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For Behold, I bring you tidings of good news of great joy which shall be to all the people;

Christmas drivers needed

The community has responded to the needs of the community wide Christmas meal and there is sure to be plenty of food to deliver on Christmas morning.

"We have plenty of turkeys and money which have been donated to us," said meal organizer Fred Thayer. "However we are still in need of volunteers to help us deliver the turkey meals."

According to Thayer, meal requests have come from Floydada, Lockney, Ralls, Matador, and the Ronald McDonald House in Amar-

illo and Lubbock.

The Dec. 25th dinner was first started to serve Floydada residents who were home alone on Christmas day and has now expanded to serve surrounding communities and the Ronald McDonald Houses.

Organizers are also in need of names of people who will benefit from the project, such as shut-ins and elderly folks.

"We are very grateful for the support we have gotten from everyone and for the wonderful donations," said Thayer.

The work schedule for volunteers

will be as follows:

Saturday, December 23, 8:30 a.m., meet at Floydada's First United Methodist Church to de-bone the turkeys;

Sunday, December 24, 2:00 p.m., meet at the church for preliminary preparations;

Monday, December 25, 6:30 a.m., meet at church and start cooking; 11:00 a.m., start serving and deliveries, and at 1:00 p.m. the helpers will share a dinner together.

To volunteer, or for more information, call Fred Thayer at, 983-3121, or Sudie Cochran, at 983-3814.

Board adopts mandated drug testing for bus drivers

FISD accepts coach's resignation

FLOYDADA—Floydada School Board Trustees met for a regular monthly meeting, Thursday, December 14, accepted the resignation of Coach Jimmy Parker, and adopted a federally mandated drug policy for bus drivers.

Concerning the matter of Parker's resignation, School Board Member Jack Robertson asked Superintendent Jerry Cannon if it was true the school district had bought out Parker's contract.

Cannon told Robertson that was a rumor that was circulating but that it was not true. "I do not have the authority to do anything like that," said Cannon. "I would have to bring something like that before the board."

Cannon also told the board members that the issue leading up to the resignation of Parker had been turned over to the Commissioner of Education and the Texas Education Legal Services. Cannon told The Hesperian that the matter, which involved Parker's conduct, is being investigated at this time and any further comment could jeopardize the investigation.

Administrative Assistant Jimmie Collins presented a new federal anti-drug and alcohol program to the school board members.

Collins told the trustees the program applied to all entities who employed commercialized licensed

drivers who were driving for the district. The new law had to be approved by the board according to federal mandates.

Collins said the school had joined ADAPT (Anti-Drug And Alcohol Program and Testing) which was comprised of 30 schools employing 1,000 drivers.

"The people driving buses now have been grandfathered into the program," said Collins, "and they will be random tested after January 1st."

"Anyone hired as a driver after January 1st will have to be tested first."

Collins told the trustees that during the year ADAPT will randomly pick names from among the 1,000 drivers and then will come to the school and test them.

"Alcohol testing will be done one hour after ADAPT witnesses the driver getting off the bus. Drug testing can be done at any time," said Collins.

According to Collins the law required zero tolerance level and the school district has already paid approximately \$700 to get involved in ADAPT.

School Board Member Amado Morales made the motion to adopt the program and Charlene Brown seconded. All were in favor.

Collins also presented the tax re-

port, telling trustees that \$940,920.00 had been collected which represented 60.76% of the taxes due the school district.

Trustees approved the teacher appraisal dates for the second semester to be held January 8 through May 17, 1996.

Three taxing entity lots were approved for sale by the board. They were: 608 S. Wall to Wayne Tipton, for \$1,600; 617 E. Grover to Darlene Williams, for \$1,300; and 416 E. Kentucky to Carlos Arellano, for \$200.00.

An audit report was given to the trustees by Gary, Bowers and Company, and accountant Mickey Henry praised the district for their record keeping.

Outstanding students recognized at the board meeting were: Third Graders: Miguel Rangel, son of Miguel and Joann Rangel, and Taylor Sue, son of Sheldon and Atha Sue;

Sixth Graders: Brenna Dawdy, daughter of J.O. and Cheryl Dawdy, and Sean Holster, son of Mike and Kathy Holster;

Seventh Graders: Kelsy Pierce, daughter of Stan and Wendy Pierce, and Amanda Williams, daughter of Monty and Kellie Williams;

Ninth Graders: Royanne Mercado, daughter of Roel and Elza Mercado, and Cory Kirk, son and Larry and Nancy Kirk.



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON--The children of Julie and Jim Knight, of Floydada, were fascinated with the nativity scene at the home of Bill and Duffy Hinkle. Four year old Whitney (right), carefully ar-

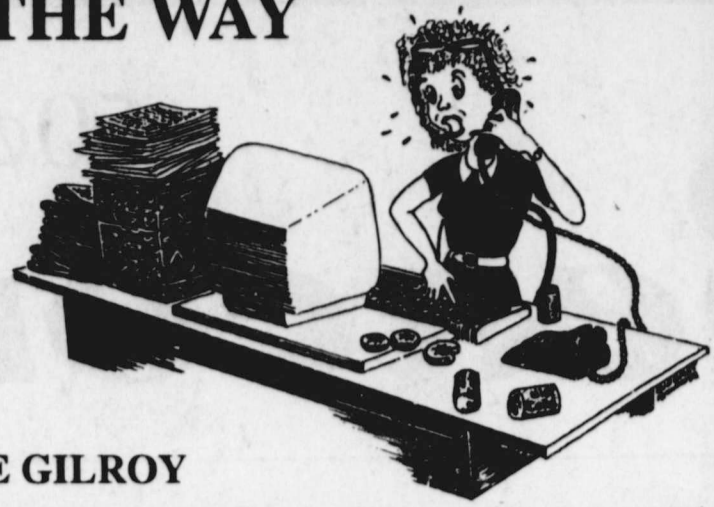
ranged the baby Jesus in His manger while her six year old brother, Zachary (left), called attention to the baby for their one year old sister, Carley. Staff Photo

for today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, Who is Christ the Lord.



And this shall be a sign to you: you will find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

BY THE WAY



BY
ALICE GILROY

We hope you enjoy this Christmas edition. We know everyone's favorite part is the Santa letters, but we hope you also take notice of the Christmas greetings by your local businesses.

The greetings are meant to be not only a thank-you to their customers but also the businesses way of conveying their best wishes to you during the holidays.

Besides—if it wasn't for these Christmas greetings you wouldn't be able to sit back and enjoy the letters.

Ninety percent of them weren't corrected. We print them as they are brought to us. Obviously the Pre-K and Day Care kids had help from their teachers.

My favorites are the little ones who were able to write their own letter and worked so hard at spelling things phonetically.

Have you noticed how the smaller they are the less they ask Santa for?

They also spend a lot of time letting Santa know how much they love him.

Adults always worry about everyone forgetting the true meaning of Christmas, but it is us adults who are responsible for that happening. Children don't have any trouble with it at all.

As we get older we expect more and probably deserve a whole lot less.

Have you ever noticed how the first Christmas your child was really aware of—he was ecstatic over the very first present he opened. He would have played with that one toy all day, except that you kept encouraging him to go unwrap some more.

You also may have noticed that the toy wasn't near as much fun as unwrapping the box. If the box was big enough it could be a great fort!

As each year goes by the child learns to not stop with that first box because there is probably going to be something else. After awhile we grow up and if we haven't been careful we just keep looking for more boxes.

The smaller the child the easier it is for them to be fascinated with the season itself. They love the family get-togethers, the happiness shared at the table and at just wrapping those neat boxes.

It is so easy for a child to relate to the true meaning. They really love the story of Jesus. They relate much more to His birth than they do to the story of His dying on the cross for their sins.

After all—they don't know yet what a sin even is.

It is easy for them to understand a baby as a gift from God. Those who

have younger brothers and sisters have probably heard that over and over. When the new baby arrives, mom and dad say, "Isn't he beautiful?"

The older child says, "Where did he come from?" "How did he get here?" Mom says, "God sent him to us. He is a very special gift from God—just like you."

The matter is settled. No more questions. It is so easy to understand. They know God loves children because he had a little tiny Son of his own.

Then we grow up and forget. Thank God we still have children at Christmas to remind us.

I thought about all of this as I read a couple of stories from "Chicken Soup For The Soul."

In one story a couple related their experience with their four year old daughter after the birth of her new sister.

The four year old was very loving and very attentive, but she kept begging her parents to leave her alone with the baby for a little while.

They were reluctant but finally relented after persistent pleas from their daughter.

The parents stepped out of the baby's room, but the door was still open just a tiny bit—just enough to peek inside.

They saw their four year old check to make sure no one was around and then walk to the crib. She leaned over very close and whispered to the infant, "Can you tell me what it was like being close to God—I'm starting to forget."

Then there was the story of the six year old scribbling on a piece of paper at school. The teacher approached him and said, "What are you drawing?"

The little boy says, "I'm drawing a picture of God."

"But no one knows what God looks like," the teacher answered.

Then the little boy said, "They will when I'm through."

Let's see the season through those who are so close to God. Remember the One who left Heaven and that closeness just to walk with us.

Merry Christmas!

Oh By The Way—for you parents who are dealing with children who are afraid Santa Claus won't see their letter here in the paper, please assure them that Santa Claus has a subscription and reads each letter!

Commissioners purchase two John Deere maintainers

Floyd County Commissioners met in special called session on Tuesday, December 19, for the purpose of making decisions concerning the purchase of a 150/180 H.P. Motor Grader for Pct. #2 and Pct. #4. Bids were opened during the regular monthly session on December 11 and tabled for further consideration.

Without preliminary discussion, Precinct 2 Commissioner Lennie Gilroy made a motion to purchase the John Deere 770 BH for \$127,675.00, trading in the 1988 140-G Cat Motor Grader for \$79,000.00. The amount paid to John Deere would be \$48,675.00 plus a guaranteed maintenance cost of \$1,500.00, for five years or 5,000 hours, making the total paid \$50,175.00. John Deere also guaranteed to repurchase the machine at \$62,000 anytime from delivery until 10 years or 10,000 hours.

The motion was seconded by Precinct 4 Commissioner Jon Jones. All voted in favor of the motion.

The bid for Precinct 2 on a Caterpillar 140 H VHP was submitted at \$135,634.00 with a trade in allowance of \$73,971.00 or cash buy of \$70,000.00. The amount paid to Caterpillar would be \$61,663.00 plus a guaranteed maintenance cost of \$1,500 for a total of \$63,163.00. Caterpillar guaranteed a buyback of the machine at \$50,000 anytime within 10 year or 10,000 hours or a 5 year/5000 hour buyback of \$103,000.00.

Before making any motion, Jones asked the John Deere representative what the procedure would be if he chose to sell his trade-in to John Deere for the cash buy price and then elected to purchase the Caterpillar

grader. The John Deere representative replied that the bid would be respectfully withdrawn under those circumstances.

The question was then directed to the Caterpillar representative who replied that the trade-in would be purchased at the stated price and the county would be free to purchase whichever motor grader they chose.

Jones suggested that in the future, bids should be written with the cash buy policy on trade-ins stated more specifically.

Precinct #4 purchased a John Deere quoted at \$127,675.00, trading in a 1988 John Deere for \$63,500.00. After the \$1,500 maintenance agreement the total was placed at \$65,675.00. The guaranteed buyback within 10 years or 10,000 hours was quoted at \$62,000.00.

The Pct. #4 bid from Caterpillar offered a Model 140 H VHP for \$135,634.00. The trade value for the 1988 John Deere was quoted at \$45,000.00 or a cash buy of \$42,500.00. After the \$1,500 maintenance the total would be \$92,134.00. The buy back after 10 years was quoted at \$50,000.00.

The court tabled a second item for discussion on their investment policy until a later date.

Attending the session were Judge Bill Hardin, Commissioners Connie Bearden, Lennie Gilroy, George Taylor, and Jon Jones. Others present included Tim Burge, representatives of John Deere and Caterpillar dealers and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.

The Hesperian-Beacon offices will close at 12:00 noon on Friday and re-open Dec. 26th. The Lockney office will be open for a short time the morning of Dec. 26th.

Courtroom Activities

In county court, December 14 the following cases were disposed in county court:

Calvin Craver, 42, of Floydada, pled guilty to a March 23, 1995 DWI. He was fined \$100.00 plus court costs. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Javier Hernandez, 40, of Lockney, pled guilty to a September 9, 1994 DWI. He was fined \$100.00 plus court costs and sentenced to 10 days in jail.

Jaime Martinez, 23, of Hale County, pled guilty to a July 31, 1995 DWI. He was fined \$200.00 plus court costs and sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Rigoberto Perez, 34, of Floydada, pled guilty to a March 23, 1995 DWI. He was fined \$500.00 plus court costs. He was sentenced to six months in jail which was probated for 2 years.

December 15, James Robert Beaumont, 34, of Wichita Falls, was charged with DWI. There was no disposition on this case.

Sackda Hayes Khamvongsa was charged with Driving While His License Was Suspended. There was no disposition on this case.

In J.P. Court, 219 cases have been filed since Sept. 19, 1995. The majority of the cases were traffic related charges and civil tax suits. The remainder were:

September 28, hot check charges were filed against Ms. Robert L. Copeland, by Cornelius Oil Company;

October 19, 1995, Bernardino Ornelas, 27, of Lockney, charged with Public Intoxication;

Nov. 3, R Photography filed hot check charges against: Becky Luna, Rhoda Darton and Cammie Frizzell.

Also on Nov. 27, R Photography filed hot check charges against Sherri Sanders, and on Dec. 1 the same charges were filed against Maria Belen Gomez and Fredonia Hunnicutt.

November 10, 1995, hot check charges were filed against Yvonne Martinez by the Tax Assessor Collector's office;

November 17, 1995, Gavino Julian Ramos, 24, of Petersburg, charged with Public Intoxication;

Register now for SPC courses

Registration is now underway for South Plains College Courses to be held at Floydada High School. Interested parties may register at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce office in the Floydada City Hall week days from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Courses slated for the coming semester are Sociology 230 on Mondays from 6-9 p.m. and Psychology 231 on Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. The cost will be \$125.00 for 3 hours of college credit or \$250.00 for 6 hours. Classes start on January 8.

Registration will close December 29.

More information may be obtained by contacting the Chamber office at 983-3434.

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Parents address LISD board

LOCKNEY—During a regular board meeting Thursday night, Dec. 14, Lockney school trustees approved the purchase of mobile phones, were updated on the progress of the new track and listened to the opinions of several parents during the public forum.

According to LISD Superintendent Raymond Lusk, a group of 5 parents addressed the trustees during the public forum time set aside during each school board meeting.

The parents were concerned that the Lockney High School Yearbook staff had chosen to print the cover of the yearbook in "non traditional" colors.

The parents wished to express their support for traditional colors in the yearbook.

According to Lusk the board took no action because a vote on the yearbook color, by the student body, had already been planned for the next day.

"On Friday, the student body voted to print the cover in the traditional school colors," said Lusk.

Lusk brought the school board members up to date on the new track. "If the weather conditions would stay good for two days in a row they would be able to finish laying the new track," said Lusk.

Because of the expense, the board

has voted to postpone a concession stand and bathrooms at the track site this year. "We will look into those items next year," said Lusk.

At this time the school has contracted a new track, fence and drainage pump at cost of approximately \$160,000.

"We will use some stands donated by another school district until others can be permanently constructed," said Lusk.

Trustees did vote to purchase 2 mobile phones for emergency use. One of the phones will be placed in a bus being used for activity trips or late nights. The other phone will be placed with the bus foreman so he can be contacted in an emergency.

School board members also voted to amend the school calendar and make January 29th a full student holiday.

Trustees decided to bid out and purchase two new buses for the school and sell a 1975 and 1977 bus.

"The Attorney General has still not ruled on the school's use of 15 passenger vans," said Lusk. "Until he does we cannot use the two vans we have to transport groups of students to an activity."

Trustees heard a "clean audit report" during the meeting, which showed LISD's bookkeeping to be outstanding. "It is a clean audit report with no exceptions," said Lusk.

The Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report was also given to the trustees showing Lockney High and Junior High Schools given a "Fully Accredited" rating. Lockney Elementary received a "Recognized" rating, which is higher than the Accredited rating.

During the financial report Lusk told trustees LISD had collected 67.22% of their taxes, or \$666,761.00.

LISD also has a 2.1 million investment balance and a cash balance of \$617,000.

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Floydada Police Report

FLOYDADA—December 7, at 3:00 p.m. police responded to a report of a two 13 year old boys who had been fighting at the Floydada Junior High. The boys were taken before the City Judge and fined \$60.00.

December 8, at 4:15 p.m., in the 300 block of W. Jackson, Adelina Zalda DeLeon, 19, was arrested on outstanding warrants of Minor in Possession. She paid a fine and was released.

December 11, at 8:45 a.m. police were called to the Floydada High School in reference to a theft. According to the police report, a teacher had placed her purse in a classroom locker and later noticed the wallet had been removed. The wallet was found later in a boys restroom. The money was gone. Police have suspects and the investigation is continuing.

December 12, at 9:50 p.m., police were called to the 500 block of E. California in reference to a possible attempted burglary.

When police arrived at the location they found the homeowner and his brother were holding a suspect who they said was seen by them prowling around their machinery. The homeowner also told police they had seen two other people running from the scene.

According to Police Chief James Hale, the suspect was taken to the Sheriff's office for identification, questioned and then released pending the filing of charges.

Also on December 12, at 10:15 a.m. at the Alternative School, police responded to a report of two sixteen year old girls who had been fighting. They were taken before the city judge and fined.

December 15, at the Junior High basketball game in Floydada, two sixteen year old female Crosbyton ball players got into a fight. According to Hale, the girls were separated by coaches and sent home with their parents by the Crosbyton principal.

Disorderly conduct charges have been filed against the girls.

Also on December 15, at 11:45 a.m. police responded to a report at Andrews Elementary about a fight between a 10 year old boy and a 9 year old boy. The older boy was fined and the 9 year old was placed on probation.

December 16, at 12:59 a.m. on Hwy. 62, police stopped a vehicle for defective headlamps. According to police reports, the driver was 14 years old and there were unopened and opened cans of beer in the vehicle. Two passengers in the car: Tony Chris Zuniga, 24, and Arnoldo Trevino, 22, were arrested for Public Intoxication.

December 17, police were called to Friends Convenience Store in reference to a Shoplifting. Charges are now pending against a 16 year old boy.



CHRISTMAS COOKING—Junior Troop 318 gathered for their annual cookie and candy making which will be taken to the homes of elderly and shut-ins. (Back row) Kristin Rubin, Margo Marin, Suzanna

Alaniz, Danielle Dunne, Danuta Torrez; (front row), Roseanne Soliz, Jessica Rodriguez and Priscilla Balderas. Courtesy Photo

City grants exemptions to over 65

FLOYDADA -- The Floydada City Council unanimously approved a motion to continue offering a \$3,000.00 homestead exemption to local citizens over the age of 65. Motion for the action was made by Councilman LeRoy Burns and seconded by Councilman Clar Schacht.

The action will result in a lowering of taxable values on homesteaded property within the city limits of Floydada. Only homeowners who homestead their Floydada house will receive the deduction when taxes for the coming year are calculated.

The sale of tow tax title lots was approved. Bids on the first were submitted by Miguel Alaniz (\$1,000.00) and Wayne Tipton (\$1,600.00) on the lot with structure located at 608 S. Wall Street, Lot 3, Block 127, Original Town. The council accepted the high bid from Tipton. Motion was made by Schacht, seconded by Councilman Dale Lawson, and approved with one abstention, Councilman Wayne Tipton.

The second lot, a vacant property located at 416 E. Kentucky, Lot 1 Block 102, Original Town, was sold to Carlos B. Arellano for \$200.00. Motion for the sale to the only bidder was made by Schacht and seconded by Councilman Eric Cornelius.

Resolution #213 was approved by the council in support of the proposed renovation of the Floydada Municipal Airport. The resolution will serve to notify the state Department of Transportation that the city and the airport board intend to pursue the grant funds for the project. The project will be delayed for approximately 2 years to allow for the completion of local preparations.

The city will provide one-fourth (\$25,000.00) of the match funds (\$100,000.00) toward the grant of \$1 million. The airport board will be responsible for raising the additional \$75,000.00 necessary to implement the construction phase of the project.

A communication from Laron Fulton, who leases the city farm property, Fulton notified the council that he is interested in continuing the lease for another year. Motion to approve the lease came from Tipton and was seconded by Cornelius. All voted in favor.

Attending the early morning session were board members Tom Farris, Carmel Eastham, Rob Heflin, J. R. Turner, and Denice Payne. Others present included Monte Williams, Bob Ericson, Ralph Jackson, Joe Stepp, the UMC representative, Fred Thayer, Diane Washington, and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.

The second reading of Ordinance

#787 was held and the council voted unanimously to approve it as read. The ordinance will detail city policy concerning carrying of firearms on City property.

City Manager Gary Brown told the board that three crews under private contract to Energas had recently been in town for the purpose of repairing 79 Class I gas leaks on their lines. He stated that some problems had come up concerning identification of city electric and water lines in the areas of some of the repairs.

He also told the council that the city offices will be open as usual on Friday, December 22 and on Tuesday, December 26 with a half crew working each day. This will allow all city employees to have a four day holiday for Christmas. The usual on call procedures will be followed during the weekend on the actual holiday in case of an emergency.

Minutes of the November regular session of the council were approved

as presented on a motion by Burns with a second by Councilman Wayne Tipton. After reviewing the financial reports and accounts to be paid, the council approved payment of the monthly bills.

Following the regular session of the council, an executive session was called to update the council on the status of the lawsuit filed by Mendy Shurbet. There was no action taken by the council upon returning to regular session and prior to adjournment of the meeting.

Attending the session were Mayor Hulon Carthel, Councilmen LeRoy Burns, Dale Lawson, Wayne Tipton, Eric Cornelius, and Clar Schacht. Councilman Albert Hill was not present. Others attending were City Secretary Sharon Quisenberry, City Manager Gary Brown, City Attorney Karen Houchin, Joe Stepp, Becky Luna, Gabriela Cervera, and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.

Hospital approves tax exemptions

By Juanita Stepp

FLOYDADA — Board members for Caprock Hospital District unanimously approved offering taxpayers a \$5,000.00 homestead exemption and a \$5,000.00 exemption for property owners over the age of 65 for the coming tax year. Motion for the action was made by board member J. R. Turner and seconded by board member Rob Heflin. All voted in favor of the measure.

Board president Tom Farris told the board the tax base would decrease by approximately \$3.5 million with these exemptions in place. The corresponding decrease in tax revenue for the district will be about \$6,125.00 according to Farris.

Minutes of the previous meeting in November were unanimously approved as presented on a motion by board member Carmel Eastham with a second by Heflin.

Payment of monthly bills was authorized following the financial report presented by Fred Thayer. Motion to approve this was made by Heflin and seconded by Turner. All voted for the motion.

Thayer reported tax collections now at \$181,751.00 for the months of October and November. Items paid during that time included \$10,000.00 in ambulance subsidies, \$15,000.00 to UMC for indigent care, \$16,000.00 to the Floyd County Central Appraisal District, and \$50,481.00 transferred to UMC. The transfer represented funds accumulated last fiscal year which were actually clinic income after UMC took over the clinic operations.

An expense of \$2200 was listed as physician recruitment fee on Dr. Ahmad. Clinic employee Bob Ericson told the board that an additional amount of \$2200 to \$2500 was due to be paid after Dr. Ahmad's final immigration papers are completed.

Farris asked for clarification concerning the indigent care expense. Ericson stated that the \$15,000 claim was from the previous year, but had not been included in the current budget. Board member Denice Payne asked if an indigent care claim is now pending.

Later in the meeting, Farris asked who qualifies the indigent care claims. Ericson responded that he and chief engineer and maintenance

mechanic Ralph Jackson were doing that after an application is submitted at the clinic. He explained that the criteria used for qualifications and the procedure for handling it comes from a state handbook on the subject and includes residency, income and resources.

Jackson stated that three cases are now pending. "We are still trying to find another avenue to disqualify them. They involve a substantial amount of money too."

Farris stated that he would like to see the indigent care claims come before the board so that the board would be aware of possible costs from that area.

Fred Thayer and Washington, the accountant hired to perform an audit for the fiscal year 1994-95, addressed the board concerning the absence of audits for the fiscal years of 1992-93 and 1993-94. Thayer stated that it would be nearly impossible to do a complete audit from the records available.

He said that a cash accounting could be reconstructed from the bank statements for those years and that all the statements had been located except the statement for May of 1994. Thayer also said that all of the invoices supporting amounts paid out could not be found. This fact and a lack of records concerning fixed assets would hamper preparation of a complete audit.

A letter from CHD attorneys stated "It is a matter of interpretation" whether or not the district is legally required to have a complete audit each year. The attorneys did not express a recommendation based on their interpretation of the enabling legislation.

Board members opted to postpone a decision on the audits until next month. They felt this would give Ericson more time to possibly locate the missing records and for research into whether or not a complete audit is required. Motion for tabling came from J. R. Turner and was seconded by Payne.

The First National Bank of Floydada was accepted as the depository for the coming two years for the Caprock Hospital District funds. Bids had been advertised for and FNB Floydada was the only bid submitted.

Two bids for tax sale acquired properties were accepted by the

board. The first handled was for the property located at 618 S. Wall. Miguel Alaniz submitted a second bid of \$1,000.00 after having a bid of \$600 rejected by one of the taxing entities involved.

This bid was rejected by CHD in favor of a bid of \$1,600.00 from Wayne Tipton. Motion to approve the Tipton bid was made by Payne and seconded by Turner. All voted in favor of the motion.

The second sheriff sale property, a vacant lot located at 416 E. Kentucky, was approved for sale to Carlos Arellano for \$200.00. Motion for approval was made by Turner with a second by Carmel Eastham. All voted in favor.

No sale of tax property is final until all taxing entities involved in the property have approved the sale.

Farris told the board that a previous board decision to terminate a lease on the IBM computer and return the equipment had run into a problem. It has been determined that the equipment was not being leased. It was being purchased on a 60 month agreement with IBM Credit Corp. The district must now attempt to sell the computer system or negotiate a return of the equipment to IBM.


The board agreed to postpone action on the matter until the next meeting. Ericson was instructed to contact area hospital facilities and see if anyone is interested in purchasing the system. UMC will also be asked to assist in locating a potential buyer for the system.

A UMC update presented by a Flight For Life representative was very short. He stated that the usual representative, Al Bendeck, would return next month. The report this month contained only two items. UMC is actively searching for a replacement for Dr. Antoine Albert, scheduled to leave in May. The other item stated that clinic numbers are picking up and things at the clinic are looking good.

Attending the early morning session were board members Tom Farris, Carmel Eastham, Rob Heflin, J. R. Turner, and Denice Payne. Others present included Monte Williams, Bob Ericson, Ralph Jackson, Joe Stepp, the UMC representative, Fred Thayer, Diane Washington, and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.

Merry Christmas!



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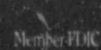
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Parr and Lowry exchange wedding vows

Tonja Jeanne Parr and Stephen Ray Lowry were united in marriage at 6:00 Saturday evening, December 16, 1995, in the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Parr of Abilene and the groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Neal Lowry of Abilene. Grandparents of

the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Travis Parr of Floydada, and Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Casey of Rule. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fred McNab.

Musicians for the ceremony included Strings Unlimited, a string quartet; Dan Mitchell, guitarist; Mindy Wheeler, vocalist; and Jud Hardage, vocalist and organist.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. She wore an original gown by Phylliss for Bianchi of silk organza in candlelight. The fitted elongated bodice with sweetheart neckline and long tapered sleeves was of embroidered flower appliques. The long full skirt was enhanced with pearls and lace appliques twelve inches above the hemline. The skirt fell into a chapel length train. A clip of embroidered appliques encrusted with pearls, held her long veil of imported English illusion.

She carried a hand-tied bouquet of bridal white roses, dendrobium orchids and stephotis tied with ivory bridal satin ribbon.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with tails, with ivory shirt, bow tie and cummerbund.

Serving as maid of honor was Laura Yearly of Krum, Texas. Bridesmaids were Beth Ann Corp of Abilene; Jenifer Luker of Somerville, Ma.; and Jennifer Burkhardt of Abilene. They wore hunter green velvet, full length fitted dresses, with long sleeves. The dresses had a sweetheart neckline. Each carried one dozen bridal white roses hand-tied with ivory, bridal satin ribbon.

Junior bridesmaids were Kristin Parr and Erin Parr of Seguin, Texas, both cousins of the bride. They were dressed in velvet hunter green teal-length princess style dresses, with long sleeves and a sweetheart neckline. Each of them carried six bridal white roses hand-tied with ivory, bridal satin ribbon.

The flower girl was Emily Clark, cousin of the groom. She wore a hunter green velvet dress that was teal-length, made with an empire waist with wide ivory lace. The dress had long sleeves and a sweetheart neckline. She carried six sweetheart roses hand-tied with ivory, bridal satin ribbon.

The bride's assistants were Heather Brown of New Home and Jana Clark, of Panhandle, cousin of the groom.

Acting as best man was Timothy Lowry of Abilene, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Rodney Lowry, brother of the groom; Casey Parr, of Abilene, brother of the bride; and Josh Robinson, of Abilene. Ushers were Tommy Galvan of Lubbock; Michael Casey of Rule, cousin of the bride; and Walter Smith IV, of Coppell, Texas. The groomsmen and ushers were dressed in black tuxedos with an ivory shirt, accented with a black bow tie and cummerbund.

Some 500 people attended the wedding, included Mrs. Travis Parr of Floydada; Billy Jack Eudy of Idalou; Mrs. Nita Flenniken and daughter Rachel all of New Mexico; and A.E. and Linda Waller of Floydada.

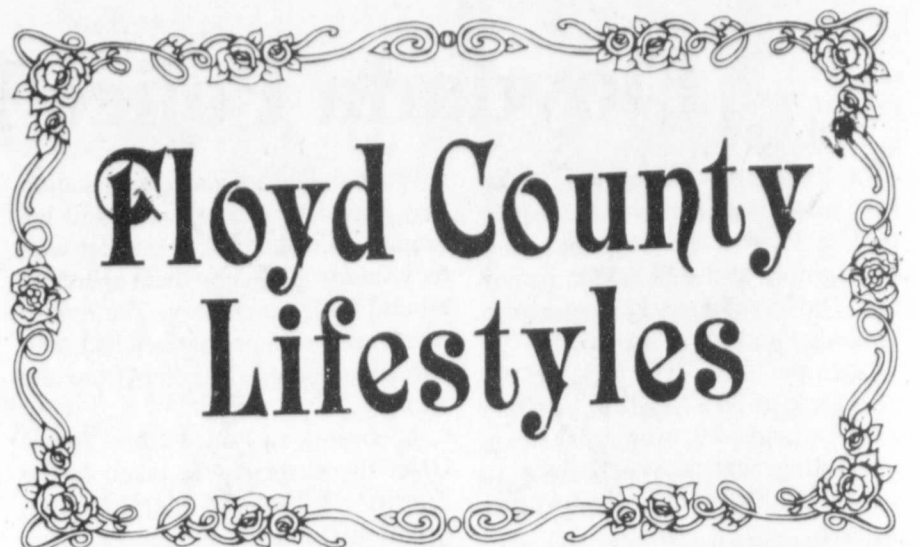
The reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church. Members of the houseparty included Julie Casey of Rule, aunt of the bride; Pam Clark of Panhandle, Harriett Schaub of Wellman, and Janice Lowry of Vernon; aunts of the groom; Mignon Brown of New Home; Linda Corp of Abilene; and Linda Stricklin of Abilene.

Parents of the groom hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Abilene Country Club.

Following a honeymoon trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, the couple will be at home in Lubbock, where the bride attends Texas Tech University and will graduate in May with a B.A. in dance and a B.S. in elementary education. The groom also attends Texas Tech University and will graduate in May with a B.A. in music. He has been accepted to medical school beginning in August. He is employed by Eckert Pharmacy.



MRS. STEPHEN RAY LOWRY
(nee Tonja Jeanne Parr)



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED - Douglas and Mary Glenn Degge will be honored to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a reception Saturday, December 23, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the fellowship room at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney. Douglas Degge married Mary Glenn Huff on January 15, 1946 at the home of her parents, 408 S. 1st, where she was born. Their children, Olin and Anita Degge, of Mesquite, Tx.; Mary Leslie and Dennis Wilhoit, of San Diego Ca.; Sara and David Snyder, of Garland, Tx.; and Kyle and Mollie Degge, of Highland, Ill.; and their nine grandchildren will be hosting the reception. Friends are invited and welcome to attend the celebration. Courtesy Photo

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Margarette Word

The center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. However, Monday, Dec. 25th, the center will be closed. It will be open on Tuesday, Dec. 26th, at 8 a.m. If you are 60 years or older, this center is for you.

R.C. and Amy Patton of Snyder, have recently been here to visit with his sister, Nell McClung.

Penny Golightly's mother, Jean McClintock has moved back to Floydada recently. She and her husband, now deceased, lived in the Lakeview community. Welcome back. She has been eating lunch at the center and is also playing dominoes.

Flo and Lon Davis are newcomers to the center. They have eaten lunch at the center several times. We are glad to have them join us.

Karie and Kenny Fria of Amarillo came to Floydada and picked up their grandmother, Julia Baker. They drove to San Antonio and spent Thanksgiving with daughter, Sue and her husband Don Webster. After Thanksgiving, the Websters took Julia to Branson. They attended 5 shows and went sight-seeing around Branson. They took Julia to Dallas. Julia spent a couple of days in Dallas with her granddaughter, Cristi and her husband Mac Grunwell. After that visit they put Julia on an airplane and she went to Lubbock where her grandson, Mike and his wife, Sammie Jo Baker met her and brought her home. Julia had a great time. She's ready to go back to Branson.

The 1934 Study club members met at the Floydada Nursing Home, Tuesday, Dec. 12, taking cookies and punch to the residents. Christmas carols were sung also. Members serving the cookies and punch were Frieda Simpson, Queen Annie Lawson, Lorene Newberry, Flora McNeill, Betsy Dempsey, Jean Apping, Nell McClung, and Margarette Word.

The Floydada Independent School Office had their annual Christmas goodies, Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the main office. Lots of us retired people showed up. It was so good to visit with the people we use to work with. It was nice seeing the younger ones who are now employed with the school system. It was a good get-together.

The First National Bank had their annual Christmas goodies last Friday in the hospitality room. I got to see and visit with people I hadn't seen in a long time. Both these coffees had wonderful goodies.

Keely Orman of Lubbock was at the center for lunch with her grandmother, Glenna Orman, Wed., Dec. 13.

Congratulations to Opal and Clarence Guffee on their 72nd Wedding Anniversary, Dec. 2.

Congratulations to Geneva and John Cockrell on their 52nd Wedding Anniversary, Dec. 18.

Our sympathy to James Lovell on the recent death of his brother-in-law.

Aubrey Stewart was in the hospital for a few days recently. We are glad he is out and feeling a lot better.

We have so many who are ill. The flu seems to be attacking a lot of people. Remember to pray for all those ill and who have lost loved ones recently.

We are having our Senior Citizen Christmas party at the center, Friday, Dec. 22 starting at 5 p.m. Last year we had a lot of fun. Hope you can come this year. Please bring a "white elephant" gift. We will have singing and some games. Refreshments will be served.

Ernestine Gillys's daughter, Janice Davis from Dimmitt was here last week and helping her mother get the house decorated for Christmas.

"Thought for the Week" ---

If our need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.

If our need has been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.

If our need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.

If our need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior.

Author unknown

"Merry Christmas"

MENU

Friday, Dec. 22: Chicken strips, new potatoes, broccoli, hot roll, brownies

Monday, Dec. 25: CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, Dec. 26: Chicken Enchiladas, Mexican corn and beans, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad/ Ranch dressing, Angelfood cake

Wednesday, Dec. 27: Chicken fried steak, white gravy, baked potato, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, apricots

Thursday, Dec. 28: Roast beef with brown gravy, roasted potatoes, carrots, tossed salad/ French dressing, wheat roll, cinnamon roll or cake.

Friday, Dec. 29: Chili and beans, carrot raisin salad, sliced onions and peppers, cornbread, banana gelatin

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thursday, Dec. 21: Juan Zavala
Friday, Dec. 22: Lillie Jester, Aurelio Delgado, Horacio Favella, Nohmie DeOchoa, Mary Lou Hernandez

Saturday, Dec. 23: Bertha Appling, Irwin Seymour, Levi Anderson, Anthony Herrera, Jackie Rendon, Vicente Rodriguez

Sunday, Dec. 24: Louise Turner
Monday, Dec. 25: Brian Rando, Penny Golightly, Christina Ponce

Tuesday, Dec. 26: Jerry Pearson, Lindsey Longoria
Wednesday, Dec. 27: Sheldon Sue

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Friday, Dec. 22: Penny and Johnny Gourdon

Saturday, Dec. 23: Johnny and Gloria Rodriguez, Mario and Esperanza Jasso, Emma and Jesse Sanchez

Sunday, Dec. 24: Derek and Vikki Lamar, Robert and Barbara Perez

Wednesday, Dec. 27: Luis and Margarita Romero

Emily Davis earns degree

Emily Davis, formerly of Floydada, was among 129 students of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor who were awarded bachelors degrees and 31 students were given masters degrees on December 9, in the Bell County Expo Center.

FLOYD DATA

Philip Wilbanks and wife Jo were visited over the Christmas Holidays by Jo's daughter, Paula, her husband Dave and their two children, Jesse and Dale. Dave and Paula MacArthur live in Brainerd, Minnesota and work on the Milack Indian Reservation.

Merry Christmas!

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Gladys Ragle

At our Thursday, December 14 meeting, there were 47 present and we had lots of good food and enjoyed that and visiting with friends and neighbors.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of Ashby Widener and Olga Applewhite at their passing from this life.

Jimmie Stennett spent several days in the Mangold Memorial Hospital, but he is doing better at home. Loyd Duvall was in Mangold Memorial Hospital recently but is much better and at home.

Remember that our Christmas dinner and party will be Thursday, December 21 at 6 p.m. Also remember the Senior Citizens will be closed December 23 and reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 1996. No meals will be served during that time.

The Senior Citizens Bake Sale will be Friday, December 22 at 8 a.m. until....

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"---If you are truly concerned about your measurements, use the Golden Rule.

We want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Look Who's New!

SCHEELE

Ralph and Detra Scheele are proud to announce the arrival of twin boys December 14 at Lakepoint Hospital, Rowlett, Texas.

Samuel Kaiser arrived at 7:49 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. and 20-1/4 inches long. Peter Gregory arrived at 7:50 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 11.4 oz. and 20-3/4 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Albert and Otero Scheele of Providence. Maternal grandparents are Dan and Martha Gregory, Crescent, Oklahoma.

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South Plains Hobby Club meets for annual Christmas luncheon

By Peggy Roberts
The South Plains Hobby Club met at the Lamplighter Inn Wednesday, December 13, for its Christmas luncheon.

Those attending were Helen Teeple, Bessie Bradford, Carolyn Marble, Letha Mulder, Gleggyn Earle Cummings, Ruby Lee Higginbotham, Mamie Wood, Carleen Johnson, Virginia Taylor, Dot Cummings and Peggy Roberts.

The members enjoyed good food and fellowship at the last meeting of 1995. The next meeting will be a planning meeting for 1996 on January 10 in the home of Peggy Roberts. Please be thinking about when you want to host a meeting and ideas for programs.

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CLUB NEWS

1934 Study Club

By Margaret Word

The 1934 Study Club had their Christmas party, Tuesday, December 12, in the home of Marie Warren with Effie Foster as co-hostess.

President, Frieda Simpson presided over the meeting.

Recording secretary, Bill Ferguson, read the minutes of our last meeting. Roll call was answered with "my Christmas plans" by each member.

Report from the Sunshine committee chairman, Flora McNeill said that several members took cookies and punch to the Floydada Nursing Home, Tuesday morning, Dec. 12. Many of the residents attended the party and the whole group sang Christmas carols and enjoyed the refreshments.

Effie Foster said she had received a Christmas card addressed to her and the 1934 Study club members from Helen Patterson. Many of you will remember that Helen was a school librarian for many years. Helen has not lived in Floydada for several years, but she said she is still interested in Floydada and through friends and the Floydada Senior Citizen News article she can keep up with us. Helen lives at Whitehouse, Texas and still teaches a Sunday School class. Helen is 80 years old.

Our members did not exchange gifts this year. We pooled our money and gifts were bought for the needy children of our community. The gifts were taken to the Bank of America and will be given out to the children before Christmas.

Program chairman, Nell McClung voiced a prayer and introduced

Frances Weathersbee who gave a Christmas story entitled "Why The Chimes Rang" by Raymond McDonald Alden, written in about 1906.

It was a story of faith, of Pedro and Little Brother and the wonderful church with a chime of bells that had not rung for many years.

Pedro and Little Brother were headed to the Christmas Festival held at the church. Along the way Pedro stopped to help a woman who had fallen and needed help. Pedro sent Little Brother on to the church and gave him a coin to place in the offering plate. When Little Brother finally had a chance to place Pedro's coin in the offering plate, the chimes gently began ringing and everyone stopped to hear the wonderful chimes because they knew that someone had given a precious gift.

After the program, Flora McNeill presented our president, Frieda Simpson, with a Christmas gift certificate. Frieda, in turn, gave each member a gift of a cassette tape of Christmas music.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Mamie Bunch, Bill Ferguson, Effie Foster, Queen Annie Lawson, Nell McClung, Flora McNeill, Lorene Newberry, Eva Parker, Frieda Simpson, Marie Warren, Frances Weathersbee and Margaret Word.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 16, 1996, in the home of Kay Hale with Frieda Simpson as co-hostess.

El Progreso Study Club

By Edythe Clarke

LOCKNEY—The El Progreso Study Club held their December 13th meeting in the beautifully Christmas-decorated home of Merle Mooney.

The meeting was called to order by club president, Doris Thacker. Roll call was answered by, "My Christmas Wish". Minutes of the November meeting were read by Hazel Johnson.

Elaine Gibson read a Christmas story entitled, "The Small One" by Charles Taswell. It was the story of a small stubborn donkey chosen to take Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Octavia Carthel, Edythe Clarke, Arla Copeland, Faye Ferguson, Elaine Gibson, Hazel Johnson, Bobbie Kellison, Glenna Miller, Alice Mitchell, Mary Lois Montandon, Merle Mooney, Doris Thacker, and Kathleen Thornton.

Our next meeting will be January 10, at 3:00 in the home of Hazel Johnson. The January meeting will be a "Tasting Bee" on favorite Texas foods. Each member will bring her favorite Texas food and the recipe for the other club members.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone.

Companion "N" Caring hold annual Christmas party

By Jo Wilbanks, President

The Companion "N" Caring had their annual Christmas party at the home of Jo (Bryant) Wilbanks, Monday at 6 p.m.

The ladies played games and won prizes. Then they shared a past Christmas of their childhood. Shirley Varner read the Christmas story to the Gospel of Luke, then Silent Night was sung. Later they enjoyed refreshments of finger sandwiches, dip, chips, nuts, mints and cake. Fruit punch and spiced tea were also served.

The ladies also exchanged gifts. Those present were Dolores Cannon, Shirley Varner, Dorothy Neff, Leona Neff, guest, Ethel Carmack and the hostess, Jo Wilbanks.

The Companion "N" Caring are a group of ladies who volunteer their time all year in serving the residents of the Floydada Nursing Home. They do nails, hair and any other personal needs, assist at parties, do devotionals, sing, help decorate, prepare refreshments, etc. Anyone wanting to join can call any member of the group or the Nursing Home number 983-3704.

"May you receive the Spirit of Christmas which is Love, Hope, Joy and Peace and be blessed more abundantly in 1996." Merry Christmas and all the best for you. We have been truly blessed.



SCOUTS PRESENT ANGELS--Lockney Girl Scout Troop 154 made little candy kiss angels to put on the trays at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital during Christmas. The girls are shown here presenting the

angles to Trina Wilson, Quality Assurance Coordinator, who will make sure the angles are distributed. (L-R) Melanie Huggins, Leticia Guerrero, Claudia Rosales, Mary Lou Zavala, and Trina Wilson.

A. B. Duncan Elementary School Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll

First Grade

- 1-A: Zachary Minnix, Kara Marshall, Adrian DelaFuente, Alma Hernandez, Britnee Brotherton, Ryan Monreal
- 1-B: JoAnn Caballero, Katie Beth Crossland, Helen Gutierrez, Skee Hardin, Rusty Hopper, Tate Jones, Morgan Marble, Gerardo Mata, Brandon Rainwater, Eric Rainwater
- 1-C: Tell Fuller, Noemi Jasso, Vanessa Jimenez, Kayla Luna, Kelsey Robertson, Michael Shuping, Justin Vargas, Michelle Yannis
- 1-D: Courtney Ericson, Amanda Garibay, Jessica Ochoa, Sandra Rendon, Timothy Vargas
- 1-E: Cam Battey, Taylor Beedy, Jasmine Ferrer, Kalli Ferguson, Keyla Pesina, Tana Lloyd, Veronica Tamayo

Second Grade

- 2-A: Nicole Benton, Drew Bradley, Jesalyn Bradley, Jarrett Kirk, MaryAnn Yannis
- 2-B: Reagan Heffin, Jason Nutt, Marla Reeves, Jessica Nance
- 2-C: T.J. Collins, Dustin Ochoa, Jacob Reddy, Brock Smith, Joel Syzdloski
- 2-D: Dina Arismendez, Tabitha Barrientoz, Cynthia Martinez
- 2-E: Kendra Covington, Trey Helms, Jenny Hernandez, Meah Herrera

Third Grade

- 3-A: April Arvelo, Ana Alicia DeLaCenda, Katy Gooch, Ty Heffin, Kristan Lackey, Robert Rawlinson
- 3-B: Stephen Bueno, Meghan Graham, Daniel Houchin, Felisha Luna, Taylor Malone, Jackie Rendon, Spencer Schacht, Mandi Wood
- 3-C: Albert Garza, Victoria Gonzalez, Tate Greer, Lauren Powell, Mkey Rangel, Taylor Sue, Gregory Vasquez
- 3-D: Kia Baker, Jackie Burns, Shawnda Davis, Jesse Finley, Rachel Griffin, Diamond Leal, Luke Miller, Melissa Morales, David Vasquez

"A" Average

First Grade

- 1-A: Abran Enriquez
- 1-B: Luis Bolanos, Justin Chavarria, Rena Garza, Edwardo Lopez, Mary Ann Sanchez

Recipe of the Week

BUSY MOTHER'S RECIPE FOR ROASTING RABBIT

- 1 rabbit, wild or tame
- 2 T. butter melted
- 2 raw eggs
- 1/2 cup cookie crumbs
- flour
- Chopped nut meats
- your favorite meat sauce

Begin by catching rabbit!! Dress, if not already dressed (the rabbit). Get little Nanette out of the flour can. Turn on oven and warm up roasting pan. Cut up rabbit. Go change baby Lane's diaper. Wash hands. Answer phone on way back. Sift flour and roll rabbit cuts in same. Wash flour out of Nanette's hair. Grease roasting pan and pick up Christmas toys off the kitchen floor. Go hunt for Clint...he was on the porch last time you looked. While there, call Karl Heaton about seed oats. Return to kitchen, mop up flour and rabbit from floor where Lane put some. Mop up Nanette...she was there too. Feed baby Cindy. Turn off oven...it's too hot. Melt butter again, it's solidified. Let Clint in back door with fresh eggs. Use broken one in recipe. Answer phone. Change baby. Take Clint's broken egg and take kids and beat it. Take rabbit and beat it to the creek. Cut rabbit for bait and go fishing. Fry fish same way you roast rabbit.

Submitted by Nancy Roundy



BANQUET HELD--Floydada Girl Scout troops held the mother-daughter banquet on Thursday, December 14, 1995. Margo Marin (L) was the winner of a three foot tall stuffed bumble bee given by Becky Burton (R) of Caprock Council in Lubbock.

Floydada Girl Scouts host annual banquet

Floydada Girl Scouts held their Investiture Thursday night at a mother-daughter banquet. The flag ceremony was given by the Third Grade Brownie Troop 56. Participants included Katy Gooch, Whitney Williams, Meghan Graham, Kristian Lackey and Lauran Powell.

Brownie pins were presented to Brownie Troop 429 along with patches each had earned. The girls were also given their awards for the magazine sales. This troop consists of

Jaycee Burns, Kelsey Robertson, Chelsea Rando, Kimberly and Yvette.

Brownie Troop 56 girls also received pins and badges.

Junior Troop 318 girls were presented with pins and badges earned for the year. Margo Marin also received a three foot tall stuffed bumble bee. It was given by the Caprock Council as a prize after a drawing from more than 500 names of girls that sold magazines. The bee was presented by Becky Burton from the Caprock Council in Lubbock.

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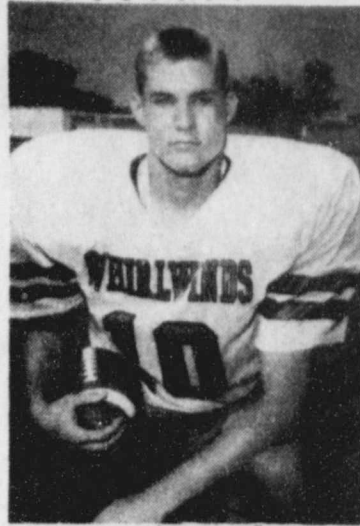
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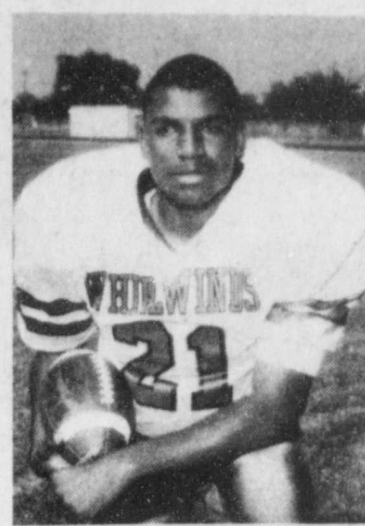
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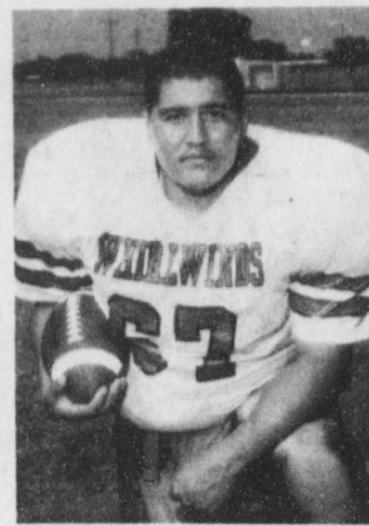
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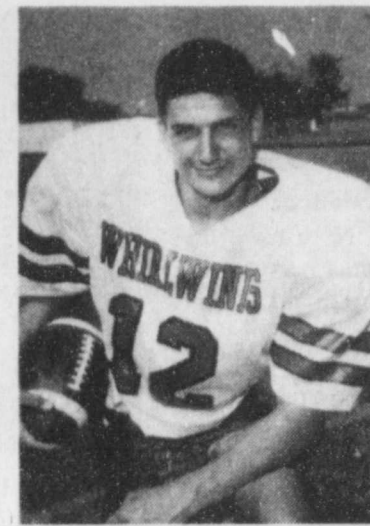
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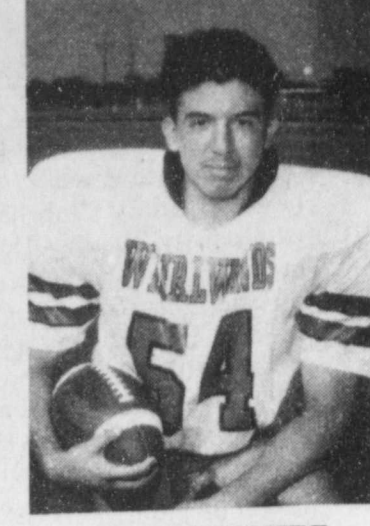
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Whirlwinds named to all-district squad

By Bill Gray
Seven Floydada Whirlwinds have been named to the 2-3A All-District football team, as selected by the district's coaches. District champion

Littlefield filled 11 spots on the first team, and runnerup Shallowater picked up 10 first team selections. Floydada's Ramon McCann was joined in the first-team offensive

backfield by Littlefield's talented Michael Benton Shallowater's Junior Guzman, and Friona's Lance Loooper. The quarterback of the elite team was Littlefield's Danny Vargas who was

also named 1st team punter and place kicker. McCann was the only Whirlwind named to the first team offensive squad.

Junior lineman Julian Hernandez was Floydada's other first-team selection as he picked up a spot on the defensive unit. Whirlwind senior Richard Powell was selected for two spots on the honor squad (2nd team offensive line and 2nd team defensive line).

Two other Whirlwind juniors were named to the team. Chad Hinkle received 2nd-team honors as offensive receiver, and Vernon Cooper grabbed a spot on the 2nd-team defensive backfield. Zack Abshier was chosen as the 2nd-team place kicker on offense. Abshier also received honorable mention at quarterback and

punter. Lupe Sanchez was given honorable mention at linebacker to complete Floydada's selections on the squad.

Bill's Notes

Congratulations are in order for those Whirlwinds chosen to the All-District football team. It was appropriate that the two playoff representatives, Littlefield and Shallowater paced the elite squad. It was very satisfying to have Ramon McCann selected to the first team. It's tough to transfer into a school as an upperclassman and still manage to have an impact. The Sweetwater transfer did just that...too bad he's a senior. Also, congratulations to the Whirlwind juniors who were selected (Hernandez, Cooper and Hinkle). Receiving this recognition should give each of them a lot to build upon for their senior campaign.



ACTION AGAINST ABERNATHY -- Clyde Walker goes up in an attempt to score for the Longhorns during game play Friday, December 15, against the Antelopes. The Longhorns Varsity Boys won by 13 points, outscoring Abernathy 53 to 40. The Varsity Girls were defeated 53-36. -- Staff Photo

Whirlwind Basketball Report

By Bill Gray

Crosbyton jumped out to a 21-18 first quarter lead, extended that lead to 41-27 at the half, and held on to edge Floydada 74-68 at Graves Gymnasium on December 15. The Whirlwinds fought back, outscoring the visitors 24-11 after intermission, to pull to within a point after three periods. However, the Chiefs hit some critical free throws down the stretch to pull out the victory. Crosbyton made 23 of 35 from the charity line for the game (a very respectable 65.7%) while the 'Winds only managed 4 of 14 free throws.

Vernon Cooper was again Floydada's biggest offensive weapon as his 26 total points led all scorers. Cooper connected on 11 of 20 from the field (including 3 of 6 three pointers). He also pulled down 8 rebounds and dished out assists. Rance Barnett scored 11 and was credited with 3 rebounds and 3 assists. Zack Abshier, the only other Whirlwind in double figures, had 11 points and 6 rebounds (3 on the defensive boards).

Two Whirlwind regulars are scoring in double figures through the first 14 games. Abshier leads the team with 264 total points (18.9 per game). Zack also leads the team with 150 rebounds (10.7 per game). Michael Palacios is the assist leader with 54 (almost 4 an outing). Cooper is averaging 6 rebounds and almost 3 assists a game.

Lubbock Christian's Ryder Richards scored 13 points to lead the Eagles to a 48-46 victory over the Whirlwinds on December 18. The

visitors held a 27-25 halftime lead as they improved to 9-5 on the year. The second half was just as close as the first two quarters as the Whirlwinds dropped to 8-7 in the non-district portion of their schedule.

Tomas Barrientos, who has just recently been called up to the varsity, led the Whirlwind scorers with 14 points. Zack Abshier was the only other Whirlwind in double figures, as he scored 12 points (almost 7 points under his season average).

The Whirlwinds hit the road against Olton on December 19 before traveling to the Littlefield tournament on December 27-29. Following the Christmas holidays, Floydada wraps up non-district play at Petersburg. The Whirlwinds host Dimmitt on Friday, January 5, to open play in District 2-3A.

Bill's Notes

Coach Knight is still shuffling around the lineup as the Whirlwinds prepare for the District 2-3A opener against Dimmitt on January 5. A lot of younger players are getting playing time while the coach continues his search for some combinations that will bring the team some success in district play. Freshman Michael Black was moved to the varsity several games ago, and is starting to adjust to the next level. Tomas Barrientos, moved to the varsity the past two games, is catching on fast, and was the high-point man against Lubbock Christian. These two, along with several other younger players, will add depth for later on down the line. The entire team is still having its problems at the free-throw line. Hopefully, this will be worked out before Dimmitt comes calling in two weeks.



Lockney Girls Basketball Report

VARSETY GIRLS

The Lockney Varsity Girls Horns were defeated by the Hale Center Tiger 55-40 in girls basketball December 12, 1995 in their first District game at Hale Center after being buried by a first-half deficit. Hale Center jumped in front 10-2 after the first quarter, and held an edge of 17-7 in the second quarter. Lady Horns had an advantage of 19-14 in the third period to cut the deficit to 41-28 going into the final period.

Lady Horns saw its season record fall to 3-9, while the District record started at 0-1.

Individual Stats, Lady Horns: Scoring- Randi Jo Henderson was high scorer of 10 points. Stacy Bigham--2 points, Tamarah Bursón--4 points, Kim Martinez--4 points, Cynthia Martin--2 points, Nicole Emert--8 points, Chelsea Patridge--4 points and tikka Smith--7 points.

JV GIRLS

The Lockney Lady Horns ended up losing a tight battle to Hale Center 41-40 in girls basketball December 12,

Have a good week!

LHS band competes at small band regionals

LOCKNEY -- Two Lockney High School Band members competed in the Association of Texas Small School Bands region Honor Band auditions held in Brownfield on Saturday, December 9.

Kaci Mathis, bass clarinet, and Leigha Wood, baritone saxophone, both placed first chair for their instrument and will advance to the ATSSB Area audition to be held in Sundown on January 6.

Mathis and Wood will also perform with the ATSSB Region Band in a concert in Brownfield on January 20.

The ATSSB audition process selects students to perform in an All-

State band at the Texas Music Educators Clinic/Convention in February. Students at the region level qualify to compete on the area level. The area level audition certifies students to the All-State band. Students from all A, AA, and AAA high school bands are eligible to compete in the ATSSB audition process.

Schools competing at regional audition include: Floydada, Brownfield, Littlefield, Slaton, Hale Center, Abernathy, Lockney, Plains and Sudan. Area auditions will be for the students from the Lubbock, Amarillo, Midland-Odessa and El Paso regions.

8TH GRADE GIRLS

The Lockney 8th Grade Girls Short Horns ended up losing a tight battle to Olton 39-37 in girls basketball December 11, 1995 at Lockney in a contest that was close throughout.

The District-opening loss gave Lady Short Horns a record of 0-1.

7TH GRADE GIRLS

After three hard-fought periods, the Lockney 7th Grade Girls Short Horns finally saw victory slip away and were topped by Olton 37-31 in girls basketball December 11, 1995 at Olton.

The teams battled back and forth until Olton took control in the final period.

The District-opening loss gave Lady Short Horns a record of 0-1.

Individual Stats, Lady Short Horns: Scoring- Lorena Bernal--1 point, Elizabeth Torres--14 points, Karlon Hooten--10 points, Crystal Martinez--2 points, Michel Gross--2 points



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Floydada FUMC plans candlelight services

First United Methodist Church of Floydada, 203 W. Kentucky, will hold its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:30 p.m. this Sunday. The service will feature traditional Christmas hymns, scripture readings, drama, special music, and the lighting of candles to symbolize the light of Christ coming into the world.

The service has been a traditional part of the life of the church and many other churches for years. Although the central elements of the service remain the same from year to year, subtle changes are made in music and tim-

ing to add variety. The church's leadership decided to hold the service at 5:30 in the evening this year since Christmas eve falls on a Sunday and most employees won't be at work.

"This will give families more time afterward for dinner, gifts, and family activities," explained Wanda Hickerson, chairperson of the church's council on ministries.

Members of First United Methodist Church invite everyone to join them for this special tradition of Christmas.

LHS annual wins awards

LOCKNEY -- The 1994-1995 Lockney High School Yearbook was the recipient of a number of awards at the West Texas A&M University Panhandle High School Press Association Convention held on December 7.

Sessions of print, radio and broadcast journalism were presented. Special emphasis was placed on the advanced technology and it is significant in mass communication today.

Students were informed in the areas of computer art and graphics sports writing and headlines and careers in radio and television broadcast.

The Lockney 1995 Roundup won

the Panhandle High School Press Association 2nd runner-up sweepstakes award and was honored with the following awards:

First Place Awards were:
Coby Marr, Student Life Design;
Chris Guerrero, Opening Design;
Gerardo Luna, Sports Page Design;
Second Place Awards were:
Chris Guerrero, Cover Design;
Federico Cervantes, Club Design and Portrait Design; Mark Todd Terrell, Sports Photo;

Third Place Awards were:
Mandy Galloway, Feature Copy;
Mark Todd Terrell, News Photo and Feature Photo.



AWARD WINNERS -- Some of the 1994-95 yearbook staff members included: (back) Shannon Veal, Gerardo Luna; (front) Mandy Galloway, Federico Cervantes, and LeeAnne Galloway. -- Staff Photo

JOYOUS NOEL

Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions

QUESTION: What answer do you have for those who say being a mother and a housewife is boring and monotonous?

DR. DOBSON: They are right—but we should recognize that every other occupation is boring, too. How exciting is the work of a telephone operator who plugs and un-plugs switchboard connections all day long? Or a medical pathologist who examines microscopic slides and bacterial cultures from morning to night? Or a dentist who spends his or her lifetime drilling and filling? Or an attorney who reads dusty books in secluded libraries? Or an author who writes page after page?

Few of us enjoy heart-thumping excitement each moment of our professional lives. On a trip to Washington, D.C., my hotel was located next to the room of a famous cellist who was in the city to give a classical concert that evening. I could hear him through the walls as he practiced hour after hour.

He did not play beautiful symphonic renditions; he repeated scales and runs and exercises over and over. The practice began early in the morning (believe me!) and continued until the time of his concert. As he strolled on the stage that evening, I'm sure many individuals in the audience thought to themselves, "What a glamorous life." Some glamorous.

I happen to know that he spent the entire day in his lonely room in the company of his cello. Musical instruments, as you know, are terrible conversationalists.

No, I doubt if the job of a housewife and mother is much more boring than most other jobs, particularly if the woman refuses to be isolated from adult contact. But as far as the importance of the assignment is concerned, no job can compete with the responsibility of shaping and molding a new human being.

May I remind mothers of one more important consideration: you will not always be saddled with the responsibility you now hold. Your children will be with you for a few brief years and the obligations you now shoulder



DR. DOBSON

will be nothing more than dim memories. Enjoy every moment of these days—even the difficult times—and indulge yourself in the satisfaction of having done an essential job right!

QUESTION: Should parents force a child to eat?

DR. DOBSON: No. I am no expert in nutrition, but I believe a normal child's appetite is governed by the amount of food he needs. He will be hungry when he needs nourishment.

However, I do believe a parent should carefully guard that appetite, making sure that he satisfies it with the food his body requires. A bit of sugar in the afternoon can make him disinterested in his dinner. Or he may sit down at the table and fill his stomach with juice or one item on his plate.

Thus, it may be necessary to give him one kind of food at a time, beginning with iron-rich meat and other protein, followed by the less important items.

Once he is satisfied, I can see no value in forcing him to continue eating. Incidentally, the parent should know that a child's appetite often drops off rapidly between two and three years of age. This occurs because his time of maximum growth rate has subsided, and his need for food is reduced.

Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Correspondence to Dr. Dobson should be addressed to: Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Dr. Dobson is brought to you courtesy of West College & 3rd Street Church of Christ, Lockney.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
607 W. Lee St., Floydada
J.D. Young, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

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Floydada
Claude Porter, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada
Gene McCarty, Minister
Sunday:
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
(Summer 8:00 p.m.)

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Afternoon Worship 2:00 p.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Floydada
Vance Mitchell, Pastor
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Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening
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Wednesday:
Night Service 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Howell E. Farnsworth Jr.
Pastor
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Music/Adm./Sr. Adults
Marlon Pritchard,
Students/Ed.
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Train. 5:45 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Children's Choirs 4:00 p.m.
Evening Meal 6:00 p.m.
R.A.'s & G.A.'s 6:45 p.m.
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Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 7:45 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lockney
Harold Abney, Pastor
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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Children's Choir 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Activities 7:00 p.m.
RA's and GA's 7:00 p.m.
Pre-School Choir 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.
3rd Saturdays:
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Floydada
Clark Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Tommie Beck, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
UMY 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
United Methodist Women,
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CME
Floydada
Rev. James Jenkins
Sunday 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
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Interdenominational Church
Rev. Ted Samples, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
John Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday:
Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

IGLESIA DEL REY JESUS
404 E. 6th St., Lockney
Lupe Banda, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
Youth Service 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Ed Hull, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTU 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Thursday:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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Wednesday:
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Lockney
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Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Christian Training 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.
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308 W. Tennessee
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Service 2:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
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Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Angels

When God calls little children
to dwell with him above,
We mortals sometimes question
the wisdom of his love.
For no heartache compares
with the death of one small child.
He does so much to make our world
so wonderful and mild.
Perhaps God tires of calling
the aged to his fold,
so he picks a rosebud
before it can grow old.
God knows how much we need them,
so he takes but a few;
to make the land of Heaven
so beautiful to view.
Believing this is difficult, still,
somehow we must try.
The saddest word mankind knows,
will always be good-bye.
So when a little child departs,
we who are left behind,
Must somehow realize God loves children.
Angels are hard to find.

Author unknown
Submitted by Lynn Marler

OBITUARIES

OLGA APPLEWHITE

Funeral services for Olga Dixon Applewhite, 92, of Lockney, were at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at Main Street Church of Christ with Brother Ed Hull, minister, officiating. Burial was in the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.
Mrs. Applewhite died Wednesday, December 13, 1995, at Mangold Memorial Hospital.
She was born November 22, 1903 in Lockney and remained a life long resident. She attended school at Lockney High, Abilene Christian College, and West Texas College. She began teaching in the Lockney School System in 1922 and retired in 1948. Mrs. Applewhite married Clyde Applewhite November 1, 1929, in Lockney. He passed away March 28, 1985.
Mrs. Applewhite was a member of Life Masters, Former Teachers Association, and a Charter Member of the Birthday Club, as well as the Lockney Senior Citizens. She was awarded the Floyd County Pioneer Woman of the Year in 1995. Mrs. Applewhite was a member of the Main Street Church of Christ.
She was preceded in death by one brother, T.J. Honea; and one sister, Alice Dean.
She is survived by her dear friends, Elaine Gibson and Cheryl Bradley of Lockney; her aunt and uncle, Wanda and Dorsey Baker of Lockney; and her niece, Dian Foster of Dallas.

Pallbearers were Dorsey Lynn Baker, Norton Baker, Oliver Clark, Eddie Joe Fortenberry, Joe B. Foster, Larry Foster, Shawn H. Foster, and Francis Montandon.
The family suggests memorials be made to the Lubbock Christian University, Lockney Cemetery Association, Mangold Memorial Hospital, or the Main Street Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by 2 sons, Ramon, in 1987, and Ismael in 1992.
Pallbearers were Adolfo Garcia, Jr., Alex Martinez, Alfred Martinez, Carlos Martinez, Juan Martinez, Ray Martinez, Tony Martinez, and Raymond Mendoza.

MAE MOORE RAGLE

Funeral services for Mae Moore Ragle, 90, were at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Shane Brue, pastor, officiating.
Burial was in Olton Cemetery by Wood-Dunning Funeral Home.
Mrs. Ragle died Sunday, Dec. 17, 1995.
She was born May 21, 1905, in Jones County near Merkel. She moved when a small child with her family to the Panhandle. She graduated from Floydada High School attended Wayland Baptist College. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Texas Tech and taught school for several years at Olton, Hale Center, and Floydada before moving to Plainview where she taught 11 years. She retired in 1970.
She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church where she sang in the church choir, a member of Friendship Class and had served several terms as president of the United Methodist Women.
She was a member of Plainview Rebekah Lodge 309 for almost 40 years, holding every office, including one term as Noble Grand. She was given the Decoration of Chivalry by the National Rebekah Lodge for her long service.
She also held offices in the High Plains Rock Club, Delta Kappa Gamma and several other organizations.
She married Ernest Ragle on Nov. 20, 1941.
Survivors include her husband; a son, George A. Ragle of Sugarland; a daughter, Priscilla Ragle Ebdon of Charleston, Ill.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
The family suggests memorials to Trinity United Methodist Church or to a favorite charity.
Pallbearers were Melvin Schwab, Denzil McMillan, Charles Kay, Alvin Eldred, Robert Barnett and Kerwin Oliver.

Mrs. Widener died at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday night, December 12, 1995, in the Southern Manor Nursing Home.

She was born May 27, 1913 in Jack County, Texas. Mrs. Widener graduated from Dimmitt High School and attended West Texas College. She then became a teacher and taught at South Plains and Lockney. She married Dale Widener May 24, 1936 in Clovis, N.M. The couple moved to Floyd County in 1949 from Dimmitt. He passed away January 20, 1993.

Mrs. Widener was a member of the Athena Study Club and Pollyana Club. She was also a member of the Lockney Senior Citizens.

She is survived by one son, Ernie Widener of Lockney; two daughters, Jeanette Young of Levelland and Nelda Ruf of Phoenix, Arizona; one brother, Major Bruton of Fence Lake, N.M.; one sister, Nell Morgan of Portales, N.M.; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Dan Bruton of Dimmitt, in 1992.

Pallbearers were Scott Lotz, Aaron Graham, Daron Widener, Jerohme Widener, Joe Widener, and Scott Young.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Hospice of the Plains.

ORTIE GRAY

Graveside services for Ortie Gray, 83, of Floydada were at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, 1995, at the Floydada Cemetery with Reverend Charles Stice of Floydada officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.
Mr. Gray died Monday, December 18, 1995, at his residence.

He was born August 29, 1912 in Luler County, Oklahoma. He moved to Floydada in 1949. He was a farmer and a gin hand.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Tommy, Arnold, Buster, and Rube and three sisters Agnes Walden, Pernie Ray and Mary Arnold.

He is survived by one sister, Cora Ring of Artesia, New Mexico; his dear friends Bill and Elena Hopper of Floydada and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Ernest Back, Bill Hopper, Tommy Pierson and Carl Turner.

GUADALUPE V. MARTINEZ

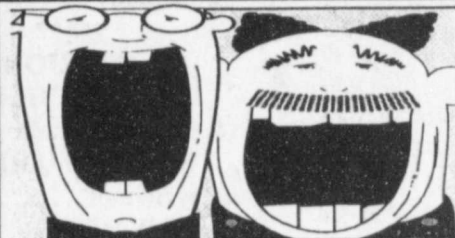
Rosary for Guadalupe Martinez, 87, of Floydada was at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, and Thursday, Dec. 14 in the Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home Chapel. Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Floydada. The Rev. Elbert Fadallan of the church officiated. Burial was in Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Martinez died Tuesday night, December 12, 1995 at 10:35 in the Floydada Nursing Home.

She was born March 16, 1908 in Pearsall, Texas and later married Bernardo Martinez in Pearsall. Mr. Martinez passed away December 15, 1993. She moved to Floydada in 1952 from Derby, Texas. Mrs. Martinez was a housewife and a member of the Catholic Church.

She is survived by 5 sons, Fidel, Jose, Alfredo, and Benny of Floydada, and Domingo of Dodge City, Kansas; 2 daughters, Manuela Mendoza of Dumas, Arkansas, and Irma Garcia of Floydada; 1 brother, Frutoso Viesca; 48 grandchildren, 94 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

This Week's Announcements



DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP CLASS

Diabetic Support Groups weekly classes will be in the Methodist Hospital Plainview Library every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend. The program for the **January 8th** meeting will be "Retinopathy", presented by speaker Dr. Douglas Kopp.

ENCHILADA DINNER

The San Jose Catholic Church will be hosting an enchilada dinner on Sunday, January 21, 1996. Cost per plate and serving times will be announced at a later date.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous and A-Anons meet each Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. Anyone wanting the loving fellowship of men and women who can share their experience, strength and hope are welcome. Meetings are held in the County Extension Building, at the north end of the building. Anyone interested may call 983-3635 or 652-3546

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER AVAILABLE

Veterans Service Officer Ralph Jackson is available in the county courtroom on Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES IN FLOYDADA

Adult Education classes are now enrolling students. Anyone 17 years of age or older who is interested in obtaining a GED or improving in basic education is welcome. Classes in ESL and computer literacy are also available. There is no charge. Classes will be held Monday & Thursday evening from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Della Plains School. Teachers are Jan Willson and Martha Garza. For more information call 983-6258 or 983-2489.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Free blood pressure clinic is held in the community room of the First National Bank in Floydada every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

TOYS NEEDED FOR SALVATION ARMY STORE

New or used toys are needed at the Lockney Salvation Army Store for distribution at Christmas. If the store is not open, they can be left at Lee's Home & Auto, at 112 S. Main, Lockney.

LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army Store in Lockney is open everyday from 1 - 4 p.m. They are in need of toys, coats, and winter clothes.

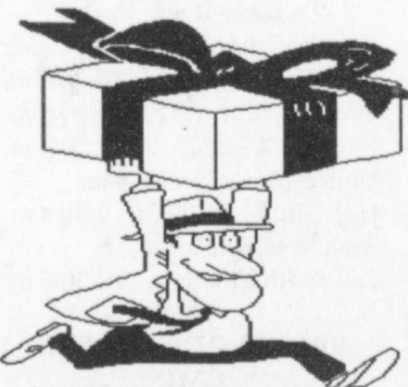
AL-ANON

For families and close friends of alcoholics and drug addicts, and adults who grew up in such environments. Wednesdays & Thursdays: 7:55 p.m. Youth programs, Tuesdays: 7:55 p.m. Haynes Bldg., west door: 812 W. 8th St., Plainview. For more information call 293-1433 or (800) 945-4928.

WEATHER

Courtesy of Energas

DATE	HIGH	LOW
Dec. 13	78	57
Dec. 14	79	45
Dec. 15	59	43
Dec. 16	57	36
Dec. 17	46	43
Dec. 18	36	35
Dec. 19	44	34



Only 4 days until Christmas!

Public Notice

**LOCKNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENT FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1995**

Data Control Codes	Governmental Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)		
	100-199	200-499	98	97	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	August 31, 1995	August 31, 1994	
REVENUES					
5700	Local, Intermediate, Out-of-State	\$ 1,208,775	\$ 13,651	\$ 1,222,426	\$ 987,315
5800	State Program Revenues	2,846,139	22,974	2,869,113	2,802,411
5900	Federal Program Revenues		376,040	376,040	400,496
5030	Total Revenue	\$ 4,054,914	\$ 412,665	\$ 4,467,579	\$ 4,190,222
EXPENDITURES					
0011	Instruction	\$ 2,188,022	\$ 211,093	\$ 2,399,115	\$ 2,344,682
0021	Instructional Administration		11,561	11,561	10,783
0022	Instructional Resources and Media Services	123,827	8,625	132,452	94,341
0023	School Administration	211,143		211,143	202,108
0025	Curriculum and Personnel Development		3,244	3,244	3,805
0031	Guidance and Counseling Services	80,306		80,306	82,308
0032	Attendance and Social Work Service		6,849	6,849	5,594
0033	Health Services	20,188	4,101	24,289	29,424
0034	Pupil Transportation - Regular	95,543		95,543	89,078
0036	Co-curricular Activities	167,250		167,250	187,297
0037	Food Services		171,579	171,579	171,395
0041	General Administration	231,658	3,379	235,037	216,745
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	294,799		294,799	316,521
0052	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	259,649		259,649	245,975
0075	Data Processing Services	20,795	6,205	27,000	25,285
0081	Community Service	500		500	500
6050	Total Expenditures	\$ 3,696,924	\$ 423,392	\$ 4,120,316	\$ 4,025,841
1100	Excess (Deficiency) Revenues				
	Over Expenditures	\$ 357,990	-(10,727)	\$ 347,263	\$ 164,381
7990	Other Resources	114,204	10,727	124,931	130,750
8990	Other (Uses)	-(112,943)		-(112,943)	-(124,710)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 359,251	\$ 0	\$ 359,251	\$ 170,421
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,328,281		1,328,281	1,307,842
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance				(149,983)
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,687,532	\$ 0	\$ 1,687,532	\$ 1,328,280

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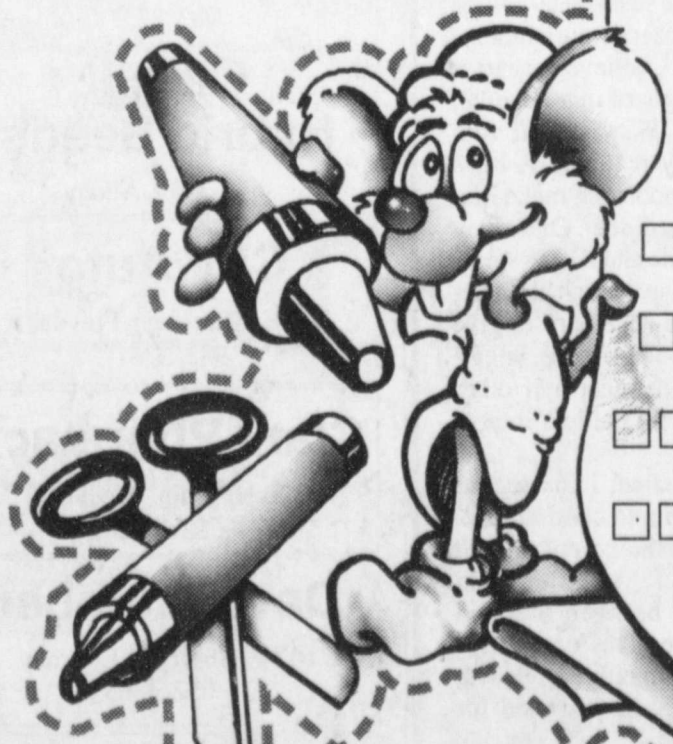
COLOR IT! CLIP IT!
And check it twice!

Sparky wants you to have a happy and safe holiday. So he wrote these tips to help you safely enjoy the Christmas season.

Color Sparky with crayons or markers and clip this page out. Then, check your safety list to make sure your home is ready for the holidays. (Ask for your parent's help!)

SAFETY LIST!

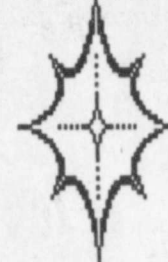
- Check all cords for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- Test lights before stringing.
- Unplug lights before making any repairs or replacing light bulbs.
- Don't overload circuits with too many plugs!
- No lights on metallic trees.
- Keep your tree fresh by trimming the base and keeping plenty of water in the tree stand.
- Turn off all lights before leaving or going to bed.
- Don't use indoor lights outside.
- Avoid outdoor electrical lines when hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees.
- Use waterproof lighting equipment outdoors. Hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.



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Cards Of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, visits and flowers during my stay in the hospital and since I've been home. And for the food that has been brought to my home.

A special thanks to Dr. Stinnett and the Nursing staff at Lockney Hospital and to the doctors and nurses at Methodist Hospital.

May God bless you.

Hillery Polvadore 12-21p

To all our friends, our most sincere thanks for the food, flowers, and your support during the loss of our beloved Mother-Grandmother. May the Lord bless each and everyone of you.

Thank you to all the ladies of St. Mary Magdalen Church for the wonderful meal and to Father Padallan for the beautiful service.

Martinez family
Mendoza family
Garcia family
12-21c

Cards Of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown our families at the loss of our precious little ones. We are so grateful for the cards, calls, visits, food and especially the prayers on our behalf. We ask that you continue to remember us with prayer.

Ed and Davis Hammond
Orville and Lynn Marler
12-21p

I want to express my appreciation for all the prayers, flowers, cards, food and kindness shown after the death of my wife.

May God Bless Each of You.
Ray Dillard
12-21c

Have a Great Week!

Farm Equipment For Sale

FOR SALE -- 9 Shank ROC Ripper--21 ft. ROC Spring-tooth Harrow with spray boom. After 8:00 p.m. 983-5763. 12-28c

For Rent

Floydada
FOR RENT -- 2-Bedroom Trailer for rent. Couples only. 983-2797. 12-21c

Help Wanted

WANTED -- Experienced fulltime farm hand. 983-5720. 1-4c

WANTED -- Experienced FarmHand Needed. Cone, TX. 657-4416. tfn

Houses For Sale

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HOUSE FOR SALE -- 2 Bedroom, 1 bath on big corner lot, 2 car garage. Call 652-3644. 12-21p

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Miscellaneous For Sale

FOR SALE -- Watkins Products. 652-2432. 12-28c

FOR SALE -- Vitamaster stationary bike - \$75.00. Rowing machine - \$50.00. Both like new. 983-3455. 12-21c

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Miscellaneous For Sale

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bidders conference on Wednesday, December 20, 1995 at 1:30 p.m. at the above address.

Bidding proposals, plans and specifications will be available at the Engineers' offices as listed below:

For the counties of Hale, Floyd, Castro, and Swisher: on LP 445, 1.4 Mi. N. of IH 27, in Plainview, phone (806) 293-5102

12-14, 12-21c

NOTICE OF ESTRAY

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Location of estray while impounded:

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Description of estray:

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Breed: MIXED

Color: 4 RED WHITE-FACED; 4 BLACK WHITE-FACED

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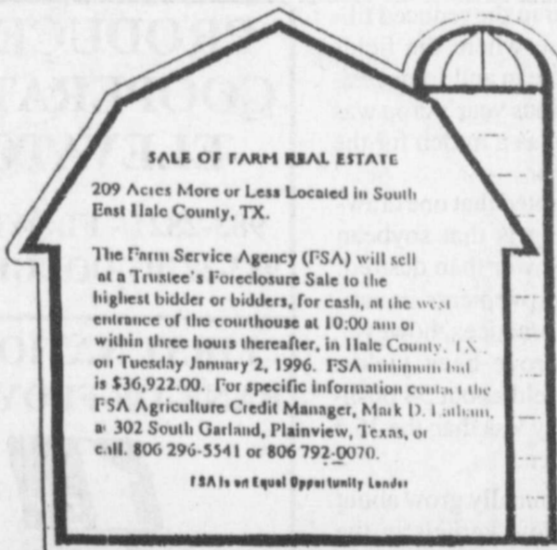
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Public Meeting Notice

Proposed Construction of a Farm-to-Market Highway in the Northeastern Portion of Floyd County

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public meeting Thursday, January 25, 1996, at 7 p.m. in the county courtroom at the Floydada County Courthouse. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, solicit public input and discuss the need for a new farm-to-market highway proposed for construction in northeastern portions of Floyd County. For planning and environmental purposes, TxDOT has defined a geographic study area bounded on the north by State Highway 86, on the west by State Highway 207, on the south by FM 97, and on the east by FM 1065.

This meeting will include a review of potential highway construction route alternatives available for consideration by project planners and designers. Interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and express their views.

Those attending the meeting who have special communications or accommodation needs should contact Plainview Area Engineer Mike Craig, P.E., at (806) 293-5484, at least two days prior to the meeting. Since the public meeting will be in English, requests for language interpreters or other special communications needs should also be made at least two days prior to the public meeting. The Texas Department of Transportation will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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Regional cotton conferences provide help for producers

Cotton producers on the Texas South Plains can get a jump on the 1996 growing season by attending one of the five regional conferences January 15-25. A sixth will be held February 20.

The Caprock Cotton Conference will be held January 16-17 at the Plains Baptist Assembly, seven miles south of Floydada on U.S. Highway 62. It will address needs of growers in Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Swisher and Briscoe counties.

Other conferences will be held at Lamesa on January 15; Olton, January 17; Levelland, January 18; Lubbock, January 24-25; and Seminole on February 20.

Producers from throughout the region are welcome at any of the conferences, noted Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension Service district director. However space is limited and producers should register early with the appropriate county extension agent.

The six conferences are a result of the highly successful Caprock Cotton Conference presented in Crosbyton each January for several years by the Extension Service. Last year three conferences were held, in Floydada,

Lamesa and Olton. "The Caprock Cotton Conference, and additional conferences this year, are a direct result of educational programming requested by the producers," Robinson said.

Robinson said the series of conferences was devised to allow more growers to take part and to fully address specific concerns in different growing regions of the South Plains. All focus on three statewide Extension Service issues: economic competitiveness for Texas agriculture and communities; water quality and conservation, and environment and natural resources.

Each conference will provide continuing education units which growers need to comply with state environmental regulations. Registration fees include meals and advance registration is desired. Growers may register with their county extension office.

Co-sponsoring the conferences with the Extension Service are American Cynamid; Ciba Geigy Corp.; Delta & Pine Co.; Gustafson, Inc.; Monsanto; Rhone Poulenc, Wilbur Ellis and Zeneca.

Farm News



RETIRING FSA BOARD MEMBERS -- A reception was held at the Floyd County Farm Service Agency Office Thursday, December 14, in honor of retiring board members Dwight Teeple (left) and Eddie Smith (left). Trent Johnson (center), director of the local office, presented the two with plaques of appreciation for their efforts. -- Staff Photo

Happy Holidays!

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Extension marketing specialists set date for area workshops

by Joe Bryant

The new federal farm bill appears to be heading toward more flexibility for farmers to respond to the market as they decide what crops to plant, says an agricultural economist and management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. But that means farmers must become more skilled in using available marketing tools, he says.

"This new flexibility will likely re-

sult in more price variability," says Dr. Jackie Smith, professor and Extension Service economist at Lubbock. "This increased price variability and the likelihood that deficiency payments will be discontinued will force farmers to become more familiar with the available price risk management tools."

To help farmers be prepared to evaluate alternative pricing opportunities, the Extension Service will hold

a series of one-day, in-depth, introductory cotton marketing workshops in January. The workshops will be held at four sites: January 23, Post; January 24, Big Spring; January 25, Plainview, and January 26, Levelland.

Dr. Carl Anderson, professor and extension cotton marketing specialist from College Station, and Smith will be the instructors. Topics will include introduction to futures, localizing the futures basis, introduction

to options, estimating costs of production, comparison of pricing alternatives, developing a marketing plan, cotton situation and outlook and an overview of current farm bill provisions.

Each workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. The registration fee is \$30 and includes an extensive set of materials. Spouses are encouraged to attend and each husband and wife will pay only one fee.

Additional information may be obtained from local county extension agents or by calling Smith at 806-746-6101 in Lubbock.

Farmers can kick cotton's chemical dependency on nitrogen

It may sound like an urban problem, but chemical dependency can happen to agricultural crops, too.

"We need to reduce the chemical dependency of cotton on nitrogen," said Dr. John Matocha, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station soil chemist. "Some farmers have been using more than is needed."

Too much nitrogen isn't beneficial to the crops and can lead to harmful side effects — such as water pollution — in the environment. And even if no environmental harm is done, excessive applications are costly.

But growers don't have to kick the excess fertilizer habit cold turkey. Research at the Experiment Station shows that changing the types of crops grown on a farm in successive years provides better use of soil and fertilizer nitrogen.

"The use of proper crop rotations can be instrumental in improving weed control, nutrient use and crop yields," Matocha said. "Cropping systems which use biological nitrogen fixation are important in maximizing fertilizer nitrogen use efficiency."

Matocha said economics and increased interest in conservation of soil

and moisture should be the driving force in the change in farming methods.

He said methods analyzed by researchers found that nitrogen — an element that naturally forms about 78 percent of the atmosphere — can be "fixed" in the soil for use by the next crop.

Some crops, such as soybeans, are able to pull the nitrogen out of the atmosphere through the assistance of nitrogen-fixing bacteria and transfer the element to the soil, Matocha said. The plants, called legumes, produce wart-like nodules on their roots to store nitrogen pulled from above the surface. When those plants are harvested, the nitrogen packed nodules remain in the soil, and following mineralization, can be used by the next crop.

"It's beginning to work. Our studies show that using soybeans for this results in farmers not having to lean as heavily on artificial applications of commercial nitrogen," he said.

Matocha examined yields from both conventional farming methods and reduced tillage practices. Some of the trials rotated grain sorghum and

cotton and some alternated soybeans and cotton.

"The results were that the net contributions from soybeans grown in rotation in alternate years with cotton increases with time," he said. "Increased yields ranged from 12 percent the second year to 92 percent in the fourth year."

He said benefits from the soybean crops were greater in the reduced tillage trials — those where the fields were not plowed clean and some residue from the previous year's crop was allowed to remain as a mulch for the following crop year.

The researcher noted that one drawback of the finding is that soybean yields have been lower than desired. Matocha said improvements in varieties and cultural practices, however, possibly can improve bean yields. Texas soybeans yield about 34 bushels per acre, slightly less than the 35.5 bushel U.S. average.

Texas farmers annually grow about 220,000 acres, a few kernels in the bucket compared to the national 61.7 million acres, most of which is produced in the Midwest, according to StratSoy, an online communication

and information system. Nevertheless, StratSoy estimates that the Texas crop is worth about \$38 million annually.

Matocha said the next phase of the study will examine how long the nitrogen packets from leguminous plants remain in the soil and its effects on corn grown in the rotation.

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Samples expected from 2.55 million bales

By Shawn Wade

After a week's worth of analysis the latest United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimate of cotton production on the Texas High Plains appears to be holding its own according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG).

Although the initial reaction of some High Plains crop watchers was that the estimate is still too high, further analysis and discussions with Directors of the Lubbock and Lamesa cotton classing offices appears to back up the USDA estimate.

Estimated production in Texas crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S totals 2.68 million 480 pound bales according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS). TASS boundaries for the two reporting areas take in almost all of the 25 counties served by PCG and is frequently used as a barometer of the region's production potential.

Average yields for the two districts were estimated at 442 pounds in 1-N and 403 pounds in 1-S. Harvested acres were estimated at 630,000 in 1-N and 2.5 million in 1-S.

Bolstering the TASS estimates are reports that the Lubbock and Lamesa classing offices expect to receive samples from some 2.55 million bales in 1995. Classing office estimates are figured using running bales, which are typically heavier than 480 pounds, and must be adjusted to reflect a comparable number of 480 pound net weight bales for statistical purposes. Once adjusted, the combined classing office estimate of 2.55 million bales received would equal slightly more than 2.62 million statistical bales.

"Trying to predict what size a cot-

ton crop on the Texas High Plains is often an exercise in comparing apples to oranges," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "The good news is that, once completed, the analysis provides a much clearer picture of the 25 county cotton crop."

Johnson adds that even though the 1995 crop has been disappointing from a yield standpoint it has exhibited very high quality. He notes that this is especially good news for producers looking to sell their crop at the highest possible price.

"Beltwide growers who produced a cotton crop in 1995 had to overcome incredible adversity, and in many cases dramatically increased costs, for the opportunity to make less cotton than they did the previous year," notes Johnson. "Things aren't any different on the High Plains and our growers are looking for any opportunity to make up for their lost production."

Quality-wise the 1995 crop continues the recent trend of "higher is better" when it comes to High Plains cotton. The commitment area producers make to quality continues to put extra money in their pockets and hopefully will help take some of the sting out of the lower yields.

Through the Plains Cotton Improvement Program (PCIP) High Plains producers have put their money to work developing new cotton varieties suited to the unique growing conditions found on the Texas High Plains. The good news for producers is that the objectives of the PCIP continue to be realized as new cotton varieties, developed through the PCIP, become commercially available.

Long-term prospects are bright and through the efforts of High Plains growers, and programs like the PCIP, the future of High Plains cotton can be assured.

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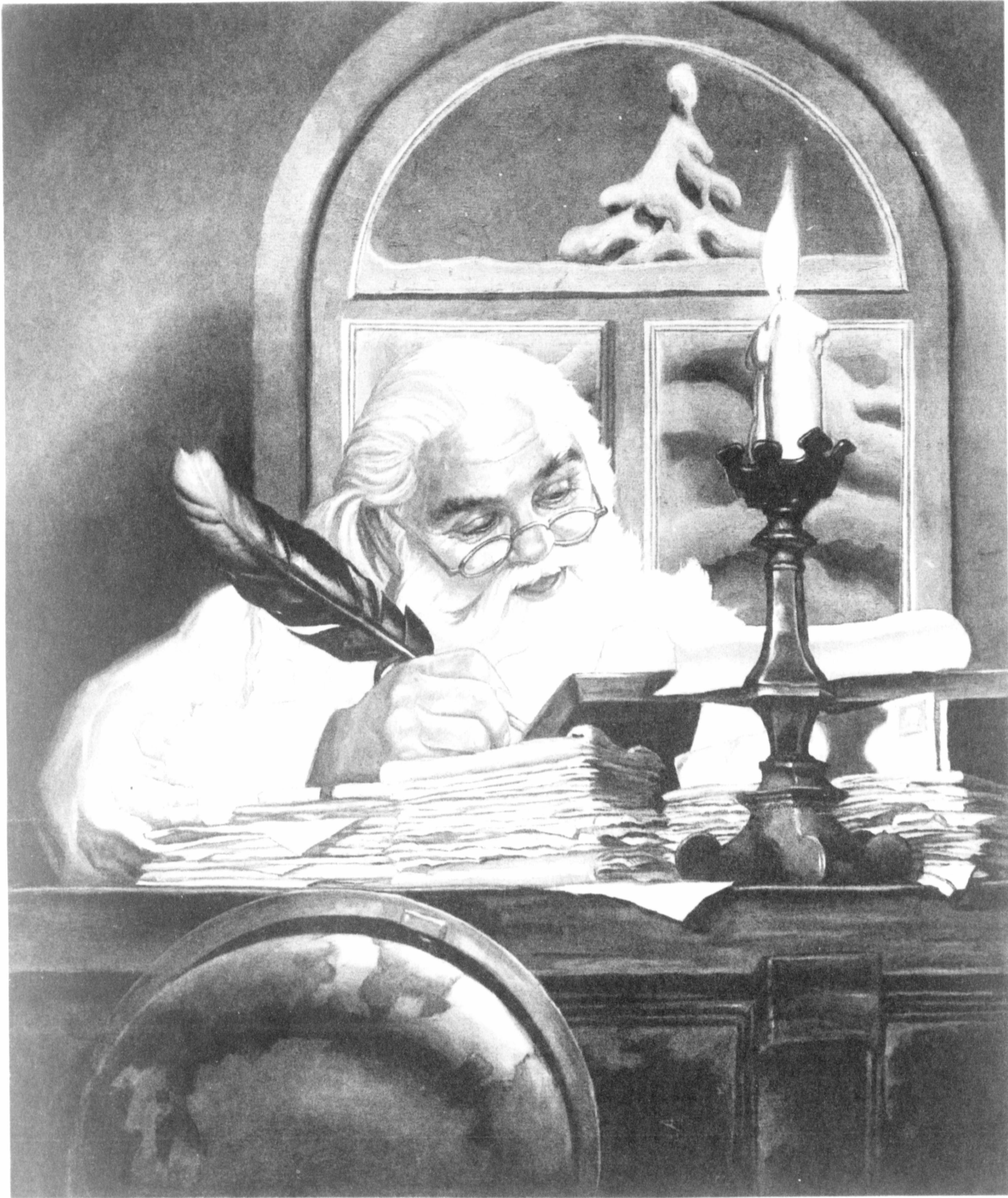


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Dear Santa Dear Santa Dear Santa

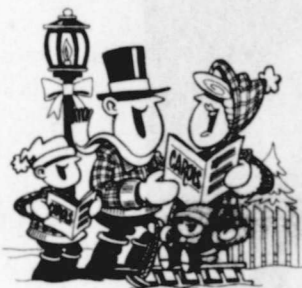


Dear Santa,
I am anxious about Christmas This year. I might get a new Nintendo and some new cloths maybe I don't know what I'm going to get from you this year. I just want something good for Christmas. My Grandma and Grandpa are coming to spend Christmas with us were going to have a big Christmas. I also think my aunt and uncle plus my cousins. I will have fun this Christmas because there will be lots of presents to open and with some good stuff to come out. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Kevin, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a skatbord and a new bike and a tv and new skates. And an MK3.

Love,
Brandon Gilroy, 3rd Grade



Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie mini van a Barbie and Barbie sister Kely and the game guys who and the magic tea party and the sparkle partys and that all I want for Christmas. But I love you and I will leave cookies, candy and milk out for you.

Love,
Mandy, 3rd Grade



"...Round, yon Virgin Mother and Child..."
May this Holy season bring you and your loved ones renewed peace.
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Dear Santa,
I want a NFL jersey of Steve Young and Jerry Rice. And I want a game of Animanias and RIC Motorcycle with the butterys. And a football signed by Jerry Rice and Steve Young.

Love,
Danny, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I won't the game John madden football 96 and I want a morent hancks jersey and a Jery Rice jersey and a caset tlc and a sega CD and a Jane Boc with a Cd player.

Love,
Victor Martinez, 3rd Grade



MULLING IT OVER - Santa was busy in Lockney this year, meeting with his fans. This youngster seems to be considering his Christmas gift request. - Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
I want a new football so i can play with it and play with my friends and go to my other friends and go to hous to hous all day.

Love,
Frank Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I real you a new hors. And pupys. And I want a new cat that can have citens a hall bunch of them.

Love,
Heather, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a sega geneses and a football soot and a C.D. player and a good bike and a sanfransisco shirt and some reeboks and some reeboks shirt and shorts and a jersey of a reggie miller Jersey and a michael Jordan Jersey and a berry Sanders Jersey and deone sanders Jersey and some reebok socks and a tramplelen so me and my sister could jump on. I will be good for you if I went to and I want a Mortal Kombat game and I want a movie of foruse gump and a movie of blood in blood out and then I want a B.B. gun and cars.

Love,
Marcus Mark Ascencio, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie with a baby. I would like a box of rings. I wante pout and I will try to be good. Ive been good so far. For Christmas I would like some roller blades and a book of Junior B jones. I love Christmas. I would like a doll and a dog.

Love,
Sarah Anne Martinez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a amarikin dol namd addie and I want nuther amarikin dole named smanthy and I want a dir direy and a hocey stig with a puck and a little citin with geray on him and I wont a now satel and a bacit to gow with may hors and I wont a mow rane and I wont sum mor roler blads.

Love,
Karah, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of presents and a lot of ganes and a lot of makeup and I want a barbie house and I want a barbie and I want a game called jingo. and I want a new sticker macker and a comeputer and I want a happy christmas for every body.

Love,
Mandy, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year this is my list. I want a real Christmas tree. a new sweater. a pretty hair bow. a barbie dol. a puppy. a stuffed animal lion. rocks and gems of all kinds. a blue back pack.

Love,
Shelley, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas day i wood like a Amerikan Girl. I thank Addie she pritty and a trunk lot of her cloths. radyo roler blads walkman I think thats all.

Love,
P.S. are you relly rell the trooth now

Love,
Ashley Brock, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I've been wondering if your reindeer are doing o.k. Well enyway I going to be in California this Cristmas so don't leave our presents at our house leave them at Sea Cliff motel the top room. Joanie wants some jewelry and a Doodle Bear. Kaci wants a Mickey jacket and I want a Doodle Bear too. And a Jewelry box because ive already have enough jewelry.

Love,
Annie, 3rd Grade

SANTA! Don't Forget A Subscription To The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon!

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler and a Sega nintendo new roller blades and criss cross crash race car set and if you can just get me the Sega please I relly relly want that.

Love,
Cagan Cummings, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want some clothes and some files and some candy in my stocking and I want a big knew tea set were I can poor water in it.

Love,
Meagan Stapp, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar, Doodle Bear a new house.

Love,
Katie Howard, 3 Grade

Dear Santa,
Id like the fatastek ster maker and a game cold monopoly to Santa. I hope you have a good time to gowing down chemeny to I hope I have a marry Christmas to I wonder if it is fun to fly meny years. Santa I will not be noty at all Santa I will be good I promises Santa and if you dont bleve me I dont bleve you are rell Santa clos nether Santa you nak on my door Santa be cus I don't have a chmeny Santa I wish you good luck.

Love,
Alicia Ann Leal, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I just want to know how you were doing and I want a baby slip and slerp and a baby that crys real tears.

Love,
Carrie, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a hot whell stunt track and can I have a new bike and can I have some video games and a super nintendo.

Love,
Xavier, 3rd Grade

December Thoughts

—Taken from The Tulia Herald, December 23, 1993. Written by Vondell Koentz.

It's December and the end of the year is at hand. Thanksgiving's over and now a chill covers the land.

The grass has turned brown, the leaves are all down, still the air is full of cheer.

It's a season for giving, a reason for living at this chilly time of the year.

There's hay to be fed and now to be shed and smiles on kid's faces so bright.

Evenings extended, leather to be mended and Dad would you light your pipe up tonight?

The cattle are straight, the afternoons late, the aroma of pumpkin pie. A Christmas tree and hot spiced tea and man did this year fly!

Trees that are bare and stories to share snow covered canyons and cedars.

North winds blow, church windows aglow and curled up by the fire with a reader.

A baby in a manger, singing carols to strangers and Grandma's is not really that far.

Ice to be broken and gifts for a token, three wise men and a Bethlehem star.

Money seems tight and giving is right, the twenty-sixty is Cody's birthday.

Sipping hot cider and walking beside her I'm glad I didn't let her get away.

Hands warmed by gloves and homes full of love, barbed wire fences coated with ice.

Silage a steamin' and kids are a dreamin' have they been naughty or nice?

Talks about short days and my how the wheat lays, plan on seein' your kin.

Nativity scenes and five golden rings and Santa is my kid's best friend.

Cheery Christmas cards and pretty lit yards and horses that have cold backs.

Ranchers feed cake and mamas that bake and scarfs on our hat and coat racks.

A savior was born, a new covenant formed we honor them on Christmas Day.

But devils got a scheme, commercialism's mean; forget not important I pray.

Clear blue days and now blizzard haze, changes from week to week.

CORDUROY caps and afternoon naps dribblin' noses and rosy cheeks.

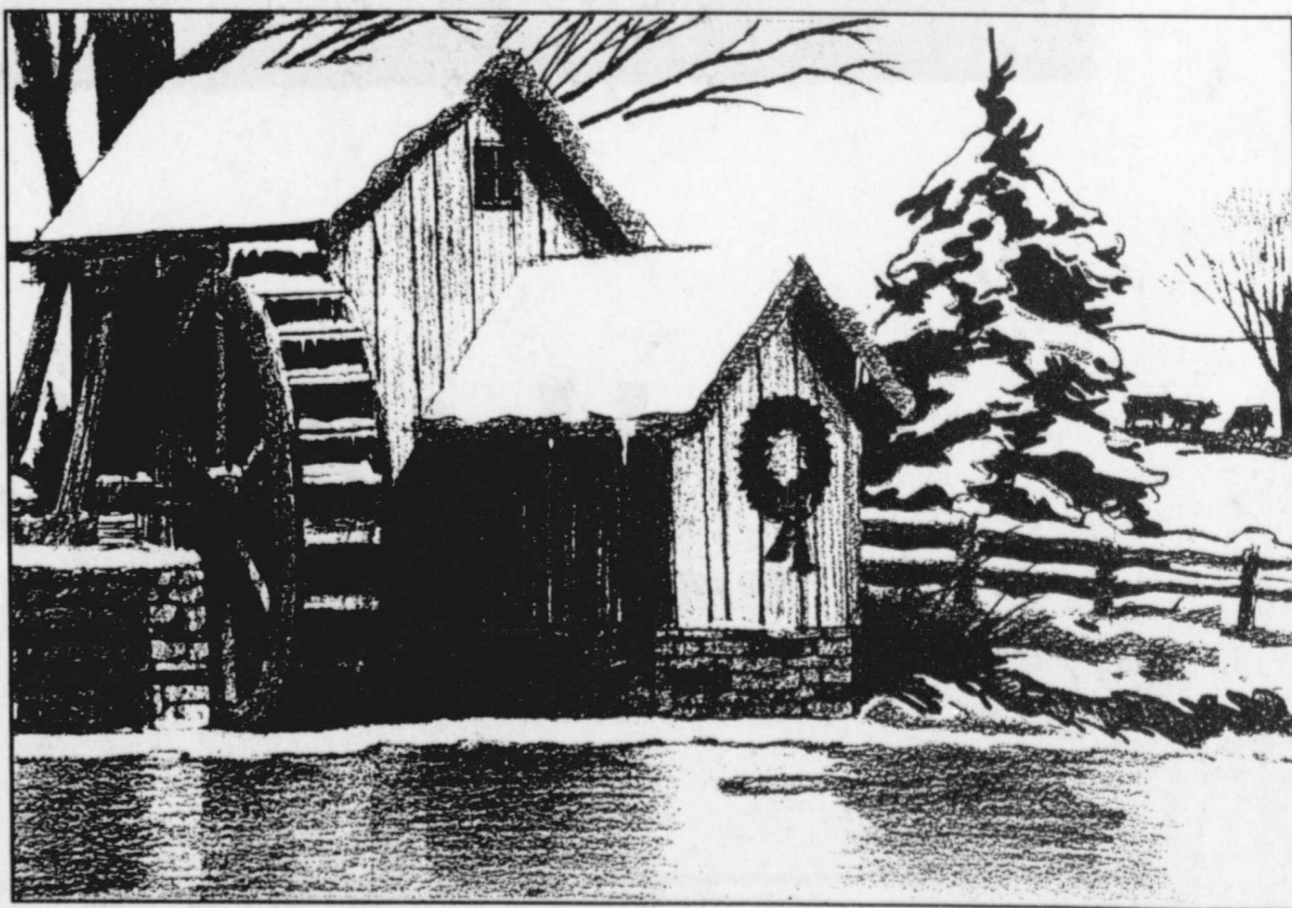
Yes December is here it's my time of year it'll go by way to fast.

But these things that I've named will help just the same and hopefully they'll make it last.

—Vondell Koentz



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Pat Frizzell, Cheryl Teeter
Lockney

GREENINGS

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa!"



GIGGLES ARE PART OF THE SEASON - Everyone knows it is fun to visit Santa and this pretty little girl is no exception. Her joy exemplifies the spirit of the Yuletide Season in Floydada.
- Staff Photo

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.

The Editorial read:
We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun.

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 enjoyment, 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 super-natural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

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



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Dear Santa,
I want a v.c.r. and mike shoes and talkboy and some gams and some clothes and a stecker book and some book end a little computer.
That is all I want Santa
Isabel Torrez, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a drum set and a guiter with a book. Also I wan't a little t.v. for my room. And a cd player with cd's.
Love,
Charles Ventura, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Amy Molina. For Christmas I want lights out, princess wishing star, I want a genie in a globe, a t.v., v.c.r., cd player, barbie calicsh-ion, a fone, clothes, shoes, bed, drawers, Nike zipper notebook, my size barbie that is a prinses, sunglasses, kids micowave, a poole table for my brother and give all of my family what they want and my friends.
Thank you Santa Claus!
Amy Molina, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a football sett. And I would like a new bike and tilty and dart set. And a new watch and toy guns. And a tractor. And a practus punch diley waper. And a criss cross crash sett. And a sony walk man and a new fan.
Love,
Cullen McQ., 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a Poca hantas wach and a C.D. player and a my puppy to have something new to shew on and I want Nike shous and I want a 10 speed bike.
Love,
Cristina, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a sega and a harly davison racer, casper, a new bike, Robin Hood, the soward in the stone, Ricky rich, a dog and a computer and that's it.
Love,
Justin Hernandez, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a streach doll twest and dance Barbie, barbie house, and cloes, and a pink panther pillow and a nice new Ken doll. And I wont forget snow boots.
Love,
Marti Nolan, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like some games and a super ninendo and a new sega game.
Love,
Amber Nuncio, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I just want a ternament table and even a racing care that don't have bodrese and three Dallas Cowboys Jearseys.
Love,
Joe Frank, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want for it to snow at Lockney texas and for there to be peace on earth who ever kills will be forgived by God but not the family members of who dieded cause in the bible it says not to kill and still. And save the rainforests and animals in it. And help the poor by food, clothes and shelter. And for Santa to giver some toys and money that erver one on earth needs for all the hospitals that need money for medicane for kids to keep them well.
Love,
Teresa Day, 3rd Grade



Mistletoe Lore

- Growth: On deciduous and some coniferous trees. Plant is semi-parasitic, growing on trunks and branches.
- Propagation: Seed must be inserted beneath young bark of host tree.
- Flowering time: Spring, with yellowish flowers, followed by white berries.
- Uses: As a Christmas decoration. Berries have poisonous properties, but have been used as a remedy for epilepsy and for making birdlime, an adhesive.
- Name: Mistletoe is from Anglo-Saxon. Viscum is the old Latin name.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Bike and a chraplin and a picture of my cat named Sasha. and I want it to snow. and me and my family to have a nice chrimus. and some swings and a water bed for me and my sister, and a bag of camd in my stocking and powder and loction.
Love,
Denise Salazar, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I wish I could help my gramps live I do not want him to die. I will love him to live for my birthday. I will be 10 years old.
Love,
Jessica, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a truck with a trailer then I want a play nickng, then I want a explor then I want a game gear. then I want a motcontrall car that can go fact then I want a bunch of geijoes then I want a c.d. with a tape called snook dogy dog, then I want a skate-board.
Love,
Hagen Johnson, 3rd Grade

Season's Greetings!

Dear Santa,
I want a ten speed bike and a cut in stile barbee. and my size barbee doll and a telephone and a coputer.
Love,
Amanda, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a gocart and a bb gun like a pistle and a nerf crossbowe and a ben bag for chrimas.
Love,
Jeremy Pyle, 3rd Grade

Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
I want a redio some cloths but I want the redio has a cd player and a tape player some money and also one more thing o well some toys.
Love,
Sasha Wood, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a sega a dog some toys and ensted of a new dog I would like Sally back sometimes when I think a bout her I start to cry so really all I want is all.
Love,
Ashley, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a San Frinsisco jacket and the game Martal Kombat 3 on Super Nintendo and a C.D. with a Selena C.D. and a C.D. of Goop Dogie God and a race car that goes real real fast and all the Earth worm Jim toys and the Game Earth Worm Jim 2 on Super Nintendo and a X-men toy and that is all.
Love,
Eugene Gonzales, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike, and I want a baucke car.
Love,
Natalie, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie, and clothes, books, bed, bike, sega, games, markers and a back-pack.
Love,
Crystal Vargas, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and I want a real esc and I want a cat and I want a lacc.
Love,
Melania, 3rd grade

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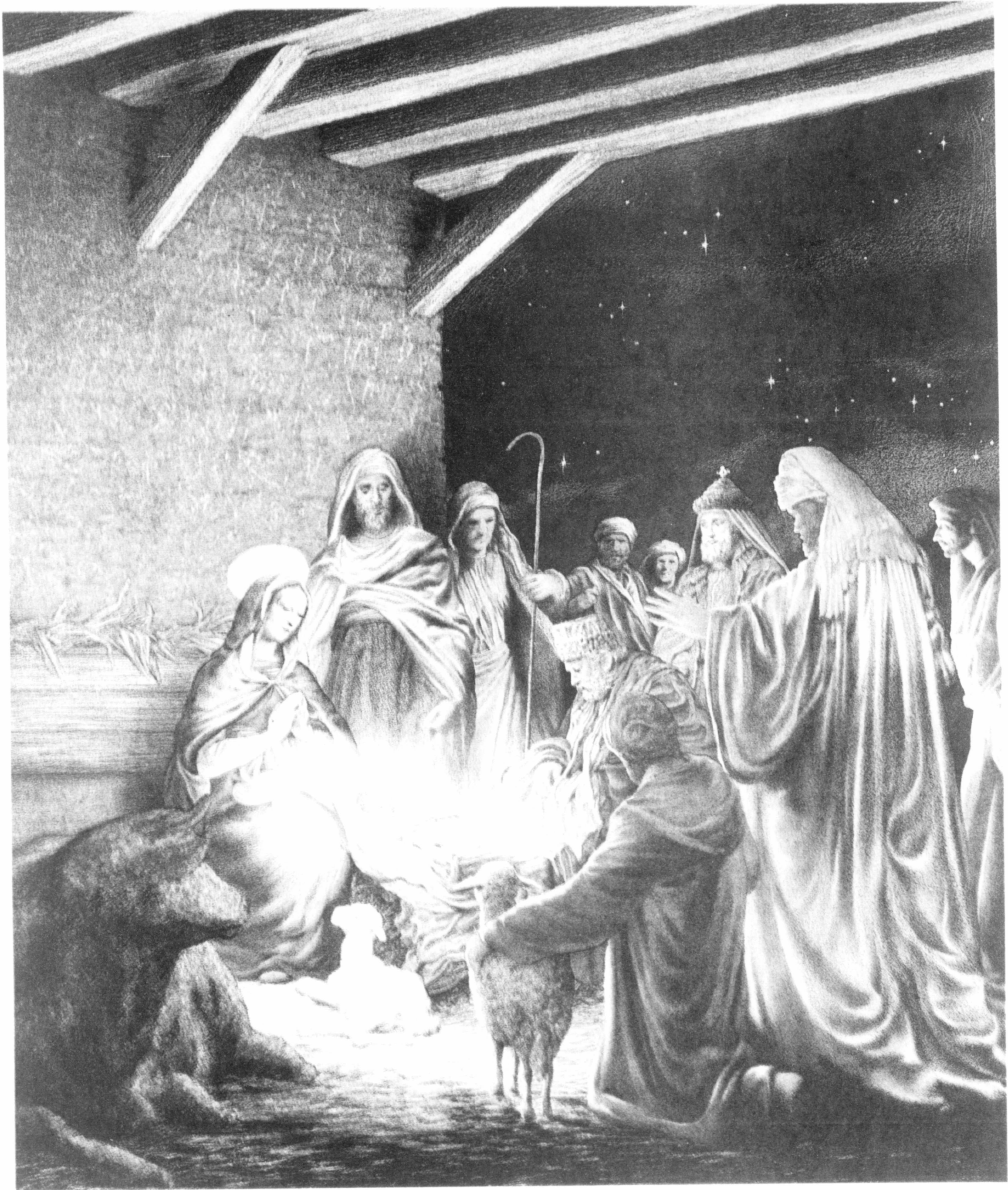
BON NOEL SEASON'S GREETINGS

WITH WARM REGARDS

As snow and frost blanket the land, we're warmed by thoughts of the many fine people we have had the pleasure to serve in the past year.

Merry Christmas and God bless you.

Scott Gin
Floydada



REJOICE...

for our Savior is born!

May you and your family bask in the glow of His light and His love this holiday season.

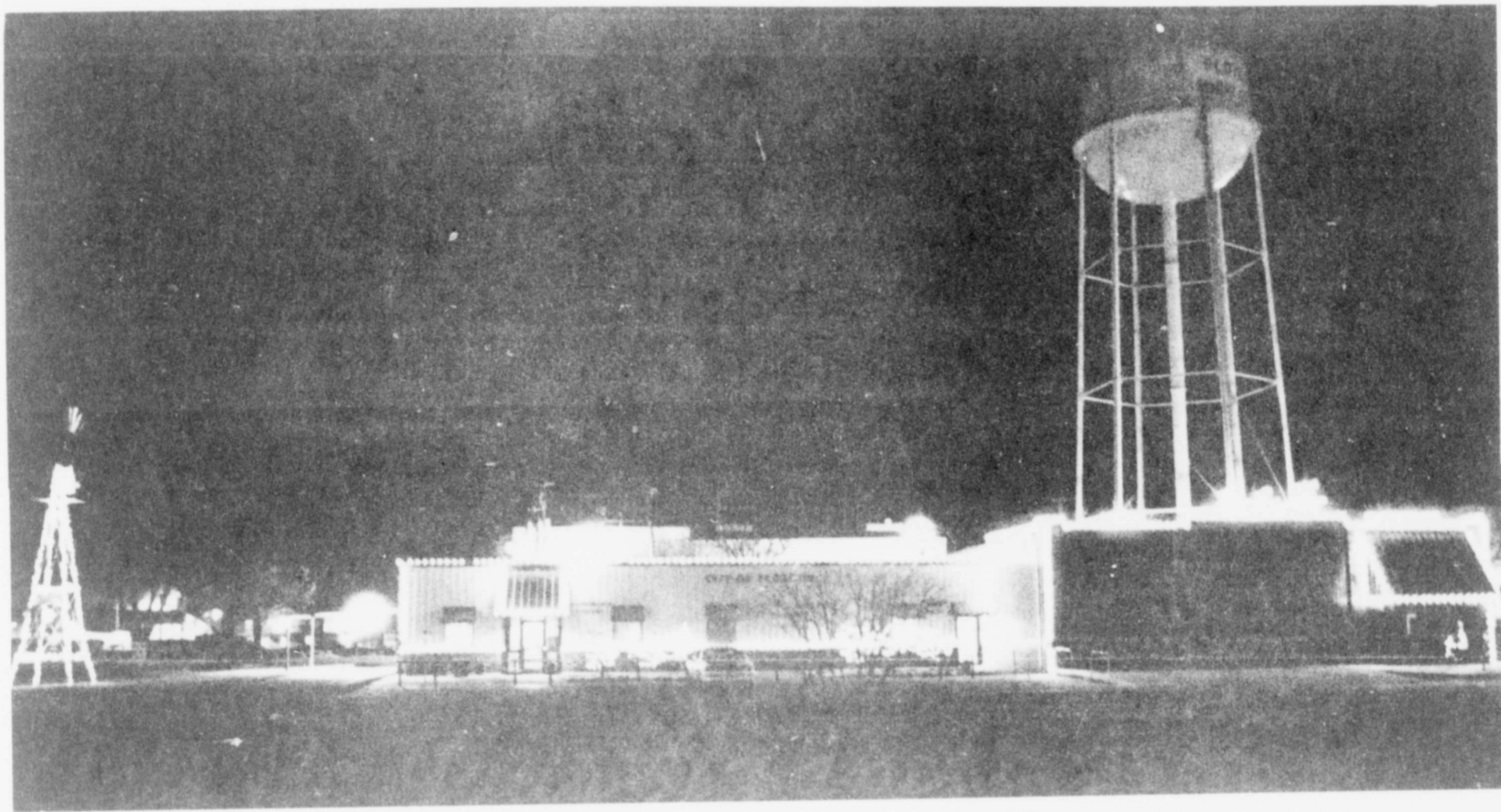
Lockney Gin Company

Larry Mullins

Owner/Manager

Merry Christmas

*To EACH of our Friends and Customers
May This Be Your Happiest Holiday Ever!*

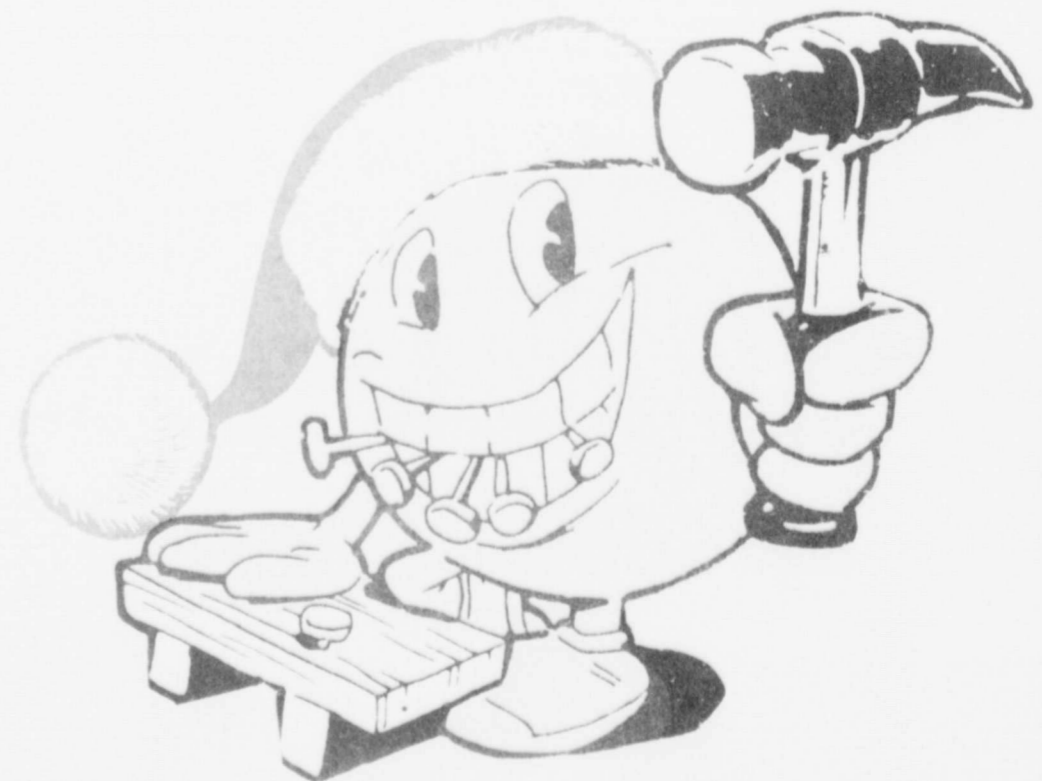


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attending R. C. Andrews Elementary School

A Christmas Acrostic
by Zack Emert, 6-C
C is for Christmas day
H is for having friends over
R is for rummaging through the presents
I is for icecicles
S is for snow balling
T is for untangling the lights
M is for Christmas morning
A is for angels in the sky
S is for ringing carols

Christmas
by Lee Roy Garza, 6-C
Carring
Having fun
Resting
Incense
Santa's
Tiny
Men
Arrived
Shortly

Have a Merry Christmas
by Abelina Vasquez, 6-C
It is once again time to gather around the Christmas tree. We will sing like the angels above as tears approach in our eyes and we don't forget the ones we love. We shall have a Merry Christmas. I hope you have one, too.

Christmas Acrostic
by Jessica Castaneda, 6-C
Christmas is a time of sharing
Here in our house we are always caring

Ready to see Santa Claus
I know all we hear is my cats scratchy claws
Still I think of the homeless everyday
Telling myself they made it all the way
My mother is very concerned
Always hoping nothing will burn
Sitting on the carpet ready, Decorations holding very steady, Ahh, finally the time has come, Yet, I hope everyone has had lots of fun.

Love Is In The Air
by Paul Segura, 6-C
Love is in the air, a time where people like to share.
Love is in the air, all day long people singing songs.
Love is in the air.

A Wish Come True
by Dulce E., 6-C
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.

My Mixed Christmas Thoughts
by Brady Davis, 6-D
Taping the final touch to the presents
Angels glistening on top the Christmas trees
Having fun with every one
Receiving, giving nad sharing
Mistletoes and that wonderful dinner
Saving those last few pennies for that gift
Inviting others from far away and just next door
Christmas comes and goes just so fast
See if you can. Don't give up. Now solve this mixed up word!

Christmas Time
by Lindsey Whitten, 6-A
Christmas is a time for love,
The smell of cinnimon and spice.

A time to see family and friends,
Time to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The Gold Prospector's Christmas
by Erin Houchin, 6-D
Twas the night before Christmas and all through the shack; a few creatures were sturring, mostly rats, my stockings were hung up with my pick axe. I in my hat and my donkey in his pack, had just settled down for a short-night nap.

When what to my wandering gold-nuguet-finding eyes should appear, but a gold cart and 8 minature donkeys. I looked closer and saw a **big fat man**. He had one muddy used hat, a brown leather back pack, a shirt brown with mud, pants with holes and patches and dust.

His face was brown with a tan and mud. He couldn't find the chimney and I'll bet if I did have one now, or a roof for that matter. Out of his back-pack he pulled fool's gold, real gold (I'm a gold prospector, don't you remember), the shiniest pick-axe head you ever did see, a soft new leather pack for my companion, Jack the ass, and a gold pan.

He spun around on his heel and I said, "Don't you DARE go through that wall!!!" He looked at me and turned his nose to the right and the door way was fixed and he was out of sight.

I heard him say, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night, and you in the shack good luck in the mines." I knew I had encountered Santa that night.

A Christmas Miracle
by Jenna Payne
Santa's elves were very upset, because it was 4 weeks till Christmas and Rudolph had run away. Alfred, the first elf in charge had scolded Rudolph so that's why he ran away.

"Don't worry Alfred, we will find him," said Phyllis. "I hope so," said Alfred.

Alfred and Phyllis were the only elves that could look for Rudolph because all the other elves were making toys.

They searched day and night for 3 weeks then they just gave up. "There will be no Christmas if we can't find him," sobbed Phyllis. "The other reindeer won't fly without him." Just then they heard something rustling in the trees. All of a sudden Rudolph burst out of the trees and exclaimed, "Happy New Year!" "What," Alfred questioned? "It is not even Christmas yet." "oh well," said Rudolph. "That was a Christmas miracle." sighed Phyllis.



Christmas Love
by Terrence Jay Fuller, 6-D
Love is great, greater then care.
Love is when you care, care for some one, somebody.
Love is shared at Christmas time all over the world.
It is joyful and sometimes sad.
I like Christmas because of all the attention and love, love is the best present you can give anyone.

A Christmas Acrostic
by Rosa Calderon, 6-D
Christmas is time for sharing love
Have new toys like
Rats and some other toys
It time to make presents for family an and friends
Smell My Cookie
Take one of my cookies
Mom and that are dancing
As we said
Santa is coming

Celebrate Christmas
by Anthony Suarez, 6-D
Celebrate Christmas
Helping others
Remembering God
In love
Sharing with others
Toys
Making Snow Angels
Angels
Singing Christmas Carols

Merry Christmas
by Stella Suarez, 6-D
Mary had a baby.
enjoying reindeers
rain and snow everyday.
yesterday is not today.

Crist was born in Bethlaham.
helping little kids decorate the Christmas tree.
remembering Jesus Birth on Christmas day.
inviting Jesus in to our hearts.
Singing Silent Night, Holy Night.
tearing wrapping paper
Making wishes upon a star.
A happy joyful christmas ever.
Singing Christmas carols



MAKING CHRISTMAS WISHES -- This duo of Lockney children sit on Santa's lap discussing a special gift on Christmas Day. Judging by the expression on the young man's face, this is serious business! - Staff Photo

Christmas Acrostic
by Tye Wood, 6-A
Christmas is a time of giving and receiving
Having thanks for what god gave you
Returning thanks and presents to others
Intering the house of some one elses and look at their Christmas decoratins
Smelling the pine tree
Telling others what you have gotten others
Making candy for the Christmas party
Asking and telling people what you want for christmas
Speceile day to spend with friends and family

A Christmas Memory
by Justin Reeves, 6-E
Caring for others as they come this day
Hoping they will come the right way
Really wanting to open your gift first
It questions your mind of what it's worth
Seeing what's in the package you've opened up
This is the gift you've been dreaming of
Memories come to mind from the years past
And finally you get the gift you've dreamed of at last
So have fun and put this Christmas with the ones from long ago

A Christmas Gift
by Joanna Johnston, 6-D
Clickclickclick, Jennifer had heard a noise coming from the chimney. She looked at the clock and noticed it was 12 o'clock and she knew it was going to be Santa. She had written a letter to Santa Claus saying she wanted a Barbie Doll and a red bike. She ran down stairs, looked at the bright Christmas tree, and she saw a big box that she knew her parents had not left there. She ran outside into the cold weather and saw Santa and his reindeer going out into the night sky. She said, "Thank You," to herself then her dad came down "What's the matter, Jen?" "Oh nothing. Well go back to bed it's late and tomorrows Christmas day and you need your rest. She ran upstairs and fell back to sleep. The next day Christmas Morning her brother came pounding on the door. "Hurry get up! lets open are gifts!" Said John. Jennifer jumped out of bed, ran down stairs, and started opening her gifts. The big box had what she wanted. It was a red bike and her Barbie doll and she said silently to herself, "Thanks for the best Christmas gifts ever!"

The Greatest Gift of All!!!!
by Marisa Barrientos, 6-E
A long time ago on Christmas Eve a savior was born in the City of David. An angel reached Mary and told her she was going to have a baby boy and his name was going to be Jesus. Mary was in shock because she was pure and clean. Joseph and Mary were hungry, tired, and poor, and were on their way to a Judean town to have baby Jesus. When they reached a close by Inn they asked to stay in a warm room for the birth of their child. There was no room for them, but a man told them there was a stable about 2 miles away. So when they got there Mary was in great pain and she was ready to have the baby. Shepherds saw a bright star and followed it all the way. The star gleamed right on top of the little cold stable where Jesus lay in his manger. When the Shepherds arrived they saw their new savior who would save them from sin and all around were animals, Jesus' parents and wisemen with gifts. To this day we are thankful for all we have especially the greatest gift of all, "Jesus."

Mysterious Gift
by Rocky Reyes, 6-E
Christmas is time to thank others,
Henery a little boy who doesn't belive in ...
Ready to get what he wants,
It's that Henery doesn't have the special gift.
Some angel told him a secret,
That will change his life right away.
Merry Christmas, everyone,
And Henery remembered what the angel said.
So instead opening and thinking of himself, he gave away presents and thought of others.

Note: To the tune of "Up On The House Top"
by Brenna Dawdy, 6-E
I awoke and sat straight up
I heard small steps like thump thump thump
I crept downstairs and guess what I saw
A short fat man who needed to thaw

Ho Ho Ho ... who wouldn't know?
Ho Ho Ho ... who wouldn't know?
As soon as down he went back up
And soon disappeared were the thump thump thumps

"Jesus"
by Jurahee Jones, 6-E
On a donkey towards Bethlehem went Mary and Joseph.
Mary and Joseph entered Bethlehem and found out that all the rooms were taken in the inn So they slept in a stable where Jesus was born.
Now today as we say "Prince of Peace."
Jesus grew up and died for our sins. Yet three days later he arose. That makes all the difference in the world.

Christmas
by Danail Dunne, 6-E
for my Mom and Dad
Christmas is time to give
Christmas is love from me to you
Christmas is fun
Christmas is to be happy
Christmas is to be joyful
Christmas is here

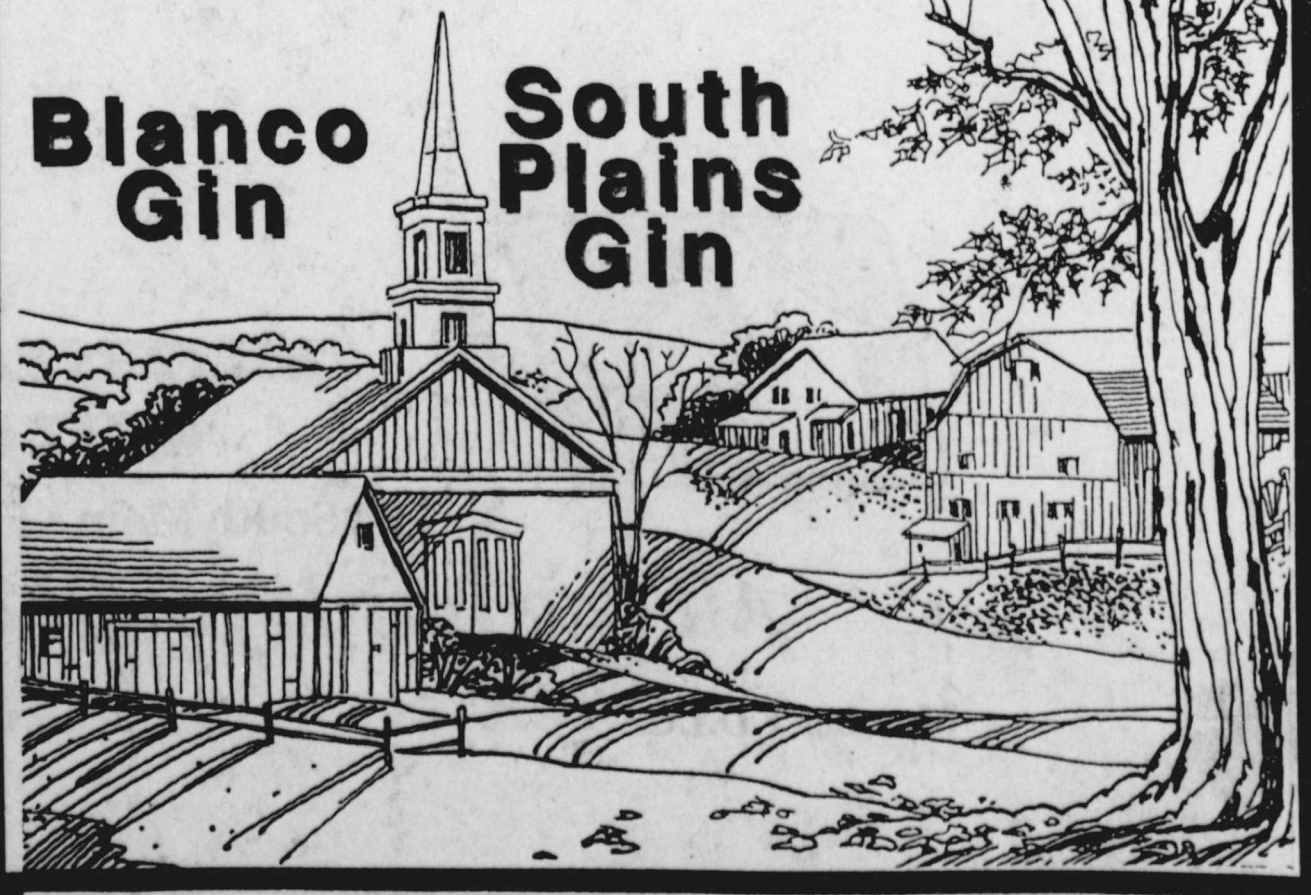
Christmas Once Again
by Joe Delgado, 6-E
It is once again the time to gather around the Christmas Tree. We will give thanks and get things. Don't forget the ones we love. All the family and friends come a long way just to have a good Christmas time. Now we are going to have one and I hope you do, too.

Christmas Is ...
by Esmeralda Ybarra, 6-E
When you have to be happy and love one another You have to celebrate and be happy all Together When the Trees are lighted and the kids are happy and the Light out side our windows, and Presents Opening all day long. People out side singing Real Sweet.
That's What Christmas is

Saying Thanks
by Rebecca Warren, 6B
Christ was born on this special night
He was loving and caring with all his might
Receiving is not the true meaning of this day
I pray we may give this joyous day Sharing, praying with all our loved ones
Tonight we will sing and rejoice
May all our blessings come true
And you will find that Christ loves you
So remember the real meaning of this day and always say thanks when you pray.

Christmas in the Country

It's the best place to be, especially with so many wonderful friends & customers like you!
Wishing all our faithful patrons holidays filled with Christmas cheer, blessed with health and prosperity. It has been our pleasure to know and serve you this past year.

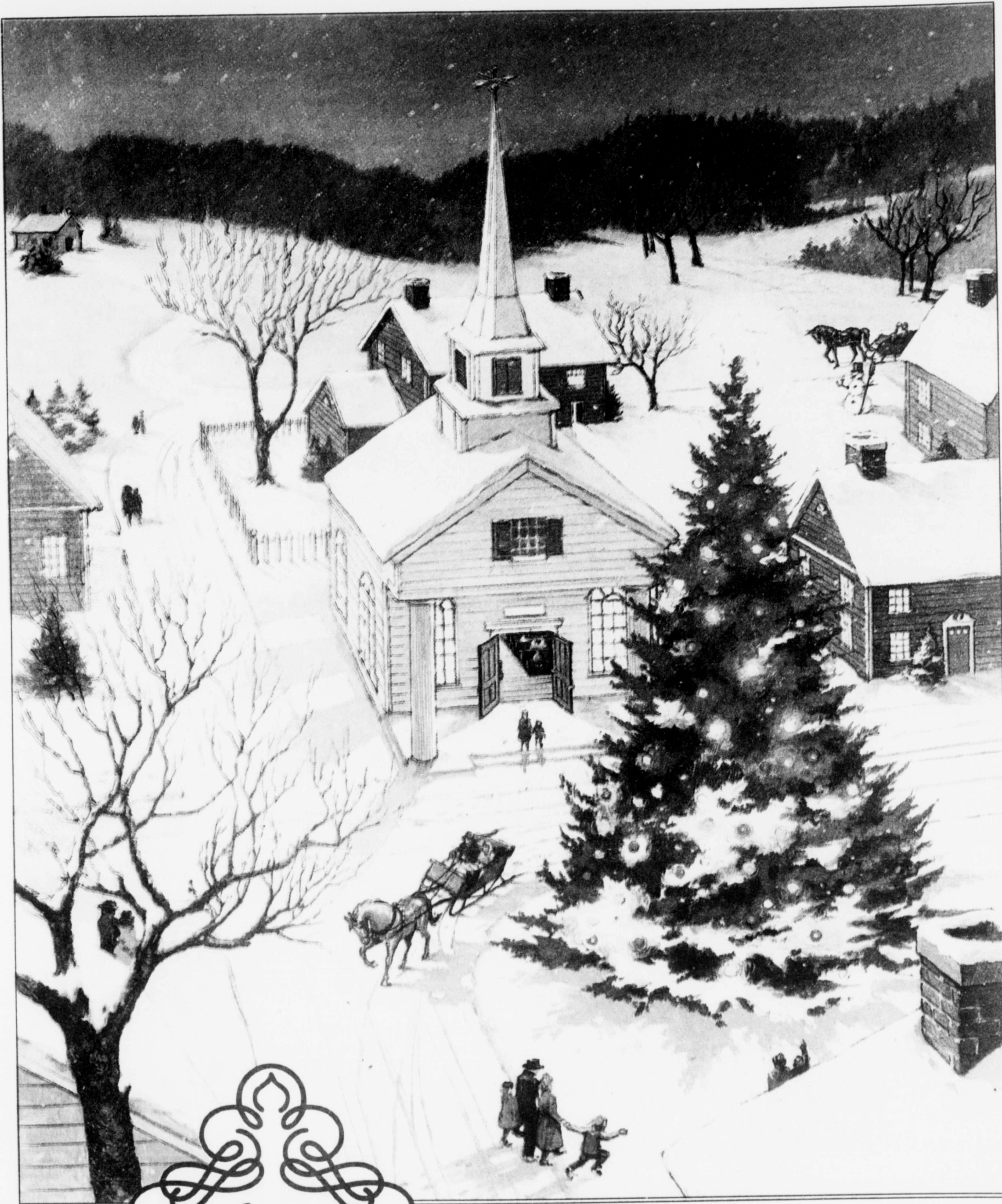


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Tom Farris
Pat Graham
Nancy Kirk

Martha Lotspeich
Darlenda Marquis
Jodie McGuire
Mitzi Nixon
C. J. Payne
Don Payne
Reta Pierce
Mary Ann Reyes

Dixie Smith
Shelly Smith
Joy Smitherman
Nancy Welborn
Monte Williams
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A Christmas Game To Try! The Night Before Christmas

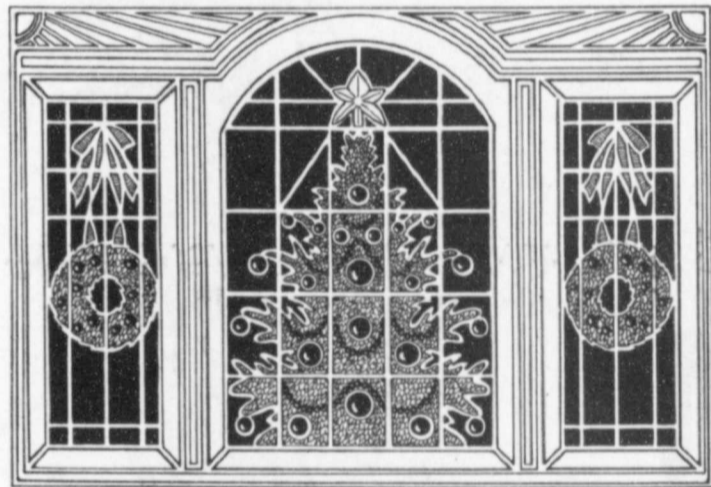
(Editor's note: Play this intriguing family or party game by filling in the blanks with the items listed below. This is truly a make-your-own story. Taken from the Dec. 1993 edition of The Tulsa Herald.)

Twas the (1) _____ before (2) _____ when all through the (3) _____, not a (4) _____ was stirring, not even a (5) _____. The (6) _____ were hung by the (7) _____ with care, in hopes that (8) _____ soon would be there. The (9) _____ were nestled all snug in their (10) _____, while visions of (11) _____ danced in their (12) _____. And (13) _____ in her (14) _____ and I in my cap, had just settled our (15) _____ for a long winter's (16) _____ when out on the (17) _____ there arose such as (18) _____, I sprang from my (19) _____ to see what was the matter. Away to the (20) _____, I flew like a flash, tore open the (21) _____ and threw up the (22) _____. The (23) _____ on the breast of the new fallen (24) _____, gave a luster of (25) _____ to objects below. When, what to my wondering (26) _____ should appear, but a miniature (27) _____ and eight tiny (28) _____. With a little old (29) _____ so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be (30) _____.

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Time | 16. Rest |
| 2. Holiday | 17. Outside area |
| 3. Building | 18. Noise |
| 4. Animal | 19. Furniture |
| 5. Animal | 20. Part of house |
| 6. Garment | 21. Part of house |
| 7. Part of a house | 22. Part of house |
| 8. Famous person | 23. Nature bodies |
| 9. People | 24. Nature weather |
| 10. Piece of furniture | 25. Time of day |
| 11. Type of candy | 26. Part of body |
| 12. Part of body | 27. Type of travel |
| 13. Member of family | 28. Animal |
| 14. Cloth | 29. Occupation |
| 15. Part of body | 30. Famous person |

Following is the story 'written' at the Swisher County Family and Community Education Clubs' Christmas party:

Twas the 4 o'clock before Thanksgiving when all through the courthouse, not a steer was stirring, not even a calf. The dresses were hung by the kitchen with care, in hopes that Tom Cruise soon would be there. The Christians were nestled all snug in their couches, while visions of peppermint danced in their arms. And son in her linen and I in my cap, had just settled our eyes for a long winter's couch potato when out on the backyard there arose such a kids, I sprang from my recliner to see what was the matter. Away to the bedroom, I flew like a flash, tore open the roof and threw up the family room. The forest on the breast of the new fallen rain gave a luster of morning to objects below. When, what to my wondering hand should appear, but a miniature airplane and eight tiny horses. With a little old fireman so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be Abraham Lincoln.



Christmas Is Almost Here...

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Second graders address Santa

Dear Santa,

Hi how are you doing. I want the gim nastic babie. How is roodot and his close doing. How is North Pow. I want my own Saga game and a TV for are room were we can play it in our room with my sister. I have ben a very good girl and my sister hes ben a very good, good, good, girl to we have both ben good girls. Will you get us a randeer dall. Me and my sister are nice girls to each other. Will you get us all the steff I asked. Can I ride in your slay. I have ben a sweet girl for Mrs. Carter. I want a big round trampolene. I am going to have some cookies and milk for you on the TV.

Sinsittrly yours,
Nicole Benton 2-A

Dear Santa,

Bring me some present. Don't forget my brothers. I would like to have a motorcycle. My brother wants a ball so he can play with it.

Your friend,
Johan Leija 2-A

Dear Santa Clause,

I have been very good. This year I would like a Big round or square tampaline and my tooth to come out. I am going to have cookies and milk for you. How are your reighnders? I really thank you for my toys last year and every other year. I also want you to make my hole family to have a good christmas. I hope you make every other people in this world to have a good christmas. All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth and a Gymnastics Barbie.

Your friend,
Jesalyn Bradley 2-A

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I want a doll and a puppy and a Christmas tree and a swing set. I will hug your reindeer.

Love,
MaryAnn Yannis 2-A

Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,

I wish I cood ride in your sleigh. I hop you don't get tired when you get home. Santa I hope your Rainides don'd get sick.

Dylan Campbell 2A

Dear Santa,

I want skace and a cow. I want a big long long Santa and one more thing I want a good veary good randere. Just like you are Big. I jeast can't what to see my preasent if there are mine if can meaby you can breaing me toys as mine as you can.

Lolly Garza 2-A

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Come to my hous and go to the table and get the cookes that are on it and put candy in my stocking. And get me new shoes.

Love,
Anabel Lopez 2-A
PS I love you Santa

Dear Santa,

I won't a game of mortal 3 kombat, hot tub, game boy, sega, CD, TV, stareo. I will leve cookis.

From,
Rudy Luna 2-A

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Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a Nintendo. Be carful on the trip.

Jarrett Kirk 2-A
PS I'll put some food for your raindeer.

Dear Santa,

I want a saga. How is roodof? How is North Po? I love you. I want a game boy. Don't forget my sister. Don't forget my brother and my big brother.

be cerful,
Isaac Rawlinson 2-A



Dear Santa,

I've been a good Boy. I want a game boy. And I want some knew shoes spider man shoes. I miss your rain dears. And you. And can you bring my brother and sister a present for them.

Love,
James Lucio 2A
Have a safe ride, Santa

Dear Santa,

I want you please bring me a bike for Christmas. And a sega for Chismas too. And don't forget my brothers and my sister.

Your friend,
Ruben Ortiz 2-A

Dear Mr. Kringle,

I have been a good boy this year. Has roodofs nose got brite. I want a plane football for Christmas. say hello to dasher, prancer, vitson, comet, cupet, coner, blisin.

Yours sinsittrly,
Andrew Braley 2A

Dear Santa,

I want a nut cracker and super sega mortor konbat 3 and i been a good boy. I want a hot tub. I want a game boy, sega, CD. I want to say hi to you.

Rene Rubio 2-A

Dear Santa,

Can you bring me a computer ore a barbie fore Christmas Santa. I wate a CD teu. Hi Dasher and Vixin and dot forget.

Marie Jiminez 2-A

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a new motorcycle. I also want a JEEP. I want a football. Can I ride in your sleigh? I am being a sweetie for Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Garcia. One more thing, I want a car race.

See you soon,
Gabino Ramos 2-A

Dear Santa,

I want a Super Sega, nutcrckr, GIJo. I will live you some cookes. I want to have a boate. I love you santa. I wish I had a fishing po.

Be careful,
Isadore Yannis 2-A

Dear Santa,

I want to no if rodog nos is brite. I want a batman forefer and nuw shoos. Don't forgit nuw pencils. A CD player would be nis too. Also a nuw haircut.

Be Karful and Good Luck,
Matthew Barrientos 2-A

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a computer, like the one I like. Please don't forget my little sister and also my big sister.

Thank you
Love,
Your friend,
Mayra Munoz 2-A

PEACE AND JOY AT CHRISTMASTIME

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Sing praise unto Him who brought love unto us.

Peace, joy, love, and faith ...
may all things that encompass a special holiday season be yours.

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Dear Santa, I like you so much that I Love you

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car so I could get on it. I want a computer and a white chalkboard with markers. I want money for my mom because she doesn't have a job.

Thank you,
Mayra, K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
Are you doing hard work? Are you making toys? Could you bring me Power Ranger toys?

Your Friend,
Michael, K-5

Dear Santa,
I want one of those big castles. There's a slide on the end. Thank you, I like the elves you have.

Love,
Zach, K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a remote control car and one for my brother Tate. I like your elves. What do you do at the North Pole?

Love,
Blake, K-5

Dear Santa,
I want to let you know for Christmas I want a brand new truck and a brand new watch.

How do you ride your sleigh?
Love,
Michael, K-5

Dear Santa,
I wish you could come because I'm waiting and I want to buy a doll that has long hair and stars. I want the doll that sings "Ring around the Rosey". I wish you could buy me that dress. I wish you could come because we're going to give you cookies. I want you to bring me a sleeping mask. I want a Barbie that has hair to cut. How does the elfs make all those toys?

Love,
Stephanie, K-5

Dear Santa,
Bring me a baby with a cradle and one with a bottle. Buy me a Barbie. Buy me a Barbie phone and a Barbie Car.

Love,
Nikki, K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike. How do your reindeers work? I want a puzzle. I want a game - Mortal Combat. I want those Power Ranger toys. I want a radio.

Love,
Stephen, K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
Please have a dolly? Please have a teddy bear? Please I have balloons? Please I have shoes? Please I have clothes? Please I have toys? please I have candy?

Do Santa Claus feed the reindeers? Santa Claus busy? Are sleeping?
Love,
Eloise, K-5



YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN GOOD-This young gentleman has high hopes as to what will be left under the tree after Santas visit on Christmas Eve. He has visions of a bike, roller blades, games and more.
Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a Barbie and a pink Ranger.

Love,
Adrian, K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new bicycle and I want some cars. I want boxes to keep my toys in. I want some play cheese. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Tanner, K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your elves working? Will you bring me a four wheeler? Will you please come over to my house first?

Love,
Josh, K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you bring me a ball so I can show it to my friends? I want a bike. See you Christmas,
Brianna, K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a super nintendo. How do the elves make the toys? How do you make the reindeers fly? How did you make the sleigh? How did Rudolph get his red nose? What does you house look like?

Love,
Payte, K-5

Dear Santa,
How do your elves make those toys? They work so hard that their toys are good. Thank you, Santa, for putting toys under our tree. I like you so much that I love you. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Landon, K-5

P.S. Would you bring me a big truck like a four wheeler?

Dear Santa,
How do the elves make toys? Santa how are you doing? I made a hand-print Santa.

Santa, will you please bring me a Baby All-Gone? How do you get in the fireplace? How do you get in if there's not a fireplace? I wish that I could see you.

Love,
Morgan, K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a three wheeler motor cycle I want some lace-up boots that are red and a play shopping cart. I know you work hard to make presents for all the boys and girls.

Love,
Randi, K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a stereo for my room and a Barbie with rollerblades and ice skates. Santa, why does Rudolph's nose shine?

Love,
Jennifer K-1

Seasons

Greetings

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new box for school and a lot of Pocahontas clothes. Bring some new pants and a ring for my sister.

I love you, Santa!
Kristyn K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some more Samantha stuff. I want a spoon, a plate and some cups for her. Santa, how do your reindeer fly?

You are my best friend!
Emily K-1



You and your family get all the credit for making this a great year. Enjoy the holidays!

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'Tis the night before Christmas as the Yuletide begins- Everyone's stirring at the Lamplighter Inn.

Roxanna is trimming the tree with great care
And Evelyn's baking her holiday fare.
Wrapping, and boxes, and ribbons abound-
As holiday guests come from all 'round.
There's a touch of romance 'neath the mistletoe
and carolers gather 'round the piano.
When everything's done and looks just right-
We settle back in for a long winter's night.
But not before wishing good friends far and near-
A Merriest Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Evelyn + Roxanna

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Please bring a doll for me ...

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a new bike, and a Super Nintendo, and a lot of cartoons. I want a new puppy so I can name him Tiger. I want 2 puppies for my mom and dad. I want all the Power Rangers, and a Taco.

Love,
Juan Carlos Ascencio
P.S. I want you to bring me Power Ranger Watch.

Dear Santa,
I want you to please bring me the Pink Power Ranger "Kimberly" and new scissors, and a coloring book, and new colors. I want you to bring my mom and dad a new radio.

Thank you,
Love,
Angela Torres

Dear Santa,
I love you cause he is cute. He is handsome. I like him. I want a bike and I want a toy box and paper and that is it.

From Ashley Aleman

Dear Santa,
Power rangers and a power ranger watch, and a water gun. I want a monster bull that sticks out its tongue. Scissors, a computer for Juanita, and a pen for me. A motorcycle for me.

From Kris Cortinas

Dear Santa,
I want a phone Garfield toy, monster truck and that is it.

From Daniel Camacho

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a new Monster Truck, and all of the Power Rangers. Bring my mom some candy. That's all. Thank you.

From Christopher Trevino

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy. A dog for Brianna, my sister. Two puppies for my mom. Two puppies for my dad. That's all.

I love you,
Fernando Mares

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me some candy and a new Barbie doll. I want you to bring my mom some candy too. That's all.

Love,
Jessica Irlas

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a super ninedio, a bike and big ring for my mom and a watch and a house for my dad, and a Christmas tree for me with lights on them and a doll, bunch of dolls. That's it.

Love,
Jasmine Mitchell

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a new Barbie doll, a pink Power Ranger, a new bike. A ring for my mom, a watch for my dad. That's all.

Love,
Nikki Neno

Dear Santa,
I want a power Ranger, Barbie doll, a cup. That's it.

Love,
Danielle Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of power rangers. I want rings and necklace. Give me paint and candy. I love you alot. cause you gave alot of toys to me I want a christmas tree for my mom and a car for my dad.

Love,
Amber Ferrer

Dear Santa,
I want some jewelrys and toys. I love you Santa.

From Adriana DeLaCerde

Dear Santa,
I want a hammer for my Dad. Bring me a lot of candies and a lot of presents for my grandma and two Christmas trees.

Love Santa Claus so much,
From Elda Lopez

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of Barbies. I want Santa to know I love him. I want him to bring my cousin a man, and my other cousin just one Barbie. I want Santa to bring me a Birthday Cake. I want Santa to bring my mom a ring, watch, and earrings. Bring my grandma a pretty necklace.

Love,
Toia Weltz

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring my mom, my dad and my sister. I want my sister to help clean up my room. I want Kermit the frog and I ant lots of toys.

Love,
Selena Jimenez

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me the Blue Power Ranger, a Big Feet Monster truck, some drums, my mom wants a new kitchen, a hammer for my dad, and I want a basketball for myself. I love you Santa because you bring all of the presents.

From Manuel Dela Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I love you because you bought me a lot of toys. I want a nintendo game. To bring me a lot of power ranger toys. My brother wants a power ranger watch and I want one too. I want a monster toy that sticks its tongue for my mom and me.

From Dillon Chessir



I WANT DIAMONDS—Oooh Santa, I want diamonds, lots of them. Santa gets all sorts of requests from little kids and big kids. Usually the bigger the kid the bigger the request. But he'll bring them if you really believe. Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want you to bring me a Pocahontas Doll, and bring my brother the Blue Power Ranger Tape.

I love you,
Elizabeth Palacio

Dear Santa,
I want lots of candy, I want a Barbie, and Power Ranger toys. I want new clothes. Please bring my mom some new clothes, that's all.

Thank you Santa and love,
Rissa Herrerra

Dear Santa,
I want a Blue Ranger, to bring you home for my mom and dad.

Love,
Andrew Johns

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Christmas hat and stocking. I want a Barbie house. How are your elves?

I love you,
Kimberly K-I

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll and clothes for it. What kind of cookies do you want, Santa?

I love you,
Victoria K-I

Dear Santa,
I want Dr. Dreadful drink lab. Why does it snow at the North Pole? I try to be good.

Your friend,
J.C. K-I

Dear Santa,
I want a new racecar and a new b b gun. How are the reindeer?

Thank you,
Dustin K-I

Happy Holidays

Dear Santa,
If you have a marble, I'd like to have it to take to school. When we make plans, I'd use it with our marble works game. I'd like a little basketball game and a marble works game for home. Santa, do you like pancakes or pizza best?

Love,
Steven K-1

Dear Santa,
Could I have a Barbie and a car and truck for my brothers? Please bring a little toy for my bunny. Do you have 2 books for me to read?

Your friend,
Carolina K-1

P.S. My sister needs a pencil.

Dear Santa,
I want candy and a car and truck.

Your friend,
Jon K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
Could I have a brown bear and a real baby boy? Santa, do you eat turkey?

Love you,
David K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Sega Genesis and a tape. I want a remote control. Santa, do you like french fries?

I love you,
Mauro K-1

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a little doll and a waterball with angels in it? I want the book *Never Talk to Strangers* too. Where do you get the toys you bring us?

I'll be your friend,
Esmeralda K-1
P.S. Can you bring me a bunny?

Dear Santa,
I want a new Barbie car and a new Barbie. I'd like a crying baby doll, too. How do you make so many toys? Who makes your suit?

Love,
Martika K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a skateboard and rollerblades. Do you get cold when you come see kids?

I love you,
Mya K-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a computer and dog. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Marlena Marmolejo PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a carriage and a barbie. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Savanah Garza Perez PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a sega super nintendo. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Arthur Castillo PK-1

Dear Santa,
I want candy and coke, popcorn and snack. That's all. I love you.

From,
Stormy Garcia PK-1

Dear Santa
Good morning. I want water balloons and a water power ranger, the green one. I want a picture of my friends. That's all.

Bye Santa Claus,
Randy Lerma PK-1

May the warmth of the season embrace you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

H & R Block

Kathy Green
Floydada

FIELD OF CHRISTMAS DREAMS

Hope the season brings a bumper crop of dreams come true!

Darty Gin
Dougherty

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Dougherty

'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'

(John 3:16)

We appreciate the opportunity to know and serve so many beautiful friends. We wish all of you the best.

"Happy Holidays"

Main Street Pizza
Lockney 652-2201
David and Michael

Yuletide Greetings

Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without good friends to share it with. Thank you for being ours.

Kirk & Sons
Floydada

Down Home Greetings

There's nothing like celebrating Christmas in the country with our good friends and neighbors. Thanks for your valued patronage and have a very happy holiday season!

Floydada Chiropractic Clinic
Drs. Jerald & Jan Swanson
127 W. California Street 983-6256 Floydada

I've been good



YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT I WANT-Santa, you already know what I want for Christmas. I wrote you a letter and mailed it to you at the North Pole but I forgot to tell you a thing or two.
Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a sega computer. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Randy Webb PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good! I would like a sand art. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Britee Brotherton PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a falcon zord. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Raymond Gutierrez PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a computer and a dog. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Tyanna PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a sega nintendo. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Ricardo PK-1



Dear Santa,
I would like a skating Barbie, a baby one that cries and thats all.
Love,
Ashley Zuniga, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want some candies in a bag.
Love,
Miguel Chairez, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll and pants.
Love,
Lashay Gooch, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a mini van that opens up and a motorcycle too.
Love,
Bret Odgen, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a car too.
Love,
Joe Louis Suarez, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie.
Love,
Blanca Garza, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a coke.
Love,
Cassandra Gutierrez, PK-2

You Light Up OUR Lives!

Merry Christmas and bright wishes to all our valued customers. We wish you a season that's positively glowing!
Phil's Electric
Floydada
Phillip & Kay



Dear Santa,
I want a little baby and thats all.
Love,
Vanessa Torrez, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle.
Love,
Abel Vasquez, PK-2

Dear Santa
I want a barbie and a night gown and a baby!

Love,
Tamara Pleasant, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a power ranger thats soft & big so that I can sleep with him and a set of golf clubs.
Love,
Jorde Veld, PK-2

Dear Santa
I would lika a teddy bear, a power ranger and a Christmas tree.
Love,
Keegan Williams, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a dog.
Love,
Isom Bolton, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a bear for Christmas and a doll.
Love,
Victoria Chapa, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a balloon and a bear and a fire truck.
Love,
Joshua Garcia, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a bear to put him in the washer. And a snowman.
Love,
Stephanie Mendoza, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I would like a power ranger toy and a motorcycle.
Love,
John Robledo, PK-2



Dear Santa,
I would like a power ranger toy and a motorcycle.
Love,
John Robledo, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a doll house and a jack in the box.
Love,
Lindsey Wells, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want 2 motorcycles and toy.
Love,
Guadalupe Palacio, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a big foot and roller skees.
Love,
Angela Wiley, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a mona and thats all.
Love,
Crystal Alvarez, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a doll.
Love,
Margarita Rodriguez, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, some eyes, a window and thats all.
Love,
Andrea DeLaCerde, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a baby and a sleep doll with a night gown. And my brother wants that white stuff.
Love,
Ashley Ovalle, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a choo choo train.
Love,
Johnny Martinez, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a window for Christmas.
Love,
James Espinoza, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a doll.
Love,
Sonya Salinas, PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, some eyes, a window and thats all.
Love,
Andrea DeLaCerde, PK-2

With Appreciation At Christmastime

Christmas is a time for giving, and we'd like to give our thanks to all of you who have given us so much this past year. Happy Holidays!

From The Staff of

Lockney Care Center



Lockney

Dear Santa,
I want an air plane, Power Rangers, and Santa Clause. A new belt, Tennis Shoes, a pin for my mom.
Micheal Sanchez PK-1



Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, a bike, a red present. A new car for my mom. A truck for my dad. Barbies for my sister.
Love,
Laura Luna PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a haunted falcon zord. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Michael Ortega PK-1

SPS
SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
May your holidays glow brightly with joy and peace. We hope to continue to share many more illuminating moments ahead. Thanks for your patronage.
SPS Lockney

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a sega. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Ryan Monreal PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a carriage and chang in gialde.
Merry Christmas,
Your friend,
Kara PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a barbie and shaving fun kin. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Alma PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a sega cowboy. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Paul Marmoleja PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a cadillac. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Moises PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a super ninten do. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Zachary PK-1

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a compiter doll an Barbie. Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Adriana PK-1
Merry christmas?

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a sand art. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Abran Enriquez PK-1

Have a Wonderful Christmas
It's our pleasure to say "thanks" and to wish you all the best!
Adams Well Service
Floydada

NOEL! NOEL!

We're Singing His Praises ... (And Yours, Too!)

We couldn't ask for nicer neighbors or friendlier folk than all of you. Thank you for giving us something extra to sing about. Merry Christmas!

D & J Gin

David & Dar Lee Foster
Jody & Shawnda Foster
Eddie & Ann Foster



LET ME THINK-I really do know what I want for Christmas Santa, just let me think for a minute. Santa is a big guy in a red suit and sometimes he is a little overwhelming when you are trying to remember what you want. **Staff Photo**

Season's Greetings And Many Thanks!

FLOYDADA EMS

Board of Directors,
Staff & Crew
Wishes Everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

NOEL

With the arrival of Christmas, our hearts turn to all those near and dear to us.

To you, our good friends and patrons, we wish abundant joy and peace. We thank you for providing us with these blessings all year long!

Feather Your Nest

Lockney

A SEASON OF PEACE

Wishing a joyous season to all.

Lawson Farm Supply

Floydada

Some Christmas wishes

- Dear Santa,
I want a baby that cries. Also a skating Barbie.
Love,
Angela Reyna K-2
- Dear Santa,
I'd like a Power Ranger, a gargoyle, a rattlesnake that squirts water and a real frog. Also a sand and water table.
Love,
Coty Nance K-2
- Dear Santa,
I just want a football game for my Sega.
Love,
Kevin Smith K-2
- Dear Santa,
I would like some toys. That's all.
Love,
Audrie Hernandez K-2
- Dear Santa,
I want a real puppy. I want some toys and that's all.
Love,
Allison Griggs K-2
- Dear Santa,
I want a hockey game for Sega and a hundred dollars. Also, some race cars.
Love,
Chris Pavlicek K-2
- Dear Santa,
I want a dancing Barbie. I want a baby doll that can close her eyes with bath things. I also want a big doll that's my size and a skating Barbie.
Love,
Mary Warren K-2
- Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, any kind. I want a baby doll and a kitchen to play with.
Love,
Erica Castillo K-2
- Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a gymnastic Barbie. I'd also like skates.
Love,
Macy Malone K-2
- Dear Santa,
I'd like a pair of skates. I want a Barbie. I want a toy.
Love,
Jennifer Espinoza K-2
- Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger game, Batman Forever movie and some Legoes.
Love,
Placido Valadez K-2
- Dear Santa,
I would like a play farm, house, and animals. I want a pasture for the cows and horses.
Love,
Charlie Beedy K-2
- Dear Santa,
I want a 3 in 1 pool table and race car, one of them little ones. I want a sandbox and that's all.
Love,
Harvey Garza K-2
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a trampoline. How is Rudolph doing? Thank you for the presents.
Love,
Eric Creek K-3
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a play school, a trampoline, cars, and a basketball. I like Rudolph. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Jeremy Pleasant K-3
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a helicopter that gets the man out of the water. Please bring a train with handles that can go for my brother Braden. Tell Rudolph Merry Christmas and tell the elves that I'll try to make them a blueberry pie.
Love,
Adam Pyle K-3
- Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas. We have presents under our tree. I will leave you some Cheerios to eat.
Love,
Abby Suniga K-3
- Dear Santa,
I want a barbie Van and a Barbie kitchen and a reindeer toy. Tell Rudolph I love him.
Love,
Shatara O'Dell K-3
- Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control car. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jonathan Orasco K-3
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real cat and a real dog, and a bicycle. I want a Barbie doll too. I will make a cake for you to eat.
Love,
Christie Rodgers K-3
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and toys.
Love,
Juan Carlos Ascencio K-3
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Teddy Bear and bring Marlee a Barbie Jeep. I love you Santa.
Love,
Alexandra Reynolds K-3
- Dear Santa,
I want a Gameboy and a Sega C.D. I would like to come see you at the North Pole. Also tell Rudolph to come to my house.
Love,
Eladio Saldana K-3
- Dear Santa,
I hope a bunch of people will get a bunch of toys. Please can I have a Sega?
Love,
Kody Smith K-3
- Dear Santa,
I want a doll that repeats, a dollar, a real dollar in a package, a white dog, pompoms, a dog that walks, a real bunny.
Love,
Shaina Hart K-4
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cat, a real cat. Happy Merry Christmas to Rudolph.
Love,
Ross Baldwin K-3
- Dear Santa,
I want a watch and I want a baby doll. I want a necklace too. I will leave you some cookies.
Love,
Kara Benton K-3
- Dear Santa,
I just want everything and especially a real baby brother. I love you Santa.
Love,
Cassidy Gooch K-3
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me a slide and swings. Tell Rudolph that I want it to snow on Christmas. I love my mom, too.
Love,
Jackie Gutierrez K-3
- Dear Santa,
Please bring me some skates and a little tiny trampoline for my baby brother. I like Rudolph.
Love,
Haley Malone K-3
- Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a slipping doll that has a remote control. Santa, can I talk to you?
Love,
Macy Mata K-3
- Dear Santa,
I want a Super Nintendo and a T.V. and a Super Nintendo game. Tell Rudolph thank you for having a bright nose and pulling the sleigh.
Love,
Michael Rodriguez K-3
- Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger costume, a remote control car, teddy bear, balloons, bean bag toss game, a balloon for my sister and a Santa that talks and a radio.
Love,
Marcelo Rodriguez K-4
- Santa,
I want a motorcycle, a real one but a little one cuz I'm not to big and I want a mega sword old and new. I want roller skates and a new jeep that one that's a red kind, new nike air shoes, that's enough! My brother Luke wants a motorcycle.
Love,
Cade Miller K-4
- Dear Santa,
A bike, a race car, toys, that's all.
Love,
Humberto Torres K-4
- Dear Santa,
I've been very good. For Christmas I would like a Jennie Gymnast doll and a repeat talking doll and doll clothes. I also want necklace beads and a doodle bear. Please bring toys for Hallie, too.
Have a safe trip!
Love,
Elizabeth Bertrand K-4
- Dear Santa,
I want skates and a fire race car.
Love,
Colby Turner K-4
- Dear Santa,
I want a car, a potatoe that you could change, a Power Ranger, a Power ranger movie, a \$1,000 and a little mask, racing car.
Love,
Christopher Wagnon K-4
- Dear Santa,
I want a mask to put on, a race car, a play house, a 18-wheeler, Power Ranger movie, a teddy bear, a Santa Clause that talks.
Love,
Jordan Martinez K-4
- Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Doll and a stuff teddy bear, a puppet.
Love,
Amber Smith K-4
- Dear Santa,
A video game, any kind of game, a bike, and a earphone set, and a bike for my brother.
Love,
Jenaro Segura K-4
- Dear Santa,
I want roller skates and coloring book, and school clothes and colors.
Love,
JeriChavez K-4
- Dear Santa,
I want a computer, clothes, a bear, shoes, and presents.
Love,
Magaly Flores K-4
- Dear Santa,
I would like \$1,000 that are real, a parrot...real that talks, a rabbit...real one, a doggie...a real one, a bird nest for my bird to sit on, a guitar, a fiddle, a Power Ranger movie.
Love,
Adam Rainwater K-4
- Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a monster Foot Truck, race car, and a horse and I want a bike.
Love,
Ruben De La Fuente K-4
- Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a horse, some balloons, some presents.
Love,
Benicia Torres K-4
- Dear Santa,
I want a real monster truck and new seat for my bike, a toy gun, a scooter, a basketball, motorcycle, basketball goal, balloons and presents, and candles and a pog and slammer.
Love,
Gilbert Lamas K-4
- Dear Santa,
I want a real baby dog, a real baby rabbit and a real baby brother for my sister.
Love,
Camaray Gooch K-4

To Our Valued Customers

*As the season unfolds
We would just like to say,
We hope you enjoy a fine holiday.
When we tell you we're grateful,
You know that it's true...
Because we wouldn't be here
Without good folk like you!*

Don Hardy

Fuel Efficient Engine Service

Don, Sue, Dedra & Donald

Floydada

BEST OF LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR

Before we step into the future, we'd like to step back and say thank you to all our customers who've helped to make our year a success!

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B & G HARVESTING

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Floydada, Texas 79235
806-983-2009

TRUCKING

Glen Bertrand
806-983-3180

Sam Green
806-983-2917

Christmas time is here bringing lots of cheer

Dear Santa,
I will leve you milk and cookies.
Merry Christmas!

Love,
Taylor 1-E

Dear Santa,
Please bring me see glasses. I want
a watch. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Fidel 1-E

Dear Santa,
please bring me a game. my sister
was a sede. I dont no wut my brother
was. I hope that you fill my stocng
with goodes. my sister to. my brother
to. my mom to. my dad to. Merry
Christmas!

Love,
Kalli 1-E

Dear Santa,
Pleac bring me a bike. I wot a Santa
that lafs and a tede ber that lafs. I wot
a race car. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Shanon 1-E

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me
a radian control motorcycle and a
Secret Shot. Don't forget my family.

I love you,
Rusty Hopper 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. please. bring me
a power ranger. and a Big Foot truck.
I will leave.

I love you,
Luis Bolanos 1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll for
christmas. and a doll for my sister. for
my mom a ring. for my dad a car.
Merry Christmas!

Love,
Venezia Avila 1-E

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a ras car with gas.
radeo, a tape, paper, a lonmoer, a
wagon, trakter. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Tye 1-E

Dear Santa,
I want a phone and a T.V. I want a
bunk bed. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Tana 1-E

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy rodolf and
rascor. give my sister a doll toy. my
dad a watch give mothr pretty
necklas. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Douglas 1-E

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me
a berace gace hse doll maacea I
ddollhou

Jacque

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please Bring me
a big go cart and a secret shot. I will
leave cookies and milk.

I love you,
Skee Hardin 1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big bike with a
radeo and a balrena and fishs. Merry
Christmas!

Love,
Josephine 1-E

Dear Santo,
I have been good Plessi bring me a
powe ranger and a Sega Dont for get
my family

I love yoy Santo
Gerardo 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. please bring me
a power ranger and a zord. Dont for-
get mily

I Love you,
Gabriel 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me
a B-B-Gun and a saga I will leave
cookies and mille

Edwardo 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me
a bike and a doll. Don't forget my fam-
ily

I love you
Joann Nicole Caballero 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring Me
a bike and a doll Don't forget my fam-
ily

I love you
Rena Renee Garza 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me
a radio control motorcycle and a se-
cret Twist. I awill leave cookies and
milk.

I love you
Tate 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me
a bike and a doll Dont forget my fam-
ily I love

Helen 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. please bring me
a Bar anad. doll house I will leave
I love you. forget
Kaylynn 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me
a doll house and a Easy Bake Oven. I
will leave cookies and milk.

Morgan Nicole Marble 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me
a bike and a sega.

Aron M 1-B

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been
good. I would like a wagon. Merry
Christmas!

Your friend,
Robert Luna 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been
good. I would like a Barbie doll.
Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Isabel Riojas 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been
nice. I would like a Barbie car. Merry
Christmas!

Your friend,
Kelsey Robertson 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been
good. I would like a doll. Merry
Christmas!

Your friend,
Julia Gonzalez 1-C

Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been
very good. I would like a red car and
a boy toy. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Tell Fuller 1-C

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a mordsriclel.
Please bring mi mom a car. Please
bring mi dad a Tool. Merry Christ-
mas!

Love,
Ruben 1-E

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please brina me
a big gocart and a liberty base. I will
leave cookies and milk.

I love you,
Brandon Rainwater 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me
a radio control monster truck and a
radio contral motorcyle car I love you

Eric Rainwater 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me
a Easy Bake Oven and a Game boy
Dont for get my family

I love you
Kati Beth Crossland 1-B

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me
a Barbie and a doll Dont forget my
family.

Mary Ann Sanchez 1-B

I love you
Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring mea
racecar, doll, super Intendo.

it uvr
Concepcion 1-B



LET ME TELL YOU-Hey Santa let me tell you what I want for Christmas. There lots of stuff on my list and I hope it will fit in your sleigh. So are the wishes of little boys and girls at Christmas time. Staff Photo

Celebrate the Christmas Spirit

May you always be blessed with His light and love.

Merry Christmas

from

Jemptions

211 S. Main

983-5900

Floydada

Park Florist
Floydada
Here's hoping that love and joy continue to thrive in the holiday season and beyond!

Have a Holiday Filled with Old-Fashioned Love & Joy

The simple pleasures are still the best, and for us that means having the chance to say thanks to all of you.

Floyd Co. Central Appraisal District

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Peace & Joy

As the holiday unfolds in all its mystery and beauty, may you experience the warmth of the season.

Merry Christmas and many thanks.

Floydada Coop Gins Inc.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas Wish

Christmas has always meant reflecting upon one's blessings. We wish much happiness to all who bestowed good fortune upon us this year. God bless you all!

Rick Fuller Trucking

Floydada

Season's Greetings!

Hope your holidays are spectacular!

Uncle's #76

West Texas Gas
Floydada

Glory To The Newborn King

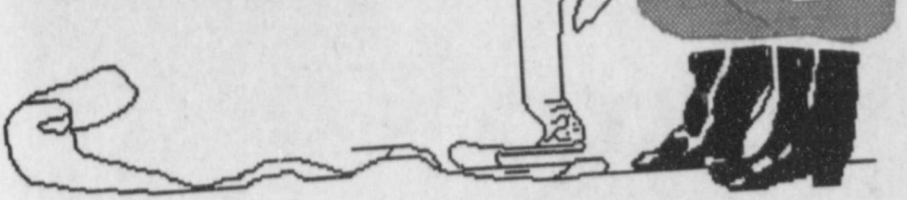
"...we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him." — Matthew 2:2

May you have many blessings bestowed upon you in this holy season.

Pay-n-Save

Lockney
Nick Muniz
Manager

Santa, Dear Santa,



Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Barbie doll. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Carolina Gomez 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a BB gun. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Michael Shuping 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a train and a van. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Eric Martinez 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Sega Genisus and a Game Boy. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Justin Vargas 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a toy car. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Luis Juarez 1-C

Happy Holidays

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been very good. I would like a computer and a disk. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Noemi Jasso 1-C



IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP

...we offer our very best wishes to you and yours this holiday season.

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Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been very good. I would like a white tiger. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Michael White 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like skates. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Samana Munozio 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been very good. I would like a wagon and a game. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Kayla Lunall 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a wagon and a game. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Amber Hill 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been very good. I would like a doll and Barbie. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Vanessa Jimenez 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have bin goo. I would like a disk and a computer. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Michael Rodriguez 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been very good. I would like a doll and Barbie. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Michelle Yannis 1-C

Dear Santa,
Please bring my sister a princess wishing star. Bring me and Lupe a motercikl. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Herman 1-E

Peace On Earth

Dear Santa,
I wut a race car I wut a go car I like the sun I like yrs randeer. It is CHRISTMAS. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Joe 1-E

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote kontrol car. I lue you. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Errick 1-E

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll for my sister. for mom ear rings. for dad tools. I wot a radio. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Jasmine 1-E

Dear Santa,
Santa, please bring me a doll and a bike. my mom can bi the rest. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Gracie 1-E

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baloon, a fire truck, a kontrol car. Bring Josh a baloon and fire truck. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Steven 1-E Josh

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a super soaker and a sonic nekos. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Jay Lowery 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a bat mobil. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Tomas L. 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been nice. I would like a computer with games. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Chelsea Rando 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a car and a boat. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Acelio Delgado 1-C



Dear Santa,
blease bring me a doll. blease bring mi sister a doll. blease bring me a barbe. blease bring my dad a car. blease bring my mom a god ring. blease bring my sister a barbe. blease bring my mom a goder ring. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Keyla

Dear Santa,
Please bring me presents for Mr. Mercado and Miss McCormick. I wont a wagn and a picture of roudoolf. please bring a pig I LOVE baby pigs. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Eric 1-E

Dear Santa,
I love SANTA please bring me a doll and a microfon. Merry Christmas!

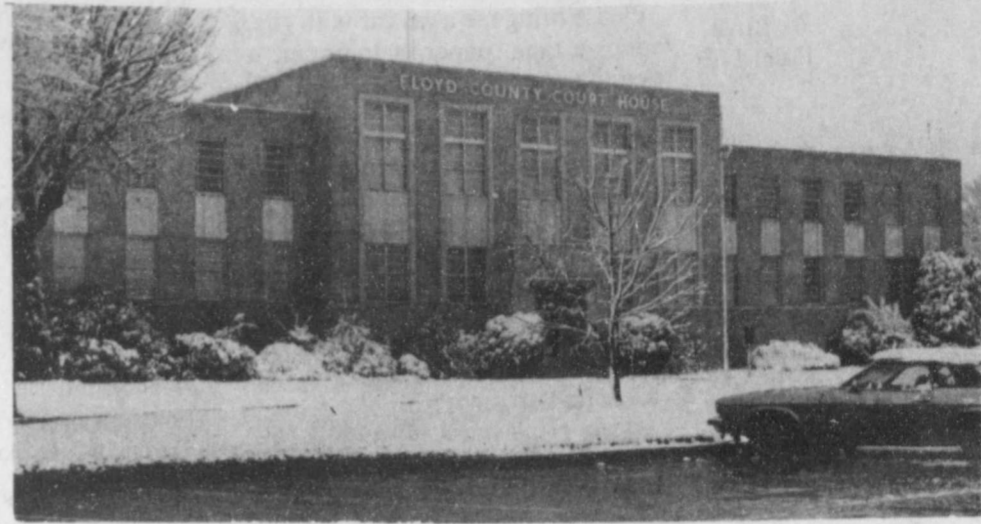
Love,
Veronica 1-E

Dear Santa,
Kerby dym land I Go kart skat bord, Mordsrski. I whunt a little sled for My lit te SANTA. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Cam Battey 1-E

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First graders tell Santa wishes

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been missing. I would like a computer and a C.D Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Mickey 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a romper and saga. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Danny 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a toy. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Nicole 1-D

Dear Santa,
how are the elves doing? Ples cood you git me a 4 wheeler and a sooper man soot. a ril 4-wheeler.

Love,
Tyson Lee Carthel, 7 years old

Dear Santa,
How is your ran dreindeers. I wood like a cabbage patch kid and a puppy for taffy to play with and a boomerang.

and a gymnastic doll with little bars thats on TV. and iny kined og bog and a toy Noah's Ark.

Love,
Erin Mangold, age 6

Dear Santa,
I want new skates. I want a new beke and a Inutracker. I want a t.v.

Luv,
Samuel Gross, age 6

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph. I luvy you Santa. I would like some Roller Blades. A truck for me and my brother. My mom wants a truck.

Luvu,
Ethan Gonzales, age 6

Dear Santa,
I have bin grate. Please bring Rolr blads. Please also I want Disnee clothes. I want a cup of Rudolf. Please bring a bike ang a set of teddys. Please bring a trane. I'll set out popcorn. Har is Rudolf.

Love,
Bethany Shae Dietrich, age 6

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a train. and skates. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Nicholas 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good for you cuse I lic you. I would like a computer and saga and Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Amanda 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good goad I would like a saga an skates Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
JJ 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Barbe jep and toys. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
juliann Runnels 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a doll and a CD. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Sandra Rendon 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good I would like a toy and doll. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Linda 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a computer and saga. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Timothy 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a barby and doll. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Kimberly Luna 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Barbe car and toys. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Lacey Burns 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a crismusch. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Anthony 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a nigt gown and ice skaes. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Courtney Marie 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a saga. and toy. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Abelard 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a BarBe car and toys. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Jessica Ochoa 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a desc with macup and jbre. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Cassandra 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a toy and saga. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
christian 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a computer and eiwana. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Kimberly Garza 1-D

Dear Santa,
I wot a My Size Barbie and a Barbie Jeep and a new T.V., a Barbie house.

Love,
Andrea Guerrero, age 6

Dear Santa,
All I want far Christs is a bike and a toy microwave. I'll be waiting it to my house for Christs and a Jep.

Thank you,
Benita Valles, age 7

Dear Santa,
To mu chis it snow in the North Pole? I want a San Francisco 49er ring.

Love,
Greg Zavala, age 6

Dear Santa,
I wot My Size Barbie and a Barbie Jeep. I love you vevre much. I wot the moste famase reindeer of all. It is Rudolf. I love you vevre much to Rudolf and bring me alot of candy and a babykerij.

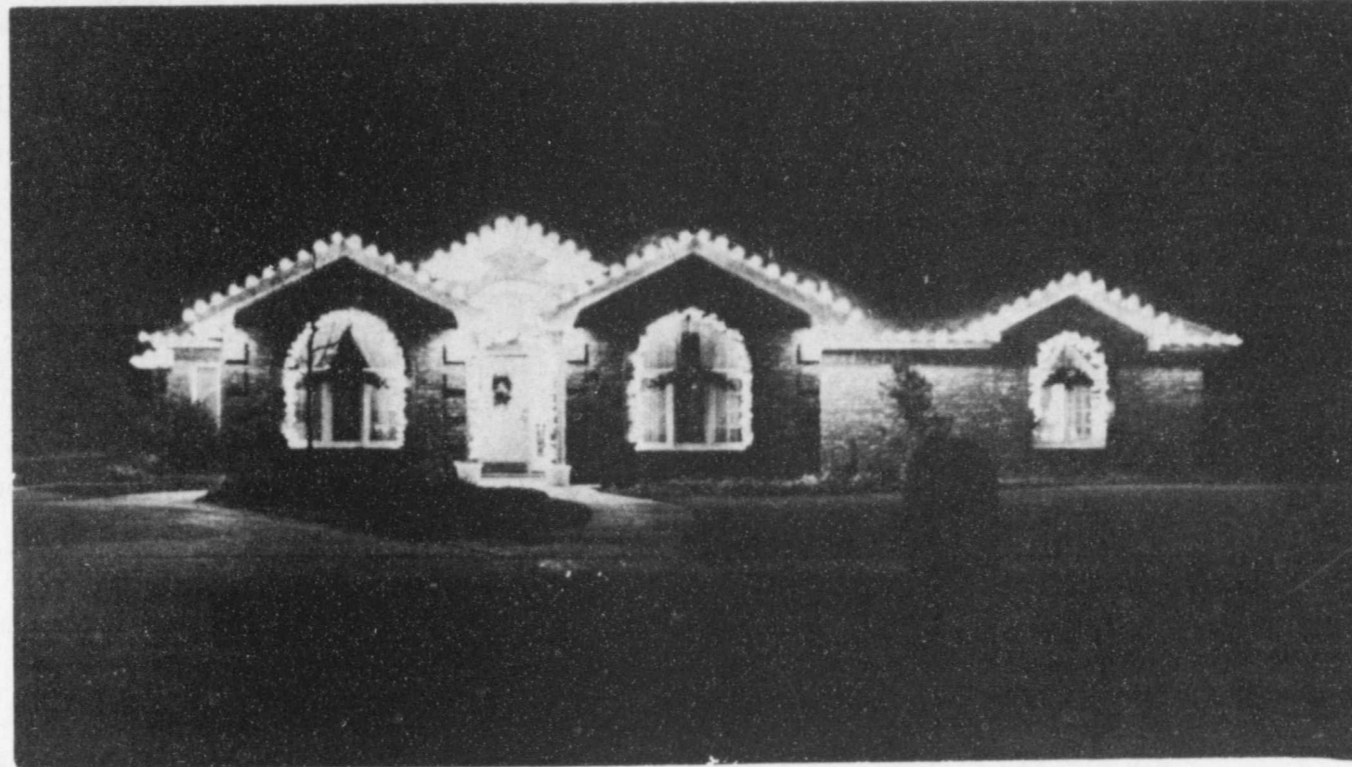
Love,
Camille Gonzales, age 6

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like: Four wheelers, Sweats, Coloring Book of Santa, Sonic the hedgehog.

Thanks,
Joe Luis Castro, age 7

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like: crayons, bunny rabbit, go cart.

Thank you,
Paul Allen Lopez, age 7



HOUSE OF FOUR GABLES--This gabled house in Floydada was outlined in white lights for a lovely effect this yuletide season.

Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
How are the elves. I wot sm roll-blads. I wot a doll.

Love,
Andrea Balderaz, age 7

Dear Santa,
Mrs. Claus, how is the pudding? I like your elves. How is Rudolph? I would like roller blades, a nerf ball shooter. A fish net and robot.

Love,
Cameron Calahan, age 6

Dear Santa,
I want to no how is Rudolph and Dasher? Please can I have a vac-pac and a robot with misles that come out of his feet and balls that come out of one of his hnds.

Love,
Rion Zane Auffer, age 6

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? Dear Santa, give me a bike and rolrblads, please and Nike shoes, please.

Love,
Desirree Sanchez, age 7

Dear Santa,
I want to getabig ball and I will ikeabig bike.

I Love You,
Alejahdro Asencio, age 7

Dear Santa,
Will you give me a new bike pleas. I want a tren, pleas. How are your elves? Is it fun when you are flying?

I Love You,
Israel Sitva, age 7

Dear Santa,
Santa, I would like to go to the north pole with you. Santa how is Rudolph? I was vere nise at School in Mrs. Burson's class.

Love,
Emma Morales, age 7

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I wood like cloz and a bike and bat and a toy school and a ball. Santa, I love you.

Love,
Dusty Morgan, age 7

Dear Santa,
I was vere glad to have Rudolph at my house! I want a toy tac home, cat.

Luv,
Amanda Gonzales, age 6

Dear Santa,
I wot nu rollr blads. Ples tac Me in the Slegh. I wot a nu T.V.

Love,
Richard Martinez, age 6

Dear Santa,
Please take me to the North Pol. I wut a babe Sistr. I wut a car.

I lov you,
Lucy Salazar, age 7

Dear Santa,
How about a Big Blue T.V., a remte controlor that fwps and I wut a natent 3 and I wut a motrocycle.

Love,
Ray Sparkman

Dear Santa,
I want my Side bike, I reindeer, toy story moove.

Love,
Manuel Fierros, age 7

Dear Santa,
I would like a cartoon Pinball. I would also like a new bike and a jacket and Nike shoe.

Love,
Amos Poole, age 7

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Here's ho-ho-hopping your Christmas is great.

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Lockney

There's nothing small about our wishes or our thanks! We appreciate your business and take this time to wish you every happiness at Christmas.

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Jimmy Marquis
Wayne Edwards
Mike Muniz
Juan Segura
John Hollums
Mike Aguilar
Mike Giesecke
Bill Hicks
Ricky Gomez
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Have a good old time on Christmas!

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Charlie's Blanket

Editor's Note: The following story was taken from the December 1995 "Focus on the Family" newsletter.

According to Dr. Dobson, the president of "Focus on the Family", the story first appeared in the book *Christmas In My Heart, Vol. 4: A Treasury of Old-Fashioned Christmas Stories*, by Dr. Joe L. Wheeler. Dobson said the story is true and was written by Wendy Miller about her childhood in a fatherless family. While the facts are accurate, the names have been changed. Wendy is "Cindy" in the story, her mother is "Mary," her middle sister is "Laura," and her 3-year-old sister is called "Becky."

Mary hurried to get her children fed and dressed. It was a cold December day, and they had a long way to walk. Mary cleaned houses five days a week; it was the only work she could find that would allow her to also take care of her three small girls at the same time. She would drop the older two off at the elementary school and take 3 year old Becky with her. The girls came to her for lunch, and she would be back home again before they were home from school in the afternoon. It was a good arrangement, and it kept her off welfare. She wanted help from no one.

"Becky," she called, "hurry; we're all ready to go!"

Becky ran to the door, a ragged doll with all its hair loved off cradled in her arms. "I'm all ready, Mama, but we forgot to dress Charlie."

Mary glanced at the clock and back down at her daughter's smiling face. Quickly she dressed the doll, wrapped it in its blanket, and handed it back to Becky. Then the little family went out into the cold, dark early morning.

"Mama,"—Laura, 7, and the oldest, took Mary's hand—"I'm sorry I forgot Charlie. Are we awfully late?"

"No, Laura, we're not awfully late."

"I don't know why we have to dress that stupid doll of hers anyway," complained Cindy. Since she was 6 and in the first grade, she thought of herself as all grown up—and to her, Charlie was a big waste of time.

Two years ago Mary might have agreed with her. They had been well-off then and wanted for nothing. Mary's thoughts traveled back to other times and compared then to now as she had done a million times. One day everything was fine, and the next day her husband was gone. All he had left behind was a note to say goodbye. No, he had also left behind a wife, three small girls, and an empty bank account.

As soon as the shock had worn off, Mary tried to start a new life, but it was so hard. She had never had to work outside the home before. Now she was cleaning houses to keep the girls fed. Their clothes were handed down from her employers' children. Most of all she regretted having to make them walk so far every day, especially in the cold.

As for the radical change in lifestyle, the girls had just accepted it as part of life. Laura and Cindy helped as much as they could and tried not to complain. Becky found happiness in her doll. Charlie was her whole world. She never quit smiling as long as she had Charlie. He was always to be dressed for the weather and then wrapped in the precious blanket. It was just an old scrap of a blanket that somebody must have dropped in the parking lot; Becky found it there, Mary washed it, and now it was Charlie's. Was Charlie a waste of time? No, Mary decided; he was Becky's happiness, and that most certainly was not a waste of time.

As they neared the school, the girls

hugged Mary as they always did day after day, then ran in. Farther down the street, Mary turned in at the Littles'—Monday's house. The Littles had been getting ready for Christmas, it seemed, because there was a wreath on the door with a big red bow. Mary was prepared to see all the fancy trimmings inside. Becky wasn't.

"Ooh, Charlie," she whispered as if afraid that her voice might disturb the splendor, "look at what Mrs. Little got." The room was gaily decorated for Christmas, and in the corner stood a huge Christmas tree. The silver star shining on the top almost touched the ceiling. Glass ornaments, garlands, and tinsel were tastefully arranged on the branches, and underneath was a mountain of parcels wrapped with ribbons and bows.

Mary took Becky's coat and hung it up. The little girl just stood looking at the tree. "Becky, I have to get to work now. Promise you won't touch anything."

"I promise, Mama." And she crawled into a big easy chair, and there she stayed for the entire morning, pointing out the pretty ornaments to Charlie and guessing what might be in each of the packages.

Laura and Cindy came in at lunch, but they hardly looked at the tree. It hurt to look at it. They knew that there would be no tree for them—just like last year. Money was not to be spent on anything they could do without. They knew it—but it still hurt.

The day replayed itself on Tuesday at the Johnsons', on Wednesday at the Harrises', Thursday at the Krebbs', and Friday at the Fishers'. But on Saturday they were home.

After spending a week in the various houses all decked in glorious holiday fashion, Becky suddenly seemed to realize that she was missing out on something. "Why does everyone have a tree in the house, Mama? Why are there so many presents? Is it somebody's birthday? Why don't we have a tree?"

Mary had known the question would be asked. Laura and Cindy looked up from the floor where they were playing, waiting for her answer. Mary put away her mending and pulled Becky up onto her lap. "You're a very smart girl. It is somebody's birthday, and I'll tell you all about Him. His name is Jesus, and He was born Christmas Day." And Mary told the girls how it came to happen and why there is a Christmas.

Becky hugged Charlie close. "Ooh, the poor Baby. Was it very cold in the stable? I wouldn't want to sleep in a stable, would you? I wish I could go there and see it, though."

"We can see it," Mary said, and she put her daughter off her knee. "Girls, get your coats on. We're going for a walk."

Down the street was a church. Every Christmas a large creche was set up. There was a wooden stable full of straw and large ceramic figures. High above hung a star. The girls were awed by the simple but beautiful scene. It was just as Mary had said it was from the story in the Bible. Becky didn't want to leave even when the cold seeped through her clothing and made her shiver.

The next week was just as hard for them. Everywhere they went, it seemed that the world was taunting them with a Christmas that wasn't to be theirs. In the malls cars played, and parents loaded up with the latest toys and games. As Mary picked out economy packs of socks and underwear for the girls' gifts, she tried not to look in the other carts. At Safeway she whipped through the express line with one lone pack of spaghetti for their Christmas dinner. She laughed at the long line-ups of people with their carts full of turkey and fixings.

But the laugh was hollow, because she would have loved to be one of those standing in line. Outside, families shouted and laughed as they picked out what each considered the perfect tree and then strapped it to the roof of their car. Mary tried not to notice. It was Laura and Cindy that finally made her heart well over with bitterness.

Somehow, when you are an adult, you can take whatever is dished out. You take things in stride and make the best of a situation. But, oh how different it is when your child is hurting! Nothing hurts a mother more than the sorrow of her child. And that's how it was with Mary. The school was focused on Christmas, which was only to be expected in December. The teachers had the children making ornaments and stringing popcorn for their trees at home. They wrote letters to Santa. At recess, the children told of the gifts they were expecting. Laura and Cindy said nothing. They did as they were expected in class and tried to avoid the other children at recess. It was at home that they expressed their hurt and anger at the world for leaving them out of Christmas. So the bitterness grew in Mary from the heartache of her girls.

Every carol and decoration seemed to make her colder. Every Christmas card or call of "Merry Christmas" made her hate the season more. Laura and Cindy, taking the cue from their mother as children often do, developed the same attitude. Only little Becky was immune. She rocked Charlie in her arms and told him again and again about Baby Jesus, who was born in a stable. She begged the girls daily to take her to the church so she could see the story "for true." They would take her grudgingly and drag her back home long before she was finished looking.

Christmas morning came in a flurry of snow. Laura and Cindy woke up cold. They ran into Mary's room and burrowed under the covers with her to warm up. Mary cuddled them close and kissed their foreheads.

"Merry Christmas," she said. "Merry Christmas, Mama," they echoed.

"I'm afraid there aren't a lot of gifts for you girls, but you go wake up Becky, and you can open what there



BABY JESUS—This baby in a manger scene in the 800 block of W. Bryant in Lockney could use "Charlie's Blanket."

Staff Photo

is," she said resignedly.

The girls jumped out of the bed and ran to get their sister while Mary got up and dressed. Too soon, they were back.

"Where is she, Mama? We can't find her!" The words hit Mary like a truck. The three raced through the house calling her name, checking every closet and corner. They checked the yard and the neighbor's yard. No Becky! They must have missed her when they checked the house, Mary thought. She never goes off alone. They searched the house again.

"Dear Lord, please help me find her," she prayed as she rechecked every spot a child could possibly be in. "I'm sorry for my selfishness. The gifts and the dinner that I prayed for are not important. Forget them and just give me back my Becky." She was frantic now.

Then she noticed Charlie. He was carefully positioned in a chair facing a window. Mary's heart raced with her thoughts. Charlie was never out of Becky's sight. And where was his blanket? Becky always insisted that his blanket be wrapped tightly around him at all times. Suddenly she knew!

"Stay here!" she admonished the girls as she flew out the door into the dark and snowy morning. Down the street she ran, until she could see the church. Then she slowed, and tears of release ran down her face as she

caught sight of her daughter. The star from the creche was shining down on the manger where Becky had climbed in and was busily covering the Baby Jesus with the ratty scrap of a blanket. As she neared Mary could hear Becky talking:

"You must be cold. I knew the snow would be falling on You. This is Charlie's blanket, but we will give it to You. He has me to keep him warm." She looked up when she heard the footsteps. "Oh! Hi, Mama." Becky smiled her beautiful innocent smile. "I was afraid He might have thought we forgot about Him on His birthday."

Mary plucked her out of the straw and held her tight, the tears now raining unchecked. "I did forget, Honey... Dear Lord, I'm sorry I forgot." Then she tenderly carried her daughter home, filled at last with Christmas joy. With Christmas carols to cheer them on, they hung the popcorn strings and ornaments on Mary's tallest house plant. A star made of tin foil perched on the top. They put the presents underneath, and there was just enough to fit nicely under the little tree. And best of all, Mary made a birthday cake.

With their hands joined around the table, they all sang "Happy Birthday, Dear Jesus, happy birthday to You..."

As for Charlie, cradled tightly in Becky's arms even without his blanket, he was warm.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them (Mark 10:14-16, NIV).

The One who spoke those words—the King of kings and Lord of lords—came to us 2,000 years ago in the most humble of circumstances. The Father could have placed His only begotten Son in any rich and powerful family of that day. He could have made Jesus heir to Caiphas the High Priest, or Caesar, the Roman emperor. The young Messiah could have been nurtured in wealth and comfort. Instead, He was conceived by an unmarried teenager who had no status or influence in her community. His birth in a stable, surrounded not by royalty but by domestic animals, was symbolic of the message He would bring. Child-like innocence—such as we saw in little Becky—is what He requires of us. The Kingdom of heaven is reserved for believers in Jesus Christ who accept His forgiveness on those humble terms.

James C. Dobson, Ph.D.
(President of Focus On The Family)



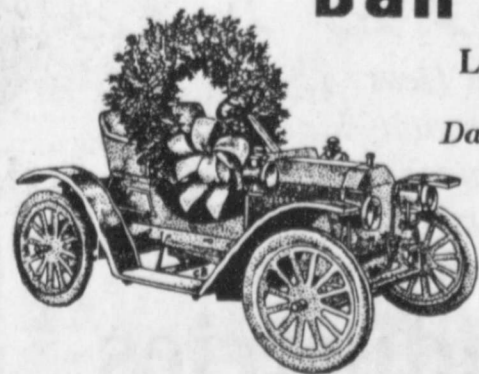
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We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to the Lord for the Miracle of Christmas.

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Shift Into Holiday Gear!

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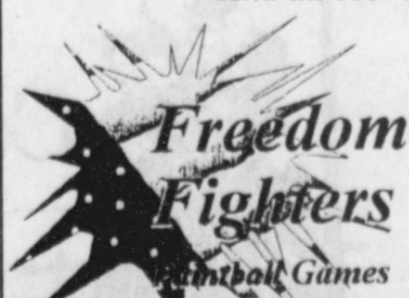
Christmas is just Around the Corner

All over town, people are enjoying the beauty of the season with their near and dear ones.

We'd like to send our best wishes for wonderful holidays to our friends everywhere!

And all over town, people are preparing for one of the most wonderful times of the year.

Therefore, we would simply like to say, "Thank You," for allowing us to be a part of such a wonderful community.

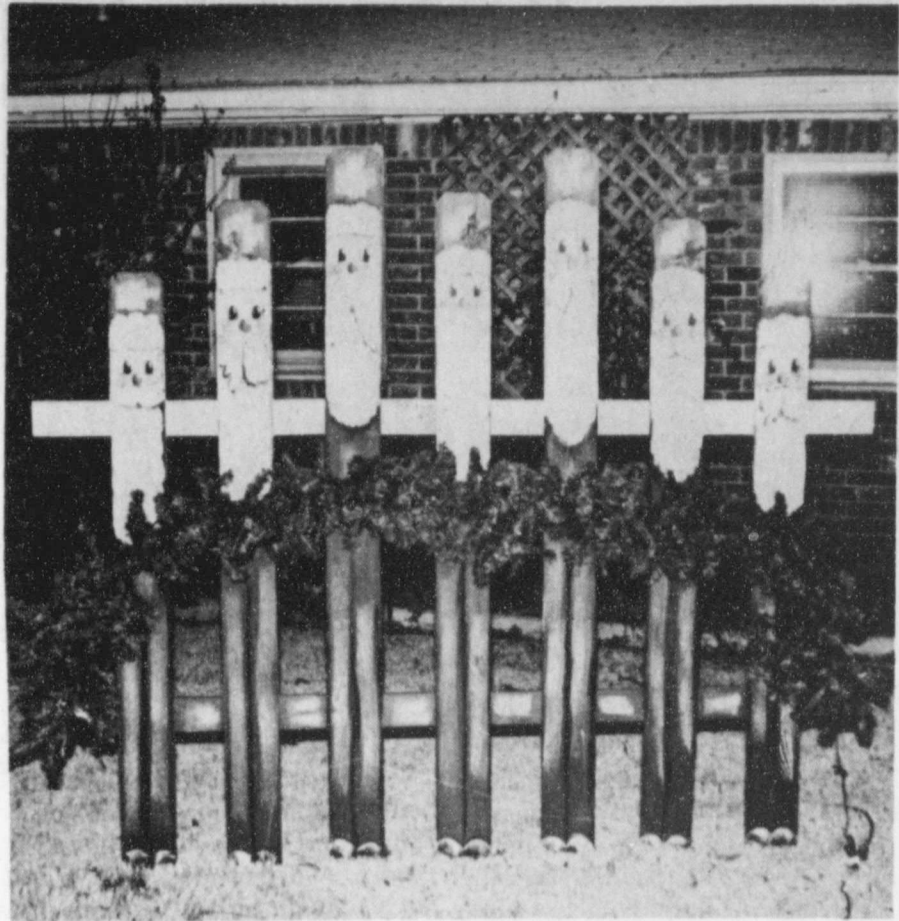


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Dear Santa, I want anything!



SANTAS OF ALL SHAPES and sizes can be found this season. These "tall and thinly" ones were spotted in Lockney. Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
I love you, Please I would like video games for Christmas and the game splat for christmas and a jet transformer and a coloring book and my family to haccve the best December ever godzila that fires misles riet telfafone riet bow and wrove.

To Santa thank you from your friend,
Ryker, 1st Grade

Dea Sant
I miss you Santa. Will you try to bring me Nike shos and try to bring me a Nike shirt. and try to bring me a pair of pants?

Santa Thank you!
Audrey V., 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Ninea sligt pleaeese

Carlos Arce, 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
How of you. fin I hop. Yello plane u gib beegbog

Love,
Jon, 1st Grade

Da Sant,
You er good. you can get my Wut if I you dimon,

Luve,
Taylor, 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Luve Nolan Rencon tro car pool table My dad home fur Ccresmis your VCR movies bike

Lolan, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
You mak me Santl Edrie. Cam putar, stuffed dog, candy cane game, hair bows santa, tent santa, Stuffed santa, baba, barbe santa.

Thank you,
Edrie, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a gymnastic brbie, a teddy bear a new pair of Shoes, some new clothes, a campwaer, and a gymnastic doll for christsims this year. thank you.

Love,
Cassandra, 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a Sega Please and a Batmobile and a race car.

Luv,
Adrian, 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a BARBIE doll and a bubble blower please.

Lub,
Sasha Jimenez, 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll and Bike and a Barbie Car. I want a Santa bubble blower.

thanks,
Janet Leal, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
for Chrismus I want a Harley bike.

Roman Salas, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want Watch, Walk-Man Bike WalkieTalkie Godzilla Lottery Ticket and pencils for Christmas. Thank you.

Love,
Greg Wayne, 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys. Thank you rily made me happy. You are speshl. I like you. Ples bring me a bike and bear and a cat and dog and some color.

Love
Nichle, 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
hou or you you or a vere goot boy. wil you ples bring me this old fashin Barbie Doll, jewelry, baby doll, a vere goot ordmit, red shoes, bear.

Love Santa,
Joanie, 1st Grade

Dear sasanta,
than you for all thu tooewes. I want u cmfutor. Tent, Nike Shoas, Pochononis move, 3 niju move, d2the middux.

Love,
Andria, 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I love you. I play with you. Please bring me Dragon Dagger, and a Pitching machine.

I love you,
Anthony Peralez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Sega and a Sega Ta Pe.

Love,
John Vasquez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Free Willys. I want little roller Blades, a Barbie and a Schoolhouse. Bring my Dad and Mom cologne.

Love,
Latasha Peralez

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa? I would like real glasses and a bike. I want a doll.

Love you,
Jasmyne Rendon

Dear Santa,
I like you becas you or cute. You or nise, Santa. I want a Pocohontes. I want a Free willy, a Power Rangers Tapes.

Thak you,
Karina Salazar

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motorcycle and a monster truck.

Love,
Adrian M. Luna

I want a bike, a saga game and one more remote controll car.

Thank you,
Weston Paul Davis

Dear Santa,
I hope you are O.K. I want a poprv gun ane a 4 wheeler. I want to get yoo a preset, but I don't have enough Money. I hope you don't fall four.

We love you,
Gabriel Pinales

Dear Santa,
I want anything.

Love,
Angel Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a Teacher Barbie and Shan Kimps and Boxers with hearts.

Thank you,
Kendra Hooten

Dear Santa,
May I Have a Twirling Barbie, Karaoke Computer, Big Barbie.

Thank you,
Alita Cohn

Dear Santa,
I want some cars, a remote car, some clothes and a computer.

Thank you,
Matthew Aday

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll house and Pocahantas, Beauty and the Beast and Aril dolls.

I Luv U
Mari Cruz

Dear Santa,
I hope you are filen well. I want a bicke and plchethas and head bans. Aols I tienk Rodof looks prfit.

Thank you,
Amanda Bueno

Dear Santa,
I want anything.

Thank you,
Windy Adams

Dear Santa,
Please bring me these 2 items: a Free Willy 2 movie, a Doctor Dreadful Food lab.

Thank you
Jeremy Gonzales

MERRY CHRISTMAS
We're serving up our best wishes for a joy-filled season!

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Floydada John, Irene, Jennifer & Jeremy Hernandez

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Happy Holiday to all our good customers.
It's been a pleasure serving you.

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Season's Greetings
Here's to a magical night and a glorious holiday!
Enjoy.

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2-D would like ...

Dear Santa,
try to bring me a trampoline and a bear and jewelry and a polly pocket and a bike and exercis musnis my sen borbeys.

Love,
Stacey 2-D

Dear Santa,
Please br ing my little sister a doll house. I woul like a Walkman. I hope you have a mery christmas! Thank you.

Cody 2-D

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy bear for christsnas. I would also like a back pack.

Love,
Latoya 2-E

Dear Santa,
please bring me a barnyard and a barby for me and my sister and new vedo game for my cousen and please a batman for my little cousen and a new maro for my mom and a new bed for my daddy.

Love,
Melissa Torres 2-D

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicke and a gameboy and a Tv.

Love,
Petey 2-D

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a pool table and a Harley Davidson back pack.

Thank you,
Matthew 2-D

Dear Santa Clause,
try to get me a computer and try to get me about three books. I hope you give me a computer I really want a computer like the one in computers.

Love,
Tabitha Barrientoz 2-D

Dear Santa,
pleas breang me a toy Bear. and a polly pocket. and a dal. and a bike.

Love you Santa,
Mellissa De LaCerde 2-D

Dear Santa,
This year I want a trundle bed, a bingbad and a chalkboard. I hope you have a very good christmas.

Love,
Cynthia Martinez 2-D

Dear Santa,
please bring me a motorcycle and a pool table and a bike and boxing gloves and a bear and a baby dog. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Carlos

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an exercise machine. My mom would like a sewing machine.

Thank you,
Frankie 2-D

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a rell dog because I rely lke dog and I rely like walman please. will you bring me that. You have a good meary Christmes.

Love,
Dina 2-D

Dear Santa,
I want a pooltable and a motorcycle. may I have that

Love,
Lionel 2-D

Dear Santa,
please breang me a trampoline. I hope you breang me a trampoline. I hope can so me and my brothers jump. thank you

Love,
Domanik 2-D

Dear Santa,
I am hoping to get some jewelry and of prity prity pritsnes. Is what I want most of all is love out of your heart.

Love,
Taryn 2-D

We join our clients and friends in imagining a kinder world, and trying to make it a little more real, each and every day.

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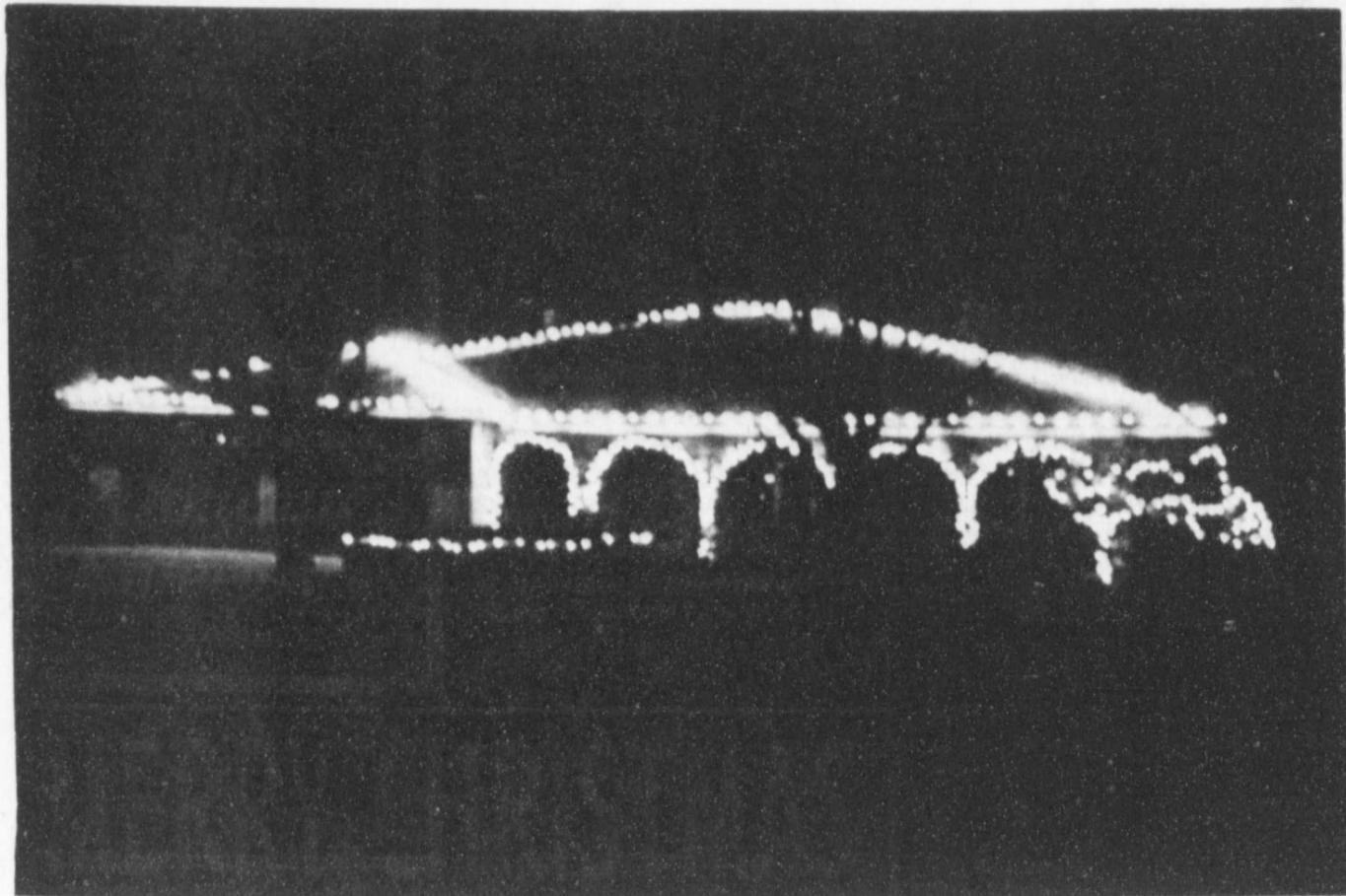
There's Nothing In The World Like Christmas In The Country

And we couldn't be happier than to share it with such wonderful people. To all of you we wish a season filled with warm fires, good friends, and dreams come true.

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Jerrri Rexrode & Rayanna Glasson
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LIGHTED ARCHES on this Floydada home welcomed the holiday season. Staff Photo

"A Christmas Poym"

By Alexis Hall
Roses are red,
Vilites are blue,
But most of all it is Christmas,
sooo happy Seson to you!!!!
Love,
Alexis



His Hands

*His hands were soft, small and red
on a crisp morn in Bethlehem...*

*His hands were strong, calloused and scarred
as He fashioned a new chair for home...*

*His hands were confident, gentle and firm
as he touched the sick and lame...
his hand were broken, bleeding and bruised
as He gave His life away.*

*His hands are reaching out to mankind
drawing, beckoning and holding us
close to the heart of God.*

David Taylor

3-B makes Christmas requests

Dear Santa,
I want a oakland Raider football suit and a talking battleship, the street shark Moby lick and Jab, a Super Nintendo with a tire storm. A street shark toy of Ripster.

Love,
B.J. Chappell, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I wish you could bring me a Sega, bike, and a remot controll truck.

Love,
Raul Mendoza, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I wish of of a key bord of christnas. If you dont give it to me is okey. I love you Santa I will take in the tang frun you.

Love,
Kim Van Cleave

Dear Santa,
I what a neckless and a dress maybe some roller blades I would love a new bike I wish I had a new comper.

Love,
Lidia Ester Arellano, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I wish I could habe a red car.

Love,
Joe Anthony Garza, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I wish for Karoty fighters, tire storm, a macked rider figre, Power Ranger, movie Batman Forever, well I got to go by.

p.s. Thanks for the presnts!
Love,
Stephen Bueno, 3-B

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Samantha's night time necessities. I also want a blue hand held sega with a game in it. I would also like a bell of your sleigh. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Meghan Graham, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and some games to go with the computer and in my computer I want Rocks and Jab the street sharps and some fruit.

Love,
Taylor Malone, 3-B

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is legos, some nerf stuff, and a toy cross bow. Merry Christmas have a nice trip.

Love,
Daniel Houchin, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I want toy car and a toy thak. Santa do you have a puch arse.

Love,
Faustin Chairez, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I would like a bonch of things but the most thing I want in the hole wide world is a bike.

Love,
Valerie Riojas, 3-B

Dear Santa,
We are going to Ruidoso for Christmas. That's where I wanted to go. I want a Super Nintendo game for my Super Nintendo. I got Rasberry Hair Spray for my sister. Give my sister, mom and dad something good cause they probably got something good for me.

Love,
Spencer Schacht, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I would want a live pupy that would play with me and we will cept it in our house.

Love,
Aaron Enriquez, 3-B

Dear Sant,
I wont a Sega venses and a soperntedol and a bike and a hot well and a motersikol and a little car and I wont losts of gifts.

Love,
Lionel Williams, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I wish I could see my nefew Angel, because I want to give my sister cause she hadn't seen him for two year's. So please Santa I would at least let her see her son.

Love,
Felisha Luna, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I want a sega for X mas. and I wot a toy for my sister like a doll because she likes dolls. and can you bring her one of those new baby's with a blanken.

Love,
Jackie Rendon, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I wish that you would bring me a Texas Tech beanbag and a Texas Tech jacket for Christmas, but if you don't have it then that's ok but I really like to have those things for Christmas.

Love,
Mandi Wood, 3-B

Dear Sant,
for Christmas I want a computer. I also want my couise to come for Christmas. I want a starel. A wock to. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jessica Garza, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I wish for a pair of roller blads and a present for MOM. Becuase My MoM hadly gets presents.

Love,
Linda Balboa, 3-B

Dear Santa,
For Chrimas I want a Super nintendo and a Super Nintendo game for Chrimas.

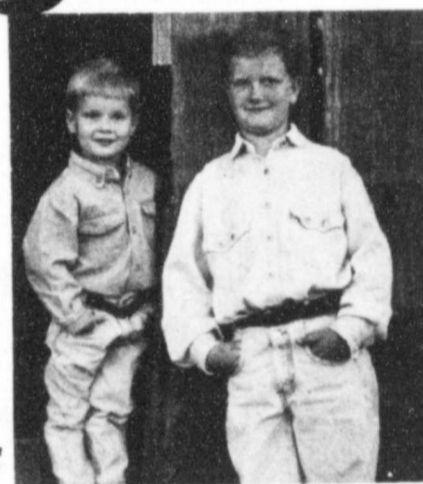
Love,
David Mancilla, 3-B

Dear Santa,
I would like anything that you would like to give me. Mery Christmas.

Love,
Melissa Shuping, 3-B

MERRY CHRISTMAS

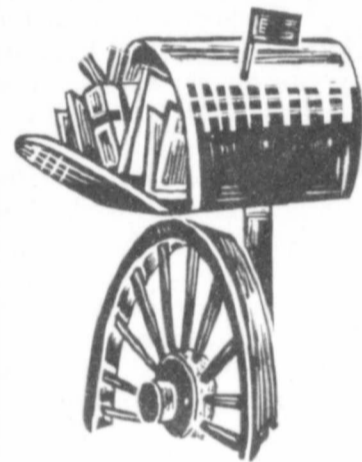
*Enjoy the season
to the fullest!*



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your family for
19 years
Happy Holidays*

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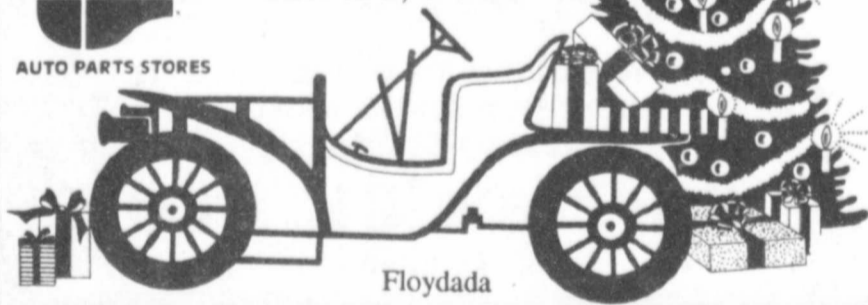
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hope your holiday brings you carloads of happiness.

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And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11



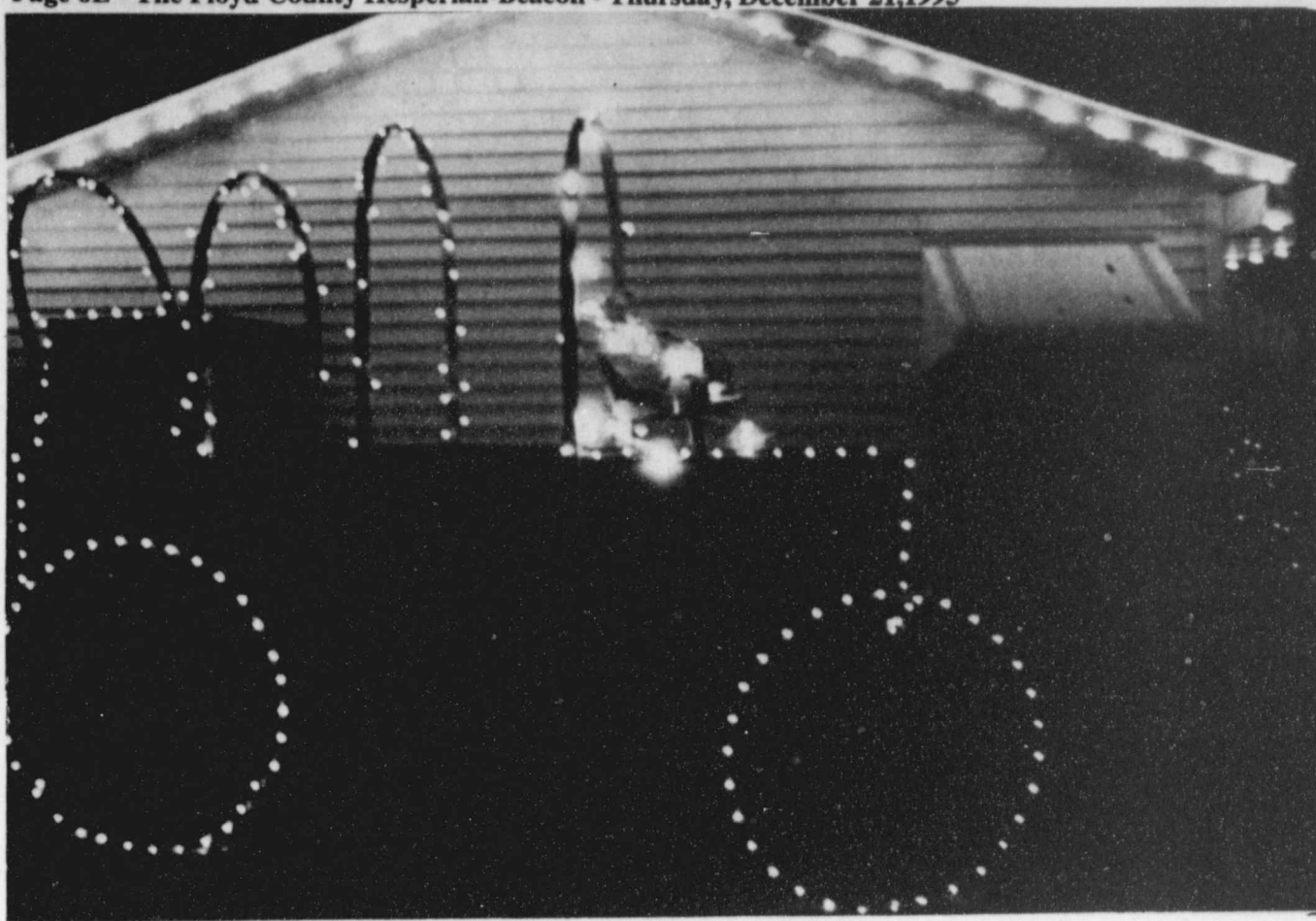
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Peace On Christmas

*May you enjoy the glory of this
heavenly season with your loved ones.
Many thanks to all for your devoted patronage.*

**Dr. Gary & Brenda Mangold
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and Families**



WAGONS ON TO CHRISTMAS--This reminder of days gone by reminds us of pioneer Christmas traditions.

Staff Photo

Pioneer preacher's family hardships bring out the true spirit of Christmas

From the Missionary Crusader By a Pastors Wife

I remember a day one winter that stands out like a boulder in my life. The weather was unusually cold; our salary had not been regularly paid and it did not meet our needs when it was.

My husband was away much of the time, traveling from one district to another. Our boys were well, but my little Ruth was ailing and at best none of us were decently clothed. I patched and repatched, with spirits sinking to the lowest ebb. The water gave out in the well and the wind blew through the cracks in the floor.

The people in the parish were kind, and generous, too, but the settlement was new and each family was struggling for itself. Little by little, at the time I needed it most, my faith began to waiver.

Early in life I was taught to take God at his word and thought my lessons well learned. I had lived upon the promises in the dark time until I knew, as David did, who was my Fortress and Deliverer. Now a daily prayer for forgiveness was all that I could offer.

My husband's overcoat was hardly thick enough for October, and he was often obliged to ride miles to attend a funeral. Many times our breakfast was Indian cake and a cup of tea without sugar.

Christmas was coming; the children always expected their presents. I remember the ice was thick and smooth and the boys were each craving a pair of skates. Ruth, in some unaccountable way, had taken a fancy that the dolls that I made were no longer suitable; she wanted a nice large one, and insisted on praying for it.

I knew it was impossible, but, Oh! how I wanted to give each child his present. It seemed that God had deserted us. But I did not tell my husband all this. He worked so earnestly and heartily. I supposed to him to be as hopeful as ever. I kept the sitting room cheerful with an open fire and tried to serve the scanty meals as invitingly as I could.

The morning before Christmas, James was called to see a sick man. I put a piece of bread for his lunch—it was the best I could do—wrapped my shawl around his neck and then tried to whisper a promise as I often had, but my words died away upon my lips. I let him go without it.

That was a dark hopeless day. I coaxed the children to bed early, for I could not bear their talk. When Ruth went I listened to her prayer. She asked for the last time most explicitly for her doll and for skates for her brothers. Her bright face looked so lovely when she whispered to me, "You know, I think they'll be here early tomorrow morning, Mama."

Then I thought if only I could move heaven and earth to save her from disappointment. I sat down alone and gave way to the most bitter tears.

Before long James returned, chilled and exhausted. He drew off his boots. The thin stockings slipped off with them and his feet were red with cold. "I wouldn't treat a dog that way, let alone a faithful servant," I said. Then as I glanced up and saw the hard lines in his face and saw the look of despair, it flashed across me that James had let go, too.

I brought him a cup of tea, feeling sick and dizzy at the very thought. He took my hand and we sat for an hour without a word. I wanted to die and meet God and tell Him His promise wasn't true—my soul was so full of rebellious despair.

There came the sound of bells, a

quick step and a loud knock at the door. James sprang up to open it. There stood Deacon White. "A box came by express just before dark. I brought it around as soon as I could get away. Reckoned it might be for Christmas. At any rate, they shall have it tonight. Here is the turkey my wife asked me to fetch along and these other things I believe belong to you."

There was a basket of potatoes and a bag of flour. Talking all the time, he hurried in the box, and then with a hearty good night he rode away.

Still without speaking, James found a chisel and opened the box. He drew out first a thick red blanket and we saw that beneath it, the box was full of clothing. It seemed at that moment as if Christ fastened upon me a look of reproach. James sat down and covered his face with his hands.

"I can't touch them," he explained. "I haven't been true, just when God was trying me to see if I could hold out. Do you think I could not see how you were suffering? And I had no word of comfort to offer. I know how to preach the awfulness of turning away from God."

"James," I said clinging to him, "don't take it to heart like this. I am to blame, I ought to have helped you. We will ask God together to forgive us."

"Wait a moment, dear, I cannot talk now." Then he went into another room. I knelt down and my heart broke. In an instant all the darkness, all the stubbornness rolled away. Jesus came again and stood before me, with the loving word, "Daughter!" Sweet promises of tenderness and joy flooded my soul. I was so lost in praise and gratitude that I forgot everything else. I do not know how long it was before James came back, but I knew he, too, had found peace.

"Now my dear wife," he said, "let us thank God together," and then he poured out the words of praise—Bible words, for nothing else could express our thanksgiving.

It was eleven o'clock; the fire was low and there was the great box with nothing touched but the warm blanket we needed. We piled on some fresh logs and began to examine our treasures.

We drew out an overcoat. I made James try it on—just the right size—and I danced around him, for all my lightheartedness had returned. Then there was a cloak and he insisted on seeing me in it. My spirits always infected him and we both laughed like foolish children.

There was a warm suit of clothes also, and three pairs of woolen hose.

There was a dress for me and yards of flannel, a pair of arctic overshoes for each of us and in mine a slip of paper. I have it now and mean to hand it down to my children. It was Moses' blessing to Asher: "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass and as the days, so shall thy strength be." In the gloves, evidently for James, the same dear hand had written: "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, 'Fear not: I will help thee.'"

It was a wonderful box and packed with thoughtful care. There was a suit of clothes for each of the boys and a little red gown for Ruth. There were mittens, scarfs and hoods, and down in the center—a box. We opened it and there was a great wax doll! I burst into tears again and James wept with tears of joy. It was too much! And then we both exclaimed again, for close behind it came two pairs of skates.

There were books for us to read—some of them I had wished to see—stories for the children to read, aprons and underclothing, knots of ribbon, a gay little tidy, a lovely photograph, needles, buttons and thread, actually a muff and an envelope containing a ten dollar gold piece.

At last we cried over everything we took up. It was past midnight and we were faint and exhausted even without happiness. I made a cup of tea, cut a fresh loaf of bread and James boiled some eggs. We drew up the table before the fire. How we enjoyed our supper! And then we sat talking over our life and how sure a help God always proved.

You should have seen the children the next morning! The boys raised a shout at the sight of their skates. Ruth caught up her doll and hugged it tightly without a word; then she went back into her room and knelt by her bed.

When she came back, she whispered to me, "I knew it would be here, Mama, but I wanted to thank God just the same, you know."

"Look here, dear, see the difference?" We went to the window and there were the boys, out of the house already and skating on the crust with all their might.

My husband and I both tried to return thanks to the church in the East that sent us the box—and have tried to return thanks unto God every day since.

Hard times have come again and again, but we have trusted in Him—dreading nothing so much as a doubt of His protecting care. "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."

1994 - The Texas Spur

Santa is on his way!

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a horse, a print thing that makes naimals, a stroller and pampers for my doll and a baby doll. And a diaper bag and clothes and socks and shoes. And thats all. I'm gonna leave milk and cookies for you. and I love you!
Dora Bueno, age 4

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Dora Bueno, age 4

Dear Santa,
Bring me a motorcycle - real one and a football. I'll leave cookies.
Augustine Ascecnio, age 4

Dear Santa,
I wanna me a motorcycle, a little car, a little razor that goes up and down, some cowboy boots, a horse - a real one, pants and thats all.
I love you,
Ruben Mathis, age 3

Dear Santa,
I wanna me a motorcycle, a little car, a little razor that goes up and down, some cowboy boots, a horse - a real one, pants and thats all.
I love you,
Ruben Mathis, age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a horse for the Barbie and a Barbie game for me and some skates and shoes and socks and a stroller and that's it. I'll cookies for you.
Love,
Tiffany Luna, age 4

Dear Santa,
Brittany wanna a play bottle with milk, a baby doll with stroller, a blanket, and a diaper bag with clothes and pampers and shoes and socks for the baby doll and that's all.
Love,
Brittany Mathis, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle - a big motorcycle! A big helicopter And thats all.
Love,
Christopher Torres, age 3

Dear Santa,
Bring me a car and candy.
Love,
Nathan Mendez, age 4

Dear Santa,
I wanna motorcycle - a big one, and a gun - a pistol and a rifle. Thats all.
Love,
Joshua Armstrong, age 3

Dear Santa,
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Augustine Ascecnio, age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a stroller and skates and pampers for a baby doll and a bear.
All my love,
Vanessa Ascencio, age 4

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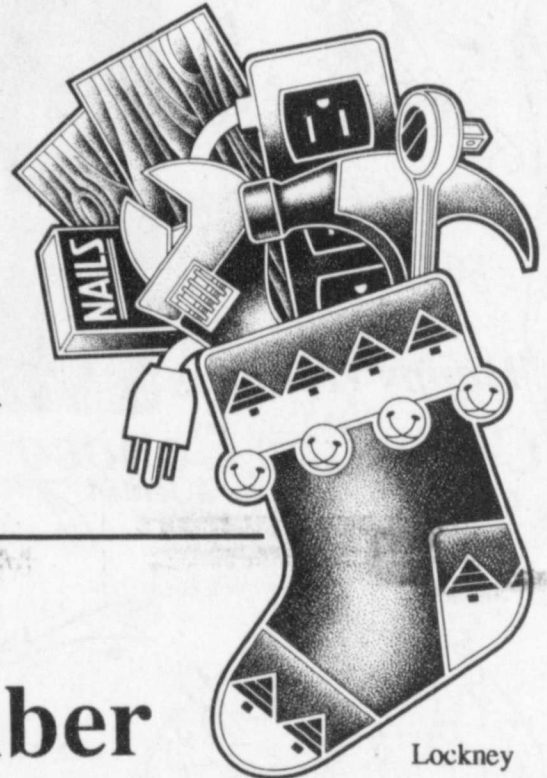
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May this season overflow with good times, good friends and good fun! We're especially thankful for our good friends like you.



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Gifts of the Season
May Christmas bring peace and love to all.

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We Know That You've Been Good!

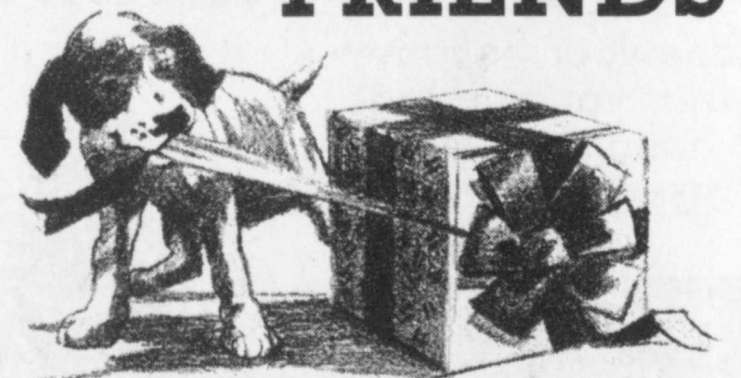
Many thanks and a Merry Christmas to all

SPS SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

Randy Duke & Mita Chavarria

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TO OUR "BEST" MANY FRIENDS



We're pulling for you to have a simply splendid season.. Happy Holidays!

Garcia's Ok Tire

Floydada

May God Bless Your Home This Holiday Season

Wherever you live, may you be visited by faith, love and good fortune in the year to come. We feel blessed to have so many good customers and friends. Thank you for visiting us.

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Santa, this week I want a motorcycle

Floydada 2nd Graders

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that pups and peas and
crys. I want a red rolls. I want casoll
back.

Your friend,
Jenny Hernandez 2-E

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a wreth "And a flower"
"And a papr bird"

Love,
Michelle Wagner 2-E

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I
want a cowboys gersy number eight
and a cowboy helmet and a pear of
football cleets.

Trey Helms 2-E

Dear Santa Clause,
I would like a baby sister. I would
like some money. I've been pretty good
this year.

Your friend,
Kendra Covington 2-E

Dear Santa,
Plece mace my gramal well and
pece give me and my brother some
game and plece give my sister a big
serprice.

Samuel Juarez 2-E

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good. This year
I wish you sude bring me a bicke for
christmas. and some new clothes.

Your friend,
Ricky Suarez 2-E

Dear Santa,
I've bene pretty good this year.
What I wanted is a computer this year.
My Mom has ben good this year. My
dad has ben good.

Clay Ware 2-E

Dear Santa,
I have Been good petty good this
year. You no wat i want I want a
cunputer. and a game.

Your friend,
Christopher Flores 2-E

Dear Santa,
I been nice and my sister an my
brother been nice this wire I wont a
scatboard and my sister wnat a bucer

an my brother wants Mr. buckit.
Year friend,
Israel Morales 2-E

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. I would
like a 100 dollar lego ship for my
brother. I also want a dollhouse, pi-
ano set, a fire place, and porch. I want
a cabach patch crip and curl. A
baywatch barbie and Ken. Bring
Reagan a Barbie swing pool, and a
barbie van.

Sincerely,
yours
Marla Reeves 2-B

Dear Santa Claus,
I have bin good this year. I want

for christmas this year is a little white
t.v. with a vcr bilt into it.

Love,
Reagan Heflin 2-B

Dear Santa,
I will be good. Will you breng me
sume presing.

Love Santa,
from
Ralph Egula 2-B

Dear Santa Claus,
I have ben very good I wish for a
water bed, a computer, a T.v., VCR,
pleas.

Love,
Jessica Nance 2-B

Dear Santa,
I want a remot control car. I want a
fish.

Love,
Joshua Delgada 2-B

Dear Santa,
I was a good kid. Pleas bring me a
preset because I was good. Santa I like
you. Santa I wont you bring me a
batman present for me.

Love,
Shannon Bolton 2-B

Dear Santa,
I wha a pup. and a doll, a comqter
withgams, a ring, a pooltable, books
and math colors.

Luve,
Christina 2-B

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I
want a dolly and a little house and a
play groun.

Your friend,
Tania Pesia 2-E

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want
a dolland a puppy. I want some pincil
and some boll.

Your friend,
Melissa Hernandez 2-E

Dear Santa,
I have been bad and sometimes I
been good. Santa I want Pencils for a
Christmas.

Your friend, Santa
Viral Bhakta 2-E

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. So this year I
wan't lots of tings. But I the moste
things of all. I wan't to see my unkul
jon.

Your friend,
Laura Herrera 2-E

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good at schoole.
I have ben lurning stuf and I hav bene
nise at school. I want a bigfut and nin
tin doe.

Your friend,
Tony Perez 2-E

Dear Santa Clas,
Will you give my mom a swider
and give me a football ples. Santa
Klas I have bin good.

Love,
Hector Martinez 2-E

Dear Santa,
I would want a saga cedde and a
intendo and sam poison pogs and a
super intendo and a t.v. Love santa.

Oscar Garza 2-C

Dear Santa,
I love you. and I am happy and I
know you are real for christmas I
want a bike that looks like
motorcycle.

Love,
Chris Reyes 2-C

Dear Santa Claus,
I want that game cald mouse trap
and pogs and Prionsis Wishing star
how makse dreams come.

Love,
Mary Medrano 2-C

Dear Santa,
I wan't a remote car and a nintedo
game.

Love,
Brock Smith 2-C

Dear Sana,
I want a bike. and I want a train and
I want a play house. and I want new
car and a truck.

Love,
Vanessa Lopez 2-C
wite bakke

Dear Santa Claus,
Ples if you can I would like a new
bike, a new skatberd, any kind of
move, a game, a Saga Jenisis. That is
all I want for Christmas eve.

Love,
Donnie Pavlicek 2-B
Merry christmas.

Dear Santa.
I want a doll houes for Christmas
and I want a little car for my Barbes
and I want something for my Mom and



THIS OLD FASHIONED LAMP POST decorates the lawn of the Jerry Cawley home at 720 W. Bryant in Lockney. Staff Photo

**May You Be Blessed
With The Joy
Of The Season!**

"Have a Safe
and
Happy Holiday"

From the Staff & Management of
City Auto, Inc.
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Goen & Goen
wishes you a Merry Christmas

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gifts need
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**Happy
Holidays!**

Dale
Kyle
Pat
Pam
Greg
LaVerne
Gail
Elaine
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Tune up for a great holiday! We're glad to express
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for my dad.

Love,
Crystal Tamayo 2-C

Dear Santa,
I want a C.D. player and a t.v. and
a v.c.r. and a four wheeler and I want
my daddy to get on of thoes new simy
trucks.

Love,
Ty Collins 2-C

Dear Santa,
I want rumote control, rase car. And
a deck of cards. And a movie of the
toy story and a pair of boxing gluv.

Love,
Dustin Ochoa 2-C

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you give me a gameboy or a
supernetindo and a Gargorles game.

Love,
Andy Sanchez 2-C

Dear santa.
I want rolarblad. I want Buterfly
prinses. I want a steryow. I want the
barbie that scatse.

Love,
Lindsey Leatherman 2-C

Dere santa,
I wood love to have some skates
and a gameboy. I wood love to have
a catchers mit and some cndy in my
stoking.

Love,
Jacob Reddy 2-C

Dear Santa Claus,
I wood like to have some Legos and
a remot diger a bit trater a some
powerragers toy some candy in my
stoking and a truck.

Love,
Joel Szydlski 2-C

Dear Santa
I want a mountain bike. I want a
doll. I want some shoes.

Love,
Abi Williams 2-C

Dear Santa,
I want a SEGA and a Game Boy
and a remote controll car and The toys
story and a foot Ball. I hop you breng
It pleaes

love,
Edmund Martinez 2-C

Der Santa,
I want a vitugim, I want a
dollhouse, I wanta prasant.

Jackee Ledbetter 2-C

Dear santa claus,
I want a seaga. I want a seaga game
thascod x-menz.

Justin Duran 2-C

Dear Santa,
Can I have a sega and a sega c d

Luv santa
Josh Price 2-C

**I Love You Santa
Merry Christmas!**



May the warm glow
of Christmas
light up your life.

**The City
of
Lockney**

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Wishing you a star-studded
holiday!

Floydada Cable TV

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN
May your holiday be filled with
the blessings of His faith and love.

**Muncy and Sandhill
Elevator**

I've been bad and sometimes I've been good

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm fine this year. I want a walkman, a big, big radio, and a T.V. my family can watch with me and some earrings with a bracelet.
Love,
Gloria Jierros, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is purple roller blades and a hockey set. Santa, tell Morgan that I said "Hello".
Good bye,
Mike, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? For Christmas, I would like Haunted Highway, Stunt Boss, Power Rangers movie video game. There will be cookies. Can my Stunt Boss be red?
Love,
Cody Gardner, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. A little drummer boy. And a doll, a princess wishing star. And a basketball. And a doctor dreadful drink lab and a doctor dreadful food lab. Tell Mrs. Clause "Hi" for me and the elfs, too. I will have cookies for you and milk, too.
Love,
Cathy Lee Bernal

Dear Santa,
I want a ring because I like rings or clothes because I need clothes or some shoes, but what I really want is a CD player with some CD's to listen to. And if I get the CD player and the CD's I don't like Rock N Roll or Country. I like Christian music. When you go, leave whatever you take me. There will be some cookies and milk for you to drink.
P.S. Say "Hi!" to Mrs. Claus for me.
Love,
Nichole Vasquez, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
This is what I want. I want a Sega for Christmas and when you go to my house to give me my presents, I will have cookies on a table for you and I will also want you to take me a computer and I also want you to tell Mrs. Santa Claus "Hi" and I will have cookies for her, too. Go ahead and get me a bull dog for Christmas that is coming up. Thank you, Santa Claus.
Love,
Jonathon, 4th grade



LIGHTS ATOP this house in Floydada proclaim "Merry Christmas" to all who drive by. Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
This year we don't have a big enough chimney for you so try to use the front door, O.K.? But look out for a dog—it bites! But first I would like for Christmas is a basketball card of Denes Rodman if you have it. Also a hand-held B.B. gun and bullets for my 20-gage.
Love,
Brady, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like Patti and her playpen and a doll carrier cot and a high chair, swing, and a baby's seat put together. I will leave the cookies in the same spot. And watch out for my sister's cat and don't step on her. And if you want to see my sister's kittens, bring a flashlight. But don't touch them.
P.S. I try my best to be good.
Love,
Jessica Rose Ochoa, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
These are the things I want for Christmas. I want a new Sega game, it is called Sonic Two, and a brand new football. It is Dallas Cowboys, it is a little football like my cousin Mark's. Like the Raiders football he has, but it is a Dallas Cowboys and Michael Jackson new song called Earth Song. How is Mrs. Clause doing?
Thank You,
A.J. Rosales, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
These are the only four things I want from you on Christmas Eve. A. T.V. and a VCR and my own cordless telephone with my own private number. I also want Dr. Dreadful food and drink lab. That's all I want from you, Santa.
P.S. Please bring my sister a telephone just like mine.
P.P.S. I'll leave your note, cookies, and milk on the T.V.
Love,
Amanda Leigh Hancock, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
What I would like for Christmas is a Barbie—any kind of Barbie and I want a Barbie Corvet. I can use a new Barbie car. And I want a doll house. If you think I am bad, you don't have to give me these presents but I will be glad if you gave me these. O yes, I want a desk. I need one more than toys. Will you say "Hi" to the elfs and Mrs. Claus for me?
P.S. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love,
Valerie Molina, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
I hope that other people that don't get toys and other things do get stuff. But four Christmas I would like a Huffy Bicke and a 32 for Christmas and I hope you ride safe on your sled and something els—I would like is for my sister to come visit us and I like Super Mario Boss 2. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love,
Michael Rodriguez, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause? For Christmas, I would like a tiestorm racecar, a haunted hiway, a Steve Berkin jersey, and NBA Jam T.E. Merry Christmas Santa! We'll be waiting for you on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Kirk Wilson, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
This year I would like you to bring me a N.F.L. Quarterback club game for Seaga and a Clyde Drexler Rocket's jersey. Tell Mrs. Clause "Hi".
Love,
Justin Stoerner, 4th grade

Lockney Insurance Agency
Peace & Harmony
Together they create the most beautiful music of all! Merry Christmas.
Jerry Cooper
Elsa Cooper
Olga Martinez

WARMEST GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

LOCKNEY
Jim Martin
Kay Martin
Shana Hallmark
Pat Nelson

FLOYDADA
Phyllis Harris
Irene Alaniz

It warms our heart to think of you in this most wonderful of seasons, because there's just so much to celebrate, and your friendship is one of the reasons! Merry, Merry Christmas!

J & K Insurance

A Sign Of The SEASON!

The snow gently blankets the ground. The world becomes a softer place. And the time arrives to look around us, and count our many blessings. We count your friendship as one of the blessings we treasure most. Merry Christmas!

Brown Gin
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Bright Wishes To You!

Here's to a season that's positively glowing.

Bishop-Ramsey Pharmacy
Floydada

HOPE YOUR SEASON IS Heavenly

It's been a privilege and a pleasure to serve you this past year.

Wilson Aerial Spray
Lockney
Corky & Alice Wilson
Dwight Wilson

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. This is some things that I want. I want a Sega with some games. A T.V. with a remote with a radio and a VCR, and I want Micheal Jordan's new shoes. This is what I really want for Christmas—a Dodge Viper.
Thank You,
Sergio Solis, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some k'nex building things. If you have any more of these. I want a nerf marimzer. The thing I want most is Bat Man Forever, the movie. I want Brain Bash and Connect Four. Tell Mrs. Claus I said, "Hi".
Your Friend,
Scott Stapp, 4th grade

Glad Tidings

As you take steps to enjoy this merry season of good cheer and good will, we'd like to express our best holiday wishes to all. Thanks so very much for your patronage.

Providence Farm Supply

All We Want For Christmas

Is To Thank Our Many Wonderful Friends!

The list may be long, but so is our gratitude for the great bunch of folk we've had the pleasure to know this past year.

To all of you go our very best wishes for a season that delivers everything you've ever wanted.

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The Miraculous Staircase

A short story by Arthur Gordon
On that cool December morning in 1878, sunlight lay like an amber rug across the dusty streets and adobe houses of Santa Fe. It glinted on the bright tile roof of the almost completed Chapel of Our Lady of Light and on the nearby windows of the convent school run by the Sisters of Loretto. Inside the convent the Mother Superior looked up from her packing as a tap came on her door.

"It's another carpenter, Reverend Mother," said Sister Francis Louise, her round face apologetic. "I told him that you're leaving right away, that you haven't time to see him, but he says..."

"I know what he says," Mother Magdalene said, going on resolutely with her packing. "That he's heard about our problem with the new chapel. That he's the best carpenter in all of New Mexico. That he can build us a staircase to the choir loft despite the fact that the brilliant architect in Paris who drew the plans failed to leave any space for one. And despite the fact that five master carpenters have already tried and failed. You're quite right, Sister; I don't have time to listen to that story again."

"But he seems such a nice man," said Sister Francis Louise wistfully, "and he's out there with his burro, and..."

"I'm sure," said Mother Magdalene with a smile, "that he's a charming man, and that his burro is a charming donkey. But there's sickness down at the Santo Domingo pueblo, and it may be cholera. Sister Mary Helen and I are the only ones here who've had cholera. So we have to go. And you have to stay and run the school. And that's that!" Then she called, "Manuela!"

A young Indian girl of twelve or thirteen, black-haired and smiling, came in quietly on moccasined feet. She was a mute. She could hear and understand, but the Sisters had been unable to teach her to speak. The Mother Superior spoke to her gently: "Take my things down to the wagon, child. I'll be right there." And to Sister Francis Louise: "You'd better tell your carpenter friend to come back in two or three weeks. I'll see him then."

"Two or three weeks! Surely you'll be home for Christmas?"

"If it's the Lord's will, Sister. I hope so."

In the street, beyond the waiting wagon, Mother Magdalene could see the carpenter, a bearded man, strongly built and taller than most Mexicans, with dark eyes and a smiling, wind-burned face. Beside him, laden with tools and scraps of lumber, a small gray burro stood patiently. Manuela was stroking its nose, glancing shyly at its owner. "You'd better explain," said the Mother Superior, "that the child can hear him, but she can't speak."

Good-byes were quick—the best kind when you leave a place you love. Southwest, then, along the dusty trail, the mountains purple with shadow, the Rio Grande a ribbon of green far off to the right. The pace was slow, but Mother Magdalene and Sister Mary Helen amused themselves by singing songs and telling Christmas stories as the sun marched up and down the sky. And their leathery driver listened and nodded.

Two days of this brought them to Santo Domingo Pueblo, where the sickness was not cholera after all, but measles, almost as deadly in an Indian village. And so they stayed, helping the harassed Father Sebastian, visiting the dark adobe hovels where feverish brown children tossed and fierce Indian dogs showed their teeth.

At night they were bone-weary, but sometimes Mother Magdalene found time to talk to Father Sebastian about her plans for the dedication of the new chapel. It was to be in April; the Archbishop himself would be there. And it might have been dedicated sooner, were it not for this incredible business of a choir loft with no means of access—unless it were a ladder.

"I told the Bishop," said Mother Magdalene, "that it would be a mistake to have the plans drawn in Paris. If something went wrong, what could we do? But he wanted our chapel in Santa Fe patterned after the Sainte Chapelle in Paris, and who am I to argue with Bishop Lamy? So the talented Monsieur Mouly designs a beautiful choir loft high up under the rose window, and no way to get to it."

"Perhaps," sighed Father Sebastian, "he had in mind a heavenly choir. The kind with wings."

"It's not funny," said Mother Magdalene a bit sharply. "I've prayed and prayed, but apparently there's no solution at all. There just isn't room on the chapel floor for the supports

such a staircase needs."

The days passed, and with each one Christmas drew closer. Twice, horsemen on their way from Santa Fe to Albuquerque brought letters from Sister Francis Louise. All was well at the convent, but Mother Magdalene frowned over certain paragraphs. "The children are getting ready for Christmas," Sister Francis Louise wrote in her first letter. "Our little Manuela and the carpenter have become great friends. It's amazing how much he seems to know about us all..."

And what, thought Mother Magdalene, is the carpenter still doing there?

The second letter also mentioned the carpenter. "Early every morning he comes with another load of lumber, and every night he goes away. When we ask him by what authority he does these things, he smiles and says nothing. We have tried to pay him for his work but he will accept no pay..."

Work? What work? Mother Magdalene wrinkled up her nose in exasperation. Had that softhearted Sister Francis Louise given the man permission to putter around in the new chapel? With firm and disapproving hand, the Mother Superior wrote a note ordering an end to all such unauthorized activities. She gave it to an Indian pottery-maker on his way to Santa Fe.

But that night the first snow fell, so thick and heavy that the Indian turned back. Next day at noon the sun shone again on a world glittering with diamonds. But Mother Magdalene knew that another snowfall might make it impossible for her to be home for Christmas. By now the sickness at Santo Domingo was subsiding. And so that afternoon they began the long ride back.

The snow did come again, making their slow progress even slower. It was late on Christmas Eve, close to midnight, when the tired horses plodded up to the convent door. But lamps still burned. Manuela flew down the steps, Sister Francis Louise close behind her. And chilled and weary though she was, Mother Magdalene sensed instantly an excitement, an electricity in the air that she could not understand.

Nor did she understand it when they led her, still in her heavy wraps, down the corridor into the new, as yet unused chapel, where a few candles burned. "Look, Reverend Mother," breathed Sister Francis Louise. "Look!"

Like a curl of smoke the staircase rose before them, as insubstantial as a dream. Its base was on the chapel floor; its top rested against the choir loft. Nothing else supported it; it seemed to float on air. There were no banisters. Two complete spirals it made, the polished wood gleaming softly in the candlelight. "Thirty-three steps," whispered Sister Francis Louise. "One for each year in the life of Our Lord."

Mother Magdalene moved forward like a woman in a trance. She put her foot on the first step, then the second, then the third. There was not a tremor. She looked down, bewildered, at Manuela's ecstatic, upturned face. "But it's impossible! There wasn't time!"

"He finished yesterday," the Sister said. "He didn't come today. No one has seen him anywhere in Santa Fe. He's gone."

"But who was he? Don't you even know his name?"

The Sister shook her head, but now Manuela pushed forward, nodding emphatically. Her mouth opened; she took a deep, shuddering breath; she made a sound that was like a gasp in the stillness. The nuns stared at her, transfixed. She tried again. This time it was a syllable, followed by another. "Jo-se." She clutched the Mother Superior's arm and repeated the first word she had ever spoken. "Jose!"

Sister Francis Louise crossed herself. Mother Magdalene felt her heart contract. Jose—the Spanish word for Joseph. Joseph the Carpenter. Joseph the Master Woodworker of...

"Jose!" Manuela's dark eyes were full of tears. "Jose!"

Silence, then, in the shadowy chapel. No one moved. Far away across the snow-silvered town Mother Magdalene heard a bell tolling midnight. She came down the stairs and took Manuela's hand. She felt uplifted by a great surge of wonder and gratitude and compassion and love. And she knew what it was. It was the spirit of Christmas. And it was upon them all.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: The wonderful thing about legends is the way they grow. Through the years they can be told and retold and embroidered a bit more each time. This, indeed, is such a retelling. But all good legends contain a grain of truth, and in this case the irrefutable fact at the heart of the legend is the inexplicable staircase itself.

You may see it yourself in Santa



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Lockney 4th grade Letters

Dear Santa,
How is your year going? I hope I have been a good girl this year. Well, if I have been good, I would like to have a desk and a very pretty doll. I have found it in a magazine. She is very pretty. Please say "Hi" to the elfs and Mrs. Claus.

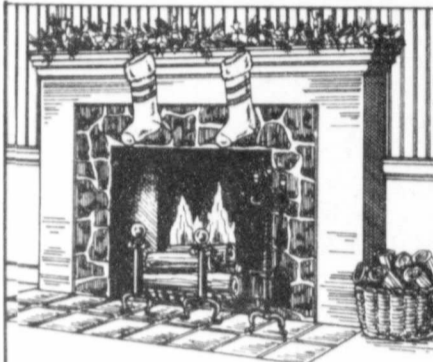
Love,
Britta McDonald, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
I wish you will bring me a doll and I also want some other things with it. The other thing I want is a tea set so I can play with it.

Love,
Laura Solorzano

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope fine. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a computer with a CD Rom, a big stuffed Coca-Cola bear, roller blades, video game of Blackjack Poker game, a 10-speed bicycle. I will be waiting for you on Christmas Eve.

Love,
Tony Gonzalez, 4th grade



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Dear Santa,
I want my brain switched so I could be smart. Everytime I get a paper from one of my teachers, I make bad grades. So this is one of my Christmas wishes. If you can't do it, it's all right. I will try to think more in my brain. My second wish is a ski ball. I want a secret code on the machine. Then when my friends come, they can pay a quarter on my ski ball. My third wish is a computer and a printer and a golf game with it. That's all of my wishes and tell Mrs. Claus to have a very good Christmas and the elves, too.

Love,
Paul Hernandez, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a whole football suit with a helmet, hip pads, knee pads, and shoulder pads. The second thing I want is a CD player with some CD's like Coolio, Micheal Jackson, or Janet Jackson. The third thing I want is my whole family. I want my brother, my sister, my mom, and my dad.

Love,
Your Friend, Jeran

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you doing? I hope your doing fine. As for me, I'm doing fine. I would like a doll house that has a bed and living room. I would like a computer that has other games with it and my last wish is a ten-speed that is pink, green, and purple.

Sincerely,
Rose Anna Castillo

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Stereo and a C.D. player and some tapes and a small T.V. And a cumpertper, and games, skats like I said I hope I will get everything I ask for. I'll leave cookies and milk for you. Tell Mrs. Santa I said "Hi".

Merry Christmas,
Melody Hernandez, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a Virtual Boy with a game. I can get the rest. Sorry I started with demands. How is Mrs. Clause? I also want a Steve Young jersey. And a V-tech lap top computer because last year's doesn't work any more.

Love,
Your Pal,
Dustin Rose, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
Here's my wish list and I'm only asking for a CD player, 4 feet swimming pool, and a water bed.

From,
Oscar

Dear Santa,
The first thing I would love to have is a day bed. I want a day bed because my other one is getting pretty old. The second thing I would love to have is a Sandmaker. I would love to have it because I love to make things out of sand. The last thing I am asking for is a Mommy to take care of me and buy me my things I need for school and will make sure nothing will happen to me. It is hard without a Mom, but I hope that my Dad will find a Mommy for me and that she loves my Dad and me.

Love,
Your Friend,
Diamond Delgado, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
I'm looking forward to your visit this year. I will be in Dallas again this year. What I want for Christmas this year is a ten-speed bike and a gocart and a black gitar and a belt buckul and NIKE SHOES and that is really all I want for Christmas.

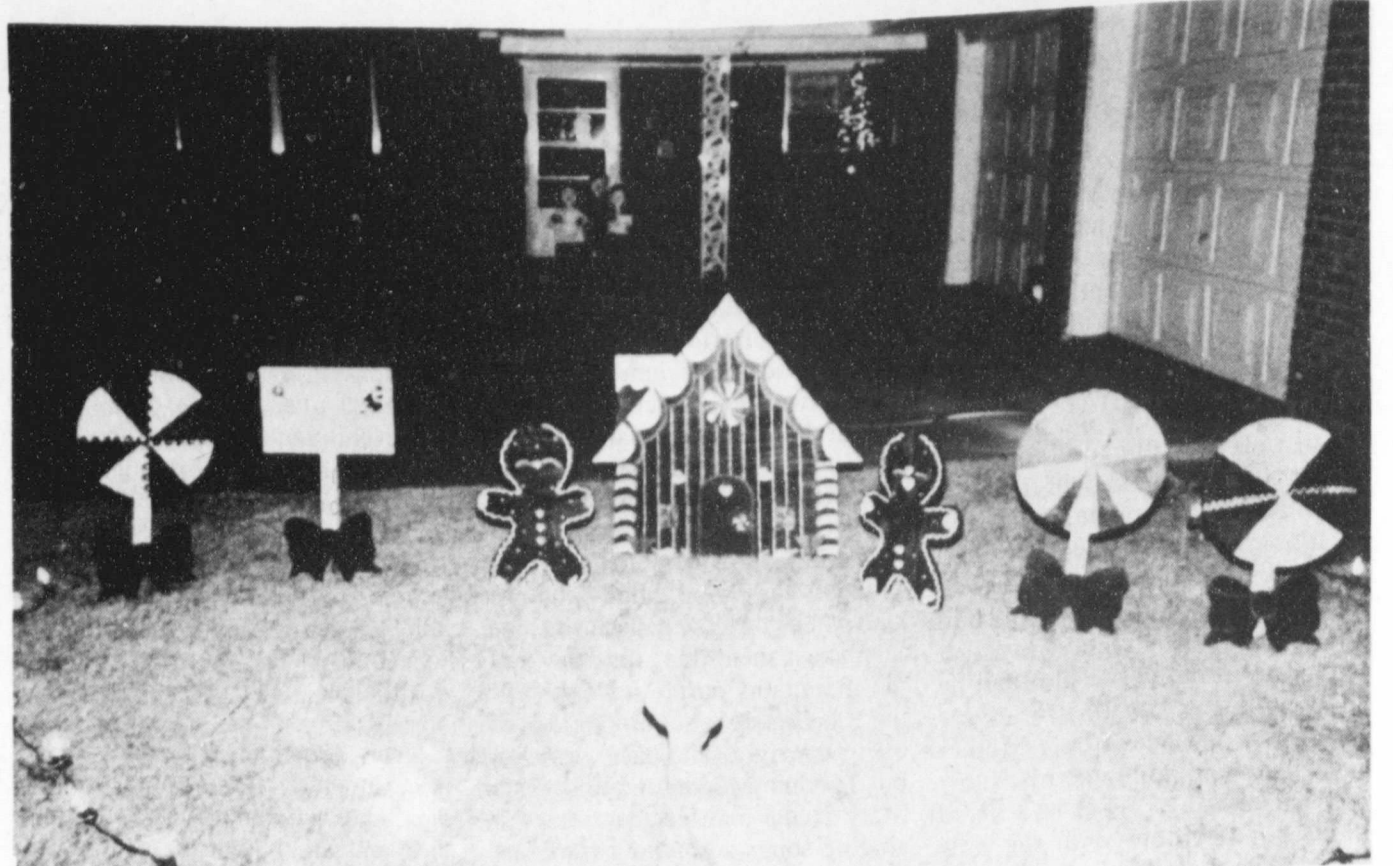
Love,
Lacu Durham, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would like a morocontrol Rocket. I want a four wheeler to ride in the summer. I want some new Roller Blades so I won't get board, and I want a Veurtule boy and Worio to come with it. Dear Santa, I hope the reindeer are doing fine.

Love,
Ty Arjona, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I really want a Doctor Dreadful lab. Also, your cookies will be in the same place with some milk. I want 13 Dead End, too. I hope this time I won't fall to sleep on the couch and I get to see you. The last thing I want is a 15 mph remote control car. Thank you and take care.

Sincerely yours,
Paul Amador, 4th grade



THE R.V. WEBSTER YARD at 210 S.W. 8th in Lockney is festooned with Gingerbread people and carolers on the porch.

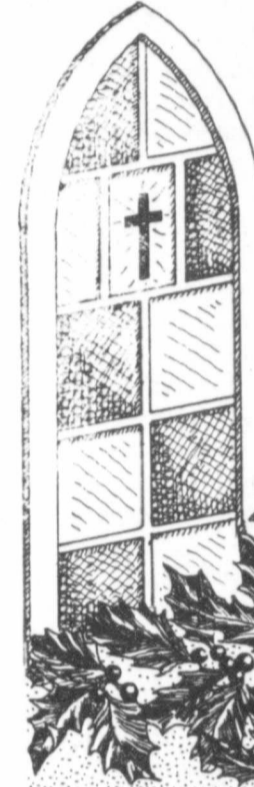
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God Bless

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Dear Santa,
My name is Angelo. This is what I really want. I wish to have my first wish is to have a go-cart and with seat belts, please and I don't know what my size is, but I think from me to the petals is going to have to be 4 feet and make it have two seats for me and my brother. My second wish I want to have is a CD of Casper and a CD of Garth Brooks, the new one Fever. And my third wish is a Pogo Stike. P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Angelo Prother, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a game boy. With my game boy, I would like Mortal Kombat. I will leave you oreo cookies on the contour top.

Love,
Anthony, 4th grade

Santa Letters from around Floyd County

Dear Santa:
I want a CD player and a plastic dart board. I like my computer very much, thank you. I want a basket ball gale too. A ramote control car, and a 3-D puzzle.

Your friend,
Skyler Cornelius
P.S. I want lots of snow for christmas

Dear Santa:
I want a firetruck and bucket truck. I want a toy shot gun like the one at Perry's - exactly like it! I want a plastic Santa and Mrs. Claus. I would like a push tractor like Robert's. I want a green and yellow jet ski, and a Godzilla.

Love,
Jordan Cornelius
4 years old

Dear Santa
I want a sega and a batmobile and a batman and robin and sega games a ice water gun and the ice sword and a nerf gun and ninja Turtles and spider man and street sharks and that is all.

Phillip Luna 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want these things, Rolerblades size 1, A doll with blue eyes wite dress, curly blond hair, swimming pool inside pert gust for the inside pink, a big big Barbie camper.

Alexis Hall

Dear Santa,
Mom says we have been pretty good boys this year. We would really like to have ba ball goal, (basketball) for inside the house and two ba balls.. please bring 2 balls, we are still not good at sharring. We also want something to ride. And Please don't forget Sisi, (she's great) and her doll Samantha.

Merry Christmas,
Jake & Janson Graham

Dear Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus,
Hello!!! How is everything at the North Pole? Is it cold there? How are the Reindeers doing? I hope they are fine. I am real excited for Christmas to get here. I can hardly wait to see you!! Please bring me a new bicycle with no training wheels!! I also want a baby that does gymnastics like I do, and a Sky dancer. I need a border Collie puppy to run our sheep. Please bring me some jewelry, some new Rocky Mountain jeans, boots, a belt, and a bean bag chair.

Please don't forget all the other boys and girls. They have been good too. Please have a safe trip and I will leave some reindeer food on the poarch for the reindeers, and some cookies and a coke on the table for you. Can't wait to see you!!! Oh, I forgot I am 4 years old, and I live in Lockney, Texas. Have a safe trip!!!

Love, Cheyann Powell

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you get me a talking repeat doll, a phone, doll clothes, and talking books, that whisper at night. I'll see you at Nana's house.

Love,
Hallie Bertrand
3 years old

P.S. I've been a good girl, but don't bring me gum because I'm grounded.

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy. A dog for Brianna, my sister. Two puppies for my mom. Two puppies for my dad.

Thats all
I love you
Fernando Mares Pre-K 1



Thank you for your kindness and good will. To all we wish a very merry Christmas season.

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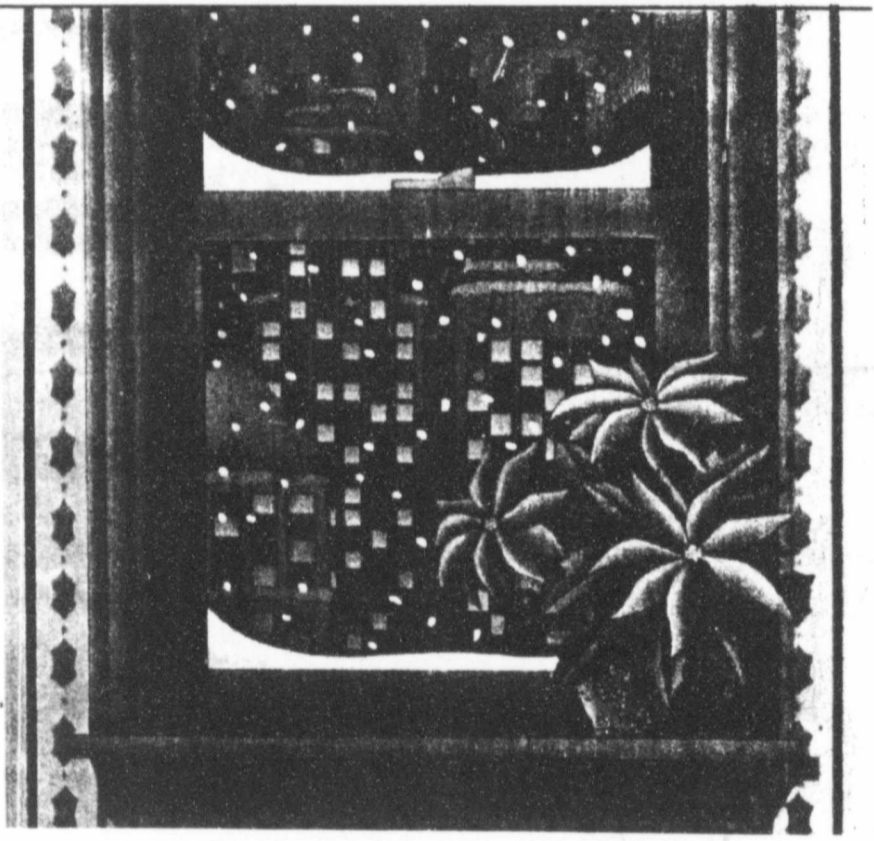
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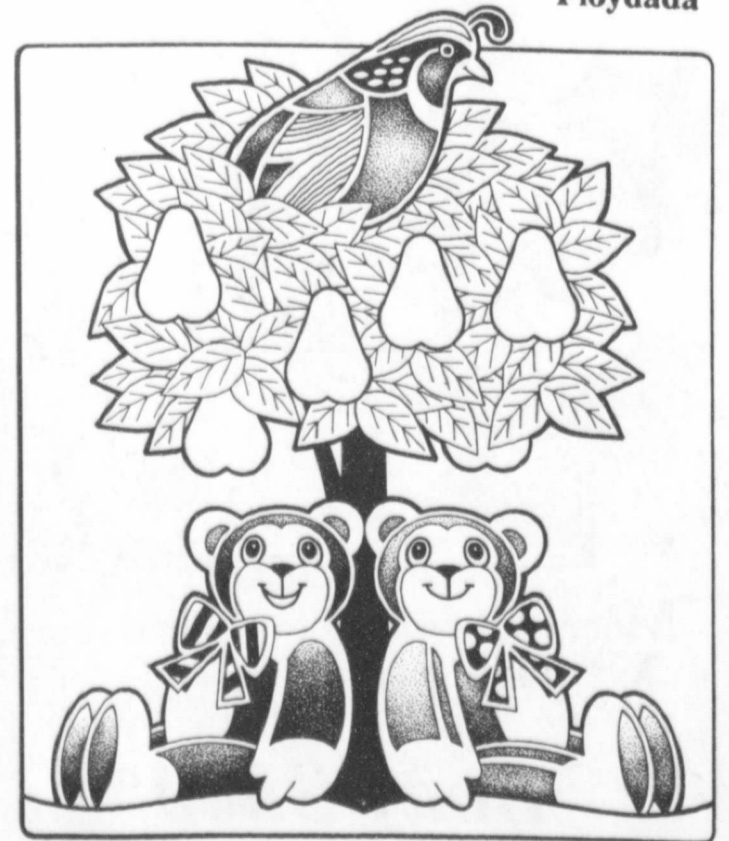
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"Such As I Have"

By Bonnie Shepherd

With only two weeks before Christmas, the last place I wanted to be was in the hospital recovering from surgery. This was our family's first Christmas in Minnesota, and I wanted it to be memorable, but not this way.

For weeks I had been ignoring the pain in my left side, but when it got worse, I saw the doctor. "Gallstones," he said, peering at the X-rays. "Enough to string a necklace. You'll need surgery right away."

Despite my protests that this was a terrible time to be in the hospital, the gnawing pain in my side convinced me to go ahead with surgery. My husband, Buster, assured me he could take care of things at home, and I called a few friends for help with carpooling. A thousand other things—Christmas baking, shopping and decorating would have to wait.

I struggled to open my eyes after sleeping for the better part of two days in the hospital following my surgery. As I became more alert, I looked around to what seemed like a Christmas floral shop. Red poinsettias and other bouquets crowded the windowsill. A stack of cards waited to be opened. On the stand next to my bed stood a small tree decorated with ornaments my children had made. The shelf over the sink held a dozen red roses from my parents in Indiana and

a yule log with candles from our neighbor. I was overwhelmed with all the love and attention.

Maybe being in the hospital around Christmas isn't so bad after all, I thought. My husband said that friends had brought meals to the family and offered to look after our four children.

Outside my window, heavy snow was transforming our small town into a winter wonderland. The kids have to be loving this, I thought as I imagined them bundled in their snowsuits building a backyard snowman, or skating at Garfield School on the outdoor ice rink.

Would they include Adam, our handicapped son? I wondered. At age 5, he had just started walking independently, and I worried about him getting around on the ice and snow with his thin ankles. Would anyone take him for a sled ride at the school?

"More flowers!" The nurse's voice startled me from my thoughts as she came into the room carrying a beautiful centerpiece. She handed me the card while she made room for the bouquet among the poinsettias on the windowsill.

"I guess we're going to have to send you home," she teased. "We're out of space here!"

"Okay with me," I agreed.

"Oh, I almost forgot these!" She took more cards from her pocket and put them on the tray. Before leaving the room, she pulled back the pale green privacy curtain between the two beds.

While I was reading my get-well cards, I heard, "Yep, I like those flowers."

I looked up to see the woman in the bed beside me push the curtain aside so she could see better. "Yep, I like your flowers," she repeated.

My roommate was a small forty-something woman with short, curly, gray hair who had Down Syndrome. Her hospital gown hung untied around her neck, and when she moved forward it exposed her bare back. I

wanted to tie it for her, but I was still connected to an IV. She stared at my flowers with childlike wonder.

"I'm Bonnie," I told her. "What's your name?"

"Ginger," she said, rolling her eyes toward the ceiling and pressing her lips together after she spoke. "Doc's gonna fix my foot. I'm gonna have *suur-jeree* tomorrow."

Ginger and I talked until dinner time. She told me about the group home where she lived and how she wanted to get back for her Christmas party. She never mentioned a family, and I didn't ask. Every few minutes she reminded me of her surgery scheduled for the next morning. "Doc's gonna fix my foot," she would say.

That evening I had several visitors, including my son Adam. Ginger chattered merrily to them, telling each about my pretty flowers. But mostly, she kept an eye on Adam. And later, after everyone left, Ginger repeated over and over, just as she had about my flowers, "Yep, I like your Adam."

The next morning Ginger left for surgery, and the nurse came to help me take a short walk down the hall. It felt good to be on my feet.

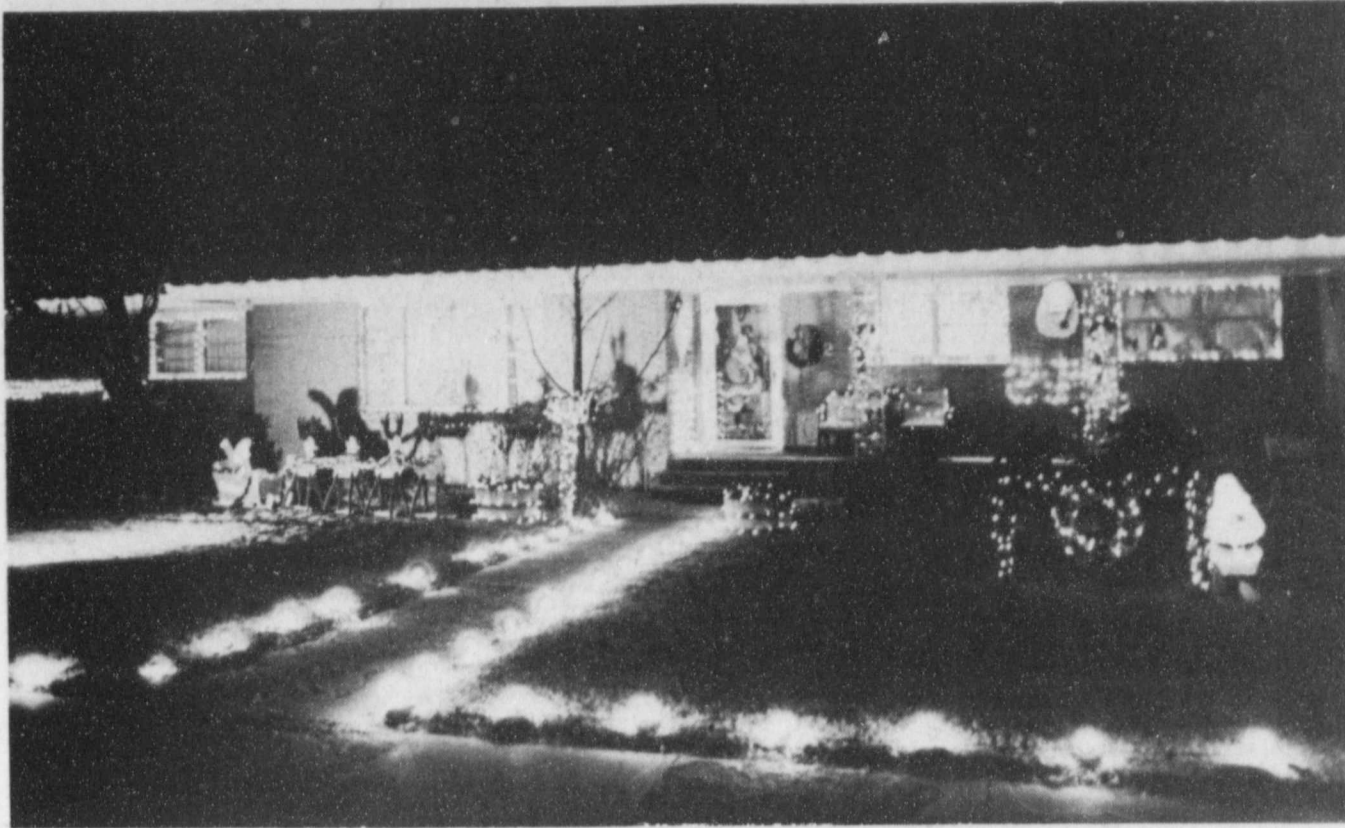
Soon I was back in our room. As I walked through the door, the stark contrast between the two sides of the room hit me. Ginger's bed stood neatly made, waiting for her return. But she had no cards, no flowers and no visitors. My side bloomed with flowers, and the stack of get-well cards reminded me of just how much I was loved.

No one sent Ginger flowers or a card. In fact, no one had called or visited her.

Is this what it will be like for Adam one day? I wondered, then quickly put the thought from my mind.

I know, I decided. I'll give her something of mine.

I walked to the window and picked up the red-candled centerpiece with



SANTA IS THE THEME at this well lit home belonging to Bobby Carthel in Lockney. Staff Photo

holly sprigs. *But this would look great on our Christmas dinner table, I thought as I set the piece back down. What about the poinsettias?* Then I realized how much the deep-red plants would brighten the entry of our turn-of-the-century home. And, of course, *I can't give away Mom and Dad's roses, knowing we won't see them for Christmas this year, I thought.*

The justifications kept coming: *the flowers are beginning to wilt; this friend would be offended; I really could use this when I get home. I couldn't part with anything. Then I climbed back into my bed, placing my guilt with a decision to call the hospital gift shop when it opened in the morning and order Ginger some flowers of her own.*

When Ginger returned from surgery, a candy stripper brought her a small green Christmas wreath with a red bow. She hung it on the bare white wall above Ginger's bed. That evening I had more visitors, and even though Ginger was recuperating from surgery, she greeted each one and

proudly showed them her Christmas wreath.

After breakfast the next morning, the nurse returned to tell Ginger that she was going home. "The van from the group home is on its way to pick you up," she said.

I knew Ginger's short stay meant she would be home in time for her Christmas party. I was happy for her, but I felt my own personal guilt when I remembered the hospital gift shop would not open for two more hours.

Once more I looked around the room at my flowers. *Can I part with any of these?*

The nurse brought the wheelchair to Ginger's bedside. Ginger gathered her few personal belongings and pulled her coat from the hanger in the closet.

"I've really enjoyed getting to know you, Ginger," I told her. My words were sincere, but I felt guilty for not following through on my good intentions.

The nurse helped Ginger with her coat and into the wheelchair. Then she

removed the small wreath from the nail on the wall and handed it to Ginger. They turned toward the door to leave when Ginger said, "Wait!"

Ginger stood up from her wheelchair and hobbled slowly to my bedside. She reached her right hand forward and gently laid the small wreath in my lap.

"Merry Christmas," she said. "You're a nice lady." Then she gave me a big hug.

"Thank you," I whispered. I couldn't say anything more as she hobbled back to the chair and headed out the door.

I dropped my moist eyes to the small wreath in my hands. Ginger's only gift, I thought. And she gave it to me.

I looked toward her bed. Once again, her side of the room was bare and empty. But as I heard the "ping" of the elevator doors closing behind Ginger, I knew that she possessed much, much more than I.

A Christmas Story out of Focus On the Family

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Thank you,
The 3 & 4 year olds at Day Care

Patrick - a Highway Patrol motorcycle
J.C. - a big backhoe
Teddy - a push up for his car
Trevor - a batman suit, a TV and VCR
Christopher - a firetruck
Laci - a Skating Barbie
Dora - a real puppy dog
Dillon - a Mega Sword
Tara - a bathing suit and a back pack
Chad - a train set
Vanessa - a big dog
Trey - a Power Ranger and a helicopter
Sage - a train and truck set
Kortney - a doll
Sami - a bicycle
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Dear Santa,
I want a Water Doll and a computer.
Love,
Savannah Ascencio, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a car for my baby, a toy football, a doll and a stereo.
Love,
Paloma Estrada, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
Get my Dad some boots and a cowboy hat and some dresses for my Mom. I want some boots and a cowboy hat, too.
Love,
Price Butler, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll and a great big hug from you!
Love,
Carley Butler, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a choo-choo train, a bike, a bear, some cars, an elephant and a dog.
Love,
Leonardo Perez, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I like you and I love you. Bring me a bike and a toy.
Love,
Derek Deleon, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I will buy you an ice cream and a coke. Please bring me a water gun and a power ranger.
Love,
Ivain Jimenez, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and Put the Fleas off Fred. How are the reindeer and Rudolf and Fireball?
Love,
Brett Johnson, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I like you and I like your reindeer. I want a dolly like my cousin Anna's.
Love,
Alysha McDonald, Pre-K

Pre-K letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want power rangers, Batman & Robin, Mr. Bucket, Put the Fleas Off Fred and the racing cars!
Love,
Jessie Peralez, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a criss-cross crash and a sega.
Love,
Devin Rodriguez, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want Dalmation shoes, a jacket, a girl cowboy hat and boots.
I love you,
Amanda Vasquez, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want to ride in you sleigh and I want you to bring me something special to give my Mom and Dad. Bring me a bubble angel Barbie, a coochy coo baby and a guitar.
Love,
Caitlann Wiley, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a racing car and actual ramping.
Love,
Martin Bueno, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
Anthony Hernandez, Cynthia Zavala, Rueben Rodriguez and Oscar Gonzales are absent today! Don't forget them! Please bring them something wonderful for Christmas. They are terrific children!
Love,
Mrs. Johnson, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
Buy me a bike, a Barbie and a car!
Love,
Janie Martinez, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie mobile home and some kind of dishwasher thingy. I like you!
Love,
Ysenia Molina, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Bring me a bicycle! Bye, Santa.
Love,
Timothy Padilla, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want Batman & Robin, Batman Forever, please give me power rangers, Boy-Boy with a swimming pool, a truck and a slide.
Love,
Luis Bernal, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a Santa Claus doll!
Love,
Olivia Marscal, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a tricycle, a Batman Forever, Robin his first friend and Two Face. I behave at school and I don't ever miss any school.
Love,
J.J. Reyna

Dear Santa,
I want a play doggie, a pig, a doll, and a bird! I love you.
Love,
Estella Rodriguez, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a ball, a bed for me and a toy.
Love,
Maria Sanche, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a dollhouse and a Christmas tree.
Love,
Anabell Gonzales, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a football and a bike for Christmas. I want a Sega for Christmas.
That's all!
Love,
Michael Vasquez, Pre-K

Merry Christmas!

Happy Holidays

Old Saint Nick joins us in wishing you the merriest of Christmases.



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When Christmas approaches, we turn our thoughts to you, our dear friends and patrons. We send you our heartfelt blessings and our hopes for renewed togetherness among all of nature's creations throughout the world. Thank you for your ever-loyal support and friendship.

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