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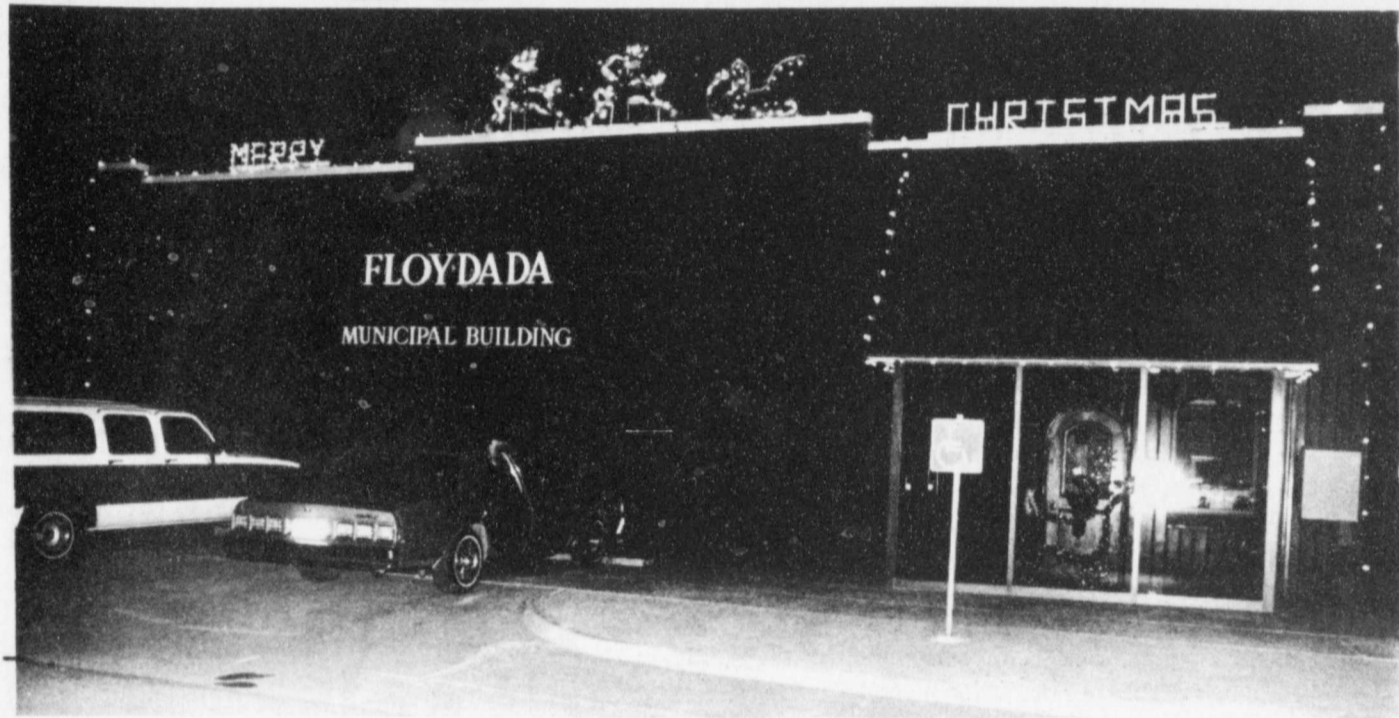
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Merry CHRISTMAS



CITY OF FLOYDADA
1st Place - Business

Christmas Dinner to Benefit Floyd County Folks

What started out as an effort to feed a couple of folks a Christmas meal has turned into a full scale community wide effort to feed those who may not be as fortunate as others this Christmas.

Sudie Cochran, of Floydada, always plans on fixing a couple of turkey dinners at Christmas time which she gives away to people who wouldn't otherwise get a turkey.

This year she started looking around to see if perhaps there were some more that she should cook for. One thing led to another, and she is now in charge of a big community effort to feed whoever shows up.

"The first thing I did was contact the churches and ask for names of people that I could cook for. Before I knew it, all the churches had given me so many names that I started looking for help.

"The Salvation Army, American Legion and Floydada's Chamber of Commerce chipped in to rent the Massie.

"My-T-Burger and Pizza Gold will be donating take-out trays, cups and napkins.

"The groceries will be supplied by Pay-N-Save, Furr's and the American Legion. Adam's Well Service has also offered to donate a turkey, Nielson's will supply the green beans and corn and other businesses are also talking about donating food."

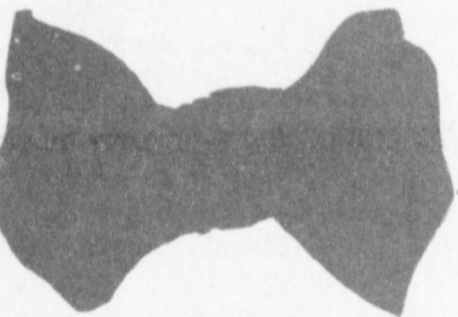
Sudie is still planning on cooking, but now she will be helped by Wilma Dudley, Helen Griggs and Myrtle Finley. There will also be free delivery to those who can't make it to the Massie.

The meal, which will consist of turkey, ham, dressing, and all the trimmings, will be given free to those people in the community who may not be able to afford the meal otherwise. Serving time will be from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.

It is not necessary to call before going, but if you want the meal delivered you should call 983-5165 during the day, or 983-3814 in the evening.

If you know of some deserving people in the community and you want their names included on the list, please call Sudie at the above numbers. Also if you would like to help her in any way, just call.

"This is going to be my Christmas presents to my kids this year," said Sudie. "I want them to learn to give instead of getting all the time."



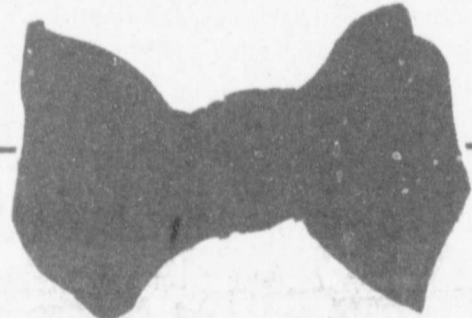
Banquet theme is Patriotism

The yearly chamber banquet will be held February 23 at Duncan Cafeteria. Anyone who would like their boss considered for the "Employer of the Year Award," should enter his name at the chamber by January 7, 1991. Entry forms can be picked up at the chamber office.

Other awards handed out at the banquet will include the Extra Mile Award and the Citizen of the Year. A committee designated by the chamber will choose the winners of these awards.

Patriotism will be the theme of the 1991 Banquet. In keeping with that theme, General Robert Dempsey has agreed to be the guest speaker.

General Dempsey is the son of Betsy Dempsey of Floydada and the brother of Jan Thayer, also of Floydada.

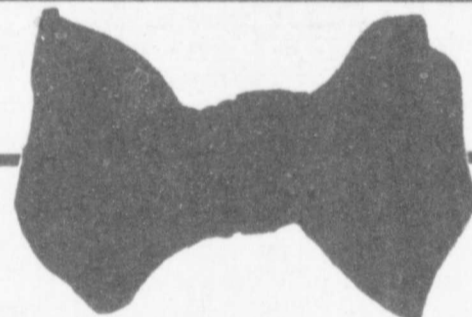


Welcome Wagon on the roll

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Welcome Wagon for newcomers to Floydada. They will be working with church groups and interested individuals on this project.

Packages will be made up by the sponsoring organizations and given to families that move into the area. It is a great time to promote your business to the new people in town who have no idea what services are offered in the community. If you want them to shop at home, let them know what they can buy at home.

If your business would like to donate promotional items, discount coupons or your business card to the Welcome Package, please contact the chamber of commerce.



Lighting winners selected

Betty Marquis, accompanied by Crosbyton judges Friday night, December 14, cruised the streets of Floydada and made some very difficult decisions on who would be the winners of the annual Christmas Lighting contest.

"Dot Witt and Suzette Lucer, of Crosbyton, were so impressed with our town," said Marquis. "They wanted to give everyone that participated a prize."

Ultimately a winner had to be chosen, and they were:

BUSINESS DIVISION

First Place: The City of Floydada;
Second Place: The Floydada Branch of the First National Bank of Lockney;
Third Place: R Photography

RESIDENTIAL DIVISION

First Place: The home of Mr. and Mrs. L.V. Assiter, 900 W. Mississippi;
Second Place: The home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Daniel, 215 E. Jeffie;
Third Place: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McGuire, 902 W. Crockett.

HONORABLE MENTION

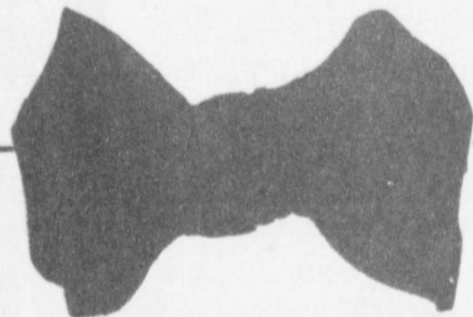
The homes of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bill Sue, of 816 Mesquite, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hambright, at 723 W. Kentucky, received honorable mentions by the judges.

The winners in each division received \$25.00 for first place, \$15.00 for second place and \$10.00 for third.

"The judges thought we had a wonderful town," said Marquis. "They brought a woman with them that has been in Texas only three weeks. She is here from New Zealand, on an exchange nursing program."

"She was just amazed at the town and the beautiful lights. She said she loves Texas."

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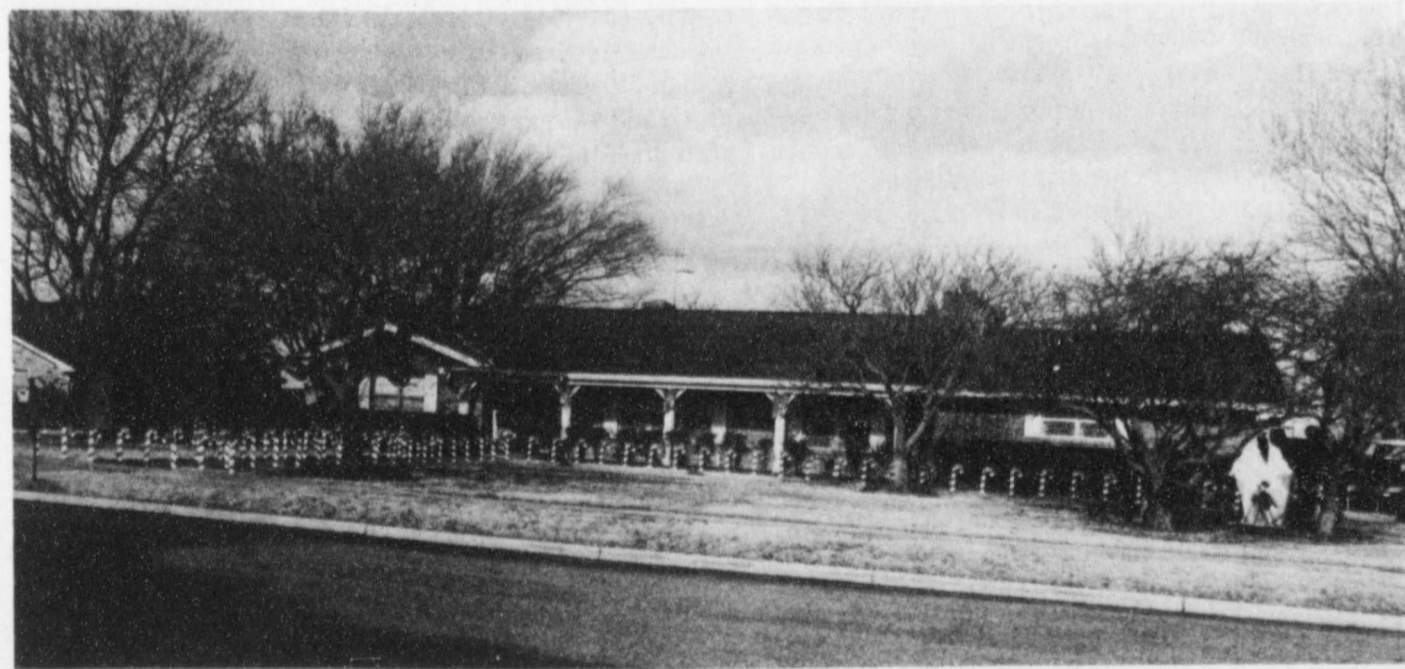
KCBD to profile Lamplighter Inn

A Floydada landmark will be featured on Karla Leslie's South Plains Profile, Thursday night, December 20, at 10:00 p.m.

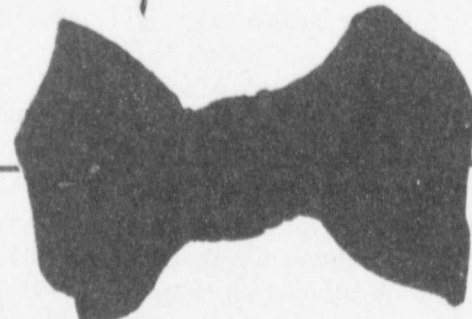
Last month a television crew, accompanied by the pretty and personable Karla Leslie, toured the Lamplighter Inn, in Floydada.

"The Hotchkiss's laid out the red carpet for us," said Leslie. "We had a lot of fun and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the Lamplighter. I think everyone will be pleased with the program."

For those who miss the show on Thursday night, it will be repeated again, Friday at noon.



THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. L.V. ASSITER
900 W. MISSISSIPPI
1st Place - Residential



Businesses open until 8

Several Floydada businesses will be staying open until 8:00 p.m., Thursday night, Dec. 20, for everyone's shopping convenience.

In an effort to keep people at home to shop, the following businesses will stay open late: Sues Gifts, Kirk & Sons, Davis & Sons, Thompson Pharmacy, Sears, Kids Kiosket, Azteca, Caprock Motor Parts and Hardware, Hale's, Perry's and Jodi's. There will be super sales going on in many of these stores!

Instead of fighting the traffic and the unfriendly crowds in Lubbock and Plainview, come to town on Thursday and join in with the friendly Floyd County crowds!

By The Way

By Alice Gilroy

If you just sat down this Thursday and the clock says it's past 6:00 p.m. and it's going on 8:00 p.m., put the paper down and hurry downtown for the sales going on.

Don't forget to check the ads first! There are going to be eight businesses downtown who will be staying open until eight tonight, so you can Christmas shop a little longer. They are Sue's Gifts, Thompson Pharmacy, Kids Klosset, Davis & Sons, Kirk & Sons, Caprock Motor Parts, Sears, Azteca, Hale's, Perry's and Jodi's. HAVE FUN!

Now that you're back from shopping, and before you take some time off to go hunting, I want everyone to stop and think long and hard about being extra careful while they hunt.

A couple of weeks ago, an eight year old boy, named John David Raines, from Fort Worth, was injured during a hunting accident. It could have been tragic.

On Dec. 9, on some land at Muncy, John was walking with his dad, Joseph Raines, and a friend, when he was accidentally shot.

According to Deputy Overstreet, with the Sheriff's office, John was walking beside his dad when a pheasant was shot. Mr. Raines told John he could walk over and pick up the bird. On the way back, carrying the bird, John must have flushed out another pheasant. The bird flew up and the hunter that was with the Raines, shot at the bird and also hit John.

One pellet went into the boy's forehead, skimming across the skull. It was taken out of the top of his forehead, never penetrating the skull.

One pellet went in one side of his nostril and came out the other side of the nostril.

Two pellets went into his chest. One was not very deep and was taken out. The other is either behind the heart or in the heart (according to the latest reports), but it is not interfering with anything. The pellet by the heart was left alone.

Another pellet was left in his left arm. According to Overstreet, "The father told me the boy never shed a tear. He didn't cry when he was shot, when they drew blood or when they told him they would have to operate. He was in a lot better shape than me," said the dad.

I don't tell this story to bring grief to anyone, but only to stop rumors and to stress the importance of everyone being careful. Maybe it will help.

Speaking of hunting and being careful, all hunters and future hunters should attend Sgt. Jerry Edwards Hunter Safety Education Course. He is a police officer in Lockney and has been certified as an instructor for the new mandatory hunter safety courses.

I got to hear about some of his class at a recent Lockney Rotary meeting. It was very interesting.

Did you know that if you shoot a whooping crane it will cost you \$60,000! Do you know what a whooping crane looks like?

I do! I listened very carefully to the lecture. It is a big white bird with black

Courtroom Activities

In county court on December 12, Fernando Hernandez was charged with driving while his license was suspended.

On December 13, Ricardo Martinez, 17, of Floydada, was charged with DWI. There was no disposition on this case.

Also on December 13, John Lescuer, 74, of Floydada, and Joe Zavala, 28, of Floydada, were charged with DWI. There was no disposition on either of these cases.

On December 14, Bradlee Jackson, was charged with driving while his license was suspended. There was no disposition on this case.

On Dec. 17, Francisco Morales, Jr., 43, of Floydada, pled guilty to his Nov. 28 charge of assault. He was fined \$500.00 plus court costs.

In J.P. court there were 84 misdemeanor cases filed, during the week of Dec. 11-Dec. 18.

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tips on its wings. They also have a private line to the local game wardens, so treat them nicely!

There is also something else I learned this week while we were discussing hunting. Well actually we were discussing pumpkin days and how we should promote pheasant hunting season around here like we have done with pumpkin days.

A landowner I was talking to said, "Speaking of pumpkins and pheasant—did you know that a lot of the pheasant shot around here have pumpkin seeds in their craw."

It seems to me that the pumpkin growers and pheasant hunters around here should get together and scratch each others tail feathers, (if you know what I mean)!

If you think people have forgotten what Christmas is supposed to be about, read the story in the paper about Sudie Cochran, who is going to spend her Christmas cooking for people who wouldn't have a Christmas meal without her.

Sudie said her Christmas present to her kids this year will be teaching them to give instead of get. How many adults out there have the nerve to go home and tell your kids that?

I'm as chicken as the next guy, but I sure admire her for what she and others she has recruited are doing.

Thank you Sudie!

I celebrated some of the Christmas season this year by going Christmas caroling with a group of my church members.

It was such a blessing for me. There were many times I had a hard time singing because I got all choked up at some of the people who came to their doors.

One elderly woman came out in her slippers and stood there with us to sing. Another man (living alone) started walking with us and singing too. The children's faces made it all so new. It's hard to explain, but I'll never forget it.

I sure hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas. If you don't have anyone to spend Christmas with and you're feeling kind of lonely. Think ahead, go to church (any church) on Sunday. Tell them (anyone there) you won't have anything to do on Christmas day. You'll be bombarded with offers and you may even want to come back and see those folks again!

Sometimes when I think about Christmas, I think about how wonderful it would have been to be one of those shepherds out in the field when the angels came to tell them the news about Jesus. The Bible said they HURRIED to Bethlehem. As much as I would have liked to have been there, I think now is better.

Those shepherds and wise men and even the people who followed him later weren't fully aware of what was going on, and the full significance of Jesus being there.

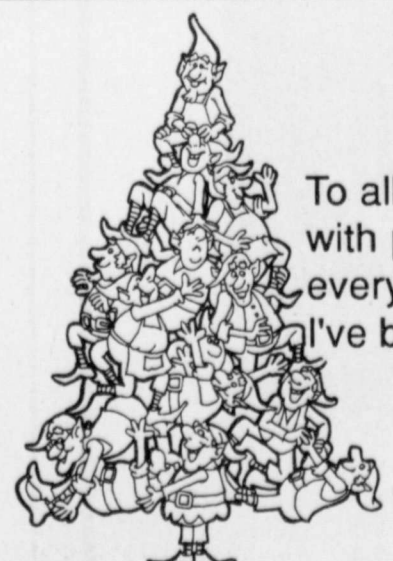
It wasn't until after his crucifixion and resurrection that they knew the full importance of his birth.

Well, we know now! What are we going to do with that knowledge?
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Santa,

Dear Santa,
I didn't get to see you, so I thought I would write you a letter. I am 6 years old and hope you think I was good enough this year. I would like to have Oopsy Daisy, Go Go Walking Dog, Roller Skates and some Doll House Furniture. Also in my stocking can I have a big candy cane? Please don't forget my big brother Lance and my Mom and Dad. We will leave you milk and cookies on our bar.

Love,
Amanda McHam, K-1



IT'S CHRISTMAS!

To all our wonderful friends we wish a holiday blessed with peace, happiness and good plain fun! Thanks to everyone for their loyalty to me through the 27 years I've been in business.

Baker Insurance

Betty Baker Sam Baker

First Christian Church welcomes new minister

The First Christian Church of Floydada (Disciples of Christ) has opened its welcoming doors to a new pastor this week. The Reverend Robert (Robin) Hoover, officially began his ministry at the First Christian Church Sunday, December 16.

The Rev. Hoover will be a part time minister for the church while he pursues a degree at Texas Tech in Public Ad-

ministration. Robin (as he prefers to be called) Hoover, will be in Floydada on Sundays to deliver the message and also one or two days during the week.

The Rev. Hoover attended Texas Christian University off and on from 1970 through 1979 and received a BA degree with a double major in journalism and religion. In 1979 he was ordained to the Order of Christian Minis-

try in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada by the Southwest Region of the Christian Church and First Christian Church, Big Spring.

He married his high school sweetheart, Linda Crawford, in 1975. They have a nine year old daughter, Emily, who attends school at Roscoe Wilson Elementary in Lubbock.

The Rev. Hoover's first pastorate was in Freeport, at the First Christian Church. He served there for three years, from 1980-1983.

The Hoovers moved to Lubbock from Fort Worth. The Rev. Hoover had served as the pastor at the Arlington Heights Christian Church for the past seven years. His wife, Linda, accepted a position in the Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management Department of the College of Home Economics and moved to Lubbock in August. The Rev. Hoover joined them in October after he had finished his ministry at Arlington Heights.

Besides his degrees in journalism and religion, Rev. Hoover's educational experience includes a Master of Science, Non-Profit Organization Administration, (in progress), Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; and a Master of Divinity, 1979, Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, with an emphasis in Church in Society, Theology, Ethics and History.

The Rev. Hoover served as the youth sponsor of the First Christian Church in Carrollton, Texas, from 1978-1979. He was also responsible for the youth activities of the First Christian Church in Lubbock, during the summer of 1974.

The Rev. Hoover has served as the editor of the Arlington Heights Christian Church Newsletter; editor of the Coastal Plains Area Edition of the Christian Courier; and as editor, photographer, and type setter on the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Commemorative Book, at the Veterans Administrative Hospital in Big Spring.

In Memory

In Loving Memory of
Zelma Faye Richardson
who departed this life
Jan. 23, 1990

Your memory to us is a keepsake
With which we will never part.
The Lord has you in His keeping
We have you in our hearts.
We watched you suffer
And there was nothing we could do,
But hold your hand for comfort
And pray God would help you
through.

When you lose someone you love,
Your grief is hard to hide,
For when we know you suffered so,
The hurt is deep inside.
So put your arms around her, Lord
and treat her with special care.
Make up for all she suffered
And all that seemed unfair.

Sadly missed by your husband, Neale,
children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren and all her family
and friends.

—By daughter,
Gwen McDonald



REV. ROBERT (ROBIN) HOOVER

While attending school from 1970-79, Hoover was also employed full-time. He has two years of experience in nursing service at Big Spring State Mental Hospital, the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring and All Saints Episcopal Hospital and John Petersmith Hospital in Fort Worth.

He also has six years of commercial construction experience and worked briefly as a public relations consultant/photographer in Nashville.

His hobbies include carpentry, sailing, fiction, photography and politics.

"During the last twenty years, while preparing for, financing, and performing Christian Ministry I have tried to help Christians look beyond their own church doors and their own provincial viewpoints," said the Rev. Hoover. "I am a citizen of the world and not just the particular municipality in which I find myself. I think we each need to have that kind of vision to survive and find meaning today. I am looking forward to being in the community of Floydada."

This Week

DWI CLASSES

A D.W.I Education Class will be held in the Floyd County Courthouse in the County Courtroom on Jan. 7 and 8, from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. the first night and 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. the second night.

The cost of the class is \$50.00 for both nights, which must be paid on the first night of the class.

This class is a required probation condition for the first time conviction of Driving While Intoxicated. If not completed within 180 days of conviction, the person's drivers license will be automatically suspended.

WEATHER

Courtesy of Energas

DATE	HIGH	LOW
Dec. 12	76	42
Dec. 13	43	39
Dec. 14	68	36
Dec. 15	46	37
Dec. 16	41	37
Dec. 17	59	41
Dec. 18	63	31



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year AZTECA

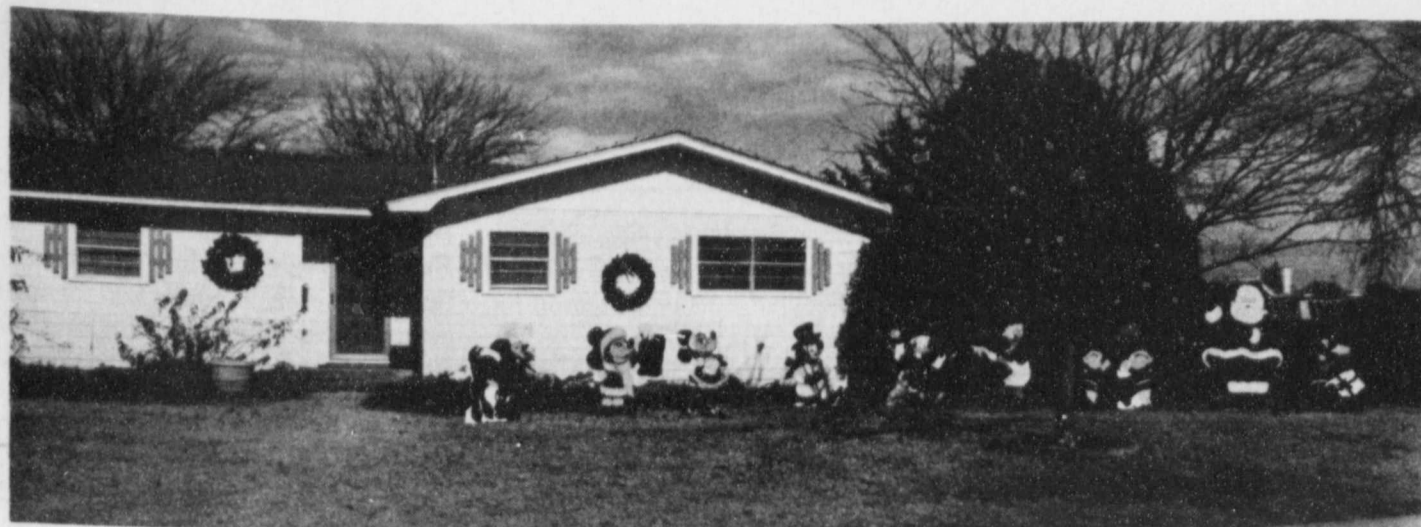
We will be open Thursday night, December 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., serving our Thursday Specials

Come in and register for the two pinatas we will give away.



It is our pleasure to wish you every happiness this Christmas.

Joe's Locksmith Service



THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. DON DANIELS
215 E. JEFFIE
2nd Place - Residential



THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. JERRY McGUIRE
902 W. CROCKETT
3rd Place - Residential



R PHOTOGRAPHY
3rd Place - Business

Floydada Police Report

Floydada police have kept busy the month of December with a variety of crimes, ranging from quick change artists, assaults and traffic accidents.

On Dec. 15, at 12:18 a.m., Abel Barrera, 28, of Floydada, was charged with DWI, and driving without a license. Police observed Barrera drive his vehicle from the parking lot of the highway department without stopping at the stop sign. He also failed to stay in one lane of traffic.

At 6:13 p.m., on Dec. 14, police received a report of a domestic knife fight in the 200 block of East Jeffie.

According to police, two juveniles got into a fight and one pulled a knife on the other one and threatened to cut him. The juvenile has been referred to the juvenile officer.

On Dec. 14, the City of Floydada reported a theft of a meter from a vacant home in the 400 block of West Tennessee. It was valued at \$45.00.

On Dec. 10 some quick change artist were in town and victimized two businesses before leaving town. They were identified through a photo lineup and the investigation is continuing.

Also on December 10, a criminal mischief was reported. Two side windows of a Ford Van, parked in the 600 block of E. California, were shot with a BB. The damage was estimated at \$100.00.

On the night of Dec. 8, someone kicked over some wooden cut out reindeer (breaking them) in a yard in the 200 block of W. Ollie; and stole a wooden Teddy bear from the yard of a home in the 200 block of W. Marivena.

The reindeer were valued at \$10.00 and the Teddy was valued at \$30.00. The Teddy was described as 2 feet tall, painted tan in color with a green hat and overalls.

On Dec. 9, at 8:24 p.m. Furr's Supermarket reported a theft by check. The money was recovered and there were no charges filed.

On Dec. 8, some juveniles were turned over to authorities after they caused a disturbance in the 200 block of E. Jeffie and were also found in the possession of a stolen wooden cow from another yard.

A criminal mischief was also reported to police on Dec. 8, that occurred on the display lot of Odens. A BB hit the windshield of a car parked in the lot.

On Dec. 8, Ricardo Christoval, 17, of Floydada, was arrested for DWI in the 300 block of 2nd Street.

Joe Hernandez Zavala, 28, of Plainview, was arrested on Dec. 6, at 2:10 a.m., at Crockett and Texas, for DWI and driving while his license was suspended.

ACCIDENTS

On Dec. 17, at 12:08 p.m. police investigated an accident in the 400 block of S. 2nd.

A '89 Mercury Cougar was traveling north on 2nd Street. When it turned into

the service station, it was hit on the right side by a '88 Chevrolet Oldsmobile, which was south bound in the right lane. The Mercury continued into the drive and struck a parked '88 Oldsmobile Cutlass. There were no injuries and all cars were driven away.

On Dec. 14, a boy, 13 year old Jonathan David Webster, was injured when he was struck by a car while riding his bicycle.

According to police reports, the car, a 1987 Oldsmobile Broughan was west bound on Missouri and the bike was north bound on 1st Street. The bike did not stop at the stop sign and drove in front of the vehicle and was hit by the right front fender.

Webster was knocked 29.6 feet from the point of impact. Witnesses stated that the car did not have time to stop and was not exceeding the speed limit.

He was transported to Caprock Hospital, and then to his personal doctor in Lockney (Dr. Mangold).

According to his mother, Vicki Webster, "Later in the evening, they couldn't wake him up and the doctor sent him to Methodist in the ambulance for a CAT SCAN. The doctor said he had a massive concussion, but he was OK to take home and let him sleep. The next morning he woke up and starting looking for his glasses to watch TV."

On December 17, at 7:05 p.m., a 1980 Chevrolet Camaro was headed east down the alley behind 21 W. Kentucky Street. He found the east end of the alley blocked by a car and attempted to turn around, hitting a gas meter in the process. The meter was broken and gas started to leak. The driver of the car did report the accident.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
Please remember us this Christmas and bring the toy listed beside each name.

- Jeremy - Pizza Thrower
- Kimberly - guitar
- Alyssa - drum
- D.J. - drum
- J.R. - Santa Claus that walks
- Ross - Ninja Turtle Sword
- Jay - Pizza Thrower
- Hunter - Ninja Turtle and van
- Seth - Pizza Thrower
- Kyle - Pizza Thrower
- Molly - houseshoes and purse
- Joe - Game Boy
- Eason - snap bracelet
- Stormy - A pair of spurs
- Mason - skateboard
- Lindsey - bicycle
- Tyson - Indians and Fort
- Tyler - remote control airplane.

We love you and thanks,
Day Care 4 & 5 year olds

Miss Floydada contest set for January 19th

The Miss Floydada Pageants have been set for Saturday, Jan. 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Floydada High School. Interviews will be at 2:30 the same day. Rehearsal will be Jan. 18.

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Miss Floydada competition, while the Women's Division of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce is in charge of the Little Miss contests.

The pageant committee says there have been some exciting changes this year. We have added two new awards, in all age divisions; Glamour Girl, which is strictly facial beauty and Top Interview Score, which is the girl with the highest score in interview. Also a prize package has been put together for Miss Floydada.

Miss Floydada will also receive a scholarship. The amount will be announced later.

Age divisions for this year's pageant are: 3-6, 7-9, 10-12, and 13-17.

"The pageant committee is working very hard to make this an exciting pageant and we hope we will have a high attendance," says spokesperson Debra Graham.

Applications may be picked up at the chamber office, Floydada High School, Hale's Department Store or The Hesperian.

The deadline for entry is January 11.



FLOYDADA BRANCH OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN LOCKNEY
2nd Place - Business



20% off
ALL FURNITURE
In The Store

From 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 20 ONLY.

----- Money Talks -----

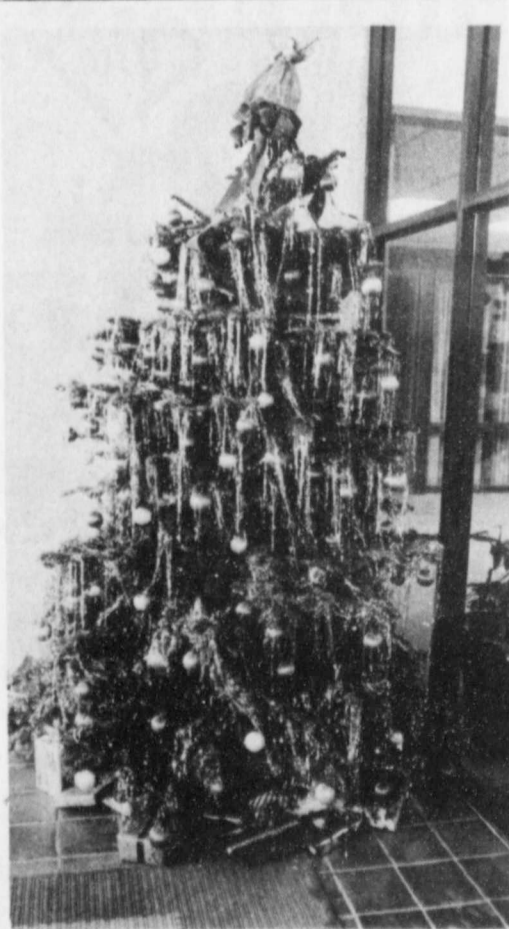
KIRK & SONS

119 East Missouri 983-3280

You Are Cordially
Invited To Our
Annual Christmas
Open House
Friday, December 21
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
In The
Community Room

"Helping you change things for the better"

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FLOYDADA
Member F.D.I.C. Each Depositor Insured Up To \$100,000



These Merchants will be
Staying Open
Thursday Night until 8:00 p.m.

Sue's Gifts

Thompson Pharmacy

Sears

Davis & Sons Builders Mart

Kid's Kloset

Azteca

Kirk's

Caprock Hardware

Hale's Department Store

Perry's

Jodi's

Christmas is in
the bag
Downtown!



SANTA DISTRIBUTES BOOKS--Santa Claus was on hand at the Texas Migrant Council in Floydada last Friday to assist teachers in distributing books to children. Ninety-two books were handed out, with each child getting two books. The group had a total of 104 books at the annual RIF distribution. The school has 48 students enrolled. --Staff photo

News From Caprock Hospital

By Molly Stringer

We had a lovely Christmas party last Friday evening. Pauline Martinez who works in the dietary department was named employee of the year.

Pauline has worked at the hospital for the last six years. She lives in Lockney with her husband. She has four children who are all married and away from home. She is grandmother of 17. Her hobbies are baking, crocheting and playing Bingo.

Pauline is well loved and respected by all of her coworkers. She is always willing to do what ever she is asked and does many special and extra things for all of us. She loves to make older folks happy and is always doing something for our patients.

Congratulations Pauline! We appreciate you.

Our special thanks to Helen Teeple, Rhonda Stovall, Jean Jarrett and Sue Fuller, our Morale Committee for putting together a very splendid evening of fun, entertainment and food.

Larry and Rhonda Stovall entertained with a Christmas party on Sunday night.

Those attending were: Molly and Bill Stringer, Helen and Dwight Teeple, Joyce Smith and Marie Cummings.

Medicare will be in our hospital for their annual review on January 14 and 15. The next few weeks will be spent getting all departments spic and span and in order for this survey.

The Board of Directors will meet this week in regular session on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at the hospital.

We will be having a EMT course to start at the hospital in January. We encourage anyone over 18 with any interest to please call Rhonda Guthrie at 983-5089 or the hospital, 983-2875 to enroll.

Diabetes will not meet in December. The next meeting is January 24, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at the hospital.

We at the hospital wish you all a wonderful and glorious holiday season. Take time to remember the miracle of Christmas which is God sending his beloved Son, Jesus to us, a babe born in a manger, who grew to become the Savior of the World. Join us in worship and celebration of this birthday of our LORD.

Thought for today

As you give gifts this Christmas, Give in the loving spirit of God who has his Son. As you receive gifts, receive them with love and appreciation and prayerful thanks for the giver.

Merry Christmas To All!

Caprock Hospital Report

Homer Farmer, Floydada, adm. 9-11, continues care, Lopez

Leona McCray, Floydada, adm. 8-18, continues care, Jordan

Walter Hanna, Floydada, adm. 11-9, dis. 12-10, Lopez

Robbie Hatley, Floydada, adm. 11-19, continues care, Jordan

Lupe Gonzales, Floydada, adm. 11-30, dis. 12-13, Lopez

Howard Miller, Floydada, adm. 12-5, expired 12-16, Lopez

Robert Shuping, Floydada, adm. 12-9, dis. 12-16, Lopez

Ruth Roberson, Floydada, adm. 12-4, dis. 12-11, Lopez

Willis Earl Edwards, Floydada, adm. 12-7, dis. 12-7, Hale

Phobe Bruington, Petersburg, adm. 12-12, dis. 12-12, Lopez

Troy Faulkenberry, Floydada, adm. 12-12, dis. 12-13, Hale

Robin Brown, Floydada, adm. 12-12, dis. 12-14, Lopez

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Floydada Nursing Home Happenings

By Jo Bryant

Hi, on this crisp cool morning, had to scrape some ice off my windshield. One of these days, I'll have a garage.

What a wonderful time of year, par-

ties, receiving cards, listening to carols, shopping, baking etc., but most us know and realize that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Monday started the week as usual with Bro. Bill Wright sharing the word

taken from the word about John the Baptist crying in the desert, make way for the way of the Lord. He said we must get our house in order, and most of all our hearts, ready for the coming of Jesus in our hearts. Irene Wexler played the piano for us. In the afternoon the residents painted a ceramic Christmas tree.

Tuesday, the residents had Residents Council meeting, and popcorn.

Wednesday was the usual Bingo day. Weldon Hammonds and Lennie Willis both had the first Bingo. Ruth Hammonds and Mary Alice Davis assisted us with the Bingo, thanks. At 4:15 p.m. the childrens choir from the First Baptist Church came and sang for us. The residents really do enjoy the children.

Thursday was our monthly birthday party, we had four having birthdays, Mamie Bradshaw, E.O. McElyea, Ove McPherson and Gertrude Feuerbacher, she was born on Christmas Eve, what a wonderful gift to her parents. Thanks to the ladies from the City Park Church of Christ to be the host for the party.

Friday, Evelyn Latta came and played the piano for us. We shared the devotion of "A Savior is born to us, all the many names that Jesus has, Emmanuel (God With Us), He is Jesus, He is Love and Hope, He is the Savior of the World. He is Provider, Counselor, Healer, Bread of Life, He is for all People. Than at 1:30 the residents were treated to ice cream and went for a ride in the country.

We want to thank the ladies from the Companion & Caring for serving at our Open House, and all those who took the time to come, as the weather wasn't all that good to come out. The table decorations and the food was beautiful and delicious too.

We want to welcome Walter Hanna back to our facility. Our love and sympathy go out to the family of Howard Miller, we shall miss him.

Family members and friends we remind you of our Christmas party, Thursday night at 7:00 p.m., you may bring your gift to put under the tree and your refreshments. We will have music, gifts, Santa Claus and refreshments. Thank you.

Thought

Admit it, aren't you beginning to regret those wild promises you scribbled on your Christmas cards?

Sam Ewing

May you and yours have a most blessed, healthy, happy holiday ever.

May you have fun and cheer, In the coming year, 1991.

Lee Farmer at The Fine Arts Center in Plainview for the past five years.



VICTORIA CUMMINGS

Cummings participates in yearly Plainview piano festival

Victoria Anne Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin Cummings of South Plains and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross McWilliams of Canton, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Cummings. Victoria recently participated in The Annual Piano Festival of The Plainview Music Teachers Association held at Wayland Baptist University.

Victoria's piano solo was entitled Trio (Symphony in E) by Mozart/Garrow. She received a Superior rating and a Blue Ribbon. The judge was Jane Ann Wilson from Texas Tech.

She also performed in The Plainview Music Teachers Association Annual Recital also held at Wayland. Victoria has studied piano under Mrs. Bobbie

1956 Study Club is treated to Christmas music by Proclaim

By Judy Dunlap

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" was the first song presented in an evening of Christmas music performed by members of PROCLAIM. The ladies' ensemble from First Baptist Church sang for 1956 Study Club during their December 4 meeting in the home of Judy Schacht.

Following a welcome by club President Judy Schacht and invocation by Sheree Cannon, club members answered roll call with their favorite Christmas song. Gayla Griffin, director of Proclaim, led her group which included Esther Parker, Terry Lloyd, Jan Rubio, Atha Sue, Ruth Crump, Julianne Cornelius, Darla Keller and Rosemary Finley.

Refreshments were served by co-

hostesses Atha Sue, Darlynn Hambricht and Sharon Rainwater.

During the business session the club voted to make a quilt to be raffled within the club with each block depicting the occupation or hobby of the member making it. Monetary donations were given to Central Plains MHMR for supplemental Christmas gifts to foster children.

Club members present included Sheree Cannon, Ruth Crump, Judy Dunlap, Rosemary Finley, Darlynn Hambricht, Linda Harbin, Donna Henderson, Sharon Henderson, Melissa Long, Treana Simpson, Atha Sue, Sharon Rainwater, Judy Schacht, Susan Simpson, Jan Thayer, Jan Thompson, Candi Thrasher, Leora Younger, Dana Crossland, Louann Dagley, JenniSu Smith, B.K. Bates, Kathy Becker and Lisa Becker.

January 8, the club will meet in the home of Leora Younger to hear a program by an AFS student.

Floyd Data

Sunday, December 16, Millard and Glenna Watson entertained relatives with a early Christmas dinner and Christmas tree. A total of 48 people enjoyed the turkey dinner.

Present were DuWayne, Pat and James Brewer of Irvin; Fred, Dorthy and Sharon McDougle of Crosbyton; Peggy and H.T. Ayers, Kelly and Michelle Ayers, Karl Ayers and Van, Ervin and Jan Brewer; Terry, Cristian and Danielle Mooney; Ken, Sherry, Kris, Karen, Suzanne and Cherisse Robison; Rob and Latonya Hill, all of Lubbock; Rusty, Kim, Rusty Dean and Chad Young of Canyon.

Also, Harry, Wanda and Brandon Brewer; Amber Brewer; Dean, Brenda, Deanna and David Watson; Amanda and Brad Fulton, all of Floydada; and the host and hostess Millard and Glenna Watson.

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Getting older earns you more than cut-rate movie tickets. There are tax law loopholes you can take advantage of, too. Once you are 59 1/2 years old, you can take money out of retirement plans without a 10 percent penalty. (In some cases you can even use income-averaging or capital gains treatment on the proceeds.) If those retirement funds are large, its wise to start taking money out as soon as possible to avoid a 15 percent penalty tax on "excess" accumulations: more than \$150,000 a year or \$750,000 in a lump sum. When it comes to gifts for children and grandchildren, the tax consequences depends on how gifts will be used. If youngsters need cash now -- for college, perhaps -- don't sell the stock to give them money; instead, give them the stock and let them sell at a lower tax rate. Conversely, if the investment is too good to sell, give cash now and let them inherit the assets at a higher basis. That way, the increase in value during your lifetime is essentially tax-free. We've got more good ideas for a senior citizen who wants to minimize taxes. Talk to us at EDD V. HENDERSON, CPA'S 201 W. CALIFORNIA, BOX 98 FLOYDADA, TEXAS, 79235 (806)983-3700

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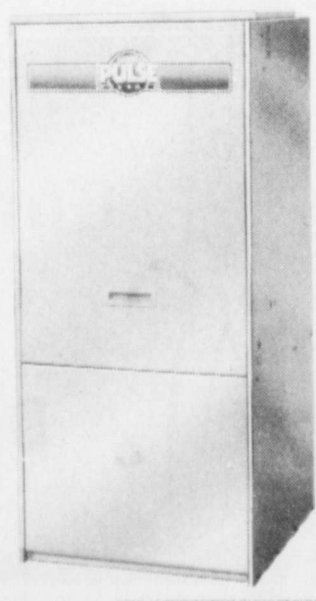
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Woody and Meador exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Woody of Floydada are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Pamela Gene to John Alan Meador, son of Mrs. Charlie Meador of Matador. This celebration of love took place in the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace Lowell Bilbrey.

The ceremony was held in the living

room which was decorated in Christmas colors. The stairway was adorned with green Christmas garland with red and silver metallic crunched bows. The bride and groom stood in the doorway also decorated in green Christmas garland with a large cascading red and silver metallic crunched bow. A Christmas tree decorated in red and silver stood in the corner.

The bride descended the stairs to the music of the traditional Wedding March. Her gown was of traditional white satin with Victorian lace and handsewn sequins and pearls. The beaded and opalescent bodice featured a Victorian neckline. The dress featured pouf sleeves with sequins, lace and pearls which came to a point at the wrist. The bodice back dropped to a V at the waist, complemented by tiny white satin buttons. The full skirt swept to a full cathedral train with the skirt edged with beaded Victorian lace. The headpiece featured a beaded band coming to a soft V at the center of the forehead, with tiny sprays of seed pearls and silk flowers softly framing the face. The veil was formed into a high pouf from which a fingertip veil fell with filament edging. Her bouquet consisted of red silk sweetheart roses and white baby carnations.

Ginger Neill of Merkel served as maid of honor and Julie Hatla of Nazareth as bridesmaid. Bridal attendants wore red tea length dresses. Each carried a single white rose adorned with red ribbon.

Tim Burge of Floydada acted as best man. Groomsmen was Jim Meador of Matador, brother of the groom. The groom and his male attendants were attired in black Wranglers, white long-sleeved shirts and black ropers.

The reception was held in the dining room where the Christmas theme continued. The table was covered with a white lace tablecloth and trimmed with red and silver metallic crunched bows. Diane Burge served at the reception table.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Floydada High School and a 1990 graduate of South Plains College with an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement.

The groom is a 1985 graduate of Motley County High School and a 1987 graduate of South Plains College with an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement. Both are employed by the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, where Meador serves as a Deputy Sheriff and Pam is a dispatcher.

The couple will make their home in Lockney.



MRS. JOHN ALAN MEADOR



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY -- John and Faye Dawdy of Idalou will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 20. John and the former Faye Barker were married on that date in 1940 at Idalou and have lived in that city throughout their married life. A family dinner is slated for December 22 in Amarillo at the Steak and Ale Restaurant. The couple has four children, Roger Dawdy of Honey Grove, Texas, Marilyn Robertson of Amarillo, Texas, Carol Griffin, also of Amarillo, and J.O. Dawdy of Floydada. They also have 11 grandchildren.

Residents celebrate birthdays

By Lorilla Bradley

Let's have a birthday party
...The last month in the year...
Among the other "happenings"
To bring us joy and cheer!

We greet our Mrs. Bradshaw
...Who counts from '94...
And with all the years she counting
We wish her many more!

We honor Mrs. McPherson
...She dates from 1906...
She still likes birthday parties
With lots of "fun and tricks".

Salutes to Mr. McElyea
Whose years are 91...
We hope that in the future
He still has lots of fun.

We honor Mrs. Feuerbacher
...She came with Santa Claus...
The reindeer probably dropped her
With hardly time to pause!

To cheer these lovely people
Let's do the Birthday Song...

So join us with your voices
And sing out good and strong!

Thursday, Dec. 13, was party time at the Rest Home with ladies of the City Park Church of Christ hosting. 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. Their places were marked with special cards.

We are so sorry Mrs. Feuerbacher and Mrs. Bradshaw were unable to attend. Jo Bryant read a brief history of the life of each honoree after which the poem was read and all joined in singing the Happy Birthday song. Mrs. McPherson welcomed her son, Robert and daughter-in-law, Betty of Silverton to share the day with her.

The "honor" table was laid with a light green cloth and centered with an arrangement of silk flowers in fall colors. A delicious refreshment plate of pineapple-coconut cake and angel food cake complemented with a tangy fruit punch was served to the honorees, guests, home residents and employees.

The honorees wore fresh carnation corsages compliments of Williams Flower and Card Shop.

The next party will be Thursday, Jan. 17, 1991, 2:30 p.m. You are invited to be with your friends and loved ones at this first party of the new year!

We Salute...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thursday, Dec. 20 - Abel Aleman Jr., Mike Irlas, Shayla Barbee, Kathy Mulder, Tommy Perry, Jeremy Scott Duran, Duncan Woody

Friday, Dec. 21 - Harold Wayne Bennett, John Burns

Saturday, Dec. 22 - Stephanie Nicole Campos

Sunday, Dec. 23 - Elayne Reid, Juan Sr. Segura, J.R. Cuevas

Monday, Dec. 24 - Louise Turner, Frank Maldonado, Delfino Pesino

Tuesday, Dec. 25 - Chele Duran

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thursday, Dec. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bates, David and Vicki Cates

Friday, Dec. 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Northcutt

Saturday, Dec. 22 - Bill and Betty Marquis, Tom and Joan Burns, Bill and Molly Stringer

Sunday, Dec. 23 - Sandra and Don Martin

Tuesday, Dec. 25 - Tencha and Joe Garza

Lighting contest...

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"It was a lot of fun seeing the town and the lights through her eyes. It made it all fresh and new for all of us."

The Hesperian will print the pictures of the winning homes and businesses, but because the red and blue lights tend to disappear in black and white photos the pictures were taken in the daytime.



Guess Who's 50!

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Carl Lemon's News and Views From Cedar Hill

THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT!
I didn't hear the Devil laughing, but never you doubt it, he was in high glee Sunday afternoon! Our Economic Forecast, much to our discomfort, was not to be particularly optimistic and we were seeking a cushion, a soft introductory statement, preferably something scriptural, to help shift the minds of our readers from some current flowery bed of ease, to the serious contemplation of a future which, in a very real sense, will feature... fewer roses.

So, we proceeded to brush off our dusty bible and peruse that fascinating period of time which saw the children of Israel move from Egyptian bondage to captivity in Babylon. It was Scriptures revisited, the reading a joy; a multitude of things, dimmed by the passage of time, were brought back sharply, clearly; the death of General Siser, laid low by the hand of the housewife, Jael, wielding a tent-pin and her hammer; King Hezekiah and the 15 years that were added to his life-span; and countless other.

The Prince of Darkness, old PD, really had this one sewed up, he even approved this particular session of scripture reading; his thinking, "Keep right on reading, you fool! Read until your writing time is all gone!" So, at the very best, it was restless reading. Any time old PD can make you feel you are committing a sin by pausing to read the bible, he's not slipping at all, he's still in there, tending to business as usual.

The search for a suitable scripture was fruitless, so a desperation call was placed to the Craig Gilley's and their extensive reference library. Craig, never questioning, always moves straight into the problem and digs up answers. But Trudy, that poor girl must have received some traumatic injury as a child, usually asks some qualifying question like, "Now this scripture you want me to look for, is it really bible, or is it just something you made up?" Anyway, Craig and Trudy have an impressive religious library, and when your writer's ship hove's to shore we will be buying a Strong's Concordance, especially if it has been computerized.

The date of N&V's 1990 forecast would have been identical to that of

1989, the second Thursday in December, had we not been led astray and loitered too long in the scriptures. In the future our target will be the Thursday following Thanksgiving hoping that the cumulative thinking, yours and ours, may serve to place a early focus on the approaching new year; perhaps limit the tendency to overspend in December and, thusly, having to enter the new year hopping awkwardly, with the final foot forward! :: How you like that phraseology? Huh? :: One contorted way to start a new year, Huh?

ECONOMIC FORECAST '91

Doubtless this column will present nothing new for your perusal, but hopefully different accents will be placed thereby enabling you to better fine tune the economic course that your ship will follow.

1. EQUIPMENT for farming: It is significant to note that foreign enterprise is not aggressively introducing their agricultural equipment into the American market. Neither are they attempting to buy controlling stock in the existing companies that supply the American farmer. To put it crudely, one would wonder if perhaps, as they sniff around, and they certainly sniff everything, they think they smell a dead horse.

Definitely the Japs and Germs are not interested in moving into the equipment field. Why? The Listening Post view is that equipment manufacturers have been neutralized by their inability to sell new equipment! In the first place the government has eliminated the market for new stuff because at present, with a high percentage of cultivated acres having been switched to CRP, farmers have found used equipment adequate for their needs. In the second place farm profits have been too low to justify new investments; in some localities fully 50% of the sales of new equipment have resulted in either repossessions or forced sales. In the third place manufacturers are uncertain what tools tomorrow's farmer will buy. Will he stay conventional and re-tool for eight row farming thereby locking in his present labor cost, or will he attempt to gain greater efficiency in both fuel and labor by purchasing the mammoth new equip-

ment now available?

Many individuals signed into the CRP program knowing full well that age, Continued on Page 6

This 'n' That Club has party

The This 'n' That Club had their annual December meeting at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 11. The Christmas party was held in the Lighthouse party room, with the husbands as guests.

A bountiful dinner of turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, vegetables, several salads, hot rolls and four kinds of pie was served.

Gifts were exchanged and games of 84 were played.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker, Bill Beedy, Johnnie Cates, Son Jackson, Glen White and Johnnie B. Sue, Mrs. Mamie Bunch, Thelma Crawford, Jonelle Fawver, Queen Annie Lawson and Jo Lyles. Also attending were T.L. Holland and one guest, Cheryl Simmons.

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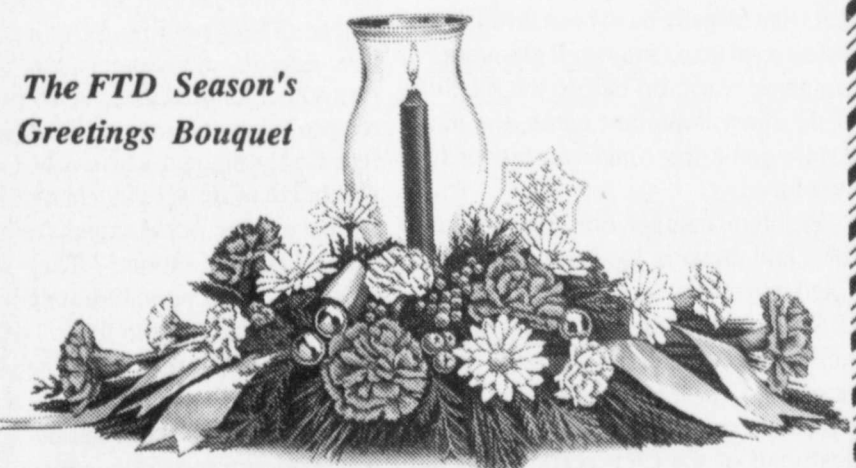
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FLOYD COUNTY 4-H'ERS COMPETE IN FOOD SHOW—The Floyd County 4-H'ers that competed in the District Food Show were (back row, l to r) Shawn Hill, Allen Martin, Zacha Harris, Charla Yeary, Gretchen Quebe, (front row, l to r) Lindi Miller, Sarah Martin, Wesley Hunter, Meredith Schacht, Tim Mitchell and Kaci Mathis.

Floyd County 4-Hers win top honors

Eleven Floyd County 4-H'ers competed in the District 4-H Food Show held in Levelland. These youth competed against youth from a twenty county area by preparing a dish and answering nutrition questions.

The Food Show serves as a follow up to the Foods and Nutrition project. Participants prepare a dish for judges to taste and they answer questions about the basic food groups, what constitutes a serving, nutrients and what they do for the body, as well as preparation principles. The contestants also make a days menu which is judged on nutritional adequacy as well as aesthetic principles such as color of foods, served at each

meal. All eleven youth received blue ribbons for their outstanding job. Six of the youth placed in the top three in the category. These placing were Sarah Martin - 2nd place - Junior 1 Fruits and Vegetables; Gretchen Quebe - 1st place - Junior 1 Main Dish; Lindi Miller - 1st place - Junior 1 Snacks and Desserts; Charla Yeary - 3rd place - Junior 2 Fruits and Vegetables; Tim Mitchell - 2nd place - Junior 2 Snacks and Desserts; and Zacha Harris - 1st place - Senior Snacks and Desserts. Others competing from Floyd County were Meredith Schacht, Kaci Mathis, Wesley Hunter, Shawn Hill and Allen Martin.

Zacha Harris qualified for state competition by winning first place in Senior

CORRECTION
Information provided by FISD listed the parents of Emilio Guzman incorrectly in last week's paper. Emilio is the son of Beatrice (Mrs. Arthur) Castillo of Floydada and Emilio Guzman of Amarillo.

Drug program presented to PTA by chief of police

The R.C. Andrews PTA met on Monday, Dec. 3, in the school cafeteria. President Debra Jo Fawver called the meeting to order. Bill Smith led the group in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Nicole Davis and Erin Dawdy.

Mrs. Fawver introduced Mr. Rainer and the R.C. Andrews Choir who sang a selection of songs. Following this presentation, Mrs. Fawver gave the treasurer's report and read the minutes in the absence of these officers.

Business discussed was the upcoming yearbook which will go on sale later in

December for \$6.00 per copy. She also reported on the sale of aluminum cans collected for recycling. A total of \$66.00 has been collected thus far. The Parent Training scheduled for November has been rescheduled for the month of February.

Mrs. Fawver then introduced Police Chief James Hale, who, along with Aubrey Stark from Lubbock's Crime Prevention Unit South Plains Region Narcotics Force, presented an interesting program on drugs.

The next R.C. Andrews PTA meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 28, 1991.

Collins led the Whirlwinds' scoring output with 18 points (eight below his season norm), and pulled down seventeen rebounds. Other Whirlwinds in double figures were Michael Aleman, 16; Jaime Suarez, 12; and Chad Williams, 11. Michael Henderson, Ryan Burns and Billy Joe Villarreal also contributed some key points in the overall team effort. Slaton's Tracy Starkey (recently named All-South Plains Player of the Year in football) led all scorers with 25 points, with several coming from the 3-point range.

All-District guard, Kenneth Collins is making the best of his senior campaign for the Whirlwinds. While averaging over 26 points per game, Collins recently established a new Floydada record for the most points scored in a game (45).

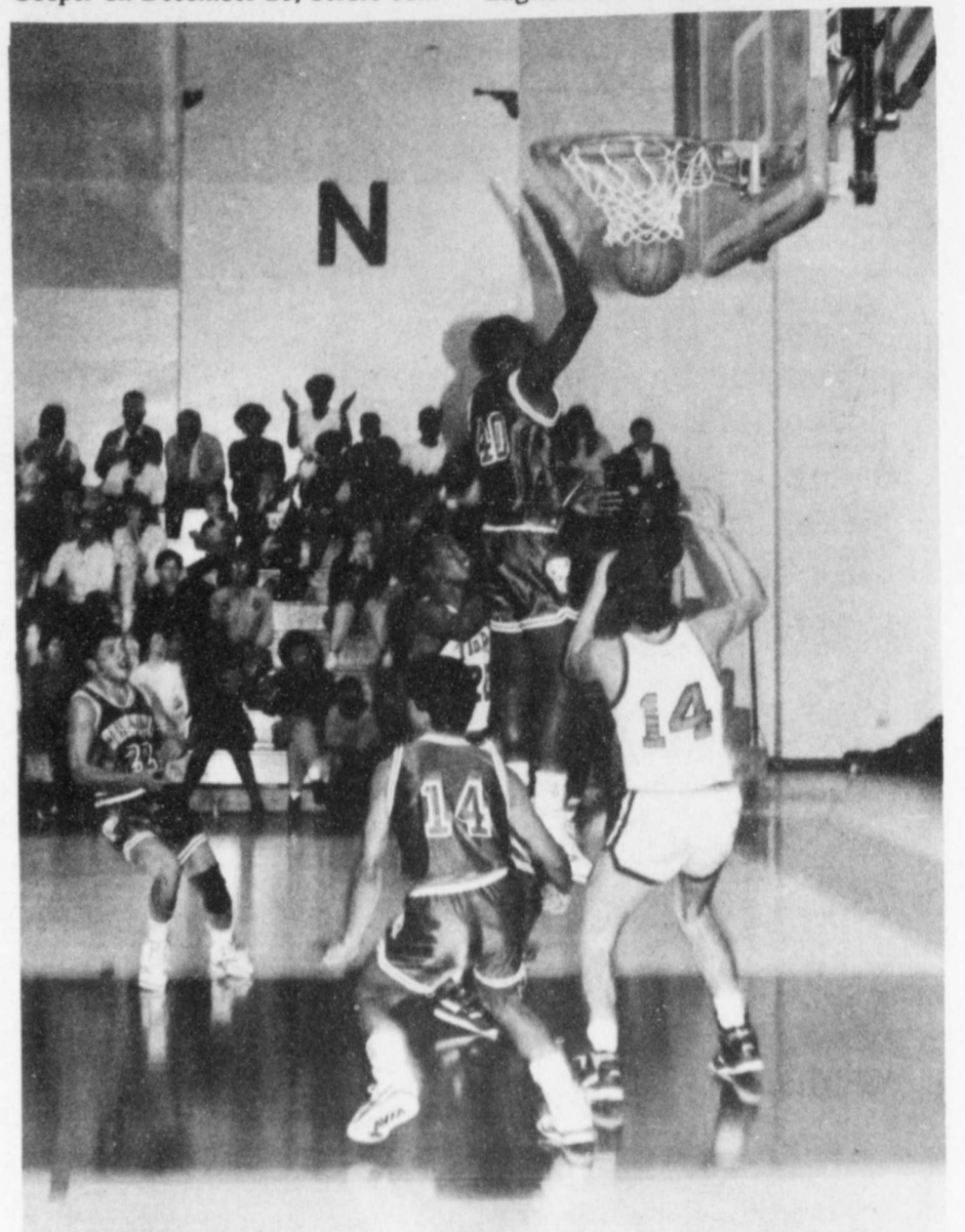
Seniors Michael Aleman, Chad Williams and Ryan Burns offer leadership and are solid, experienced players. Jaime Suarez compliments Collins in the backcourt with his quickness and versatility. Junior Billy Villarreal and sophomore Michael Henderson continue to improve each week, and give the 'Winds good support off the bench.

Floydada's season mark now stands at 6-5, with a chance to improve even more before district play starts in January. The 'Winds host Roosevelt on December 18 and travel to Lubbock Cooper on December 20, before com-

'Winds rally to edge Slaton 75-71

peting in the Canyon tournament during the Christmas break.

Floydada's final non-conference dates are at home against Motley County on January 3 and at Lorenzo on January 5. The Whirlwinds open District 2-3A action at Friona on January 8. Their fast-paced, balanced attack should put the 'Winds in a position to be a legitimate playoff contender once loop play commences. After advancing to the playoffs last year as the district's #2 seed, the Whirlwinds lost to the Canyon Eagles in the Bi-District round.



"AIR" HENDERSON -- In an "Air-Jordan" lookalike, Floydada's Michael Henderson (40) goes high for two against Slaton on December 14. Henderson scored 8 and puled down 6 rebounds against the taller opponents, helping the Whirlwinds to come from behind to defeat the Tigers 75-71. Staff Photo

Scholarships available for athletes

Over 100,000 Collegiate Athletic Scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students don't have to be All State to qualify. Much of this money goes unused. A new publication with forms, sample letters and tables of factual information is available for student athletes. It takes them step by step thru

the important process of getting an athletic scholarship and includes college and conference listings.

For details on how to get a collegiate athletic scholarship, send a large self addressed, stamped envelope to The National Sports Foundation, 612A Willow Dr., P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.

Carl Lemon's News and Views From Cedar Hill...

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combined with the hassle of retooling at the end of ten years, would prevent their ever again assuming the responsibility of operating a farm.

A new type of farmer has already been fashioned at the rough and tumble forge of survival. He is a unique person exhibiting a strange mixture of both onerous rigidity and intelligent flexibility. He knows when to hold'em, he knows when to fold'em, and, like his pre-historic ancestors when Tyrannosaurus Rex came crashing through the fern forest, he knows when to break and go streaking!

But one's having survived until today is no guarantee of surviving tomorrow; in fact shadows ahead are warning us that what farmers have been through the last several years may well amount to a pre-game warm up before the kick-off of the most important game, the most deadly game the American farmer has ever faced.

Problem number one. Government rules laid down in the late eighties and voted into law, were designed to free the U. S. Treasury of any budgetary responsibility to the nation's farmers by the year 1995. If those rules continue in effect our operators must reabsorb practically all of the CRP acres into some program that will net them some forty dollars per acre. That in itself would be a monumental task, but it will be further complicated by an even greater challenge which is problem number two below.

Dwarfing the CRP problem, and run-

ning concurrent with it, is the very real prospect of drastically reduced sales of agricultural commodities abroad. American Farmers have long attributed their high productivity to the free enterprise system. Using that as the base of their logic one and all have predicted that the Communist Nations, if they were able to cast off the Marxist bridle, would quickly raise their level of production, would eliminate their need to import staples, and eventually might have goods for export.

Today that freedom lies within the grasp of those once-communist peoples; they are wearing a new suit and they feel strangely uncomfortable, but shortly that feeling will pass, then, after one look in the mirror and "Wow!" they will be off and running. Within the next five years those liberated farmers, barring some political jolt, even a possible relapse into communism, will have their feet firmly planted and world markets will begin to reflect that change.

What can the world expect from these newly liberated farmers? They will be tough, hard-hitting individuals with all to gain and nothing to lose! They will not be something new under the sun, for they will be carbon copies, virtual clones of the American Farmer of fifty five years ago as he doggedly dug himself upward and emerged from the depths of the great depression.

At that point a massive new struggle will begin: a titanic struggle to capture world markets between commodities

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4-H GATHERS FOOD--As a community service project for the month of December, the Floydada 4-H Club gathered a variety of Christmas gifts to give to several children from Floyd County who are in foster care. With the help of the Floyd County Child Welfare Board these gifts will be delivered before Christmas. The 4-H club has a different community service project each month. They vary from collecting newspapers for recycling to planting trees for Arbor Day. 4-H is an educational program conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension service and is open to anyone age 9 to 19. The Floydada 4-H Club meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the MAC. Pictured here (left-right) are: Lonny Nelson, Mandi Yeary, Charla Yeary, Neal Nelson and Brad Yeary. Staff Photo



Guthrie named to Who's Who



SHONDA GUTHRIE

Shonda Guthrie, daughter of Larry and Rhonda Guthrie, has been recognized by Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Shonda is a junior at Floydada High School, she is active in the First Baptist Church youth group, 4-H officer, Whirlwind Band Flag Corp, church choir, Sweetheart of the Panhandle Firemen and Fire Marshal Association, member of Floydada Fire Department and Auxiliary National Honor Society.

She has been a Caprock Hospital Aide, Girl Scout, basketball, track, Vacation Bible School teacher and cross country.

Shonda plans to attend Texas Tech to become a teacher.

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Chavarria and Collins named to 1990 All South Plains 1st Team grid honors

By Bill Gray

Whitwinds Kenneth Collins and Ruben Chavarria have been named to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's 1990 Class 3A All-South Plains Football Team. Both players were earlier named to the 2-3A All-District squad.

Chavarria is one of six juniors selected to the honor squad and was named First Team defensive linebacker. He was the workhorse of the Whitwind backfield on offense during the 1990 season, where he received All-District recognition. Chavarria was selected First Team All-District at linebacker as he helped the Whitwinds' defense become one of the top-rated stopper units on the South Plains.

Collins, a 1989 All-South Plains honoree, was selected to the 1990 squad as 1st Team, defensive safety. Collins led the Whitwinds with 90 tackles and

four interceptions from his safety position. He was also named the All-District 2-3A punter and wide receiver. The

likeable and talented "KIC" is highly regarded as a college prospect at safety, wide receiver and kick returner.



RUBEN CHAVARRIA - Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Class 3A All-South Plains 1st Team, Defensive Linbacker.



KENNETH COLLINS - Lubbock Avalanche Journal Class 3A All-South Plains 1st Team, Defensive Safety.



FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST - Local winners in the Fire Prevention Poster Contest were recently announced. Selected from among the 158 entries submitted were (left to right) Shonda Guffrie (1st Place, High School Division), Peppie Schum (1st Place, Junior High Division), Chad Guffrie (2nd Place, Junior High Division), Adam Mendoza (3rd Place, Junior High Division), Jason Campbell (1st Place, Intermediate Division), Jamie

McGuire (2nd Place, Intermediate Division) and Leigh Dawdy (3rd Place, Intermediate Division). Floydada winners will exhibit their posters at the Panhandle Firemen's Convention in Amarillo during May. If they are recognized as winners there, the posters will next be shown in competition at the state convention in June at Longview.

Staff Photo

Basketball Business

By Christy Benjamin

The Lady Winds traveled to Roosevelt Tuesday, December 11, to take on the Eagles. Trish Pennell made three assists.

Trish and Leshia Black each made four steals. Kallie Hicks had two offensive rebounds and Tonya Powell's four defensive rebounds added to the girls' success. Leshia Black was the leading scorer, making twenty-one total points.

Tension was high and fingers were crossed as the game went into overtime. Floydada successfully beat Roosevelt, 50 to 48.

Slaton was the site for the Lady Wind's game on Friday, December 12. The girls gave it their best effort, but Slaton ended up winning with 47 points to Floydada's 32. Leshia Black scored thirteen points. Leshia and Elisa Suarez both had four defensive rebounds.

Good job, girls! Trish Pennell and Kallie Hicks had two assists. Trish and Keric Pitts made two steals. The team might have another chance to play the Slaton Tigers at the West Texas Girls Invitational, held at Slaton, December 27-29.

Outstanding parent and teacher recognized by Andrews PTA

The R.C. Andrews PTA recognized its Educator of the Month and Parent Volunteer of the Month at the regular school board meeting on Monday, Dec. 10.

Mrs. Debra Jo Fawcett, R.C. Andrews PTA President, presented Mrs. Ruth Crump with the Educator of the Month Award. Mrs. Crump teaches 4th grade Reading at Andrews. She received her all level degree in Education from Baylor University.

Before teaching in Floydada she taught 6th grade reading in Plainview for three years. She's been teaching in Floydada for three years.

Ruth is married to Bud Crump and has one son, Van, who is six years old and in the first grade. She is a member of the First Baptist Church and is involved

with the Youth Program and Pre-School Choir. Her hobbies are reading, cooking, gardening and working with children.

Her philosophy is "The best thing I can do in the classroom is to impart the love of learning to my students. If I can do that I feel like I've really accomplished something."

Mrs. Ellen Emiquez, R.C. Andrews Principal, presented Mrs. Debra Jo Fawcett with the "Helping Hands" Award for Parent Volunteer of the Month.

Mrs. Fawcett is the President of the R.C. Andrews PTA and was President of the A.B. Duncan PTA for the years 1988-89 and 1989-90. She does substitute teaching in the Floydada schools, and is a homemaker.

She is married to Clinton Fawcett who teaches Health and P.E. at Andrews. They have two children, Amanda who is 11 and in the fifth grade, and Lewis, who is 6 and is in Kindergarten. Debra Jo is a member of the Bible Baptist Church and she teaches Sunday School there and works with the young children. She graduated from Floydada High School.

When she's not doing PTA work or substituting Debra likes to read, cook and do housework.

When asked what she thinks of our schools today, Mrs. Fawcett said, "I enjoy working in our schools because it is very rewarding. There is so much good going on in those classrooms and I like seeing our young people being given the opportunity to learn. We have one of the best groups, if not the best, of

teachers, administrators and board members. We also have a good group of students. I'm thankful that I have the opportunity to work with all of these."



"Let's talk"

Information about your changing telephone service from Jim West, Area Manager

PUC approves landmark \$1.2 billion consumer package

On November 28, the Texas Public Utility Commission approved an agreement between Southwestern Bell Telephone and 24 other parties which will boost the Texas economy and provide customer benefits worth more than \$1.2 billion during the next four years.

Originally called Texas First, the negotiated settlement was the culmination of nearly two years of intense discussion among PUC staff, Southwestern Bell and the 25 intervening groups. It represents a turning point for telecommunications in Texas.

A Win for Texas

Under the terms of the settlement, our Texas customers will receive the largest telephone rate reduction in the history of the PUC. This agreement benefits every telephone customer in every community of Texas. It also provides us an incentive to modernize our statewide network without increasing your basic telephone costs.

Highlights of the agreement

- ▶ A one-time credit to all residential and business customers beginning with bills received in December.
- ▶ A four-year cap on basic local telephone service rates.
- ▶ Rate reductions on several monthly service items, including Touch-tone.
- ▶ Reduction in residence service connection charges.
- ▶ Reductions in Southwestern Bell's long distance, WATS and 800 service rates.
- ▶ Reduced access charges to long distance companies, with flow-through of resulting savings to many long distance customers.
- ▶ A lifeline program for eligible low-income customers providing a \$7.00 monthly discount.
- ▶ Elimination of party-line service with no associated rate increase for existing customers.
- ▶ Elimination of monthly mileage charges now paid by rural customers who live outside the base rate calling area.
- ▶ Expanded optional toll-free calling to 52 cities around Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.
- ▶ A flexible earnings range for Southwestern Bell in Texas.
- ▶ Opportunities for customers to share in profits earned by the company over the next four years.

When do benefits begin?

The benefits of the agreement have already begun! The one-time credit should appear on your December bill. The reduction in Touch-tone monthly charges and long distance should begin in days. And, you can count on your basic local service rate not to increase for the next four years.

Other more complex changes will, obviously, take a little more time to complete. The elimination of party-line service and mileage charges for customers outside the base rate calling area as well as installation of new central office equipment will take place throughout the next 48 months. Don't worry. We'll be providing you specific information well before the effective dates.

What does this plan mean to our community?

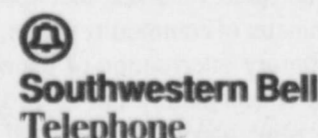
The agreement gives our community an even stronger sense of certainty. We know that we can count on the benefits of the approved program and plan accordingly. That goes a long way in helping us compete with other areas for new businesses. After all, with a first class telecommunications network in place, we increase the opportunities for economic development and job creation.

In these times of fluctuating economic conditions, residence and business customers can receive the benefits of low telephone rates and count on four years of basic local telephone service without an increase in rates. For our eligible low-income customers, a new Lifeline service could provide a \$7.00 monthly discount.

Thank You

The Public Utility Commission took a giant step forward when it approved this landmark case. And, I'm sure their actions were in no small way due to the overwhelming public response throughout the entire two-year process. Through literally thousands of letters, calls and resolutions, communities all over Texas made it clear they wanted this enlightened plan implemented.

Bringing modern telecommunications to all communities of Texas is a job Southwestern Bell proudly accepts. We intend to keep you posted as we move further into the implementation of the program. And, if you need more information - Let's Talk!



Happy Holidays

*** Senior Stars of '91 ***

By Becky Porter

The first Senior Star this week is Deanna Kaye Watson, who was born Oct. 27, 1972. She is the daughter of Brenda and Dean Watson and has one brother, David, and a sister, Amanda Fulton.

Deanna has attended Floydada schools for all of her school years. She has had a productive high school career here at FHS, serving as student council representative three years, twirler three years and in FHA one year. She was on the cross country and track teams for two years and qualified for state in cross country her freshman year. In 1990 Deanna was named Miss Floydada.

When asked, "What is one thing that no one knows about you?" Deanna responded, "I'm not really shy, just quiet." Her pet peeve is insincere people.

Deanna spends her spare time relaxing, reading, running and listening to Garth Brooks. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Floydada. She plays the flute, piano and organ.

Deanna plans to attend South Plains College after graduation and pursue a career in nursing.

The second star for this week is Andrew "Kiwi" Cameron, who was born May 17, 1972. He is the son of two sets of parents, believe it or not! But seriously, Andrew is Floydada High School's 1990-91 foreign exchange student from New Zealand where his parents, Grant and Lyn Cameron, reside with his siblings, Lisa and Delwyn.

Andrew is spending his year in America with Bobby, Barbara, Michael and Brandon Gilliland. He attends both the First United Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church, where he sings in the youth choir.

Andrew is very active in school activities here at FHS. He is active in student council, played on the football team and is on the liaison committee for the senior class.

When asked, "What is the best thing you like about FHS?" He responded, "The friendly atmosphere and people." He has a friendly smile for everyone at FHS. In his spare time Andrew collects tapes and plays the drums occasionally. He likes everything about attending school but especially enjoys English and math.

When asked, "If you could meet anyone you wanted to, who would it be?" Andrew responded, "The Queen."

He plans to attend college after graduation and pursue a career in the Air Force.

We wish you well in the future and hope you will return to Texas someday. God bless you and good luck!



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Low cost loans now available

A waiver contained in the recently signed 1990 Farm Bill that makes low-interest emergency loans available to farmers who lost crop production from natural disasters in 1990 has been implemented with official notice going to Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) offices.

There were fears that the waiver would be delayed a month or more, making it tough for many Texas farmers to get financing before spring planting, said Texas Farm Bureau President S.M. True, a cotton, grain and cattle farmer from Plainview. The waiver insures that producers seeking emergency loan assistance from the FmHA will be considered even if they did not purchase crop insurance. A similar provision was contained in disaster relief acts the last two years.

True termed the approval of the waiver as "great news," especially for hardhit Central Texas farmers, as well as producers in other parts of the state that suffered huge crop losses due to drought and other natural disasters this year.

"Without this waiver many Texas farmers would have been unable to finance their spring planting operations," the president of the state's largest general farm organization said. "In some respects the 1990 drought in Central Texas has been even more devastating than the disasters in other parts of the state in 1988 and 1989."

True credited the Texas congressional delegation in Washington D.C., for cutting the bureaucratic red tape so waiver could be implemented.

"Texas Farm Bureau appreciated the

combined efforts of the Texas delegation to bring about implementation of

NGSP applauds Bush's offer of credit to the Soviet Union

National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) is extremely pleased that President Bush responded to requests from U.S. farmers and has decided to waive trade restrictions and allow export credit guarantees to the Soviets. NGSP, as well as many other agriculture organizations, had appealed to Bush to waive the Jackson-Vanik trade restrictions, which were imposed to penalize the Soviet Union for its restrictive emigration policies, and to grant export credit to the Soviets.

The president has granted \$500 million to \$1 billion in GSM-102 export credit guarantees to the Soviet Union. This amount of credit could allow the Soviets to purchase approximately 200 to 400 million bushels of U.S. feed grains. Although that's good news for producers of feed grains, whose market was hardest hit by the loss of Soviet trade, the credit guarantee covers all commodities eligible for GSM-102.

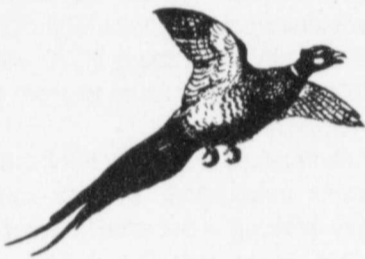
"We are pleased that Bush reconsidered his position on this issue," said Billy Bob Brown, NGSP president. "It's a step in the right direction; however, we would still like to see the Soviet Union granted most-favored-nation status. We would also like to see even higher export credit guarantees just for feed grains. Maybe then we can recapture some of

this waiver," True said. "It is a life saver for many Texas farmers."

our lost market share." Although the Soviets were badly in need of grain, they were unable to buy it from the United States without export credit guarantees, said Brown. The Soviet market is vitally important to us, and, he said, refusing credit to them created a virtual embargo on our best market.

"We asked producers to let Bush know that refusing credit to the Soviet Union was holding down prices for U.S. feed grains and hurting U.S. producers," said Brown. "Farmers responded with a flood of letters and phone calls to Washington, and it worked."

Annual Soviet purchases of grains and oilseeds from the United States represented one out of every 15 acres produced in 1990. So far this year, sales to the Soviets have been non-existent. It is expected that purchases of U.S. grain by Soviets will be made soon.



Carryover key in planning

In round figures, the 500,000-bale increase in USDA's December crop production estimate for 1990 was offset by a comparable increase in the combined projection of domestic and export consumption. That left unchanged last month's estimate of a 2.6 million bale carryover at the end of the current marketing year.

That carryover figure, plus projected production and offtake for the 1991-92 year, are key elements in estimating the volume of U.S. cotton production needed next year - which in turn is USDA's starting point in determining the 1991 crop set-aside or ARP requirement.

Aside from a possible real or imagined effect of 1990 offtake on next year's domestic and export consumption, it would not appear that earlier USDA calculations of 1991 production need would be significantly altered. Nevertheless, according to Charles Cunningham, Chief of USDA's Program Analysis Division, his shop has

been asked to update all previous calculations to reflect the new production-consumption report. It's then up to Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter, with approval from the Office of Management and Budget, to fix the 1991 crop set-aside at a level that will achieve the stated objective of the 1990 farm act. The objective is to achieve production which, after meeting 1991 market requirements, will produce a carryover at the end of 1992 equal to 30 percent of offtake.

The size of each year's set-aside is critical to farmers applying fertilizers and herbicides and carrying out other preplant operations. And, the 1990 crop now harvested, producers are anxious to get those operations underway.

Under the 1985 farm law the set-aside announcement was required by November 1 of the year preceding each year's production and was not subject to change. The 1990 act also sets a November 1 deadline for announcing the set-aside, but the announcement is tenta-

tive, subject to revision at the Secretary's discretion up to January 1.

While producers and producer advocates are united in their desire for an early set-aside decision, most are mindful as well of the unprecedented complexity of predicting what set-aside will be needed to secure the desired volume of plantings under the "triple-base" provisions of the 1990 act.

Under the triple-base plan, 15 percent of each commodity base is ineligible for deficiency payments and at the producer's option can be "flexed" into virtually any other program or non-program crop. Also, producers willing to sacrifice the portion of payments they would otherwise get on another 10 percent of any crop base, may transfer those acres to another crop.

This hands the Secretary the unenviable task of assessing the aggregate effect of individual producer crop choices in every area of production, says Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock. As an example Johnson notes that there are about 2.16 million acres of non-cotton program crop bases in PCG's 25 counties. Should all producers elect to shift 15 percent of other crop bases to cotton, 324,000 acres would be added to cotton plantings. Another 216,000 acres could go to cotton if all decided to give up payments and plant cotton on the other 10 percent "flex" acres.

That kind of concerted crop shifting will never happen, of course, Johnson says, but it's obvious some crop shuffling will take place, both into cotton from non-cotton bases and out of cotton into other crops. An accurate assessment of the net result of flexing on potential cotton producers," Johnson points out. "A set-aside too large will risk an inability to meet market requirements and losing both domestic and export markets for U.S. cotton."

A mistake in either direction, Johnson concludes, in the long run could be far more costly than a week or 10-day delay in making the decision.

Merry Christmas Y'all



A special greeting and heartfelt thanks to everyone on the farm. Your dedication and hard work make it possible for us all to enjoy the holidays with good food and good cheer. Have a great Christmas!

Carl Lemon's News and Views from Cedar Hill

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produced by the very cheap hand-labor in the east, and identical commodities produced by the very expensive machines of the west. Be not deceived, there is no foregone conclusion as to the outcome of this struggle! It may well introduce drastic changes in the production and distribution of world commodities. When mid-east petro-workers can effectively shut down oil wells right here in West Texas by simply walking out in their desert and opening a few valves on their own wells you have got to admit that it has become a very small world indeed. It is little comfort but logic must admit that all commodities whose production depends on sources of non-renewable energy will eventually terminate, whether it happens five

years hence or five thousand.

In the meantime today's operator walks a path that is far from rosy! A trip down the aisles of the corner grocery, a look at the price tags on institutional containers, gallon sized cans of spinach, peaches, pork & beans, whatever you know immediately that the guy who grew that food is in chapter eleven bankruptcy. At the vegetable counters you must subtract Caesar Chavez's "friendly take" from the list prices you see, and logic tells you still other growers have gone belly up!

2. THE PETROLEUM CRISIS, factually speaking, was never a crisis in the first place. True, our refineries were accustomed to working with the high quality sweet crudes that tankers were delivering from the mid-east, and when they began to refine the crude oil received from other sources it was necessary for them to adjust a few valves, remove some objectionable chemicals, and inject some different additives.

U. S. petro-reserves did drop for a few days while the world shipping industry re-routed its tankers and had them load in strange new ports. However at no time did our reserves dip to a critical level. When the oil flow from the mid-east began to slow wells all over the world pumped a few extra minutes each day to make up for the short fall. Soon tanker captains were once again facing the same old time consuming problem of the past, waiting to get their ships unloaded after reaching the tank farms at the refineries.

The world organization of oil producing and exporting countries, OPEC, has striven for years to establish an abiding agreement which would allocate each country a fixed number of barrels of crude it would be allowed to produce. Most of the time they have no trouble getting signers to the agreement, but inevitably some country, either financially strapped or just plain greedy, will break rank, pump more than their allotted share, and start selling boot-leg oil thereby making a complete shambles of the agreement. Any time producers of any given commodity have to police themselves to prevent a surplus build-up from driving prices below the profit level, you may rest assured that commodity is not in short supply. Even as it is true in wheat, it is also true in oil!

The futures market, that spectacular barometer of commodity prices, saw the temporary interruption of the oil flow, blew it completely out of proportion, and went absolutely bonkers! Trader enthusiasm ran amok, began to feed on itself, pyramid the price, and finally

more than doubled; the spring lambs, new traders that is, saw what appeared to be a wonderful opportunity and eagerly jumped on the wagon, a wagon that carried them straight to the shearing floor! The spiraling market then performed a classic ending, fell flat on its face! On Tuesday, Dec. 11, oil had fallen below \$27.00 per barrel, only a few pennies per barrel higher than before Iraq invaded Kuwait!

Now OPEC is in fear that, once hostilities have ceased and mid-east oil becomes available once more, the world market will become awash with surplus oil and their profits will plunge toward zero again!

So, have no fear that the cost of petro-products will be exorbitant in 1991. Should this turn into a shooting war speculators will once more send the price of futures surging, but the honeymoon is over, any new surge will fall short of November's highs; after all the lambs are still fresh from the shearing; dumb they may be, but surely they gained a little smart.

Of course your gallon of fuel will cost more in '91, the budget boys with their new taxes made certain of that! But, when it comes to fuel, you are not to worry, you are smarter now than you were in '90, and you will figure how to use less and still get the job done! For instance maybe that CRP won't need to be shredded next go-round.

TAX issues at the Federal Level were booted back and forth like a football earlier this year, at budget time, and wound up, as everyone knew they would, with a hefty increase. Since that time our nation has volunteered to police the world for a "dollar a year, and we'll donate the dollar back". Roughly that costs us a billion or so each month. N&V's "educated guess" is that federal taxes will "inch upward with blinding speed!"

State assistance to Counties, Municipalities, and School Districts has been drastically reduced in recent years. The reason given was ailing agriculture and idleness in the oil patch. There has been a little improvement in Texas agriculture, but world-wide oil production in mid December, even with Kuwait and Iraq excluded, was greater than the total produced before Kuwait was invaded! That is enough to effectively kill the renewing of oil activity in Texas. Texas gets no help from that quarter. What we do get is the possibility that a State Income Tax may be instigated.

TAXES and death at the local level are rapidly assuming equal concern out where there are limitless acres to be

taxed, out where net income hinges on such variables as annual rainfall and hail storms. Taxes will still be with us in 1991, and, here in Floyd County, the chances are 1125 to 271 that they will be increased another 8% as quickly as the law will allow.

For years our small town populations have been replenished by the steady inflow of retirees from the country, but already this has virtually come to a halt. A new factor must be considered, to wit "the rural well has finally run dry!" From this point on more people will move directly to the cemeteries from their places in the country than will move to the counties' population centers. Those in Cedar Hill who are logical candidates for leaving the community already have children or other relatives living in larger towns where emergency help is much faster, and hospital facilities are such that painful, life threatening transfers would not be required.

Some already living in county population centers are having second thoughts about the correctness of the decision that moved them there in the first place. These too will slowly trickle to the larger centers. Of course the more

nomadic segment of the small town residents, those not attached by deeds or otherwise, will be gone in a flash as soon as they see browner pastures on their side of the fence.

It is very possible that institutions being perpetuated today will, sooner than one thinks, have too few people left to serve to justify their existence. Cedar Hill, Harmony, Providence, Daugherty, South Plains, Sand Hill, and many others bear mute testimony that once flourishing institutions are exceedingly mortal. Still the taxes go on

WEATHER

Boy, how it has rained at Cedar! A whole .37 at the Listening Post. Nobody got more than four tenths, but every body knew somebody that got a whole half. By Tuesday morning the air had finally loaded in enough moisture to give us a decent frost!

Hey! Don't let his surprise you, but tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 21st. will be the shortest day of the year. Formally speaking that is also the first day of Winter. Usually that date catches the Weather Man a little drowsy or something. Most of the time it takes him an

extra ten days or two weeks to get everything in gear, but from Jan. 1st. on you'd better be ready for winter! Winter with a vengeance!

To be continued next week.

Peace, Love, Joy... Merry Christmas and Many Thanks.

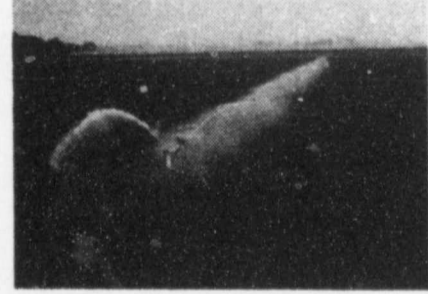


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Wayne A. Russell
Mayor
12-20; 27c

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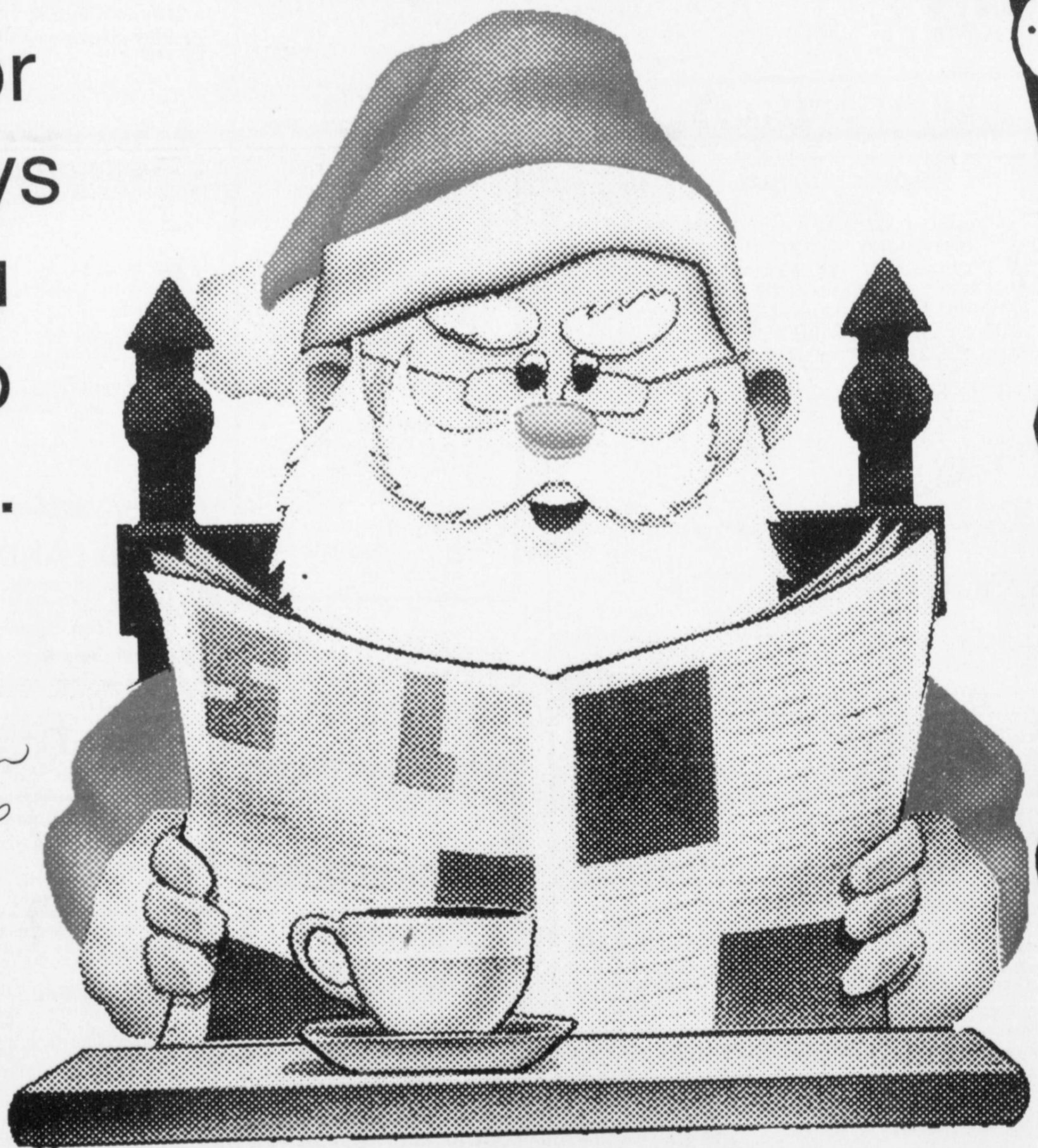
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Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus!

Editor's Note: The following is a reprint of a letter that was sent to the Editor of The Sun, a New York newspaper. Virginia O'Hanlon wrote the original letter in the fall of 1897. The letter and reply was printed Tuesday, September 21, 1897. The editorial reply was by Francis Pharcellus Church.

Dear Editor:
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be that is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, VIRGINIA, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere

insect, an act, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIA'S. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We would have no enjoy-

ment, except in the sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys to catch Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn. Of course not, but that's not proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world. The most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, VIRGINIA, may ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



I'M THINKING!--This youngster on Santa's lap must of had a long Christmas list and seems to be taking his time to make sure he doesn't forget to tell Santa just what he wants for Christmas. --Staff photo

The Story of Jesus

The birth of Jesus; this momentous event in history is so important to us that we measure all other events in time in relation to that date.

God could have come to us in any way He chose. Why did He choose to be born to a humble Judean couple in a lowly stable?

The Gospel according to St. Matthew tells us "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His Mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the Angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream saying, Joseph, thou son of David fear not to make unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy

Ghost.
"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins.

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the Prophet, saying,

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

The prophet referred to by Matthew is Isaiah, who prophesized several hundred years before the birth of Christ, "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel."

St. Luke tells us "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. . . . And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.
"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house of lineage of David.

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."
It was part of God's plan that His son should be born to the wife of Joseph, a son of Abraham.

For the birth of Jesus fulfilled a promise by God to Abraham, who was called to be the father of many nations.

It was to Abraham that the One God first revealed Himself. It was Abraham who was willing to leave his home and family to journey to a strange land in obedience to the Lord.
Because of Abraham's great faith, God rewarded him with a promise; "...I will bless thee, and in multiplying thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore. . . ."

God also included other nations in His promise to Abraham: "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed: because thou hast obeyed My voice."

God kept His promise to Abraham; despite his old age, the patriarch begat a son, Isaac, who in turn begat Jacob. Jacob in turn begat twelve sons, the ancestors of the twelve tribes of Israel. One of these twelve, Juda, was destined to be the ancestor of David, the King. David in turn, became the ancestor of Joseph, the husband of Mary, who was to be the mother of Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah foretold that the Messiah was to come from the line of David, the son of Jesse; "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow of his roots; "And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. . . .

"And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and His race shall be glorious."

It was because he was of the house of David that Joseph had to journey to Bethlehem while Mary was with child. In journeying to Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph were fulfilling the prophecy of Micah: "But thou Bethlehem, Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Juda, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old from everlasting."

Studying the history of salvation shows us that the birth of Jesus to the young spouse of a descendant of Abraham recalls God's promise to one man who was faithful in answering God's call.

Climate key to time of Holy Birth

The evidence that the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem took place in the dry season, that is, before the onset of winter, depends to some extent on what we know about the climate of Palestine today, which, scholars believe, is not very different from what it was during the time of Jesus.

The annual mean temperature is a pleasant enough 62.8 degree Fahrenheit, with a range from a high of 112 degrees to a low in winter of only 12 degrees.

While the lowland plains, nearer the Mediterranean Sea, receive heavy rains from November to April, winter in the hills can bring biting frost, bitter winds and even snow.

Nazareth, the city of Jesus, was a town of some note in southern Galilee, near the western edge of the fertile plain of Esdraelon.

This area provides more clues to the time of the journey for scholars who look to the still fertile and well-watered

hills of Galilee and into the less favored hill country of Judea, where the cultivation of grains, olives and vines tended to give way to the grazing of sheep, especially in the dry season.

So it can also be assumed that the holy journey was during the dry season by looking to the Bible in which Saint Luke says that in the same country were shepherds looking over their flocks.



Well-loved carols ring out everywhere

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come!"
"It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old."

"Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright."
"Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant."

Throughout Christendom, the words of these well-loved carols are familiar even to little children, and they'll be heard this Christmas wherever carolers get together

"Joy to the World" was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), English hymnist.

Watts, who is known as the creator of the modern hymn, wrote nearly 600 hymns. Many of these still appear in Protestant hymnals, says the Encyclopedia Americana.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" is the work of Edmund H. Sears, a Unitarian minister in Massachusetts, more than a century ago.

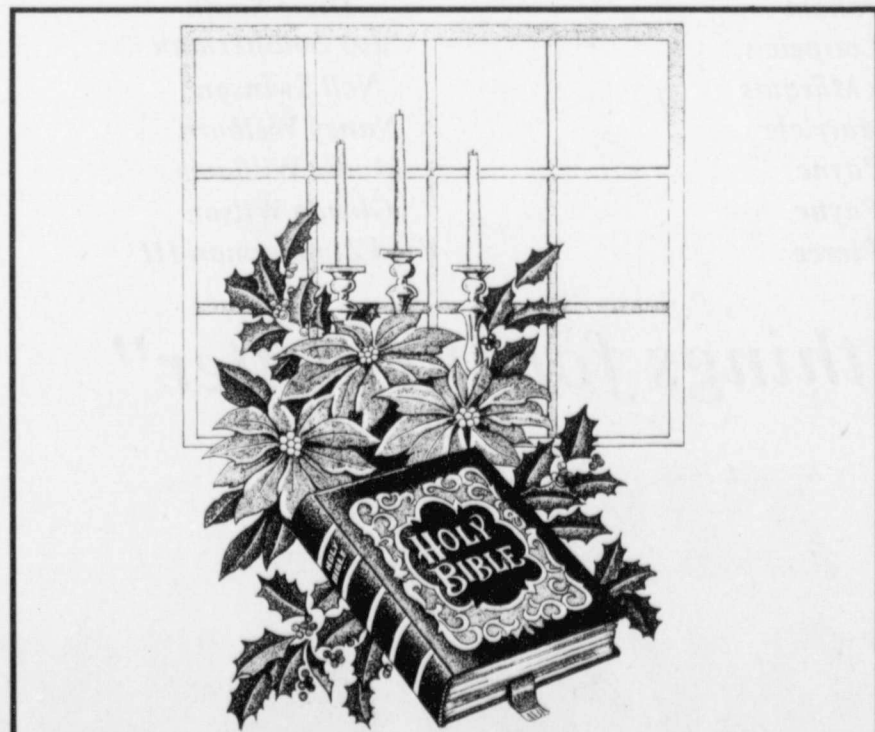
Perhaps the most famous of Christmas carols, "Silent Night" was first sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar music.

Mice in the bellows had silenced the organ of a tiny Austrian church. Father Joseph Mohr met the challenge by writing "Silent Night." His organist composed a melody for guitar.

Father Mohr's inspiration—aside from the mice—was the vast, still beauty of the snowy mountains around the village.

"Oh come, all ye faithful" is translated from the Latin, "Adeste Fidelis," and its exact beginnings are shrouded in the mists of time.

Historians say it may have been written by Saint Bonaventure, in the 13th century.




We Gather Together


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John 3:16

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PIONEER SANTA -- This Santa with a conestoga wagon, a horse and a longhorn arrives each Christmas in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Phillips' home at 517 S.W. 8th Street in Lockney. The colorful and bright scene adds to the enjoyment of the season for all who see it.

Staff Photo

Christkindli' reappears at Holy Season

Christmas has a unique significance in the German and French speaking regions of Switzerland because the "Christkindli," or Christ Child, is believed to walk on earth during this season.

Instead of Santa Claus, the "Christkindli," represented as a beautiful, radiant, angel-like being with wings carrying a magic wand and wearing a

shining crown, distributes Christmas gifts and Christmas trees glittering with fanciful decorations.

Although the "Christkindli" is commonly believed to personify the Christ-Child, he is sometimes represented as an angel bearing a light or a star just as an angel heralded the birth of Christ at Bethlehem. On the other hand, the "Christkindli" has some of the characteristics of a sprite, as suggested by the wand and the wings, which can be linked to pre-Christian beliefs. Some suggest he may stem from the pagan custom of representing the New Year as a radiant and beautiful child. Like Santa, the "Christkindli" also arrives in a sleigh drawn by reindeer, so there would appear to be some intermingling of Christmas legends here.

A Prayer For All At Christmas

Give us the faith of innocent children, that we may look forward with hope in our hearts, to the dawn of happy tomorrows.

Reawaken the thought that our most cherished desires will be realized, the things closest to our hearts — that we may come to an appreciation of the limitless joys and bountiful rewards of Patience, Charity and Sacrifice.

Above all, endow us with the spirit of courage, that we may face the perplexities of a troubled world without flinching, imbued with the child-like faith which envisions the beautiful and inspiring things of life . . . and restore the happy hours and experiences so many of us foolishly believe are lost forever.

Give us faith in ourselves and faith in our fellow man . . . then, the treasures and beauties of life that make man happy will spring from an inexhaustible source.

And at Christmas, when the hearts of the world swell in joyous celebration, let us cast aside the pretense of sturdy men and live, if only for a day, in the hope and joy we knew as children.

Our sincere thanks to the unknown author.

St. Nicholas is represented in several ways in different parts of Switzerland. In some, he is called Father Christmas and comes with his wife, Lucy (representing St. Lucy whose feast day is December 13) to distribute gifts. He wears the traditional Santa Claus costume, while Lucy wears a round cap over her long braids, a laced bodice and a fancy apron.

In the central part of Switzerland, St. Nicholas is represented more realistically in his bishop's regalia complete with mitre and crosier. On St. Nicholas' Day, which falls on December 6th, there is a magnificent parade in which white bearded masqueraders, clothed in long white shirts, carry huge three-foot mitre-shaped lanterns over their heads. These lanterns are perforated in intricate religious designs, similar to church windows, and when the candlelight shines through them, as their bearers execute a stately dance, they are an impressive sight indeed.

In the village of Urnaesch in the Canton of Appenzell, the men and boys go "Santa Clausing." Some wear red Santa Claus costumes with jingling bells while others, dressed and masked as "ladies," wear enormous, elaborate picture hats decorated with panoramas of Alpine scenes. Starting early in the day on New Year's Eve, the group proceeds through the village with an unusual hopscotch gait, stopping at each farm to share their merriment and partake of refreshments. When darkness falls, they all head for the Valley to pursue their New Year revelry.

Some Definitions of Christmas

CHRISTMAS IS LOVE

What greater love could exist than the love of God for man; the love which prompted God to send His Son to Earth, to be born in humbleness and obscurity, in order that men might be saved?

"And she brought forth her first born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger . . ."

Can we ever thank God enough for His infinite love of us? For coming down to us? Do we realize fully that He is truly "the God of Love"?

As long as we strive to keep in our

hearts a spark of that Divine Love; love for God and for our neighbor . . . Christmas is Love.

CHRISTMAS IS HOPE

How long the world had waited for the coming of the Messiah! How often they had hoped for the day!

And then one long-ago night in Bethlehem, their hearts were gladdened by a brilliant star in the East - a heavenly sign that the birth of the Christ Child was near.

"And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you glad tidings

of great joy . . .'"

The star of Bethlehem still should shine as radiantly and brightly as ever in our hearts and souls as we anticipate His coming once again!

For as long as we renew our faith and hope, and welcome the Christ Child with the same triumphant joy which the shepherds felt on that first Christmas night . . . Christmas is Hope.

CHRISTMAS IS PEACE

"Peace on earth to men good will . . ." Picture the quiet hills of Bethlehem, the radiant star, the peaceful stable with the Infant King; Mary, His mother; and Joseph. Tranquility, peace, calm, serenity.

What a contrast to our frenzied activity, the noise, confusion, chaos of our modern world!

It can be most consoling to withdraw for a moment or two from all this hustle and bustle into some quiet church or chapel to contemplate the birth of the Christ Child, the miracle of His coming, the love He has for all men!

How rewarding, how satisfying to feel the presence of God in our hearts and souls! If we recapture the quiet and tranquility of that first Christmas when the Prince of Peace was born to us . . . Christmas is Peace.

Joy to the World



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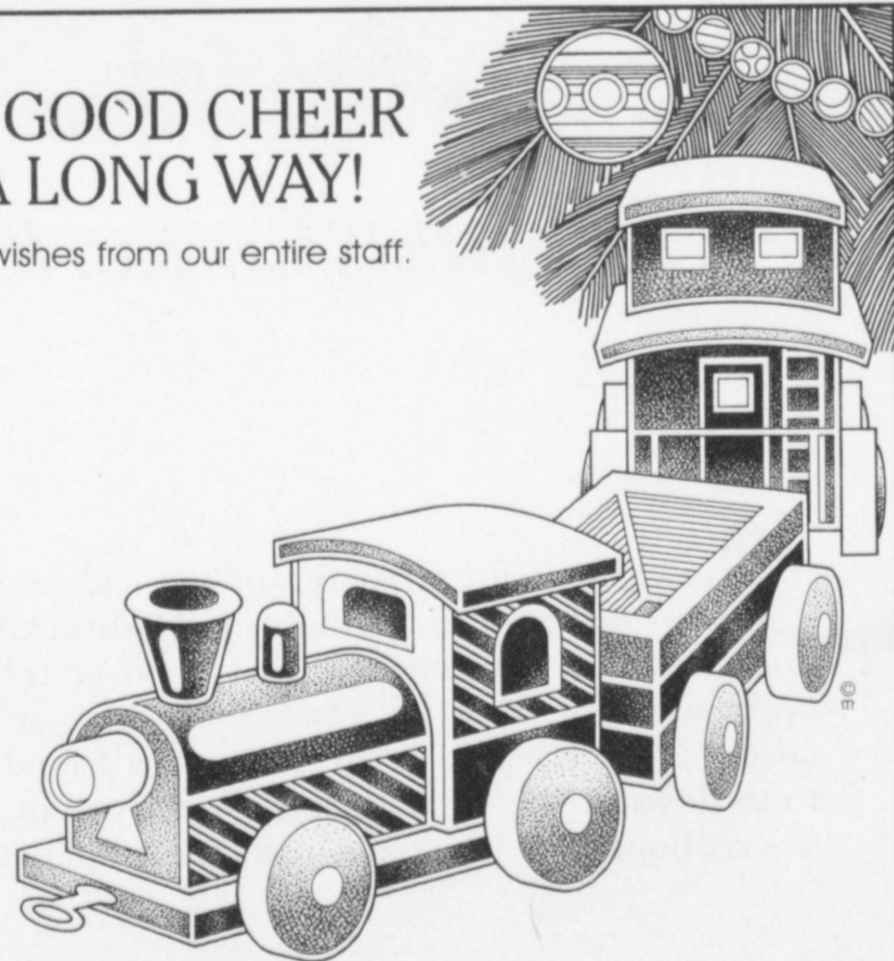
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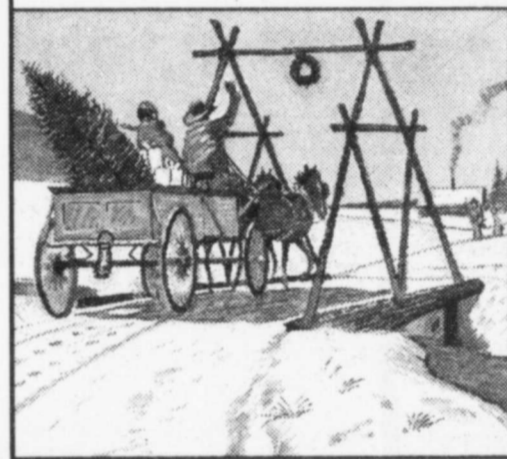


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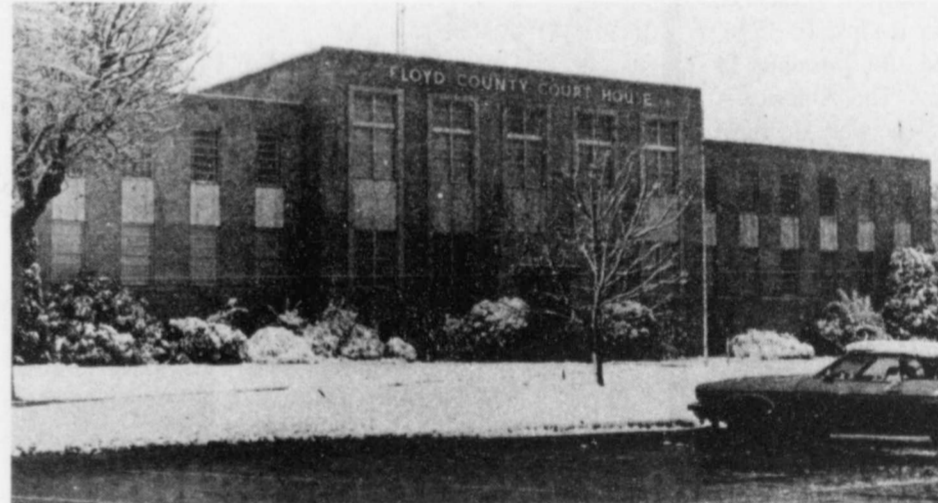
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Beginning of Christmas in the New World

THE BEGINNING

On December 25, 1492, the history of Christmas started in the New World, when Columbus' ship, the Santa Maria, was abandoned off the coast of Haiti. In Virginia in the year 1613 a record by an expedition of Captain John Smith reads:

The extreame winde, rayne, frost and snow caused us to keepe Christmas among the salvages where we were never more merry, nor fed on more plenty of good Oysters, Fish, Flesh, Wilde fowl and good bread, nor never had better fires in England.

Settlers in Virginia brought many customs from England, the burning of the Yule log, ringing bells, lavish dining, dancing, games and Christmas carols. Churches and homes were decorated colorfully, and parties and balls were memorable.

The Pilgrim Fathers arrived in Plymouth some 7 years later, bringing with them their strong distaste for Christmas. Thanksgiving day, with its feasting and neighborly celebrations with friendly Indians, was more like Christmas.

In 1659, the General Court of Massachusetts enacted the law by which "anyone who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting, or any other way, any such days as Christmas day, shall pay for every such offense 5 shillings." However, the Puritans did not have their way for long and the anti-Christmas law was repealed in 1681.

HAPPIER CHRISTMASSES

The chief winter celebration of the jolly Dutch in New Amsterdam was on December 6, St. Nicholas' Day. Significantly enough, it was a figurehead of this very saint that graced their ship, the Goede Vrouw, that brought them to America in 1630.

On St. Nicholas feast day the Dutch carried his statue down the street, with children joining in . . . the promise of presents bright in their eyes.

Gradually, however, the increasing number of English in this area brought about the adaptation of many of the old customs; with the arrival of the first German dissenters in 1700, we find a tremendous increase in the observance of Christmas. It is with the Germans that the universal customs of Kriss Kringle or Santa Claus, and the Christmas tree originate.

The rapid growth of our country brought about less religious antagonism. The intermingling of people of difference religious and national backgrounds also helped.

One of the more important historical events that took place on Christmas was the crossing of the Delaware by George Washington and his troops, in 1776, when they defeated the Hessians at Trenton, New Jersey. The Americans routed their redcoats who were sleeping off the effects of the holiday!

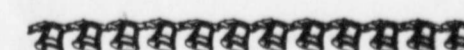
Sunday Schools, which had their beginning in the first half of the nineteenth century, helped to promote the acceptance of many folk customs, most importantly, Santa Claus and the use of the Christmas tree. Charles Dickens, in his beautiful classics, did much to popularize this colorful holiday, but it was some time before Christmas came to be celebrated as we know it now.

THE HOLIDAY ON THE MOVING FRONTIER

The advancing of the frontier westward took with it this welcome holiday. Turkey shoots, which provided fowl for the table, were very popular. Festivities were often wild and noisy.

Traditional Christmases were celebrated in the west, and in 1846, a German visitor to Texas writes about seeing a richly decorated and illuminated Christmas tree, in a territory held by Indians a short time before.

Firecrackers and the shooting of guns were a part of the southern Christmas that traveled as far north as southwest Pennsylvania. National groups who settled outside the thirteen colonies carried with them the old customs of their former homes. In New Orleans, the wanderings of the Three Kings was symbolized by the French reveillons, gifts were for New Year's day.



Candles

Candles have long been a part of Christmas. In medieval days, Yule candles, like Yule logs, were of tremendous size. Holes were chiseled in the stone floors to act as holders, and Christmas dinner lasted as long as the candles burned.

In the southwest, Christmas celebrations were greatly influenced by the Spanish. Los Pastores, an old miracle play, with the eternal struggle of Good

and Evil as its theme, was staged and has been revived on and off, through more recent years.

Christmas was recognized legally,

first in Alabama in 1836, and by 1890 all states and territories acknowledged it as well. Christmas is the only annual religious holiday to receive this secular and official sanction.

ENTER SANTA CLAUS

In America, Santa Claus is known by three names — St. Nicholas, Kriss Kringle, and Santa Claus. St. Nicholas first appeared in the first half of the fourth century in Asia Minor, as Bishop of Myra. Many miracles are attributed to him and there are many legends that attest to his generosity. He was the protector of sailors aboard Dutch ships, as well as the patron saint of young people. The first Dutch church built in New York City was named for him.

Sinterklaas, as he was known to the Dutch, eventually became Santa Claus. . . his original red and white vestments became our modern red and white Santa costume.

The Germans and Swiss who settled in Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century believed in the Christ child, who brought gifts to children on Christmas eve. English speaking settlers in neighboring areas transformed Christkind into Kriss Kringle.

POEMS AND PICTURES

Clement Clarke Moore is credited with creating the current Santa Claus

image and story in his poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas." The poem, originally written for his children in 1822, has been published an endless number of times and is one of the most popular American poems.

The fat, rosy-cheeked Santa we recognize today evolved from a series of cartoons by Thomas Nast, nineteenth century artist. His series of Christmas drawings showed too, how Santa spends

his spare time through the year.

AMERICA TODAY

Americans today celebrate the Christmas holiday in many colorful ways. The tradition of this beautiful season is strong in America . . . north, south, east, west. Its warmth, which unites one and all in peace and brotherhood, has been and will be a unifying force for all time.



TEXAS GREETING--"Merry Christmas Y'all" is the big Texas greeting that guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fortenberry, 103 SW 8th, Lockney, get when they visit during the holidays. --Staff photo

Your support has put a wonderful spin on our spirits. Thanks!

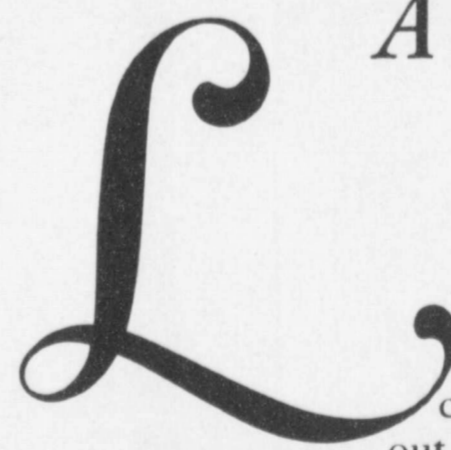


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Bob Alldredge and Staff



A Christmas Concerto



Let's exult 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.

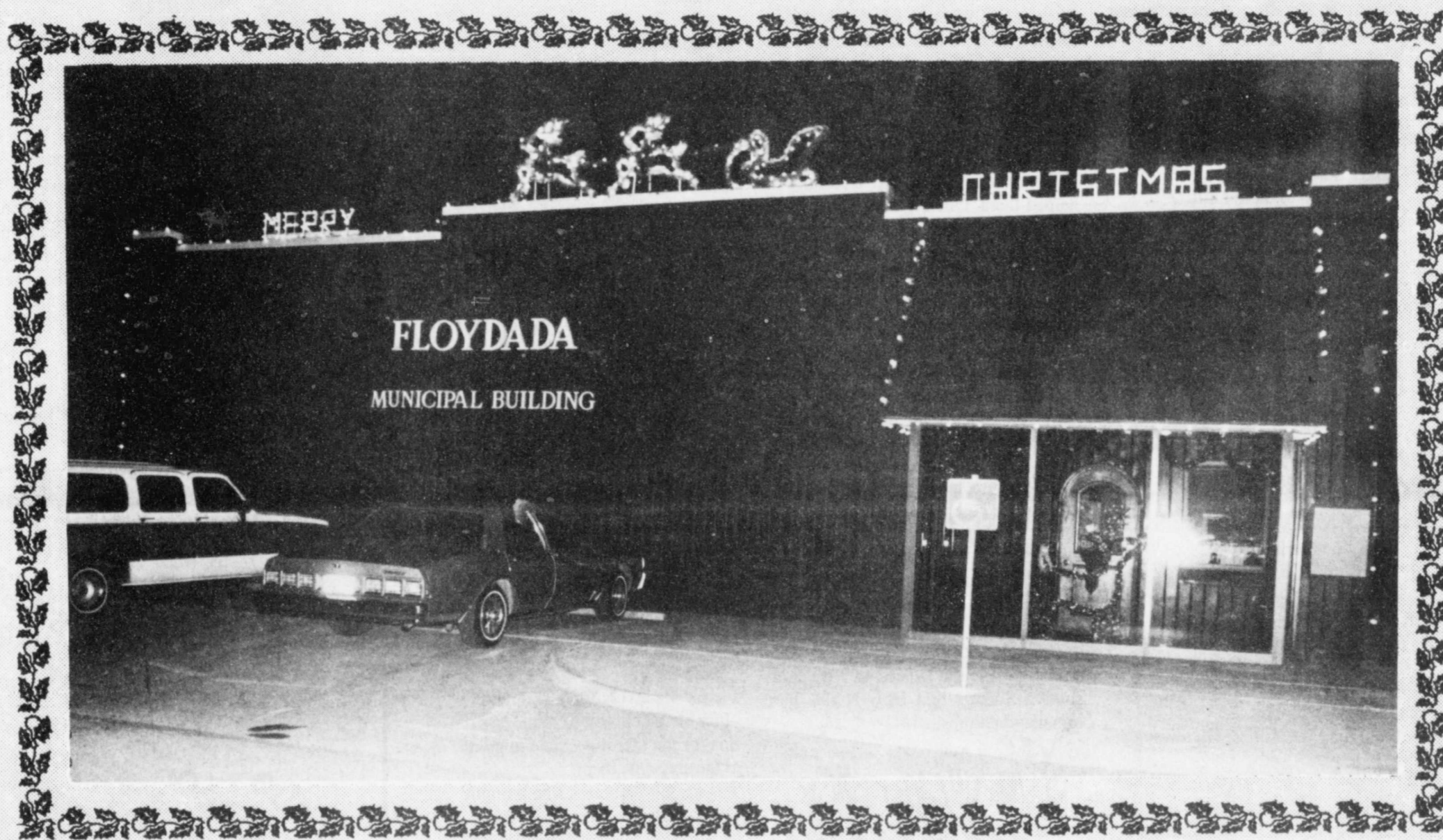
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Merry Christmas

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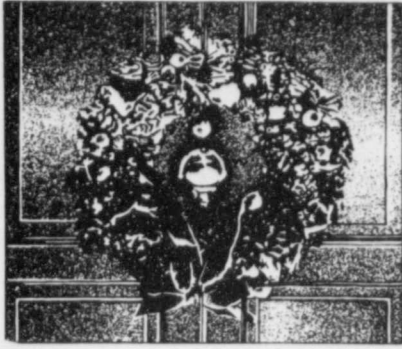


To our friends who will be traveling during the holidays, buckle up and have a safe trip
From the Employees and Management of Your Home-owned Electric System

FLOYDADA POWER & LIGHT



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Sixth Grade Students Express Thoughts of Christmas



Through Stories, Poems and Acrostics

Christmas Is...

By Emilio Guzman, 6A

Christmas is Love...the love we keep in our hearts and Love that brings tears to our eyes as we thank God for His great Love.

Christmas is Lights...the candles on our windows, the colorful lighted trees, and the Star light on a cold winter December night.

Bring Me Something

By Jimmy Garcia, 6A

To make the hearts grow lighter. And bring a beautiful twinkle to the eye.

To fill the mind's with memories. And dreams of years gone by.

Christmas

By Melissa Enriquez, 6A

Christmas is a time for sharing and caring.

Christmas is a time to gather around. Christmas is a time to open presents.

Christmas is a time to go to other people's to open other presents.

Christmas is a time for Santa to come. Christmas is a time for snow to be falling to the ground.

Christmas is a time for joy and laughter.

Christmas is a time for giving Christmas cards away.

Christmas is a time for Love. Christmas is a time to remember other people in the family.

Christmas is the time for the sound of Christmas carols singing out.

The Stable Where Baby Jesus Slept

By Jerry Meyers, 6A

Jesus was born a long time ago. There was no room for baby Jesus to stay in the inn. So baby Jesus lay on a pile of hay. All the animals gathered round to see the new born baby.

Christmas is to celebrate Jesus' birth. If it weren't for him there would be no Christmas at all.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." —St. Luke 2:11-12

Christmas is...

By David Mercado, 6A

Christmas is like no other holiday. It is the time of forgiveness and giving. It is the love that swells up in our hearts and brings tears to our eyes.

It is the sound of sleigh bells dashing through the midnight air and kids jumping up and down with joy. If only we had Christmas every day.

Christmas is...

By Julian Hernandez, 6A

Christmas is a time to gather with your family and also to give presents. The most important reason we celebrate Christmas is because of the birth of Jesus.

Jesus is the Father of everyone. He is our Lord we all love Him, well at least most of us.

I'm very thankful to Jesus, because if He would not have made the earth or us, we would not be writing these stories.

Christmas is...

By Chad Harmon, 6A

Christmas was when Christ was born. Christmas is when Santa comes with all of his goodies and toys. Christmas is when family gets together to open presents around the tree. Christmas is my favorite holiday. Christmas is GREAT!

Christmas!

By Erika Martinez, 6A

Christmas is love Here and everywhere Remembering this day In a pretty holiday Snow and crystal lights Treats and special things Memories of this tree Angels around, telling me Santa's on his way.

Christmas

By Orlando Lira, 6A

Christmas Holiday Reindeer Icicles Santa Claus Toys Music Angels Songs

Santa Is On His Way

By Chad Benjamin, 6A

Christmas is getting closer and closer by the second, And Santa is on his way. Making toys for every girl and boy, Soon to load on his sleigh, Shortly I will hear his reindeer prance, Along with his elfs, Take a quick glance, They will go to there limit, And be gone in only a minute.

Christmas

By Belinda dela Fuente, 6A

Christmas Heart Reindeer Ice Santa Claus Turkey Marry Angels Snow

Christmas is...

By Nicole Coronado, 6A

Remembering other Christmases of laughter and love Remembering happiness and joy of the heart Remembering stories of past Christmases and Remember Christmas will always be here.

Christmas

By Mathew A. St. Gremain, 6A

Christmas is a holiday for sharing and caring. Christmas is a way of happy birthday to our Lord. Christmas trees came from Germany and is their way of celebrating Christmas in a good time for memories and a good time and is a very good meaning. It's a holiday for people that are bad to be a good person.

Christmas Is Fun

By Brenda Vasquez, 6A

Christmas is fun because baby Jesus was born in a stable. Christmas is also fun at our church because we do a play about baby Jesus and Mary, the Mother of God.

Christmas

By Johnny Briones, 6A

Mistletoe Eating Rain Reindeer Yuletide

Candles Having joy Remembrance Igloos Snow Turkey Mothers Angels Singing

Christmas Story

By LaKindra Runnels, 6A

One starlit night Shepherds who watched the sheep on the hill saw a strange person coming into the town. The night Jesus was born the man came to the barn where Jesus was born and told the mother of Jesus, "He's going to grow up and rule the whole world." Then he left. When he left, music started to play. People had never heard such beautiful music in their lives. It was joyful. Everybody in the kingdom loved that music and that's when they all thought of little baby Jesus. When he got older and was a young man they crucified him because he was truthful and helped them. One night He arose from the dead and that's when they called Him Jesus.

That's when He told them that He will be back and so He did. He came and gathered all the good people and started for the Red Sea. Jesus turned around and saw the bad people coming after them and then he opened the Red Sea. Him and all the good people started across the sea. Jesus and all of the good people made it across and closed on the bad ones. So remember Jesus is watching you and be careful of what you do and Merry Christmas.

What is Christmas?

By Kelli Bertrand, 6A

Christmas is Music The sound of carols ringing out on the still night air the voices of the choir singing Silent Night Holy Night. The organ and chimes!



A Texas "Night Afore Christmas"

By Stacey Lloyd, 6A

Was the night afore Christmas When all through the prairie Nothin' was a-stirrin' Not even a tumbleweed Then a loud moo came to my ears I ran out the door to see what was the matter To my surprise I saw a stagecoach pulled by longhorns And a duster clad Santa calling them by name. "Giddyup Dasher and Dancer and Donder and Blitzen, Comet and Cupid and Prancer and Vixen!" As they sped out of sight I heard "Ho-Ho-Ho, Merry Christmas!"

Christmas is About...

By Adrianna Gomez

Christmas is fun Christmas is laughter. It is time for love ever after. It is about our families and friends. To love each other until the end. So everyone get together and be friends forever.

Christmas

By Jennifer Forbes, 6A

I think Christmas is a time to celebrate God's birthday. At Christmas my family gives me some presents. A lot of times I get what I want or need at Christmas. I am thankful that Christmas comes around once a year for you can get things that you need.

Merry Christmas

By Audrey Aguilar, 6A

May Each Real Rich and Youthful

Child be Happy and those that are Reluctant Involve them Selves in the Tradition and Merriness of Angels and the spirit of Sharing



Christmas

By Amber, 6B

C is for the Christ child who was sleeping on the hay. H is for the heavenly Host who worshiped that day. R is for the Radiance on Mary's holy face. I is for the lovely Inn a poor and humble place. S is for the Star that shone to guide the sheperds there. T is for the Travelers who brought Him treasures there. M is for the Manger where He laid His little head. A is for Angels, who hovered round his bed. S is for a Savior who brought peace and hope to the earth on this wonderous night.

Christmas

By Marcos Torrez, 6B

C is for Christ R is for the Relatives that come to grandmas I is for the Immanuel S is for the Shepherds T is for the Turkey we will eat M is for the manger that Jesus lied in A is for the holy Angels S is for the Savior that is up above.

Merry Christmas

By Gloria Irlas, 6B

Merry Christmas to all. Eager shepards went east. Ringing bells at night. Rejoining family and friendships. Ya yellow sports car for Christmas.

Cards and candles. Hearth and holly. Inner with people at all places. Saviour to the Lord. T is for Turkey with tasty treats to try. M tells of a manger. A is for little baby Angels. S the shepards and the songs.



Christmas Night

By Adam Mendoza, 6B

The gleam in the children's eyes. As they wait on Christmas night. And wondering what set under the Christmas light. And carry away by heavenly angels high in the sky. Praying for powers equal at tonight. And waiting in bed on Christmas night. And at that time of season for forgiveness and kind. And although it's Christmas time.

Christmas

By Omar Eguia, 6B

C is for "chimes" for people who sing. H is for "holiday" for a week off of school. R is for "Rudolph" the reindeer that leads Santa's sleigh. I is for "inside" for the coldness of the outside snow. S is for "super" presents in all. T is for "turkey" from Thanksgiving leftovers. M is for "merry" to have a merry Christmas. A is for "apples" bright and red. S is for "Santa Claus" which little kids believe him and older ones do not.

One Christmas Eve

By Todd Hinsley, 6B

One Christmas Eve there was a boy named Lonnie who was very excited. That night Lonnie went to bed so Santa would come to his house.

When Lonnie woke up it was 2:30. Lonnie ran down the stairs so fast that he tumbled on the way.

When he got downstairs he ran into the living room to see what he got from Santa. Lonnie got just about everything he wanted besides one thing and that was a puppy dog.

Later on in the morning they started to open their presents. Dad went outside to get one more present for Lonnie.

When Lonnie opened it, it was two little puppy dogs.

Lonnie said that it was the best Christmas ever.



...While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads...
Our very best wishes to all our good customers and friends. It's been our privilege to serve you.

Furr's

Peace and Love

Imagine a world as peaceful as our Creator intended it to be, and as full of love as the heart of our Saviour. In that spirit we offer you our best wishes for a Christmas filled with joy.

West Texas Industries

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

In the spirit of merry Christmas, we extend warmest wishes of cheer and thoughts of thanks for your kind support.

**Holmes
Plumbing**

Austin Holmes Steve Holmes



WELL WISHES FROM OUR ENTIRE STAFF

May you and your loved ones be blessed with happiness and good health the whole year through. We're so very glad to know good people like you!

**Caprock
Hospital District**

"Thoughts of Christmas"

Christmas Thoughts

By Laci Christian, 6B

J is for Jesus the young little one; can't keep from listing to that one little hum.
E is for everything in the whole world; good, bad or funny things we can't ignore.

S is for sweetness, always is good; sugar plums and sugar cookies always welcome.

U is for unique, cute and sweet; reminds me of a unicorn, round and petite.
S is for sleighs, that glide along the roof, sit and smell the lady of the house cook.

A Christmas To Remember

By Anthony Robles, 6B

As I was sitting down by the fireplace I was thinking about my childhood on Christmas day. I would almost see myself a little boy looking for his present under the tree. But now I'm older and alone, that really gets to me cause it's me, myself and I and nobody else.

Santa Claus

By Monty Anderson, 6B

S is for the Savior
A is for angels telling about God's gift of love
N is for neighbors close at hand
T is for tremendous fun we have with our families
A is for astonishing gifts we receive from Santa

C is for Christmas carolers
L is for love within the family
A is for always remembering your friends and family
U is for understanding in a time of sadness
S is for sleighs that scoot along



Christmas Love

By Cristina Chavarria, 6B

Carols
Heavenly
Relatives
Icicles
Song
Together
Music
Angels
Sweet

Lavender
Ornaments
Virgin
Eager

Christmas

By Donnetra Williams, 6B

Christ
Holidays
Rudolph
Immanuel
Santa
Trees
Merry
Adore
Share

Love Is In The Air

By Chris S., 6B

Love is in the air a time where people like to share.
Love is in the air all day long little kids singing a song.
Love is in the air.

A Letter to Santa Claus

By Angie Dela Fuente, 6B

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is the people who don't have homes or the people who don't have food, please take them some.

Also what I want is for the people who don't have any clothes, take them some of mine.

Santa have a good Christmas.
P.S. thank you so very much.

Your friend,
Angie D.

Christmas

By Griselda Martinez, 6B

Christmas is a time to share, to give and to care.

It's a time to laugh and to play and it's a time to sing.

It's also for you and me. Christmas is a time to be happy not sad.

Later then New Year's will come real fast.

My Special Christmas

By James Casitillo, 6B

My special Christmas is getting lots of toys.

My special Christmas is sharing all my joys.

My special Christmas is knowing your are there.

My special Christmas is knowing that you care.

Christmas Times

By Christy Hale, 6B

C is for cards from the family.
H is for home at grandmas.
R is for relatives that you get to see.
I is for inside the wonderful home.
S is for songs that the children sing.
T is for toys we get each year.
M is for me that everyone sees.
A is for announcing that we're having fun.
S is for sharing that we all do.

T is for Tiny Tim.
I is for icicles of the home.
M is for my marvelous mother.
E is for everyone together.
S is for staying awake for a long time.

Christmas

By Jose Lopez, 6B

Cards and candles
Holidays
Red ribbons
Icicles on the tree
Santa Claus
Turkey
Miracles
Angels
Sweet treats

Christmas

By Shondra Emert, 6B

C is for caring for little boys and girls
H is for happiness when you get a gift on Christmas day
R is for rapping a very special present for a very special kid
I is for important when you care for a child out on the road you know that are special with just a back pack
S is for snowing when it's cold and freezing outside
T is for turkey for tasty treats to try
M is for money everyone loves to spend especially on Christmas with everyone there to share with
A is for angels appearing high above with white aprons on their thighs
S is for sharing with all sort of kids on Christmas day.

Christmas

By Kenny Holmes, 6B

Cookies
Home
Rudolph
Icicles
Sleigh
Tree
Music
Asking
Santa

Christmas

By Norma Gonzalez, 6B

C is for Christmas carols that people sing to other people.
H is for Happiness that people have on holidays.
R is for Reading stories to your children and grandchildren.
I is for Icicles on the sides of houses.
S is for Sugar plums that children dream of on Christmas Eve.
T is for Trees that people have in their homes.
M is for Miracles that happen on Christmas Eve.
A is for Angels that watch over children.
S is for Sleighs that families ride on, on Christmas Day.

Dear Santa

By Tamara Brown, 6B

One snowy, cold morning, a little girl peeped through her frosted window. She had small clear tears running down her cherry colored cheeks. She was crying because it was two weeks before Christmas and the little mother Christy had no job and with no job you don't have money to buy presents, a tree, decorations or gorgeous lights.

The little girl's name was Laci. Laci's dad Tom Cruise had gotten a divorce with Christy because she only loved him for being a rock star.

Nights and days passed. Now it was only two days until Christmas
Christy took Laci to the shopping mall in Paris.

Laci yelled, "Mommy, mommy look at Santa, O mommy can I go see him and talk to him, please, please, pretty please."

Christy replied, "Oh, I guess."
So while they were in line, Christy said I'm going to buy me a Dr. Pepper so you stay here until I get back, "Ok!"

Laci answered, "Yes, mam."
It was now Laci's turn to sit in Old St. Nick's lap.

"Ho, Ho, Ho, how do you do little lady?" Santa said in a deep voice.
"Just merrily fine and you?"

"O just talking to all ya'll fine healthy boys and girls."
"So what would you like for Christmas?"

"Oh ya Christmas. While I wan't, O I guess a summer green Christmas tree," Laci said.

"Why that's a pretty cheap gift for a little girl like you, are you sure that's what you want?" replied Santa.

"Well, nope I would like the tree decorated with Christmas balls, lights, red bows and things that go on a tree," remarked Laci.

"Why little lady if that's what you want then that's what you should get and also a bunch of presents along with a tree, because what's a tree with out his friends like presents," said Santa.

"O, thank you Santa and in return for my gift I will give you the longest letter you have ever had or read so thanks a bunch Santa," answered Laci.
"Anytime Laci," answered Santa.
Then on Christmas a Santa had brought Laci gifts that she wanted.

And folks please always believe in Santa because whises can come true if you really want them to come true.

Christmas Is For...

By Will Warren, 6C

Christmas is for a big Christmas tree all decorated with ornaments and lights certainly a sight to see.

Christmas is for wondering what is in our presents, a little boy drummer or little girl peasant.

Christmas is for stockings by the fire when Santa sneaks in filling them when we tire.

Christmas is for a jingle bell, when people eat turkey, duck and quail.

Christmas is for wreaths all in a row tied with a giant red Christmas bow.

Christmas is for red, white and green in Christmas season very often seen.

Christmas is for lots of thick white snow when the wind is ferocious and really does blow.

Christmas is for stuffing yourself with food, and when you done your usually in a good mood.

Christmas is for Christ our Savior who taught us to always love your neighbor.

Christmas is for lots of giving, and being thankful we are living.

Christmas is for Seasons Greetings when we have our family meetings.

Christmas is for inviting family and friends for many years those have been the trends.

Christmas is for reindeer all happy and gay they leap, they bound they frolic and play.

Christmas is for carolers singing with their joyous bells a ringing.

Christmas is for lots of fun the only sad part is when its done.

A Wish Come True

By Maribel Palacio, 6C

Santa will come up to you. Just make a wish and it will come true. Don't ever say no when you know that a wish is true.

Always believe in me because I know what I do and see.

Let's Pray

By Marcus Collins, 6C

Let's Pray for all the wonderful things that happen in our life in thanks to the Lord for this special day that we all enjoy. Let's thank our special teachers that come to school to spend their time to help us learn all the things we are required to do. Kids let's pray today before we eat this special food today. Pray for all the teachers that give their special love to us so we should give it back to them.
We need to thank our families that give us life to be and this wonderful world.

Christmas is...

By Mary Romero, 6C

Christmas is for joy, and Joseph. It's a time to sing, and for bells to ring. Christmas is a time for music, and light.

It's a time for welcome, and laughter. Christmas is a time for love, and remembering.

It's for to have fun.

My Merry Christmas

By Watisha Axtell, 6C

M is for merry as every one can see.
E is for eating all the good things to eat.

R is for running and having fun in the snow.

R is for racing to build the snowman as we go.

Y is for you and I telling jokes as we go.

C is for caring and cooking good things to eat.

H is for having fun with presents we receive.

R is for rapidly opening our presents so fast.

I is for I haven't got a moment to last.

S is for sitting by the fire and sharing what we get.

T is for telling if I receive pretty patterns to knit.

M is mittens I also get for me to knit with.

A is for asking what each of us have to say.

S is for sharing our love all in a special way.

Happy Holidays

Merry Christmas

By Lydia Mendoza, 6C

Merry
Eager
Relatives
Roast
Yeast

Christ
Holly
Rich
Inn
Savior
Turkey
Miracle
Angels
Sing

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the beauty of Christmas grace your heart and home.



We appreciate your loyal support.

Kids Closet

And this shall be sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

—Luke 2:12

Glad tidings to all our faithful friends, and our thanks to each of you for the blessings of your friendship.

FLOYDADA BRANCH



Wishes You a Very Merry Christmas

from... Gerald, Dana, Jodi

Member F.D.I.C.



**May Yuletide Joy
Brighten Your Heart & Home**

Our thoughts, prayers, and appreciation are yours this holiday, and every day.

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"Christmas Thoughts"

From Sixth Grade Students

Christmas

By Heather Arney, 6C

C is for Christ was born
H is for Holy night
R is for Rudolph
I is for icicles hanging from the tree
S is for Santa
T is for twas the night before Christmas
M is for many presents
A is for apples
S is for stockings

Merry Christmas

By Vickie Ochoa, 6C

M is for a wonderful mother.
E is for eager shepherds.
R is for reindeers.
R is for lots of recipes.
Y is for a jolly Santa Claus.

C is for Christmas.
H is for happiness.
R is for relatives.
I is for icicles.
S is for sharing.
T is for toys you get.
M is for Christmas music.
A is for angels.
S is for sleighs.

Christmas is...

By Chad Hinkle, 6C

Christmas is a time of joys and it can be a time for toys. But most of all Christmas is a time to think of the little boy.

Jesus was his name and teaching the word of God was his game. He was a kind young fellow, never lied nor belovled, because he was the boy of the Lord. He was born with the animals and layed sweet as tiny maples. He sometimes had trouble until his problems doubled. He got put on across until his life was lost. He was buried in a tomb where he layed there feeling doomed. When all of the sudden his body had risen, the people were astonished that his body had vanished. Jesus came back to life with glory, and I'm afraid that's the end of my story.

It's That Season

By Tomas Barrientos, 6C

It's that time again when we celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

When we give and get presents and we eat lots of food.

It's that Season when we stay up all night waiting for the clock to strike twelve.

Then it does strike twelve when Santa comes in giving us all our tiny presents.

We little children happy to see him but a baby has to be scared so Santa has to leave.

Then it's morning when the children are playing but the parents wanting to sleep longer and longer.

It's just one of those kinds of Seasons.

Christmastime

By Lisa Crader, 6C

Christmastime, Oh, Christmastime, Christmastime is here, when little boys and girls sit on Santa's lap and laugh and giggle filled with cheer. After one's done telling Santa what they want, they hop off and let another hop on. Christmastime is a time for going to loved ones homes and being happy all day through. Christmas is a time for caroling. But Christmas Eve night when you hear a jingle ling ling you will want to jump in bed, because if Santa knows that you were up then he won't bring a present for you and you won't like that. So just stay in bed and that way you will be sure to get a present. I'll tell you one secret if you will get up right after the jingles quit jingling you will get to see Santa that's what I always do because I wanted to be sure that I saw him.

Christmas Morning

By Angelek Ratliff, 6C

In the morning the bells ring sweetly, birds resting in their nest. It is quiet outside and the streets are not busy. People at home over sleeping and the sun is bright. Ice is melting and families and friends stand around the table ready for father to say pray. He thanks God for everything. We all sit down to enjoy food until there was a knock on the door, grandmother answers the door and all kinds of animals are at the door crying because they don't have nowhere to go, so grandmother lets them in, and we had enough food for everyone. When we got through we watched T.V. there was nothing on so we sang songs all day long. Now that's what I call a long morning but we didn't open our gifts but we opened them at night.

A, B, C's at Christmas

By Ivana Irlas, 6C

A is for apple pie
B is for berries and bonkers
C is for candles and cookies
D is for dinner in the dining room
E is for extra eggnog
F is for fairy tales
G is for goodies and goodness, too
H is for Happy Holidays
I is for Israel and Jesus is born
J is for jumping for joy
K is for kingdom and kindness, too
L is for Love and Live
M is for a mouse and marshmallows
N is for naughty and nice
O is for onions and olives
P is for peanuts and pockets, too
Q is for queen and be quiet
R is for red roses and red wine
S is for silver and salty too
T is for tasty and tacky
U is for love U and unicorn
V is for victory and vice president
W is for waxy spoons and washer, too
X is for xylophone
Y is for you and the youth at church
Z is for Zebra and Zombies, too.

Christmas

By Daniel Fonseca, 6C

C is for candy we eat
H is for Happy Holiday
R is for roasted turkey
I is for ill you don't want to get
S is for Santa who gives us toys
T is for toys we get from Santa
M is for Merry Christmas that people say
A is for angels that appear at night
S is for sleeping or else you won't get no presents

Merry Christmas

By Cipy Maldonado, 6C

All decked with color gay who pass along the way.
As shouting, come and see all around the Christmas tree.
Out whispering in the hall as old friends come to call.
Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas to all.

Merry Christmas

By Tammy Cisneros, 6D

Come sit down and read to us,
About the birth of baby Jesus.
I've heard it once, I've heard it twice,
I love to hear the sound so nice.
Tell it to us how it's told,
And make our spirits feel like gold.
Come share with us that special day.
And when you're finished we will say,
"Thank You Lord for giving us this day!"
Merry Christmas

The Night Before Christmas

By Dustin Owens, 6D

It was the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring but my little dog. He was whining an screaming.

I went to see what was the problem when I heard the strangest noise. Sounded like hooves.

I thought "What could it be?" I sat down and thought. A horse, naw how could it get on my roof? It could be, old St. Nick.

I looked up the chimney and I saw a plump old jolly looking man looking down at me. I ran to the couch and layed down to make him think I was asleep.

Just then down came a man all covered in red nice looking clothes. I thought "Wonder if he got that from Sears?" But in a wink of an eye he had layed down all the presents, eaten all the cookies and drank all the coke.

Soon he was gone. I heard an "on doner, on blitzen, on cupid and comet" and he said all these names and he was gone. Then I heard a faint cry "Ho! Ho! Ho!" and a Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

Family

By Todd C., 6D

F stands for the frankincense for future times forehead, friendship, family, faithful hearts and the Father know of old.

A is holy angels appearing high above, announcing a cappella God's wondrous gift of love.

M tells of the manger and a mother's gentle care, mistletoe and miracles and music everywhere.

I is for Immanuel and no room in the inn. Instead he chose a stable with peace and love within.

L is for the laughter, the lavender and lace, for love that lifts the lonely heart and lights the stranger's face.

Y is a yellow sports car, a gourmet yuletide feast. It's yachts and yaks and yo-yo's and sweetbreads made with yeast.

Merry Christmas

By Ricky Derryberry, 6D

My mom's doing all she could
Even me
Ricky is my name
Rudolph is my friend
Youngsters gather around the Christmas tree even me.

Children laughing all the time
Hurry, hurry, everybody says
Ricky's handing out the presents
I was the first one I called
Santa sure to bring me something good
Tomorrow Santa brings all these presents
Moms and dads settling down all the children
As you see we are having fun
So why don't you join?

Recipe for Having a Good Christmas

By Peppre Selman, 6D

1/2 cup of friendship
3 cups of puppy love
A dash of laughter
4-1/2 cups of hugs
1 cup of family gatherings
1/4 cup of pats on the back
2-1/2 cups of joy . . .
And that's my recipe for having a good Christmas.

My Christmas

By Cassy Fawver, 6D

Christmas is my favorite
Holiday in the whole year
Raging fire
In the fireplace
Santa has already come to visit me
The parade is the best one yet
My Christmas is almost over and it's
Already time to
Say Merry Christmas and to all
a good night.

Christmas

By Vernon Cooper, 6D

Christmas is a time for
Christ
Humming songs
Ringing bells
Inviting people to your house
Spending time with your family
Time for turkey and presents
Mom
And
Santa coming and buying gifts

Merry Christmas

By Gilbert Hinojosa, 6D

In Christmas we can all sit around the fire and sing or open gifts and have a very special day for all the family. Because in Christmas it's a time of giving and loving and celebrating the Lord's son when He was born because we cared for Him and we loved for what He has given us, life for a long time and keeps on giving us till we die. That's why Christmas is so special and a great season. We have Christmas to celebrate ourselves and our Lord God. Maybe that's why we love Christmas so much.

Who Is Santa Claus?

By Miguel Gomez, 6D

Santa Claus is a man. He is fat but even though he is fat he is nice. He brings toys to every kid who is nice. If you are naughty he will not bring you anything. If kids want to be extra special they will leave him a snack with a note (to Santa). He comes inside the chimney and if people don't have chimneys he will use some kind of magic. He has a list of good kids and naughty people. Many dogs should see him flying with Rudolph the red nosed reindeer as the leader. If the dogs start barking Santa will do something to make them be quiet. And after he finishes he goes back to the north pole. And in the early morning kids jump with joy with their new toy.

Christmas

By Alycia Porter, 6D

Cheerful times
Happiness
Rudolph
Ice
Snow
Terrific turkey
Music
Angels
Sleighs

Christmas

By Francisca Reyes, 6D

Christmas is a
Happy day a
Really fun day
It's a time to have fun.
Sharing or giving is the time
The time to be thankful
Memories to tell.
A miracle was once born.
Season to be thankful for your family and everybody else.

Christmas

By Blanca Segura, 6D

Christmas is a time of joy.
It's a time of giving.
It's a time of shang.
Christmas is a time when old St. Nicholas comes.
A time of laughter
It's a time of light.
It's a time of music.
Christmas is the time when Jesus was born.
And the most important is that it's a time of loving.

Christmas Is

By Freddy Aleman, 6D

Christmas is the best time of the year. To bring back good old memories from the past. And to see far away relatives and friends.

Caring
Happiness
Real fun
I want my present
Sweet songs
Time to care
Mom's love
Asking for thanks
Silent night

Christmas Is...

By Carlos Hernandez, 6D

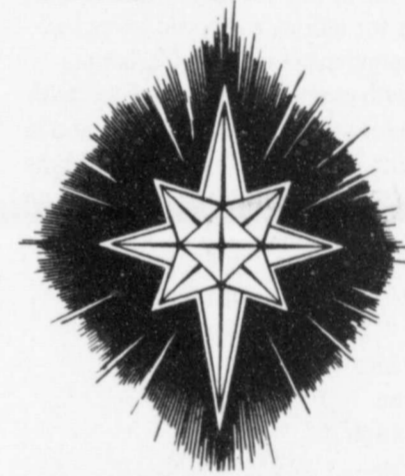
Christmas is a wonderful day for everyone,
Both old and young.
It's a time of happiness and joy.
A time to get many presents such as toys.

It's a season when families reunite,
On one very special night.
A season to be merry and gay
For it is a lovely Christmas Day.

Merry Christmas

By Juan Hernandez, 6D

Christmas is a time to have fun and also opening presents. It is also a time of being loving for your family and for your friends. Christmas is a time for happiness all around the world. It is also to love your teachers. So Christmas is a time of being loving.



December Christmas Poem

By Shirley Rodriguez, 6D

D stands for December,
Decorations to fulfill,
Dolls and drums and dinosaurs,
Kept delightfully from sight.
E says eager shepherds
Went South, led by a shining star.
As early Christmas each day,
Excellent for him near and far.

C means Christmas cards
and candles,
On the custom day,
While children singing
Christmas carols
To crowds on the way.

E says elegant people,
Led by a sled on the North,
Past a shop of delicious
candy canes.

M tells of the merry holiday,
And a mother's gentle care,
Mistletoe and miracles
And marching bands
everywhere.

B is Bethlehem,
This Christmas day,
The Bible with it's blessing
And bells that slowly ring.

E is for everyone home for
Christmas Eve to visit family
and relatives.

R is for relatives, rich and poor.
Gifts with red ribbons and
recipes galore.



Holiday Greetings!

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and
many
thanks.

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SEASONS GREETINGS and a wooden reindeer are what greet guests to a home in west Floydada. The scene at 901 W. Georgia is one of many that can be seen throughout the city of Floydada this holiday season. --Staff photo

Holy Journey made by decree

"And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed . . ." So begins the Bible story of the birth of Christ in Saint Luke's Gospel.

"All the world," of course, meant the Roman Empire of the time, and the "taxation" referred to was basically an "enrollment," according to biblical scholars, a census, leading ultimately to a land tax; so it was decreed that "All went to be taxed, every one into his own city."

And so, Saint Luke goes on to tell us, "Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

The Bible gives us little more than those bare facts about the journey which ended at a manger outside Bethlehem. It has remained for biblical scholars and archaeologists to try to fill in the details as best they can from facts known or guessed about the Palestine of that time and from other indirect evidence in the Bible itself.

Although Joseph was a Judean by ancestry, he lived and plied his trade as carpenter some 70 miles to the north in

Nazareth in Galilee, where Jesus spent his early years, thus becoming identified as Jesus of Nazareth.

There was a good road leading southward from Nazareth to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, for this was no "backwoods" area but one traversed by merchants and their caravans as well as functionaries of the Roman Empire, all following in the footsteps of invaders and travellers of many years.

A journey of some 70 miles over mostly hilly country without a car might give many of us pause today, particularly in view of Mary's condition. According to tradition, Mary rode a good part of the way on an ass, a common beast of burden and one certainly more appropriate to the task than either camel or horse, even had these been available to Joseph.

A journey of that distance, with Joseph walking and leading the ass, would be bound to consume several days, so it is likely that the travellers made provision for spending some nights along the way and, also, carried sufficient food and water in case supplies were not always available.

Although Nazareth was a fair-sized town, it was reported to have had only

one good source of water, known today as Mary's Well, from which it would have been prudent to obtain a "canteen," before setting out on a journey. Wells and springs were to be found infrequently in the hills, particularly toward the end of the dry season, which historians believe was the most likely period for the trip of Mary and Joseph. As to food, there would have been no problem in procuring rations of bread, olives, and

other provisions for the journey from an area as rich in agriculture as Galilee.

Arrival at their destination in Bethlehem did not bring an end to "roughing it" for the travellers, for there were so many who had preceded them that "there was no room for them at the inn." Therefore, this predicament led Mary and Joseph to the manger, a cattle shelter outside Bethlehem which symbolizes the birth of Jesus.

Joyous Bells

One of the most joyous symbols of Christmas is the ringing of bells. The mellow, sweet-toned ones in church steeples and belfries have heralded the coming of Christmas since the Middle Ages.

In addition to the bells that ring with solemn grandeur from cathedral and churches there are the secular types that hail the pure joy of the occasion.

Christmas had become well established before bells became an important part of the celebration. The first large bell for a Christian church is said to have originated with a bishop in Italy, in the fifth century, A.D.

Church bells have called people to

worship, they have told the time of day, they peal for weddings and toll for deaths, they have been rung to warn of enemies and disasters and to celebrate happy events of many varieties. But the high point of every year has been the ringing of church bells during the Christmas season. In England, especially, this became a tradition, during the Middle Ages. The joyful clangor started at vespers on the first Sunday in Advent, and repeated on the following Advent Sundays. On the three mornings before Christmas Day, happy peals were run as a reminder. At sunset on December 24th and every hour thereafter until sunset on December 25th bells pealed joyously.

Christmas Thoughts

Merry Christmas

By Elizabeth Galvan, 6D

Santa Claus is a man of joy
Who usually gives us a toy
He's dressed in red
When we're in bed
We sing songs merrily
That are very long
We eat a feast
Like a hungry beast
The snow is white
The lights are so bright
This is a wonderful season
That is so pleasing.

Christmas, Christmas, Christmas

By Joey Vargas, 6D

Christmas, Christmas, Christmas
What is Christmas? I know.
Christmas is a time for families to join
together and remember.

It's a time for caring and a time for
sharing.

It's a time for giving and a time for
living.

A time for happiness and gladness.
Christmas is full of joy so we give
toys.

Christmas is the best season and we
just want to have fun.

Christmas Poem

By Chris Enriquez, 6D

Christmas is a special day it fills my
heart with glee.
I look and see a special gift hoping it's
for me.

We all know something we'd like to
have hoping to get it soon.

Oh the twenty-fourth we wait for
Christmas looking at the moon.

We open gifts we find belong to us
ripping up the box.

There are gifts that are so big they just
look like an ox.

We are eager to find gifts that belong
to us under the tree.

I look and find that there are more than
one gift for me.

The family gets together to celebrate
a terrific holiday.

I hope we have a lot of snow on
Christmas, the special day.

Christmas is so much fun when we
open gifts so lovely.

There are people who on Christmas
are so very lonely.

On Christmas day stockings are so
very full.

Just be sure to have fun and be careful.

Christmas is...

By John Arredondo, 6D

Christmas is a day when you and your
family go out buying presents or go visit
their relatives. Sometimes your friend
gives you a present. Some people go to
church and they have their Christmas
presents at the church. But some people
don't go to church, they have it at their
home. Sometimes people dress up like
Santa Claus and give presents to their
family and friends. Lots of people like
Christmas. A lot of children like to know
what the present is. Sometimes people
like singing Christmas songs. People
also like being with their family or
friends celebrating Christmas together.
Sometimes people go to places far
away. Children like playing in the snow
if it does snow. If it snows kids start
making snowmen or playing with the
snow or throwing it at each other.
Christmas is a fun month celebrating
with your family or friends.



Christmas is...

By George Romero, 6D

Christmas is a day when baby Jesus
was born. On Christmas a lot of people
go to relatives' houses. They also open
presents. We never get what we want.
The best present for an adult is a hug.
Hugs are nice, not only for the adults but
a lot of other people also.

Christmas is also for us to be home or
at a friend's house. We sometimes go to
another town. A lot of people go to other
towns but also a lot people stay home.

A lot of people don't believe in Santa
Claus I do believe in Santa Claus.
Sometimes people listen to Christmas
songs a lot.

When it snows some people make
snowmen in front of their houses. I like
how the snow looks when the sun shines
on it. It also looks neat when it is falling
out of the sky.

Christmas Stories by ten-year-olds

The Girl Who Wanted a Family

By Amanda Green

Age 10

Once upon a time, there was a little
girl named Molly. She was two years
old. She lived in an orphanage. She was
so, so very lonely, but she wasn't like
most kids. She didn't want toys for
Christmas, she wanted a family that
loved her. The people at the orphanage
were pretty mean to her but nice to the
others. Almost two days later, she heard
the doorbell ring but she was the only
one who heard it because all the others
were too busy. Not even Billy and Joan,
the people that worked there heard it.

Molly opened the door and there she
saw a mommy holding a baby girl and a
daddy. Molly was so happy she didn't
believe it. The baby's mommy bent over
to let Molly see the baby. They asked
Molly her name. She said, "My name is
Molly."

Then the baby's dad said, "My name
is George and my wife's name is Susan.
Our baby's name is Sara."

Then the one in charge came and
invited them in. It was almost Christmas
Eve and Molly was so very sad that she
had no parents.

But what Molly didn't know was that
George and Susan were going to adopt
her Christmas Eve. Finally it was almost
Christmas Eve. She was almost positive
that she would be staying at the orphan-
age forever!

It was Christmas Eve. All of the sud-
den, the doorbell rang. It was George,
Susan and little Sara. Molly was so
happy to see them again. Then Susan
said, "Are you ready to come home with
us?"

Molly was so, so very happy that she
almost started to cry.

Then Molly said, "Yeah!"

Then Billy came and got all of
Molly's stuff together and came back
with a bag in her hand.

"Let's go!" said George.

"O.K." said Molly.

And Molly had the best Christmas
ever.

Christmas Is Because of Jesus

By Katie Sanders

Age 10

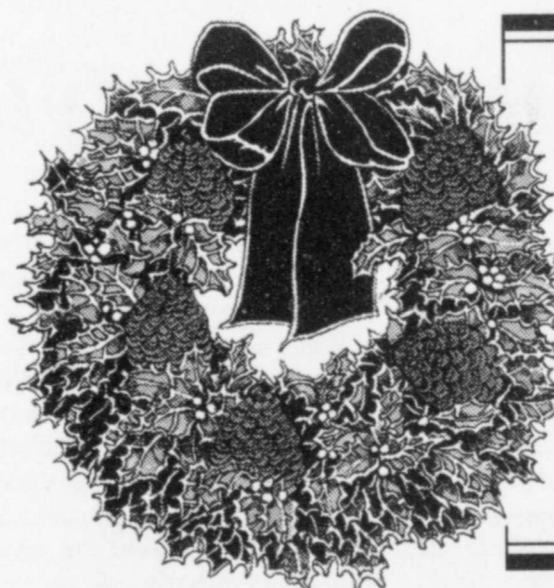
Christmas is all because of Jesus,
That's why our parents try to please
us.

With presents of the holidays,
Snow sparkling in the sun's rays.
Everyone sitting by the tree,
The kids all bundled up with glee.
Christmas is the magic of sharing.
It all began with gifts of caring.

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Experience all the delights that this holiday brings. You've been a delight to know and serve. Thanks, friends.

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Greetings...

May the precious gifts of love and peace be yours.

Scott Gin

Joyous bells heard at Christmas have roots dating back to historical times

We experience Christmas with all of our senses, enjoying the evocative fragrance of evergreens, the bright colors of the decorations festooned everywhere, the haunting, spicy flavor of freshly baked cookies.

The traditional glass balls hung from the tree have a particular feel to them, smooth and cool to the fingertips, and markedly in contrast to the roughness of bark or the stinging prick of pine needles.

But, most of all, we hear Christmas in a myriad of ways—the joyful carols, the laughter of children as the holiday excitement builds, and the ringing of bells. . . everywhere, the ringing of bells.

Just walk downtown, and listen to the bells rung by the Santas posted at every street corner. Their bells serve as a reminder, not only of the season's pleasures, but of the season's spirit—the importance of giving to those less fortunate than we are.

Merry little bells decorate Christmas stockings and hang from tree branches, tinkling every time the tree is touched. And, great, sonorous bells call the faithful to prayer, their ringing adding an

important top note to the Christmas tableau.

Like so many other aspects of the Christmas season, bell-ringing has ancient roots. During many pre-Christian mid-winter celebrations, bells were rung because it was believed that repeated loud noise would drive away the lurking evil spirits that caused the frightening phenomenon of winter, and ensure the rebirth of life which occurred in spring.

Early Christians believed bells to have powers over their physical well-being as well as their spiritual health, so much so that in the early centuries A.D. priests regularly blessed bells before they were hung in the church steeple.

Even after being taken down and buried (in wartime, for instance), church bells can still be heard ringing on Christmas Eve, according to legend, at least by true believers.

In medieval times, the church bells were rung to announce Christ's redemption of the world. And, in parts of England, church bells would ring each morning for three days before Christmas as a reminder of that holiday's

approach.

One English custom, still practiced in some localities even today, is Tolling the Devil's Knell, also called the Old Lad's Passing Bell, which occurs on Christmas Eve.

The sonorous sounds of church bells ringing the Devil's Knell—a death knell, because folklore holds that the Devil died at Christ's birth—precede the joyous ringing after midnight has struck, to mark the day of Christ's birth.

An eerie folk story of Christmas bell-ringing comes from the French region of Brittany.

According to this tale, a blacksmith chose to ignore the bells which rang for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and, despite the sacred nature of the evening, continued with his work.

He was interrupted by a customer, an old, crooked man carrying a broken scythe, which he asked the smith to repair. This the blacksmith did, not knowing that the old man was the personification of Death, and his scythe the tool he used for his work.

By dawn on Christmas Day, the blacksmith was dead, a victim of his

own blasphemy, for by working on such a holy day he had grievously flouted its sanctity.

Church bells were not the only bells associated with traditional Christmas celebrations. In many communities, carolers were accompanied by hand bell-ringers when they made their rounds. In other communities, bell-ringers donned masks and went from door to door on Christmas Eve. These bell-ringers, called Belsnickles, were often repaid with a plate of cookies, also called Belsnickles, a recipe for which (reproduced from Mimi Sheraton's classic cookbook of Christmas sweets, *Visions of Sugarplums* (Harper & Row)) is given below.

BELSNIKLES

1/2 cup (1/4 pound) melted unsalted butter

1 cup sugar

1 whole egg

2 egg yolks

1 to 1-1/2 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Pinch of salt

Granulated sugar, for sprinkling

Pour butter over sugar and beat until creamy. Add eggs and beat well. Sift flour twice with baking soda and salt. Resift gradually into butter mixture, adding only enough flour to make a dough you can roll. Beat thoroughly until mixture holds together. Chill several hours. Roll out to paper thinness on a lightly floured board. Cut into 1-inch rounds, sprinkle liberally with granulated sugar and place on a buttered baking sheet. Bake in preheated 400 degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes, or until faintly golden around the edges.

Makes 4 to 5 dozen cookies.

Today, some of our most popular holiday songs evoke the cheerful chiming of bells at Christmastime.

"Jingle Bells," which dates from the middle of the 19th century and which was written for a Boston Sunday School event, is probably the most famous of these, but also very well-known is the enchanting "Silver Bells," a paean to the joys of Christmas in the city, which was performed in the 1951 Bob Hope movie, *The Lemon Drop Kid*, but popularized by Bing Crosby.

More meaningful by far is the poem "Christmas Bells," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, which has, since its composition during the Civil War, been set to a variety of tunes. In it, the joy the Christmas bells evoke is contrasted with the pain caused by war and killing. The poet cries out in anguish, but the bells peal their reassuring response:

"The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

It is this message that Christmas brings to the world each year, reminding us anew of the importance of love, compassion and kindness—and the most basic fabric of the Christmas spirit.



YEA, SANTA, I have been good! This youngster on Santa's lap is surely trying to assure Santa that he has been good enough to get everything on his wish list. -Staff photo

Create a Christmas cornucopia

Filled with candies and other sweets, decorated paper cornucopias were traditionally hung on the boughs of Christmas trees in the 19th century. These cornucopias were made by avid readers of the ladies' magazines of the day, which frequently printed instructions for creating them.

For those who wish to bring a touch of Victoriana to a contemporary Christmas, cornucopias are easy to make.

Draw quarter circles on thin, bendable cardboard (using a compass for accuracy), leaving a margin on one side for the seam. Using the same pattern, form more quarter circles out of decorative wrapping paper, two for each cornucopia (to serve as lining and outer surface.).

Cut the shape out, glue the lining and outer paper to each piece of cardboard, and allow to dry. Then, form into cones, gluing on the inside where the extra margin is tucked.

Glue loop of ribbon or decorative cord to the top of each cornucopia to form a handle for hanging. Add other decorations—stickers, tinsel, bits of doily—as imagination dictates and, after they have thoroughly dried, fill with candy, nuts or other treats.



We Celebrate That Most Holy Night

And to all of you we offer our sincere thanks for making this past year so rewarding.

Garcia's OK Tire



PRANCING THROUGH THE YARD these two lighted reindeer are a focal point in an array of lights adorning the front yard of a home at 706 West Lee.

-Staff photo

Antique ornaments add style

While the first Christmas trees were decorated with fruit and nuts, and other edible ornaments, by the middle of the 19th century, elaborately decorated objects began to adorn the increasingly popular evergreen.

Handblown glass balls, called *kugels*, have added shimmering beauty

to pine boughs since they were first made in Germany in the early 1800s. Available in elongated as well as round shapes, *kugels* could be had in a variety of sizes and colors, as well.

Molded glass ornaments originated in the latter part of the 19th century, also in Germany. The earliest shapes—pine cones, fruit and icicles—were joined by a wide range of others, from fairy tale characters to animals, Santas to edifices, as manufacturers became ever more inventive.

Paper ornaments were also popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These took two major forms: "Scrap ornaments," colorfully printed, thanks to the newly refined process of chromolithography; and Dresden ornaments, whose cardboard base, both die-cut and embossed, was painstakingly decorated with gold, silver and other colors of paint.

Among the most popular subjects for scrap ornaments were angels and snow-

men, and Santa himself starred in many an eye-catching chromolithographed scrap ornament.

While scrap ornaments were always two-dimensional, Dresden ornaments were often carefully worked into three-dimensional shapes, such as vehicles (including early depictions of airplanes and zeppelins) and animals. Superb detailing characterizes these ornaments, which are among those most treasured by collectors of antique Christmas decorations.

Considerably less elegant, ornaments of spun cotton were popular for their low cost as well as for the wide range of subjects they represented.

Animals, fruits, clowns and angels joined innumerable Santas in these three-dimensional ornaments formed by combining cotton and cellulose fibers, over a base of cardboard or wire. Their hard outer surface, on which decorations would be added, was created by the application of glue.

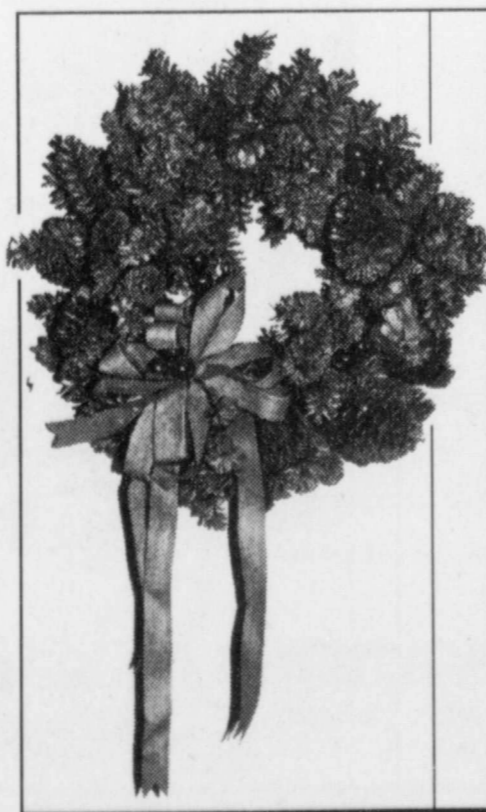
By the 1930s, virtually all of these charming, early decorations had become obsolete. However, today they are heirlooms, prized by collectors and exhibited in museums.



May the Joys & Comforts of Christmas Grace Your Home

From our home to yours, have a great holiday. Thank you for your loyal patronage.

KIRK & SONS



SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the beauty of Christmas grace your heart and home. We appreciate your loyal support.

Park Florist



And the happiest of holidays to you and yours. We so greatly appreciate having good friends and customers like you.

Merry Christmas

Brian's Tractor Service

Brian & Becky Emert



It's that time of year again. Make it special in every way.

Lawson Farm Supply

For true Christmas spirit, look no farther than family and friends

Many contemporary holiday traditions begin in the home

Suddenly, days are getting shorter. Twilight comes early, mistily, and the deep, translucent blue of the evening sky is frosted, as snow hovers over. Christmas is indeed coming, and the winter chill in the air is almost unnoticed in the merry bustle of the holiday season.

Buildings don their Yuletide finery, as garlands in red and green and innumerable evergreens festoon lighted windows and welcoming doorways.

Shoppers return home, day after day, laden with mysterious packages. And, indoors, boxes of ornaments are brought down from the attic and lovingly uncrated, as the tantalizing aroma of home-baked cakes and cookies fills the air.

Indeed, the traditions of Christmas are many and varied, and each is an immutable part of the season. Yet, each individual family has its own traditions, too, and it is these that are often the most treasured.

While one family trims its tree with heirloom ornaments, brought over from Europe generations ago, another brings memories to life with homemade ornaments saved from year to year, the collection growing as the family does.

Yet another family ties special ornaments to beautifully wrapped Christmas presents. After the gifts have been opened, the new decorations, symbols

St. Nick was originally a Turk?

St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, born in the fifth century in Patara, Turkey, was a living legend during this lifetime because of his love of people and his charities.

Nicknamed fondly Noel Baba, he was known as the saint of virgins, for helping poor and unmarried girls to secure dowries for marriage. He was also the favorite of seamen. Even pirates respected him because of his uncanny sixth sense about weather.

His bones, believed to have curative powers, were stolen from his tomb here and carried to Bari, Italy, 1087, where they still rest.

Why is St. Nicholas associated with Christmas?

Festivities of St. Nicholas Day, which falls on Dec. 6, used to extend until Christmas time, and were so popular that finally the two were incorporated into one — making St. Nicholas the symbol of Christmas.

The St. Nicholas Festival found its way into the United States with Dutch emigrants and St. Nicholas' name gradually became Santa Claus.

of both givers and recipients, are hung on the tree, where they will appear again and again in following years.

In one family, it wouldn't be Christmas without Grandma's butter spritz cookies; another schedules an afternoon of baking that they can enjoy together. While mom lights the oven and oversees the process, the kids happily roll and cut, and later decorate, their own gingerbread men.

Some families go out each year to a tree farm, where they can select the perfect evergreen, chopping it down themselves. Others make a ritual of decorating living trees in their own front and back yards, with garlands of lights to beguile the eye, and birdseed balls to encourage those birds that haven't migrated to visit throughout the winter.

Some families keep a living tree indoors during the holiday season, then plant it after all the Christmas decorations have been taken down. Others dry the branches and trunks of their cut trees, saving them to throw on the fire the following Christmas. Both achieve a sense of continuity, something that is very much at the heart of the Christmas spirit.

Stuffing the stockings is the centerpiece of one family's holiday festivities. Each Christmas Eve, after Midnight Mass and a late supper, everybody hurries about, hiding treasures in the long, bulging stockings that have been hung carefully on hooks over the fireplace.

Another family in a modern home without fireplaces has made it a tradition to lay the already-filled stockings at the foot of each child's bed during the night, to be opened first thing in the morning.

Some families organize skating parties each Christmas; others have evenings of caroling culminating around a

steamy bowl of wassail. And, while some go out for innumerable visits to family and friends, others take joy in staying home with those dearest and closest to them.

Above and beyond the customs that have been handed down through generations, individual family traditions make the holiday season truly special. These are personal expressions of the Christmas spirit, a spirit that lives and flourishes in an atmosphere of loving and giving, caring and sharing, a spirit that is as old as Christmas itself, yet forever new.



O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM -- The festive cactus garden in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gray at 88 W. Georgia is the setting for a panorama of the story of Jesus. The shepherd can be seen with his sheep as they gaze

in wonder at the fabulous star while the wise man rides a camel toward the manger scene flanked by two choir boys in full voice.

Staff Photo



FROSTY AND FAMILY -- These jolly rounded snow people populate the yard at 908 W. Georgia in Floydada

this Yuletide Season. With a backdrop of twinkling lights, the scene is set for a winter wonderland.

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Origins of Rudolph

One of the most beloved figures in modern Christmas lore, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, was born when a Montgomery Ward advertising copywriter named Robert L. May was told to create a booklet which could be given to children at Christmastime.

That was in 1939, and "Rudolph with his nose so bright," the nose which made him a laughingstock among the other reindeer, has charmed generations of children for over 50 years.

Interestingly enough, the words of the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," were not included in the original

Story of the Stockings

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there . . ."

It's not known how this tradition got its start, but there is a lovely legend about the custom's beginning.

It seems that in the town where the "first" Saint Nicholas lived, there was a merchant who had three daughters who were not married. In those days, the 4th century, a maiden had to have a dowry before she could marry. And the merchant was bankrupt.

Nicholas, who was then a boy, heard of their plight. He went to the house late one night and dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. They fell into the girls' stockings which were hanging by the fireplace to dry.

The gold was enough for the girls' dowry so they were married and lived happily ever after taking care of their poor father as well.

booklet that told Rudolph's story, and were not written by May.

Rather, 10 years after May's original creation, his brother-in-law, composer Johnny Marks, put Rudolph's tale to

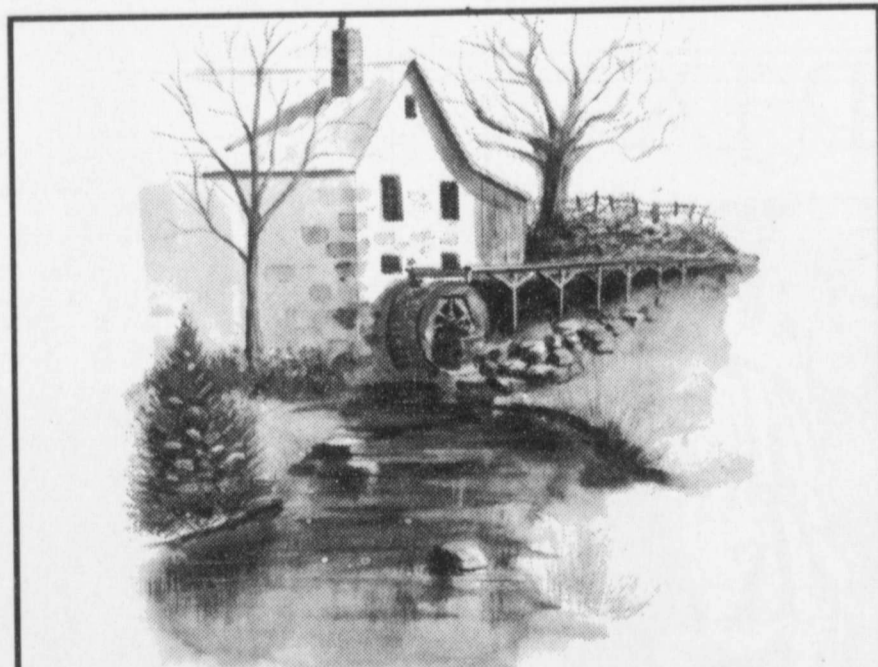
music, and wrote the lyrics with which we are familiar today.

Cowboy-singer Gene Autry recorded the tune, which was released in the fall of 1949 and quickly became a smash hit.



PRESENTING GIFTS -- The three magi are depicted around this manger scene in a yard on Virginia Street in Floydada. The wise men are kneeling as they offer their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh at the manger of the baby Jesus.

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Have a Wonderful Christmas

It's our pleasure to say "thanks" and to wish you all the best!

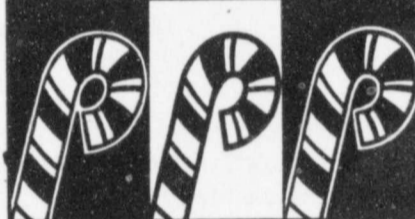
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YULETIDE CHEER!

Many thanks for your kind support.

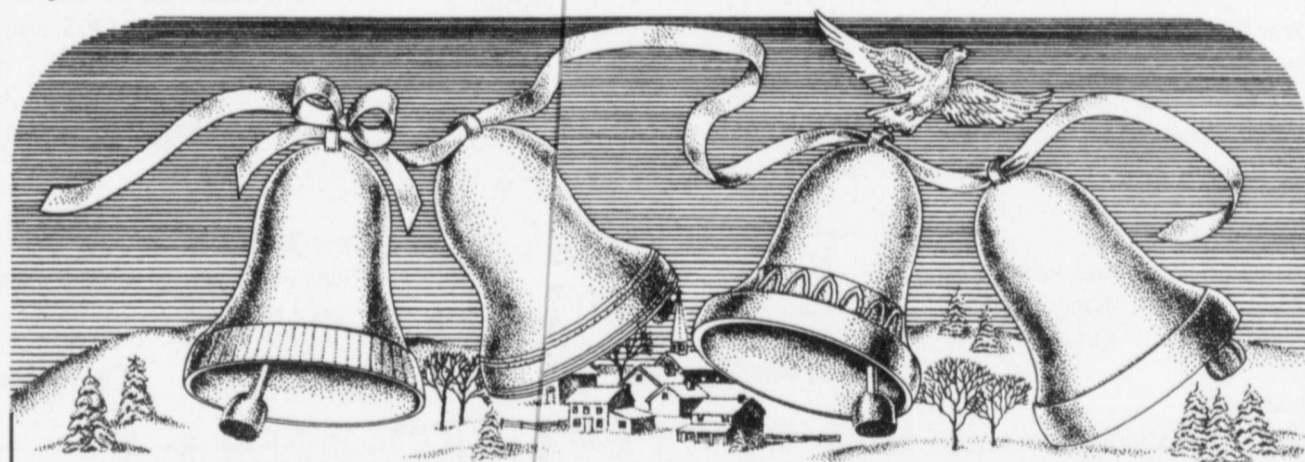
Pizza Gold



Glory to the Newborn King

Rejoice in the splendor of this happy, holy time. Our special thanks to all.

Floydada Cable TV



JOYOUS TIDINGS

As the Yuletide bells sound, joy and laughter all around, Filling every heart and home with merriment and cheer. What better time for us to say, "Thanks to you in every way. May this Christmas holiday be the start of a great year."

Floyd County Seed

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Dear Santa,
 I want a trampoline and a doll. My cousins Cody, Brynn, Stacie, and Kyle will be at my Granny Smith's house. I will leave you cookies and milk.
 Love,
 Heather Ware

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I wish you could give me a teddy bear and teddy rox pin. have a merry christmas and two things some earrings and rings.
 Love,
 Jackie, 2A

Dear Santa,
 I want a Pooch Patrol. I want a surprise for my sisters. And for my mom and for my dad.

Thank you Santa Claus,
 Robert Dunlap
 P.S. Mrs. Crow wrote this for me.

Dear Santa,
 Santa I want a baby doll. Santa I want a baby bed for my babys and a high chair.
 I Love you santa,
 April

Dear Santa,
 I want a Motersicle ples and a hat for my motersicle.
 Thank you,
 Joe, 2A

Dear Santa,
 I wot a Bice. Santa I wot a dole. Santa I wot a barbe. Santa I wot a bed. Santa I wot a fawers.
 I love you Santa,
 Ruby C., 2A

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I wish for a nintendo. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
 Love,
 Matthew R., 2A

Dear Santa Claus,
 I like you. Please come in your sleigh. I want a western belt and a western gun, a green John Deere tractor, a saxophone and a Santa Claus mask. My daddy wants a race car set. Would you bring Tanner, my baby brother, a rattle. I will leave you cookies with raisins in it.
 Love,
 Taylor Sue, age 3

Dear Santa,
 I have been a very good boy this year. I hope you and the reindeers have a safe trip to Floydada, Christmas. I hope you will bring me a Ninja Turtle suitcase and camera. I would like a workshp, so I can build stuff like my Dad, and an alarm clock (with Alvin Chipmunk on the back by the numbers).
 Love,
 Skyler Cornelius, age 5

Dear Santa,
 I want a nintendo and a remot controll car for Christmas. Bring my sister a baby doll. We have been good girls.
 Mandy and Kami Holbert

Dear Santa,
 I wont a BeB gun in a vido gams ind nintendo. I wont a rastrac in a truck.
 Orlando Perez, 2C

Dear Santa,
 I want a Bart Simpson and watch and nintendo and video game and barbie. Merry Christmas.
 I love you,
 Bridgett Burleson, 2C

Dear Santa,
 I wot a remote control car. I bin a good boy.
 Isaac Ramirez, 2-C

Dear Santa,
 I want a new keyboard and a new bike and a new nintendo and a new Video game and a new remote control car.
 Love,
 Tyrel Fuller 2C

Dear Santa,
 I want a nintendo How are you doing santa. I am ntee to people.
 Merry Christmas,
 Josh Caballero, 2C

Dear Santa,
 I would like some fishes. That's all.
 Love,
 Daisy Reyes, K-2

Dear Santa,
 I want a jeep and I'd like it remote control. For my siste a dolly. A barbie car for my sister.
 Love,
 Frank Hernandez, K-2

Dear Santa,
 I want a New Kids or the block bage. I want a barbie set. I wa a video game. I want a teddy bear. I wat a little Baby barbie. I have bin a googirl.
 Love,
 Macy Pena, 2C

Dear Santa,
 I want a keyboard. I wnt a car. I also want a watch.
 Love,
 Michal Verone, 2C

Dear Santa,
 I wish toys and dolls anywtevr. I am triyen hard to be the Star of the Week.
 Thank you,
 Yvette

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I wish for a doll and I wish for a shoes and I wish for a puppy and I wish for a bike.
 Love,
 Laura Mendez, 2A

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I wish you will bring me a motrcycle.
 I lve You,
 Majel, 2-A

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I wont a toy Jeep. That's all.
 I Love You,
 Sam H. 2A

Dear Santa,
 Ples get me a Nintendo With the gun and some games.
 Merry Christmas,
 Ismael Arevalo, 2-C

Dear Santa,
 I want a bart simpson phone and a Nintendo and black Blue jins and British Knits and a Vanalla Ice tape and a walk man Becus my sister alwas gets to hear iny kind of music in the car oh I want baby oh oh and I Loveed talking to you.
 Love,
 Alicia Hinojosa, 2-C

Dear Santa,
 Get me a guitar.
 Buddy Garcia, 2-C

Dear Santa,
 I Want a nintendo for Christmas so I can play with my sister and I want a Bar Simpson for christmas to so I can play with my sister.
 Merry Christmas,
 Evie Salinas, 2-C

Dear Santa,
 I want a Game Boy and Video Game bat is all I was good.
 Love,
 Max Garza, 2C

Dear Santa,
 I want a skatebord for Christmas. I have been good this year. P.S. don't run over grany with your raindere.
 Love,
 Lana McCandless, 2C

Dear Santa,
 Ples try to get me a remote control car and a skateboard.
 Love,
 Ray Perez, 2C

Dear Santa,
 Please give me a keybord. And new kids on block, books. I love you very much.
 Love,
 Charla Davis, 2C

Dear Santa,
 I want a nintendo for Christmas and a remote control car I have been good.
 Merry Christmas,
 Mandy Holbert, 2C

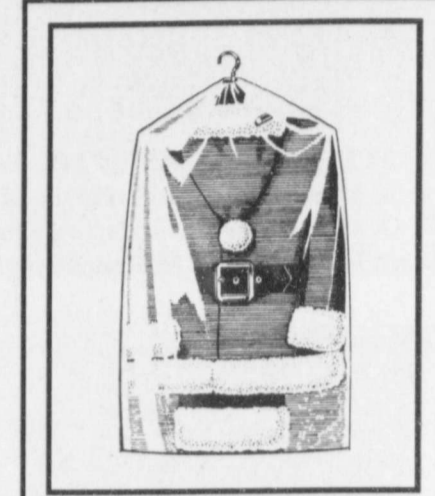
Dear Santa,
 This Christmas I would like a puppy a bike, new shoes, new doll, a new play house, I want to have a nice Christmas this year.
 Love,
 Deborah 3-D

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like a magic nurserce baby. But if I don't act right I can't get nuthing for Christmas. If you don't by me that than by my little sister a pretty balrena. I know that I will act right becuz I want the magic nurserce baby. I will give you milk and cookie whin you go to my house.
 Love,
 Daisy Lye Charles 3-D

Dear Santa,
 This Christmas I would like a football suit with the pads and pant with the shoes and helmet fore my brother I want a batman toy fore mom and dad a big Bere.
 Love,
 Michael 3-B

Dear Santa,
 This Christmas I would like Sandy the writer. And Baby Aalive. Also if my mother didn't get me gogo I would like that to.
 P.S. whin you come to my house donst mind to wake me up.
 Love your frend,
 Breanna

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a Baby oh-oh Becase she do's funny stuff. Please bring me a baby bubbles Becase she blows bubbles. Please bring me a New kids on the block phone. So I could call my feinds any time I want.
 Love,
 Cynthia Hernandez 2-B



A Wonderful Holiday Is In The Bag!
 Hope yours suits you to perfection.

Mr. T's Cleaners

Dear Santa,
 This Christmas I would like to have a new born baby. Aso a new kids on the block movie. Aso a magic hair.

Love,
 Nancy Marmolejo 3-C
 P.S. Don't forget my mom and dad Bother.

Dear Santa,
 This Christmas I would like a Giants football suit. I want a wach an Bike.
 Love,
 Eric 3-B

Dear Santa,
 This Christmas I would want a Nitendo or a 49ers football suit, pads for Christmas. I will have fun with one of these thigs evry time win my my frands want to play with me. I will leav coockies for Santa.
 Love,
 Daniel 3-C

MERRY CHRISTMAS
 Your kind support is a most wonderful gift. We thank you.

True Value
 HARDWARE STORES

Davis & Sons
 True Value Builders Mart

GREETINGS

Behold His blessing for it brings hope to all mankind.
 In appreciation of your continued good will and patronage. Have a very joyous season.
Brown Implement

JOY TO THE WORLD
 Tune up for a great holiday! We're glad to express our appreciation for your business and support.

Weem's Texaco

PAX

Merry Christmas to you and yours.
Quality Body Shop

Dear Santa Claus,



SANTA CLAUS VISITS FLOYDADA CHILDREN -- Following his arrival by fire truck in early December, Santa took time out from his busy schedule to stroll around the courthouse square and talk with various local children. Each was eager to whisper their Christmas wishes into his listening ear. Children were rewarded for their enthusiasm with a Christmas candy cane and a merry "Ho, Ho, Ho!"
Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a Geetar and a BB gun and a footBall and a Bike and a trailer and motersicle and a nintendo and a lot of nintendo games.

Love,
Renan 3-F

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a Dall and a reber foot and one more thing a new bed for me.

Love,
Amanda Williams 3-C

Dear Santa,
I want a Ninja Turtle and Bart Simpson. Bring my uncle something. I want earrings for my Mom.

I Love you,
Jason Aleman, K-1



Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would Like a drum set and a bike and Hulk Cogen.

Love,
Mark Guteirrez 3-F

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a Big Trampfen and a baby Heather, Little Miss Magic hair, baby alive, and a nintendo - Mario I. When you come If you don't mind wake me up.

Love,
Kayla 3-E

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a train set. Please bring my little bother a fire truck.

Love,
Logan 2b

Dear Santa,
I would like a game boy with mario brother 3, Tyco Quints, New kids on the block black watch, PJ Sparkles, Baby-Uh-Oh.

P.S. Thank you
Love,
Erin Ralston 2-B

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a Barbie Doll and clothes, a bracelet, a teddy bear, new shoes, clothes for me, a jump rope, new colors and coloring book, I have being a good girl.

Love,
Cecilia Lopez K-4

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want Ninja Turtles, a big dinosaur, a car, a superman, a spiderman, new clothes, shoes, and a new coat, the Ninja turtles van.

Love,
Christopher Hernandez K-4

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want a tent, a Baby Sparkles, A Barbie Wet & Wild, Mickey Mouse Lunch Pal, Binoculars, and a Ice Cream Shop by Barbie.

Love,
Ragan Beedy K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo, a bike, Atari, a brown bear, a cover for the bear.

Love,
Eric Garza K-4

Dear Santa,
I wota Go Go Walking Pup pleas. And a Baby Oh-Oh pleas And a New Kids on the Block pleas. And a jogging suit And BB gun.

Mary Rodriguez 2-B

Dear Santa,
Bring Jamie a Go Go My Walking Pup. Bring Mark a Nintedo. Bring Terri a Baby Bubbles. Bring momy and dady a jogging suit, and me a Baby Uh-Oh.

Love,
April Warren 2-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Go Go Walking pup and please bring me a Baby Bubbles and please bring me a sparkles.

Love,
Elizabeth Rodriguez 2-B

Dear Santa,
Please give Dea a New kids on the blok fone. Give me please a remote control fire truck and wet suit.

Love,
Austin Campbell 2-B

Dear Santa,
Please give me that doll Go Go Walking pup. Please give me that doll Baby Uh-Oh. Please Baby Sparkles. Please give me New Kids on the Block. Please give me Baby Bubbles. Please give me Mickey Mouse.

Love,
April Molinar 2-B

Dear Santa,
For Christmas an Atari, a Monopoly game, a teddy bear, play make-up, and a ring, some Barbie Dolls and clothes, Santa I have being a very good girl.

Love,
Dalia Zungia K-4

Dear Santa,
Please give a New Kids on the Block jogging suit. Please give Kyle a stereo. Please give my mom a cat. Please give my dad some jeans. Please give DJ. a big long bone.

Love,
Kelsy Lynn Pierce 2-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some skats and a nintendo. and for my sister she would like a New Kids sleeping bag. and for mom a glass case and dad a car.

Love,
Shawnda Owens 2-B



Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Doll, a train, a coloring book and new clothes. For Brad I want sticker and for Brent new clothes.

Love,
Brandi Cruz K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a jump rope, a Barbie, a bike, a waterbed and a skeleton doll. Bring J a jumprope and San Jui a doll.

Love,
Amanda Barrera K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a doll, I have bee a good girl.

Love,
Elsa Medrano K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a Fittin Baby, Baby Talk, and a ballerina. For my brother Kendrick I want Batman.

Love,
Tiffany Davis K-4

Dear Santa,
I want Batman, Robo cop, Joker, Pee Wee Herman, Bat mobile, a race car, Ninja Turtle, a dinosaur, a Batman airplane. For Stacey I want a baby that cries and a toothbrush.

Love,
Dustin Griggs K-4

Dear Santa,
I would like a race car to get in so I can press the gas pedal. I also want a superman that can have his cap put on and off. I would also like a small gun with yellow bullets. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Kellen Wyrick K-4

Dear Santa,
I would like a Ballerina doll, a little book and new red shoes, I have been a good girl. I also want sock for my dad.

Love,
Marisella Peralez K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a little car, a toy man, a Santa Clause toy.

Love,
Robert Rivera K-4

Dear Santa,
I want some Mutant Ninja Turtles and He-Man toys. I would like a gold ring for my Mom.

I Love you,
Todd Williams, K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a backpack, a Wet -N- Wild Barbie Doll. Morgan wants new shoes, I think and bring her blocks. I also want a Ballerina, a baton, a little book and a bunny rabbit.

Love,
Ashley Norrell K-4

Dear Santa,
Scaets! Lovable new born! Shoes! Cloths! A Real dimund ring! Car bed! Tent! Play house! power wheels barbie.

Love,
Andi

Dear Santa,
I what the hole set of the M.C. Hammer Close and I what some shoes Like M.C. Hammer's to and I want super moreo brother 3. the Nintendo.

Jamie Durelle Davis, 3B

Dear Santa,
for Cristmas I Want a game boy and some walkey talkeys real ones Santa and how about cold cash about 30 bucks or 50 but give me any one and a car that doesent got a wire a remote control car.

Rene, 3B

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. So, could you please bring me: a Nintendo, Bat cave, Game boy, Skate board and a radio control monster truck. For my brother Justin, bring him a: batman bike, My Buddy and Lego's.

When you arrive at my house there will be milk and cookies under the Christmas tree. Have a safe trip. "I'll be waiting,"

Jeremy and Justin Duran
P.S. Don't forget to deliver presents to all the other boys and girls.

Dear Santa,
I want a little miss baby alive and some pants and a coat I want a little miss spaercols and a girl bike and a barbie boy and girl and a little miss oh-oh.

Love,
Ericka

Dear Santa,
I want a little miss makeup, and a little miss dressup, I want a little miss magic hair. and I want baby alive I want a little miss oh-oh and a little barbie ice cream maker and I want a barbie townhouse and I want some lipstick and my walking bog go-go and a perie and a little miss spaercols.

Love,
Vanessa

Dear Santa,
I want a dolly suprise and some markers For Christmas.

Love,
Joan

Dear Santa,
I want the Turtle blimp and a Pizza thrower. Please give Hiedi a bone. Give me some skates and the Turtle sewer, Flushamode, Rat king, Muckman and Joe eyeball, Scumbug, Muiganman and the real movie of the Turtles and the movie Mighty Rocksteady and Super Bebop.

Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a 1. power wheels barbie corvet, 2. a real diary, 3. some jewelry, 4. a gum ball machine, 5. colored paper, 6. some dressup makeup, 7. finger nail polish, 8. Clothes, 9. shoes and 10. markers

Love,
Bonnie



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your season be merry and bright.

Don's Muffler Shop



MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Goose or turkey, ham or roast,
A table set by gracious host,
And all the family gathered near
To celebrate and spread good cheer!*

*We bow our heads with yours in thanks for
the many blessings He has given us, not the
least of which is an abundance of loving
friends and neighbors like you.*

Pay-n-Save

Johnny Summers, Manager

Christmas Never Goes Out of Style
In the spirit of peace and joy, we offer greetings and thanks to each of you.

Sue's Gifts
Sue and Glenna

For Christmas, I would like to have...

Dear Santa,
I want My sister to have Peris and little. Miss Magick hare. Baby alicie. Baby hu ho. Barbiy Ice cream macker. Barbiy town house.

Christy

Dear Santa
I want a little miss make up, and a little miss dress up, I want a little miss mage hair, and brbe close, and some clos, and some shos and some dolls, and dog go go and some make up.

Love, Irma

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want Nintindo game, an a ninja turtle, and gold card, and a joke book.

Love, Roger

Dear Santa,
I want a little miss make up, little miss dress up, babby alive, and swatch. I want some dress and some markers and little miss magieck hair, barbie ice cream maker, barbie town house and lib stick, make up.

From, Tamara

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy for Christmas. I want it to be a fire dog with black spots on it. I would be the best puppy ever.

Love, Tasha

Dear Santa,
I want game boy bucus I like it and I never played game boy and I want it!

Good, Ruben

Dear Santa,
I want a basicol and a barby and a Book Nutcracker, and I want a marckrs and a beg box.

From, Consuelo

Dear Santa,
I want a gold car and a notch sikl and gum toes and sum toys.

Luv, Jermaine

Dear Santa,
I want a pup and a kitten and I want a nintindo.

J.J.

Dear Santa,
I want a cocerspenel puppy and a simescat and a train set and a bird.

Love, Jonathan

Dear Santa,
I wot a play dog pooch patrol, and a ril pup, and a power wheel, and a big tree. Hav a Happy Christmas Santa Claus.

Corey Hurt, 1-E

Dear Santa,
I wot a Babre and a cin and desk and pig and a babe and a sweg and a cat and a dog and a Bar Simpson and a I Love you Santa have a happy Christmas.

Abby Sanders, 1-E

Dear Santa,
I cannot wait tell you cum I miss you alot ples cum to my hous. I Wont a trampoline and a doll and I will put you out cookies and milk.

From, Heather Ware, 1-E

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo game and a cap gun and bow and it with a knife with some pants and some shirts.

Alex, 3-D

Dear Santa,
I wot to go to you. But I cannot. I am sure. I wot a ril pup, can you Bring me it. I cannot vesit you. Wot I Wot for Christmas is a Sparcll Doll. I also wot a Sparcll Bob Doll.

Laura Miller 1-E

Santa Claus,
I like pups i wut a ril pup dog delmasn, radeo, dress and a braslet, erregs, neklis, barber car, barb doll, pig.

Love, Juraheec, 1-E

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a barbie car. Also a lot of dolls, also a Nintendo, also a dady alive, also a water bed, also a computer, also a perse, also Jessus sparkle, also mick mouse.

Love, Lisa

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pretty grils bike without a banna seat. I want a lissie doll it is a newborn. I want everything that is a Barbie stuff.

Love, Cindy DuBois, 2-E



Dear Santa,
Ples give me a robote his name is Erick and a Christmas tree in my room, a computer in my room.

Love, Robert

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I wish you could bring me a Ballarina. A doll that eats in a plat and I could chanch her pamper and she will drink a botel and a baby. I have been good at school.

Love, Vanessa Medina, 2-A

Dear Santa Claus,
I wunt a camru and I want a los of presents to and a lot and at scool I hope the teshers read a lot uv Crismos books and I hop I git for a prensens a rabbit and a cat and a dog and a noo barbabe and a computer and I hop I get all the thing I wunt.

Love, Cecilia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a 1,000,000 and a red corvet and a swimen pool and a Hot tube and a compter and a mintifoon.

Love, Rowdy Derryberry

Dear Santa,
I want red cermero and 1000000 dalar, and pool tatlle and a black corvette, and hot tube, and a VCR and some tiles and a black touroe and a golf clubs and a 1960 covete.

Love,

Clint Fyffe

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a barbie, I want Kin barbie, I want a stroler to. I want new trestre dreawrs. I want a magic nursey doll, I want a nentindo, I want a ice cream maker I want a pony, I want a baby alive.

Love, Lisa Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a barbie car, and my Ice cream set, and some L.A. Grers, and I want a doll that talk, and I want a barbie set, and I want a bike, and I want alive baby, and also I want pretty girls, and I want criket and I want my walkig pet, and I want a Litel dog, and I want my Real barbie house, And I want my baking cake set and I want a swimming pool, and I want a trample leane.

Love, Shanta, 2-E

Dear Santa Claus,
I wot Babey Spoks, I wot Babey ulf, I wot a Bobey.

Love, Erika Tafayo, 2-E

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a boll called t,j, spakles, I want baby alive, I want litt miss magic hair, I want a barby car, I want a ice cream maker I want a barby townhouse, I want a cute dress and I want fake makkcup.

Love, Valerie G., 2-F

Dear Santa,
I want a nintindo gam, and a fierbid, I want a van to, I want a horse.

Love,

Marcos

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicke and a Christmas tree in my room I want a poster of you and another Nintendo.

By Erick J. Gomez

Dear Santa Claus,
for Cristmas I want a sister and a Barbie car and a computer and a tv and tape recorder and a baby alive miss magic heir ice cream maker and a nentindo and a V.C. are and a pony.

Love, Nicole Odom

Dear Santa,
I want a corvet with licens krse.

Love, J.J. Medrano

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby aliev and a real cat, Santa Claus and one more thing a real car.

Love, Erika Yvette Eguia

Dear Santa Claus,
I wont Baby alive and Jessus sparcl and I wont a borby and I wont a bresent for my dad I am yoycato, Biy him a thruck for my dad and I wont Borby car and I wont many and I want a caplack for my dad and I wont for my mom I wont a dack pan for my mom and that is it.

Love, Esmeralda

Dear Santa,
I want a reyl corvet and a hot rod.

Luve, Daniel

Dear Santa,
I want a bebe gun, IF40 ferrie nocunjrul car, ninje turtles nintendo game, power glove, game boy, punch out the game.

Love, J.J. Morales

Dear Santa,
I want a doll named magic nursery doll and a deck of cards, I want a game it drives me bonckers, I also want a nintendo game called Dr. Mario if my sister doeset get it for Christmas, I'd love to have a toy that I would use alot and I don't care what it is and I want lots of toys for Christmas and if I red has a magic nursery doll from my granmother then don't get it an less it is diffrent or if it is a twin, But I don't care what I get I giste want a toy I hope you have a good jerry home and have a great Christmas I will see you next year I hope so.

Love, Kylan
I Love You Santa



Dear Santa,
I want a Magic nursery doll for Christmas I want it to be twins so I can have two, I also want a nintendo and a cloth doll stroller, I also want a dancing princess and ballerina, I also want a M.C. Hammer tape.

Jody Bueno, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie doll.

Love, Tina Rodriguez, K-1

Dear Santa,
Santa I want a bibigun and a Nintendo game and I want a motorcycle, I hope you could get me thes things and I want a notcuntrl big foot pleas I want a game boy, with 1 games I well tell you which ones dinosaurs and I want the power gluve I want my nintendo game to be punch out, Well I got to go by Santa.

From, Artemio, 3-B

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a radio and Super Mario Bros. III for Christmas, I will be ate my mamas, gramalls, and my house, So you can bring it to any house you want to, This is going to be a very fun Christmas, Ow by the way I soll you last Christmas.

Sencerly, Francis

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a rub-a dup-dolly, I want a magic nursery, I want a hush little baby, I want baby shivers, For my mom I want a cup that says mom, I want a little ballerina that moves when you wind her, For my dad he wants some hagerchifis, For my sister she wants a stereo, In my and my sisters stocig put candy canes.

Sincerly, Christine Pesina

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a cristmas doll, And a dressing dazle set a box of tapes, But my specle wish is let evryone be happy on cristmas day, I want a box of movies and a candy machine and a big jam box, And I want new boots for the Stok Show, And new clothes.

Sincerly, Randy Duke

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I wan't Magic nursery baby and nintendo game and like Zelda, Supper Mario brothers 2 and 3, A diamond ring and nechless, I also want baby sparkels and a swing set and a teeter totter and a wagon I also want a pretty pinh and white dress, I also want pretty dancing ballerina.

Love, Cynthia Chavez, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I want a diamond for Christmas and a lot, I want a bike and some nintendo games, Get my sister a dolly, Get my mom ring, Get my dad a motorcycle, Get my dog a bone.

Angie Arellano

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a b-b gun, I also want a magic trics, You now I would like a new pare of pump it up shous too! Don't forget thos resting budes from tonka, My momys thinking of giving me a train set too.

Love, Hector, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I would like a pear of jeans, And a train set and I would like two nenja turtles.

Sincerly, Christopher Scott M., 3-C



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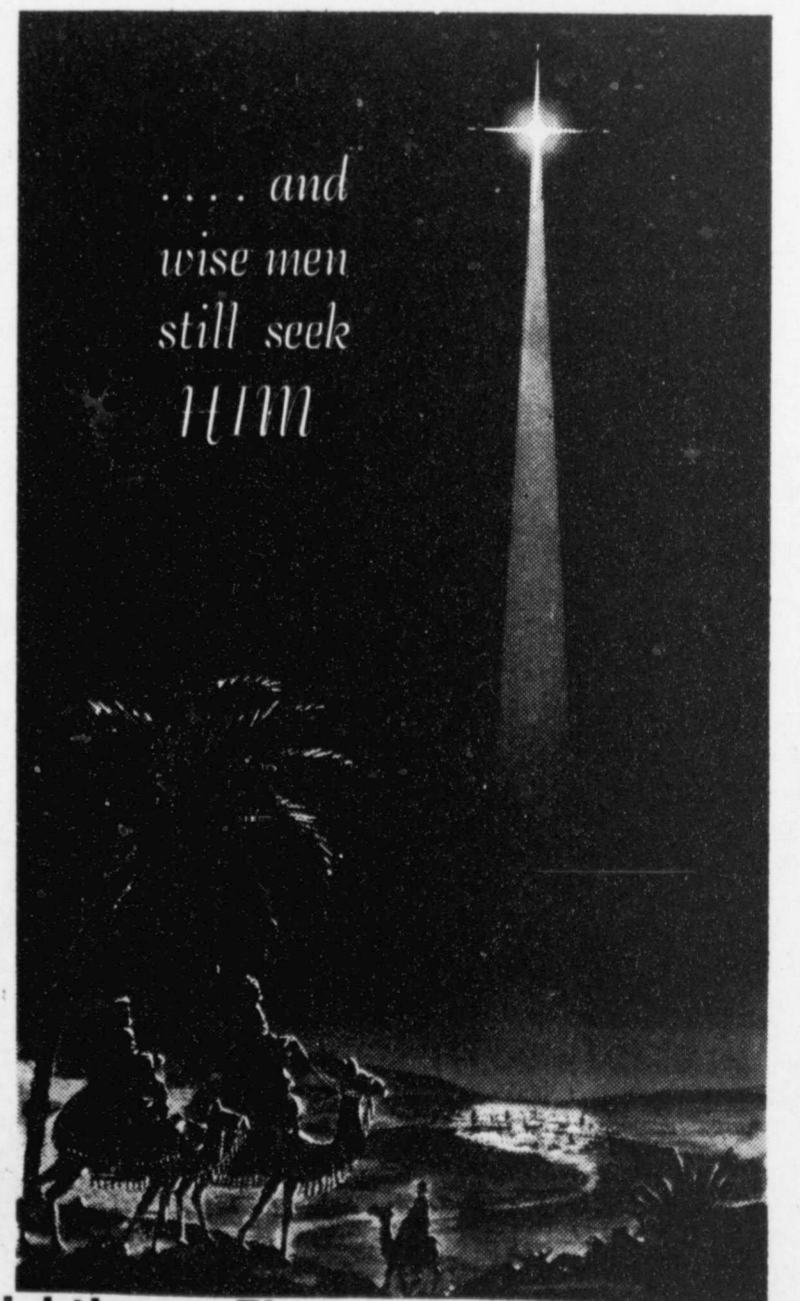
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Dear Santa Claus, please bring ...



I BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS -- This little cupie doll with the face of a happy angel can look forward to a sweet treat after her visit with Santa Claus. He passed out the traditional red and white striped candy canes while hearing the "Please bring me..." lists of local youngsters eager to see that their wants went directly to Santa's ear while he was in Floydada earlier this month to kick off the celebration of this holiday season.
Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a Ninja turtle. I would really like Rafael.
Love,
Jacob Morales, K-3

Dear Santa,
I would like a Ninja Turtle costume. Also, please bring me a remote control car. Thank you.
Love,
Isidro Juarez, K-3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some playing cards and a Barbie doll. Thank you!
Love,
Melissa, K-3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pink Barbie doll car and a Barbie. Also I would like a boy baby doll. Thanks.
Love,
Tracy Ramirez, K-3

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Alive doll. I would also like a trampoline. Thank you.
Love,
Jamie Johnston, K-3

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a toy rifle. I need a belt. Please bring a toy gun for my baby. A fishing rod for my dad. Rings for my mom. Thank you.
Love,
Manuel Hernandez III, K-3

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a skateboard and some colors. Thanks!
Love,
Joel Jarrett, K-3



Dear Santa,
I want two bikes. One for me and one for my brother.
Love,
Jaime

Dear Santa,
I want Little Miss Dress Up, a bike, a little blue bike for my brother, Little Miss Makeup, a coloring book, a scooter and a scooter board.
Love,
Jessica

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want T.J. Sparkles and some purple and pink bicycles for my sisters. For my Mom and Dad you can bring a new clock. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Brooke

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I want a Ninja Turtle for Christmas and another one too. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Junior

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I want a doll for my sister. How is Rudolph?
Love,
Ruddy

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring my baby brother a turtle. You can bring me a purple bike. My mom wants a watch and my dad too.
Love,
Gloria

Dear Santa,
I need a bike. It needs to be pink. Bring Daniel a car to drive. My mom wants a glass. Linda would like a ring. James wants a He-Man toy.
Love,
Amanda

Dear Santa,
Give me some toys. Give me a candy cane. Give me an ice cream barbie. Bring my mom make-up, and a jewelry box for me. I want a Baby Bubbles and T.J. Sparkles.
Love,
Sheila

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I haven't decided what I want yet. When I visit you I will know.
Love,
David

Dear Santa,
I want a three-wheeler. My dog needs a dog bone. I also want a Rub-a-Dub Dolly. For my brother, bring two pull back cars. For my Mom and Dad, they need a new clock for their room real bad. Please bring one dog dish for Snowball. Happy New Year to you and Mrs. Claus.
Love,
Holly

Dear Santa,
I want a black bike and black high tops. I want a crayon glass, blocks, a stove and refrigerator.
Love,
Ricky

Dear Santa,
I want a dog. Make him black so I can name him Rene. I want a cat too.
Love,
Rene

Dear Santa,
Happy New Year. I want Micro-Machines. That's all.
Love,
Dustin

Dear Santa,
I Love You! Could you buy me a Rub-a-Dub Dolly, Little Miss Magic, a Barbie that glows and Little Miss Dress up.
Love,
Margo

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a real black horse with a saddle and bridle.
Love,
Laura Reddy, K-3

Dear Santa,
A Barbie Corvette and a play Santa Claus and his reindeer. I want some play dishes, a table and a stove. Please bring Cody a Ninja Turtle and some candy. For Mama I want a new jacket and for Daddy I want a three-wheeler.
Love,
Kayla Stovall, K-2

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie house and a New Kids on the Block sleeping bag. I want a bike. That's all.
Love,
Danuta Torrez, K-2

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pellet gun. Bring my sister a Barbie doll and a pink bicycle. That's all.
Love,
Cody Dorris, K-2

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing very good. I hope you are making all the toys that you can make. I would like a doctor kit and a Batman suit, a Ninja Turtle suit and a Batman car.
Love,
Chase Tipton, K-2

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbee Ice Cream Shop, the Barbees that glow in the dark and a New Kids on the Block T-shirt. For my mom I would like an oven and a ring. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Marlena Garcia, K-3

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Christmas present. I would like Frosty the Snowman. I want a ghost too.
Love,
Leticia Campos, K-2

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll and a pony for Barbie. Thank you.
Your friend,
Cori Tierce, K-1

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a neckles I also want a p.j. Sprckos and a baby aalive.
Love,
Yolanda Avila 3-C

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a big train set then I want game boy with all of the games and the power glove and power pad plus a pupie and a jambox. I also want a pelet gun and ero gun, peny gun and doctor mario.
Mark

Hello Santa,
Guess what I want for Christmas. I want a pelet gun and a motorcycle. And a rifle. And a football. And a watch and a gamboy. And a cartrige for my Nintendo.
Adrian



Dear Santa,
I want a go cart and a bow and arrow. Please bring my brother a little tiny jeep. Have a good Christmas, Santa.
I Love you,
Chase Mitchell, K-1

Dear Santa,
I want Ninja Turtle sets and Batman toys. I would like to have a Power Sword. My Mom would like a diamond ring, and my Dad would like some gloves. My Grandpa would like a pretty picture, and my Grandpa would like a cap.
Your friend,
Jason Henderson, K-1

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Ninja Turtle. Please bring my brothers and sisters something.
I Love you,
Chris Longoria, K-1

Dear Santa,
I would like to have Baby Bubbles. I want a ring for my Mommy and a new briefcase for my Daddy. Mason would like a wrestling Buddy.
Love,
Madison Becker K-1

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Ninja Turtle. Michael Angelo is my favorite.
Love,
Lewis Fawver, K-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie and a Ninja turtle. My sister wants a Barbie also. Bring my mom a ring and a wallet for my dad.
Love you,
Adriana Gonzales, K-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me the ninja turtles and Batman. Bring my mom a ring and bring my dad a car.
Thank you,
Manuel Medina, K-1


Dear Santa,
I want a Ninja turtle and a car. Bring my mom some clothes and some pants for my dad. Also bring my baby brother lots of toys.
Love you,
David Garcia, K-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and the Ninja turtles. Bring my mom a dress and my dad some boots.
Love you,
Sammy Rojo, K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a Barbie. I will leave you milk and cookies when you come to my house.
Love,
Mari Mendoza, K-1


Dear Santa,
I want a walking dog and the baby shivers doll. Please bring my mom a T-shirt with pretty things on it. Also bring my dad some pants.
Merry Christmas,
Maggie Vick, K-1

Dear Santa,
I would like a big toy truck. Just please bring me anything.
Love,
Gerald Henderson, K-3



We Know That You've Been Good!

Many thanks and a Merry Christmas to all!



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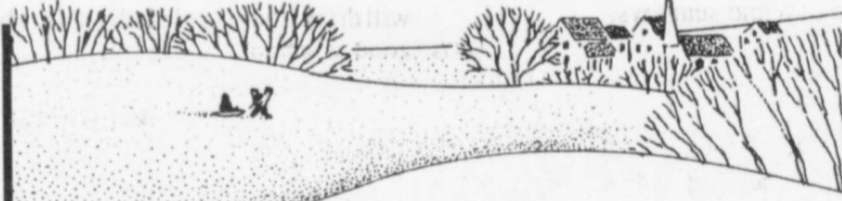
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Dear Old St. Nicholas, lean your ear this way

Dear Santa,
I want a Little Mermaid doll and a pretty ballerina. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Chelsea Kirk, K-3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a skooter. Also, I would like a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle T-shirt. Thanks!
Love,
Brady Rainwater K-3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a T.V. with a VCR. Also I would like Barbie Ice Cream Shop and a battery powered Barbie Corvett big enough for me to ride in. I also want a glow in the dark Barbie.
Love,
Malorie Gomez, K-3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll and the Barbie Ice Cream Shop. Also I would like a Barbie car for me to ride in.
Love,
Sabrilla Green, K-3



Dear Santa,
I would like a back-hoe tractor that is remote control one. Happy Santa!
Love,
Chris Wickware, K-2

Dear Santa,
I would like a B-B gun fake. And a sword that has black stuff. I would like one of those Barbie Corvettes for my sister and a racing car for me and another corvette for my other sister. I'd like a new jacket. I want a little table for my little sister that's 3 and a ball for my little brother.
Love,
Joshua Galvan, K-2

Dear Santa,
I want a Rub-a-dub-dub dolly. I want a real, real horse and a little man eraser. I want to be the Star of the Week. I want some ABC blocks and a big colored balloon. I want a cup with ice in it and Teddy Ruxpin and a slapper.
Love,
Elizabeth Blair, K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Barbie. That's all I want.
Love,
Naome Longoria, K-2

Dear Santa,
I wish I could get a jambox and my brother got a train. And that is on Christmas Day is Jesus's birthday.
Love,
Janna Szydoski, K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Barbie and a trampoline. I would like a swimming pool too.
Love,
Tina Gomez, K-2

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a presas. I am Laura. I like presas. But I wot you too Bring me a doll for Christmas.
Love,
Laura, 1-D

Dear Santa,
Mi name is Brandon. I am a ferst grader at Ducan Limatree. I am in 1-B. I like to play boxon. I wot a monsters truck. I wot corvet car.
Brandon Marler, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I wot a remot cars.
Love,
Scott Nixon, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I am a girl my name is Brenna. I am in first grade. I like to play ball. I want a nuthr sticr book.
Love,
Brenna, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I am Cayla. I go to Duncan. I like to read books. They help you. I want some Barbis for Christmas.
Love,
Cayla, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I am a girl I go to Ducken Elumchey Skool. I lik to do work and I lik to stay with my techer. For Christmas I wot a thrampalen and a doll.
Love,
Heather, 1-D

Dear Santa,
Mi name is Rebecca. I go to Duc-inlumtree. You hav seen me. I like to opun presuns from you I wot a tap ov no mor gams.
Love,
Rebecca, 1-D

Dear Santa,
My name is Joseph. My scool is A.B. Ducn. I play football. I want a football set.
Love,
Joseph, 1-D

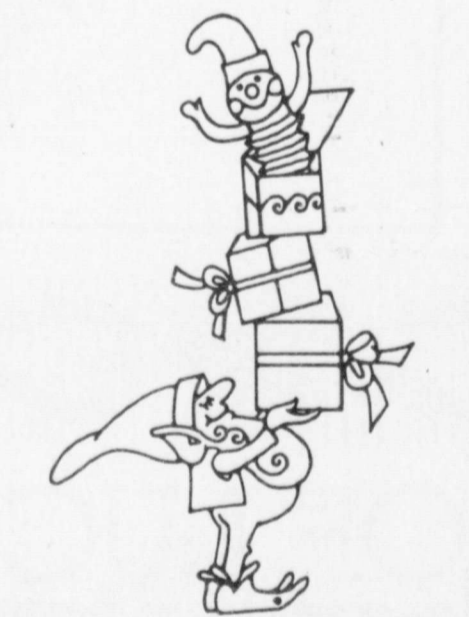
Dear Santa,
My name is Corey. I lik to play bol tag. I want new robot and don norocce and I want a play TV and merry christmas. I am in 1-E.
Love,
Corey, 1-E

Dear Santa,
Im Lindsey. Santa, I want a rel good tv. and a rel TV I want dog.
Love,
Lindsey

Dear Santa,
My name is Trisha. Im in the first grad. I go to Ducan Elmiche Scol and I rid. for Christmas I wut a noo Kids on the Block. Which is all Noo Kids on the Block stuf. And iniy thank of Now Kids on the Block Stuff.
I Love You,
Trisha, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I am Brad and I am first grad and I wood like a truck and car.
Brad, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I am Jessica Castaneda. For Christmas I want a Barbis. I go in Lmenchre I go in ferst grade.
Jessica, 1-D



Dear Santa,
Please bring Maria a nintendo, And Alicia a New Kids on the Block poster. And me a Baby Uh-Oh.
Sincerely,
Sylvia Nunez
Thank you Santa!

Dear Santa,
I can't wait till Christmas comes so I can open my presents. I just wanted to right to you so I can tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like some ropers, porslin doll, barbie doll, precious moments doll, teddy bear, also a neckless that has a V on it, some stacies, penny loafers, bubble gum machine. Also I would like a New Kids on The Block tape.
Love Your Friend,
Veronica Galvan, 3-E

Dear Santa,
This year I want a L.A. Raider football suit, the suit turtle, the party wagon, a Miami Dolphins suit. Santa I hope I have been nice enouf. But for now by.
Love,
Jeffrey

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessie Lee. I like to play ball. I wont for Christmas I want Mrs. Majeck. I em from A.B. Almentry School.
Love,
Jessie Lee, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I am Zane. I am first grade at Duncan Lumian. I am 6. I wunt futdosoort and helmet and some pads. I love you.
Zane, 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Well here are just a few things I'd like to have for Christmas. A pretty sweater, a bike and some New Kids on the Block dolls. For my little brother a Ninja turtle and a night light. For my big brother some pants and a genises. For my mom and Dad a new house. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Maria Rangel, 3-E

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine. Here are some things I would like to have, a new ring, I would also like to have a new marker set. It would be nice to have a new bow. I want to have a new teddy bear. Thats about all.
Love,
Erin D., 3-E

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is...A doll with red rosy cheeks, for everyone to be well and healed, 7 slap bracelets.
Love,
Tara Gilly, 3-E

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a new bike, a Little Miss Makkup and a new 4 pack of Beverly Cleary books. For my 1st sister I want a party Cabbage Patch Kid. For my other sister I want a baby Cabbage Patch Kid. For my mom and dad I want a new Christmas tree. For my brother I want a new bed. I think that is all. I don't want you to make more than 2 trips to my house.
Love,
Erika Miller

P.S. Please try to make it to my house this year.
Love your friend,
Shannon Smith, 3-E

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I want a barbie car, tinker toys, cute clothes, ceramic to work on and some markers. I also want to thank you for all the gifts that you gave me last Christmas.
Your friend,
Shannon Smith, 3-E

Dear Santa,
I wud like a T.V., a bridel doll, telephone. I don't care what you put in my stoking. My brother Rusty is 2 he wants a nife, bonaculars, tractor. He dosent care what you put in his stoking. My mom wants a geep. My dad wants a gun, or bow, and erow. I also want some clothes, dresses. I also want a Western styl Barbie.
Love,
Kalli Ann Hopper 3-E

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Hovercraft, and a Simpsons board game, and a black pair Rebox hightops and a few surprizes.
Love your friend,
Josh Tipton, 3-E

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Baby-A-live for Christmas. I would like for you to bring a teady baer for my neace and bring my nepuhe a seat of toy cars.
Love,
Kathie Graves, 3-E

Dear Santa Clause,
I wish for Beebop and Rooksteady and Shredder and a foot sldger of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. I also want Crain. And master splinter. I want a monster truck. I want Batman and Joker. I wish for two G.I. Joes.
Love,
Kody Willis



Dear Santa,
I really hope I have been good so you will give me what I ask for and also for what I ask for my sisters. I want a teddy bear, a toy gun, and a nintendo. I want for my sisters a new blow dryer.
Love,
Jimmy Parks, 3-E

Dear Santa,
I want a new pair of shoes, the game board Twister, the play dough set called Snack Shop. Most important of all is some skates.
Love,
Jessica Coronado, 3-E

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Chicago Bulls sweat suit. I want a Nintendo game called Super Mario Bros. 3 and a game called Ninja Gaiden 2. And I want the party wagon and the turtle blimp. A.L.A. Raiders football suit and a San Francisco 49ers suit.
Love your friend,
Justin McGuire, 3-E

Dear Santa,
I would like a new ten speed bike like Mandy's. And my brother would like a Texas Tech shirt and some new shoes. My dad would like to lose weight and get some new clouthes.
Love Your Friend,
Tiffany Henderson, 3-E

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Here just fine! I will be at Lubbock soon, but I don't know when. How is Mrs. Claus? Come to my Aunt Sara's house because we have to make a 6 hour drive and we won't get there in time. I hope you make a good trip Christmas Eve night! I am waiting for Christmas because I want to know what I get for my suprizie if I'm good. I love Christmas! I love my birthday and Christmas. Because I think of baby Jesus and Mary and God and Joseph and the angels. Most of all I think about you and Jesus and God and Frosty the snowman. I love you!
Love,
Shelly Baer, 3-E

Dear Santa,
This year I've been good. I am also an only child. This year my mind does not no what I want, but some things are a flying stirefoam plane, nintendo games like the Simsons, Days of Thunder and more, stereo and much more. Talk to you next year by! Merry Christmas.
Love,
Dustin Jones, 3-E
P.S. Talk to you next year.

Dear Santa,
Miy name is Tara Lynn Williams. I want a Barbey for Christmas.
Tara Lynn Williams, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike for Chrismas. I would also like the New Kids On The Block Chrismas tape. It would be neat to have a candy cane with a santa clause face and that had arms and legs on it. I would like the Barbie dolls of New Kids Jordan, Jon, Donnie and Danny even to have the stage to go with it too. I would also like a New Kids sleeping bag and sheet and even the covers and even the bed spred too. I would also like rub-a-dub dolly and Baby-a-oh. I would like the bike to be hot yellow forsher. I would like a blue gen perse and back pack. I would like peaches moment and shevers. I would also like a flag of red, white and blue. I would also like a new calendar and new clouse and new shoes. I would also like new head bands and bows. I would like new nintendo games to and a bubble gum ball mustion. I would also like a hot pink school box to. I would like new crayons and scizors and aspichily markers too. Santa Claus I love you.
Love,
Karen Wyrick, 3-E

Dear Santa,
I can't wait till Christmas! Because I like to get presents! I would like to get some new nintendo games like doctor Mario and super Mario Brothers 2. I'd like a pretios moment's doll. I'd also like the New kids Baridolls and their stage to go with it. One last thing skats.
Love your friend,
Mandy Emert, 3-E

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Tyfoon hovercraft and lego. My sister would like lego and model horses and ceramic pigs.
Love,
Shane Lloyd, 3-E

Dear Santa,
I can't wait for Christmas to come! Because I want to open a lot of presents! I would like to get about two computer games from you. My little sister Traci, wants a tricycle from you also. I would also like a precius moments doll. I will leave you cookies and milk from Traci and I. (I'll try to get Christmas cookies for you if there will be any where we go).
Your Biggest loving-fan,
Love,
Heather Carr, 3-E

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would like a piano keyboard, Nintindo, New Kids on the Block watch, cooking set. I will leave you some cookies and milk and leave somthing for the reindeer. Hope you have a good Christmas!
Love,
Hannah Morris

Dear Santa,
I tried to be good this year. I want to tell you somthin that is good I got to be the star of the week. My sister needs a beg cracker. My brother wants a turtle. My mother wants a mom Mangent. My dad wants a mug. And I want cool stuff.
Love,
Nancy, 2-A

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I wot a mrknt Big Foot and a bike and a four wheel.
From,
Hillvert

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want Master Spinter, April doll, All the Ninja turtles, some new shoes, and new clothes, Thank-you Santa.
Love,
Daniel Ochoa K-4

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I love you, Santa Claus



A VISIT WITH SANTA -- Wreathed in happy smiles, Floydada children took their turns on the knee of that jolly old elf, Santa Claus, when he made his appearances around town prior to Christmas. This youngster seemed to find the experience of sitting on Santa's knee a real tickler. Wearing a hat like Santa's added to the fun of the occasion as wish lists were presented to Santa in hopes that the wishes would materialize underneath the Christmas tree on Christmas morning.
Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
I want a New Kid on the block watch. I have bin a good girl this year. I want lots more. Like a New Kid on the block bag, and a Big Teddy Bear and a little kitten.

Love,
Cienna Beth Carthel, 2C

Dear Santa,
Please give me a remote control car, Video game and a key board.
Merry Christmas,
Brad Cruz, 2C

Dear Santa,
Nintendo Mickey Mouse presents Mario train sat BB Gun.

Love,
Daniel Lopez

Dear Santa,
Please give me a nintendo. And my sister a Baby Uh-Oh. My dad a nice truck. My mom a Byutiful dress. My Big Sisters a Big Shert. My Bruder a truck.

Love,
Pablo Reyes, 2-B

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like foot ball, pads and pants, I wunt boots pants and shirts

Love,
Lonny Nelson 3-B
p.s. tont forget my Mom and DaD

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like you to dring me Littel Mis Make up and a Capish Pash Kid. I think you are that nice. I Belev in you some Pepol don't but I do I hop you bring me what I want. Don't feget my mom and dad.

Love,
Nancy Chavez 3-B

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a football suit a sum boots and sum shrin and pants.

Love,
Todd 3-F



Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a car, Ninja turtle, Spintter, and April doll, and a Teenage Ninga Van. and some water guns. I have being a good boy.

Love,
Roviero Garcia K-4

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an Nintendo, A Mario Bros II game, A super Mario Bros. III and Super Mario Bros I, and Rober Cop II, and a Batman game, Mario Bros Mug and glass, a baseball card game, Ninja turtle watch, and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Joshua Aguilar K-4

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want, Nintendo, Mario Bros Game, and a big gun, a Barbie doll, a teddy bear, a Barbie swimming pool, some new clothes, shoes, and a star.

Love,
Sandra Pina K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a magic nursery doll, a cumputer that makes stuff for every buty to be happy. I also want a nice big house with a chiname and a wonful year with my famliy. Oh for my brother a camboy and a cupter to also a train. My mom a time to rest and a nice family gather with a nice big present for my dad a present for him.

Sincerely,
Leslie

Dear Santa,
Just writing you these few lines to say Hi and to say if you can give me a lot of presents. I want a lot of stuff. There are the things I want. I want a ten spede, Nintendo, rub-a-dub dolly and a nurs-ery.

Love,
Irma Camacho

Dear Santa,
I want a Keyboard and a cash register.

Love,
Kimberly Green, K-3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Bart Simpson doll and a Ninja Turtle. My brother wants a remote control race car.

Your friend,
Andrew Arvizu, K-1

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a electck getare. I would like a walkman to and a football with pant's and pads and shirt.

Love,
BJ 3-F

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a bed for Christmas. I also want a Watch for Christmas.

Love,
J.R. Mercado 3-A

Dear Santa,
Please give me a Bart Simpson he go talking And a nintendo.

Love you,
Ashlie Enriquez, 2C

Dear Santa Claus,
Give me a T.J. sparkle. I want a Miss Magicle. And I want Baby alive. Santa I want a barby car. I want a ice cream maker I also want a dress up sout. Then I want a barby. Santa I want a wig to. I want a 100 dollars. I want a lot of candy. I want a kiss it beder. I wan a newborn baby. I want a computer. I want a Mickey Mouse tent. I want a waterbed for Christmas. I want a perse for Christmas. I want a Floydada cheerleader skirt. I want a big bike for Christmas. I want every thing for Christmas. I want new shoes for Christmas. I want fagernels. I want new jory. I want a play house for Christmas. I want a pet for Christmas. I want a doll for Christmas.

Love,
Valarie

Dear Santa,
I want a magic nursery baby and I want a boy and girl barbie also I want a rub-a-dub dolly and I want a brand new and big swimming pool for my barbies. And I wish you could get me a swiming pool for me so I can swim in it plus my brother can swim in it thats why I want a big swiming pool for me. And I want six diamond rings blue, red, green, pink, hot pink, white. And my brother want four Nintendo games like Super Mario 3, Ninjy garden, Zelda, and he also wants a game called Monopoly J.R. and so do I. Me and my brother can't wait for Christmas. Merry Christmas to all.

Sincerely,
Resa Mercado
and Michael Mercado

Dear Santa,
I want The New Kids on The Block and Baby Sparklets and Go Go Walking PuP.

Love,
Rita Trevino 2-B

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo for Chistmas. I want a trayn set too. I want Doctar Mario.

Love,
Rocky Mendosa 2-B

Dear Santa,
I would like to have the Oopsey Daisy doll and the walking dog called Go-Go. Bring my mom a pretty ring and a hat for my dad. My brother wants play cars and the Ninja turtles.

Your friend,
Amanda McHam, K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a hush littel baby and a rub-a-dub dolly and a mackup set and lipstick set. I want you to give my mom a diamond ring for my mom. I want you to bring my brother that is 4 years old a motorcycle and my other brother a bicycle that runs be its self I want you to bring my dad a gray snake boots and make that medem OK Santa. When you com to my house you are gana eat something delicious my address is 614 W. Lee have a happy holaday and I believev you.

Love,
Veronica Lopez, 3-B
I Love You Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a wagon and a little doll named Skipper and Gilligan. Also a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle costume. Thank you and I Love you.

Love,
Steven Boyd, K-3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Baby Sparkles and a desk, and secret places. Also I would like a Pony Palace and a Magic Hair Doll. Have a Happy Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jenny Young, K-3

Dear Santa,
my name is Ashley Hale. I like to go to A.B. Duccan becus its fun and I want for Christmas a barbey bургur cem shop a murmad tesurt and a nutur barbey hom and sum barbeyes.

Love,
Ashley, 1-D

Dear Santa,
My name is Amado Morales and I go to A.B. Duncan and what I do ther is make home work. I want for Christmas i want a big car and fast car.

Amado, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I'm Van Jones at Duink. I woun you to bring me Bat man toys and Ninja Turtles.

Van, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I wot a pony and a bear and a cat and a dog and a rabbit and a bobamda stir.

Love,
Crystal, 2-A

Dear Santa,
I realy dont want any thing for Christmas because my birthday is very close to chrismas. My mom gets me stuff for my birthday "and my friends do to." It's like my birthday is chrismas. But for chris-mas all I would "take is for my bunny, Rabbit to have little bunnies! Well boy!"

Love,
Lindsey Owens, 3-E

Dear Santa,
I just wanted you to know that I will be visiting my Grandad and Grand-mother Hambright in Floydada this Christmas Day. You know that I have been a good little boy this year. Please bring me some nursery rhyme books because I enjoy having Moma read to me especially at bedtime. Also I would like a jungle gym set, moon boots and snow suit. Thank you for the toys you left last year and remember all the other little boys and girls especially my friends that I play with at home in Hewitt, Texas.

Love,
Cam Chambers

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 3-1/2 years old and have been a pretty good girl this year. I have been helping my mommy with my new baby sister. I would like to have my own talking baby doll and a sewing machine. My little sister Kelsey would like a busy bees box and some chewy rings. I will leave you and Rudolph, some Christmas cookies and milk by the Christmas tree. Thank you Santa Claus.

I Love You,
Whitney Williams

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a monster truck and a car and a motorcycle and a Mickey Mouse book and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles for Christmas.

Love,
Kyle Willis

Dear Santa,
I am six years old and go to Duncan Elementary School. I have tried very hard to be good this year. Please bring me a real guitar, baby doll and a candy machine. Please remember all of my friends. I will have milk and cookies waiting for you.

Love,
Lindsey Whitten

Dear Santa,
I want a Pooch control, And a baby doll, And a batan, And a new room by my self, I want a high chair for my baby, I want a motersilcool.

Love,
Valorie

Home Sweet Home

As the season of celebration approaches, we'd like to extend our warmest wishes to all our good neighbors. We're proud to be part of this fine community.

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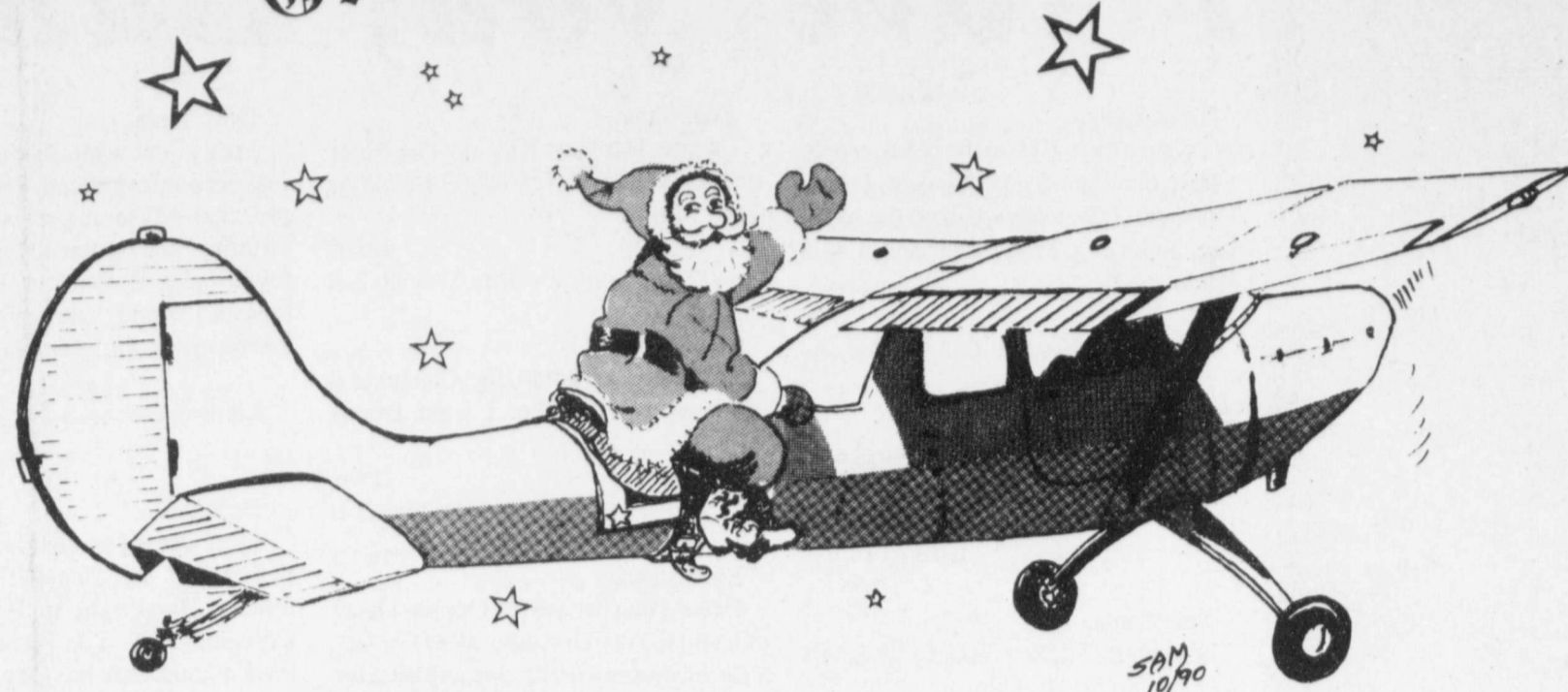
HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS
May yours be filled with peace, love and contentment this holiday season.

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Greetings Y'all!



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One Solitary Life

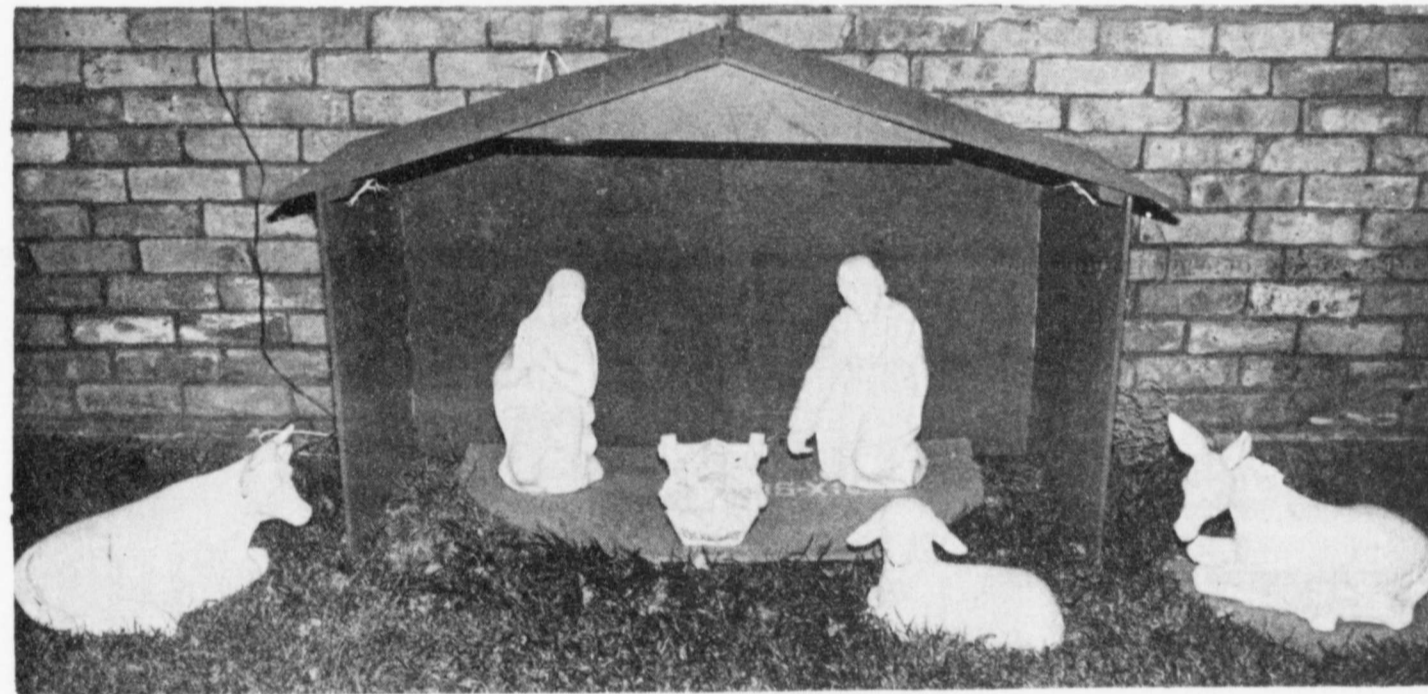
He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only 33 when the public turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave. Almost 20 centuries have come and gone, and today He is a central figure of the human race.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever set, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS -- The home of Gordon and Darlynn Hambright at 811 W. Missouri, sports a light outlined "H" on the chimney as well as lighted accents on the windows, roof and arches on the house. Lights also enhance the fenceline and the driveway of this beautifully decorated home. **Staff Photo**



AWAY IN A MANGER -- 907 W. Georgia is the scene of this delightful panorama of the traditional manger scene as Joseph and Mary kneel beside the baby Jesus with the animals lying nearby. **Staff Photo**

Exact date of Jesus' birth unknown

Despite the Dec. 25th celebration of Jesus' birth throughout the centuries, a Texas Christian University religion professor says the exact date of his birth is unknown.

"Nobody knows, and the Christian community has never really claimed to know," said Dr. Eugene Boring.

While historians do not doubt that Jesus was born, Boring explained that by the time people became interested in knowing exactly when the birth occurred, the information was so woven into church theology that it was irrecoverable.

Boring noted that New Testament stories about the birth were not written for biographical or historical purposes but were written to communicate the Christian meaning of Jesus' birth.

"While in my business one is hesitant to say 'everybody' and 'always,' hardly any Bible scholar or early church historian would think that we know what time of the year Jesus was born," he said.

In the past well-intentioned people have sought to explain the biblical birth accounts through reason, Boring said. "They have thought that Jesus could not have been born on Dec. 25 because there was mention of shepherds being in the fields, and shepherds aren't in the fields in December," he said.

Boring suggested that when early Christians became interested in celebrating Jesus' birth, they sought to celebrate the event rather than the actual date. The Saturnalia, a Dec. 25 festival in the Roman world at that time, celebrated the rebirth of light and warmth following the winter solstice.

After Christianity became the legal religion in the 4th Century under the Roman emperor Constantine, Boring said the church was looking for ways to promote its faith.

Considering the strong paganism still present, Boring believes the church made a good tactical move in adapting the Saturnalia festival to a Christian holiday rather than trying to stamp out the event.

"The church was saying what had been celebrated was the birth of life and light," he said. "The fulfillment of that was Jesus. All the things that the pagans had looked for had happened in Jesus." The Bible scholar noted that the adop-

tion of Saturnalia as a religious celebration is a good illustration of the church's taking over the things that are already in its environment in order to interpret the meaning of the Christian faith.

"The majority opinion down through the centuries has been not to insulate the church from the so-called secular world but to take over those things from the secular world and re-interpret them," Boring said.

Boring conceded that present-day Christmas celebrations have embraced the secular, but he doesn't believe experiencing the spiritual meaning of Christmas requires disposing of the season's

worldly images of stables, mangers, presents and Christmas trees.

"Jesus, the wise men and shepherds ought not to be displaced by Rudolph, Santa Claus and Christmas trees," Boring said. "But Christians ought not to feel bound to oppose those secular elements and say we simply need to be religious. Christians need to embrace it all."

PEACE & JOY

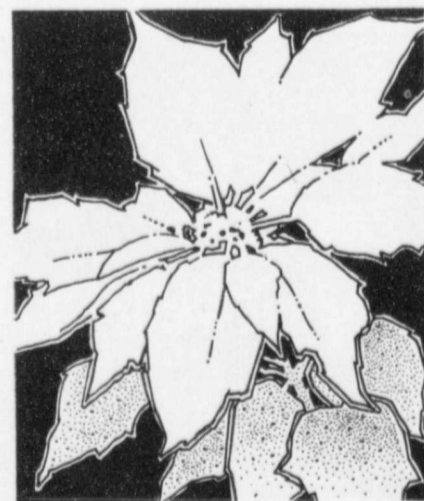
*Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plain.
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Updated holiday classics...

Make holiday entertaining healthful and fun

In every family, it is important to maintain holiday traditions for the next generation... and those to follow. Many fond memories are created during caroling parties, family decorating sessions and cookie baking. Every family has its own unique traditions... and as children grow and begin their own families, some old traditions take hold and new ones begin.

Update your recipes

As families get busier, some traditional customs need to be modified to fit into their schedules. And, some traditional holiday foods might need to be updated to reduce their calorie and fat content. People are getting fit and trying to stay that way. They are watching their weight, blood pressure and cholesterol

levels, too.

Creating warm memories for the family during the holidays doesn't have to be difficult or time consuming. A simplified holiday treat will take the stress away from the baker... and the family will still love the tradition it represents.

Start a new tradition

Sometimes creating a tradition can be as easy as updating an old favorite. Home economists have updated three holiday favorites that your family will love. Why not try all three soon?

Here's a nonalcoholic replacement for champagne punch. Sparkling and delightful, it is sure to please.

Sparkling Holiday Punch

2/3 cup unsweetened grapefruit juice

2 Tablespoons lemon juice

1/2 cup sugar

1/4 cup drained maraschino cherries

2 cups ice cubes

1 can (12 ounces) chilled ginger ale

Put grapefruit juice, lemon juice and sugar into blender container. Process at low speed until sugar is dissolved. Add maraschino cherries and process at high speed, remove feeder cap and add ice, processing until slushy. Slowly pour in ginger ale and pulse once at low speed to combine. Serve immediately.

Yield: 4 cups

If your family loves egg nog, but the cholesterol level scares them away, they'll love this low cholesterol, lower

calorie version.

Low Cholesterol Egg Nog

1 carton (8 ounces) frozen egg substitute, thawed

1/4 cup water

1 cup instant nonfat dry milk powder

5 tablespoons sugar (or 6 packets sugar substitute)

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Dash nutmeg

12 ice cubes

Put egg substitute, water, instant nonfat dry milk powder, sugar, vanilla, nutmeg and 6 ice cubes into blender container.

Cover and process at a high speed until smooth. With motor running, remove feeder cap and gradually add remaining ice cubes.

Continue processing until smooth. Pour into cups, sprinkling with additional nutmeg.

Yield: 4 servings.

If making gingerbread cookies takes too much time, why not make delicious gingerbread bars? They're quick and easy... and the house will smell so good!

Gingerbread Cookie Bars

1-1/2 cups all purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

1-1/2 teaspoons ground ginger

1-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon round cloves

1/2 cup shortening

1/2 cup sugar

2 eggs

1/2 cup molasses

1/2 cup buttermilk or sour milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and lightly flour a 13x9x2 inch pan.

Assemble mixer.

Sift flour, baking soda, salt and spices together and set aside.

Cream shortening and sugar together in large bowl at a medium speed until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Mix buttermilk or sour milk with molasses. Add to creamed mixture alternately with the dry ingredients, mixing well.

Pour into prepared pan and bake 25-30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool completely. Frost with Apple Cream Cheese frosting (below).

Yield: 24 bars.

Apple Cream Cheese Frosting

4 ounces cream cheese, softened

2 cups powdered sugar

2 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened

2 tablespoons apple juice concentrate, thawed

Assemble mixer. In small mixer bowl, combine all ingredients at a low speed until smooth. Increase speed to medium and mix until a spreading consistency is reached.

Yield: 1-1/3 cups.



LET ME SEE - What do I want for Christmas? Floydada youngsters had the opportunity to give Santa their lists during a recent visit. --Staff photo



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON --The robed figure of Jesus reminds us of the true meaning of the season as he stands among reindeer and candy canes at this home in Floydada. Twinkling lights provide a festive background

for the wood crafted animals wearing bright red bows and Christmas greenery in honor of this special time of year honoring the birth of Jesus.

Staff Photo

A Toymaker Emerges

There is a little story about how "Santa" became a toymaker. It seems when Santa was a little boy he had a crippled sister named Santella whom he loved so very much. Santella also loved her brother dearly.

Santa used to go out every day and

bring back pretty stones and flowers for his sister to play with; then, in the evening Santa would tell her stories and do all kinds of tricks to make his sister laugh and be happy.

But as Christmas time drew near, Santa became sad because the Clausess

were too poor to buy Santella real toys.

One day when Santa was nine years old he asked the old toymaker, who made toys for the sick children, if he could possibly have some cheap left-over toys for his crippled sister. The toymaker became very cross and sent Santa away.

Santa vowed right then and there that he would see to it that all poor children had toys.

Nobody knew what Santa was doing in his basement as they heard his hammering and sawing every day. At last, one day he brought up a doll house for Santella-it was even big enough for her to sit in. He also made some jack-in-the-boxes and jumping jacks. Santella was so excited that she cried. The Clausess had the happiest Christmas of all!

Then, right after Christmas, Santa started making toys for all the poor children in town for next Christmas. Still he had toys left over which he sold to the rich children. Everyone liked Santa's toys so much that they didn't buy toys from the cross old toymaker any more.

Kids' holiday fun means crafts

For children eagerly awaiting Christmas, the days often go by much too slowly. One solution is to involve youngsters in holiday preparations such as making homemade ornaments.

Children can easily make stuffed felt ornaments without using a needle and thread. Materials you'll need are: felt in right holiday colors, scissors, construction paper Elmer's Glue-All®, and trimmings. Draw simple patterns of stars, diamonds, animals, teddy bears, the outline of trees, or even Santa. Older children can use the patterns to cut their own felt pieces, and parents can help the young ones. Cut two of each pattern. Next take one piece from each pair of


felt shapes and glue a small wad of cotton in its center. Glue a loop of yarn or ribbon at one edge for hanging later.

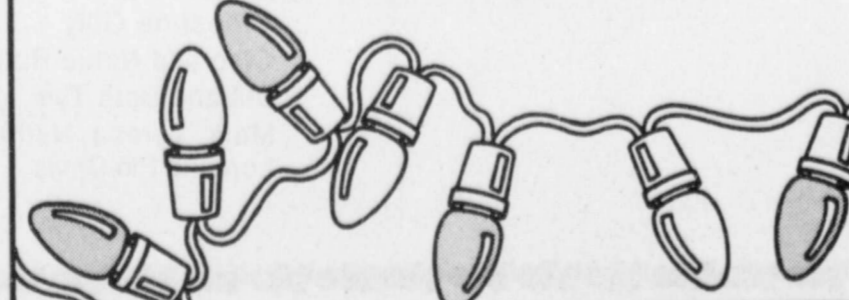
Now the creativity begins. On the second piece of felt, children can arrange sequins, faux jewels or beads, colored pipe cleaners, scraps of felt, macaroni... the possibilities are endless. Once the decorations are arranged, glue each piece to the felt. For heavier objects (such as large beads), try a glue with a quick tack and strong hold, such as Elmer's Tacky® Glue. Glue both pieces of felt together (try clamping the edges with clothes pins) and let ornaments dry overnight.



JOY TO THE WORLD

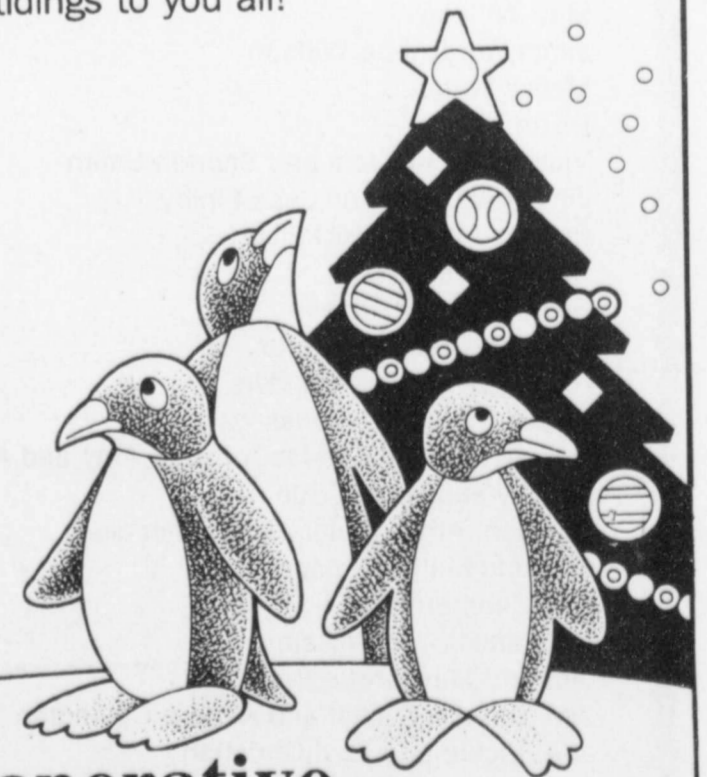



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