.

I am dying of cancer and I want to complete a family history for my children as soon as possible Sincerely,

Marzee Myers Day

Letter to the Editor.

I would like to say a big thank you to Don and the entire crew at the Texas Highway Department. During this snow they have worked very hard on not only the highway but also on the rural roads. It has been a big help, to not only us at the Post Office, but to the entire community. So from the entire crew at the Post Office to the entire crew at the Highway Department THANK YOU for

Dear Alice:

all the late hours and hard work. George Finley O.I.C. /s/ George Finley O.I.C. As a business in an area that has had agriculture disaster, we feel that you would want to be a part of an all-out effort to secure a disaster designation for counties on the High Plains. In light of the killing freeze in April and the severe hail damage to cotton in June and July, we feel that producers deserve substantial relief. As an example, considering the wheat freeze-out and cotton damage, a minimum of \$100 million dollars will be lost in these

counties. Except for Mother Nature, this would have been a good year for the farmer and business man. A disaster designation followed by a disaster payment could mean as much as \$30 to \$40 million dollars for this area for the 1987 crop year. Numerous letters have already been mailed and many phone calls have been made to our legislative people, and a somewhat favorable response has been received.

In addition, at least two people have been to Washington with this specific purpose in mind. It is anticipated that the expense of keeping the people in Washington for the needed time and

trip will be very expensive. The High Plains Research Foundation was organized to help the Agricultural Industry. It is structured so that contributions to the organization can be handled separately to meet the financial burden of this important effort. All funds will be used for such things as

carried the financial burden of getting the disaster program in effect for this area. Please do what you can to help.

> Sincerely, /s/Don H. Marble Don H. Marble President

The Legalization Project of Catholic Family Service, Inc., Lubbock, has assisted over 1550 undocumented women, men and children obtain a work authorization visa since May, 1987. The assistance includes help with preparing the application, obtaining necessary documents, translations, certifications, photos, fingerprints, etc. A nominal fee of \$85 is asked from adult applicants and \$35 for children. However, services are provided even if applicants can't pay the full amount.

The application deadline for legalization applicants is May, 1988 and for special agricultural workers (SAW). November, 1988. The deadlines are fast approaching and there are thousands of eligible persons on the South Plains who have not applied.

If you are an employer or friend of a potential amnesty applicant, please encourage them to apply NOW. Often, the process requires a good period of time to gather necessary documents. If applicants wait too long, they may miss this once in a life time opportunity to legalize their status in the U.S. under Amnesty.

Advise undocumented persons to call or come to the office of the:

Phone 983-2140



214 S. Wall

(corner of 16th and L) Lubbock, Tx 79401 806-741-0409

(Don't be afraid! We can help! Yes, we guarantee complete confidentiality.)

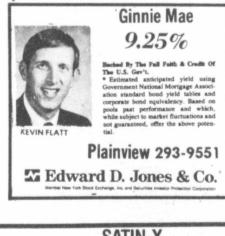
MRS. HENRY IN HOSPITAL

Allene Henry is recuperating in Methodist Hospital. She is in room E-380. Mrs. Henry fell at her home Sunday and suffered a broken right arm. Everyone is asked to keep her in prayers.

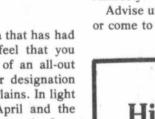
NOEL!

DWI CHARGES

Two persons were arrested Saturday night on driving while intoxicated (DWI) charges and another person was apprehended Sunday night on DWI charges.



Floydada





Pruitt and Ruff marry in Christmas theme wedding

Traditional "hanging of the green" Christmas decorations were used to decorate the First Baptist Church Saturday, Dec. 19, as nuptial vows were exchanged between Christy Leann Pruitt and Michael Jon Ruff. Large holly wreaths tied with red satin bows and memorial poinsettias were arranged on the altar area. The bride's family added a branch brass candelabras, holding long red candles and decorated with greenery and red satin bows. Large Boston ferns in brass urns were placed on each side of the steps leading to the altar. Pews were marked with greenery and red satin bows.

The 3 p.m. ceremony was officiated by Dr. Floyd C. Bradley, of Plainview. Dr. Bradley is director of area missionaries for Baptist churches.

The bride is the daughter of Weldon and Jane Pruitt of Floydada. The groom is the son of Wayne and Lin Tipton of Floydada and Gary and Barb Ruff of Grand Island, Nebraska,

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a delustered satin gown designed by Alfred Angelo, featuring a sweetheart neckline and an off the shoulder ball gown sleeve, trimmed with lace medallions and cameo. The satin skirt, trimmed with lace flowed into a chapel train. To complete her attire, the bride wore a braided pearl headband accented with cascading flowers and pearl filament sprays. The two tiered fingertip veil was finished with a dainty pouf and blusher veil. She carried a tailored crescent bouquet of fragrant gardenias, combined with stephanotis and red sweetheart roses.

Following tradition, the bride had as something new her wedding attire and a pair of diamond earrings, which were a wedding gift from the groom. Something borrowed was a pearl necklace, belonging to her paternal grandmother, Mrs. L.C. Pruitt; her garter was something blue; and something old was a silk handkerchief, belonging to her great-great-grandmother, maternal Mrs. H.C. Randolph. Pennies minted in the birth years of she and the groom were placed in her shoes.

Serving the bride as maid of honor was Karen Pruitt, of Lubbock, sister of the bride. Sherri Hogue of College Station, cousin of the bride, attended as bridesmaid. Bridal attendants wore candy apple red satin gowns featuring a sabrina neckline with a deep V'd back and accented by double pouf bows and flowing sash. The fitted bodice was accented with a flattering basque waistline and highlighted with a full shirred sleeve. They carried a long stem red rose, gardenias and gypsopilia tied with red satin ribbon.

The bride's mother wore a teal blue dress and gardenia corsage. The groom's mother wore a navy blue dress and gardenia corsage.

Lighting candles were Britta and Joshua Tye of Lubbock, cousins of the bride. Britta wore a gown of candy apple red, designed identical to those of the bridesmaids. She wore a hairpiece of baby's breath and red satin ribbon.

Acting as best man was Tim Ruff of Floydada, brother of the groom. Shannon Shurbet of Floydada was groomsman. Joshua Tipton of Floydada, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. Seating guests were Greg Pruitt, of Rotan, brother of the bride, and Joe Scott Faulkenberry of Stephenville.

The groom was attired in a sophisticated white full dress styled tuxedo. It featured the satin faced peak lapels with a self faced top collar and double pleated center vent. Accessories included the wing tipped collar shirt and red satin tie and cummerbund. They wore red rose boutonnieres.

Musical selections for the ceremony were provided by Mrs. Jim Tye, soloist; Mrs. Mike (Penny) Giesecke, cousin of the bride, pianist; and Mrs. Bill Hardin, organist, cousin of the bride. Mrs. Tye, an aunt of the bride, sang and accompanied herself on the guitar for "Annie's Song" and "Follow Me". She was accompanied by Mrs. Hardin for "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" and "The Lord's Prayer."

A reception following the ceremony was held in the Wall Street Parlor and was hosted by the couple's parents.

Members of the houseparty were Sue Hardy, Carolyn Marble, Judy Beedy, Sheree Cannon, Charlene Norrell, Martha Williams, Joyce Anderson, Pat Battey, Doris McLain, Marsha Tye and Wanda Hogue.

The three tiered wedding cake, topped with a Precious Moments couple on top, was decorated with holly and red holly berries. Nuts, wedding bell mints and cranberry punch were also served

Homemakers have Christmas party

By Maye Williams

How better to end a good year than with 100 percent attendance at our Christmas party Dec. 17 at the Harmony center? The party had originally been planned for Tuesday, 15th, but because of snow and ice, it was decided to postpone it for safety reasons. The only regret in the postponement would probably mean because of other holiday events, some members might not be able to work it in. Much to our surprise and happiness, every member attended and even a guest from Amarillo who had been unable to return home because of weather conditions.

Our party started with a salad luncheon at noon which was obviously enjoyed by everyone and a Christmas tree and decorations encouraged a holiday spirit. Following the luncheon, Vivian Curtis, president for the coming

at the bride's table, which was draped with a white floor length cloth and held a candelabra and the bride's bouquet.

医白豆 "你们是你是你能。"他们是你说,这个是你是你是你是你是你是你是你是你是你的。"你,你不是你是你能。"他

The groom's table was laid with a floor length cloth and decorated with poinsettias. Individual cheesecakes. crackers, cheese and coffee were also served. Serving were Jodie Hight Spearman; Cindy Bertrand, Floydada; Sherese Covington, Floydada; Kristi Neill, Lubbock; Rusty Simpson, Lubbock, and Pam Tipton, Floydada.

Registering guests was Susan Kimble of Lubbock.

For their departure on their wedding trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, the bride wore a paisley skirt and tan jacket. Following their trip, the couple will reside in Austin.

The couple are both graduates of Floydada High School and attended Texas Tech University. The bride is an accounts clerk at Briercroft Savings Assn. in Austin and the groom is currently a student.

Pre-nuptial courtesies extended to the couple included a bridal shower hosted by Diane Luber and Diane Battoni in Lubbock; a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Jerry Cannon; a rice rose party in the home of Mrs. Fred Marble, assisted by Mrs. Jeff Bertrand: a bridesmaid luncheon in the home of Mrs. Eugene Beedy; and the rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents at the Floydada Country Club.



MRS. MICHAEL JON RUFF Photo by R Photography



'Broken Victory' to be presented Sunday evening at First Baptist

Jeanette Cliff George and Bonnie Hawley, both nominated for best actress in the 1986 Christian Film Crown Award, are featured in "Broken Victory," a 50-60 minute drmatic presentation which will be shown Sunday evening, Dec. 27, in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church in Floydada. "Everyone is invited" to attend the presentation, which begins at 7 p.m.

Ms. George is perhaps best known for her film debut in World Wide Pictures' "The Hiding Place," in which she portrayed Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch woman who saved the lives of scores of

Sarah gathers the children swiftly. One by one each shed the effects of sleep and move to the old kitchen table. Their minds must be clear, sharp and fresh, for their task is one of great responsibility: the memorization of the Holy Bible for proliferation of the Word to future generations.

In the corner, the elderly man pries free a floorboard plank and withdraws a prized possession: the family heirloom Bible. He joins the family around the table and opens the session with prayer.

As Matthew reads from the Gospel of John, his 26-year-old son Joshua is

attendance and cooperation during her two year tenure.

> Imelda Murry and Arvie Schulz directed pencil games with a Christmas theme and one with a little more activity was "Wishbone Bowling" using cranberries as bowling balls.

The sunshine committee had charge of revealing Secret Pals. Envelopes with members names were placed on the Christmas tree and each member in turn selected an envelope. She then found this person's gift and presented it to her. Packages were opened and Secret Pals were revealed after a year's wondering and waiting. Special gifts were also presented each officer.

Hostesses for the party were: Ruth Scott, Maye Williams, Bess Carr and Blanche Williams. Other members attending were: Juanita Pool, Lucille Miller, Anna Maude Hopper, Vivian

Bobbie Rogers, Mrs. Jo Payne of Vigo

Park, and hostesses Mildred Haile and

Thursday, Dec. 24: Rosie Morales,

Friday, Dec. 25: Jackie Chadwick,

Saturday, Dec. 26: Steve Lloyd, Jerry

Monday, Dec. 28: Randy Gregg, Amy

Tuesday, Dec. 29: Shelly Van Cleve,

Wednesday, Dec. 30: Bill Starkey,

Wednesday, Dec. 23: Fidel and

Thursday, Dec. 24: C.O. and Rilla

Friday, Dec. 25: Delma and Sylvester

Sunday, Dec. 27: Mr. and Mrs.

Wednesday, Dec. 30: Roy and Sheri

Garcia Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stapp

12 ozs. and was 211/2 inches long.

Pearson, Jo Elliott, Joyce Bailey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jamie Davis, Roy Turnbow, Louise

We Salute

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Christopher Taylor

Jews in her native Holland during the Nazi occupation. Released in 1975, the film has since shown to large audiences in the United States, Canada, Australia and England. She has also appeared in "Travel Tips from a Reluctant Traveler.'

Ms. Hawley is nominated for best actress 1986 Christian Film Crown Award for her portrayal of Claire in "Consider It All Joy."

In the thick darkness that imprisons the oppressed, patriarch Matthew Taylor awakens from his sleep in "Broken Victory," lights a candle in the small ghetto room and wakes his wife. Sarah. They pass easily into this ritual. Very little need be said, for their family has followed this routine nightly for months, and secrecy has become a staple of spiritual survival.

By Thelma Jones

get out.

daughter in Arizona.

grandsons of Britts.

days with her last week.

early Christmas get-together.

Snow was everywhere and I couldn't

Mrs. Nettie Adams has returned

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lotspeich visited

Alma Smith, Marie Tardy and Thel-

ma Jones spent Saturday in Lubbock

visiting their sister Clara Martin of Hale

L.D. Britton and Rebecca Smith had

company last Thursday, Brad and Scott

Burham of Lubbock. They are foster

Mrs. Ruth Trapp's son from Albu-

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Freeman spent

the week-end in Lubbock and had an

querque, New Mexico, spent several

Center who is in Methodist Hospital.

home after a three weeks visit with her

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hatley last Sunday.

transfixed, absorbing every word. This is his portion, and he must not miss any detail. Next is a test of knowledge for

teenage daughter Miriam. She recites from Saint Matthew about the last-days persecution of the faithful, great words of prophecy which have become stark reality.

The door blasts open and light floods the room. Not the light of angels, but quite the contrary. For as the family huddles in panic, two military guards swarm into the room with machine guns drawn. They bear down on the table. One guard creases Matthew's temple with his gunbarrel; the other confiscates the Bible.

For the family, the ultimate test of faith is at hand.

There were several who attended the

Mrs. Eula Parrack of San Angelo

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Tardy and sons of

Lubbock visited his grandparents, Mr.

and Mrs. Harvey Tardy and Lanell and

Mr.and Mrs. Lige Moore and son,

Robbie are here visiting her mother,

Mrs. Kate Crabtree and brother, Kay

Crabtree and other relatives during

Eloise Nickles of McAdoo visited his

cousin, Mr. and Mrs. P.L. Hart last

Mr. and Mrs. John Dennis Wilks of

Miss Mary Pearl Cowand is visiting in

Tulia visited his mother, Mrs. W.J.

had supper with them Sunday night.

spent several days last week visiting her

sister, Mrs. Beulah Dennison.

luncheon last Thursday in spite of the

year, read the committees that had been appointed. Ruth Scott, outgoing president, thanked the members for their

Baptist ladies have holiday luncheon

Eula Meredith.

Turner

Hinsley

Julie Ellison

Sue Woody

Turnbow

REDDY

Flovdada.

town, Missouri.

Jaynette Harrison

Esperanza Martinez

Manuel Enriquez

Baptist women of Calvary Baptist Church held their annual Christmas social and covered dish luncheon Thursday evening in the home of Mildred Haile and her mother Eula Meredith. Guests were other church women and out of town guests.

To begin the evening, Margaret Daniel reviewed the foreign mission study book, followed by the singing of Christmas carols. Gifts were exchanged and Sunshine Pals were revealed with a gift.

Twenty-six ladies attended. These included Beady Owens, Deeota Odam, Irene Wexler, Arlene Holmes, Edna Patton, June VanCleve, Evelyn Pierce, Ivola Walters, Margaret Daniel, Estelle Gilbreath, Lorene Gee, Dortha Outlaw, Mattie Wester, Mabel Foster, Delzie Bradford, Wenonah Saunders, Modell Fyffe, Mary Millican, Dana Ellis, Jo Lee Ellis, Mary Poole, Illa Belle McPeak,

Senior Citizens Menu

December 28-31

Monday - Green enchilada casserole, green beans, tosses salad/dressing, roll and butter, cherry cobbler. milk

Tuesday - Fried chicken, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, black eved peas, roll and butter, canned apricots and orange sections, milk

Wednesday - Ham, macaroni and cheese casserole, buttered spinach, tossed salad/dressing, roll and butter, raisin cookie, milk

Thursday - Green pepper steak strips on buttered rice, buttered broccoli, shredded lettuce with dressing, roll and butter, canned peaches, milk



Curtis, Arvie Schulz and Imelda Murry, and one guest Murl, a sister of Juanita Pool

> GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY --- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ellis Wheeler of Ralls, Texas, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary December 27 with a reception from 1-4 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Ralls. Hosts will be their sons and daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Paul and Wilma have lived in Ralls and Cone all of their married years. They were married Dec. 27, 1937 in Floydada. She is the former Wilma Spikes. Paul has retired from farming in this area. Your friendship is the ultimate gift. No other is necessary. Their children are Joe Ellis and Carole Wheeler of Fort Worth and Billy Lowell Wheeler, Fort Worth.

Photo by R Photography

Rebekah Lodge has family social

Schultz

By Artie Webb

On Thursday night, Dec. 10, the Floydada Rebekah Lodge met for their family Christmas party.

The dining table was decorated with vases of poinsettas and red Christmas candles and bowls of Christmas candy. At 6:00 the delicious dinner of ham and all the trimmings was served to the group. Elmo Savage gave the invocation

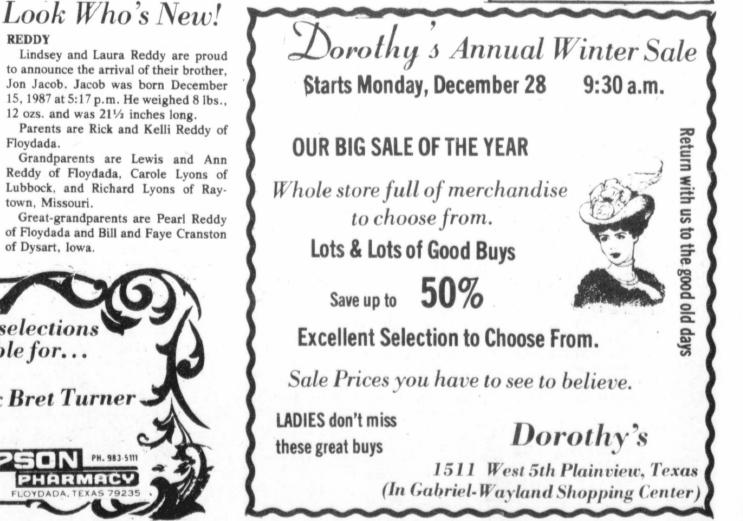
After enjoying the sumptuous supper, a short program was given by Ruth Gilliland who read a poem, "My Christmas Wish," by Garnett Ann

Artie Webb then read a poem entitled, "A Wish For The Coming Year.'

The rest of the evening was spent reminiscing old times and old Christmases

Everyone reported a lovely evening.





The plot thickens

Senior Citizens News

bad weather

the holidays.

Wilks Saturday.

Austin with relatives.

week.

A small boy was bitterly disappointed at not being cast as Joseph in the school Nativity play. He was given the minor role of the innkeeper instead, and throughout the weeks of rehearsal he brooded on how he could avenge himself on his successful rival.

Came the day of the performance. Joseph and Mary made their entrance and knocked on the door of the inn. The innkeeper opened it a fraction and eyed them coldly.

"Can you give us board and lodging for the night?" pleaded Joseph, who then stood back awaiting the expected rebuff. But the innkeeper had not

He flung the door wide, beamed genially and cried, "Come in, come in. You shall have the best room in the hotel.'

pondered all those weeks for nothing.

There was a pause; then with great presence of mind, the youthful Joseph said to Mary, "Hold on. I'll take a look inside first." He peered past the innkeeper, shook his head firmly and announced, "I'm not taking my wife into a place like that. Come on, Mary, we'll sleep in the stable."

The plot was back on course. -John Timpson's Early Morning Book

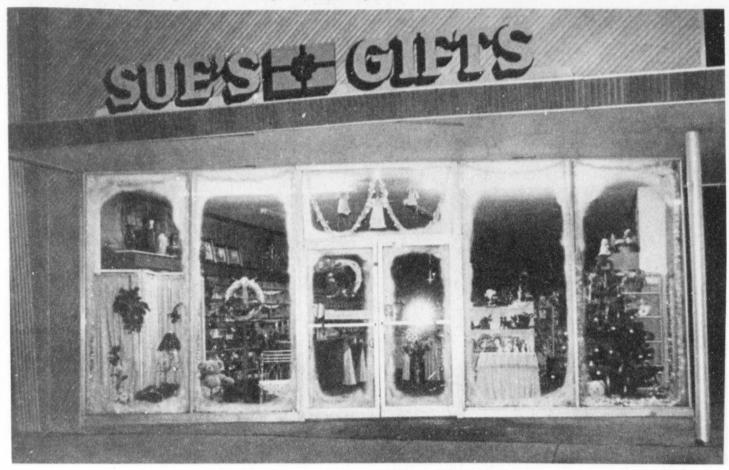






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Obituary

VEVA IVINS

Services for Veva Ivins, 65, of Brownfield were at 2 p.m. Monday in the Main Street Church of Christ in Olton. Burial was made in Olton Cemetery.

Mrs. Ivins was a sister of Melson Dudley of Floydada.

She was claimed by death at 5:45 a.m. Saturday in Brownfield Hospital following a lengthy illness.

The Denton native moved from Lorenzo to Brownfield seven years ago. She is survived by her husband; two sons, a daughter, three brothers, two sisters and nine grandchildren.

Cummings confirmed as federal judge

Amarillo attorney Sam Cummings has been confirmed as Texas' newest federal judge by the Congress. His jurisdiction will be Floyd and 55

other West Texas counties. The 42-year-old Cummings is a

Lubbock native.





Floyd County 4-Hers win Political Calendar in district Food Show By Mary True

The South Plains District 4-H Food Show was held Saturday, December 12, at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Six Floyd County 4-H'ers competed in the show. They were: Jerry Don Evans, Rhanda Hickerson, Mandy Hunter, Tim Mitchell, Christie Rowan and Joni Smith.

These 4-H'ers competed against 4-H'ers from the 20-county South Plains district. They are judged on nutrition concepts such as the nutrients that are in their dish, where those nutrients are found and what they do for the body.

Also the contestants must know the five food groups and the number of servings needed from these food groups every day. The flavor, temperature and appearance of the dish scores a great number of points also. And finally a day's menu is judged that the 4-H'er has written.

The 4-H'ers learn a great deal about nutrition and how to improve their diet and eating habits in the foods and nutrition project. This is one of the largest 4-H projects in Floyd County with almost 80 enrolled this year. Besides teaching life skills to the participants, this is a fun project so participation is usually high.

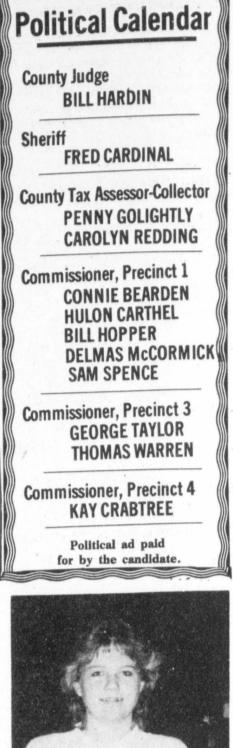
Winners at the district contest included: Christie Rowan, 1st place, Junior 2 Breads and Cereals; Tim Mitchell, 2nd place, Junior 1 Main Dish; Joni Smith, 2nd place, Junior 1 Fruits and Vegetables; and Many Hunter, 3rd place, Junior 1 Nutritious Snacks and Desserts.





SNACK MASTER-Mandy Hunter of Lockney placed third at the South Plains **Food Show in Junior 1 Nutritious Snacks** and Desserts. She entered a pumpkin roll which is high in vitamin A, protein and carbohydrates.







COMMERCIAL WINNERS - Sue's Gifts [top] was judged Thursday night as the outstanding entry in the commercial division of the annual yule decorations contest. Thompson

Pharmacy [middle photo] placed second, and third went to City of Floydada [bottom].

- Staff photos

Wind boys in Frenship tourney, girls to Slaton

return immediately after the holidays to prepare for the Frenship Tournament, scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday of next week

Coach Mike Cocanougher says the Green and White opens against Sudan at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Reese Air Force Base gymnasium. The Whirl-

Whirlwind boys basketballers must winds won over Sudan in the recent Reese tourney.

Championship rounds are scheduled Wednesday. **GIRLS IN SLATON MEET**

Whirlwind girls also must return from the holidays to get ready for the Slaton tourney, slated Monday through Wednesday of next week, Dec. 28-30.

The Hesperian joins other community residents in saying "Thanks" to City Manager Gary Brown and his staff for their prompt and efficient attention to city streets during the recent snow.

A tip of the

sombrero...

Not only did the city personnel's action help eliminate hazardous driving conditions in the downtown area, but it made passage over city streets more convenient.

The same was true around the four school campuses.

The city staff endured frigid conditions to serve the public in this manner.

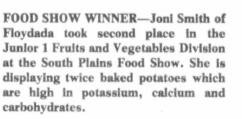
Highway, postal and utility personnel also braved weather's elements to maintain service where necessary to ascertain that customers remained as comfortable as possible.

A tip of the sombrero to the city staff. highway department crew, utility employees and the postal service for going the extra mile.





JUNIOR WINNER-Tim Mitchell of Lockney received second place in the Junior 1 Main Dish Division of the South Plains Food Show. He entered a taco pasta salad which supplies protein, B vitamins and carbohydrates.



Greetings



FOOD SHOW CHAMP-Christie Rowan of Floydada took first place honors at the South Plains Food Show in the Junior II Breads and Cereals Division. She is exhibiting a cream cheese braid which supplies calcium, B vitamins and carbohydrates.



DIRECTING TRAFFIC - City Manager Gary Brown directs traffic as a grader, driven by Joe Falcon, removed snow from city streets last week.

Staff photo



Both Whirlwind JV squads win consolation in meet

Both Whirlwind junior varsities wrapped up consolation honors in the Double L Holiday Classic in Lockney.

The girls knocked off Cotton Center by a 36-30 count in the Saturday consolation finals. Stacy Hadderson was the scoring leader with 10 points.

Cotton Center was on top 5-4 at the conclusion of the first quarter, but the Floydada squad went up 15-9 at half and was on top 29-20 entering the final stanza.

Whirlwind boys came from behind with a 21-11 fourth quarter bulge to slip past Smyer, 64-60, for third place honors in the boys division. Coach Lee Hurt's squad went to the front, 22-13, after eight minutes, but a 24-9 second quarter Smyer edge sent them in front 37-31 at intermission. Each crew scored 12 points in the third quarter as Smyer was up 49-43 entering the final stanza.

Kenneth Collins rang the scoring bell for 29 points.

Both Floydada squads also won

Friday. The girls trailed Tulia JV by 11-7 and 21-17 after the first quarters but knotted the count at 32-all entering the fourth quarter.

Kim Perry was high point with 14. Immediately after games between the

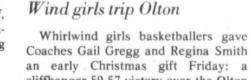
same teams, Floyada JV boys knocked off Tulia JV by 60-38. They held quarter leads of 21-6, 30-14 and 47-24. Collins scored 25 and Rolando Cisneros tallied 14.

Floydada JV squads suffered first round setbacks on Thursday at the hands of Petersburg.

Trailing by 8-6, 14-12 and 20-14 after the first three quarters, the Whirlwind girls cut the margin to 33-29 at the final buzzer in an exciting match. This was the first tournament game.

Amy McCormick, 13, and Shayla Barbee, 12, both scored in double digits.

The stong Buffalo quintet was up 29-14 at half enroute to a 64-33 win over the Floydada JV boys. Collins scored 11.



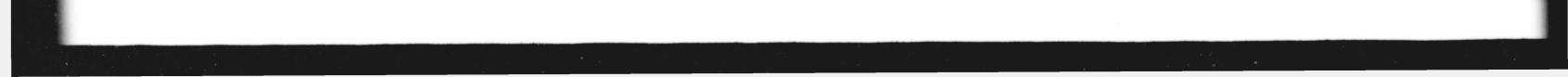
Coaches Gail Gregg and Regina Smith an early Christmas gift Friday: a cliffhanger 59-57 victory over the Olton Fillies in a road game.

Their final pre-Christmas contest was also their fourth victory.

The Green and White needed a strong fourth quarter to overcome the Fillies, who owned a 45-39 advantage after three quarters. By outscoring their opponents 20-12 in the final eight minutes, the Whirlwinds pulled out the

victory. Olton led 11-10 after one guarter and 33-25 at half.

Amanda McDaniel paced the locals with 22 points. Angie Bertrand connected for 12.







Relax, Rest, Enjoy!

It's Christmas! Let's share in the beauty and joys of the season together, as we express our very best wishes to you and yours.

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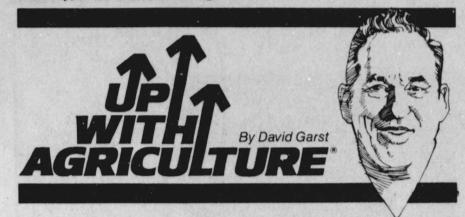


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We want many things in life. One is to make a contribution to others. Maybe that's why so many farmers wouldn't trade their occupation for any in the world. . .because it fills a need for so many.

I recently received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Lambert of Anselmo, Nebraska. In the letter, the Lamberts explained how proud they were to be American farmers, and the sense of purpose they felt knowing that the food they produce each year fills a need for so many.

Indeed it does. The average farm family produces enough food to feed about 76 people -25 of those overseas - in a world in which hunger has killed more people in five years than 150 years of war, revolution, and murder.

In addition to producing millions of tons of grain and livestock products, American farmers also serve up millions of tons of fruits and vegetables, fish, flowers, fiber, and other agricultural commodities.

All these products play a major role in U.S. exports. Some people think exporting food and other farm goods takes food away from Americans. But that's not the case. In 1966, the average American consumed 3.8 pounds of food a day and spent 18 percent of after-tax income to buy it. About 158 billion pounds of farm commodities were exported that year.

Fifteen years later, the average American consumed 1.2 percent more food

and spent 10 percent less of his disposable income to buy it. That year, agriculture exported 130 percent more of its production.

It's not just food that families like the Lamberts supply. Consider for a minute the fact that the 2.3 million farms in the U.S. generate about 24 million jobs throughout all segments of the economy. Agriculture helps provide a paycheck for millions of Americans. . . from the worker who mines raw materials for the steel in a tractor, to truckers who haul produce to clerks in grocery stores.

This adds up to one in every five jobs in America.

Agriculture is the largest industry in the United States, accounting for 20 percent of our gross national product.

Although the nation's largest industry. agriculture works its wonders in a softspoken manner. Those 76 people probably aren't aware that families like the Lamberts put food on their table. And some of those 24 million Americans employed in the food system probably don't make the connection between their occupation and the Lambert farm.

Fact is, a lot of Americans don't know exactly what the Lamberts contribute. But the Lamberts know. And that's what's important ... and why the Lamberts, and so many other farm families, love American agriculture

Financial indicators identify trends for agricultural producers, lenders

lity.

By Marilyn Brown **TAES Science Writer**

The following observation was made by economist Alvin Tostlebe: "Current financial conditions reflect

a speculative, debt-financed farm boom based upon euphoric long-term income projections that later failed to material-

If that sounds like a description of the agricultural economy over the last 10 years, it should; but interestingly, it was written over 40 years ago to describe the boom that took place from 1915 to 1919 and the subsequent sharp decline in net farm income. Many farmers lost their farms during the 1920s because they could not pay their debts

Sound familiar?

Agricultural economist John B. Penson, Jr., shares the above statement in a recent study of the indicators of financial trends in agriculture. While debt-to-asset ratio is the most widely cited indicator of financial stress, Penson's study shows that other indicators are earlier predictors of stress.

Looking back on the mid-1970s, we can see how agricultural producers and lenders fell into a debt trap; interest rates had declined to the 7 to 8 percent range, inflation was making the real cost of borrowing even less, and most farmers and ranchers were enjoying

Penson says.

"Farmers were no doubt expecting the high real net returns, low real interest rates, and significant real capital gains they were experiencing during the 1970s to continue into the 1980s," Penson says.

"They were not alone. Many farm experts were openly concerned about the prospect of commodity shortages in the 1980s. Those farm lenders who provided the funds which made this debt expansion possible obviously held many of these same expectations.

Farming is historically a risky business; its very nature suggests the need for a set of published historical financial indicators for the sector that could signal impending problems associated with further debt expansion, Penson says.

"Despite Tostlebe's pioneering efforts in flow of funds analysis, we continue to see too much emphasis placed upon balance sheet data to monitor trends in farm financial conditions, the economist says.

The debt-to-asset ratio, by itself, is a poor indicator of undesirable trends in farm cash flows before they become a problem, Penson says.

Two other farm financial indicators used by industry analysts are return on assets from income and return on equity from income.

Both can overstate or understate the operating efficiency of farmers in periods of declining or rising asset values, Penson says. In farming, changes in market value equity are attributed largely to unrealized gains or losses associated with changing land values rather than realized gains or losses associated with net income, he says.

There are a variety of other published indicators of farm financial conditions, including the number of bankruptcies and foreclosures as well as the number of voluntary and involuntary foreclosures and liquidations. Like the debt-toasset ratio, these statistics highlight the magnitude of current insolvency problems as opposed to trends that might ultimately lead to insolvency, Penson

"A complete set of aggregate economic and financial indicators for farming (would) be helpful to short-term and

ability. At that time, farmland values had not begun to fall.

The ability of farmers to make their annual principal and interest payments has actually improved in 1984 and 1985, and that is borne out by the three indicators. Those improvements reflect the period as well as high levels of government payments.

"This again illustrates that one could draw an incomplete picture of financial conditions on the farm if the analysis was limited to the debt-to-asset ratio," Penson says.

All four indicators taken together suggest that farmers in general continue to be in a weaker financial position than at any time during the 1970s.

These additional ratios can be applied at the firm, subsector, or sector level, Penson says. Applying the indicators at the sector level will provide valuable information on general trends in financial stress, the scientist says.

Avoid sawdust for horse bedding

Black walnut wood shavings or sawdust can be toxic to horses and should not be used for bedding, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service veterinarian.

from previous decades. While the

debt-to-asset ratio varied little during

the 1970s, the other financial stress

indicators showed considerable volati-

For example, the FLI in 1979 was 10

percent below its mean, a sharp

contrast to the debt-to-asset ratio,

which ended the decade less than 1

1975-79 period is even more significant

when compared with the 1950-69 per-

iod, during which it never fell below

decade with a time interest earned ratio

that was 28 percent below its mean, and

total debt outstanding rose 30 percent

between the end of 1979 and the end of

1982, despite a sharp decrease in the

farmer's debt servicing and repayment

In addition, the farm sector ended the

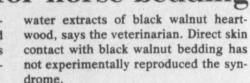
"The decline in the FLI during the

percent from its mean.

1.0," Penson says.

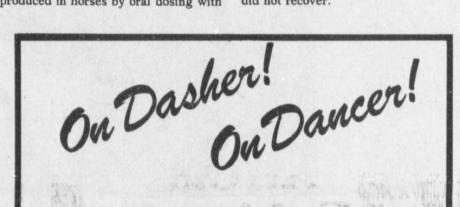
Exposure to black walnut shavings or sawdust can result in laminitis (founder) in horses, points out Dr. Bruce Lawhorn. The Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M University annually diagnoses several cases of laminitis from exposure to black walnut shavings or sawdust. As little as 5 percent of black walnut materials mixed with other bedding may cause the syndrome.

Laminitis has been experimentally produced in horses by oral dosing with



Severe laminitis with fluid accumulation under the skin and extending below the carpus or stifle can occur in affected horses. Some horses may also have a similar type of fluid accumulation in the lower neck and chest.

About 70 percent of experimentally affected horses responded well to prompt anti-inflammatory therapy and pasturing on soft dirt, notes Lawhorn. Twenty percent recovered within 24 hours without treatment and 10 percent did not recover.



Protein from cattle blood can add nutritional value to food products

By Marilyn Brown **TAES Science Writer**

High quality proteins prepared from edible blood-the by-product of cattle production-can provide large quantities of high quality dietary protein.

"With the world increasingly aware of critical levels of malnutrition, and particularly protein malnutrition, this by-product becomes a commodity that should not be wasted," says C.W. Dill and W.A. Landmann, animal scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"Also, the exceptional functional

feed and fertilizer formulations, but profits for those are marginal.

Edible blood is the product removed from a carcass that has been inspected and passed. No blood that comes in contact with the surface of the body of an animal can be collected for food purposes, the scientists say. Blood collected from a healthy animal is essentially a sterile fluid, they say.

Protein isolates prepared for use by the food industry probably are best prepared in dry form, the researchers say. The value of a protein in foods is highly dependent upon its functional properties, and particularly its water solubility and foaming ability. Egg white has been the classic source of proteins contributing the foaming function to foods (for example, meringues and angel food cakes). But many novel protein isolates show good foaming properties, and beef plasma proteins are included in that group, the researchers say.

scientists say, is their exceptional binding ability. Gelling properties are primary factors determining quality in restructured meat products. One study, in which plasma protein was added to frankfurter casings, showed that the addition increased the strength of the outer skin and decreased mushiness and crumbling.

Aesthetic and religious aversion to the consumption of blood is much of the reason that blood has been untapped as a food resource.

But blood proteins isolated in the form of white powders can be incorporated into foods as protein sources or supplements without the undesirable several good income years in a row, are available on a regular basis from several government publications. Using that data, Penson compared the ratios

value, in food systems, of protein preparations from edible blood increases the importance of maximizing the utilization of this protein source," they sav

While the technology is available for producing large quantities of protein from slaughter blood and the blood protein products have excellent nutritional and functional properties, the resource has barely been tapped.

Some of the by-product is used in

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In an experiment with angel food cake, the results reflected strong support for beef plasma proteins, which can be processed to a white powder, as having acceptable properties in a variety of food products.

"Bread is an inexpensive food and is consumed in one or more of its several forms throughout the world ... Proteinenriched bread would be a stable and highly acceptable food for the chronically malnourished," Dill and Landmann

One of the most interesting functional properties of plasma proteins, the

color or flavor of whole blood. Studies with rats have shown that plasma protein appears to be nutritionally sufficient even as the sole source of protein in the diet.

"While blood protein is being utilized to some extent in meat products in European and other markets, the worldwide food industry still is far away from full utilization of this protein source," the researchers say.

"To illustrate this point, over 80,000 tons of blood were collected and processed into food products in the U.S.S.R., and that amounted to only 21 percent of the blood collected in that country for feed and food products processing.'

A smaller percentage of edible blood is used for food products in other European countries. Essentially none of the edible blood collected in the United States is processed for food

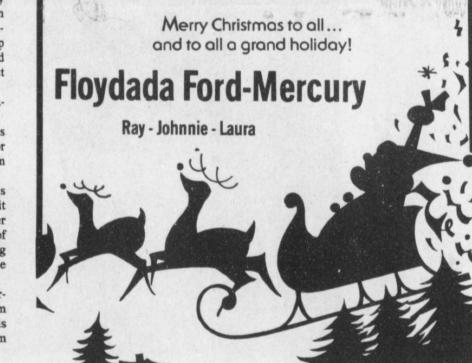
long-term creditors, investors, industry analysts, and policy makers," Penson says. Such indicators can focus attention on unwanted trends and help identify the credit, farm program, and macroeconomic policies that would most likely moderate these trends, he says. Penson suggests the following indica-

tors to identify trends: Times interest earned ratio-focuses on the farmer's debt servicing ability, or ability to pay annual interest of farm debt out of operating profit.

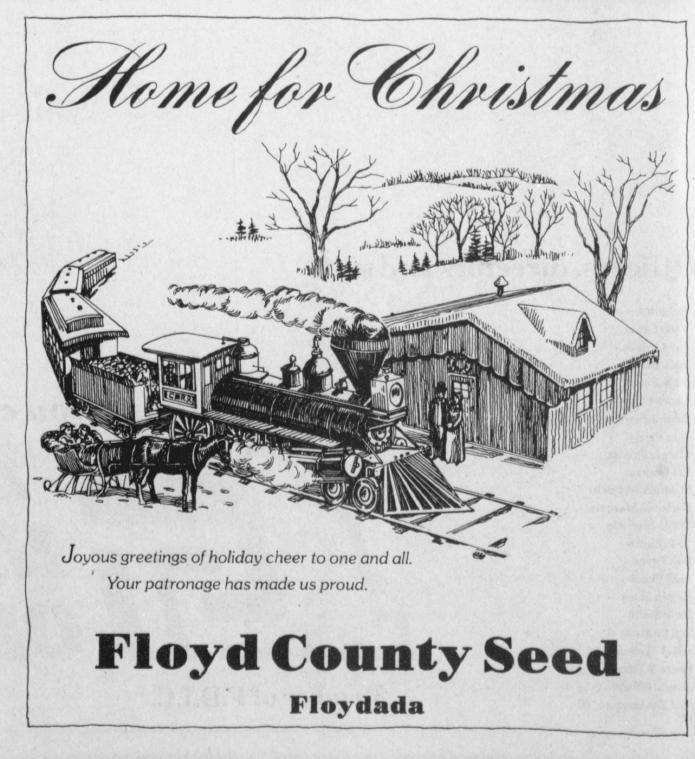
Financial leverage index-addresses the issue of whether farmers benefit from the use of financial leverage rather than the specific level and variability of returns. The value results from dividing the return on equity from income by the return on assets from income.

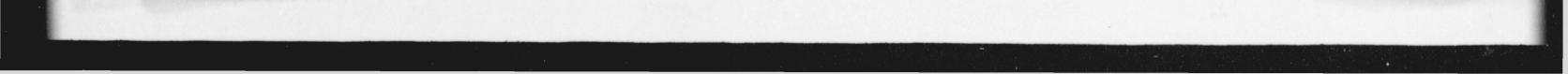
Debt burden ratio-assesses the burden placed upon working capital from operations to retire debts. The ratio is calculated by dividing net cash farm income by total farm debt.

The data to compute each of the ratios









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Loving, caring, giving: At heart of Christmas spirit

Meaning of Christmas transcends place and time

One of the easiest of all imaginative are the Christmas bell and the Christexercises is to paint a picture of a "greeting card" Christmas.

The first ingredient is snow, blanketing rolling hills, preferably, and grace- celebrations around the world. fully draping the boughs of trees, usually evergreens. The sun shines, of course, but on a scene sculpted out of the elements of winter.

Then, moving indoors, there are roaring fires, festoons of evergreens around doorways and along banisters, cups of steaming wassail or hot toddies, as everyone gathers around the grandest evergreen of all, the Christmas tree, with its ropes of cranberries and popcorn, its glittering lights and its myriad of ornaments.

However, turn the world upside down, for a moment, and travel to southern climes, where snow is replaced by an occasional tropical shower, and evergreens by palm trees.

Yes, Christmas it still is, because of the spirit which pervades the season.

In Australia, and the rest of the southern hemisphere, Christmas occurs not in winter, but during the sultry summer months, which means that the events which make up Christmas Day are likely to shape up somewhat differently.

Christmas dinner is likely to be a picnic and, rather than dressing up in layers of finery, Australians are as likely to be wearing bathing suits on Christmas Day, at least after church services are over.

Many of the Australian Christmas customs have roots in the Yuletide celebrations of Britain . . . but what a difference.

The weather decrees that the pleasures of winter - which for so many of us are synonymous with the celebration of Christmas - be foregone.

Hence, there are no Yule logs, no sleigh rides, no reindeer. Instead, there

mas bush, enjoyed, of course, with that same sense of community and family feeling which characterizes Christmas

In many Latin countries. too, the scene is different from what we imagine. It's not simply that 'the seasons are reversed; rather, in many they do not experience winter, as we know it, at all.

Generally, Christmas celebrations reflect the local climate as well as the local culture.

The celebrations occurring on the island of Jamaica, for instance, are colorful and perfectly characteristic of that island's heritage, a fascinating blend of European and African traditions.

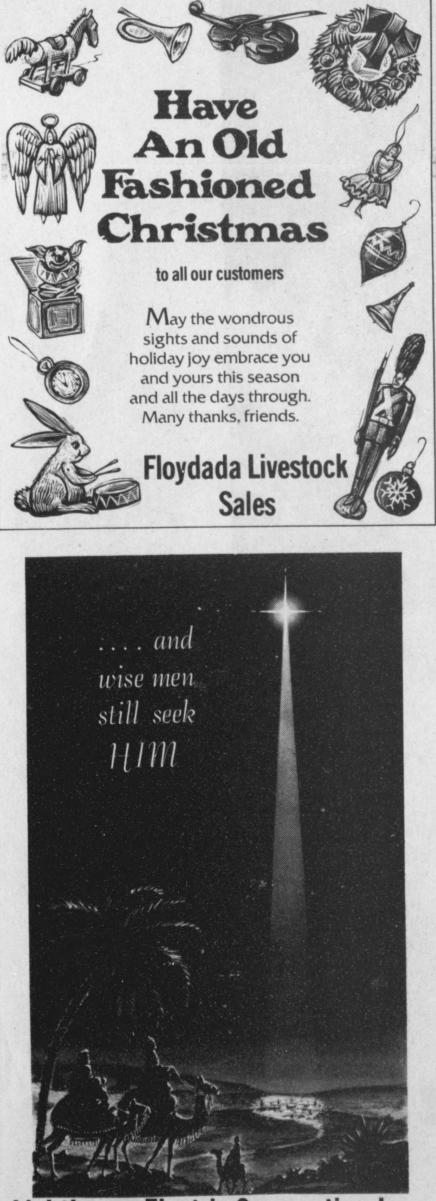
On that island, bands of roving entertainers, the Jankannus, have set the stage for Christmas festivities for almost 200 years, combining evocative dancing with mysterious, mesmerizing music

The singers, dancers and musicians usually are brightly attired, and the faces of many are hidden by fearsome masks.

One of the central figures in these performances is John Canoe who, masked and bewigged, wears an enormous and elaborate headpieces which depicts a boat teeming with dolls representing individuals typical of Jamaican life, among them plantation workers and military men.

In Chile, the warmth of the climate creates a significant inconvenience for Viejo Pascuero, the jolly old gent who distributes presents and whose mien and behavior strongly resemble Santa's.

Because chimneys, where they exist, are of minimal proportions, Viejo Pascuero is unable to fit in them. His solution? To climb in a window, which



provides the same results, although less colorful.

In Brazil, boat rides and picnics are the order of the day on Christmas, and fireworks are a popular form of entertainment

Some European customs are observed in Brazil: Among them is the setting up of the nativity scene, in Brazil called a pesebre, as well as a Christmas tree, though in Brazil this is adorned with glimmering candles.

On Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass is followed by a festive supper, and on Christmas morning, the children of each household open their gifts, left by Papa Noel in shoes which they had left out

And, red and green are the colors of the season in Brazil, just as in so many other, colder countries; however, it is not holly but eucalyptus and red tropical flowers which provide the brightness.

In Costa Rica, too, tropical flowers in a myriad of brilliant hues are a central part of Christmas decorating.

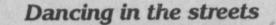
Because the country's jungle areas are rich in exquisite orchids, people make trips to pick their own, in the same way as many Americans head to the forests to cut down their own Christmas trees.

Costa Ricans use the armfuls of flowers they have culled to embellish the manger scene, which is called a portal.

And, they form wreaths from available greenery - in their case, cypress boughs ornamented with red coffee berries

In Ecuador, mountain Indians, garbed in finery, mount llamas on Christmas Day, and ride down to the ranches where they work, carrying with them presents of fresh fruit and vegetables for the Christ child who is the center of attention where He lies in the presebre, or creche.

The Indians present their gifts, and at the same time ask His blessing on their family and animals for the year to come. During the day, the ranch owner mounts a fiesta for his employees, and provides them with a festive dinner of roast lamb and accompaniments. In the evening, he sends his workers back





JANKANNU DANCERS, performing their mesmerizing, mysterious dances, are an integral part of Christmas festivities in Jamaica. Photo: Jamaica Tourist Board

home laden with gifts.

In Lima, the capital of Peru, along with more traditional Christmas celebrations, are a parade in honor of the Virgin Mary and a bullfight.

And, in Puerto Rico, Spanish, American and indigenous island customs mix for a celebration which incorporates the best of all worlds, with caroling before Christmas, and gifts on Christmas and Epiphany, too.

Santa makes the first appearance bearing presents and the Wise Men, the second (for the latter, Puerto Rican children leave out bundles of grass and bowls of water, so they can feed their camels).

In Puerto Rico, the ever-present manger scene is peopled with exquisitely carved wooden figures, called Santos, which have been a part of Puerto Rican Christmas for over 300 years.

North or south, in lands covered with snow or glowing under the hot tropical sun. Christmas spreads its joy, warming hearts and souls everywhere. For, the

and all times, manifesting itself wher-

spirit of Christmas transcends all places ever, inspired by Christ's example, there are people who love and share.

Christmas Memories

As we experience the warmth and wonder of this festive season, may all that is Christmas embrace you and yours.



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Cookies for Santa

GRAHAM CRACKER COOKIES [Makes about 3 dozen] 1 cup flour 1/2 cup whole wheat flour 2 tablespoons sugar 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/4 cup vegetable shortening 1 tablespoon butter 2 tablespoons PLUS 1 teaspoon water 1 tablespoon honey

1 tablespoon molasses

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1 jar cran-orange cranberry orange sauce

Combine flours, sugar, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Cut in shortening and butter until mixture is crumbly Combine water, honey, molasses, vanilla and sprinkle over dry ingredients, tossing with a fork until particles cling together and resemble small peas. Shape into a ball, cover with plastic wrap, chill for 1 hour. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Roll out dough to 1/8 inch, cut with floured animal cookie cutter. Prick with fork

Bake on ungreased baking sheets for 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool and sandwich cookies with cranberry orange sauce.

GINGERBREAD COOKIES [Makes about 2 dozen] 21/2 cups sifted flour

1/2 teaspoon salt 2 teaspoons ground ginger 1/2 cup butter 1/2 cup butter 1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup molasses 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1/4 cup hot water

Cranberry Filling 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries, coarsely chopped 2 tablespoons water 2 tablespoons sugar

Easy Icing 1 cup sifted 10x sugar 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1 tablespoon heavy cream

Sift flour, salt and ginger together. Melt butter over low heat; remove from heat and add sugar and molasses. In small bowl dissolve baking soda in hot water.

Add dry ingredients to molasses mixture alternately with baking soda water, beginning and ending with dry ingredients.

Chill dough 2-3 hours. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Roll out dough, a small portion at a time, 1/8 inch thick. Cut with floured animal cutters and bake 10-12 minutes

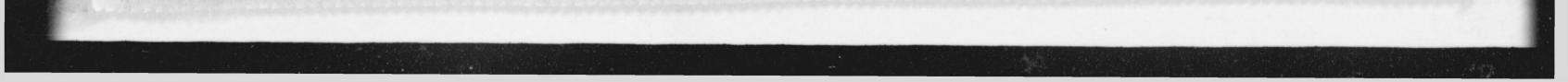


Christmas is a time for love. laughter, joy, and happiness. Hope it fulfills your every dream. We're truly happy to know you.

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Early days Christmas compared with holiday today

By Will Martin

I was requested by two friends recently to write an article on Christmas when I was a small boy, comparing those days to Christmas in these days. I will do my best to write the things of my earlier remembrance and try to show some of the differences of then and now.

I hope the old and young alike will be reminded of what Christmas means to them now and has meant in the past. To some it means one thing, and to others it will mean other things. I hope it will be pleasant and joyful.

To me it is a symbol of the great memory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is supposed to be on His birthday observed by many with the spirit of love and giving to each other.

But in my understanding no one knows for sure when the Savior was actually born.

When I was quite young the family went to town in a wagon one Christmas Eve night to a public Christmas tree that as my memory goes they had a tree several different years on the courthouse lawn. But the time I speak of was

the only time I ever got a chance to go to the public tree.

The public tree was sponsored by several interested organizations as well as nice individuals. But the tree was decorated by lots of the good ladies of the community.

They had paper chains of various colored paper and strung popcorn as well as cranberries on strings. They tied popcorn balls on the tree.

They did not have candles as that might cause fire, but I think they had coal oil lanterns scattered about for light that, with all the presents that were tied on the tree, sure did make a pretty sight to me.

The heavier presents were piled at the bottom of the tree.

Santa Claus was there dressed in his red and white suit and his long white beard was very similar to Santa today. When the people thought most everyone that was aiming to be there had arrived, Santa said, "Ho, ho and

welcome to the Christmas tree boys and girls." Then his helpers would hand him a present off the tree and Santa would call out the name on the present

and tell whose name was called to come up and get it. I think most of the kids shook hands with him and some kissed his beard and thanked him for the present.

When my time finally came and Santa called out "Willy Martin," I was so scared and bashful that I wouldn't start up to the tree. Brother Henry took me by the hand and led me up to the tree. I was too bashful to shake Santa's hand or say thank you.

My present, if I remember correctly. was a little tin monkey on a twisted wire. It was made with a spool-like deal where you worked the spool back-andforth and the monkey would run up and down the twisted wire, working his feet and hands as he went. I sure was proud of it as long as it lasted.

Some of the girls got China headed dolls, rag dolls and what was called soap dolls and some got doll cradles and doll buggies. The buggies were made of iron and some were covered with oilcloth and had iron wheels and no rubber tires. The cradles were made of wood.

Some of the boys would get tops made of wood, with a string to spin them with, and marbles, as well as wind-up toys powered by a spring and made of what we then mostly called tin. Both boys and girls might get a tricycle made of fairly heavy metal with iron and metal wheels and wire spokes. The play wagons were made about the same way. Toys were made of metal, no plastic and no rubber tires.

Both boys and girls might get cast iron wind-up trains, fire engines, etc.

the toys then just as they do now. I could name many more toys of yesterday but I feel I have given a fair similarity and also some difference of toys back then as compared to this day, as now we have many toys controlled by types of electronics that old guys like myself don't know split beans from coffee about. So I shall try to tell other things about Christmas of long ago.

Papas and mamas liked to play with

I write about the customs and things we might have had or didn't have back yonder, using my own family as examples because any one tends to know more about their own than of others. While the neighbors and friends had about the same experiences and customs as we did, the same I believe is true of people today according to the habits of the times.

To start with the habits of the whole family around Christmas time, we changed with the times each year gradually as time went on. If something new came along and we liked it we took it up and so did our friends and if we didn't like it we let it go.

I want to tell first of Mama's good cooking for Christmas times. She could cook the best pies and cakes I ever ate. She would cook lover cakes covered with cocoanut, chocolate and some were white icing. Brother called this icing "calf slobbers."

Mama would put small candy drops on the cakes and put them on the window ledge to cool. Henry and I would sneak about and swipe some of the candy.

Mama made apple, chocolate and

pumpkin pies and quite often peach cobbler. All this was sure good.

Although Papa raised good sized bunches of turkeys for market several years I don't remember ever having turkey for Christmas dinner. Mama preferred a big, fat chicken hen with dressing and all the trimmings such as cranberry sauce, etc. We had cornbread, jams, jelly and most any goodie the heart would desire.

One difference of Christmas then and now was that most everything then was homemade and home-raised. As the shortening in the cooking was hog lard and butter beside home canned fruit. I remember the first green beans Mama ever canned in summer and we had two jars for Christmas, whereas many things today are bought at the super market.

I forgot to tell that we always hung up our long black stockings on Christmas Eve and always got apples, nuts, oranges, candy, etc., for Christmas Day.

On Christmas Day when the kin and a few others came in from the neighborhood we were able to have that good dinner of the good things I spoke of further back. Mama always cooked a couple of fryers to have plenty of meat.

Younger kids like me had to wait until the second table and we didn't know chickens had anything but wings and drum sticks.

After this good meal we were so full we had a stomach ache. The men went into the front room and played forty-two, checkers and told their tall tales of long ago or bragged of their

horses. The women cleaned up the kitchen dishes, etc. You know they wouldn't gossip about the ones not there.

The children played with the toys Santa brought.

Of course everyone knows how Christmas is today. Most everyone watches the ballgame and the children play with electronic toys and so forth. Merry Christmas to all, Will Martin.





spirit of Christmas (Editor's note: The photo in the 1947 [Editor's note: Copy from Dec. 18, 1947, Hesperian]

Ben Gully exemplified

A simple man of the soil, who demanded no more of life than that he have work to do and the strength to do it, and loyal friends whose problems he could also make his own, will be missed in many homes in Floydada and other adjacent communities at Yuletide this year. He is Ben B. Gully.

REMEMBERED SHUT-INS

Mr. Gully remembered the shut-ins, the orphans and the afflicted. When Christmas-time rolled around he laid aside other matters and gave his thoughts to his friends. All the shut-ins were friends.

He was not particularly secretive about it. If money or food were needed he had some of his well-to-do friends help him furnish, all as a matter of fact. In 27 years of that kind of living a man makes an impression on his community.

paper was faded and not suitable for reproduction.)

He is missed by many who do not have an opportunity to voice their thoughts in public.

Mr. Gully became ill early this year and lingering many weeks, at 72, died on April 1. He was buried in Floydada cemetery beside the wife who preceded him in death in July of 1933. They moved here from Burleson, Johnson County, 27 years ago, and lived three miles south of Floydada.

Survivor is a granddaughter, Mrs. Dickie Atteberry, who with Mr. Atteberry and their four-year-old son, Paul, live on the farm which they inherited from Mr. Gully.

Many have asked for a picture of Mr. Gully. Mrs. Atteberry thought it would be nice if it could be printed in the paper so that all who wanted one could have it.

Longholiday will generate more traffic

The Christmas season is upon us again, and with Christmas falling on a Friday, Major V.J. Cawthon, regional commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said, "The long Christmas weekend will generate additional traffic on our Texas highways.

"To help combat this situation, Department of Public Safety Troopers will be out in force, watching for traffic violators, especially drunk drivers and speeders, which are the two major causes of traffic fatalities. Along with trying to make your Christmas holiday safe, DPS Troopers will be out on the roadways to assist motorists with any problems they may have."

Major Cawthon said that Texas motorists can also help this Christmas holiday by insuring that the traveling public get plenty of rest before starting the trip. Once on the roadway, a motorist needs to drive defensively, always watching out for the other driver's mistakes.

He added, "One of your best defenses against the other driver is to insure that you and all of your passengers are wearing safety belts. Also, remember that drinking and driving leads to tragedy, so this Christmas holiday, if you are going to drink, please don't drive.'

As well as taking precautions while traveling, individuals need to take steps to protect valuables. Another tragedy that could ruin a Christmas holiday is burglary. Take steps to insure this doesn't happen to you. Don't advertise what you have, and be sure that your home is properly secured.

Major Cawthon said, "Taking simple precautions can make the difference between a happy holiday and an unpleasant memory."

A Christmas Concerto

et's exalt in the symphony of love and good cheer that is so wonderfully played throughout this time of year. We wish to take this opportunity to sing the praises of our many customers, who have been such good friends to us. Joyously we offer thanks, along with our sincere hopes for a happy and harmonious holiday.

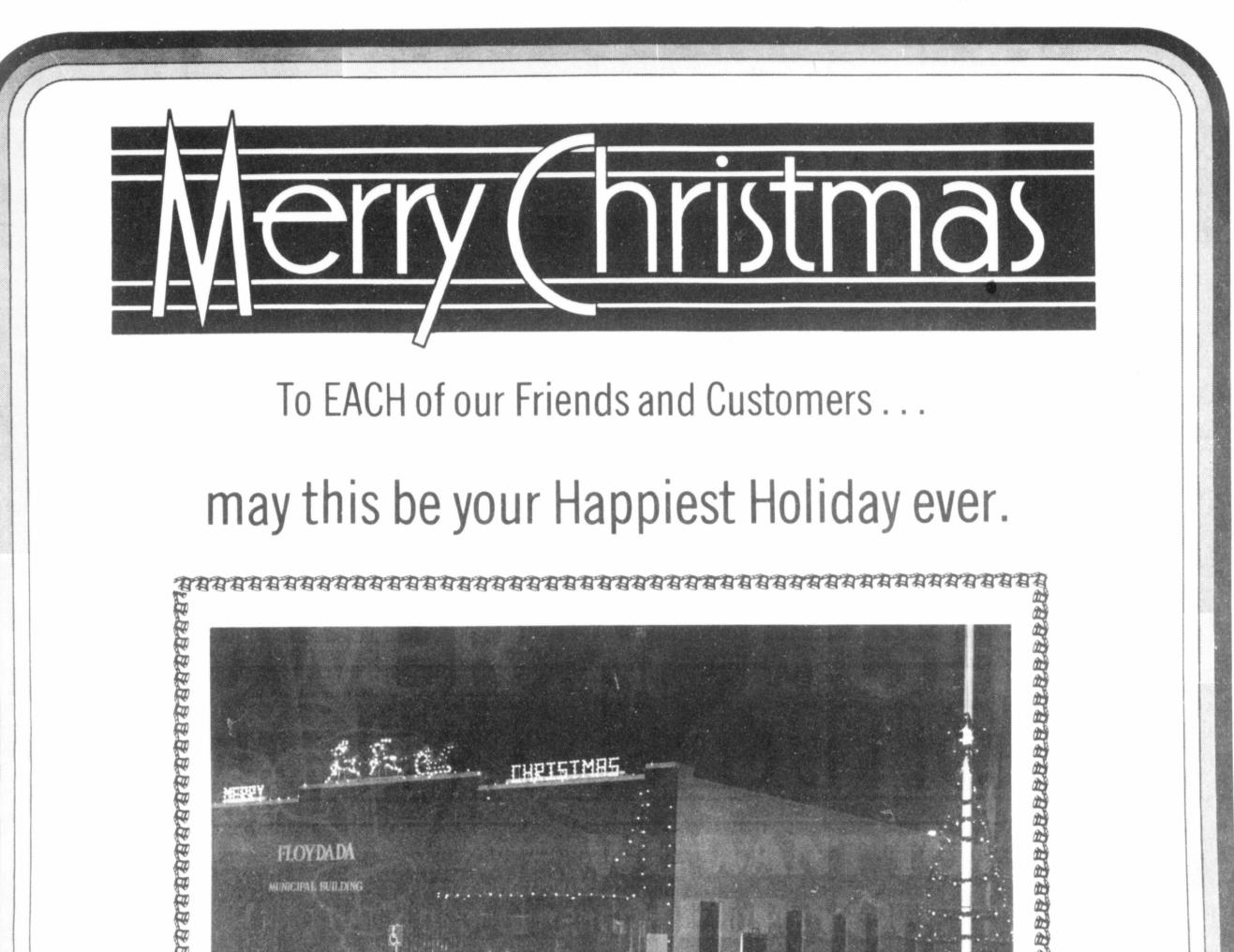
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Elementary students reveal wishes

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa,

sisters.

Dear Santa,

Thank you, Santa.

I would like to have a big black bike.

I want a bike and some shoes. I also

want a bike for my brothers and sisters

and two batons and 2 trucks and 2 little

purses for me and my brothers and

I want a Heather Baby and a Splash

baby. That's all. I have been good.

Camrom McCandless, K-1

Lucinda Guzman, K-2

Kylan Sanders, K-2

I love you,

Please put some candy in my stocking.



SANTA AND FRIENDS - Santa Claus met a throng of young admirers during a Floydada visit last Wednesday to officially open the Christmas season. Although not all the youngsters

Dear Santa Claus,

I love you Santa. I want a train, Daisy doll, and a scooter. Also remember my teachers on Christmas. And please remember my mama and daddy. Your friend.

Brandi Gourdan, K-1

Kandy Vitela, K-1

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa Claus,

Dear Santa Claus.

candy. Thank you Santa.

Please bring a Barbie doll with the Rockers, some clothes for my dolls, and clothes for my mom. And I will save some cookies for you Santa. Your friend always,

I want a little doll and some cars for

my brother. Also don't forget some

Dear Santa, I want a train and a little brown bear.

I will make you some cookies for Christmas. I love you,

Ruth Martinez, K-1

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Barbie house and some red boots. Please don't forget my friends. I love you, Lindsey Reddy, K-1

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me an electric football game and a black bike. Monty wants a b.b. gun; Keith wants a bike, and Elizabeth wants a baby doll. I love you,

Dusty Anderson, K-1

Griselda Lopez, K-1 Dear Santa Claus, I want a Big Foot with remote control and a plastic 3 wheeler. I want a basketball, a bike, and a I love you.

are identified, Erica Bueno, Marcolo Bueno, Jessica Palacio and Matthew Bueno are among the group. - Staff photo

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring me a dolly. Thank you, Santa for the toys you bring me. Love,

Yolanda Avila, K-1

Dear Santa.

I would like a doll, a book of stories, and a bear for Christmas. Please just bring a lot of toys to everyone. I will leave cookies out for you Jessica Diaz, K-1

money, some blocks, a pool table, and a pinball machine. I've been good and that's all.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Baby Talk; my and my brother a pop gun.

Dear Santa.

my sister wants a toy telephone. My Please bring me a B.B. gun and a Dad needs some new boots and my football, and a football suit. I want it to Mommy needs new shoes. I love you. be green. I've been good. Clay Evans, K-2

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a VCR quarterback game and an A&M football suit and helmet; and a Baylor football suit; and a TCU football suit and an Atari set. That's all.

> Thank you, Jeffrey Lyles, K-2

Dear Santa,

I want a big bike and bring my brother a big bike, too. And I want my mom to have a new stove and my Dad to have new tools.

Thank you Santa Claus, Hector Palacios, K-2

Dear Santa.

I want a scooter and a bicycle. I would like a little Christmas tree at my house, and a little truck. Thank you,

Mark Guitterez, K-2

Dear Santa,

I want a scooter and a blue car. Bring my little sister a Cabbage Patch kid. I love you, Santa. Joshua Barrientos, K-2 Dear Santa,

Happy

Holidavs

Dear Santa,

I want a doll that talks and a horn. Bring my sister a game and my brother a truck. I love you. Veronica Morales, K-2

Dear Santa, Bring me some skates and a talking doll. Bring me a Pixie Tail too. Bring me a bicycle and a microphone. I've been good.

Resa Mercado, K-2

Dear Santa,

I want a B.B. gun, a wattle with Lonny Nelson, K-2

mother a shirt; my daddy new boots; Karen Wyrick, K-2

Dear Santa, I want a Cabbage Patch kid. Bring my brother a game. I've been good. Love, Andrea Rodriguez, K-2

Dear Santa, I want a My Little Pony and

Joni Hendrix, K-2



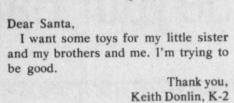
Dear Santa,

I want a lunch box because I've never had one. I haven't taken a happy face off at school. I always help my mom clean house. I love you.

Dinia Vasquez, K-2

Could I please have a doll and some dishes. And a play reindeer and teepee. Thank you, LaTasha Baker, K-2





go-cart. Please don't forget my brothers, they want cars. Thank you Santa Claus.

your friend, Jose Cuba, K-1 Dear Santa Claus,

I want a GI Joe for Christmas. Thank you, Santa Claus. I hope to see you soon. Mario A. Garcia, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a baby carriage for my dolls. I would also like for my sister Nancy to get better. She would like a doll too. Daisy Garcia, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a computer, a small car, and a bear. I also want another small car for my baby brother. Thank you, Santa Claus.

Rena N. Mata, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll for Christmas. I also want a Big Foot for my brother for Christmas. Thank you. Nora Lira, K-1

I want a baby doll, a baby carriage

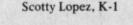
Dear Santa. Santa.

I want a bike, a baby Heather, and a play vacuum. I love you, Santa. I am going to be a good girl. Thank you

Your friend, Maria Rangel, K-1



Danny, Mitzi & Staff



Dear Santa Claus. I want a red bike and Big Foot. Please bring toys to my friends.

Your friend, Cesah Garcia, K-1



Dear Santa Claus. I want a car and my sister would like a little doll. I love you alot. Thank you for all you give me. Your friend,

Juan Gomez, K-1 Dear Santa Claus, I want a dirt bike and some toy cars. I

will look for you in the stores. Your friend, Mark Romero, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,

and my sister wants some lollipops like the ones my mom buys at the store. Thank you, Maribel Cuellar, K-1



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One of the joys of the Holiday Season is remembering those who are important to us ...

We truly appreciate the confidence you have placed in us, as it is the loyalty of customers like yourself that enables us to succeed. We promise to continue doing our best for you in every way possible.

May we convey warm Season's Greetings and extend our best wishes for good health, happiness and prosperity in the coming year.





Dear Santa, I want a

Dear Santa,

Hi! I want a van, and a watch. I love you Santa. Thank you. I want my baby brother a truck. Bye. Love,

Brandon, K-3

Dear Santa,

I want a vacuum cleaner, and crackers in my bed, and a fishing game. Love, Christine, K-3

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring alot of toys. I would like some presents and that's all. Love, April, K-3

Dear Santa,

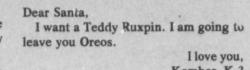
I want a Big Foot and a motorcycle Dear Santa, and a bike. Love.

Dear Santa, I want a remote control airplane, and a Teddy Ruxpin and a talking Alf. Love. Justin, K-3

Dear Santa.

I want a dirt bike and a Teddy Ruxpin and a little bicycle for my sister. Love.

Rene, K-3



Kember, K-3 Dear Santa, I love you. I'm going to leave you milk

and 3 cookies. I want a Teddy Ruxpin and I need some dresses. I love you, Gracie, K-3

Dear Santa.

I like God. I like Baby Jesus. I like toys. I would like a bicycle. I want a motorcycle. Love, Noe, K-3

I'm going to leave you a glass of milk and cookies. I love you. I want a Big Albert, K-3 Foot. I'm going to leave you a stocking. Love, Hector, K-3

Dear Santa, I want a pom-pom and some glitter, glue, and a baby doll. I need some books, tape, and papers. I love you,

Jessica G., K-3 Dear Santa, I want a bicycle, a pony, a dollie. I

think that's all. Love, Erika, K-3

Dear Santa, I want a car, a bike and a singing bear. I want a control car and a big bear. I love you. Robert, K-3

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a choo-choo train and a little bear.

I love you, Johnny, K-3

Dear Santa, I want a bicycle and a swing set. I Dear Santa, want a dog. I love you. Love. Todd, K-3 also a Big Foot.

Dear Santa, I want a blue jean skirt, and boots. I want a dollie and I love you.

Tiffany, K-3 Dear Santa.

I want a doll and some clothes. I want a cradle for my doll please. Dear Santa, Love.

Kalli, K-3 Dear Santa, I want a Teddy Rux. I want a car, a

Love

Love,

Love,

Irma Fonseca, K-4

Artemio Diaz, K-4

Isreal Irlas, K-4

scooter, a bike and a truck. Dear Santa, Love. Michael, K-3

Dear Santa, I want a bike. I want a car. I want an airplane. I want a flower.

Love, Jesse L., K-3 Dear Santa,

I want a race car, a teddy bear, a lion. Love, Alexa, K-3

Dear Santa. I want for Christmas some colors, bike, a new record player, a new coloring book, and a Baby Talk, and also coloring book. I have been a good boy. a Barbie.

For Christmas I want a truck, and a

For Christmas I want a new bike,

For Christmas I want a G.I. Joe

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a bowling ball game, a motor that squirts bubbles and a new bike, and a pool table. Love

Daniel Lutrick, K-4

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Barbie, a Teddy Ruxpin, and a Barbie playhouse, and a big surprise from Mom and Dad. Love, Ruth Vasquez, K-4

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a little car,

some candy, and something to eat, and something to play with. Love. Adrian Dela Fuente, K-4

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a ring, a doll, a talking Big Bird, and a Teddy Ruxpin. Love. Veronica Botello, K-4

For Christmas I want a trailer, cars, some play animals and a tractor, and

Love. Gabriel Mendoza, K-4 Dear Santa For Christmas I want a new bike, a cassette and a new camera. Love, Analisa Enriquez, K-4

For Christmas I want a Teddy bear, a new pair of shoes, and a new cap. Love, Yesenia Irlas, K-4

For Christmas I want a cooking Micro-wave and a doll. Love,

Brandi Patterson, K-4 Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a play cat, and a Garfield and a wassel and also a Punky Brewster.

Love, Tara Gilly, K-4 Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a scooter, a new Love. David Rainwater, K-4 Thursday, December 24, 1987 - The Floyd County Hesperian - 3C



A BIT SHY-Kristie Reyes is a bit shy as she keeps her distance to talk with Santa about holiday gifts. **Staff Photo**

Dear Santa.

Pound Puppy?

Dear Santa,

I love you. I will leave you some milk and cookies. It is a nice Christmas. Santa, I would like to have a train. Love, Dustin Jones, K-1

Dear Santa,

I want a doll with pink clothes. Would you bring me a coloring book? My little brother would like 2 cars. Love, Nancy Marmolejo, K-1

Dear Santa Claus, I want a baby doll and buggy. Don't forget I'm going to Granny's house for

Christmas. Thank you for everything. Your friend, Kayla Davis, K-1

Well seasoned wishes for a holiday filled with joy. It has been our great privilege to know and serve you.

Martha Garcia, K-1 Dear Santa,

I want a bear, a robot, and a Ghostbuster back-pack. Sorry because Jacob was afraid of you, but I don't think he wants anything.

I want a Barbie doll. Please bring a

little car for my brother and a skate-

board for me. Could you give my sister a

Thank you, Joshua Morales, K-1

I love you,

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Transformer, a car and remember my mom wants something too. I love you Santa. Thank you Santa. Manuel Ochoa, Jr., K-1

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MAN-TO-MAN-Michael Alaniz, hands on his hips, has a man-to-man talk with Santa Claus. The subject of their talk: Christmas, of course. **Staff Photo**

Dear Santa, I want a Teddy Rux and a play goat, and a can to put money in, and a Muppet Baby. Love,

Shannon, K-3 Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a Lovely Locks, a talking Mother Goose, and I have been a good girl. Love. Laci Martinez, K-4

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a talking phone, a T.V. and a big doll. Love, Diana Aldape, K-4

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Bigfoot, some colors, a corvette, also a witch and a boat. Love. Jamie Garcia, K-4

Dear Santa. For Christmas I want a tractor, a trailer, a piggy, a cow, and some candy. Love, Daniel Cervera, K-4 Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a little car, a remote-control car and also some colors. Love, Adrian Hernandez, K-4

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas a Teddy Ruxpin, a wagon, a dolly, a talking Mother Goose. Love,

little car. Dear Santa.

Veronica Lopez, K-4

war tanker and also a few cars. Love, Scott Miller, K-4 Dear Santa. I want for Christmas a little remote control car trailer, some candy and a

Love, B.J. Enriquez, K-4 For Christmas I want a bike, a book, a record and I would like a toy from you Love. Isabelo Irlas, K-4

Dear Santa, For Christmas a bear and a doll, a new dress and some candy.

Nancy Chavez, K-4

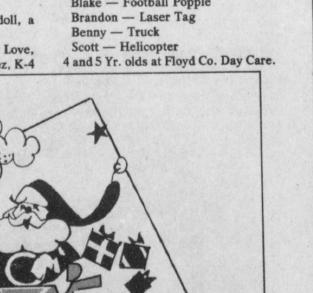
Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a big doll, some make-up and some new clothes.

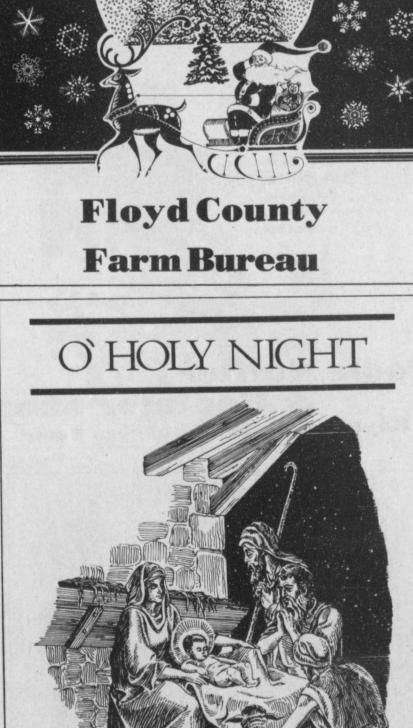
Love. Breonna Owens, K-4

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want some boots (white), perfume, some pants, sweaters, shirts, and some food, also I have been a good girl.

Love. Veronica Galvan, K-4 Dear Santa. We've been good boys and girls.

Please bring us the toys listed beside our names. Tamara — Bicycle Trisha - Bicycle Andi - Barbie and The Rockers Laura - Smurf book Mandy K. - Alpha-2 Kelsy - Sweet Secret Abelina - Bicycle Charla - Get-In-Shape Girl Casie - Dozzy and kitchen and dishes Lily - 4-wheeler Trey - Watch Jonathan - Train Tyrel - Race car Sam - Robot Blake — Football Popple







To old friends and new, we happily

extend our good thoughts for a season of abounding good cheer and good times. Martin & Company With reverence and rejoicing,

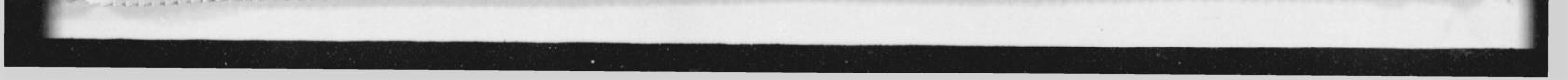


We welcome this opportunity to thank all our clients at this most festive time. **Larry Jones**

Louise Turner

we exult in the glory of the holiday. May the spirit of Yuletide be yours. Floydada

Nursing Home



Dear Santa Claus, This year bring me. Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I want a Jam Box and a new Teddy bear to sleep with , and a new beach ball. My sister wants a new jam box because she broker hers. I love you. Erin Dawdy, K-2

Dear Santa.

I want some toys for my friends and my brother. I wish that my brother grows up how he wants to because he could get toys for me and him. I want a Barbie doll and Ken. I love my mom and my brother. Love,

Leslie Perez, K-2 Dear Santa,

I want a doll and a Barbie. Bring my brother a car. I'll see you Christmas Eve. Please bring my Mom and Dad a cup. Jessica Cisneros, K-2

Dear Santa,

I want any kind of a doll and a car for my brother. I love you. Love. Daisy Yannis, K-2



Dear Santa,

I want a saw to play with and some brown cowboys boots and a black hat, and some blue jeans. That's all. I love you

J.R. Mercado, K-2

Dear Santa,

I would like a skateboard, a dirt bike, a three-wheeler, and a candy cane, a jam box and tapes, and a Teddy Ruxpin. Say hi to all your reindeer. Zach Logan, K-5

Dear Santa,

I want an arrow and a Big Foot to ride in, and a remote control Big Foot, and a BB gun, and a club, and a book. Say hi to Rudolph.

Love, Leon Guzman, K-5

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll, and a Teddy Ruxpin and a puppy, and a book and some boots and a shirt and a rabbit. I would like to give you a hug! Love,

Laura Garza, K-5

Dear Santa. I want a Teddy Ruxpin, a pig pol and some tapes. I'm doing fine. Thanks for bringing presents.

Love. Mandy Emert, K-5

Dear Santa, Did you have a nice summer? I want Hungry Hippo and a microphone and a Teddy Ruxpin. Say hi to Rudolph and the boys. Love.

Josh Tipton, K-5

Dear Santa, I want to be a teacher when I grow up. I want a gym and a car. I love you. Cynthia Salazar, K-5

Dear Santa,

I would like a scooter, and a teddy bear, a book, some red boots, some blue jeans, and snow boots and a horse and a car, and some paper to write on and a fishing pole and some pencils.

> Love, John Shough, K-5

Dear Santa,

I would like a Baby Heather, some pencils and erasers, a computer, a Whiz Kid, a reindeer toy, and a Santa Claus. Love. Jessica Johnston, K-5

Dear Santa, I would like a bike, a motorcycle, a skateboard and a little monkey. I am glad Christmas is nearly here. Jim Perales, K-5

Dear Santa.

I would like to be a gymnist. For Christmas I would like a Barbie and a fish, and a doll and a Bible. Love, Jody Bueno, K-5

Dear Santa,

I would like a dress, and a bicycle and a Barbie, and a baby doll with a bottle and can talk, and a Baby Jesus toy. Love, Kristy Fonseca, K-5

Dear Santa,

I would like to be a mechanic when I grow up. I would like some tools, a Battleship game, and a Win, Lose or Draw game for Christmas. Shane Lloyd, K-5

Dear Santa,

Christmas wishes.

I want a bike and a doll and a jam box.

I want a bike. And cabbage patch.

Can you bring me a racecar and a toy

I love you you war a red soot I like it. I

And a good dog. And a red car.

and swimineg. I liwe Santa.

sool you at Sers. By By.

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa,

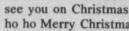
Dear Santa.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

raindere.

I want a computer and a scooter for Christmas! I love you, Santa. Merry Christmas, April Gourdon, 2-B



Christmas. Ant I wich you will bring me a bike to ride. No. And I will be happy to see you on Christmas. You will say ho ho ho Merry Christmas. Thank you for the present. Tha you bring me for

I want you to bring me a doll for

Christmas. I love you.

Senee At Christmas

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

some new toys.

Love,

Cindy, 2-C

Stephanie, 2-C

Dane Nichols, 2-C

Dusty Jahay, 2-C

Elvira Rodriguez, 2-C

Crystal Meyers, 2-C

Love.

P.S. Merry Christmas to Santa Claus. Susy Maldonado, 3-C

You are my friend. I want to see you on Christmas. Dear Santa, I have been nice to my mom and dad

Dear Santa

Christmas. I love you.

and my sister. Please bring me a racing car and a bike. I love you. Dear Santa ho, ho, ho. Merry Christmas! Have a merry Christmas! Santa Claus have a Merry Christmas! Mom and dad and and sistrer. I love you. Henry Fabila, Jr. 3-C

Please bring me a radio and batteries

I love you,

Alex Arrendondo

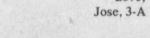
for Christmas. ho ho ho ho ho ho Merry

Dear Santa, I want a barbee doll for Christmas. Thank you. I love you. Merry Christ-

mas!

Dear Santa, I want a bike for Christmas.

Dear Santa. I have been nice. Please bring me a Big Foot and a candycane for Christmas. Happy Christmas, Santa. Love,





Plese bring me a dog and a candycane for Christmas. Thank you for everything. I love you Santa and I like you ok. Thank you ! Merry Christmas! Love

Love you, Belinda Dela Fuente, 3-D

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Bigfoot. I side thank and I love you Claus.

Love Alex Riojas, 3-B

red puppy and you. Dear Santa,

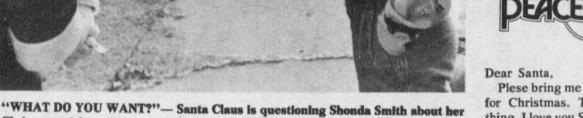
I want a doll and a tape recorder. Karissa Dysart, 2-C

On the First Day of Christmas ...

Dear Santa, **Staff Photo**

you,

I have been a good little girl. And this is what I want for Christmas. A TV



Love,

Love,

Jennifer Luna

Jennifer Garza

Love. Brenda

Dear Santa, I want a cabbage patch and with a bunch of clous. And a ganbox. Jennifer

Nancy Irlas Dear Santa,

ho! ho! ho! ho! ho! ho! Merry

Christmas! I want a radio and batteries.

Santa, please bring me a doll. I love you

Benny. I want to see you on Christmas.

Please bring me a Big Foot. I love you

I want a jambox and a new bike and

I want a talking Doll Baby Heather

and a jambox and a singing Bear.

some new skaets and some new glasses.

Love.

Love,

Linda V., 2-C

Tammy Sanchez, 2-C

Benny Lopez, 1-B

Santa Claus.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Could you get me a doll a dog a Teddy bear a puff-a-lump.

Karen Smith

Dear Santa,

I want a trian set. And a remote controle air plane. I want differt cides of games. Like lectroneck battle ship.

Timothy, 2-C

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a caranda jambox and a racecar.

Dewayen, 2-C

Dear Santa, I would like a scotter. And I would like swiming pool. And a remout airplane.

Michael, 2-C

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a red dog. Alberto Bermea, 2-C

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a good dog and a Cabbage singing Bear and a doll and a

Jennifer Rodriguez, 2-C

Dear Santa.

I would like a remote control diesel truck, a remote control pickup and a picture of you. Happy holidays to you.

Love, Jamie Davis, K-5

Dear Santa.

I love you. For Christmas I want a Teddy Ruxpin, a Play-Doh flower basket maker, and a stuffed elephant toy and a ball.

> Love, Na'Lyn Simpson, K-5

May you share the

wondrous tidings of this

sincerest thanks.

Holy Season.

Merry Christmas and

Poole Muffler

Dear Santa. I want to be a mommy and a

& Radiator Shop

cheerleader when I grow up. I would like some new shoes, an umbrella, some snow boots, and a Winnie-the-Pooh, and a Cookie Monster and a baby doll for Christmas.

> Love, Shannan Smith, K-5

Herry a hristmas

Dear Santa, I want a baby Heather and a baby cabbage.

Dear Santa, I want a doll and a jem. I want a jambox. I want a computer. I want a puppy and a dog. I want a swingset. Andrea Garcia, 2-C Dear Santa.

I want a jambox and a heart to-heart bear. And a cricket-doll. Your friend, Jamie McGuire, 2-C Dear Santa.

I want jambox and a gurter and a skaeteboard. Your friend, Lisa Martine, 2-C

Dear Santa, Please bring me a barbie and a I want a Scottor and a bike and a gim dollhouse and a big Teddybear for my little brother and another one for me.

waterbed and baby Heather.

Dear Santa. I kown what to get for my mom. I kown what to get for my stepdab. I kown

I want a radio, and a cat, and a dog. I

want some new clothes, too. I want

what to get for Zack. Love, **Erin Abshier**

Dear Santa. What I Like about Chrirstmas that it is time for Love. Love. Sherri Williams

Dear Santa, Please bring me a set of cars. And bring my sisters and brothers something to. And bring my best frien Derek something. Your friend, Mario Nunez

Dear Santa, I want a football and bring my sister my little pony. Me and my sister been good. Bring my dad and mom money. Love, Derek

Love Eloisa Soliz

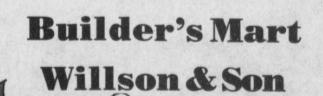
Warmest thanks for your patronage. To all, we wish a joyous holiday season.

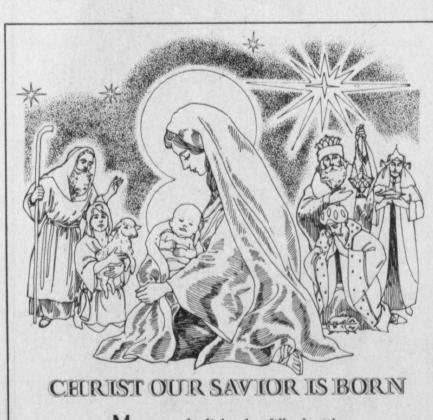
Gloria's Cleaners

... And To All A Good Night

Sugar plums and sugar canes and packages wrapped with joy ... are just the stuff that dreams are made for every girl and boy.

May all your Christmas dreams come true as we extend our thanks to you!





Raymond, Mary & Rebecca Poole

May your holiday be filled with the blessings of His faith and love.

Quality Body Shop

SEASON'S GREETINGS Share the glory of this very special season! We're happy to extend our thanks for doing business with us.



For Christmas I want...

Dear Santa.

I want a lots of toys I will be good I want a football to wan a good techer to. Victor Alaniz

Dear Santa

I Like everybody in this world. And the teachers even the school Childrend. For Christmas I want a drum set.

Love Justin Jermaine Robinson

Dear Santa,

I want a doll that talks. And please buy my dad some shose. Buy my sister some toys. Buy my mom some licksick. Love **Denise Peralez**

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a lots of tos and for you to help me is school and i want you to bring my mom and dad a lot of close. Love

Linda Treio

Dear Santa.

Please buy my dad a brand new pick-up. And buy my sister a sweet secrets. And buy my mom a pear of sun glasses. Sincerly, yours **Kyle Pierce** Dear Santa,

Please by my mom some perfume and a lot more stuff. And you don't have to by me anything. Love, Marty Ann Herrera

Dear Santa, Please get my dad a magnetec screwdriver. Mom alot of matereal. And the other children what they want.



Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll. and for Sammy he wants a play car. and for Kristy she

Dear Santa, I want a dall that talks and that wants

the botle and it crys I Love you Santa **Teresa Juarez**

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a play car. And also a TV. And for my sister she want a kid sister toy. And for my siste and brother bring thim some thigs too. Joe Lucio

Dear Santa,

I want a doll for Christmas. and a Cabbage patch. and a barbie. and a bike. Love **Robin Padgett**

Dear Santa,

I want a Alf talking doll. And I want a bear. And alut of bears, and dolls I Love you Santa. Thank you From Thelma R.G.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a transformers all the set

Love Matthew Bueno Dear Santa Claus, I want a bike for Christmas and I Love you and Thant.you Love Nicola, 2-A Dear Santa claus,

I want a bike and a Baby talk. I Lov you

Dear Santa, I want a parakeet and a bike

Dear Santa claus, I want a tree wiler And tow more forwiler And a bike and a relle dog and a pupy? I Love you

tapes, some cloths. I Love you Thank you

Dear Santa.

of skates, and a alf doll and alf talking

Dear Santa.

I want a parakeet and a monpoley game and a little Chirstmas tree to go in my room. and some skates. Love Crystal Dear santa clas. I want a three wile my name is Victor Dear Santa,

need

Santa.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa Claus

want some gams to.

Dear Santa St. Nick,

I want babby Hether this year. I also

I want a bike, I like a baby doll, I like

I want a bike and a dress and a Doll

about a broepanda toy and I Love you

I want a three willer and a forwiller

I want a computer, a skateborde, and

a parkeet, a transformer to, for all toys I

Love,

Valerie

I Love you Elena

> Love Marina

> > Love

Daniel, 2-A

Thank you

Your friend,

Tyson W.

Abel

Garcia I want a Litro car I Love you Victor Garcia Dear Santa Claus.

I want a bike and a doll and toys and parakeet and trans former. and a scooter. I Love you Rosantina



Dear Santa Caus, I want a scooter and a Master Detective set. I Love you Thank you Warren Allen Bishop

Dear Santa. Book I Love you.

Rosemarie

I Love you Danielle

from Anthony

Dear Santa, I want a scooter, some skats, some

> Love Jennifer Noland

> > Love

Lizzie

I want a doll called Julie, and a pare

I want a bike And I love you so much

And Thank you for all the toys that you

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means the birth of Jesus. And going to your cousins house and

sledding in the snow.

It means presents, lots of presents. others some presents. After that we Snow and Santa Claus (Ho! Ho! Ho!). sing. Christmas means candy, oranges, Best of all now school. Christmas apples and food. Christmas is a time to carolers coming to the door. Decorating give and share. Christmas means sitting the tree and the house with Christmas on Santa's lap. Christmas means a lights. Also having a snowball fight with snowy holiday and fun in the snow. my friends. Making a snowman and Christmas is a holiday of fun and joy. angels in the snow. Running and sliding Christmas is a way of saying thanks for in the snow, meeting my family, going Jesus being born on Christmas day. -Robert Romero, 5-D -Chad

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is having family and friends over and having a big dinner. A lot of grown ups

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WAITING IN LINE-Jurahee Jones waits her turn for an interview with Santa **Staff Photo**

What Christmas Means To Me

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Students describe Christmas

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Frances Ochoa

Dear Santa,

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Misty Rowan

Merry Christmas

Dear Santa.

give me

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opening presents and having fun. And then you can play with your toys. And after you finish playing with your toys Katie Smith you can go outside and make a snowman.

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When all is said and

tell kids go into the other room so they can wrap presents for Christmas Eve, sharing laughter and joy. Christmas means turning on the Christmas tree lights, spending time with my family -Larry Guerra and giving presents to one another. I get to help make cakes, pies and candy for our neighbors. But being out of school. To be able to sleep late and go to bed late. My Dad makes popcorn and watches football. I get to go to both of my Grandma's and eat sweets both places. Me and my cousins beg to go outside and get told "No." -Zacha Harris

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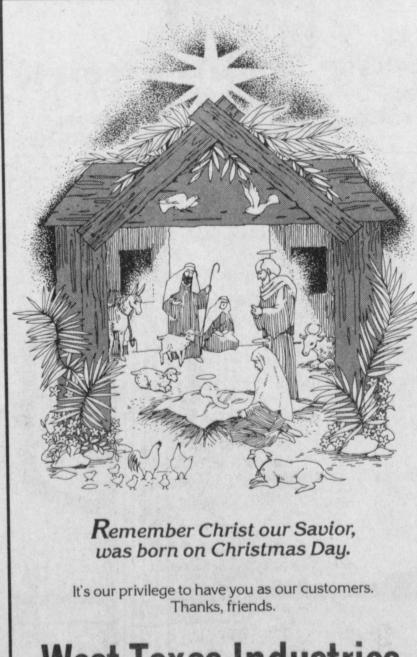
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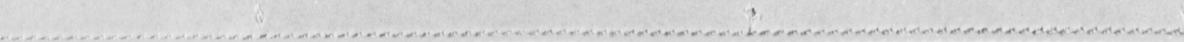




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For Christmas I want...

Dear Santa,

I want a lots of toys I will be good I want a football to wan a good techer to. Victor Alaniz

Dear Santa

I Like everybody in this world. And the teachers even the school Childrend. For Christmas I want a drum set. Love

Justin Jermaine Robinson

Dear Santa,

I want a doll that talks. And please buy my dad some shose. Buy my sister some toys. Buy my mom some licksick. Love **Denise Peralez**

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a lots of tos and for you to help me is school and i want you to bring my mom and dad a lot of close.

Love Linda Trejo

Dear Santa,

Please buy my dad a brand new pick-up. And buy my sister a sweet secrets. And buy my mom a pear of sun glasses. Sincerly, yours

Kyle Pierce

Dear Santa, Please by my mom some perfume and a lot more stuff. And you don't have to by me anything. Love.

Marty Ann Herrera Dear Santa.

Please get my dad a magnetec screwdriver. Mom alot of matereal. And the other children what they want.



Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll. and for Sammy he wants a play car. and for Kristy she

Dear Santa, I want a dall that talks and that wants the botle and it crys I Love you Santa Teresa Juarez

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a play car. And also a TV. And for my sister she want a kid sister toy. And for my siste and brother bring thim some thigs too. Joe Lucio

Dear Santa, I want a doll for Christmas. and a

Cabbage patch. and a barbie. and a bike. Love **Robin Padgett**

Dear Santa, I want a Alf talking doll. And I want a

bear. And alut of bears, and dolls. I Love you Santa. Thank you From Thelma R.G.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a transformers all the set Matthew Bueno

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bike for Christmas and I Love you and Thant.you Love Dear Santa claus,

Love

I want a bike and a Baby talk. I Lov you. Rosemarie

Dear Santa, I want a parakeet and a bike I Love you Danielle

Dear Santa claus, I want a tree wiler And tow more forwiler And a bike and a relle dog and a pupy? I Love you from

Anthony Dear Santa,

I want a scooter, some skats, some tapes, some cloths.

I Love you Thank you Love

Jennifer Noland

Dear Santa. I want a doll called Julie, and a pare of skates, and a alf doll and alf talking

Dear Santa. I want a parakeet and a monpoley game and a little Chirstmas tree to go in my room. and some skates.

Love Crystal Dear santa clas. I want a three wile my name is Victor Garcia I want a Litro car I Love you Victor Garcia

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bike and a doll and toys and parakeet and trans former. and a scooter. I Love you Rosantina

Dear Santa Caus, J want a scooter and a Master Detective set. I Love you Thank you

Dear Santa. I want a scooter and a talking Julie Nicola, 2-A and a water Bed and a doll and a collring Book I Love you.

Rosa, 2-A Tyson W.

Students describe Christmas

What Christmas Means To Me

It means presents, lots of presents. Snow and Santa Claus (Ho! Ho! Ho!). Best of all now school. Christmas carolers coming to the door. Decorating the tree and the house with Christmas lights. Also having a snowball fight with my friends. Making a snowman and angels in the snow. Running and sliding in the snow, meeting my family, going sledding in the snow.

-Chad

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is Christmas means the birth of Jesus. having family and friends over and And going to your cousins house and having a big dinner. A lot of grown ups

Love Marina

Love,

Valerie

I Love you Elena

Dear Santa Claus I want a three willer and a forwiller and a bike and a littecars and a toygun Love Daniel, 2-A

I want babby Hether this year. I also

I want a bike, I like a baby doll, I like

I want a bike and a dress and a Doll

about a broepanda toy and I Love you

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apples and food. Christmas is a time to

give and share. Christmas means sitting

on Santa's lap. Christmas means a

snowy holiday and fun in the snow.

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Jesus being born on Christmas day.

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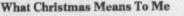


WAITING IN LINE-Jurahee Jones waits her turn for an interview with Santa **Staff Photo**

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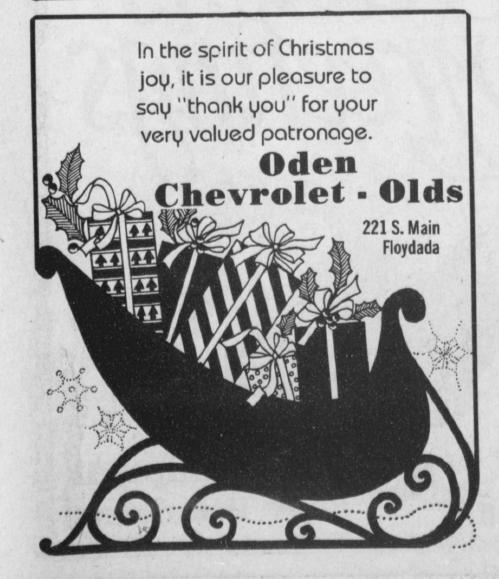
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Love

Lizzie

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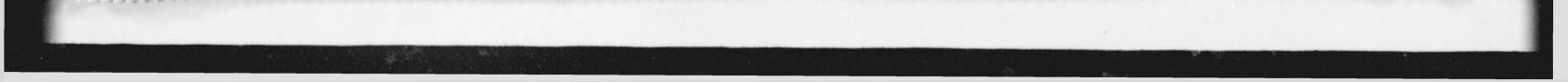
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Remember Christ our Savior, was born on Christmas Day.

It's our privilege to have you as our customers. Thanks, friends.





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Glancing Back in Time... 1937 Santa requests







Dear Santa Claus:

We have moved to our place near Baker school, so be sure to look for me. I have tried to be a good little boy this year, so please bring me a dual wheel red wagon, a transport truck and a basketball. I also want some fruit, nuts. and candy.

> Your friend, George Reid May

Dear Santa.

Please bring me a sewing machine and a washing machine. Do not forget my brother, Robert. Please bring me a tricycle, toy dog and cat and we want some nuts, fruits and candy. Your Friend,

Genell Hambright

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a doll, doll clothes and a purse. I also want some fruit, nuts and candy. I have tried to be a good little girl. I am six years old. With love, **Frances Pratt**

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, purse, and trunk. I want some fruit, nuts and

candy. I have been a good little girl and I am

Eva Nell Pratt

I am a little boy two years old and I With love,

Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa: Please send me a train, a story book and some nuts and candy. Please

remember the other children. Your friend, **Robert Reeves**

Dear Santa:

I want a ball, bat, some cars, a garage for them, a stock farm, a drum and a pop gun. Please bring baby brother a ball and some other toys. All of us like fruit and nuts. Leslie Nixon

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me some fruit, nuts and candy. I have been a good little girl. With lots of love, **Carlene** Daniel

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a real good boy this year and I wish that you would bring me a train that you wind up and it runs around on a track, and also a donkey too and a milk cart, a tool set, a rake and a hoe and shovel set. and santa I want some fruit, candy and nuts. **Billy Mac Shipley**

Dear Santa Claus: I would like for you to bring me a set Your friend,

I am a little girl seven years old. I go

I am a little girl eight years old and in



I am going to school this year. Will you please bring me a scooter, a dump truck, a belt, scabbard and gun. Your little friend, Travis Jones

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a wagon with side boards, a little bicycle, some house shoes. If you can't bring a bicycle this year please bring me a cap gun and an aeroplane.

> Lots of love, Don Mark Shurbet



Joe Richard Noland Reep the Spirit alive



Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl one and a half years old. I have been a good little girl and I want you to bring me a new doll, a large teddy bear, a little wrist watch and a little rocking chair.

this Christmas ... in Church

I am a little boy almost four years old.

My real home is in Floydada, but we are

here in Crawford this winter and please

I have been a good boy and I want you

to bring me a green tricycle, a musical

top and a catapillar tractor. Don't forget

my little sister Ima Jean. We want some

Love,

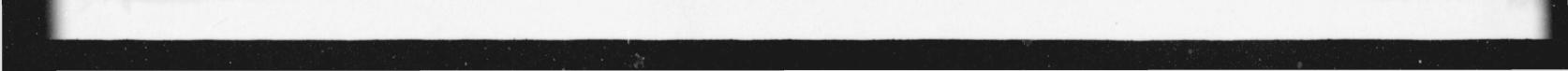
come to see me down here.

fruit, nuts and candy.

Please don't forget my brother Joe Richard and please bring us lots of candy, nuts and fruits. Our home is at Floydada but we are living at Crawford this winter so please come and see us down here. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

> Your little friend, Ima Jean Noland





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Love you,

Corey Hurt

We like Christmas things ... manger Dear Santa, scenes beneath the tree. Santa in his red and white suit, busy elves in Santa's workshop, Christmas trees in peple's houses, stockings hung by the chimney, presents with bows under the tree, friends and family exchanging gifts. We like Christmas things.

Dear Santa.

I have been good this year and my baby wants a smal car and I want a doll that toks and her name is baby hether. I love. Amy Hernandez

Dear Santa, I want a radio with a t.v. in it and a t.v.

Robert Lee Gonzales

Dear Santa, I whant for Christmas is a bike and a wacth. Love,

Kazia Vasquez Dear Santa,

I want a scuter for Chritmas. I want a football and a telfone and a canes. Love. Freddie Gaitan

Dear Santa, I want a new bike for Christmas and a new telfone. Love. **Adam Perales**

Dear Santa, I wish for a bike and a cars and a jungle box and a G.I, joe jet and a afl doll and a book and a ring. Love, George Perez

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I want a doll that talks and a ring to but I want something for my family to. Love. Lakindra Runnels, 2-D

Dear Santa. I would like a la new born and a panda bear and a radio that is pink with a handle that I can hold it with. Your friend,

Ashleigh Williams, 2-D

Dear Santa,

Want a baby talk and a popple and a bike and a telephone. Jessica Maldonado

I will be good on Christmas and you

get me a doll for Christmas. Your friend,

Stephanie Emert

Dear Santa. I want a modercicle Kx60 and a helmet and a moder cicle suit. Brynn Nichols candy to eat.

Dear Santa. I want a care bear and a dress also a box of crayons. And a poflop.

Jessica Mercado

Dear Santa,

My name is Corey, I am 4 years old. I

have been a pretty good boy this year. I

can't wait till Christmas morning. I

would like a bycyle, sport's popple,

Hungry-Hungry-Hippos, and Feed Me,

games. Goast Busters sleeping bag, and

P.S. I will leave you some mm's

a Little people's car wash.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am 8 years old now and I want a radio cassette player. I will take good care of it. I also want a Barbie Ice cream shoppe. I want two tapes by George Strait and one of Ricky Van Shelton. I have been very good this year and I am doing okay in school. Tell Mrs. Claus, "hi." for me and Merry Christmas to you all at the North Pole. I Love you very, very much,

Krissy Patterson

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Lupe Duran Jr. I am 6 years old. First of all I really want toys this year but I don't know if you really could get them, you see my Daddy has been sick for so many months and haven't work. So it's kind of hard. Really I think I want for Christmas is for my Daddy to get well. But it wouldn't hurt for you to bring me a Little Ten Speed Bike, and a telescope.

Your friend, Lupe Duran, Jr.

All I want for Christmas is a talking Mickey Mouse. Don't forget Mom and

Dad. I haven't been good all year but

I'm being nicer. I hope you wont forget I love you, **Casey Elliott**

Dear Santa,

me.

For Christmas I would like A few model horeses, A tropical-tahiti bird, A Macaw parrot or a paroeet, some new house shoes, a dimand necklace or ring, another Randy Travis tape "Maybe Two'' and another cabbage patch show pony.

Love. Stacey, 3-B

Dear, Santa,

I wold like this stuff. I wold lik a tallking cabbage patch, a com, a pound puppy, a cabbag patch cloths, like a dress, and all kinds of jwery. Love.

Cassy, 3-B

Dear Santa,

I wate a Molen trowll car and new bike and a cuputer, a four wheller, Som G.i.j.s, some trans formers, a etarey, and vedow games.

Love, Jeffrey, 3-B

Dear Santa, Please bring me a atarie and a computer. I hope you bring me them.

Your friend, Chad Benjamin, 3-B

Breng me a bike a doll for my sister, a boot jack a new purse fomy mom and Dad.



CANDY CANES FOR FRIENDS-Santa Claus distributed candy canes to youthful friends during a visit to Floydada. **Staff Photo**

Dear Santa,

I want a computer, a candy cane, some money, a stuffed animal, and a new coloring book for Cristmas. Your friend, **Bruce McHam**

and thanks.

-Charles Dickens

and bike. I want a my chiled.

Thank you.

If you can I want skates and a watch

I want a scooter, telephone, skates,

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Amanda. I am eight years old. I have tried my best to be good this year. I would like a jambox, a coat and a dollhouse. Please don't forget my brother. He would like a football and

Dear Santa.

For Christmas I will won't a new pool table and my brother will won't a watergun. I will like a slinky, a football, a remot controll car, and a big bag of candy.

> Your Friend Brian Lutrick, 3-B

Dear Santa,

I want a bike for Christmas and a G.I. Joe cross wire. Nest Christmas I want a toy car and 10 new pants and 5 new shirsts and 1 pair of shoes and that will be all.

> Love. Joey, 3-B

Dear Santa,

I want a big casio for Christmas This year because I tl gek I've been good. Love, Julian, 3-B

Dear Santa.

I want a new born pound puppie, a pink bike, a computer, a Alf doll that talks, a VCR with tapes, and a color TV. Your friend, Nicole, 3-B

Dear Santa,

I want a computer or a purple bike. Santa Clause you are the nicest man so please bring me a little bear or a little doll. I love little doll's and bear's. They are very pretty.

Love. Mary, 3-B

I hope you bring me pinto robot. My sister wants baby Heather. I want a new born puppy.

Ricky and ShonAnn Derryberry, 3-B

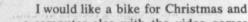
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I would like a Bike for Christmas and a VcR with a color Tv and a cuple of vido games in my room, my own dog, a pure gold ring, watch, dog house for it and a Bunch of money for needing things. Love your friend,

Adrieanna, 3-B

Dear Santa, I hope you bring me pinto Robot. It is a Robot. My sister wants baby Heather. Love. Ricky and ShonAnn Derryberry, 3-B

Dear Santa,



I have been good this year I want a little doll that tox her name is Baby Hether and I want a Ring. This year

> Love. Monica Galvan

Dear Santa.

boys stuff.

Amanda Fawver

Love,

Dear Santa,

Love. Marcos, 3-B Dear Santa.

Love

Dear Santa, I want a toy for Christmas I want a Babay talk for Christmas and a mine Dear Santa, peano.

This is my list of toys: I want a My Love, little pony, Barbie, Charm necklace, Chrystal Foster That is all.

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa,

A Christmas Recipe We've baked up a host of homemade wishes for our many customers. Merry Christmas

Pay-n-Save

Floydada

My best wishes for your merry Christmases and your happy New Years, your long lives and your true prosperities.

We thank you so very much.

Floydada Co-op Gins

Love. and cloes. Jeannie Ochoa Yours, Tara McCandless Dear Santa Claus.

Sant claus I want toys for Christmas. This is my list. Baby talk and a popple Love, and a telephone. Amanda Fawver Latoya Ledbetter

Dear Santa,

I want a T.V. and a radio and a vedeo game and a transformer and a big foot truck. Your friend,

Leo Esquivel Dear Santa,

I will like a skater piano and my on watch thats all I want. Your friend, Mary Jane Gonzales

Dear Santa, I wish I hade a He-Man toy. Will you

give me one? Love. George Guzman

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a purple scooter and a ring for my mom. Thank you. Love, Shelby Romero Dear Santa.

My name is Lewis. I am three years old. I have tried to be good this year. I would like a football, a football helmet, and a football shirt. Please don't forget my sister. Her name is Amanda. She is eight years old. She wants dolls and girls stuff. We'll leave cookies and milk. Love. Lewis Fawver

Dear Santa,

My name is Frank Hernandez, Jr. 1 live in Dougherty, Texas. For Christmas I would like you to bring me a Big John Deere tractor. And big plow, cotton stripper, big combine.

I have been a real good little boy Thank you, Frank Hernandez 4 years old

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine and can't wait until Christmas. I forgot to tell you when I saw you that I want a Libby Lee play make-up set and a light-up vanity case that has a comb, brush, play bairdryer and nailpolish in it.

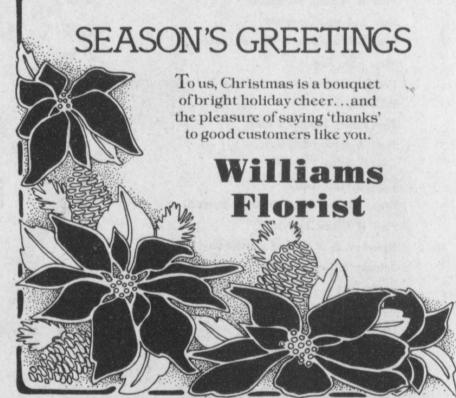
Have a safe trip and Merry Christmas to you. I have been a good girl this year most of the time.

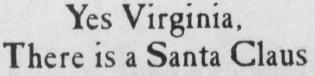
Dear Santa, I hope you come to our school. I want to meet you. I want a bike for Christmas. I also want a pony for Christmas too, and a color t.v. Your friend

a computer also with the video games and a car a red car my sister whants a doll house with dolls of course. Santa please bring me my wish OK. Love.

Vernon, 3-B

Patricia, 3-B 1000000000000





Virginia ... the heart of childhood."

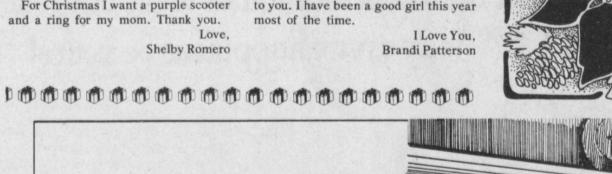
One of the joys of Christmas is expressing our gratitude and appreciation to good friends like you.

Adam's Well Service



"... a thousand years from now, He will continue to make glad

-- Francis Pharcellus Church





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Christmas at the old Commercial Hotel

By Richard Morehead

Our family has often felt sorry for families who do not own a small hotel to celebrate Christmas in.

How many Christmas we have been together at the Lamplighter Inn in Floydada, formerly the Commercial Hotel, have almost been forgotten.

For the Moreheads, Christmas in Floydada was the continance of a great tradition that started when we were young in Plainview, where we lived on a dairy farm now-town suburb.

While we often visited our grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Daily, in the hotel at Floydada when we were small children, and afterward, the real "Christmas in Floydada" for the More-"Christmas in Floydada" for the Moreheads, in-laws and sometimes other kinfolk and friends commenced in the 1940s when the Dailys' poor health caused them to sell the hotel to our parents, Ed and Ethel Morehead. The Dailys moved to a small house next door and the Moreheads came from Plainview to live at the hotel.

Through the World War II years we yearned for those who had gone to war, especially John Hotchkiss, with the Navy Seabees in bloody Guadalcanal. Dorothy and Johnny Hotchkiss now own and operate the hotel. One special Christmas was in 1945 when Johnny came home from the Navy (intact).

For us, Christmas was usually a three-day celebration of gift-giving, visiting and eating. Often we spent part of the time in Plainview. When the senior Moreheads' now-mature grandchildren arrived, they became the center of attention. One Christmas all the boys received cowboy boots. Sliding down the bannisters in the hotel lobby is a sport now being enjoyed by the fifth generation.

Since it has been published in Richard Morehead's TEXAS book and in WHAT'S COOKING, a compilation of family recipes of Ethel Daily Morehead and others, perhaps the most publicized event of our annual Christmas was Pop's (Ed Morehead) eggnog, which he made every Christmas and occasionally on New Year's in Plainview and later Floydada.

The recipe follows:

POP'S ANNUAL EGGNOG

"Take on fifth of Four Roses, minus one stiff drink "

Thus begins a recipe for Pop's Eggnogg, which is a Christmas tradition in the Morehead family.

With so many eggnog recipes around,

the memory of one who established warm tradition in our family.

POP MOREHEAD'S EGG NOG RECIPE-21/2 gallons

20 eggs separated (room temperature) 1 quart whipping cream

3/3 pint sugar (Pop measured in pints quarts except as follows):

1/5 gallon Four Roses bourbon ("less one stiff drink'') nutmeg

Beat egg whites until stiff (lean over bowel while smoking pipe-not really-

'Reginald, the Red-Nosed Rein-

deer"...? Now hold on a minute! Every

kid in America knows his name is

Robert L. May, a poetry-writing copy-

writer for Montgomery Ward was asked

to develop some ideas for a Christmas

booklet to be handed out to children

May's first idea about a reindeer with

a shiny nose received a cool reception.

But he believed in the character that

was taking shape in his mind. When he

and an artist-friend came up with some

whimsical illustrations of a lovable

reindeer with a bright red nose, May's

Reginald were among the three names

considered, but neither had the right

ring for May, and Rudolph was born.

The story took shape with May's

four-year-old daughter, Barbara, serv-

That Christmas, 2.4 million copies of

the now internationally famous story

were presented to children all over the

country. Rudolph reappeared in 1946 in

a similar holiday promotion that requir-

Ward gave the copyright for Rudolph to

May. Two years later, Rudolph's longe-

The following year, Montgomery

ed 3.6 million copies of the booklet.

ing as his toughest critic.

Next came the name. Rollo and

proposal won immediate approval.

visiting the company's retail stores.

It almost happened in 1939 when

Rudolph. Who's Reginald?

although Pop was a constant pipesmok- hold the mixture. Stop and find one. er)

Whip cream "like hell"

Beat volks well on very slow speed Add sugar, a couple of tablespoons at a time to the yolks, beating well after each addition

Pour whiskey VERY SLOWLY (this is most important) so as to cook the eggs. (Lean over bowl...smell mixture...swear eggs are not very fresh.) Add whipping cream. Blend only,

fold in. By now you need a dishpan to

Add stiff whites, small amounts at a time, saving some to put on top to blend

with spatula. Sample, exclaiming: "By gad! It suits me exactly.'

Nutmeg to taste. Serve to dry multitude.

(Note: a 25-egg mix (our family is non-conformist, including recipes) served by Pop's granddaughter, Judy Chapin, to 15 guests, had two quarts left over.)

MEMORABLE MEALS

After Pops died in 1964, others in the family made the eggnog, usually my brother Lucian, a Plainview attorney.

Meals were memorable, prepared sometimes in the hotel kitchen and served to 20 or 30 people in the dining room or lobby, with our best silver, dinnerware, and linen.

Our turkey was always homecooked, and usually carved at the table, where Pops made a ceremony of sharpening

the carving knife to a fine edge on a steel.

Besides more commonplace dishes, we always had cranberry sauce made from fresh cranberries, some of which also were already strung with popcorn to decorate the Christmas tree, which touched the lobby ceiling. Mrs. Lora Farris made oyster dressing. Her daughter is Audrey Farris Morehead of Plainview.

Ambrosia was a specialty. Once when Mom was making the orange and cocoanut delicacy for the dinner, our small son kept confusing the number of relatives and the number of oranges.

"Grandmother, how many oranges does Aunt Ambrosia need?" he inquired.

The dinner was topped with such delicacies as Osgood pie (a little like pecan pie), pumpkin pie and other desserts. Diets could wait until the New Year resolutions.

Frequent Christmas dinner guests were Aunt Irene and George McAllister; sometimes Aunt Adeline and Ross Henry (Mom's sisters).

Christmas is full of memories for us all, and when the family last gathered this year for the placing of an historical marker on the Lamplighter Inn it could well of added a postscript: "...and filled with generations of happy family gatherings.





vity was assured when Johnny Marks wrote his famous "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" song. Gene Autry's recording rocketed to the top of the hit parade in 1949 - Rudolph's 10th birthday. It was Autry's biggest selling

record May later recalled, "When Rudolph became so popular, I felt like a father whose son had become president.I had created something bigger and more

Texas grown Christmas trees

Growers in the Lone Star state will market more than 500,000 Texas-grown Christmas trees this season, says Jim Chandler, a forester with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

In the early 1970s, Extension forestry

producers is \$8 million and the economic impact to the state is more than \$25 million," Chandler says.

"Approximately 44 percent of this year's crop will be choose-n-cut, while 50 percent will be wholesale and 6 farms. Most of these farms are choosen-cut operations and owners also sell some trees wholesale, Chandler says.

important than I could ever hope to be."

Consumers nationally should benefit this year from increased Christmas tree plantings of five and six years ago. Because weather conditions this har-

Rudolph went on to become a TV star in 1964 and reruns have delighted children of all ages almost every year since.

May's great affection for his lifelike creation continued until 1976, when he died at the age of 71. Rudolph was 37.

That Christmas, Rudolph's nose didn't glow hardly at all, and it's said that Santa had to make his rounds without him because he was so sad. But he'll continue to make his usual rounds with Santa this Christmas Eve, foggy or not

more a performance than just a recipe.

Prohibition still was abroad in the land during our boyhood, but somehow a bottle of Four Roses bourbon appeared in the Morehead household every Christmas on the dry West Texas Plains.

After stocking contents were examined and gifts unwrapped, our father went into his eggnog act. This always came close to breaking up the marriage with our mother, who was trying to bake a turkey, make fruit salad, and do other things in the kitchen for a big, wonderful dinner.

In good times and bad, our family always ate well, even when money was scarce. We lived on a dairy farm, and around us grew most of the ingredients for fine eggnog - all home-grown except for flavoring and spirits.

Mom could fix Christmas dinner for the whole family with less to-do than Pop took making eggnog. But after all, his was a once-a-year performance which nobody should forget. He's been gone several years, but Pop and eggnog remain almost synonymous in our family.

After testing the Four Roses to make sure the contents weren't just colored water, Pop "separated the eggs" usually with sloppy assistance of the younger generation. Sometimes our mother came to the rescue to keep her kitchen from being ruined completely by persons too inept to separate the whites and the yolks with an eggshell, dividing the result into two bowls.

This was accompanied by the Great Bowl Argument over what bowls to use. Nearly all bowls are too small for this purpose. We don't recall Pop ever making eggnog over the years without overflowing the bowl and still having part of the liquid left over.

Yolks were stirred and whites whipped. Sugar was added, along with pure cream and sometimes a little milk.

Pouring the Four Roses became a high point, with Mom always demonstrating that the nog would be too strong. Pop settled that argument by adding another splash of bourbon triumphantly.

The next strain on the family tie came in making space in the refrigerator already full of Christmas goodies - to let a large bowl of eggnog "set." Good nog must season and chill. Ours was well sampled while fresh, but the real serving always took place later.

After losing the Refrigerator Space Shuffle, Mom won a victory by banishing the eggnog crew from the kitchen while she cleaned up the mess and got on with the dinner-fixing.

Children shared the excitement of eggnog-making then and now in the Morehead family. It is an experience to savor. Pop's is the best eggnog we know of, and we'll tip the goodtasting cup to

we won't burden you with details of our specialists conducted demonstrations in family's. Besides, Pop's Eggnog was East Texas to select best adapted trees and study cultural practices.

"Today, about 20 years later, the estimated value of the crop to Texas

percent will be retail lots operated by growers," says Chandler, who is based in Overton.

Eighty-six producers in 27 counties of Extension Districts 5 and 9 have tree

vest for Christmas trees are good across most of the U.S., most Christmas trees reached their retail destination in good condition.

Last year, a total of 32.7 million trees were sold, and 1987 sales are expected to be about 33.3 million Christmas trees.

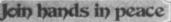
Consumer surveys also show that natural and artificial trees have about an equal share of users. But, real trees led slightly with 38 percent of the market share, compared to 35 percent of the market for artificial trees. About 27 percent of homes use no tree at all.

Holy holly

On a slightly different note, the wreath of holly dates back to the days of the Early Christians, to whom it was a metaphor for the crown of thorns which Christ wore, with the holly's crimson berries representing drops of blood. Originally, in fact, holly was spelled

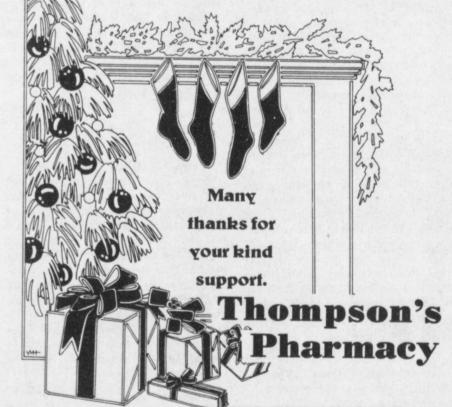
"holy," so significant a place did this plant hold as a Christian symbol.

Wreaths were popular Yule decora-tions in Colonial America. Particularly favored were simple wreaths of boxwood or pine. Alternately, colorful fruit-studded wreaths-natural "della Robbias"-were also popular.



Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring...not even a mouse ...

- Clement Clarke Moore





Good will and good faith to all. We hope your holiday is warmed by the spirit of friendship. Your patronage has made us proud.

Producer's Cooperative Elevator



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Christmas means

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means that it's time to get with family. To celebrate Christmas with one another is a lot of fun. First we prepare the meal for us to eat. When we start to eat we always have a prayer. After the prayer we have dinner. After we eat we talk and play for a while. Then we open all of our presents. After that it is time we all go home. And that is what Christmas means to me. -Joel Himes

Christmas is important to me because this is when Jesus was born. Christmas also means giving and receiving gifts. I like to open presents, and I like to give gifts to my family and friends. I love Christmas because I get to see my whole family. We always have a big dinner then we open gifts. I like this time of year because we put up the Christmas tree and decorate it, and we put up the lights on the house. I like getting out of school for the holidays. I know of only one bad thing about December, you have to wait to open the presents.

-Terry Harris

Christmas means to me it's a time for giving and being together. Time for sharing. It's time for making up and not to start a fight. Time to have a good time and not work. Opening presents, eating candy candies, singing Christmas carols, not to be greedy like old Scrooge (ba humbug), like some greedy people. Going places and having a good time. Find new things on your vacation. Visiting relatives that live far away. Chatting about the Christmas past and having a good time. Going back home and waiting for New Year's Day. Merry Christmas and to all a good night.

-Peter Luna

Christmas means to me when people get together. Then open up presents and say thanks to one another. The kids get together and play and make a snowman or an angel. They will play snowball fights. We can build houses. We can play touch in the big white snow. Then mom and dad will call for us to eat. We eat. Then we open presents. Then we see what we get and then we play in the big white snow. Then it will be time to go to church and sing Christmas songs. After church we will play again.

-Rey Cuba

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me my family. It means we will be getting presents and giving other relatives some. It means snow to me. It means we get to spend time with our family. We also get to go on vacation. It also means teachers have 2 weeks off. They don't have to be teaching us for awhile. It also means a lot to me that I see my grandmother that's in Mexico. I haven't seen her in 2 years. It also means my dad gets to go see her. It means we are going to be on the road. It is when Jesus was born and his birthday. It also means we will be giving each other presents here in school. It means there is going to be another year like 1988. It also means I will be getting a new cousin. In December 20, 1987 there is going to be my cousins wedding that also is verry special to me. It is also special that my friends will be with their family. It also means everybody is special to me. It means I hope my cousin gets out of the hospital. It also means I get to have snowball fights. So that's what 'Christmas means to me.

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is presents. It means joy, happiness and Christmas trees. Christmas is a time for playing and building snowmen and snowangels. It is a time for giving and sharing. Christmas is a time for snowcastles and snowfights. I think Christmas is the funnest time of the vear.

> -Michael Gourdon 5-A

-Dalia Cruz

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me happy holidays. Christmas means being happy for what you get for Christmas. Christmas means to share things with other people Christmas is to have decorations on trees, houses, and on many other things. Christmas means playing in the snow and building a snowman. Christmas means to have fun playing snowball fight. Christmas means to be friendly with others. Christmas means to celebrate and respect Jesus. Christmas means to make new friends. Christmas is a time to visit your family and enjoy talking. Christmas means opening gifts to play with or wear. Christmas is to have laughter because

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means a time for caring, loving, and sharing. It's a time for joy. 's a special time for families to get It together and everybody will remember it. It means a time for gifts. It's a time for white glistening snow. A time for building snowmen. A time for sledding and playing with friends. That's what Christmas means to me.

-Danika Dudley

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means sharing, loving and giving presents. What I like best is to put up Christmas lights all around the house. I like to decorate Christmas trees I also like to put up stockings, sing Christmas songs and go Christmas caroling. I hope that other families can have a very merry Christmas too, and most of all it's the birth of Jesus. -Jamie Crow

What Christmas means to me. I like Christmas because I get to give presents and get them. Christmas means a lot to me because all of my family gets together on Christmas Eve. We always open our presents at midnight. I am glad Jesus was born or else we would not of had Christmas at all. We always eat and play games before we get to open presents. I remember one Christmas when I had got my first bike. I was about five years old. One day I had let my cousin Tony ride it and he left it in the middle of the street and a car ran over it.

> -Abel Aguilar 5-A

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to enjoy and have a good time. It also means to celebrate Jesus birthday. I like to open Christmas presents and to have a fun time together. It also means to eat and get fat. It means to go and shop for presents and have a good time. Then it is time to open presents. It also means to be together.

-Ruben Garza 5-A

What Christmas Means To Me

To me Christmas means a time of joy and family gathering. It's not about candy and gifts. What it's really about is Jesus. Do you remember in the Bible where Jesus was born. That night there were three shepherds who followed a bright star to the manger where Jesus was born. The three kings brought gifts to baby Jesus.



MOTHER'S HELPERS-Helping clear away the snow in front of Kirk and Son last Monday were Danny [left] and Brian [right]. The two youngsters took full advantage of the

What Christmas Means To Me

To me Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas is a time to spend with your family and friends. It is a time for joy and love. Christmas is a special holiday. It is always fun to open presents and see what Santa brings you. Christmas is a time for sharing. Have a Merry Christmas!

-Penny Willson

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and give him thanks for giving us what we have. Also because he helped and cured sick people back then, and taught them things about God. We also celebrate the birth of Jesus because we love him and he loves us too. Christmas is a time to give and receive presents too. We all know that Jesus is a very special person and gives us the opportunity to visit our friends and relatives that we don't get to see for a while. That's what Christmas is all about.

-Lupe Machado 5-C

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means alot to me. And

Christmas was when Jesus was born.

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas to me is to give, not have or keep. It is a time to be happy that Jesus was born and be thankful for him. I love to see Christmas trees, decorations, lights, and to celebrate. I think people like them too. They also like gifts being given to them. Christmas is great and people love it too. I think everybody loves Christmas even the people, that don't act like it. Well anyway have a **MERRY** Christmas.

> -D.G. Hollums 5-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means for all families and friends to gather around the Christmas tree and sing our hearts out. Christmas is a time to forgive and love one another. Christmas means for everybody to give and share. Christmas means to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Christmas is a season to give and receive presents. That's what Christmas means to me.

-Armando Lopez



The mother of the two young men, Kristie Lutrick, works at the local firm. -Staff photo What Christmas Means To Me

> Christmas means to celebrate the birth of Christ. Nobody should expect to only receive gifts. They should give just well. It's a time to see old relatives from

far places. I wrote a holiday poem made from the word "holiday" to show my expression. Happy days are here once more, One of them is here today. Love, laughter, we all adore, Is this another holiday.

Days like this are big and bright, Anything could happen here. You like to show your delight, So why don't you share your holiday

cheer.

That's how I feel around Christmas. So should everyone. Christmas should be joyful, not a regular day.

So have a "Merry Christmas." -Derrick Martinez

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means sitting by the fire drinking hot chocolate on Christmas Eve. Christmas means going caroling to

friends and family. It means decorating the tree, or opening presents. Christmas means food. Lots of it. It means turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, salads, breads, pies, cakes and cookies. Christmas means hanging stockings and getting candy in it. Giving presents and getting presents and making messes. I like Christmas for the best reason of all, we get out of school for 2 weeks. Merry Christmas everyone!

-Joni Smith 5-B

What Christmas means to me is when it's cold. It means white snow and Christmas lights on the house. It means a big Christmas tree with presents all around the bottom. It means getting together with you family. It means that when Christmas Eve is here, Santa will be here to give you presents. It also means Christ was born to Mary and Joseph that night in the stable. It means a lot of food and presents. This may be a first Christmas for some small children, like my cousin Katy!

-Amanda Ogden

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means giving presents to one another. And Jesus' birthday.

you dad is playing Santa Claus. Christmas means to imagine Santa flying by on his sleigh. Christmas means to thank your family and respect them. -Lionso Cisneros

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is a time of joy and laughter. You think of Mary and baby Jesus. You think of what you are going to get from Santa. You have joy in your heart, that's what Christmas is, joy. It's a time of family gathering. It is a time of opening presents. This is what Christmas means to me.

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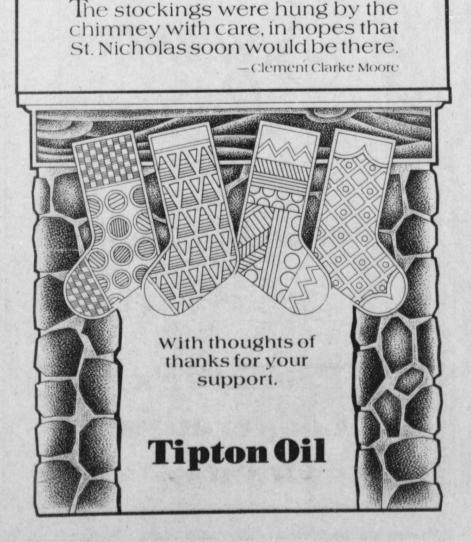
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What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me. I think Christmas means joy. On Christmas everyone gets presents. You need to be thankful for the presents you get even if you don't like them. You are supposed to have fun and play games. You have parties. Your aunts, uncles, and cousins may come to your house. You are supposed to be nice to your relatives. You go Christmas shopping and by presents for your mom and dad. Plus you get out of school. Christmas is special because Jesus was born on Christmas.

-Jimmy Taylor

**** -Ciby



-Brady Anderson 5-A

What Christmas Means To Me

To me Christmas means a special time to think about Jesus, but also I think it is a time to be together. When it is Christmas everyone should be happy. I don't see why you wouldn't be.

Christmas is a giving joyful, beautiful -Kristi Bennett time. Happiness fills the air. Oh, of course old St. Nick will be making his rounds. So you better be good! You may buy a present for your loved ones or friends. Out of all this I think the best thing that happens on Christmas is that Jesus was born and families are together! That is what Christmas means to me.

-Rain McCandless

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means a lot of things to me. Christmas is only a normal day. It is the day Jesus' birth. It is the month of celebrating and decorating. You can receive and exchange gift. Our family is happy. We exchange and receive gifts. On Christmas day we open our presents. After we open our present we visit our family.

-Joel Castaneda

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means to me when Jesus was born. When you look up at a star

you can see it twinkle.

-Sonia

And we give presents to others. And we have a lot of fun. And we play in the snow. And at Christmas we have a party. -Moses Bueno, 4-D

What Christmas Means

Christmas means to me sharing and loving. Presents don't really matter. It is also a time for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas is a time for celebrating with your family. Christmas trees and decorations are a part of Christmas too. Christmas is a time for opening your hearts with each other. Merry Christmas!

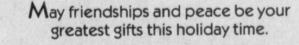
-Corey Carthel 5-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means a time to get everyone together and have a good time. My favorite time is when we put up the Christmas tree and all the decorations. I also like to put up the lights outside of my house. Christmas also means to give and receive gifts. Personally I like getting the gifts. But it is better to give than to receive. It is always good to remember Jesus is the reason for the season. Remember Jesus was God's gift to us. That is why we exchange gifts.

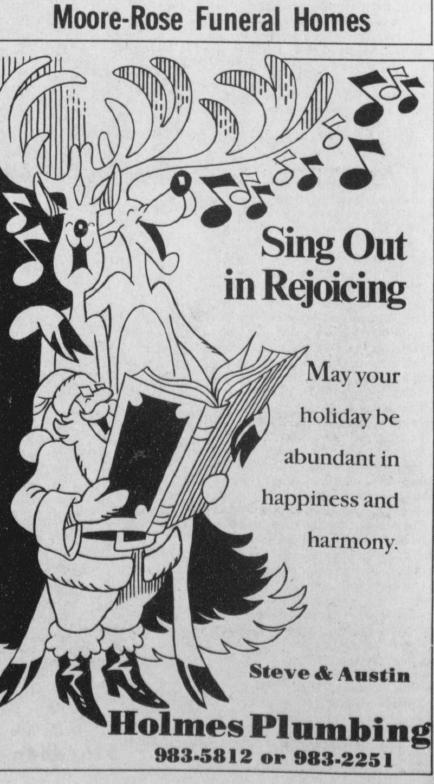
Another one of my favorites are the songs and stories about Christmas. These are the songs I like: Silent Night, Away in a Manger, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. My favorite story is from the bible. Gotta go. Have a Merry Christmas!

> -Shayla Turner 5-C





MERRY CHRISTMAS O' star of wonder, star of night, guide us to thy perfect light. **Moore-Rose Funeral Homes** holiday be





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What Christmas Means To Me

I think Christmas means a time of joy and happiness for this beautiful world we live in. At Christmas time I think it should be time to give thanks to God for bringing us His son, Jesus. Giving us the nature and things around us in which we live in. Giving food to the poor and finding jobs for those without work. Of course, Christmas should also be a time of singing carols, decorating trees and of course, opening presents. We would never want to leave that out. Christmas is important. I think everybody should celebrate Christmas. It's the best holiday. At least it is for me and my family. Don't forget the most important thing about Christmas is being happy even if you don't celebrate it. So cheer up, Christmas is on it's way! -Olga Olivia Sanchez

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means food, joy, laughter, hugs, kisses, candy, sharing, giving and presents. Most kids would say toys, but others think of song, candy, food, etc. At Christmas we all get together and light the Christmas tree. We put the house lights up. We all enjoy opening gifts. All the kids play games. Sometimes the oldest kid will tell stories. The grown ups just sit and talk about old times. Then we clean up and go home. To the grown ups gifts don't matter but to me they sure do. That's probably one thing on our list, gifts. That's what Christmas means to me.

-Tamie Cocanougher, 5-D

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is a special holiday for me! The reason I like Christmas is because Christ was born and my sister's birthday is on Christmas day. To me Christmas is the happiest holiday of the year. Also we get presents from Santa Claus and his elves. When the children get their gifts, you can hear joyful laughter. Also the Christmas carois are so wonderful to my ears. You can also decorate the Christmas tree with all your family. It's special because your family gets together and celebrates when Christ was born. You also eat a special dinner with your family. Christmas is the most beautiful day of the year. I think it is beautiful because sometimes it snows and it is so white and it reminds me of the song called "I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas." What Christmas really means to me is that I'm with my family all the time!

-Lisa Luera, 5-D

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means families, and friends. Christmas means presents for little kids. It also means Santa Claus is coming. It means Jesus was born.

Christmas bells are ringing. Christmas comes once a year. We would love it if it came twice a year. Wouldn't we? One Christmas I had gotten a new doll and my brother, Joe broke it. I started to cry. I miss my doll very much. I wish Santa would bring me another one.

Last year I got a puppy and a cat. I named it Kitty and Shy-Ann. This year I want another cat and dog. My list goes on and on. It takes two pages for my list. My mom and dad are going to buy what ever I want.

-Viola Hernandez, 5-D

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means celebrating Jesus' birthday. I like Christmas because sometimes we have a white Christmas. All my mom's and dad's family get together and celebrate. We open presents and have a big supper. Sometimes all the kids go outside and have a snowball fight. We have lots of fun. Last year I built a fort in Mr. and Mrs. Willson's backyard. Mrs. Willson helped me make it. Christmas is my favorite holiday

-Gabriel Garcia, 5-D

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas: a time for joy, laughter, carols, and presents! All the family comes over. We have happy times. No fighting and yelling! Everyone should love Christmas! Christmas means giving thanks for Jesus being alive. Christmas means giving money and food to the poor (giving time off to people who work). Especially, that God made this world!! Christmas is a time to thank God for the baby He has. People should bring friends for a big feast. Especially, I wish that Christmas would come every month!

-Louis Guevara

Christmas

What Christmas means to me. It means that we are celebrating the birthday of Jesus. It also means to me having all my relatives here on Christmas. I also see my two little cousins. It also means to me having a large dinner. It means giving presents to people. It also means being joyful on that day. -Monte Quisenberry

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means laughter, playing,



candy and presents. Christmas is a time of cheer throughout the world. Christmas is when Jesus was born. I can't wait for Christmas. I always help put up the tree and decorate it. Sometimes I wrap my brother or sisters presents. Only if I don't tell what it is. Christmas means two weeks out of school. I am happy for Christmas. Christmas means shopping for a week. I always get about what I want for Christmas. We get my Mom and Dad some perfume or cologne. I think Christmas is the best time of year. I like to play in the snow and build snowmen if there's enough snow to build one. I hope you have a Merry Christmas this year.

-Donnie Shaut, 5-D

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is when baby Jesus was born and when all our family comes together, when we celebrate in church. We get to see all our family on Christmas and I bet that's the only holiday we see all of our faraway family. My grandma is so happy to see her children and grandchildren. We spend time hugging and talking. But we open our presents on Christmas morning. My mom and her sisters work in the kitchen together. I'm glad I have a family like mine. Sometimes they give me money to go to the store. Sometimes we go to the park with my aunt Joyce. That is if it is sunny and not cold.

-Laura Ochoa, 5-D

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to be happy or joyful. You can even sing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. It means to care and give presents to your family or friends on Christmas. Christmas means to be thankful for God and the things He has

What Christmas Means To Me What Christmas means to me is getting together with my family and getting days off of school to help my mom get ready for Christmas. I will shovel the snow if it is a white Christmas. When it is Christmas day I will take the pictures of all families. And I will hand out the presents. And I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

-Eddie Hernandez 5-A

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means families getting together and celebrating Jesus' birth. It also means giving and opening gifts. Do you remember that night when Jesus was born? I know I do! I can also remember that an angel came and told Mary and Joseph that they were going to have a son named Jesus. So they went to Bethlehem. When they got to an inn there were no more rooms. They had to go to a stable. Then came three wise men they gave

Jesus gifts. That's how I think of Christmas. -Kayla Turner

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas has many meanings. It is the most wonderful time of the year.

Christmas means giving and receiving gifts, kindness to others and the neat things we do at school. It even means Christmas trees and decorations, it means Saint Nick and sometimes snow, and even Christmas gatherings. It is a time for going on hay rides, singing Christmas carols and most of all, Christmas means the birth of Christ. -Tali Cage

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas Means To Me

Blessing and giving gifts for friends and cousins. It snows and you can play in the snow. The houses have lights on the roof or even on the floor. There is singing in the house. They were playing in the snow, and they were having fun. So they went inside the house. They have fun in the house. They had gifts under the Christmas tree. Then they went to the party and celebrate Christmas, that's fun. I like Christmas a lot, and I like Christmas cause it's fun in the snow. It's so fun in the snow and they were a lot of people on the snow. And I liked because it's fun.

-Thomas Banda 5-A

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me a time to show your love to people. It is a time for laughter and having fun. I think everybody should give presents and gifts to every person that never has a Christmas. Those pr ple might not have any family left. Christmas is a time to be happy and thankful. It is a time to be happy and thankful. It is a time to get presents you have always wanted. If you know someone who never has a Christmas give them something, let them join you. Christmas is also a time to thank Jesus for forgiving all of our sins. Everybody needs to have a happy Christmas for Jesus. You also need to thank him for what he has given us. Jesus also died on the cross for us. Christmas is a time for getting families together even if they are far away. If they are far away and can't come call them or send them a Christmas card, they should enjoy it. If someone gives you a Christmas card send them one or send them a thank-you card. That is what Christmas means to me!

> -Kimberly Redden 5-A

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas is having fun, playing with my friends and cousins. Another thing

is Jesus was born on Christmas Day. Wishing you

We go to my grandmother's house. We open presents and have a fun time. We eat and then we make a snowman. Then we have a snowball fight. We go inside and have fun again. Then we go home and we open our present that mom and dad got for us. The real thing that Christmas means to me is our family is together. That's what Christmas really means to me. At my house we play a lot. I really like is when Santa Claus comes because I get to help put the table together that they get my sister. But, like I said I really like when Jesus was born. -Julie Johnston

5-A

What Christmas Means To Me

I like Christmas because it means a lot of things to me. It means giving things and having fun. Christmas is having fun and having people over. It means singing Christmas songs. Well, I think people have fun because they remember back then, when Jesus was born. I like that story a lot especially in a play. I like Christmas because you get a lot of presents. Christmas is fun. Well people think Christmas is to boring because they buy presents and think they are expensive. Well I know one thing I like and I and care a lot it means a lot to me. If it doesn't mean a lot to you your missing fun and presents. Have a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Years.

-Michelle Irlas 5-A

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is the love and the caring of your family. It's also the getting together of your family. I don't think that Christmas is just getting gifts because it isn't. Some people think that but I don't.

Now don't say I don't like Christmas because I do. Some people don't believe in Christmas. My whole family believes in Christmas and I don't have anything against it.

-Cole DuBois 5-A





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done for us and given us. Christmas can sometimes be happy or sad for some people. -Angie Bueno

What Christmas Means To Me

To me Christmas means the birth of our Lord Jesus. It also means to give not to receive. Christmas is a special day for us. On Christmas he is with us but not just on Christmas, every day. No one should be grouchy on Christmas because without Christmas there would be no Jesus and without Jesus there would be no so you please be grateful. I beg you, please.

This Christmas I'm giving one of my teachers the best gift he could have from a kid. Do you want to know what I'm giving him and the other teachers? You might be right or wrong. But anyway it's love and care that's what I'm giving them. Love is the best way, you can show you care. So this year don't waste your money, give love to your special person. This year I gave four children toys but I forgot to tell them one thing "May God be with you." Anyway God is with them because he cares. You should care too because when you stop caring you stop loving and when you stop loving you stop living. That can be terrible. So care for other people on Christmas for God's sake and yours. Oh, I almost forgot have a Merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart.

-Lisa Cedillo 5-A

What Christmas Means To Me

To me Christmas means love and thoughtfulness. Christmas is the time for family and friends to gather and to celebrate the birth of Christ. Christmas is not any other holiday; it is a very special one to my family.

If there was not a Jesus there wouldn't be Christmas and if there wasn't Christmas the world wouldn't be as thoughtful and caring as it is today. It makes me feel good to share and to spend all my money on everyone else. Christmas isn't a time to just care about the gifts, it's a time to be thankful we are alive today.

-Kelly J. Bailey

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me. Christmas to me means love and joy. It can also be a celebration of Christ's birth. If we didn't have Christmas when would we rejoice Christ's birth? It is also special because the first five letters in Christmas is my name. Christmas is also special to me because I usually get to see my father also my mother's birthday is two days after Christmas. I get to see my family all rejoiced together. That is what Christmas means to me.

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-Chris Dearing

Christmas to me is when you spend time with your relatives, tell stories from the past and build a big snowman and then have a snowball fight. Next go in and drink hot chocolate with marshmallows. Then open our gifts. Next we could go Christmas caroling, and we could leave gifts on the doorstep of those people that can't celebrate Christmas because they are poor, also we could go visit with some people. -J.R. DeLeon 5-A

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas to me means sharing our feeling with each other. Or in other words, "Giving and sharing our joy!" I love to give to people and see their happy looks on their face and not receive. Christmas is a time to be thankful for Jesus Christ's birth. Eating and togetherness is the word to describe Christmas. It is a time to come from far or near distances on this earth to celebrate. I think it is a time to wrap presents and give them to people from underneath the brightness of the tree. Everyone should have a place deep in their heart for giving and not being greedy, at least I see it that way! -Jennifer Harlin

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What Christmas Means To Me

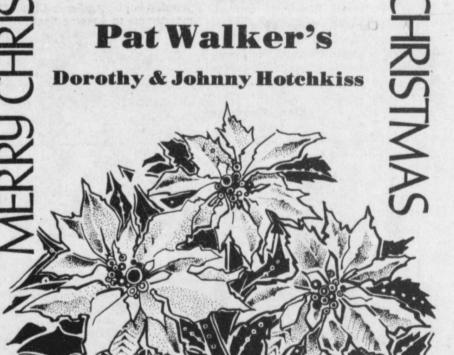
Christmas means to me, a time of joy and laughter. A time to visit your family. A time to get together and talk and laugh. Christmas is a celebration. To honor and respect Jesus. It's a time to get together and sing, and have a good time. Christmas is a time to make new friends. A time to decorate a tree or play in the snow. It's a time to share things with others. Christmas is a holiday for everyone to enjoy. You can play, listen to music or you could do whatever you wish. It's a time to be patient until the next morning. And when you do get up the next morning the house is full of cheer. Everyone is happy and playing with presents. Mom gets out the turkey. And everyone starts to wash their hands. Then everyone sits down and fills up their plates. -Ronnie Shaut

5-A

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means presents, treats all kinds of stuff. Christmas means to me the love your family gives you and how they share things with you. Christmas also means to me my sharing with my cousins and other people from other families. It also means to me the food you share with your family and cousins and other people from other families. And the love you give your grandparents.

> -Rosa Barrientos 5-A



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What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is a time when the whole family is together. At midnight we open presents and get all surprised with the gifts people give us. If there isn't any money to buy presents there isn't and if there is money to buy presents there is. The thing is all the family should be there even if you have hardly any presents or if you don't have any. A day before Christmas tell "God" to forgive your sins and thank him for giving you another day of life to celebrate Christmas. The thing is to thank him that everybody is healthy and alive in your family. Thank your parents for buying you presents and other relatives. If you don't get what you wanted you can wait for another year.

-Sarah Mendoza

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is when the Lord Jesus was born. It was God's only son. The day he was born it was beautiful. That night an angel called: Gabriel came upon shepherds in the field with the sheep. Gabriel said in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord is born. The Savior will be wrapped in a manager. Then Gabriel came upon the wise men and told them that the Savior will be in a manger. The Three Wise Men brought gifts to the Savior of the world. That is what Christmas means to me and always will be. I wished I had been there when Jesus was born. It would look wonderful to see him in real life. It would mean a lot to me.

-Sammy Rodriguez

What Christmas Means To Me

It means happiness and it means to me joyful. Also it remindes me of when baby Jesus was born and I am also happy because I still have my mom and dad with me and because they take good care of me. That's what Christmas mean to me and it also means to me happy because I have my brothers and my sisters near me, and that's what Christmas means to me. And if we would put things they put God on his head we would not be here know celebrating but God done that for us so that we could live. But he rose from the tume. That's what Christmas means to me.

—Lupita Navarreta

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means the birth of Jesus. It means being with your family, friends, and relatives. When you wake

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me a lot because you get a lot of presents and all your family comes over to your house. We have dinner and we play games. Before we open our presents. Christmas is a fun holiday and especially if your birthday is on Christmas. It is more fun! You get more presents. I like the candies best you get candy canes, and the other kind of candies. What I like for dessert is pies, marshmallows, oranges, grapes, and a lot more! I like Christmas it is the best holiday. I like it best from the other holidays. Christmas is where all the people have fun and have a great time

Christmas means a lot of me! —Dolores dela Fuente

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means presents and food. Christmas is like magic to me, because people say to go to sleep Santa will be here soon. I'm saying Santa will be here soon. I stayed up and stayed up and I finally fell asleep. I always wished to see Santa. I left him some cookies for him, and he ate all the cookies. When I got up one morning I ran to see if he ate all the cookies and they were gone. I jumped up and said he came! He came! And ate all the cookies. My mom rushed in said what's the matter! I said Santa came, he really came! The next morning I jumped out of bed when I went to school and told all my friends they said he really did, I said yes he really did go to my house and ate all the cookies! I was so happy I sang all morning (You Better Watch Out). I almost got in trouble for singing in class. That's what Christmas means to me.

—Amy Garcia

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means love and happiness. When Christmas comes it is such fun to put up the tree and stockings! On Christmas Eve it's so hard to get to sleep, so I go downstairs and take just a little peep. Look such a wonderful sight! It's Jolly Old St. Nick. He's just like I thought he would be! He is giving everyone just what they want! So I walk right up to him and say, "hello!" I finally met him! My brother said he wasn't real but he is real! Then...I sprang out of bed! Yes, it was only a dream, but it's one of my favorites! Maybe someday it will come true.!

—Alissa Wilson

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me a lot because we get presents. On the 25th we open presents and we get toys and sometimes we go on trips to go see somebody or just visit them. Then we play outside in the snow and we make snowmen. When you go to your aunt's house we get present too. Then we have dinner after that we eat candy canes and the other candies. When your finish you get all sticky, especially your little brother and your sister.

-Mellie Sue Barrientos

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is happiness and joy. It means that all your family will meet and have fun. To me Christmas is a special time. People open gifts. It also means friendship. If there was no Christmas I wouldn't be happy because I would miss my family coming to see me and I would miss my friends. If it were up to me to have Christmas I would have toys sent to people who were alone or have no parents. If there was no Christmas there would be no fun.

-Dewayne Reeve



CANDY CANES AND GOOD CHEER—Leticia Juarez [left] and her sister Amanda receive a candy cane from Santa Claus, who listened to their Christmas wishes. Staff Photo

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas comes once a year. Every year you get something new. You ask for everything but you only get what you really want. To me Christmas means giving and sharing. When you wake up Christmas morning everything is quiet. You see your presents until everyone is awake so you run down the hall as fast as you can to wake everyone up. Then when you wake everyone up you pass out your presents. And you find everything you wanted. You thank everyone for what they got you. Christmas means a lot when you think about it.

> —Salina Shorter 5-B

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is that a long time ago Jesus was born. He taught us to be kind and sweet. I love to hear the Christmas story about his birth in a manger. I think it's neat how the whole world still celebrates his birthday.

Christmas is a family time. We have certain traditions I especially like. One of them is when we sing Christmas carols with all the lights out, and we hold candles. Another one is when we do a play about Jesus' birth. One of everyone's favorites is when Santa Claus comes and passes out his gifts at my grandparent's house. All of these things together help make Christmas my favorite holiday.

—Lezlie Warren

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me is happiness. It is happiness and pleasure. And the songs that we sing. The trees that are up and the ones that look nice. And the lights that are outside on the houses. All the presents that they give me. And that we get out for two weeks. I wish this Christmas it would be a white one. Going on trips far away. We are all together, and open presents, building a snowman. Christmas means more to me when I see people together instead of fighting and see that all the boys and girls that do not have the way in getting presents. For some of us to give them our toys. And see each and everyone happy.

-Mechelle Pena

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means a lot to me because

Christmas means a lot to me because it's a special holiday. It means close to my family because we give gifts to each other and because we all gather together as a family. Christmas means to me a day when Jesus Christ was born. And thankful for everything he has done for us. Christmas is a time for family and fun.

A time for happiness and love, but especially a time to thank the Lord up above and be thankful for all the blessings he has given us. —Thomas Garza

What Christmas Means To Me When I think of Christmas I think about candy canes. What is means to a lot of people is the birth of Christ. When I think about Christmas I remember about presents. When I go down the streets and see all the lights, I think of Christmas trees. When I think about it I think of snow and going skiing. I also think about getting new clothes. I think about giving to the S.O.S. and sharing. It means that to like one another. I think about kids who are homeless and sick. I also think about sitting next to a fire. I also think of kinds that can not celebrate it and other holidays.

-Matt Whittle

What Christmas Means To Me

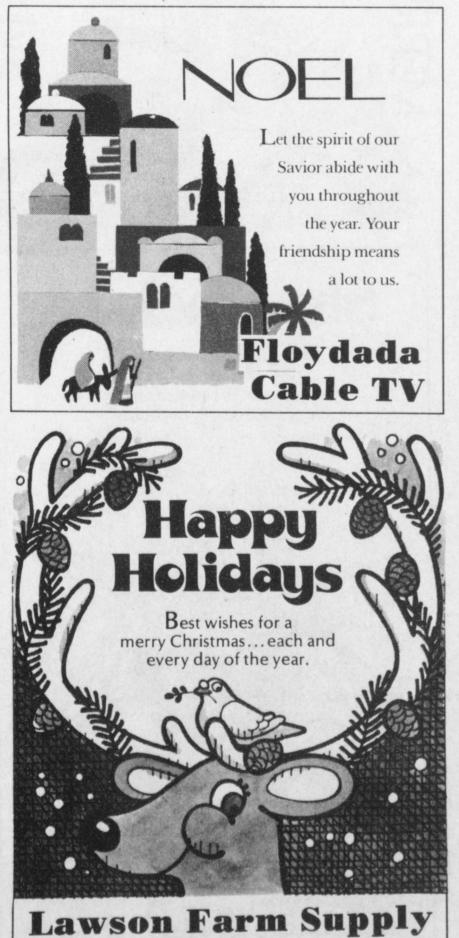
Christmas means love and laughter, the birth of Christ, families coming together, Christmas trees and lights around the house. Christmas also means children telling Santa what they want for Christmas. Children going around and singing Christmas carols. Big red and white candy canes and the ground covered with snow. The parents tell the children, Santa is fixing to come. The kids get real excited and start to peek at the presents under the tree. The parents get mad and say Santa is watching you and he might not bring any presents. So then the children decide, well, I better not, or Santa might not bring any presents. But then when it is Christmas the children run to their parents room and say to their parents it is Christmas morning. They say please mom and dad get up. Then the parents say ok. Then they run in and play with their toys. This is what Christmas means to me.

> -Shea Sanders 5-D

up on Christmas morning, you see everything Santa brought while you were sleeping. It's time to open presents! Let's go to church! Our family is lighting the advent candle. It means to go caroling. Christmas is my favorite time of the year.



Merry Christmas —Charla Yeary



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What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means happy and cheer. Christmas means to open presents and play in the snow. It also means to put on and put off the Christmas tree. Christmas comes once a year. Christmas is when snow falls to the ground. It also means to share toys and have fun. People gather around and sing Christmas songs. People take pictures of other people around the tree. You make a snowman. It's a time to see Santa. It means to play snowball battle too. You get to see cartoons of Christmas and enjoy them. Christmas means you can see your family. You get to eat pies and cakes and other good things. Santa brings toys and airplanes. Christmas means joy, happiness and cheer too. Christmas is the best holiday ever. -Alberto Lopez

What Christmas Means To Me

It means happiness for everyone. Everybody thinks it is just to get gifts, but it's really not. It means to love everyone and to care. Everyone know when the hand reaches twelve it is Christmas. I have heard pretty neat things happen. I've been wondering how Santa gets through the chimney, it's real dirty and greasy. I wish everyone got gifts, for those who can't celebrate Christmas, I wish they could. I don't think it's right not to, besides, they may get gifts sometimes. I wonder if Santa gets tired of all the gifts, just think of all those he gets. I wonder what color Santa's sleigh is. I bet everyone puts blueberries on their trees. It sure would be fun, and like I always say to all my friends, have a berry Christmas. -Donald Hardy

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means friendship and laughter. It means joy and peace. It's Christmas caroling in the streets and a Christmas treat for jolly Saint Nick like cookies and milk. It's climbing in houses with all kinds of toys. The birth of our savior in the town of Bethlehem. Christmas is a time for families. When you gather around the Christmas tree to sing good praises and songs. It's enchanting beautiful wrapped Christmas presents and dressed in your Sunday dresses or slacks. —Amber Pyle

5-D

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me a happy and joyful time to spend time with my family and open presents and to sing Christmas carols and watch it snow and let it be cold or to go downtown and watch a whole bunch of pretty Christmas lights and I would like to wish a happy New Year to everyone and to enjoy those cookies.

-Jennifer G. Barron

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas a "lot" of presents. I get to see all my family. I can hardly wait. I hope I can manage. I wish it came more often. Also I get a few weeks off of school. I would really like to get more time out of school to spend more time with my horse, "Leo." As for my little brother, he doesn't even know yet. Now for my Christmas list: saddle, boots, and clothes. My horse wants some oats, alfalfa and a little wheat. He told me! —Justin Marble



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Christmas means fun, laughter, presents and food

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to share and to be happy and be nice to people and exchange presents with each other and to celebrate and be as a family and not to fight with each other and love each other and to leave milk and cookies for Santa Claus.

-Martin R., 4-A

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to be happy and to be thankful for what we have. We have fun. We get to open presents and build lots of snowmen. When it starts to snow we go out and catch snowflakes on our tongue. We have to go in when it is cold so we go in and play a game, then we eat. We have to go and get our pictures made in my grandmother's living room. We get to open our presents, but then we have to go to bed.

-Christie Dubois

Christmas

What Christmas means to me is love and give thanks to Jesus. What Christmas means to me is to give and get presents.

-Jesse Sanchez

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is my favorite holiday. I like Christmas because we celebrate Jesus' birthday. We get presents. Relatives come, we talk and enjoy Christmas. Everybody should like Christmas cause Jesus was born.

-Lynn, 4-A

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me, love. Mother and father, sister and me and Michael J. play in the snow. We have snowball fights, it is fun. I hit Michael J. I make him into a snowman. I love Christmas, I hit him and he cries.

-Adam Mendoza, 4-B

What Christmas Means To Me

It means fun and laughter and presents and food and when baby Jesus was born and love and friends. --Fito

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means alot to me. We celebrate Jesus' birth. We share gifts and food. Christmas means joy and singing Christmas carols. You go outside in the mornings and play in the snow. And go to church and have a play of Mary and Joseph. We listen to the Chipmunks Christmas songs. We play on the sleigh and ride it. We go find a pond and slide on the pond. We give our secret pal a present too. But we know who it is. We gather outside and sing together. Christmas means a lot to me. I love Christmas holidays, we love and care for each other. We go to midnight mass. We say Merry. Christmas to each other when we hand out presents. And

then we watch Christmas specials and say Merry Christmas and also say Happy New Year.

-Mary Ellen Hernandez, 4-B

What Christmas Means

Christmas means a time to share and to rejoice to everyone, to family and classmates. For Jesus the son of God that Mary had. That is why we celebrate Christmas. I may not be very religious but I believe in God.

-Dana McCandless, 4-B

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is the day that Jesus was born. Some wise men were taking care of sheep. They saw a star. It was the shining star in the world. They were following it. They knew that it was leading them to Jesus. They had gold and silver because He was going to be night! the new king.

-Johnny Briones, 4-B

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means a lot to me. I love Christmas because we get presents. I love Christmas because it is Jesus' birthday. Christmas is fun to celebrate and a lot of other things. Jesus was born on Christmas. Another thing on Christmas you can open your presents. It is fun opening the presents. Then you can see what you got for Christmas. It means going shopping for Christmas gifts and wrapping presents for other and receiving too. It also means getting to see Santa Claus and getting all together on Christmas Eve and opening presents to see what everybody gets. -Veronica Cabreron

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas to me means when families get together and open each others gifts. On Christmas our family is going to open gifts and I don't know about my baby sister, Cesscilia. I am glad Christmas comes around every year. If there were no Christmas, families would not get together and open gifts. The reason I like Christmas so much is because is snows. It's the day Jesus was born and you get to throw snowballs and build snowmen. My dad, my mom Diana and my brother will help me. -Priscilla Robledo

What Christmas Means To Me

Oh! Christmas tree. Oh! Christmas tree, how lovely are your presents. I like Christmas, nights they look so pretty. I like the way they sound, so pretty on Christmas Eve. I am glad God was born because if He would not have been born there would not have been a Christmas. -Gaby



the people buy gifts for each other. Oh and merry Christmas to all a good -Angie De la Fuente, 4-B

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is the most special time of year. It celebrates the day Jesus was born. It's a time to give presents and a time to be happy.

It's fun to give presents but even more fun to get them. Maybe you'll get what you've wanted all year, toy or the newest style in clothes.

It's also for fun, for snowball fights with family and friends. It's a time to build snowmen and make angels in the

It's fun to go visit friends and family on Christmas Day. The funnest and most joyous thing of all is eating. Even if you don't have presents under the tree on Christmas Eve. Don't worry Santa and the good Lord above loves and delivers. The most you can have on Christmas is each other.

-Michael Jones, 4-B

What Christmas Means To Me

It means Jesus' birthday. It means fun and games. It means parties. It means being with our families. Loving and caring about them. It means giving, them presents. It means celebrating. It means getting new clothes. It means eating delicasies. It means singing songs. It means having fun. It means playing in the snow. It means putting up the Christmas tree. It means dressing up. It means shopping for gifts. It means sharing. It means wrapping presents. It means building snowmen. It means watching the snow fall. It the way the Christmas bells look at means waiting for Santa Claus. It means giving parties. It means going to parties. It means funny jokes. It means watching TV specials. It means playing games. It means to pray that Jesus has a happy birthday. It means to love and cherish Jesus. It means to love and cherish your families. It means to have a merry Christmas. It means to wake up early and get out of bed and run to the Christmas tree and open your presents. It means to go take a bath and get dressed up and go to your grandparents house and open your presents and eat dinner. It means fun. It means to sing Christmas carols. It means playing games. It means to play chase and freeze tag and win, lose or draw and hide and seek. It means to open appeared. It said, when you have your presents and look in your stockings. It baby your should name it Jesus. Then it means to eat candy and candy canes. It went away. The next day Joseph was means to leave cookies and milk for with Mary. They were walking and Santa Claus. It means to give your mom Mary was in pain. She could feel that and dad, sister and brother. It means to she was going to have a baby. They saw come and go to parties. It means to have a barn so they laid it in the hay. Some your picture taken with Santa Claus. It means happiness, joy. It means appeared and it said, follow the star to laughter. It means talking with friends the barn. Mary is having her baby and family. It means celebrating the sign of Jesus' birthday. It means decorating the house. It means getting Christmas cards. It means giving Christmas cards. It means telling funny jokes. It means saying thanks for the gift. It means being nice to people and not mean to people. It means don't be selfish. It means sharing. It means having a Merry Christmas. It means to wish Jesus a happy birthday. It means watching the snow fall. It means loving people. It means fun. It means playing in the snow.

day at Christmas, a special day. I like it a lot, you play with your neighbor and have a lot of fun playing hide and seek and other games. I like the special day of my life. It means a lot of love. -Hilda Rodriguez, 4-D

What Christmas Means To Me Jesus' birthday and a day for giving and receiving presents and I like it. -Rance Barnett, 4-D

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me having spirit and being happy and full of joy. I think of the day Jesus was born on the 25th of December. That's why we celebrate Christmas on this day. We're all happy and opening lots of presents our family give us they give them to us because they love us. Everyone is loving one another. We celebrate with lots of good, delicious food. We all thank God for letting us have what we have right now on Christmas day. I feel so good. There's so many people around me but the main person I think of is God because He's the best thing that ever happened to anyone. Merry Christmas to all.

-Veronica Trejo, 4-D

What Christmas Means To Me

It means loving a person. It's just a fun Christmas. It's a fun day when you give a present to a friend or your parents. It means happiness to people and children and our parents. When you give a present with a very pretty wrap on top and a little design like a Christmas tree. It's fun when you get a little car for a present or a puppy or a cat and many things in Christmas.

-Miguel G., 4-D

there. The shepherds went and they arrived. And the shepherds brought presents for baby Jesus. That's why we celebrate Christmas. Merry Christmas. -Daniel Cortinas, 4-D

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is a very special holiday to me. Not only because, I get alot of presents. We celebrate Jesus' birthday. That is a special time of the year. I love Jesus and Christmas. And also, have a Merry Christmas.

-Melissa Fowler

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is all of the joyful that we get. It's for loving and sharing gifts with one another. It will be fun getting candies and presents and not being mean. It's for being kind and nice and having a great time with your mother and your father and all of your family. It will be fun playing in the snow building snowmen and playing with snowballs and in the night you will want to open all of the presents and eat cookies and cupcakes and play games and have alot of fun and go and sing nursery so they can be happy. So that's what Christmas means to me, so be happy.

-Elisavet Navarrete, 4-D

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means giving presents, Jesus' birthday, He was born that day. It means love to everybody. Santa Claus bringing presents, getting presents, giving love, sharing things. -Maribel Cervera

My Christmas Story

What Christmas means to me. Christmas is a special day that Jesus was born. He was a little angel when he was born. It means to love your parents like Jesus loves you. When you could have a lot of fun with your cousins and friends. You can have a Christmas party and you could give thanks to Jesus for all the things he had given us and we should be nice to other people and they will be nice to you.

-Pat Barrientos

What Christmas Means To Me

It's that other people share things and we have Christmas. We get things and I wish I could. That it means to me is giving and showing thanks. -Jason Harrison, 4-D

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means that we celebrate

because it looks good. That is what I think Christmas is about.

-Kacie Lackey

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me, about Jesus when he was born. He was born in a barn, when some shepherds brought Mary to have baby Jesus. When he was born in a barn with all kinds of animals surrounding baby Jesus. There were cows, horses and all kinds of other animals. Baby animals were probably even watching too. Boy was he lucky to be born.

-Erika Muniz, 4-D

What Christmas Means To Me

I think Christmas is a time for our families and friends. Christmas is a time to sing Christmas songs. And a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. And a time for presents.

-Kristine Zapata 5-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means families being together. It means unwrapping presents, having joy, and wool stockings hanging by the warm fireplace. Christmas trees being decorated and put by the window. Santa and his reindeer flying through the sky. We have to eat, but not too much. We need to save room for dessert. Christmas is my favorite holiday. I'll bet it is your favorite holiday too. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

> -Andy McHam 5-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me when it snows and the rest of my family comes and celebrates Christmas with me. My family would decorate the Christmas tree, with tensil, lights, and the star. Christmas also means to me like when you give and get presents from someone you know. Christmas is also a time when we celebrate the birth of Christ. The church gathers on Christmas Eve at night til 12:00 a.m. and celebrates and talk about when Jesus was born. Another thing that I like about Christmas is to spend it with my family and friends.

> -Olivia Huerta 5-C

Christmas...

Christmas means it's a time to celebrate when Jesus was born. When

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means that people of all ages get together and go caroling, also

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Sam & Audrey Spence

-Tiffany Bush

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means when all the people in your family get together. You celebrate Christmas on December 25. Jesus was born right on Christmas. -Franky Castaneda, 4-C

What Christmas Means To Me

C is for the Christ baby. H is for the Holy day. R is for the Reminder I is for his Incredible ability. S is for the Savior. T is for the Three wisemen. M is for the Manger in which He was born A is for the Amazing Grace.

S is for the Star that led the three wisemen to the manger. -Kelly Pierson, 4-D

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means to me alot because that's God's birthday and we get presents on Christmas and it is fun. -Lori Ann Almeida, 4-D

What Christmas Means To Me It means to me a special day where it was a fun day. To play with your cousin and your mom and talk to everybody and they laugh all the time. It's a pretty

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is a time for loving, sharing and caring. It is even a time of happiness and a loving day. I always like to give something away to some friends like a present. I would like to give toys for some of the people. I even would help people how to be kind to other people and to not hurt the people. That's what Christmas means to me.

-Frank Jasso, 4-D

What Christmas Means To Me

One day Mary was going to have a baby and the next day when Mary was hanging the clothes up to dry an angel shepherds were walking and an angel

because that is when Jesus was born. That is my favorite holiday. It is because it is Jesus' birthday. It is fun. -Victor Deltoro, 4-D

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is being able to be with your family and having fun and being able to be close by your family.

-Missy Pernell, 4-D

What Christmas means to me

What Christmas means to me is to be kind and give without expecting something back and to help one another. Michael Fuizzotti

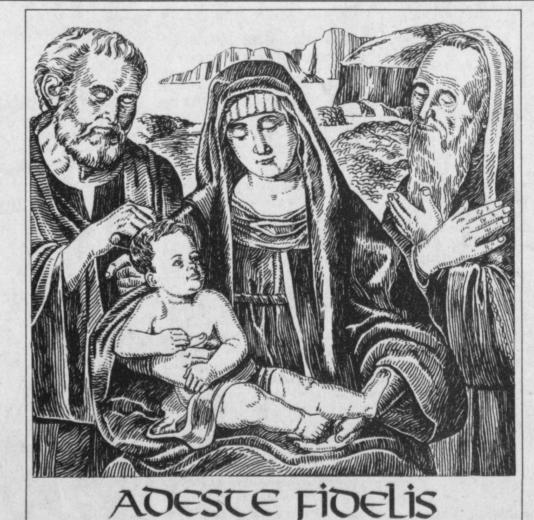
What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is being with family and getting presents. Then getting to eat also. I really like waking up and seeing presents under the tree. I like to put up the tree and decorating the tree. But when it is time to take the tree down that's what I don't like

the shepherds came and gave Jesus gifts, like sheep, goat, gold, camels. It happened a long time ago when Jesus' mother and father went to a stable and had Jesus in the stable. The shining stars above the stable told the shepherds where to go. Many shepherds came from miles and miles just to see the New King. They gave Him gold, sheep, goat, crowns, but the old king ordered his men to kill him but the town would not let his men out of town. And Jesus grew up and went on His way. We celebrate Christmas and we put the tree up and put presents under the tree and put lights on the house. It's all we celebrate Christmas for.







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Various meanings of Christmas expressed

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is a special time of year for me. Christmas is a time when Jesus was first born. It is a time for joy and happiness. The tensils are hung all shiny and bright. The icicles are dropping off the houses. It is a time to set up the Christmas tree. Christmas time is a time for being together and has sharing with each other. Christmas is a special time when people open their hearts to one another.

> -Merry Christmas, -Anthony Emert

What Christmas Means to Me

This is what Christmas means to me. It means love and sharing. Christmas means joy for everyone. It means Christmas trees and parties. Many gifts to give. Gifts to you for being there for me. Some Christmases mean relatives and friends. Jesus was born Christmas night. Merry Christmas, to you ! -Lee Dunavant

What CHristmas Means To Me

It means meeting new relatives celebrating Jesus' birthday. Having feasts with all our relatives. Decorating the Christmas tree with little red, blue, and green balls. Building snowmen and having frostbite on your toes. Getting around the Christmas tree and singing songs. Going around neighborhoods and singing Christmas carols.

-Frankie Luna 5-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to love one another. Jesus was born on Christmas. You put a Christmas tree and celebrate Christmas. Christmas is when you put icicles and tensil on the Christmas tree. Put presents under the tree. You sometimes get what you want for Christmas. Put Santa some cookies in a plate and leave some milk for him. Mrs. Claus wants a plate of cookies too; so put some for Mrs. Claus. Christmas also means to me to get some presents.

-Melisa Garcia 5-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me is the day that Jesus was born. And evergreen trees and lots of sparkling lights. Green wreaths with red cherries. And candycanes with white and red strips. And lots of presents under the tree. And the star of Bethlehem. When families get

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means a lot to you and me.

I think Christmas means family, and friends being together. Surrounding the fireplace and a big beautiful glistening tree behind them. One thing we all like is to eat the food. Also to watch the football games, and playing with the other kids. The moment we've all been watching for opening presents. So another year has come and gone. So you bid farewell to your relatives. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

-J.R. Quilantan 5-C

"What Christmas Means To Me"

Christmas means a lot to me like getting family together also a lot of church programs about Jesus' birth. And all the pretty songs of Christmas. You get to decorate your yard. I like to have celebrations. My Mom puts different kinds of decorations around the Christmas tree. I like to give gifts away to people or our family. Christmas is very very special.

-Steven Alaniz 5-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means presents under the tree. Christmas means decorations around the room. Christmas means tinsel on the tree. Christmas means icicles outside. Christmas means snow everywhere! Christmas means good will toward man. Christmas means reindeer soaring through the air. Christmas means Santa Claus saying "Ho! Ho! Ho!" as loud as he can. Christmas means stockings on the wall. Plop! Plop! Plop! went their hooves on the roof. They took off like a bullet.

-Mark Nichols 5-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me that it is joyful. Christmas means to me that you could put up your Christmas tree. Christmas means to me love and care for each other. Christmas means to me that Jesus was born. Christmas means to me that you can celebrate the day that Jesus was born. Christmas means to me tht I get presents. Christmas means to me that it is graceful and cheerful. Christmas means to me that families get together and sing some Christmas songs.

-Dorothy DeLeon



a time to receive gifts. Others think it's and build snowmen is all we did; about a tree with lights and presents under it. But they all are far from being right. The true meaning of Christmas is not all of those things, but the meaning is Christ. He's the greatest gift we could ever have at Christmas. That is what Christmas is all about. And don't you forget it.

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is very special because Jesus Christ was born on that day. It also means families getting together. We also eat turkey, dressing, pies, and other good things on that day. It also means giving instead of receiving. **Christmas Means to Me**

Christmas means to me Christ. Christ means to me Mary. Mary means to me Jesus. Jesus means to me Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ means to me God. God means to me Heaven. Heaven means to me Sky. And all of these mean Christmas to me. -Jerry Rivas 6-A

Angel of God, My guardian dear, To whom His love Commits me here, Ever this day (or night)

Be at my side at Christmas, To light and guard me threw the night,

playing in the snow was such fun until one day along came the sun. -Jessie Gourdon 6-A

Christmas is good and jolly, I like all the things that happen at this time. I like it so very much. To be happy with

6-A

carpenter who was very poor. He was always nervous. He never went outside and if he ever did go outside all that he was said to do was just complain. Everybody in the neighborhood thought that he was mean. The years went by very slowly. Day after day, month after month, and year after year until the best day of the whole year it was Christmas! And that day was when the old carpenter was thought to be the meanest of all days. Can you just try to imagine an old man that was thought to be mean just a little meaner than Scrooge? Well, I could hardly believe it myself. Everyone tried to stay away from the old carpenter's workshop. It is said to this day that if anyone did not stay away from the old carpenter's workshop he would throw you in the oven. When each child received a gift from the old carpenter and when everybody received an invitation to a Christmas party at the old carpenter's house they all began to like the old carpenter now. And they all lived happily ever after.

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means to me when we have fun opening our presents. Some kids have fun playing with their toys. Christmas brings happiness to everyone some it even brings sadness. Have a happy Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Hope to know that Santa Claus is watching you all. So you better watch out cause Santa Claus is coming to town. Have a happy holiday. Merry Christmas to all of you.

-Annette Gutierrez 6-B

Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me a very joyful holiday. It gets people together with their families to have a grateful Christmas. Jesus was born on Christmas day. I hope Santa brings me presents. Jesus died for us and gave me friends, parents, and many more. -Yolanda Cervera

6-B

6-B

What Christmas Means To Me

It means having joy and sharing many toys. I love to celebrate Christmas Day because its Jesus' birthday. I can tell if you have a tree because your face is filled with glee. Well this is all I could say. "Oh" and have a Merry Christmas Day. -Dora Martinez

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means happiness to me but sometimes it seems to be enjoyable. Christmas brings joy and happiness to everyone. Sometimes is brings sadness. Christmas is when people and family has gathered around the tree to sing songs. Some people like Christmas cause they can have fun. Some of the relatives stay with their brothers or sisters. This is what Christmas means to

me. Christ Holly Reindeer Icicles Stockings Tree Mary Angel Santa Claus

-Annette Gutierrez

What Christmas Means To Me

It's holly and mistletoe and silent

6-B

singing songs. It means giving instead of taking. Christmas is remembering when God's son was born. Christmas is love, staying with your family on Christmas Eve and Christmas. Christmas is giving kids toys to the ones who don't have any money.

-Armondo Garza Jr. 6-B

What I Think of Christmas

I think Christmas is love and kindness in the air. Not just expensive gifts people give to make their children happy. Christmas is when Santa Claus comes down the chimney to fill the air with joy. And that's what I think Christmas is.

> -Jesus De Hoyas 6-B

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means giving and receiving. It is better to give than it is to receive. It means joy and excitement. You should at least try and buy some little thing for a little boy or girl. -Chad Moseley

6-B

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means a time for family and friends to get together for the birth of Jesus. Usually Santa Claus comes at night and brings lots of toys and presents to open. You also hang your stockings over your fireplace and he puts candy and small toys "too!" What Christmas really means to me is my family gets together and exchanges presents with each other.

-Kimber Williams

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means joy and happiness. It is a time for sharing and laughter. We have Christmas for the celebration of Jesus' birth. At that time we put up our Christmas tree and give presents. We do that because showing our love to Jesus and God. That's what Christmas means to me.

-Mindy Evans

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to give and share. It also means to be with your family and friends. Christmas means playing games. It means celebrating Christ's birthday. Christmas means being full of surprises and having fun. It also means to get a few things. Christmas means alot of good eating. It means getting to see the smiling faces as friends and families open gifts. Also having fun wrapping and giving gifts. Christmas means getting up in the middle of the night and getting a glimpse of Santa Claus. It means going shopping and buying. Christmas means getting out for Christmas vacation and resting in peace and quiet. It also means playing in the snow if there is snow. This is what Christmas means to me.

-Jason Colston my family. -Daniel Coronado An Old Carpenter Once upon a time there was an old

together. Mistletoe under your head. And the town decorated with Christmas trees and candles and different things that are pretty to see. And sing songs of Christmas. And eating turkey with dressing and all that stuff.

What Christmas Means to Me

-Maria Reyes

5-C

To me Christmas means getting to decorate and wait for Santa. It means getting to see your family and friends together. During Christmas I think everyone should be joyful and happy. Driving around town getting to all the Christmas lights and decorations makes me very happy. When I am so happy I love to give away presents to other people. Many times I have gone caroling and saw the white glistening snow which really gets me in the Christmas spirit. But most important of all to me is knowing that Jesus Christ is born on Christmas day.

A poem just for you...

I love the Christmas day so bright and going into the Christmas night. When Santa comes it's a real delight and that is why Christmas is such a beautiful sight.

-Melissa Faulkenberry

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means playing in the snow. Putting up the tree and lights. Decorating the house and tree. Wrapping the gifts and putting them under the tree. Going Christmas caroling. Making snowmen. Opening gifts. Getting new things. Buying Christmas gifts for sisters, dad, mom, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents. Celebrate New Year's, Christmas Eve and day. Having fun with family and friends. Baking treats and the turkey. Listening to the Christmas bells ring. Go around and looking at the Christmas lights. Hanging up a mistletoe on the wall. Remembering about Christ being born on Christmas day. Have a merry merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Here is a poem just for you... He checked his list He checked twice You come out naughty Instead of nice. -Crystal Dumas

5-C

What Christmas Means To Me To me Christmas means a time to be with your family and friends. A time for caring for one another. To little kids it just means to get presents from relatives. But anyway it's the giving that counts not the receiving, it's also the thought that counts and it is fun to celebrate the day Jesus was born.

-Sarah Hernandez

Christmas Means To Me What Christmas means to me is when

the baby Jesus was born. They took him some gifts and gave him love from all over the world. The people come just to see him.

Well Christmas for us is now, that all our families from different parts of the world get together and they meet the new families, that they did not before. Now the families get together and put

the tree up and they decorate it. Some people even decorate the inside of the house and the trees around the house. Christmas is when people buy gifts

and share them with their families. The gifts are not opened until the 25th of December. The gifts are opened at 12 o'clock midnight. The people make real good meals for Christmas. They make rice, beans, pork, and other kinds of good food. Some of the desserts that they make are pies, cakes, candy, apples, rice, kaispies, treats, bunules and enpanadas are also made for Christmas' treats.

-Maria Avila 5-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas should be a happy day. We can decorate the Christmas tree and give away presents. We can be with our families. People should not work because it is a special day. It was the day when Jesus was born. -LeRoy Martinez

What I Think About Christmas

I think as Christmas as love to your family and giving and caring. Christmas to me is the birth of Christ.

-James Vick 6-B

5-C

What Christmas Means To Me

It means to me when God was born. I like the sound of that because Christmas brings joy to everybody and you have fun because that's what Christmas is all about. You can even sing and play games that's what Christmas means. It means to get together and celebrate how happy you are when Christmas is here.

> -Esmeralda Navarrete 6-B

What Christmas Means To Me

To me Christmas means a lot of things. Christmas means to me a day of joy, and a day of cheer and a day of caring for others as they do for us. Christmas is a very special day because that's the day that Jesus was born and that's why it means a lot to me.

-Israel Medrano 6-D

Christmas

What does Christmas really mean to you? We often forget what Christmas is really about. Some people think it's just

to rule and guide.

Come for me in Christmas, To love me and guide me. To fill my heart and soul Send your Holy Spirit To me, O Santa, With your grace. Defend me from all harm, Let this be a symbol of Christmas, My lord.

Amen.

-Bernarda Gonzales 6-A

What Christmas Means To Me

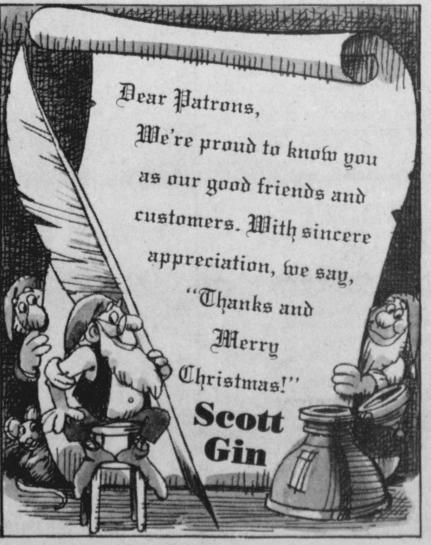
Christmas is a special time of year Each day full of special cheer. Stockings to be hung, Songs to be sung. Decorations on a tree, Everyone full of Christmas glee, The ground white with snow Little faces all aglow. Bell ringing Children singing. That's what Christmas means to me. So let us all stop for a moment

of silent prayer, that we have made it to another Christmas year. Amen.

-Tanya Jones 6-A

Christmas...

I love to open my presents so, they bring me memories from years ago; I like Christmas when I was a little kid,



-Nathan Carr 6-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is a happy holiday. I really don't care about Christmas presents. The only present I could ever have is the love of my parents. Sometimes people gather around the tree and sing Christmas carols. Sometimes they even open presents.

-Juanita Duran

What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas is for sharing and caring. Christ gave something to us his life. Christ is Jesus of Nazareth a founder of the Christian religion. He gave life for you and me so give a little more today and forever!

> -Shelley Coleman 6-C

On This Very Day

A long long time ago on this very day a baby was born in a wooden stable. He was rapped in swaddling clothes and layed in a manger. His mother Mary sat staring into his eyes. My -Melinda Smith

6-D

nights. Reindeer and sleighbells and candlelight but more than all, this I see; making people happy is Christmas to

-Aaron Noland

Christmas

Christmas is a time for joy. When Santa Claus comes around. On his back he has a sack full of toys for all good girls and boys. When he sees snow falling he knows

it's about that time. Cause in the Christmas story, Santa's more than a rhyme.

Christmas comes once a year bringing loads of cheer. And also helping welcome in the brand new year.

> -Brandy Lackey 6-B

Christmas means to me is people

-Jodie Villarreal, 4-A

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is love and when you get presents and it's when Jesus was born and when it is Christmas day every year it is Jesus' birthday. This Christmas I get to go to Mathis to see my dad's family and mine too. I love Christmas, it means lots of things to me. I love Christmas a lot that is my favorite holiday out of all of them. -Melissa Cantu, 4-A

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Remember the reason for the season

What Christmas Means To Me What Christmas means to me is being

with my family. It also means when Christ was born in Bethlehem and how He saved us from evil. I like Christmas a lot but it is a special time for families and friends. It is for praying, for everyone that's sick, old and also for my little cousin that's real sick. I would like her to get better before Christmas so she can have fun. I want to say Merry Christmas to everyone!

-Darbie Brooks, 4-B

What Christmas Means To Me

To me, Christmas means for everybody to be very thankful for, the Christ, Jesus. And for family and friends to get together. Here's a little poem I wrote in art class at school:

Christmas

Christmas is a special season: because Christ was born that day. That's not the only reason, anyway, it's also a time, for family and friends, to get together, no matter what the weather, Because Christmas is a very special day.

-Talea Owens

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means sharing and giving and love. And most of all the birth of

Jesus. He was born in a stable. The C in Christmas stands for Christ. When the trees are put up there are ornaments on the tree that are gold and white with gifts under the tree that you give. -Wyatt

What Christmas Means To Me I like Christmas. I have a lot of presents. And some candy too. At my Christmas party everybody is joyous. I am going to have fun. It is going to be the best party of my life. My aunts and my uncles and everybody is going to be there.

-Eric Luna

What Christmas Means To Me

It's the time when everybody enjoys the birth of Jesus. We sing Christmas songs and build snowmen. We decorate the trees and we eat all kinds of food we all have fun and get a lot of presents and give them to each other. We all love Christmas.

What Christmas Means To Me I think Christmas means a time for sharing, and giving. I like Christmas best of all, that's when Jesus was born. I like to play in the snow and build snowmen. I think Christmas is the best holiday to me.

have Christmas but they can think about Jesus because He doesn't mean presents and celebrating Christmas and putting up a Christmas tree.

-Lacy Dawn Golightly 4-C

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is it means that the joy comes in to the heart. When it comes in it gives me the laughter of my life. When I get up I try to open the biggest present. And then my mom comes in and says get away from there. And that's what Christmas means to me.

-Priscilla Peralez

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means for people to get together. It also means Jesus' birthday. It means giving and sharing. Christmas is enjoying yourself and others too. Alex Vallejo, 4-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means sharing and trust. When Christmas comes I feel so nice but when it's gone there is lots of ice. However when I give I feel so good. But sometime I don't give as much as I could. Sometimes my family gives stuff away. That's what Christmas is for I hope.

-Zack A.

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means alot of things to me. It means happiness all over the world. It means to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. It also means joy to the world. It means to share happiness with each other. That's what Christmas means to me

Michael Mercado

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas may mean getting presents and playing in snow. But that's not what I think it means. It

means getting together with family and friends.

It's singing songs about Christmas. There is another reason for Christmas, it is for celebrating Jesus' birthday. That's what it means to me. -Amber James

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me celebrating the birth of baby Jesus and a new year. It means to have joy inside you, to buy things for each other. It means to care for each other. To sing Christmas songs. It means to have a good time. -Joe Sanchez, 4-B

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is love, happiness, and Jesus, because Christmas is on Jesus' birthday. On Jesus' birthday He was born and Mary went to a motel place and nobody would let her in. She found a place where there was a bunch of hay and had baby Jesus there. All of a sudden everybody gathered around and had presents in their hands and they laid them down beside baby Jesus. That's how Christmas came. Jesus was born on December 25 and Christmas is on that same day Jesus was born on.

Christmas

Misty Gunnells

-Eric

Christmas means toys and fun games and things to eat and snow to play in. It means we get off for two whole weeks from school. It means a lot of things for me and it also means we eat tamales and candy canes. We usually have my mom's parents over for dinner and cake for dessert. It is fun at Christmas.

-Adam Muniz

What Christmas Means To Me

I think Christmas is joy or happiness to the world. Snow is white, the sky is blue, but they don't make any thing at all. So when you cross the street, or the sidewalk, you always walk on the ground. Making snow angels and lots of things. Happiness is something to be proud of all year long. Presents and all kinds of gifts are nice.

What Christmas Means To Me Christmas means to me is family and friends. Family and friends are very important to me. You give, you get, it is very fun. You get candy and gifts. Your stocking is filled with fun and joy. Christmas Eve night, you go to bed and wake the next morning and Santa Claus came! No matter what you got you wanna open gifts. Look here, you say. That's what Christmas means to me. -Lyndi Probasco, 4-B

What Christmas Means To Me What Christmas means to me is special. And I like toys for Christmas for me to play. I like them because you can play with them. And whatever you do don't tear them up. If you do you won't have anymore toys. And what Christmas means to me is that Santa is coming soon and Merry Christmas.

-Beth Watts, 4-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means a special time to celebrate when baby Jesus is born. And a time to open presents and gather around with your family. -Lina DeLeon

What Christmas Means To Me

lots of toys to play with.

What Christmas Means To Me

And that you get very many presents.

Christmas is Jesus' birthday. Many

people celebrate Jesus' birthday. It

means you can build snowmen. And

have snowball fights and go skiing and

I hope this Christmas has three feet of

snow. We haven't had deep snow since

1983. It used to be so deep we couldn't

open our door. I would get too cold but

my brother stayed outside. My mom

would make him come in. Christmas is

What Christmas Means To Me

Jesus has a birthday on Christmas

and there is snow and you get up and

open presents on Christmas day. It is a

special holiday to me and people sing so

pretty that everyone will start to sing.

There are so many beautiful songs to

sing on Christmas day. Santa comes at

night to leave some presents to good

little boys and girls and they'll leave

delicious little cookies with milk to

drink. There are stockings on chimneys

for Santa to put candy in them. Oh how

it is that people can't celebrate Christ-

mas because they have to go to work. I

hope that Santa will leave something

anyway so that they will know that

Santa will still be there to give them

something and maybe next Christmas

they would be able to celebrate Christ-

What Christmas Means To Me

of presents. And it is fun to me. If it's

not fun to you then you are in bad

shape. But I think you are in good shape

right now. Because I think you like

Christmas anyway. I think it is wonder-

ful! And it means a very lot to me

because Jesus was born on that day. I

think Jesus is wonderful. I don't know

why Jesus was born on that day. Stop

What Christmas Means To Me

asking me so many questions.

I like Christmas because we get lots

-Geraldine Fonseca, 4-A

-Brandy S., 4-A

LE DIE DIE DIE DIE DIE DIE DIE

mas.

-Audire

-Justin Bailey

slide down a hill on a sled.

my favorite holiday.

Christmas means there will be snow.

What Christmas means to me is coming home and it has just snowed and I had to walk home, and I would come home and go by the Christmas tree, and just sit, and think about how I could have prevented the events in my day. The one thing I would think about is Christmas Eve. Every Christmas Eve I would stay up by the Christmas tree with my alarm clock.

-Andy Outlaw

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is the best holiday ever. People give and receive. People get so happy. Friends come to your house. You can get guns, cars, puppies, cats and other things. People can see others going to their friends and families homes.

-Arnulfo Cervera

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me is toys and other presents. Christmas also means to me clothes too. Christmas means snow. Christmas means to celebrate. Christmas means to play and do other things. -Lupe Sanchez, 4-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me alot of toys when Christmas comes my father gives me some money. I like Christmas better because at school they make parties and give some things. And we go to the K-mart to buy some toys for my cousins. And me and our cousins, it is very nice we celebrate Christmas.

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me is to love and share. It does not only mean gifts. Christmas means when Jesus was born. I can't wait till Christmas comes and Santa comes to town and visits me. Stockings hanging, Christmas tree decorations on the Christmas tree all look pretty.

-Maricella Lucio, 4-C

What Christmas Means to Me I like Christmas because we get lots

It is a holiday like any other holiday.

of presents. And we get to see Santa But it is very special. Jesus was born on Claus. And we get to put up a Christmas Christmas day. That's why we have this tree. We get to decorate it too. We get holiday. It is a time to have joy in the house. Give or not give it is a fun -Demencio L., 4-A holiday.

-Aaron J.

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means love to me. It is a time to be happy and have fun and play. I like to be happy and have fun. It's to love your mom and dad. It is fun to play with what you get at Christmas. Merry Christmas.

-Pat

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means we get to go to my grandma's house. And it will snow. And my dad gets off of work. And then there's a lot of presents under the tree. And the most part I like is when Jesus is born on Christmas that is very special to me because Jesus is alive, He created us that's why I am very happy on Christmas. I wish Christmas came every day so Jesus would be around our hearts. He's the one that created the world and happiness. He also created the holidays. And you have parties and you can also decorate the house or Christmas tree.

-Lorraine Banda, 4-A

What Christmas Means To Me

I like Christmas because it means alot to me. At Christmas you get lots of presents. It means alot to me because Jesus was born on that day and because we get lots of presents. I like Christmas because that's the day I am happy and the day I celebrate Christmas is wonderful.

-Margaret Medrano, 4-A

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me that you are given love. You are showered with gifts that they give you to play with. Christmas is a holiday to give to other people and it means to buy gifts to the people you like, like the teacher that teaches the class and your dad and mom.

-Joe Ysasaga

What Christmas Means To Me

It means a special birthday, it is Jesus' birthday. It means a time to have fun and a time to play and a time to give a gift.

-Frankie M., 4-A

-Bobby Luna

-Candi Guffee

What Christmas Means To Me

To me Christmas means opening presents. I like to get up early Christmas morning and wake up my family so we can open gifts.

When I buy presents for my family I choose them out carefully. Last year when I lived in Albaquerque the Mall had a workshop where only kids were allowed. Inside there was stuff for babies, kids, teenagers and adults. -Tim Rando

Christmas...

As Christmas is getting near houses, little towns and cities get brighter and more colorful more exciting. People walking all over town spending more money but it is worth every cent because each cent means more.

Getting the Christmas tree out is the exciting moment and everyone wants to help and can't wait til they get something under the Christmas tree. And relatives come from out of town and get to meet more people.

Christmas to me is when all the families get together and are peaceful are in joy and celebrating a very special day of the year. Kids opening presents and are so happy about them getting their toys. Then they all get together and sing Christmas songs, laugh with joy and love.

-Becky Luna, 4-C

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is a time to celebrate the coming when Jesus was born. It is also time to love everybody. Some people think Christmas means buying presents, but it doesn't. It really means to love people and remember what Jesus did for us and when he was born. I like Christmas because you also celebrate the New Year. The reason everybody gets excited at Christmas is because they think they are going to get alot of presents. But they really don't. Christmas is the meaning of remembering Jesus.

-Mary Salazar

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is Jesus' birthday. Also it means we give presents. We celebrate Christmas because Jesus was born. I love to have Christmas. My mom's birthday also is on Christmas day. But Christmas doesn't mean just toys and presents. It means we care for each other and we are here this day. We are also proud to have our families together and laugh and play games. We do think about Jesus we never forget Jesus on Christmas because He is a very very special person to all of us. Some people can't

What Christmas Means To Me

I think it means to me a lot. And I like presents. And it is fun too. And then it begins snowing. I will jump in the snow. I think it means to me a lot. I think it means a lot to the other kids. I think we should share lots of things. I like toys and I bet you that the other kids like toys. I think everybody likes Christmas. And I think that if you would make a party, it would be fun. I like Christmas. -John

What Christmas Means To Me

It means fun, and we get to open presents and we get clothes and toys. Last year I got a 6 wheel drive. And me and Chad got a four-wheeler. We rode it. It was fun. One time me and Chad hit a bump and we flew through the air because it flipped. Shonda and Ryan got one. They were going fast and they turned and hit a bump and flipped. It hurt his leg because the four-wheeler landed on him. Shonda hurt her arm because the motor and the handlebars hit her in the arm.

-Shane Derryberry, 4-B

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me that to be with friends and share the things with others. Christmas is a special holiday because you get presents from your friends and because you get presents from your parents, sisters, brothers and grandparents. I love Christmas becasue I like when they give me presents. love. Christmas is when you put lights outside and you put a Christmas tree and you fill up your tree with joy.

What Christmas Means To Me On Christmas it is fun because when you walk outside you can see, smell the snow. A special thing happens on Christmas because it is Jesus' birthday. I am glad that God gave us presents. Christmas means that it is time for Santa Claus. When I walk outside at night and snow is just all over the place I can see the bright colored stars up in the sky. When you look out the window you can see the houses on the street lit up. And all of a sudden Santa is here.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New

Year.

K.C. Robertson

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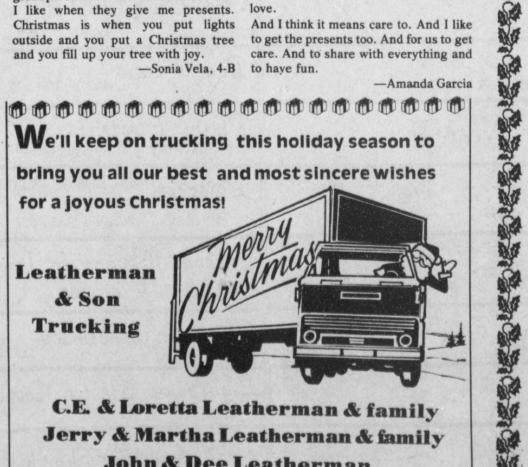
What Christmas Means To Me

One night on Christmas eve it was Christmas time, I opened all my presents. The first one was a jambox. The second one was a coat. And the last one was a brand new bicycle. But the thing I was most proud of was my mom and dad. We all had pumpkin pie and other stuff. We left a piece of pumpkin pie for Santa. My sister finally opened her presents, it was a baby doll and play dishes and a tricycle. But I said to myself, I really wanted a BB gun. My dad said look there's a present over there in the corner. He said look who it's for. I rushed right over to it and I said yikes it's for me. He said open it, Santa must of left if for you. I opened it and it was a BB gun I was so proud and I kissed my Dad and Mom. -Robert

What Christmas Means To Me

I like Christmas because it means

And I think it means care to. And I like



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Pecans and Christmas...

They just seem to go together

Sugar land - Who can imagine the Christmas season without fruit cakes, cookies, candy and pecans? And who could even think of pecans without thinking of pecan pie...truly a Southwestern tradition.

When the first cool, brisk days of October arrived, the annual fall pecan harvest began. And not a minute too soon. Pecan trees all over the Southwest are bursting with plump, crunchy, meaty pecans.

Anticipating an abundant pecan crop, Imperial Sugar Company collected several of their most popular pecan recipes especially for this year's traditional holiday baking season:

Imperial Pecan Pie CRUST

1-1/3 cups all-purpose flour

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- ²/₃ cup shortening
- 3 tablespoons water

Mix flour and salt together; add shortening and cut into flour with fork or pastry blender. Add water and mix gently with fork in stirring motion. Gather pastry into a ball and place in pie tin. With tips of fingers, spread pastry along bottom and sides of pie tin, shaping a high, fluted edge. Makes one 9" pie shell.

FILLING

- 1-1/2 cups Imperial Brown Sugar (firmly packed)
- 1/2 cup Imperial Granulated Sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk 1-1/2 cup pecan halves
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla

Combine first five ingredients in small bowl and mix well. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add evaporated milk and mix well. Stir in pecan halves and vanilla. Mix well and turn into unbaked 9" pie shell. Cook in preheated 400° F. oven for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350° F. and cook an additional 35 to 40 minutes, or until filling is puffed in center and is well browned. Let pie cool before cutting.

Pecan Pralines Imperial

2 cups Imperial Granulated Sugar teaspoon soda cup buttermilk 1/8 teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons butter or margarine 2-1/2 cups pecan halves

In large (3-quart) heavy saucepan, combine Imperial Granuated Sugar, soda, buttermilk and salt. Cook over high heat about 5 minutes (or to 210° F. on candy thermometer); stir often and scrape bottom of pan. Mixture will foam up. Add butter or margarine and pecans. Over medium heat, continue cooking, stirring constantly and scraping bottom and sides of pan until candy reaches soft ball stage (234° F. on candy thermometer). Remove from heat and cool slightly, about 2 minutes. Beat with spoon until thick and creamy. Drop from tablespoon onto sheet of aluminum foil or waxed paper. Let cool. Makes about 20 pralines, 2" in diameter.

Barbecued Pecans

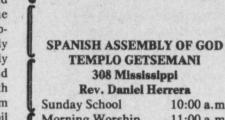
1 tablespoon Imperial Granulated Sugar 2 tablespoons cider vinegar 2 cups pecan halves 1 teaspoon butter or margarine Seasoned salt

Mix Imperial Granulated Sugar and vinegar in quart jar; add pecans and shake to thoroughly coat nuts. Place in shallow baking pan and toast at 250° F. stirring frequently, until lightly browned. Add butter or margarine and seasoned salt to taste, about 1/2 teaspoon, and toss to coat nuts. Continue baking until toasted. Cool and store in tight container. Refrigeration keeps them crisp. Yield: 2 cups.

Additional copies of the recipes and information about other Imperial recipes is available from Imperial Sugar Company, P.O. Box 500 Sugar Land, Texas 77478.

"Yule" love this quiz for trivia buffs

Test your X-mas IQ! Fill in the blanks below, after reading the clues carefully. The first letter of every answer, taken in order, will spell out the name of an American scholar who, in the early years of the nineteenth century, composed



Morning Worship **Evening Evangelistic** Service Wednesday, Family 7:30 p.m. Night

Service Every Sunday Morning Worship Sunday School No Evening Services

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Pastor: Fr. Jack Gist

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Rev. H.D. Morton Jr., Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. **Evangelistic Service** Wednesday Evening **Bible Study** 8:00 p.m.

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OF GOD **Rev. Juan Herrera** Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. **Evening Worship** 5:00 p.m. Prayer Service - Friday 7:30 p.m.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH Phil Carpenter Interim Minister 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

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CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST Floydada J.C. Bailey, Minister Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship **Evening Worship** 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Spanish Assembly,

7:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Sunday MAIN STREET **CHURCH OF CHRIST** Lockney George Schuster, Minister 9:30 a.m. **Bible Study** 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. **Evening Worship** Wednesday Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

WEST COLLEGE **CHURCH OF CHRIST** West College & Third, Lockney Frank Duckworth, Evangelist 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

Bible Study

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SOUTH PLAINS

BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Fisher, Pastor

John Williams, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Monday Worship 11:00 a.m. **Evening Service** 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service-Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Service-Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Floydada Earl Blair, Pastor 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

EVANS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Sammy Hollaway Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 6:00 p.m. **Evening Worship** 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer 7:00 p.m. Meeting Sunday Afternoon 2:00 p.m. Worship

PRIMER IGLESIA BAUTISTA **Rev.** Pedro Reyes 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Morning Service 11:00 a.m. **Training Union** 6:00 p.m. **Evening Worship** 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Service

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney **Tivursio Villarreal** Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Worship Service **Christian Training** 5:00 p.m. Time 6:00 p.m. **Evening Worship** Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada **Bob** Chapman Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m. Meeting Sunday Evening Services 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m. Services

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Lockney

CALVARY BAPTIST Floydada Dr. Ricky Johnson 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. **Bible Study Evening Worship** 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening

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Rev. Ray Starnes, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. **Training Union** 6:00 p.m. **Evening Worship** Prayer Service Wed. 7:30 p.m. Brotherhood, W.M.U. and Auxiliary Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FLOYDADA Rev. Howell E. Farnsworth, Jr.

Pastor 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. **Church Training** 7:00 p.m. **Evening Worship** Wednesday Evening 6:45 p.m.

LONE STAR **BAPTIST CHURCH**

M.B. Baldwin, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 5:00 p.m. **Evening Worship** 6:00 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m. Brotherhood, First Saturday Morning of Every Month.

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada

Travis Curry, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Services

what is perhaps the most famous of all Christmas poems.

One hint: Don't worry about including the word "the" or "a" at the start of titles which are called for in the course of the puzzle; all have been eliminated for the purpose of the puzzle.

1. The French word for "crib," traditionally the center of the Nativity scene, this is placed empty under the Christmas tree and filled only after Christmas Day has begun. _

2. The protagonist of a 1958 Christmas song, this young musician plays the snare drum. The most striking part of the song is the rhythmic drumlike sound of the singers which continues throughout.

3. A typical Christmas beverage, usually served topped with grated nutmeg in a large punchbowl.

4. Handel's renowned Christmas oratorio, whose most famous section is the "Hallelujah Chorus."

5. Also known as Twelfth Night, this holiday occurs on January 6th. It is the date traditionally ascribed to the arrival of the Three Wise Men at the manger in Bethlehem.

6. The Spanish for "birth," this word also refers to the manger scene, which is one of the most important visual representations of Christmas in Spain and many other Latin countries.

7. Composer of the famous Christmas ballet, The Nutcracker Suite, whose "Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy" is a holiday favorite.

8. The Welsh poet, Dylan Thomas, authored this charming Christmas tale.

9. This Bob Hope movie, from a Damon Runyon story, is set during the days immediately before Christmas, and involves street corner Santas, among other things

10. The season before Christmas, it is often marked by a calendar, whose win-

gnuoy - slqosq to shnim shi ni smulq Christmas") arouse visions of sugar-

first words (" 'Twas the night before

Visit From St. Nicholas," a poem whose

out Clement Clarke Moore, author of "A The first letters of the answers spell

and old alike-across America.

18. Eight

17. Reveillon

14. Mistletoe

musdnannsT O . dl

15. O Come, All Ye Faithful

dows are lifted each day to reveal seasonal pictures, with the final and most elaborate scene revealed on Christmas Day

11. The red-nosed hero of a popular Christmas song. ___

12. Most famous since the book and movie, Miracle on 34th Street, this is now just another name for Santa Claus. It was originally simply a variation on the name of the Christkind, or Christ child.

13. Among the traditional holiday foods originating in this island country are Plum Pudding, Roast Goose, Mince Pie and that medieval centerpiece, the Boar's Head.

14. A parasitic plant identified chiefly with the Christmas season, its green leaves and white berries were holy to the Druids. Today, standing beneath a sprig of this green is an invitation to be kissed.

15. The first words and title of a famous Christmas carol, which continues, "joyful and triumphant."

16. Another famous carol, this one originated in Germany and is addressed to the Christmas tree, which is also of Teutonic origin.

17. Literally, "awakening," this French word refers to the joyous repast served throughout France after Midnight Mass.

18. The number of "maids a milking" in "The Twelve Days of Christmas.

8. Child's Christmas in Wales

Little Drummer Boy

13. England

II. Rudolph

10. Advent

12. Kris Kringle

9. Lemon Drop Kid

Tchaikovsky OIUSIMISENIO Epiphany

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Floydada Sunday Morning Worship Sunday Evening

Wednesday LATIN AMERICAN **CHURCH OF CHRIST** Lockney **Bible School** 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

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6:00 p.m. **Evening Worship** 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Service

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TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee Sunday School 10:00 a.m. **Evening Worship** 6:00 p.m. **Tuesday Ladies** 2:00 p.m. Prayer

7:30 p.m. **Thursday Service**

Morning Worship R.A.'s Acteens **Church Training Evening Worship** Wed. Choir Practice Wednesday: **Prayer Meeting** Our Time (Jr. High and High School) GA's **Mission Friends** (preschool) Thursday: Baptist Women 1st & 3rd Mondays Baptist Young Women 2nd 7:00 p.m. Monday

Sunday School

9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. **NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE** 5:00 p.m. **BAPTIST CHURCH** 4:30 p.m. Floydada 6:00 p.m. Jim Jackson, Pastor 7:00 p.m. Sunday Congregational 8:00 p.m. Singing Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. **Evening Worship** 7:00 p.m. **SPANISH BAPTIST** 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Morning Worship 3:00 p.m. **Church Training**

MISSION Floydada **Rev. Lupe Rando** 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. **Evening Worship** 6:00 p.m.

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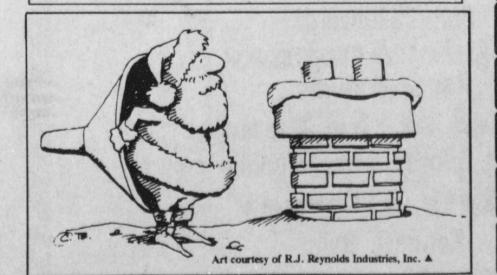
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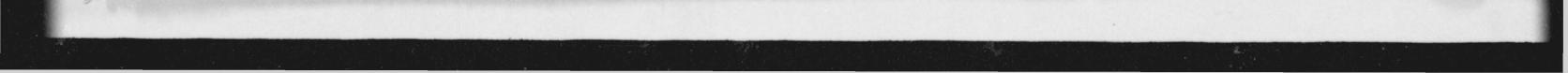
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