



"And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

-Isaiah 9:6

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

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

-Luke 2: 9-13

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Las Vegas trip to benefit Floyd County Friends

Another business has found a new and unique way to help raise money for the Floyd County Friends. The fund raiser will not only benefit the Multi-Purpose Center but it will also be a fun experience for those people who participate.

Premier Travel, of Lubbock, is selling a three day, 2 night package to Las Vegas and giving \$30.00 from each ticket back to the Floyd County Friends.

Premier Travel is being joined in this venture by American State Bank in Floydada. ASB has agreed to promote the trip through advertising and to handle the arrangements for the trip.

According to Premier Travel Vice President Gil Linnartz, "The trip will include round trip, non stop air-fare out of Lubbock and hotel fare at Bally's Hotel in Las Vegas."

The days reserved for the flight and hotel stay are Feb. 11-14. The cost of

the package is \$349.00.

"There are 50 seats blocked for the trip," said Linnartz. "If at least 40 of those seats are sold Southwest Airlines will also give the Floyd County Friends two free tickets to anywhere they fly."

"We plan on auctioning off those tickets at our next benefit gala in the Spring," said Floyd County Friends Nick Long.

Reservations for the trip must be made by January 3rd, at American State Bank in Floydada.

According to Linnartz, "This is a chance to buy a trip at a good value and still donate money to a very good cause. We are also planning more trips in the future."

"If all 50 seats are sold we will raise \$1,500," said Long. "Taking this trip together will be another nice way for people in the communities of Lockney and Floydada to get to know each other better."



GETTING THE TURKEYS READY--(L-R) Sudy Cochran, Pam Bennett and Fred Thayer prepare for the community wide Christmas meal and check out the turkeys at Lowes Pay-N-Save. But it is going to take more than one shopping basket full of turkeys to feed what is expected to be over 400 people for the annual Christmas Day lunch. Turkeys, or donations to buy turkeys, are still needed. Those staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock and Amarillo,

and residents of Ralls, Matador, Quitaque and Flomot will also benefit from the Christmas wishes of Floyd County residents. Monetary donations for food can be made at the West Texas National Bank in Floydada. Organizers are still in need of volunteers to help cook and serve on Christmas Day, at the Methodist Church in Floydada. To volunteer, or for more information, call Fred Thayer at 983-3121, or Sudy Cochran, at 983-3814. Staff Photo

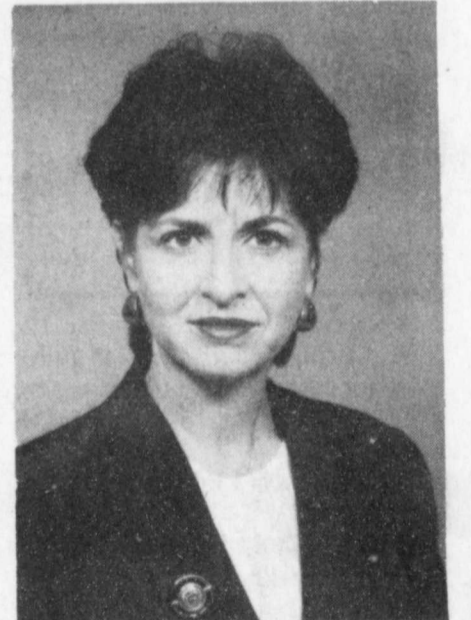
McPherson first woman to head TDCAA

110th Judicial District Attorney Becky McPherson, of Floydada, will serve as the 1997 president of the Texas District & County Attorney's Association.

Her tenure will mark the first time in the association's 95-year history that a woman has served as president.

The Texas District & County Attorneys Association (TDCAA) is the statewide professional association serving Texas' 4,000 prosecutors, investigators and support personnel.

McPherson has served as district



BECKY MCPHERSON

attorney for Floyd, Briscoe, Dickens and Motley Counties since January 1989. Prior to her election, she worked as an assistant district attorney in Plainview. Her law degree is from the Texas Tech University School of Law. She is also cum laude graduate of West Texas State University (now known as West Texas A & M University).

"I am honored and excited to be the first of many females to serve as president of TDCAA," McPherson said. "The association currently provides inestimable services to our members, and I hope to continue that tradition."

McPherson and her husband, Steve, have two sons and reside in Lockney.

Out of the 323 state prosecutorial districts, 37 women currently serve as elected prosecutors for an 11 percent representation. The president of the association must be an elected offi-

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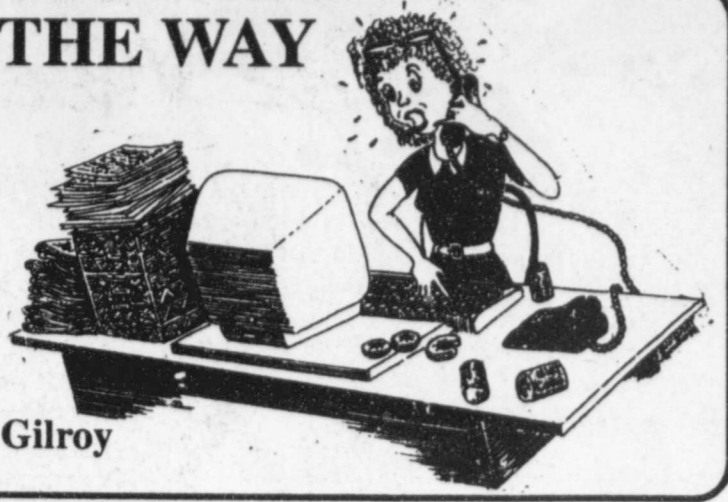
I MADE A LIST--This Lockney youngster came prepared for his visit to Santa Claus' knee. He not only made the list himself but just to make sure there were no mistakes, he read it word for word to Santa Claus.



CUB SCOUT CHRISTMAS--A sure sign of Christmas in Lockney is the annual food drive. This year 3,000 pounds of canned and non perishable food was collected from the elementary and high school, the

health fair and the Cub Scouts door to door food drive. Bill Hunter and his son Jeffrey moved this box full of cans from the elementary school to the Salvation Army by fork lift. Staff Photo

BY THE WAY



By
Alice Gilroy

Typing letters to Santa is the only time our typesetters will type for hours with smiles on their faces. Every once in awhile they will start to laugh and have to stop and read us the letter.

There are so many that we really love. Some are sweet and thoughtful. Some children ask for toys for other children and some don't even ask for toys.

Every year I like to take a couple of letters that have really touched my heart--or made me laugh--and share them with you. For more of our favorites just sit back and read this edition.

Our advertisers and their Christmas greetings made this all possible. Santa would have not have gotten his marching orders except for our advertisers!

Before you read the following letter from these Duncan Elementary 2nd graders--think Phonics!

Dear Santa,

For crismus ma I have the Rikashad stunt sikll. And a rill remot can troll airplane. And a Goosbums ceechan (translated: Goosbums keychain). And a Goosbums Game. And a box of slamers. And sum culer pinlss. And a Game Boy Game. An a tee short with Tror 8 mans number. And a football that has the cowboy names on it. And a poster of Trore 8 man.

Sinsilory yors,
Brandon Rainwater

(We forwarded that letter to Troy Aikman. We thought he might enjoy the original spelling of his name)

I felt sorry for this other 2nd grader. It sounds like she has a parent just like me. I hope Santa doesn't forget.

Dear Santa,

I will like a toy: the toy I wat will be a barby. please bring me a barby. don't forget. please don't forget win you thenk that you are forgetting something look on my note so you don't forget my barby. plesse don't for-

McPherson named president of TDCAA

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cial. However, 46 percent of the assistant district and county attorneys are women, while 25 percent of the attorneys in the state are female. According to the State Bar, the number of women attorneys in Texas has more than tripled in the last 15 years.

The association provides educational and technical assistance to prosecutors and their staff members through regular training seminars and conferences. It hosts the largest annual gathering of prosecutors in the nation, provides technical assistance to the law enforcement community and serves as a legislative resource in criminal law matters.

Judge Randy Hollums, of the 110th

Courtroom Activities

In county court, December 12, 1996, Michael Rodriguez pled guilty to a December 6 charge of possession of a prohibited weapon (switchblade/knuckles).

He was fined \$303.00 plus court costs.

Also on Dec. 12, Joe Anthony Nunez pled guilty to Assault. He was fined \$500.00 and court costs and sentenced to 90 days in jail which was probated for one year.

Also on Dec. 12, Don Stormy Crawford, was charged with "Theft Equal To But Not More Than \$500.00 But Less Than \$1,500." There was no disposition on this case.

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Ken Towery Owner
Alice Gilroy Publisher & Editor

get Santa. this is from, Amanda

Christians are very often accused of acting on blind faith. Some people say they have nothing to back up their belief.

I recently saw a video with an interview of Josh McDowell. McDowell was an atheist at one time who set out to disprove the accuracy of the Bible. During his work he proved the opposite and now he teaches apologetics ("theology which defends Christian doctrine on the grounds of reason").

During the interview McDowell made two very good points I would like to pass on this Christmas.

He said there were 333 prophecies in the Old Testament, 450 or more years before the birth of Christ, which prophesied the coming of Christ.

According to McDowell, the "odds that just 8 of those prophecies would be fulfilled in one person is 1 multiplied by 10 to the 17th power."

Put another way--if you filled the State of Texas two feet deep in silver dollars--took one silver dollar and marked it--threw it back in among the others and then blindfolded someone and put them in the state among the silver dollars-- they would have the same chance to reach down and pick up that one marked coin.

McDowell also said that scholars judge ancient writings to be authentic if they can find 3 or more handwritten manuscripts that support the original.

For instance: some secular manuscripts judged authentic are Caesar's Gallic Wars. There are only 10 manuscripts to support it and it's considered factual.

Aristotle's Poetics has 39 manuscripts to back it up.

Homer's Iliad has the most with 643 manuscripts. These ancient writings are not questioned. They are considered authentic.

The Bible has 24,633 manuscripts. Faith with reason.

Judicial District, and former District Attorney for the District, also served as president of the association in 1985.

According to Hollums, "I believe there is only one other city which has had two people serve as president."

"This is quite an honor for Ms. McPherson and it will be very rewarding for her."

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SALVATION ARMY BRINGS GIFTS--(L-R) Floydada Nursing Home Activity Director Jo Wilbanks accepts 50 Christmas Gift Bags from Stacy Smith, of the local chapter of the Salvation Army. The bags are filled with personal and hygiene items for residents of the nursing home.
Staff Photo

FISD considers gym name

FLOYDADA — Members of the FISD board reviewed suggestions for naming the new gym during the December meeting of the board. Flora McNeill presented the board with a list of more than 600 names which suggested Whirlwind Gym as the name for the new gym. Other suggestions came from the box at homecoming and suggestions mailed in after the board solicited suggestions.

Among other names added to the list were Windy Center, Home of the Whirlwind Force, Pumpkin Palace, Pumpkin Patch, Swepston Memorial Gym, Henry Barber Memorial Gym, Alumni Gym, Wind Tunnel, Storm Cellar, The Cellar, FHS Gym, Wind Dome, Green House, Cannon Gym, Chadwick Gym, Spirit of the Winds, The VIP Gym and The People's Gym.

Board members will consider the names and discuss naming the gym at the January meeting.

Mickey Henry of Gary, Bowers and Company presented the annual audit report from the 1995-96 school year. He stated that the district remains in good shape and has well documented records. He stressed that expenditures for academic programs had risen by more than \$500,000 during the school year and that the audit had found nothing improper or

deliberate to the district.

"Although the district showed a decrease in fund balances of about \$1 million for the year," said Henry, "this was offset by increases in the capital assets due to the construction of the new gym and by increased insurance coverage of \$20 million (up from \$14 million)." Henry also stated that financial records show expenditures of \$1,588,000 on the building of the gym. He added that this is the major item responsible for the \$788,000 deficit on the books at the end of the year.

Combining these factors with other information, Henry said that the district could have had an \$800,000 surplus had the new gym not been built.

A discussion of current substitute teacher pay rates, \$36 per day for non-degree personnel and \$40 per day for degreed personnel, resulted in changes in the rate. Board members approved a motion to pay \$45 per day for non degreed and \$55 per day for degreed substitutes.

Also discussed and approved was a plan to offer an incentive to school personnel who do not use all the sick and/or personal time off they accumulate. Upon retirement, these employees will be allowed to collect the substitute pay rate for up to 50 days of unused time in a lump sum payment.
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Call 983-2776
Mrs. Claus, or an answering machine, will take your message.

Early Deadline

Because of the Christmas holiday on Wednesday, Dec. 25, we must move our deadline back one day for next week's edition. All news copy and advertising material must be in the Lockney office by 12:00 noon, Monday, Dec. 23. Deadline at the Floydada office will be 3:00 p.m., Monday, Dec. 23.

Next week's edition will be printed on Tuesday afternoon and will be on the newsstands Tuesday night.

There will be no mail delivered on Wednesday. Subscribers will receive their newspaper in Thursday's mail, as usual.

SPS courses offered in Floydada

FLOYDADA -- South Plains College courses in government, history and economics will be offered during the spring semester at Floydada High School.

Registration will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, located in the Floydada City Hall at 114 W. Virginia. The office will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1. Late registration will be from 5 - 5:30 p.m. Jan. 8. Classes begin Jan. 13.

SPC courses will be offered in American Government, Functions (Gov. 232-70), which meets 6-9 p.m. Mondays; History of the United States since 1876 (Hst 232-70) which meets 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, and Principles of Macroeconomics (Eco 231-70) which meets 6-9 p.m. Thursdays.

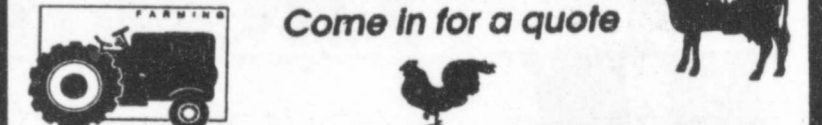
For more information, contact Angie Lipham, manager at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, 806-983-3434.

May tears of joy fill the world once again in the merit of this holy day. We extend our wishes for a Merry Christmas to you and those dear to you. Peace and joy to one and all.



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GRAND OPENING OF RECYCLING CENTER-- The ribbon was cut Tuesday, December 17th, to officially open Floydada's new recycling center. Customers were already using the facility which will be open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The building is located at 101 N. 2nd and will recycle paper of all kinds, magazines, aluminum cans, steel cans, No. 1 and No. 2 plastic and cardboard. **Staff Photo**

Business Of The Week

LOCKNEY--The former Hi-Plains Gin, in Lockney, was purchased by David and Jody Foster in 1984 and renamed D & J Gin.

The Lockney brothers set out to improve the gin and in 1989 they completely renovated the gins cleaning equipment and facility. In 1991 the office was built and the double module feeders and shed were installed in 1995.

Besides David and Jody, other office personnel include: Shawnda Foster, Lesca Durham and Eddie Foster.

Gin personnel are: Pedro Hernandez, Ricky Hernandez and Juan Rodriguez.

Daniel Pesina and Steve Garcia keep the modules hauled to the gin and are helped out by part-time drivers: Dickie McCarty, Charlie Minick, John Fortenberry and John Kennedy.

The gin also keeps a tarping crew of 15-20 high school students busy during the ginning season



JODY FOSTER, SHAWNDA FOSTER, LESCA DURHAM AND DAVID FOSTER

Customers at D & J Gin can also take advantage of Lesca and Shawnda's diligent work at getting the best possible price for their cotton and the gin's Electronic Warehouse Receipts enable some producers to get paid the same day their cotton was

sold. "The producers best interest has always been our primary concern," said David Foster, "and we are very grateful to our area producers for their continued support and confidence."



PLANNING A TRIP TO LAS VEGAS--(L-R) Dora Ross, American State Bank Branch Manager Wayne Parkman and Premier Travel Vice President Gil Linnartz make plans for promoting the Las Vegas trip package which will benefit the Floyd County Friends Multi-Purpose Building project. For more information see the ad on page 4. **Staff Photo**



EAGLE SCOUT AWARD -- Jonathan-David Von Theumer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Von Theumer of Floydada, will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor to be held at the Floyd County Courthouse on Saturday, Dec. 28, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. Jonathan, a 16 year-old FHS Junior, transferred from Hampton, Virginia to Troop 357 in Floydada in 1994. Bobby Gilliland is Scout Master of Troop 357. The Honorable Judge Randy Hollums will officiate at the ceremony. The public is cordially invited to attend this impressive and important ceremony in the life of this young man. -- Courtesy Photo

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Courthouse to Close

December 24, 25, 26 for Christmas Holidays

Blessings Of The Season

May love shine down upon you this Christmas.



FISD considers gym name

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It is hoped this will encourage teachers to remain in their classrooms and provide a continuity in education for their students.

Outstanding students for the month were recognized including third graders Julie Castillo, daughter of Arturo and Beatrice Castillo, and Jason Nutt, son of Danny and Laura Nutt, from A. B. Duncan Elementary. Honored from Andrews Elementary were 4th graders Taylor Sue, son of Sheldon and Atha Sue, and Jessica Whitely, daughter of T. M. and Norma Whitely. FJHS honorees were 7th grader Tara Williams, daughter of Monte and Kellie Williams, and 8th grader Sam Holmes, son of Steve and Pam Holmes. Sophomore students Lance McHam, son of Dennis and Patty McHam, and Meredith Schacht, daughter of Clar and Judy Schacht were selected from FHS.

Board members approved the contract for assessment and collection of taxes for the year from January 1 thru December 31, 1999. Update number 54 for the local policy manual was also approved.

Joe Christian presented a report concerning the progress of the committee preparing the proposed drug policy. He said they expect to have a community meeting in early January to gather public comment. The board could then offer input at the January meeting and possibly be ready to review a policy for adoption in February.

Advertising for the possible purchase of a new pickup for the ag department was approved. This is an item which is in the budget and can use certain funds accumulated by the department in addition to budgeted monies.

Collins presented a tax report stating collections now total \$947,046. He said this represents a collection rate of 58.04 percent compared to a collection rate of 60.76 percent at this time last year.

Grant Hambricht presented a report from the site based committees. He described current activities on each school campus and provided information on upcoming events.

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.

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JOE'S

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Friday
December 20
9:00 - 3:00

MEMBER F.D.I.C.



FLAG CEREMONY AT TEXAS TECH--Girl Scout Troop #56 from Floydada recently gave the flag ceremony at a Texas Tech Basketball game. From left to right Lauren Powell, Jackie Burns, Wendy Assister, Kimberly Allmon, Lacy Hayne, Meghan Graham, Katy Gooch, Kristan Lackey, Stephanie Flores and Whitney Williams. -- Courtesy Photo

Girl Scout Troop presents flag ceremony

by Lauren Powell
FLOYDADA -- Girl Scout Troop #56 recently went to Lubbock to the Texas Tech Game to present the flag ceremony. Lauren Powell carried the American Flag, Jackie Burns carried the Texas Flag.

They all did a great job and had a good time.

The troop met Dec. 12 to exchange Christmas gifts, and make Christmas ornaments and prepare for the Mother/Daughter banquet Dec. 16.

The theme for the banquet was Country-Western. We did a dance we made up ourselves to the tune of "I Like It, I Love It." During the banquet all the Girl Scouts received awards.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Gladys Ragle

LOCKNEY--A large crowd met for the Thursday night December 12 meeting and had a good time being entertained by the "Millennium Singers" from the Plainview Senior Citizens. I was out of town and really hated to miss hearing them. I hope they will come back again.

The position of Cook at the Senior Citizens is open now and anyone wishing to have information call Lavirn Carthel at 652-2674 or Theresa Stennett at 652-2252.

Christmas is upon us and it is a time for giving and sharing. You may be someone who makes donations at this time of year or do memorials during this season. The Senior Citizens of Lockney would be a group who is worthy of your donations or memorials.

We provide meals for ones who are not able to prepare for themselves, people who like to have companionship and people who just like to come and help keep our group going by

their support. We have meals delivered to shut ins who cannot come and are not able to cook for themselves, and we have take-out meals that can be taken out to eat at home.

Anyone wishing to donate or do a memorial can mail it to Senior Citizens, Box 82, Lockney, TX 79241, or come by the center at 118 W. College, Lockney from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The center will be closed Christmas week, Dec. 23 to Dec. 27. It will also be closed January 1, 1997. The Senior Citizens Bake Sale will be Friday, December 20 at 8:30 a.m. Come buy your Christmas baked goods from them.

The Christmas party for the center will be Thursday night December 19. Come bring a covered dish and enjoy it with the group.

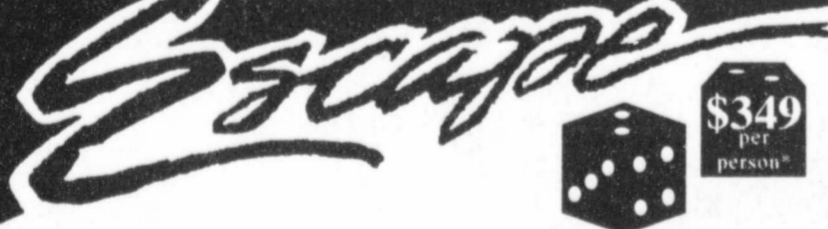
Hubert Frizzell was transferred to the hospital. We hope he will be better soon.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"
The secret of contentment is knowing how to enjoy what you have.



CHRISTIAN CRAFTS is now open for last minute Christmas shopping - Thursday, December 19th, Friday, December 20th & Monday, December 23 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Lobby of the Hesperian-Beacon office at 116 S. Main in Lockney. For Special Orders call: Ted Samples at 652-2332 or 296-6122.

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For Reservations and information, contact Wayne Parkman at American State Bank, 217 West California, Floydada, Texas 79235 806-983-3725



Floyd County Lifestyles

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

FLOYDADA - The center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you plan to eat lunch, please call 983-2032 by 10 a.m.

Our senior citizen "Christmas Party" will be Friday, December 20 at the Center at 5 p.m. Please bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift.

Wednesday, Dec. 25, the center will be closed.

There are many parties and family get-togethers during this Christmas season. We all seem to be so busy. This article will appear in Thursday's paper, so I just want to remind you to read the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20, and remember the reason for the season is Jesus.

Merry Christmas, enjoy your fami-

lies, be safe, pray for the ill and lonely and remember God made you special, you see there is not another person on this earth just like you.

Menu
Monday, Dec. 23: Baked fish, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, cornbread, cherry or plum cobbler

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Beef roast, lima beans, Harvard beets, sliced tomatoes, hot roll, pumpkin crunch

Wednesday, Dec. 25: CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, Dec. 26: Hamburger steak, brown gravy, baked potato, okra, apricots, cornbread, oatmeal cookie

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

Floydada Care Center News

By Jo Wilbanks

FLOYDADA -- Hi! on this cold, crisp day, once again we come to share with you.

The residents have been enjoying the children coming to sing and also enjoy the cards the kids have made them. Their mornings start-off with coffee, juice, and cookies and is always a wonderful time of sharing and visiting amongst each other.

We would also like to welcome our new resident, Mrs. Ruth McIntosh.

Mike Holster of First Baptist Church came Thursday and Friday to play the piano, sing, and give the devotion. Roberta Hardin came on Wednesday to play piano, and give devotion.

The residents have been enjoying a great time making beaded objects and playing lots of Bingo.

Friday the residents went on a bus ride to Roaring Springs. On their route Dairy Queen treated them all with ice cream. Residents who were

on the bus ride were Travis Parr, Doris Hillen, Myrtle Vandiver, and W.H. Marshall. Mr. Marshall's ranch home is in Roaring Springs, so we drove by his home and pasture land. It was a warm, beautiful day and the residents enjoyed the ride. Thank you Olga for taking everyone.

The staff had their Christmas party Thursday at the Massie Activity Center. They exchanged gifts had plenty of food, fun, games, door prizes, and sharing.

The resident Christmas party will be Friday at 7:00 p.m. They will have food and gifts and of course Santa Claus. For their entertainment, Grammy & Pop Silverton will play and sing.

Thought: What gift will we give Jesus? The Shepards brought their lambs, the Wise Men brought their gold, frankincense and myrrh. What is we have to offer him?

"The hand that is full of many things can pick up nothing else."



FINCH
Arthur and Robin Finch of Floydada are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Arianna Finch, born on Nov. 29, 1996.

She weighed 4 pounds and 7 ounces and was 17 inches long.

Arianna has one brother, Jalen, who is 10 months old.

Grandparents are Larry and Johnny Brown of Floydada and Joyce Finch of Tulia.

SHAKLEE
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Thursday, December 19
Chicken & Dressing
Apple Dumplings
Friday, December 20
Ham
Cherry Fantasia
Monday, December 23
Turkey & Ham
Assorted Desserts

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December 24
thru New Years Day.

Have a Wonderful Holiday!

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CONTEST WINNER--Kiki Wilcox presents Thelma Garcia with a \$25.00 gift certificate to Payne's Pharmacy in Floydada. Garcia, a physical therapist, was the winner for the "Decorate a Door for Christmas" contest that was held among the employees of the Floydada Nursing Home. Garcia used a cowboy theme that included a boot and a tumbleweed Christmas tree. --Staff Photo

Have a merry Christmas!

Velma's Gifts
1122 S. Main, Floydada
Now on display:
Christmas Gift and Craft Items
SALE continues through Christmas
Everyone is invited to come and see these and all the other attractive merchandise in the shop
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1956 Study Club enjoys Christmas party

FLOYDADA - The 1956 Study Club met in the beautifully decorated home of Penny Taylor. Co-hostesses for the evening were Kathy Ross and Patti Miller.

Members began the meeting with the roll call "A Favorite Christmas Memory," to put everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Each member was asked to bring a recipe of homemade candy to share with other club members. Every one had 17 different kinds of candy to take home instead of one kind which was really a delicious treat.

After the candy exchange and refreshments were served, members were instructed on how to make

"Church Babies," small, delightful dolls for children to play with during church. Several members were able to begin the construction of their babies while others took the directions to finish at home.

Secret-pal gifts and other Christmas gifts were exchanged between members which ended a fun-filled night of Christmas celebration.

Members who attended were: Jan Hunter, Linda Harbin, Atha Sue, Penny Taylor, Patti Miller, Leora Younger, Jan Willson, Judy Dunlap, Donna Henderson, Jan Thompson, Susan Simpson, Darlynn Hambright, Vicki Christian, Sheree Cannon, Vicki Vandiver, and Kathy Ross.



PEGGY TURNER RETIRES FROM FLOYD COUNTY FSA - Trent Johnson, (left), County Executive Director of Floyd County FSA and Paul Schacht, Chairman of County Committee of FSA present Peggy Turner a plaque for her 16 years of service. -Staff Photo

Harmony Club has Christmas luncheon

By Doris Snodgrass

The Harmony FCE Club met in the home of Bennie Dutton in Petersburg for our annual Christmas meeting. We enjoyed a luncheon prepared by each club member attending.

After the luncheon a movie was shown by Mrs. Dutton on the making of "Precious Moments."

Arvie Schultz directed a game that was the "Night Before Christmas." Maye Williams read "The Untold Story" which was a very interesting and inspirational Christmas story and was enjoyed by all.

The Sunshine Committee had charge of the gift exchange. Gifts

were distributed to each club member and officers received gifts from the club.

Those present were Karen Miller, Maye Williams, Lucille Miller, Vivian Curtis, Arvie Schulz, Imelda Ramsey, Anna Maude Hopper, Ruth Scott, Juanita Poole, Melissa Long, Doris Snodgrass and the hostess Bennie Dutton.

It was an enjoyable day and each received nice and useful gifts.

This meeting finishes out a delightful year for our Harmony FCE Club and we are ready to start a new year in January 1997. We would like to ask anyone who would like to join us.

Stubby Pringle's Christmas

By Jack Schaefer

High on the mountainside by the little cabin in the crisp clean dusk of evening Stubby Pringle swings into saddle. He has shape of bear, bundled thick against cold. Leather chaps cover patched corduroy pants. Fleece-lined jacket bulges body and heavy gloves blunt fingers. Two gay red bandannas fatten throat under chin. Battered hat is pulled down to sit on ears.

Stubby Pringle looks out over worlds of snow and ice and tree and rock. He stretches tall and hat brushes stars in sky. He is Stubby Pringle, cowhand of the Triple X, and this is his night to howl. He is heading for the Christmas dance at the schoolhouse in the valley.

His horse is flop-eared ewe-necked cat-hipped strawberry roan that looks like it should have died weeks ago but has iron rods for bones and nitroglycerin for blood and can go from here to doomsday. It knows that 27 miles of hard winter going are fore-ordained for this evening and 27 more of harder uphill return by morning.

Stubby Pringle sits his saddle and he grins into cold and distance and future full of festivity. Those are careless haphazard scrambled features under the low hat brim. Not much fuzz yet on his chin. Why, shucks, is he just a boy? Don't make that mistake, though his 20th birthday is still six weeks away. Stubby has been taking care of himself since he was orphaned at 13. Stubby has been doing man's work since he was 15.

Stubby Pringle slaps right-side saddlebag. It contains a two-pound box of fancy chocolates. He slaps left-side saddlebag. It holds a paper parcel that contains a piece of dress goods. Interesting items, yes. Ammunition for the campaign he has in mind to soften the affections of whichever female of the right vintage among those at the schoolhouse appeals to him most.

Stubby Pringle is just another of far-scattered poorly paid patched-clothes cowhands who inhabit these parts. He knows that. But he is Stubby Pringle, true begotten son of the wild-est jackass, and he has been riding line through winter storms for two months without a break and this is his night to stomp floorboards till schoolhouse shakes and kick heels up to lanterns above and whirl a willing female till she is dizzy enough to see past patched clothes to the man inside them.

"You're a dang-blatted young fool," says Old Jake Hanlon from the cabin doorway. "Riding out a night like this iffen it is Christmas Eve," he says. "But iffen I was your age again, I reckon I'd be doing it too. Squeeze one of 'em for me."

Stubby lifts reins and the roan sighs and lifts feet. At easy amble they drop over the edge of benchland and on down the great bleak expanse of mountainside. "Wahoo!" he yells. "Skip to my Lou!" he shouts. "Do-si-do and round about!" Far ahead, over top of last and lowest ridge, on into the valley, he can see tiny specks of glowing allure that are schoolhouse windows. "Wahoo!" he yells. "Gals an' women an' grandmothers!" he

shouts. "Raise your skirts and start askin'! I'm acoming!"

He slaps spurs to roan. It leaps like mountain lion, full into hard gallop downslope, rushing, reckless of crusted drifts and ice-coated bush ranches slapping at them.

He is Stubby Pringle, born with spurs on, nursed on tarantula juice, weaned on rawhide, at home in the saddle of a hurricane in shape of horse that can race to edge of eternity and back. He is ten feet tall and the horse is gigantic, with wings soaring in 40-foot leaps down the flank of the whitened wonder of a winter world. They slow at the bottom. They look up the rise of the last low ridge ahead.

Hold it, Stubby. What is that? Off to the right. He listens. Sound of ax striking wood.

What kind of dong-bonging ding-busted fool would be chopping wood on Christmas Eve? What kind of chopping is this anyway? Uneven in rhythm, feeble in stroke.

He pulls the roan to the right. He is Stubby Pringle, born to tune of blattling calves branded at birth, cowman raised and cowman to the marrow, and no true cowman rides on without stopping to check anything strange on range. Lantern light shows faintly ahead through a small oiled-paper window.

Yes. Of course. The Henderson place. Homesteaders. Betting the government they can starve off starving for five years in exchange for 160 acres of land. Land that just might be able to support all of four thin steers to a whole section. Homesteaders. Always out of almost everything, money and food and tools and smiles and joy of living. Everything. Except maybe hope and stubborn endurance.

Stubby Pringle sees a woman. Her face is gray and pinched and tired. Ragged man's jacket bumps over long woolsey dress and clogs arms as she tries to swing an ax into a good-sized branch on the ground. Ax bounces and barely misses an ankle.

He swings the roan in close. "Ma'am," says Stubby. "You trying to cripple yourself?" She just stares at him. "Man's work," he says. "Where's your man?"

"He's sick," she says. "Doc thinks he'll be all right. Only he's might weak now."

Stubby Pringle looks off at last low ridgetop that hides valley and schoolhouse. "Likely they ain't much more'n started yet" he says. He looks again at the woman. "Ma'am," he says. "I'll just chop you a bit of wood."

He is Stubby Pringle, moonstruck maverick of the Triple X, born with ax in hands, with strength of stroke in muscles, weaned on whetstone, fed on cordwood, raised to fell whole forests. He is ten feet tall and ax is enormous in moonlight and chips fly like stormflakes of snow. He leans ax against a stump and he scoops up whole cords at a time and strides to bark-slab shack and kicks the door open.

Both corners of front room by fireplace are piled full now, wood enough for a whole wicked winter week. Stubby looks around him. Man lies

on big old bed, blanket over, face gray-pale, snoring long and slow. Stubby steps to doorway to back room. Faint in dimness inside he sees in one bunk, under an old quilt, a curly-headed small girl and in another, under other old quilt, a boy who would be waist-high awake and standing.

He turns back. "I got to be getting along," he says. He starts toward outer door.

He stops. Something is missing. "Where's your tree?" he says. "Kids got to have a Christmas tree."

He sees the woman sink down on chair. He hears a sigh come from her. "I ain't had time to cut one," she says.

"Man's job anyway," Stubby says. "I'll get it for you. Then I got to be going."

He scoops up ax and strides off. He is Stubby Pringle, born an expert on Christmas trees, nursed on pine needles, weaned on pine cones, raised how he knows without turning head two tears are sliding down thin pinched cheeks. "You go on along," she says. "They're good young uns. We ain't got anything for them. But they know how it is. They ain't expecting a thing."

Stubby Pringle stands in doorway looking out at last ridgetop that hides valley and schoolhouse. "I reckon I still got a mite more time," he says. "Likely they'll be sashaying around till it's most morning."

Stubby Pringle strides on out, leaving door open. He strides back, closing door with heel behind him. In one hand he has paper parcel. In other hand he has chunk of good pine wood. He tosses parcel into lap folds of woman's apron.

"There's the makings for a right cute dress for the girl. Needle-and-threader like you can whip it up in no time. I'll just whittle me out a little something for the boy."

Woman sits in rocking chair, sewing. Her fingers fly, stitch-stitch-stitch. A dress shapes under her hands, small and flounced and with little puff sleeves, fine dress for smiles and joy of living.

On a stool nearby sits Stubby Pringle, piece of good pine wood in one hand, knife in other hand, splendid seven-bladed knife he always has with him. He is Stubby Pringle, born with feel for knives in hand, weaned on emery wheel, fed on shavings, raised to whittle his way through the world. There in his hands something is shaping. A horse. Flop-eared head is high on ewe neck, stretched out, sniffing wind, snorting into distance. It is a horse fit to carry a waist-high boy to edge of eternity and back.

He closes knife and puts it in pocket. Dress is finished in woman's lap. She sits slumped deep in rocking chair and she too snores slow and steady. Stubby Pringle takes dress and puts it under tree. He sets wooden horse beside it.

Quietly he strides out and back. He carries box of fancy chocolates. Gently he lays this in lap of woman. He stands by big old bed and looks down at snoring man. "Ain't fair to forget him," he says. He takes seven-bladed knife from pocket and lays this on blanket on bed. Swift as sliding moon

shadow he is gone.

High high up frosty clouds scuttle across face of moon. Wind whips through topmost tips of tall pines. Firm in saddle is Stubby Pringle, out on prowl, ready to howl, heading for the dance at the schoolhouse in the valley. He is ten feet and the roan is gigantic.

Hold it, Stubby. Do you see what is happening on out there in the valley? Tiny lights that are schoolhouse windows are winking out. Tiny dark shapes are wagons pulling away.

Moon is dropping down the sky. What is that moving slow and lone-some up snow-covered mountainside? It is a flop-eared ewe-necked cat-hipped roan, just that, nothing more, small cow pony, worn and weary. Slumped in saddle is Stubby Pringle, head down, shoulders sagged. He is just another of far-scattered poorly paid patched-clothes cowhands who inhabit these parts. Just that. And something more. He is the biggest thing there is in the whole wide roster of the human race. He is a man who has given of himself, of what little he has and is, to bring smiles and joy of living to others along his way.

He jogs along, thinking of none of this. He is thinking of dances undanced, of floorboards unstomped, of willing women left unwhirled. Half asleep in saddle, he is thinking now of bygone Christmas seasons and of a boy born to poverty poring in flicker of firelight over ragged old Christmas picture book. And suddenly he hears something. The tinkle of sleigh bells.

Sleigh bells? Yes. I am telling this straight. And suddenly he sees something. Antlered heads high, frosty breath streaming, bodies rushing swift and silent, seeming to leap in air alone needing no touch of ground beneath. Reindeer? Yes. Reindeer swooping and leaping past and rising again. And with them, hard on their heels, almost lost in swirling snow mist of their passing, something big and bulky with runners like sleigh and flash of white beard whipping in wind and crack of long whip snapping.

Out of dark of night ahead, mingled with moan of wind, comes a long-drawn chuckle, jolly and cheery and full of smiles and joy of living. And with it long-drawn words.

"We-e-e-l-l-l do-o-o-o-ne...pa-a-a-artner!"

Stubby Pringle shakes his head. "An' I didn't have a single drink," he says. But he is cowman through to the marrow. He can't ride on without stopping to check anything strange on his range. He swings down. He fumbles in jacket pocket and finds a match.

Strikes it. Unmistakable. Reindeer tracks.

Stubby Pringle stretches up tall. Stubby Pringle swings into saddle. Roan needs no slap of spur to unleash strength in surge up steep mountainside. It knows. There in saddle once more is Stubby Pringle, moonstruck maverick of the Triple X, hard-proved hard-honed cowhand, ten feet tall, needing horse gigantic, with wings, iron-boned and dynamite-fu-

eled, to take him home to little line cabin and some few winks of sleep before another day's hard work.

Stubby Pringle slips into cold clammy bunk.

"Was it worth all that riding?" comes voice of Old Jake Hanlon from other bunk on other wall.

"Why, sure," says Stubby. "I had a real good time."

Say anything you want. I know, you know, any dong-bonged ding-busted dang-blatted fool ought to know, that icicles breaking off branches can sound to drowsy ears like sleigh bell. That blurry eyes half asleep can see strange things. That deer make tracks like those of reindeer. That wind sighing and souging and moaning through piney treetops can sound like

someone shaping words. But we could talk and talk and it would mean nothing to Stubby Pringle.

Stubby is wiser than we are. He knows who it was, plump and jolly and belly-bouncing, spoke to him that night out on wind-whipped winter-worn mountainside.

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JOETTA CARLISLE

Funeral services for Mrs. Joetta "Jo" Burton Carlisle, 61, of Sherman, former Floydada resident will be on Fri. Dec. 20, 1996 with the Rev. James Shupp of the Fairview Baptist Church in Sherman officiating.

Burial will be in the Akers Cemetery south of Sherman with Waldo Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Carlisle died on Tue. Dec. 17, 1996 at her residence.

She was born in Levelland on Nov. 20, 1935 to Leo C. Burton and Johnnie Mae Crawford Burton. She moved to Littlefield at a young age and graduated from Littlefield High School in 1954. She married Curtis Carlisle in Littlefield on Aug. 29, 1954 and they moved to Floydada in 1958, and continued living there for fifteen years until moving to Sherman in 1973. She was a member of the Fairview Baptist Church in Sherman.

She is survived by her husband, Curtis; three sons, Karl of Shelbyville, Indiana; Keith of Sherman and Dennis of Lewisville; and three grandchildren.

The family will be at the Waldo Funeral Home from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thur. Dec. 19th and other times at the residence in Sherman.

Memorials may be given to the Fairview Baptist Church, 222 W. Taylor, Sherman, Texas 75092.

ETHEL HAMBRIGHT

Funeral services for Ethel Hambright, 90, of Floydada were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Hal Farnsworth, pastor officiating.

Burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Hambright died Friday, Dec. 13, 1996 at the Lockney Care Center.

She was born Oct. 5, 1906 in Penelope, Texas where she attended school. She then moved to Floyd County and married Will Mae Hambright on June 4, 1927. He passed away on Dec. 2, 1985. Mrs. Hambright was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Billy Joe Hambright, Gordon Hambright, and Bob Hambright all of Floydada; one daughter, Genelle Breed of Floydada; one brother, Leonard Alexander of Floydada; one sister, Winnie Hambright of Marble Falls; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

LOIS REYNOLDS

Services for Lois Reynolds, 83, of Floydada were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, in the Moore-Rose-White Memorial Chapel with Brother Gene McCarty, minister of City Park Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in the Lorenzo Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Reynolds died Sunday evening in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born January 23, 1913 in the McCoy Community of Floyd County. She attended and graduated from the McCoy Schools. She married Harvey Reynolds in 1938 in Floydada. They lived in Idalou and moved back to Floydada in 1962. She was a house wife and also a member of Westside Church of Christ in Floydada.

She is survived by her husband, Harvey, of Floydada; one brother, Merrell Cox of Lubbock, and one sister, Ina Lewis of Floydada.

MINNIE SMARTT

Funeral services for Minnie K. L. Smartt, 95, of Lubbock will be today, December 19, 1996 at 10:30 a.m. in the Moore-Rose-White Chapel with the Rev. Ione Sedinger, pastor of First Christian Church in Floydada, officiating.

Services are under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Smartt passed away Friday, Dec. 13, 1996, at Carillon Health Care Center. She was born on May 11, 1901 in Motley County. She married Mr. Hughwood Smartt. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Smartt moved to Lubbock four years ago from South Africa. She moved to Africa from

Floydada in 1981. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Floydada.

Survivors include on daughter, K. Hughetta S. Martin (Babe) of Lubbock; one granddaughter, Kit M. Reynolds of South Africa; and two great-grandchildren.

The family request memorials to the Dwane Martin Scholarship Fund at the First National Bank of Floydada.

MELVIN TITUS
Services for Melvin Titus, 85, of Plainview were at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996, at Wood-Dunning Funeral Home Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Travis Hart, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Parklawn Memorial Gardens.
Mr. Titus died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996, at his home.
He was born July 30, 1911, in Flomot. He married Nannie Alma Pritchett on Jan. 2, 1937, in Glenwood, Ark. He was a member of First Baptist Church.
He owned farms near Plainview, Kress and Lockney. He retired in 1976.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Sandra Crawford of Floydada; a son, Leroy of Grapevine; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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BANK OPEN HOUSE
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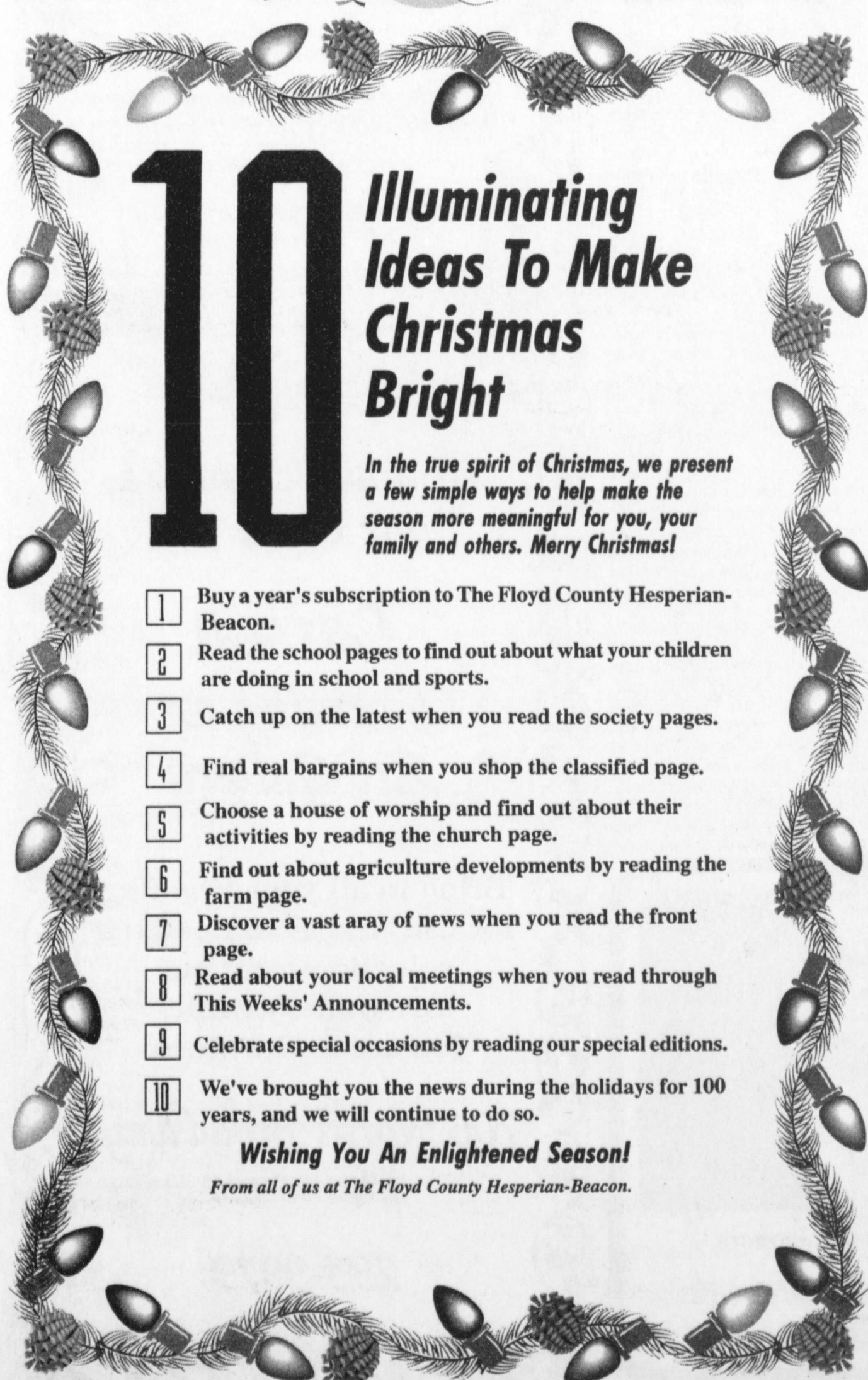
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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors for the many cards, phone calls, flowers, food & prayers during my surgery and since we have been home. We would like to especially thank Bro. Howell Farnsworth and Bro. Jimmy McGuire for their support.
L.B. & Verna Lynne Stewart 12-19p

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES:
Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority wishes to lease Cactus Cove Marina at Lake Mackenzie. The Marina includes bait shop, grocery store and restaurant. Interested parties should contact the office at Lake Mackenzie by January 19, 1997 for information. 12-19c

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 002.461 km of seal coat on SH 86, US 62, SH 349, SH 83, US 84, SH 214, FM 1072, FM 3269, and US 82 covered by CPM 302-3-29, CPM 453-1-14, CPM 380-6-8, CPM 583-1-15, CPM 380-1-66, CPM 53-18-29, CPM 53-1-92, CPM 380-2-19, CPM 131-3-25, CPM 461-3-10, CPM 461-4-19, CPM 52-4-40, CPM 1252-3-3, CPM 461-6-18, CPM 2444-4-3 and CPM 131-4-31 in Castro, Floyd, Dawson, Yoakum, Lubbock, Hockley, Crosby, Cochran, Lamb, Parmer, and Baily County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 p.m., January 8, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of James M. Combes, Area Engineer, Brownfield, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LOCKNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1996

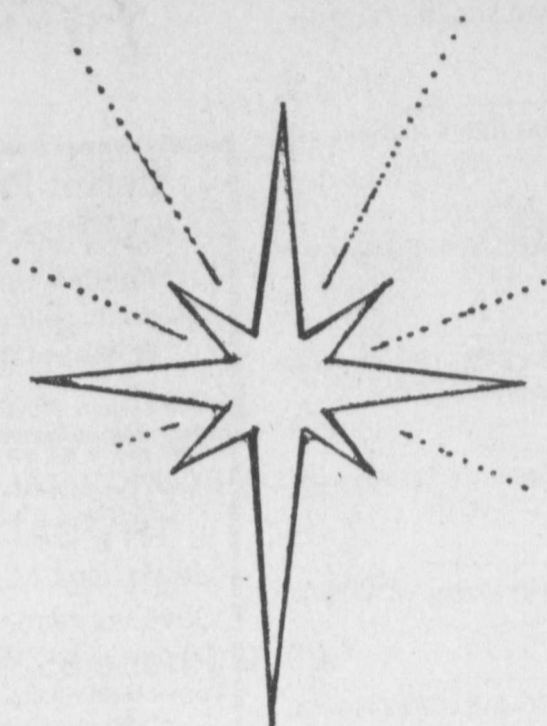
Data Control Codes	Governmental Fund Types	Totals (Memorandum Only)			
		August 31, 1996	August 31, 1995		
	100-199	200-499	600-699	98	97
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Fund		
REVENUES					
5700	Local, Intermediate, Out-of-State	\$ 1,251,048	\$ 15,549	\$ 1,266,597	\$ 1,222,426
5800	State Program Revenues	3,666,127	41,250	3,707,377	2,869,113
5900	Federal Program Revenues		322,257	322,257	376,040
5030	Total Revenue	\$ 4,917,175	\$ 379,056	\$ 5,319,271	\$ 4,467,579
EXPENDITURES					
0011	Instruction	\$ 2,485,987	\$ 208,195	\$ 2,694,182	\$ 2,399,115
0021	Instructional Administration		9,912	9,912	11,561
0022	Instructional Resources and Media Services	102,578	2,875	105,453	132,452
0023	School Administration	239,351		239,351	211,143
0025	Curriculum and Instruct. Staff Development	4,816		4,816	3,244
0031	Guidance and Counseling Services	94,262	300	94,562	80,306
0032	Attendance and Social Work Service		3,235	3,235	6,849
0033	Health Services	22,547		22,547	24,289
0034	Student Transportation	233,262		233,262	95,543
0036	Co-curricular Activities	204,011		204,011	167,250
0037	Food Services		176,354	176,354	171,579
0041	General Administration	262,087	2,832	264,919	235,037
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	331,424		331,424	294,799
0052	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	208,145		208,145	259,649
0075	Data Processing Services	19,301	3,203	22,504	27,000
0081	Community Service				500
6050	Total Expenditures	\$ 4,207,771	\$ 406,906	\$ 4,614,677	\$ 4,119,816
1100	Excess (Deficiency) Revenues				
	Over Expenditures	\$ 709,404	\$ (27,850)	\$ 675,302	\$ 347,263
7990	Other Resources	1,762	27,850	214,612	124,931
8990	Other (Uses)	(340,726)		(340,726)	(112,943)
1200	Excess of Revenues & Other Resources				
	Over Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 370,440	\$ 0	\$ 370,440	\$ 359,251
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,687,532		1,687,532	1,328,281
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,057,972	\$ 0	\$ 2,236,720	\$ 1,687,532

Call this newspaper for details on how to advertise statewide.

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Remember the Glory of the Season.

May the Miracle of Christmas be yours to cherish.



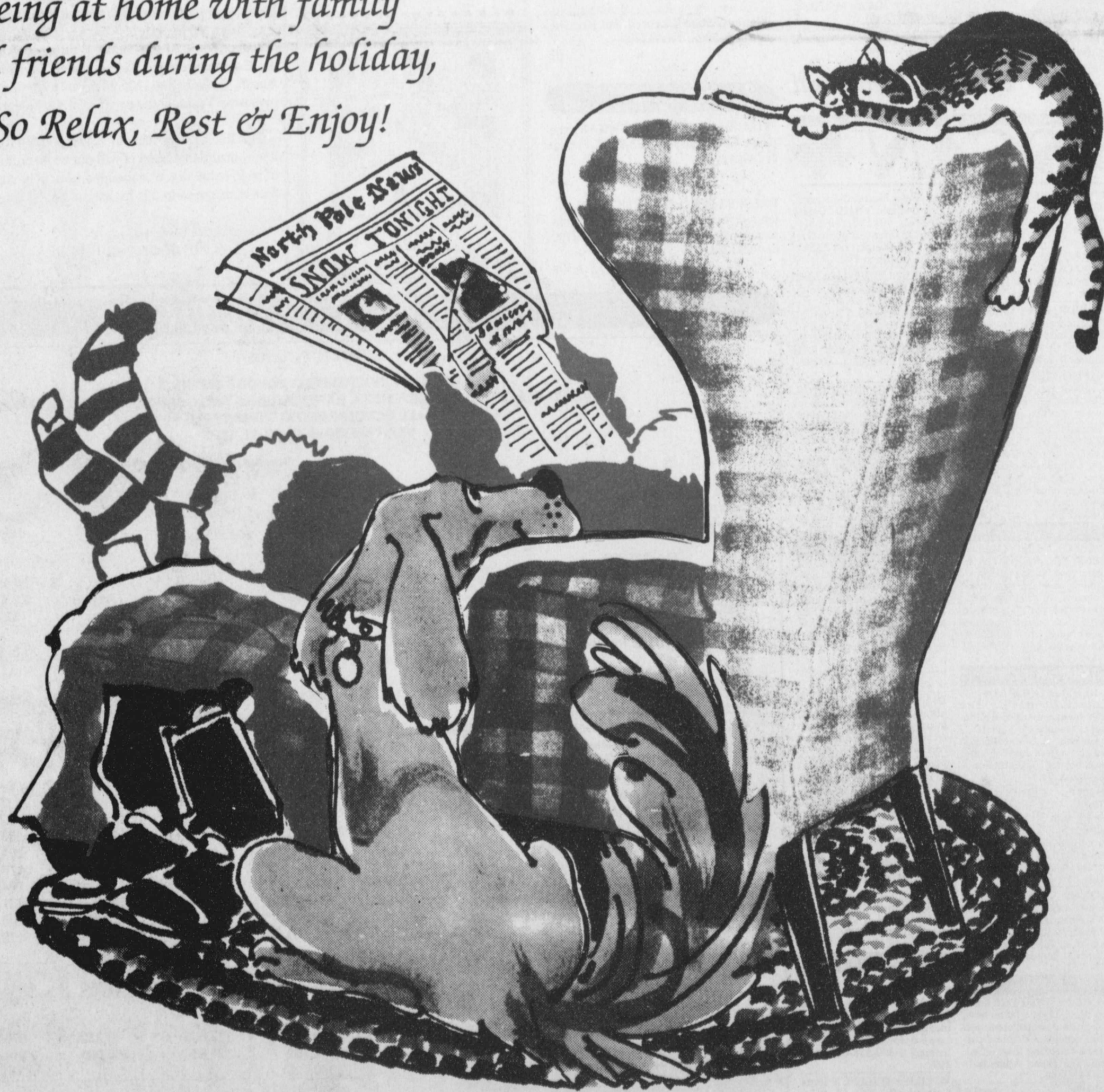
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*There is nothing better than
being at home with family
and friends during the holiday,
So Relax, Rest & Enjoy!*



Thank You For Making the Hesperian-Beacon a part of your life.

Bryon Brock home at Lockney is setting for living nativity scene

LOCKNEY--The Rebekah Circle of the First United Methodist Church of Lockney will host a live Nativity scene which may be viewed from the comfort of your car as you are driving by.

The living depiction of the Christmas miracle will be held Thursday, December 19 and Friday, December 20 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the home of Byron and Charlotte Brock north of Lockney on farm to market 378.

Church plans special services

FLOYDADA - First United Methodist Church of Floydada, 203 W. Kentucky, announces its special Christmas services. This Sunday, December 22, the Chancel Choir will present "Christmas is Love," a John Peterson cantata which features choral music, solos, and narration. Bobby Rainer directs the Chancel Choir, accompanied by organist Penny Ogden and pianist Wendy Pierce.

Later Sunday, the church will host its annual Christmas Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. The service will feature traditional Christmas hymns, scripture readings, special music, and the lighting of candles to symbolize the light of Christ coming into the world.

This type of service has been a tra-

ditional part of the life of many churches for years. The central elements of the service significance of the birth of Jesus.

Then, on Christmas eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24, the church will celebrate Holy Communion in a 5:30 p.m. service. The music of Christmas will play a prominent role in the service, and the pastor will read the traditional Christmas story. "The early hour 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 wish you God's blessings, and warmly invite you to join them for these special Christmas services.

Joyous Bells

(Taken from The Hesperian, Dec. 20, 1973.)

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

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

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

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

Once Again We Pause

By Lucile E. Teske

Whatever else we lose throughout the years,
Let us keep Christmas, shining and apart,
And cast aside grim worries and dark fears
To feel a stir of joy within the heart.

If dreams have failed and disappointments throng
While problems seem to difficult to face,
The muted cadence of the angels' song
Renews again this blessed time of grace.

Unrest and folly, glimmerings of war
Emmesh us in a net of puzzling strife,
But far above the Star still goes before
To point the way to happiness and life.

May hearts be listening when the joy bells ring
New courage, faith, and hope on Christmas morn,

As once again we pause, remembering
That unto us the Prince of Peace is born.

"FOCUS ON THE FAMILY" with Dr. James Dobson

QUESTION: You wrote in one of your books that "All of life is a preparation for adolescence and beyond." Please explain and elaborate on that statement.



DR. DOBSON

DR. DOBSON: I was referring to the need to grant independence to children and permit them to make their own decisions.

Parents would be wise to remember that the day is fast approaching when the child they have raised will pack his suitcase and leave home, never to return. And as he walks through the door to confront the outside world, he will no longer be accountable to their parental authority and supervision. No one can require him to eat properly, or get his needed rest, or find a job, or live responsibly. He will sink or swim on his own.

This sudden independence can be devastating for some individuals who have not been properly prepared for it. But how can a mother and father train sons and daughters so they won't go wild in the first dizzying months of freedom? How can they equip them for that moment of emancipation?

The best time to begin preparing a child for the ultimate release is during toddlerhood, before a relationship of dependence is established. As Renshaw wrote:

"It may be messier for the child to feed himself, more untidy for him to dress himself; less clean when he attempts to bathe himself; less perfect for him to comb his hair; but unless his mother learns to sit on her hands and allow the child to cry and to try,

she will overdo for the child, and independence will be delayed."

This process of granting appropriate independence must continue through the elementary school years. Parents should permit their kids to go to summer camp, even though it might be safer to keep them at home. Likewise, boys and girls ought to be allowed to spend the night with their friends when invited. They should make their own beds, take care of their own animals and do their homework.

When this assignment has been handled properly through the years, a high school senior should be virtually emancipated, even though he still lives with his parents.

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.

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
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 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
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.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
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.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third, Lockney
Frank Duckworth, Evangelist
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.)

EVANS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. G.A. Blocker
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
701 W. Missouri, Floydada
Vance Mitchell, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening
Evangelistic 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Night Service 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Howell E. Farnsworth Jr.
Pastor
Michael Holster
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.
Preschool Choir 6:45 p.m.
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
Matt Chaffin, Music Minister
Debbie Wiley, Youth Minister
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6:00 p.m.
Kids of The King
Children's Choir & Youth 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 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:
Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
1st Tuesday and 3rd Mondays:
Baptist Women 3:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Reverend Ione Sedinger
Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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
Tommy 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,
Hill Circle, 3rd Tues. 9:30 a.m.
Ruth Wesley Circle:
2nd & 4th Mondays 10:30 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL
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
211 N. Main, Lockney
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
Russell Harris, 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.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.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.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Sunday: Congregational
Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday, Elder Don Martin
4th Sunday, Tom Taylor

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

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Olga L. Martinez, Youth Pastor
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Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Service 2:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
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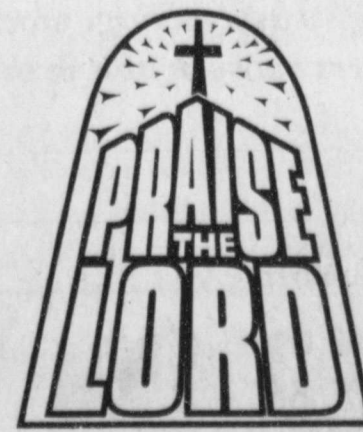
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Floyd County Farm Page

Tom Haywood named to agriculture chairmanship



Senator Tom Haywood, District 30 State Legislator, was appointed late yesterday to the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Agriculture of the Committee on Natural Resources. Other committee assignments for Haywood for the 75th legislature include: Economic Development, Education, Natural Resources and Nominations. Committee assignments are made every two years by Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock.

"I am honored that Lieutenant Governor Bullock has given me the opportunity to Chair the Subcommittee

on Agriculture of the Committee on Natural Resources. Though this is my first chairmanship, I feel that I have the energy, and experience to handle the added challenges well," Haywood said. "My district is at least two thirds rural, so I have a huge pool of folks in agriculture to turn to for advice."

Haywood had been a member of the Economic Development, Education, and Natural Resources Committees during the 74th legislature as well as a member of the Agriculture Subcommittee.

Scheele earns pioneer award

Albert Scheele, 72, was presented the District 2 Texas Farm Pioneer Award during the 1996 Texas Farm Bureau Annual Convention held in San Antonio, December 1-4.

Scheele has been involved with Farm Bureau in Floyd County from the organization's very beginning. He is a charter member and served on the first board of directors in Floyd County.

Due to his efforts, and others on that first board, membership grew in Floyd County. He still represents Floyd County each year at the state convention, and serves on the county resolutions committee.

Scheele served 12 years on the Floyd County Farm Bureau board, including three as vice president. He also served for 12 years on the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers board.

Scheele was one of the 13 District winners who received the Texas Farm Pioneer Award for service to the organization and Texas agriculture.



ALBERT SCHEELE (r) RECEIVES AWARD

Finding solutions to problems CI goal

By Shawn Wade

Finding solutions to the problems that plague cotton producers is the ultimate goal of research conducted under the State Support Program administered by Cotton Incorporated.

For High Plains cotton producers the Texas State Support Program is providing new and exciting insights into many of these problems.

Tackling everything from seedling

disease to marketing, the State Support program, with the counsel and direction of cotton producers on the Texas State Support Committee, focuses directly on the issues of primary importance to producers.

Money to fund the research is derived from the Cotton Research and Promotion check-off program. A total of 5-percent of the money collected under this industry-wide pro-

gram is returned to cotton growing states for the purpose of funding producer directed research projects.

"The great thing about this program is that it allows cotton producers the opportunity, working through their own organizations, to focus much needed research efforts on the problems they face every day," explains Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Right now research is being conducted that will lead to new products and cultural practices that provide solutions to many ongoing problems such as insects and disease."

Johnson notes that several projects also deal with the development of new machinery and management practices that will help producers stay as profitable and efficient as possible.

In addition to the Texas State Support Program, cotton growers also stand to benefit from a number of projects funded through the TxCOT Program.

TxCOT, a research program focused on developing biotechnology as a tool for solving problems in cotton, is funded through the Texas legislature. The program is expected to provide many innovative solutions to problems facing cotton producers. Offshoots of the program will also enhance the knowledge and ability of researchers working on crops other than cotton.

Among the projects being conducted through the TxCOT Program are efforts to increase fiber quality and to improve the ability of cotton plants to withstand the attacks of yield robbing pests such as nematodes and seedling disease.

Cotton Conference

Preregistration for the Caprock Cotton Council should be done by January 6, 1997.

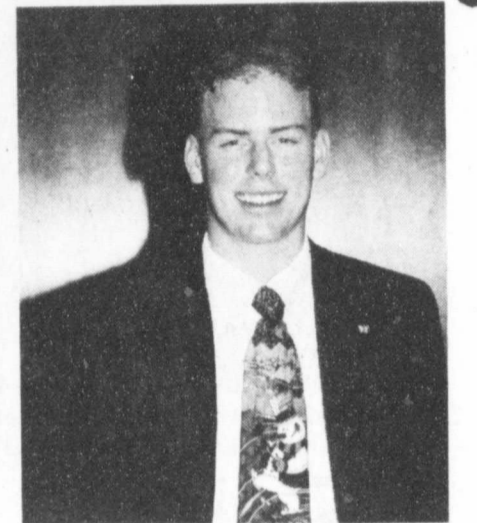
Fees are \$35.00 for both days or \$20.00 for one day. Registration includes technical sessions, door prizes, coffee and donuts, lunch, refreshments, and access to exhibits.

The conference will provide 7.5 continuing education units for Private, and Commercial Applicator License holders. These CEU's also qualify as credit for Certified Crop Advisors.

For more information contact: Ron Graves, Floyd/Crosby IPM Agent, (806) 675-2426; or J.D. Ragland, Floyd County Agent, 983-4192.



QUEBE REPRESENTS DISTRICT 2 FARM BUREAU IN PAGEANT - Gretchen Quebe, daughter of John and Karen Quebe, of Lockney, represented District 2 of the Texas Farm Bureau in the Miss Texas Farm Bureau contest held during the annual convention in San Antonio on December 1-4. As District winner, she received a \$600 scholarship.



WILL WARREN REPRESENTS FLOYD COUNTY FARM BUREAU DISTRICT 2 - Will Warren, son of Martin of Jill Warren, of Floydada, represented Floyd County Farm Bureau District 2 in the Free Enterprise Speech contest during the annual convention held in San Antonio December 1-4. As district winner he received a \$1000 scholarship.

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Farm Service Agency class scheduled
John Norwood, instructor at South Plains College, will be teaching a course in Bottom-Line Farming Training as required for all Farm Service Agency Ag-Credit borrowers.
The classes will begin January 27, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. Classes will be held all week at the First National Bank in Lockney. For more information contact John Norwood at (806)234-2414.

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Lockney 4th graders send Santa Christmas wishes

Dear Santa,
I want a new basketball for Christmas and I want a vach of wine the pooh or a misical mic yach and some Nike shoes and a big screen t.v. for my room. and I want a 49ers jacket and I want a computer and a new 14 carod gold ring and I want a nice nice neckless and I would like a c.d player too.

Love,
Cristina Pesina
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a go kart, clothes, new bike, hockey set, new fish, race track, some new games, skateboard, these are the things I want.

Love,
Casey
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
This year I've been really thinking about Christmas. I would like to receive a big screen TV and a big ten speed bike and an American Girl doll. I also wonder if roodof was going to go on your sleigh Christmas night.

Love,
Ashley Brock
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo 64 a skate bord and a 22-210 and a basketball net.

Sincerely,
Cullen McQuhae
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like the new game which is Street Fighter Alpha 2 and a VCR with a remote control and I would like a Steve Young football and a sega genesis and a game gear and five games with the sega and the game gear and a sega Saturn with five games and a big screen TV and a stereo with gigantic base speakers and a lambergeanie.

Love,
Eugeno Gonzales
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
Christmas is coming soon so I would like to get some really neat stuff. So hear are the things I want. I want a Nintendo 64, a new movie, a skateboard and some rollerblades.

Sincerely,
Kevin Gutierrez
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
How is it at the North Pole? I hope it is fine. I want a couple of things this Christmas. The first thing I want is a 15 speed bike. The second thing I want is a Sega Game Gear. The third thing I want is some games for the Sega Game gear.

Love,
Sydney Williams
4th Grade

Dear Saint Nick
how is Miss Nick. I hope she is doing good. I am so so. Saint Nick I want a go car for Christmas and a gameboy and a C.D. Player, boonbox with a Cd rone and a body bog 3 dag as bady as in 3 bady dads and rat lattas a computer and a Nintendo 64.

Sincerely,
Edward Reyna
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
This year I have been good and I want you to know that you can come to my house and bring me a gameboy, basketball and a kickball. Have a marry Christmas.

Love,
Travien
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a little dog a dalmashion dog I only want two things the other thing is clothes.

Love,
Carrisa Rendon
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a computer I would like to have a 18 speed bike I would like to have a new born baby and take care of me twins. And all the jimnastick barbies inclooding the twirling ballarina barbys. And a CD player. And I would like to have a Nintindo 64. And some very nice shoes. And a bunk Bed. And some more Supernintendo games. And I will like to have some computer disks.

Love,
Amanda
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I hope I was good because I want presents. I would like a metal tapping kit. I think it would be neat to have one. I also want a wood burning kit. My brother had ione and I would like one.

Love,
Shelly Pachiano
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
These are the things I want for Christmas. I want a puppy that is brown. a Sega, some clothes, barbies, barbie clothes, new shoes, julery, and a new Sticker maker.

Sincerely,
Crystal Lynn Vasquez
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Nitinto 64 and a new bike and one more thing and it is a bow and arw.

Love,
Jeremy Pyle
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to get me a tether ball set for Christmas. And a trampoline for my birthday on December 15. And a pair of clothes. And one more thing a puppy that looks like my other dog Leslie.

Love,
Denise Salas
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a forty niners jacket and a pere of gloves that has them on it and a CD player, keyboard, a big screen TV, steryo specers, too shows, a barbie car, barbies, football helmet, telephone, Dallas cowboys jacket, computer, sega jenesas.

Love,
J.J. McLendon
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want a sega cd and I also want a 49ers jacket and I would like a Steve Young Jersey and I would like to get a remote ontrol car no badries in cluded and I also want a stero with a lots of Base in The speckers and I would like to get a new bike.

Love,
Victor
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you dowing. I'm dowing fine to. These are the things I want for Crismas. A new bike, rolerblades, a new raine for my horse. And all sorts of stuff. I will like wat you bring me anyway. And so in case I will leave you some choclet cookies and some milk out for you okay santa. And I wood like a baseball and a football santa. And I wood like a lot of stuff in my stocking. And I wood like a little kitten too santa. I hope you can get it all down santa. And if you can get i, its a intinddo.

Love,
Karah Jo Hrbacek
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I waoted to no if you can get me a botle feeding caf. I want a hors and form contree stuf. I want to no if you can get me a football cards.

Love,
Lee Fortenberry
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a game board. The game I want is SORRY! and copy cat! And I also want some make up! And that's all I want for Christmas.

Your friend,
Meagan Stapp
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
You know Christmas is not about getting presents. It's about celebrating Jesus's Birthday. But people have turned it into a time where you just get presents. But its not. Even though it is nice to receive gifts it is better to give than to receive. So this Christmas in stead of giving me presents I would like for you to give to the needy people and kids. Thank you Santa. I Love You!

Vanessa Victoria Perez
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want the Super nintendo game Madden '97 and I want a Micheal Jordan jersey and a new BMX trick bike and a bunk bed please!

Sincerely,
Cagan Cummings
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want to have a super water gun and a skate board and a ramp. The thing I want most is a four wheeler.

Love,
Reid Carthel
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want a 4 wheeler, Hot Wheels Criss Cross Crash set, a pair of new Deon Sanders, and last but not least a puppy.

Love,
Junstin Hernandez
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I would want a gameboy a watch and a Jerry Rice Jersey.

Love,
Joel Ascencio
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing today. I'm doing fine. All I want for Christmas is a computer. My size Barbie Doll and some things for my family, a pool table for my brother Danny, a lot of romance books for my mom and a walet for my mom because she is always complaining about hers. Some gloves for my dad for the winter, a Christmas card for both of my grandmas. Some clothes for me and my sister Lisa. Thats all I want for Christmas.

Hope you are real but I still believe you for the presents.

Love always for presents,
Amy Molina
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I don't want much this year. All I ask for is a 15 speed bike and a puppy and a doll and thats basically all I would like this year. I forgot I bet it is fun in the North Pole.

Sincerely,
Love always,
Anita
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been as good as I can be. I try very hard to be good this Christmas so this is what I want this Christmas. Loose fit pants, football set, black and red vest and a Dallas Cowboy reverseble jacket and a Sega Saturn and thats all I want this Christmas and I hope you will bring me this stuff.

Sincerely,
Joshua Raissez
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Ultimate Mortal Kombat III game for a Sega Saturn which I want to. Next I would like a brand new trampoline. The next thing I want is a play station and go cart that's I would want.

Love,
Danny Cervantes
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is Tenga and Uno stacker and entertainment center and rolar blads and Wonder World and that all I want for Christmas Santa because it is hard to decide what I want.

Love,
Vilma Ann Perales
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like just two things and I would like to have a computer and a piano. I have to play the piano at my grandma's house and I have to go to my Grandma's house everyday.

Sincerely,
Yours Truly,
Marti Nolan
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I'm just writing to you to tell you what I want for Christmas. I've been pretty good lately, but I want a portable CD Walkman, a violin, a big set of encyclopedias, a CD ram computer, a microscope, and a yaks backwards. And tell everyone hello.

Love,
Zane Montandon
4th Grade



And Santa, make sure you remember all the other children in the world on Christmas Eve. They've been good, too.

-- Staff Photo

Celebrate the Miracle The story of the 'Littlest Angel'

By Charles Tazewell
(This is a story for people who love Christmas and Christmas trees, holly berries and mistletoe, Santa Claus, and music boxes that tinkle Silent Night. The Littlest Angel is as real and heart-warming as the spirit of Christmas.)

ONCE UPON A TIME—many years ago as time is calculated by men but only Yesterday in the Celestial Calendar of Heaven—there was, in Paradise, a most miserable, thoroughly unhappy and utterly dejected cherub who was known throughout Heaven as "The Littlest Angel!"

He was exactly four years, six months, five days, seven hours and forty-two minutes of age when he presented himself to the venerable Gatekeeper for admittance to the Glorious Kingdom of God.

Standing defiantly, with his short legs wide apart, the Littlest Angel tried to pretend that he wasn't at all impressed by such Unearthly Splendor, and that he wasn't at all afraid. But his lower lip trembled, and a tear disgraced him by making a new furrow down his already tear-streaked face—coming to a precipitous halt at the very tip of his small freckled nose.

But that wasn't all. While the kindly Gatekeeper was entering the name in his great Book, the Littlest Angel, having left home as usual without a handkerchief, endeavored to hide the tears by snuffing a most unangelic sound which so unnerved the Gatekeeper that he did something he had never done before in all Eternity. He blotted the page!

From that moment on, the Heavenly Peace was never quite the same, and the Littlest Angel soon became the despair of all the Heavenly Host. His shrill earsplitting whistle resounded at all hours through the Golden Streets. It startled the Patriarch Prophets and disturbed their meditations. On top of that, he vociferously sang off-key at the singing practice of the Heavenly Choir, spoiling its ethereal effect.

And, being so small that it seemed to take him just twice as long as anyone else to get to nightly prayers, the Littlest Angel always arrived late, and always knocked everyone's wings askew as he darted into his place.

Although these flaws in behavior might have been overlooked, the appearance of the Littlest Angel was even more disreputable than his deportment. It was first whispered among the Seraphim and Cherubim, then said aloud among the Angels and Archangels, that he didn't even look like an angel!

And they were all correct. He didn't! His halo was tarnished where he held on to it with one hot little chubby hand when he ran, and he was always running. Furthermore, even when he stood very still, it never behaved like a halo should. It was always slipping down over his eye or else, just for pure meanness, slipping off the back of his head and rolling away down some Golden Street—just so he would have to chase after it!

Yes, and it must be recorded that his wings were neither useful nor ornamental. All Paradise held its breath

when the Littlest Angel perched himself like an unhappy fledgling sparrow on the very edge of a gilded cloud and prepared to take off. He would teeter this way and that way-but, after much coaxing and a few false starts, he would shut both eyes, hold his freckled nose, count up to three hundred and three, and then hurl himself slowly into space!

However owing to the regrettable fact that he always forgot to move his wings, the Littlest Angel always fell head over halo!

Now, anyone can easily understand why the Littlest Angel would, sooner or later, have to be disciplined. And so, on an Eternal Day of an eternal Month in the year Eternal, he was directed to present his small self before an Angel of the Peace.

The Littlest Angel combed his hair, dusted his wings and scrambled into an almost clean robe, and then, with heavy heart, trudged his way to the place of judgement. He tried to post-pone the dreaded ordeal by loitering along the Street of The Guardian Angels, pausing a few timeless moments to study the long list of new arrivals, although all Heaven knew he couldn't read a word. And he idled more than several immortal moments to examine a display of aureate harps, although everyone in the Celestial City knew he couldn't tell a crotchet from a semiquaver.

But at last he slowly approached a doorway which was surmounted by a pair of golden scales, signifying that Heavenly Justice was dispensed within. To the Littlest Angel's great surprise, he heard a merry voice, singing!

The Littlest Angel removed his halo and breathed upon it heavily, then polished it upon his robe, a procedure which added nothing to that garment's already untidy appearance, and then tiptoed in!

The Singer, who was known as the Understanding Angel, looked down at the small culprit, and the Littlest Angel instantly tried to make himself invisible by the ingenious process of withdrawing his head into the collar of his robe, very much like a snapping turtle.

At that, the Singer laughed, a jolly, heart-warming sound, and said, "Oh, so you're the one who's been making Heaven so unheavenly! Come here, Cherub, and tell me all about it!"

The Littlest Angel looked furtively from beneath his robe. First one eye. And then the other eye. Suddenly, almost before he knew it, he was perched on the lap of the Understanding Angel, was explaining how very difficult it was for a boy who suddenly finds himself transformed into an angel. Yes, and no matter what the Archangels said, he'd only swung once. Well, twice, Oh, all right, then, he'd swung three times on the Golden Gates. But that was just for something to do!

That was the whole trouble. There wasn't anything for a small angel to do. And he was very homesick. Oh, not that Paradise wasn't beautiful! But the Earth was beautiful too! Wasn't it created by God Himself? Why, there were trees to climb, and brooks to

fish, and caves to play at pirate chief, the swimming hole, and sun, and rain, and dark, and dawn, and thick brown dust so soft and warm beneath your feet!

The Understanding Angel smiled, and in his eyes was a long-forgotten memory of another small boy in a long ago. Then he asked the Littlest Angel what would make him most happy in Paradise. The Cherub thought for a moment, then whispered in his ear.

"There's a box I left under by bed back home. If only I could have that!"

The Understanding Angel nodded. "You shall have it," he promised. And a fleet-winged heavenly messenger was instantly dispatched to bring the box to Paradise.

And then, in all those timeless days that followed, everyone wondered at the great change in the Littlest Angel, for among all the cherubs in God's Kingdom, he was the most happy. His conduct was above reproach. His appearance was all that the most fastidious could wish for. And on excursions to Elysian Fields, it could be truly said that he flew like an angel!

Then it came to pass that Jesus, the Son of God, was to be born of Mary, at Bethlehem. And as the glorious tidings spread through Paradise, all the angels rejoiced and their voices were lifted to herald the Miracle of Miracles, the coming of the Christ Child.

The Angles and Archangels, the Seraphim and Cherubim, the Gatekeeper, the Wingmaker, even the Halosmith put aside their usual tasks to prepare gifts for the Blessed Infant. All but the Littlest Angel. He sat down on the top-most step of the Golden Stairs and anxiously waited for inspiration.

What could he give that would be most acceptable to the Son of God? At one time, he dreamed of composing a lyric hymn of adoration, but the Littlest Angel was woefully wanting in musical talent.

Then he grew tremendously excited over writing a prayer! A prayer that would live forever in the hearts of men, because it would be the first prayer ever to be heard by the Christ Child. But the Littlest Angel was lamentably lacking in literate skill.

"What, oh what, could a small angel give that would please the Holy Infant?"

The time of the Miracle was very close at hand when the Littlest Angel at last decided on his gift. Then, on that Day of Days, he proudly brought it from its hiding place behind a cloud, and humbly with downcast eyes, placed it before the Throne of God. It was only a small, rough, unsightly box, but inside were all those wonderful things that even a Child of God would treasure!

A small, rough, unsightly box, lying among all those other glorious gifts from all the Angels of Paradise! Gifts of such radiant splendor and breathless beauty that Heaven and all the Universe were lighted by the mere reflection of their glory! And when the Littlest Angel saw this, he suddenly knew that his gift to God's Child was

irreverent, and he wished he might reclaim his shabby gift.

It was ugly and worthless. If only he could hide it away from the sight of God before it was even noticed!

But it was too late! The Hand of God moved slowly over all that bright array of shining gifts, then paused, then dropped, then came to rest—on the lowly gift of the Littlest Angel!

The Littlest Angel trembled as the box was opened, and there, before the Eyes of God and all His Heavenly Host, was what he offered to the Christ Child.

And what was his gift to the Blessed Infant? Well, there was a butterfly with golden wings. Captured on a bright summer day on the high hills above Jerusalem, and a sky-blue egg from a bird's nest in the olive tree that shaded his mother's kitchen door. Yes, and two white stones, found on a muddy river bank where he and his friends had played, and, at the bottom of the box, a limp, toothmarked leather strap, once worn as a collar by his mongrel dog, who had died as he had lived, in absolute love and infinite devotion.

The Littlest Angel wept hot and bitter tears, for now he knew that instead of honoring the Son of God, he had been most blasphemous. Why had he ever thought the box was so wonderful? Why had he dreamed that such utterly useless things would be loved by the Blessed Infant?

In frantic terror, he turned to run and hide from the Divine Wrath of the Heavenly Father. But suddenly he stumbled and fell, and with a horrid wail and clatter of halo, rolled in a ball of consummate misery to the very foot of the Heavenly Throne!

There was ominous and dreadful silence in the Celestial City, a silence complete and undisturbed save for the heartbroken sobbing of the Littlest Angel. Then suddenly, The Voice of God, like divine music, rose and swelled throughout paradise! And the Voice spoke, saying:

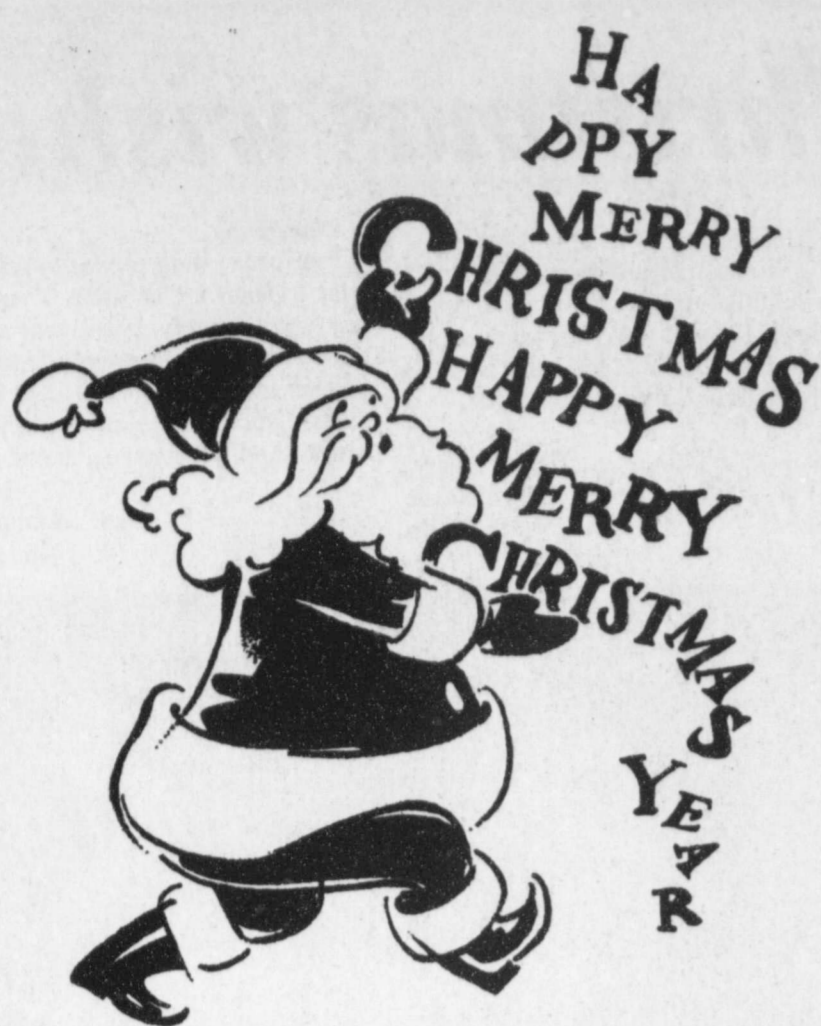
"Of all the gifts of angels, I find that his small box pleases Me most. Its contents are of the Earth and of men, and My Son is born to be King of both. These are the things My son, too, will know and love and cherish and then, regretful, will leave behind Him when His task is done.

"I accept this gift in the Name of the Child, Jesus, born of Mary this night in Bethlehem."

There was a breathless pause, and then the rough unsightly box of the Littlest Angel began to glow with a bright, unearthly light, then the light became a lustrous flame, and the flame became a radiant brilliance that blinded the eyes of all the angels!

None but the Littlest Angel saw it rise from its place before the Throne of God. And he, and only he, watched it arch the firmament to stand and shed its clear, white, beckoning light over a stable where a Child was born.

There it shone on that Night of Miracles, and its light was reflected down the centuries deep in the heart of all mankind. Yet, earthly eyes, blinded, too, by its splendor could never know that the lovely gift of the Littlest Angel was what all men would call forever: "THE SHINING STAR OF BETHLEHEM!"



Lockney 3rd grade wish list

Dear Santa,
I would like a kitty. I would like a radio with a C.D. player, a computer, a phone, a fish, a trampoline and the movie toy story.

Love
Rina
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing! How about the reindeer? I would like a gator, a computer, a rollercoaster, Felicity and her bed, a phone, a capitol and I want to see you and your sleigh. I love you!

Merry Christmas
Love,
Tori Terrell
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a lot of money. I would like to have a computer so I can type and I can play games and watch my sister play too. I would like a car to ride a limo.

Love,
Yvette Gonzales
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have Molly's bed, and horse and some money. A phone, earrings, perfume, shoes, clothes, fake fingernails and that's about all.

Merry Christmas,
Love,
Avery Aston
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a book about Star Fox and a 50 dollar bill A new bike and a phone (but not a fake 50 dollar bill) and my own Nintendo and the movies Twister and Toy Story.

Merry Christmas,
Love,
J.W.
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a car and a big rain deer with a slid to I would like 10 Dollars and a race car and a computer and like a stereo and a phone and big bag of candy and a cusat of lome like to have a Dallas Cowboy gacit and a 13 jersey of thers. I wat penny hand way and shcil Onel and grant Hill.

Love,
Santanic
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Dallas jacket, stereo, a new C.D. player, a new like doll house, watch, my very own car. I want it to be summer every day. Thank you even if you don't get me the things I want. Tell the reindeer to be very very quiet at my house.

Merry Christmas to Mr. and Mrs. Claus
Love,
Vanessa Rodriguez
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a new Nintendo. My second thing would be rollerblades. And of course I want a C.D. player, and I want a Jersey Chicago Bulls 23. don't forget. I want a Chicago Bulls watch. And some legos and I want 200 blocks inside. please get this for me.

Love,
Julisa Vargas
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a movie Twister and the movie Space Jam and a pool table that has 7 games.

Love,
Andrew M.
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want an ID4 set and the disk. Your reindeer are great. I like Rudolph. I like his red nose very much. I hope the reindeer are in shape to pull the sleigh. There are a lot of kids in the world this year and I know your sleigh will be heavy.

I would also like the Death Star, but not Turbo Man. I'm scared of Mr. Schwarzenegger.

I hope you have a tree and that your elves are working hard making toys for all the good boys and girls. I've been good this year and my mom says so too.

Even if you don't get these things I'll still have a merry Christmas. I love you St. Nick!

Sincerely,
John O.
3rd Grade

This letter came in the mail so put it with others not school

Dear Santa,
I want a Kirstens bed for Christmas. I also want a football. I want the movie Twister and the movie Toy Story. And I want a basketball and a Pippen jersey. And the color I want the jersey is red. I want my own dresser and a helmet, two handpads. Thats all I want for Christmas.

Love,
Trinity Ford
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Susy stretch girl and a computer. A Ninetendo. Probably something else. I would like a Jumanji game board, a piano, a trampoline. Please if you can get me a little bit of that stuff.

Love,
April Lopez
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I know you're very busy this year, but would you please give me this short list of things. I want a Nintendo 64, and a zip line, and if you could a new brain for my dog, Bows (he's a little crazy) and the last thing is an elf.

Love,
Landon Cotham
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like stereo, at.v., a football, a dog, a computer, nintendo 64, 13 dead end drive game, Independence Day the movie and I would like a waterbed and a swimming pool.

Love,
Jason
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like ten boxes of Nikes and four Barbyes and some clothes for it. And I want six jersey's of Nikes and filas and I also want filas shoes. Then I want a gold cart and two trapilens and a big swimming pool. duble trapilen.

Love,
Jennifer
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like the nintendo donkey kong country 3. The game caraty fighters. Cras bire and a giant lego set I would like the night of the living dummy part 3 and a T.V. with a VCR and a brand new nintendo set and some cool close and battleship and the game twister.

Love,
Adam Martinez
3rd Grade

Lockney 4th grade Santa letters

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year and I want a pocket TV with cable a ARCT race car and a pocket gameloy with games and a bunch of packages of Ken Griffey Jr. cards. A yak bak 2 pen, a yak bak 2, a waldo book, a basketball goal, model airplanes, a baseball signed by the whole Rangers team, a baseball with Cal Ripken Jr's autograph and a Dennis Rodman red jersey.

Sincerely Yours,
Rance Schumacher
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a nintendo 64, Sega Saturn play station, some jeisias a lot of them and some games to a CD player a new BMX a dirt bike and a lot more other things like some cards and some remote control cars to oh and I want 4 controls for my Nintendo 64 and I want a race car game make that six of them and I want a 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 dollars to and I want to be rich and I want a lot of army men. The end

Love,
Justin Wiggins
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
This year I want is a new ten speed bike and a new pelet and BB gun.

Love,
Trey Graves
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I would like to have a Nintendo 64, a Sega Saturn, a Play Station and a Sega CD with two controls and all of the games to everyone of them. I will have you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Jaime Ledestr.a
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a 4X4 for wheeler. Shapes, spers, boots and a duster and I rilly want a drum set.

Love,
Davis
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want a cd player and a computer and I want jerseys only two Emmit Smith and the other Deion Sar.ders and some new clothes and some new nike boy shoes.

Love,
Julia Martinez
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
This year I would like for you to bring me something different. I would like just a couple of things. I would like to have a horse which I know you can't put in a box and wrap it. But anyway I would like a horse, baby in a basket, Currin the American girl, Fox go cart. Fox dirt bike well no because I already have that. Wait hold it right there I will traid you milk and cookies is that okay. Oh! by the way mary crismas santa.

Sincerely,
Heather Hennagan
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I really have been a good boy this year. I want a Walkman and a nintendo 64 and a new football, a new Vortex football will do fine. I got to go by!

Love
Brandon G.
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a camera, TV, stereo, and some CD how is clephy the Elf? I know you are busy but my mom does not believe in you but I do. I wish I could come to see you but I can't I love you.

Love,
Kayla Kelley
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like
1. Any kind of art stuff
2. Melanies Mall, 3 parts!
3. Littlest pet shop animals
4. C.D. of Atlantis, Mouestte, Clueless, and Celan Deian
But most of all I would like the C.D.s

Sincerely,
Teresa Day
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want
stilts
booklight
wishbone
travel desk
art gallery
Singer and some supprises.

Sincerely,
Lindsay
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. You are probably doing a lot of work and it must be very cold up there and your elves must be doing a lot of work and here is what I want and I only want two things and that is a game boy and an Emit Smith jersey and that is all I want.

Love,
Barrett Sisk
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I wanted to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a criss cross crash go car, super van city and a Dallas Cowboy jacket. That is all I want for Christmas. I forgot to tell you what else I want. I want a cowboy suit to.

Sincerely,
Frank Sanchez III
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a play oven so that I can play with it. Then I also want some cat posters if not a radio. Also I would like some tapes such as Jesus Hears Another Child to Hold, Daddys Hands, and Man of Mine and some books so that I can read.

Love,
Isabel Torrez
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I have ben a good girl this year so I can get some toys. I would like a kick ball, jumprope and a mini Amrcain girl (Felicity) I what a slumber bag that has a toothbrush, hairbrush, and popcorn book and I what a set of Samthia's. Kristin's Molly's and Felicity's and Addi's books. Thats propley all so I had better say bye.

Love,
Cherise Ventura
4th Grade

From our family to yours
Have a Merry Christmas



Santa, I'm too old to sit on your lap. -- Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
I would like a four wheeler and three new games for my nintendo. I want a remote control car and a new bike and a football. And a nice water gun.

Love,
Phillip Luna
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a XRC remote control car, a tv, a vcr, jungle strike, a pitching machine. 150 Ford XRC Airdevel.

Love,
Trevor Morris
3rd Grade

Dear Cris Cringle,
I would like new rollerblades, strawberry wine tape, a million real dollars, a real phone, a puppy, a hamster city, My very own teacher at home, some very, very, very, thick high heels and that's for now! Tell Mrs. Claus high and the reindeer. And best of all have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

With love, from a very big belever,
Alexis Marie Hall
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a my size barbie and a barbie house with an elevator and a picture of Santa Claus and all his reindeer. I wish everybody in my family would get a picture too. I hope everyone is happy for Christmas. I want a gater too.

Marry Christmas,
Love,
Karen
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Dear Diary and a computer. I would also like a poodle in a box wrapped. I would like a dress and some shoes. I would like some socks. I would like a doll and a puzzle and a wheel of fortune.

Love,
Mary A.
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a sled, a swing set, a new house, a nintendo, and lots of money.

Love,
Katy Smith
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll house and \$20.00 for a present. I know you are so busy but you know I'll work for those two presents. I wish you come.

Merry Christmas
Love, Tania
3rd Grade

Lockney first grade sends Santa wish list

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus Please bring me a saga, jewelry, Barbie Doll, and a Black jacket.

Love
Diana Padilla
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? Please bring me these six toys. a golden staff a criss cross crash, a Toy Story Movie, a game table, a radio and a bean bag chair. Thank you Santa

Love,
Jacob Loron Martin
1st Grade

Dear Santa
How are the Elves? ples brang me a BaBy Making fasis and a BaBy Chihuahua.

Love,
Sheridan Mercer
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good. For christmas I would like a glowing Teddy Bear and a ring and a necklace, and for everyone to have a merry christmas than you.

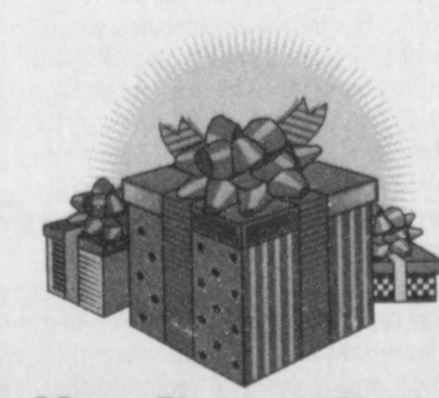
I love you, santa
Love,
Veronica
1st Grade

Dear Santa at the North Pole . . .

Dear Santa,
There are two or three things I want for Chrismes. But I'll tell you. I want a C.D. player with 32 traks, A student guitar kit, and a four wheeler. If you can't handle thim use your magic. I will have a Christmas tree in my room. I will have a surpris on the table.

If you want to talk to me, please call me or write me a letter.

Love,
Kami Wilson
P.S. Tell Mrs. Claus HI.



Merry Christmas Ya'll!

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. Well I am just writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. First I want a computer with a disk please if you don't mind programming it. Second I want is a perse like my sisters. These are the things I want for Christmas.

Love,
Melania Van Zandt
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
What I would like for Christmas is a bike and a few Barbie stuff. And some clothes. but I think I have been a good girl and I may not desirve a bike but I really want one because my old bike is too small for my knees and I do not want a boy bike I want a girl bike and it is a ten speed and I want some clothes and where I want my clothes to come from is Bells in Plainview. I would also like some surprizes.

Love,
Sarah Anne Martinez
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a cowboy jacket and a cd player with two cd's and I also want that racing game called criss cross crash and I want a car that flips over and keeps on going.

Love,
Joe Frank
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have proof you really exist. On Christmas night when you are eating the cookies I have made come inside my room and leave me a note with a picture of Mrs. Claus and yourself with the elves. By the way I would love to have a little rat terrier puppy and a crate for him to sleep in. I want the puppy a male. I would like some dog food for him to eat. I have been very good this year despite losing one point. And would you please put the puppy in my arms. Thank you.

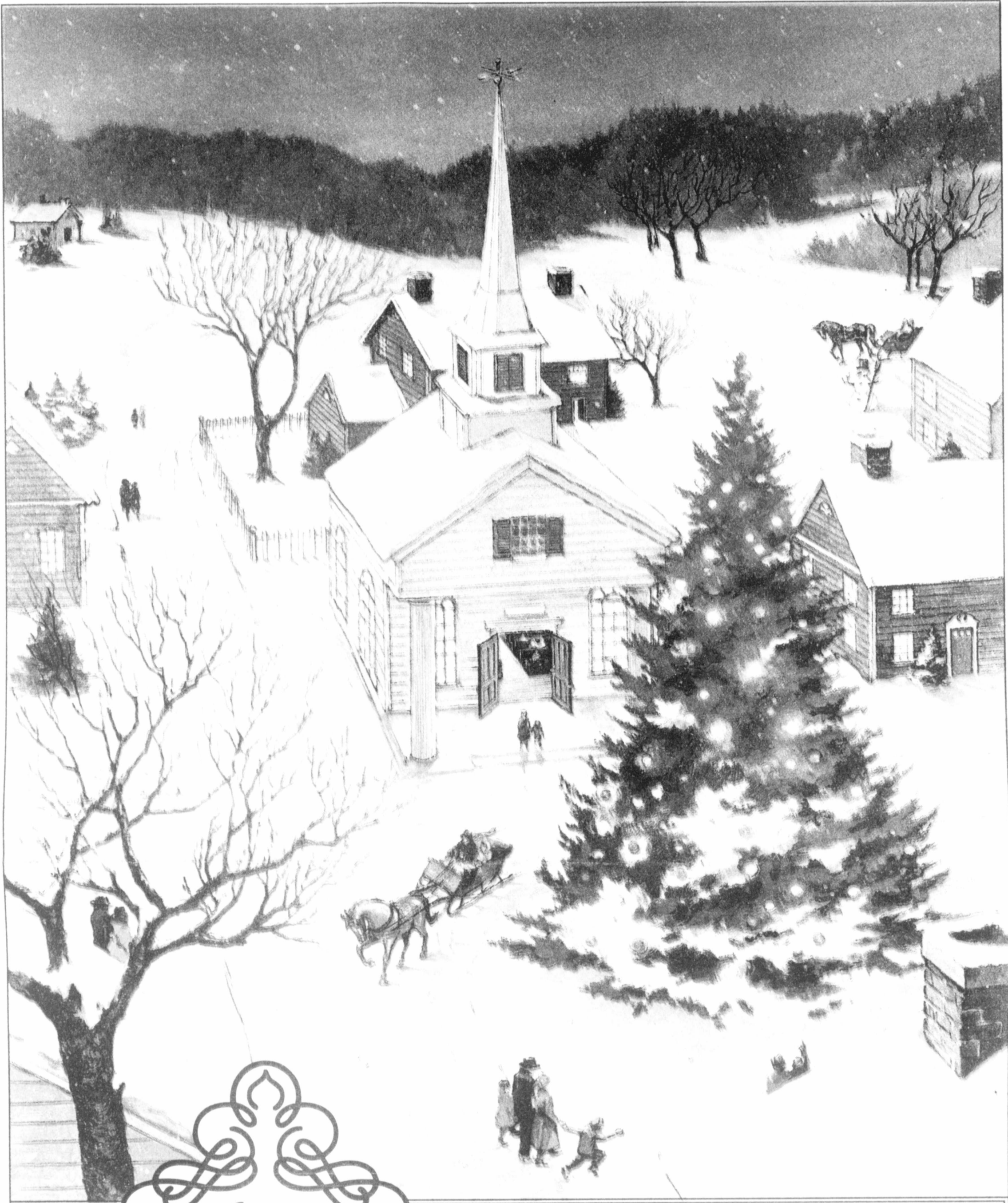
Love,
Annie Reece
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I am fine. Santa Claus I want a Corvette, trampoline, Viper and some Michael Jordan shoes see you on Christmas.

Love,
Mario Ascencio
4th Grade

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is some brand new shoes. The next thing I want is some games like Monopoly and I want some new clothes.

Love,
Mandy Villarreal
4th Grade



Have A
Picture Perfect
Christmas

Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

Debbie Arney
Beth Eckert
Judy Smart
George Farris
Tom Farris
Pat Graham
Nancy Kirk

Martha Lotspetch
Darlena Marquis
Jodie McGuire
Mitzi Nixon
David Patterson
Don Payne
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Duncan Elementary Pre-K writes Santa

Dear Santa,
I want to have a train. A car that has a steering wheel and a thing that goes like this. (up and down) and something that goes around in circles too. Thank you for giving me what I wanted.

Love,
Morgan
PK-1

Dear Santa,
I want a shirt and watch and backpack of Michael Jordan. And you can buy me one dalmation backpack.

I love you,
Freddy
PK-1

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and one baby doll. I love you Santa Claus.

Andrea
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Give me some presents for the christmas tree. I want to ride with you and your reindeers. Can I visit you at your house.

Tanner
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Will you go to my house to give me a candy? Could you give me a doll. A teddy bear for mommy so her can sleep on it. Will you go to school tomorrow.

Goodbye Santa,
Lydia
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll. I also want a hamster.

Love you,
Carly
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dragon fly. I also want a remote control car that goes real fast and jumps. I also want a car that jumps up and down.

Love you,
Anthony
PK-1

Dear Santa
Give me a rocking baby and a rosie doll.

from Heather Rios
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motorcycle and some paints. I also want a Buzz lightyear. You really work hard.

Your friend,
Ross
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a four wheeler and a real turkey. You are a great guy. How do you make toys?

Love you,
Joey
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a batman and an x-man. I also want a Spiderman. Bring my sister a babydoll.

Love you,
Juan
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a castle with dragons. That's it!

Love you,
Joseph
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me horses and cows to play with. That's it!

Bye
Jesse
PK-1

Dear Santa,
I want a super hero toy.

Love,
David Diaz
PK-2

Dear Santa,
Please bring my brother two video games. I want a batman toy and a Power Ranger. I also want a remote control car and a robot and Buzz Lightyear.

Bye,
Sean
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a jeep. I want a doll to take with me to the store when I go. I also want a real rabbit for my pet.

Bye,
Blanca
PK-1



OH, MY GOSH! I forgot what I was going to say... These youngsters visiting Santa at the First National Bank in Lockney were at a loss for words when Santa asked the really important question, "What do you want for Christmas."

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll. I also want a Barbie car and Barbies. I need a helicopter for my brother. My mom wants another house for Christmas.

Thank you,
Gabby
PK-1

Dear Santa,
I want a dog for my cousins. I want a big thing for my big brother, Morgan. I want a birthday for my dad. I want a small thing for my sister and another small thing for my other sister. I want a small thing for my brother cause he is 5. I want a doll for me. I forgot Bucky, I want a little thing for him.

Crystal Foster
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the toys. I want a doll. That's all.

Monica Rubio
PK-1

Dear Santa,
I want a robot. I want a Turbo Mqan. A batman forever for me. Please give Juan a snake. That's all.

Daniel
PK-1

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a skateboard. A sega for me and my brother, Valentin, and thats all. Goodbye and I love you.

Johnpaul
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Please come to my house because there is a Christmas tree at my house. Please bring me a friend and a doll. That's all.

Anabel
PK-1

Dear Santa,
I like you. You always give me toys. You said you would buy some more candy. You tell us to go to school. I want some dolls.

From Misty
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Bring me a Barbie, a cake for me, and some paints.

From Annabel
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Bring me a doll and thats all. Thank you for giving me presents.

from Elena DeOchoa
PK-1

Dear Santa,
I love you, I want a ball and a movie of Barney for us can watch.

Eddie Rodriguez
PK-1

Dear Santa,
Please give me a CD player. I want a radio for my dad cause he doesn't have one in the car. I want a flag for my mom. I want some cloths for my little sister. I want a little toy for my brother.

From Heather Guerra
PK-1

Dear Santa,
I want a kitchen and a barbie with a barbie car.

Love,
Celia Aguilar
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie with the fish and the water.

Love,
Laura Arellano
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur and a cowboy.

Love,
Edgar Bolanos
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard.

Love,
Conner Campbell
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a purse and a book.

Love,
Ann Cardenas
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a book and a purse.

Love,
Laura Cruz
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard and a bike.

Love,
Fred Williams
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a car, a house, and a barbie doll.

Love,
Marisol Garcia
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard and a recipe to make real cookies.

Dale Howard
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard.

Love,
Alberto Jasso
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie and a purse.

Love,
Claudia Lopez
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a doll.

Love,
Adrienne Martinez
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a toy and a blanket for my mom. I want a pillow for my dad. Thats it.

Monica DeHoyas
PK-1

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie car and a toy kitty and a puppy for my little brother.

Love,
Maisey Martinez
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a Toy Story and Batman.

Love,
Cesar Mata
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a doll swimming pool with a fish.

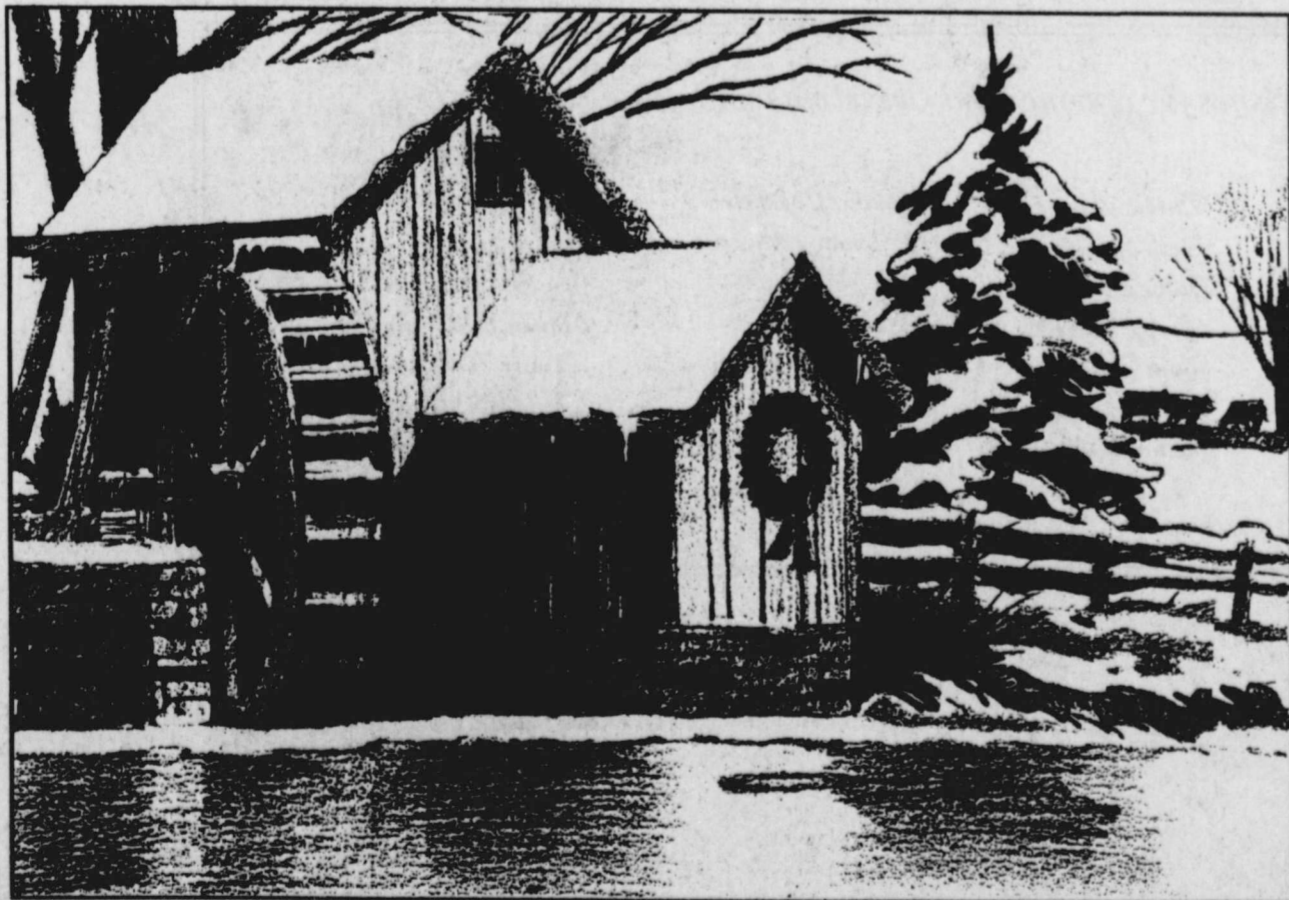
Love,
Bridgette McMurrin
PK-2

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(John 3:16)

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"Happy Holidays"

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Lockney 652-2201

David and Michael

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 glistened 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 Fe today. It stands just as it stood when the chapel was dedicated almost ninety years ago—except for the banister, which was added later. Tourists stare and marvel. Architects shake their heads and murmur, "Impossible." No one knows the identity of the designer-builder. All the Sisters now is that the problem existed, a stranger came, solved it and left.

The thirty-three steps make two complete turns without central support. There are no nails in the staircase; only wooden pegs. The curved stringers are put together with exquisite precision; the wood is spliced in seven places on the inside and nine on the outside. The wood is said to be a hard-fir variety, nonexistent in New Mexico. School accounts show no record that any payment for the staircase was ever made.

Who is real and who is imaginary in this version of the story? Mother Magdalene was indeed the first Mother Superior; she came to Santa Fe by riverboat and covered wagon in 1852. Bishop J. B. Lamy was indeed her bishop. And Monsieur Projectus Mouly of Paris was indeed the absent-minded architect.

Sister Francis Louise? Well, there must have been someone like her. And Manuela, the Indian girl, came out of nowhere to help with the embroidery.

The carpenter himself? Ah, who can say?



A STAR IN THE SKY -- The light display at this home on Southwest 4th Street in Lockney brings the light of the special Christmas Star to Earth with a Herald- ing Angel to trumpet the good news. -- Staff Photo

More Duncan Pre-K Letters...

Dear Santa,
I want clothes and a magic crader ma.

Love,
Tamra McMurrin
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a Buzz Lightyear.

Love,
Damion Pleasant
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a barbie.

Love,
Dora Ramirez
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a Woody and Buzz Lightyear.

Love,
Anthony Segura
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a recipe to make my own cookies so I can give some to my brother and this class.

Love,
Lesyle Vasquez
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a Buzz Lightyear and a barbie car.

Love,
Olivia Segura
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard.

Love,
Christopher Stepp
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie and a fish.

Love,
LaShondra Ray
PK-2

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and car.

Love,
Stacy Resendez
PK-2

Season's Greetings!

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car and a Buzz Lightyear.

Love,
Joel Torrez
PK-2

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Here's ho-ho-ho-ping your Christmas is great.

Stapp Body Shop
Lockney

'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!

Envelope + Roxanna
Floydada

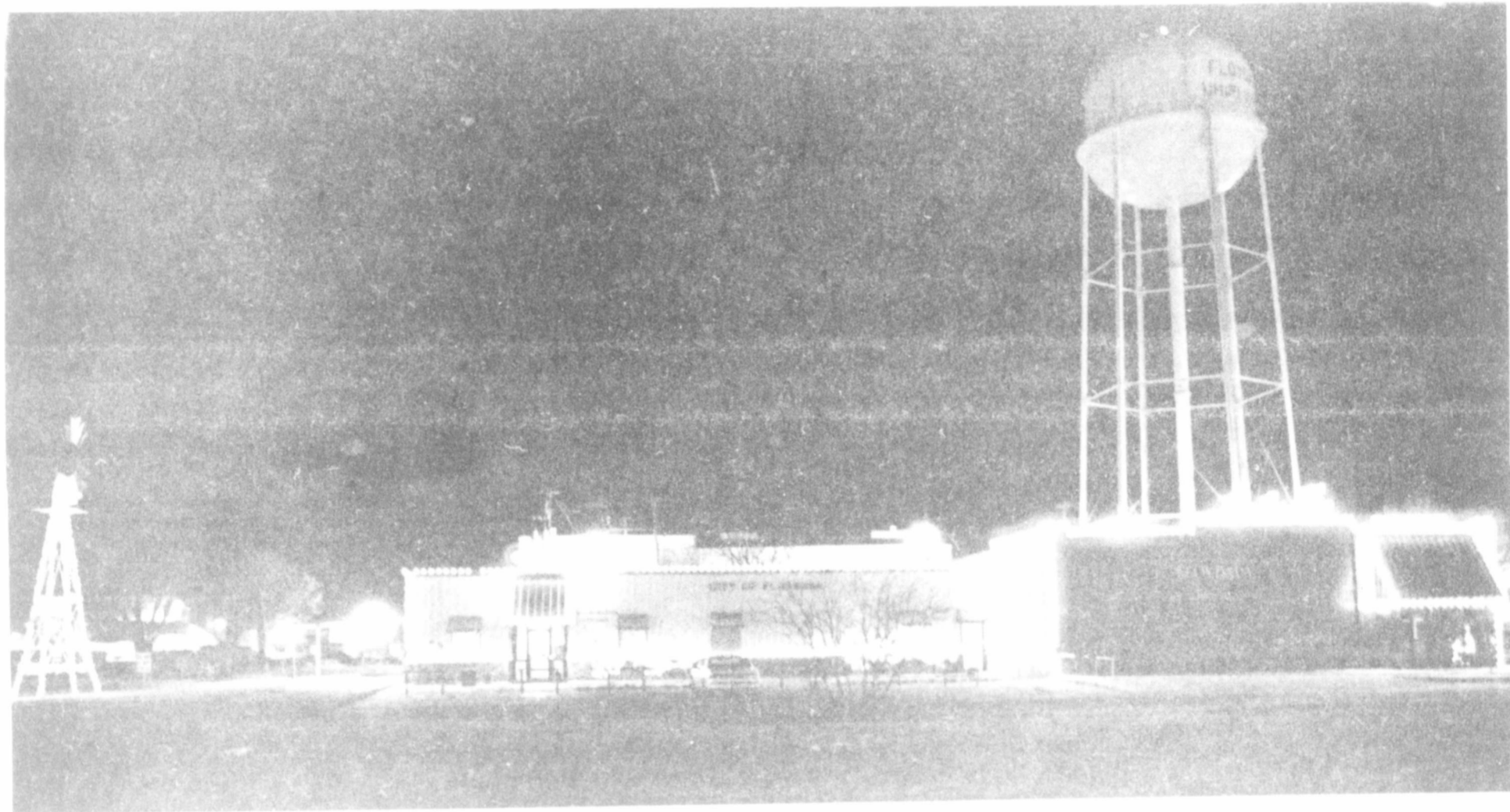
Christmas in the Country

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.

Blanco Gin South Plains Gin

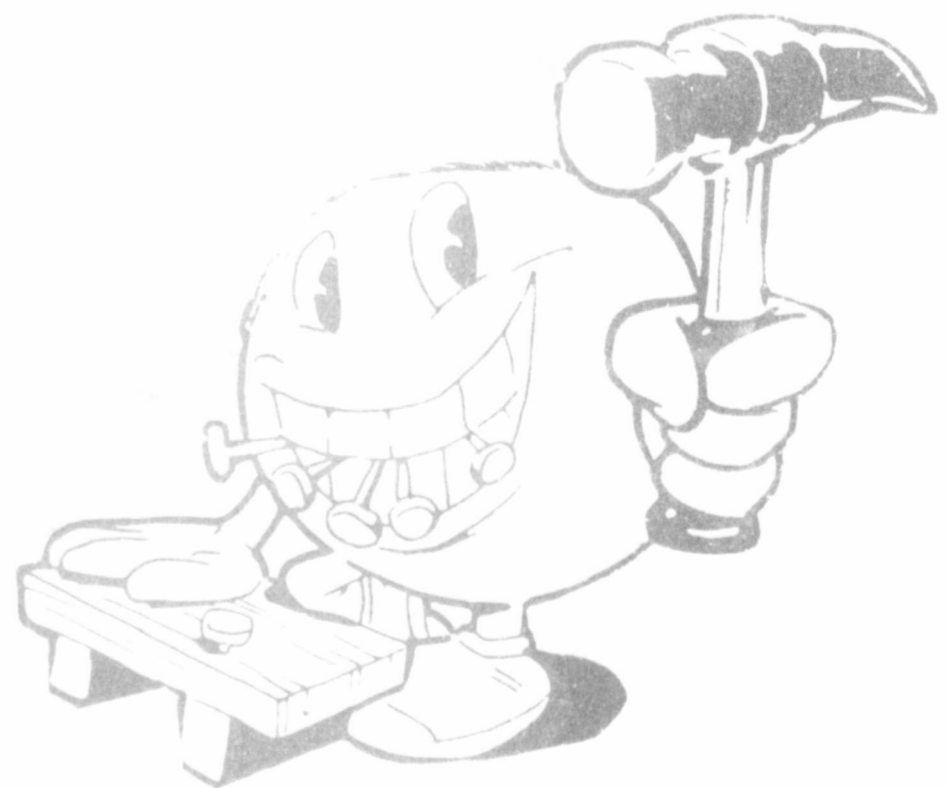
Merry Christmas

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

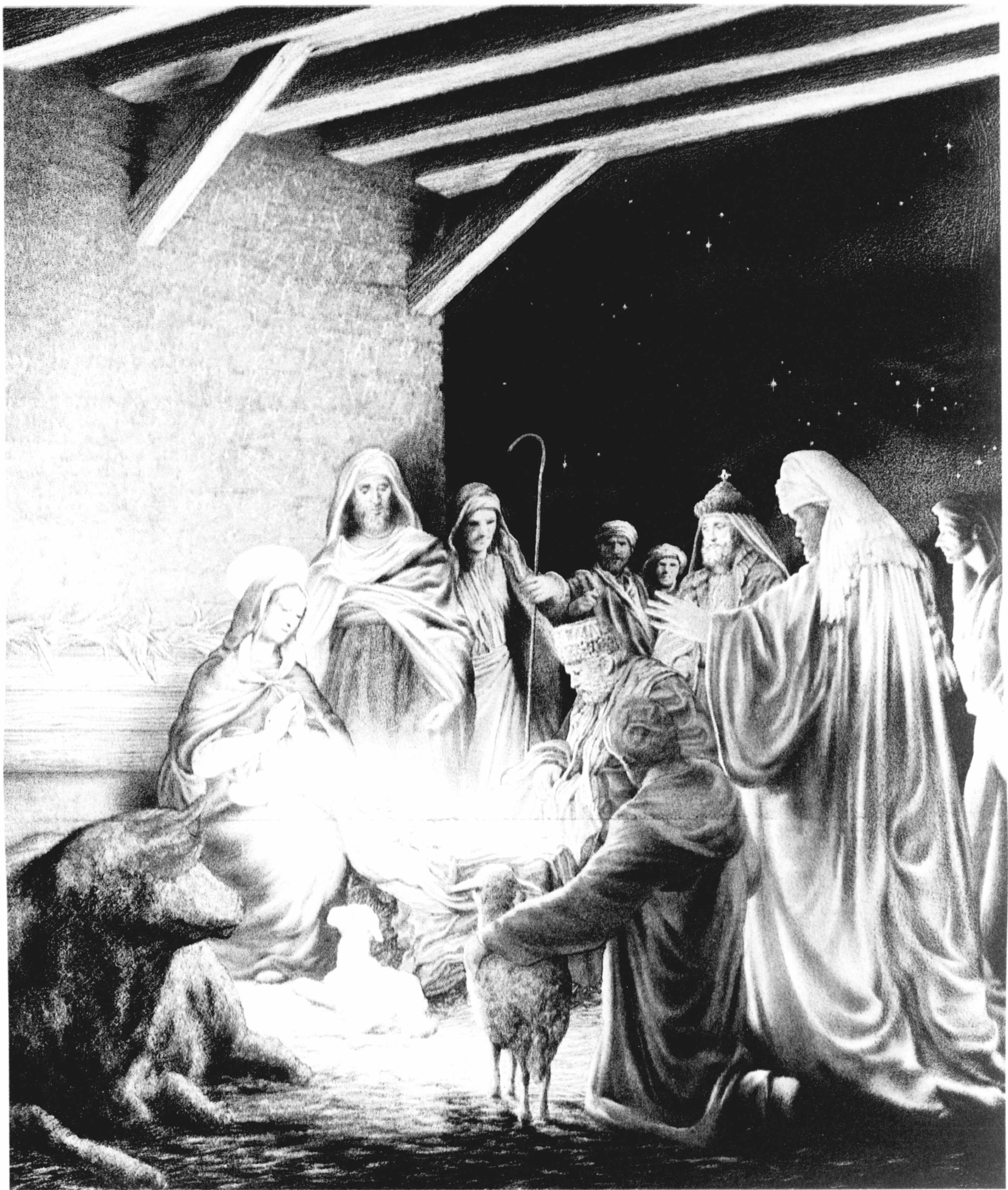


*To our friends who will be traveling during the holidays,
buckle up and have a safe trip*

**From the Employees and Management
of Your Home-owned Electric System**



BEHIND THE SCENES DADA



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

Lockney Pre-K students share Santa wishes

Dear Santa,
I want a Judo Bear that you can write on, a baby you feed, a Barbie and that's all.

Love,
Destinee DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I want a food baby, an Esmeralda Barbie, and a Barbie horse and jeep. We're having fun at school.

Love,
Valerie Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas! Please bring me a tow truck.

Love,
Eric Martinez

Dear Santa, I want a doll house with a boy and a girl and another Magnadoodle and a Dalmation.

Love,
Krystal Anderson

Dear Santa,
I want a 101 Dalmations movie, a Barbie, a T.V., a 101 Dalmations book and a toy. I want to go to the North Pole with you and see the elves.

Love,
Dora Bueno

Dear Santa,
Me and Christopher are ready for you to come. I want a boat, a toy fr my brother and a toy for me. My brother wants a blanket.

Love,
Maria Carmen Castorena

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll. I love you.

Love,
Kayla Summers

Dear Santa,
I want a big 3-foot Barbie like Issy wants, a Barbie jeep, a bike, a gymnastic Barbie, a Pocahontas telephone and that's all.

Love,
Malory Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a boat, a ship and a tow truck.

Love,
Travis Tharp

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie doll present.

Love,
Danielle Mondragon

Dear Santa,
I want an Excel truck, a toy, a flag and an apple.

Love,
Marcus Riddley

Dear Santa,
I want some puzzles and some trucks.

Love,
Gerardo Solis

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a doll that cries and a doll that talks.

Love,
Katie Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a Teddy bear, a boy Barbie and a doll that cries.

Love,
Ellisa Vasquez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tricycle.

Love,
Anna Jimenez

Dear Santa,
I want a racing car, a dragon and a city and a car.

Love,
Josue Silva

Dear Santa,
I want a four-wheeler, a new dinochoo and a toy fireman, That's all.

Love,
Angel Cortez

Dear Santa,
Bring me a big dinosaur, a fire truck, a truck and a toy car. I love you, Santa

Love,
Matthew Rendon

Dear Santa,
I want a Doodle Bear and Meagan stuff. It was snowing yesterday. I want more snow!

Love,
Santana McDonald

Dear Santa,
I want candy canes and a Christmas tree. I lost a tooth.

Love,
Eduardo Ascencio

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a Dalmation and three stretch Barbie's and that's all.

Love,
Mercedes Aday

Dear Santa,
I want a Dalmation and a Barbie.

Love,
Sarah Ascencio

Dear Santa,
I want a 3-foot Barbie that's \$80 and a stretch doll.

Love,
Isabella Cabello

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie toy and a baby that can eat. I like to play with toys.

Love,
Daniella Morales

Dear Santa,
I want a toy. I want a bike. I like you.

Love,
Vicki Silvas

Dear Santa,
I want a red toy for Christmas! I like to turn on the Christmas tree.

Love,
Hugo Mondragon

Dear Santa,
I want a racing car, a motorcycle and a blue, red & white car. Come and play with me.

Love,
Louis Peralez

Dear Santa,
Bring me a Goldilocks, some house shoes, a sucker and a music box.

Love,
Shawntele Coleman

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control, a choochoo train, a car and a motorcycle. I want you to play with me.

Love,
Steven Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want that thing that makes chocolate, a doll with clothes and a big doll.

Love,
Dominique Vasquez

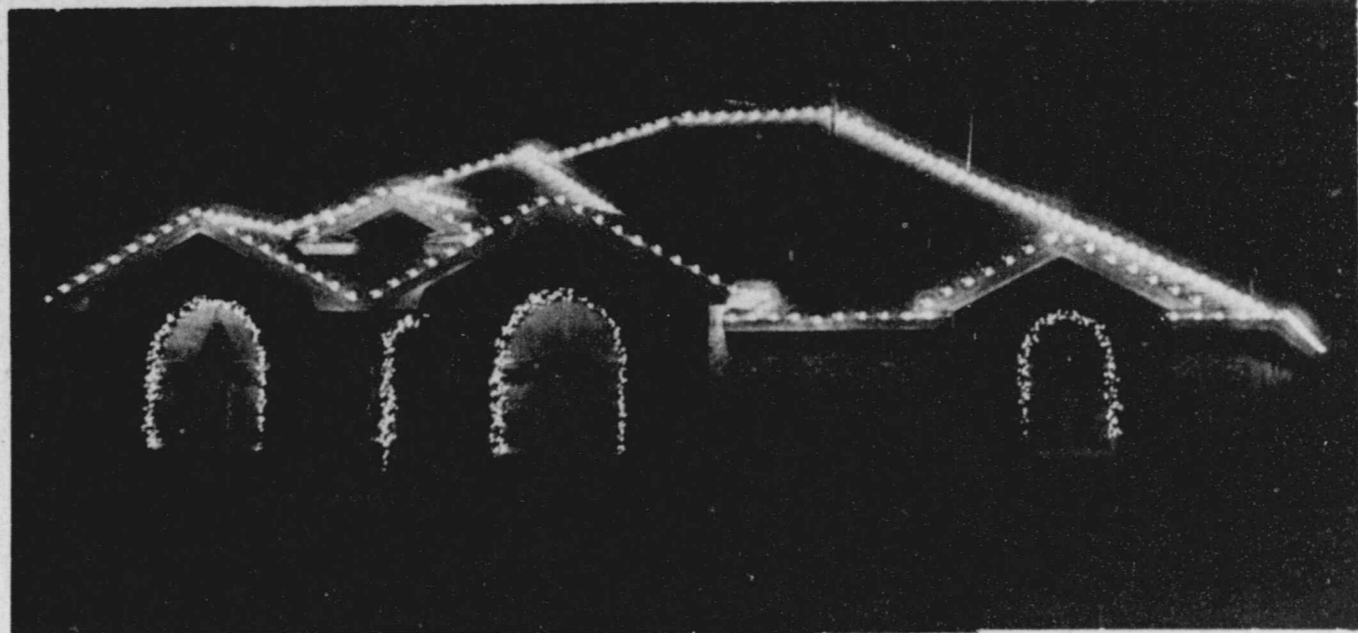
Dear Santa,
I want a candy and a baby bed.

Love,
Kenya Pensina

Dear Santa,
Please bring Joshua Lerma something special. He's absent today and he's a very good boy.

Sidney Prather and Leslie Gonzales are absent today. Please bring them something fun to play with! They are very good at school.

Love,
Mrs. Johnson



MAGNIFICENT LIGHT DISPLAY -- This house belonging to the Sanders family in Floydada is a wonderful sight with a host of white lights against the December night skies. -- Staff Photo

Christmas Bells have chimed throughout history

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

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

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

ringing of bells... everywhere, the ringing of bells.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By dawn on Christmas Day, the blacksmith was dead, a victim of his own blasphemy, for by working on such a holy day he had grievously flouted its sanctity.

Church bells were not the only bells associated with traditional Christmas celebrations. In many communities, carolers were accompanied by hand bell-ringers when they made their rounds.

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

It's Always A Pleasure To Serve You!

Customers like you make it all worthwhile. Wishing you all a very merry season.

EXCL Company

Cedar Hill Community
983-3022

Merry Christmas!

To all of our friends and patrons we say thanks! Celebrate in style!

Barbara's Beauty Shop

Barbara Cawley Lockney

Old-Fashioned Christmas Greetings

The air is filled with anticipation, Of the day of the big celebration, With friends and family galore, Just like back in the days of yore! Have a good old time on Christmas!

Producer's Cooperative

Floydada Elevator & Fuel Dougherty

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa!"



THAT SPECIAL REQUEST -- Cheyann Powell made her request for a special surprise this Christmas when Santa stopped at the First National Bank in Lockney to visit with early in December. -- 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 supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

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



Dear Santa, I am writing this letter for my brother

Kathleen Monahan and Kathie Rizzo
I am writing this letter for my brother because his arm is in a sling, and the doctor said he shouldn't move his fingers too much. He sprained his wrist yesterday when he fell off the

refrigerator, and we've all been pretty busy since then. My mother says it's amazing how putting one arm in a sling can keep three people jumping. But my brother said he won't ask for anything else if I only write this letter to you to explain what he was

doing on the refrigerator. He's afraid you'll forget about how good he's been for most of this year.

And, really, he has been pretty good. He's only had a few slip-ups. Like the time he painted Jerome. He and Jerome found the paints in a box in the garage, and I guess they figured they were watercolors and they'd wash right off. My brother was as surprised as anybody when Jerome's mother called to say that she could not get the green stars off Jerome's forehead. I don't think you should blame my brother for this because it was really just an accident, and the stars wore off in a couple of days.

My brother's really pretty good most of the time. He saved Mrs. Dougherty's cat when it got too high up in the tree. My mother said that she felt like fainting when she saw him climbing way out on that ranch, but even she had to admit that he was trying to do a good thing.

My mother says his heart's in the right place, and he cares about other people. Once he gave a giant jar of olives to the school cafeteria. He won the olives at a carnival by guessing that there were 870 of them in the jar. He guessed it exactly. My father told him it was an amazing thing to do, but my brother said that he couldn't eat that many olives in a hundred years and could he give them to somebody that needed them. So my father brought them to the school and bought my brother and me ice cream sodas to celebrate.

Happy Holidays

You see, he's really pretty good, so I know you'll understand when I tell you about the refrigerator.

What started it was when my mother hid the Christmas cookies. She said she had to hide them because last year we only left some burned macaroons and she had to serve store-bought cookies on Christmas. So my brother and I decided to play detective. It was only a game. Really, I mean we weren't going to eat the cookies. We were just going to find them.

My brother was playing bloodhound and sniffing the air in the kitchen when, all of a sudden, he started barking and pointing at the

cabinet over the refrigerator. He stood on the highchair and climbed up on the top of the refrigerator. When he opened the cabinet, the yelping got louder, and the next thing I knew he was on the floor, covered with chocolate chips and pecan sandies.

He wasn't worried about his hand so much as he was about getting the cookies back into the saltines boxes that my mother had hidden them in. So we picked them up real fast and didn't even eat one. We put them back in the boxes and cleaned up the crumbs, and that's when my mother came in and my brother's hand started to hurt.

So, you see, it was just a detective

game that he was playing, and he wasn't trying to swipe the cookies. And it was pretty smart to guess that they were in the saltines boxes because he knew my mother knew that he doesn't like saltines any more than he likes olives.

So now that you know what happened, I know you'll decide to give my brother the things that he asked for and not hold it against him that he fell off the refrigerator in the middle of a game.

I hope that you do, Santa, 'cause he's really a pretty good brother most of the time. But, if I were you, I'd hold off on giving him the blow torch for a while.

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

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

Sing praise unto Him who brought love unto us.

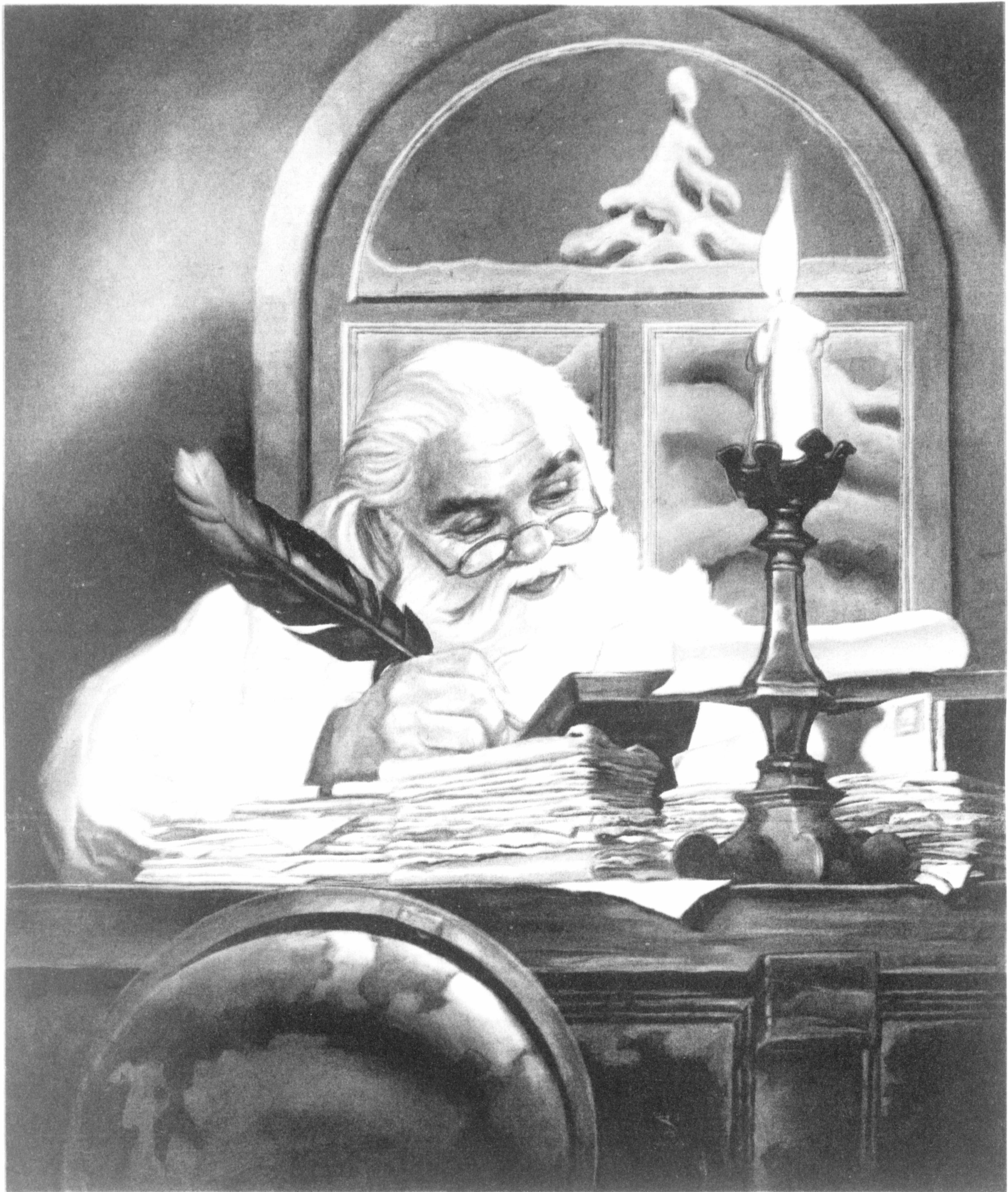
Peace, joy, love, and faith ... may all things that encompass a special holiday season be yours.

Thanks for the pleasure of serving you.

West Texas National Bank
in Floydada

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Member F.D.I.C.



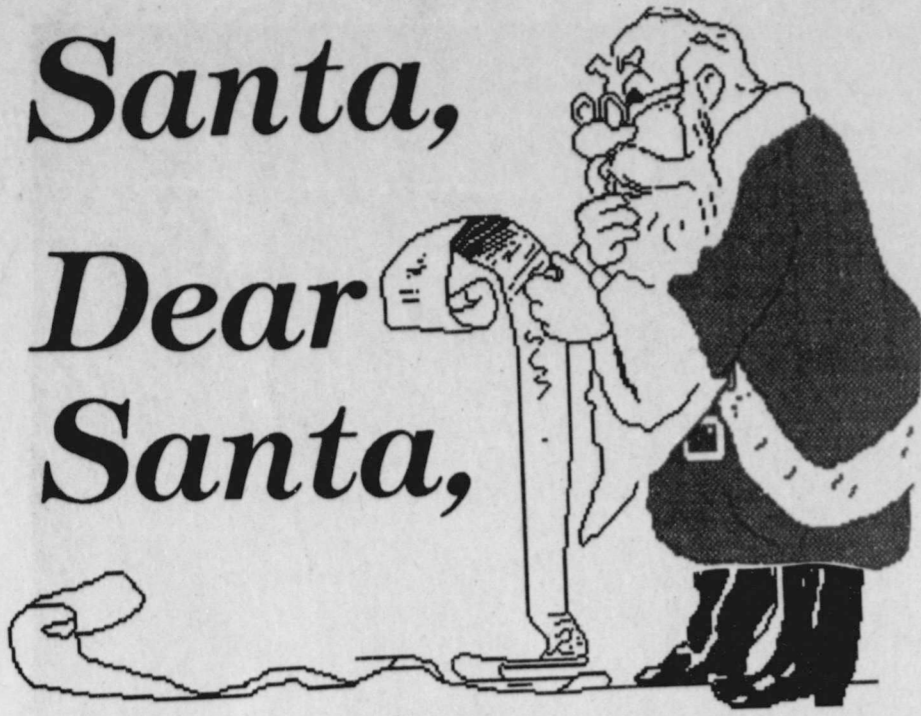
HOLIDAY THANKS TO YOU

We're taking this opportunity to dash off this little thank you note to all our neighbors for making our year a dream come true!

— W.J. —
MANGOLD
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
FLOYD COUNTY, MISSOURI

Santa, Dear Santa,



Duncan Kindergarteners pen Santa requests

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have Enchanted Evening Barbie, a typewriter, and a Micky Mouse phone that is real. I'll leave Christmas cookies for you.

Love,
Morgan
K-1

Dear Santa,
Bring me a big box of shoes. Bring me a robot big and tall. Bring me a box of turkeys. Buy me a Lincoln Logs.

Love,
Manuel
K-1

Dear Santa,
I like the way you carry toys in your bag. I like presents. Would you bring me some toys? I especially like your elves.

I love you,
Jennifer
K-1

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a jeep, a Barbie and a ballerina. I'll be listening for your sleigh.

I love you,
Blanca
K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a Santa Claus for Christmas. I want a doll and a bike. I also want a bear.

Love,
Jessica
K-1



Dear Santa,
I'd like to have a Nintendo, a Power Wheel dump truck and a CD Rom. I want you to leave Sydney a little babydoll in pink.

I love you,
Trevor
K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a semi-truck. I want a power ranger robot please. And a toy dinosaur and a Dallas Cowboy football.

Love,
Keegan
K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a dog. I want a barbie doll and a dollie.

Love,
Stormy
K-1

Dear Santa,
I want some puzzles. I want Legos and blocks and books. I want a desk.

Love,
Cassandra
K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the toys. This year I would like to have Legos and a real puppy. K'll talk to you later.

I love you,
Alex
K-1

Hi Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a car. I will leave some cookies for you. And I want a race car.

Love,
Xavier
K-1

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me some presents. I want a barbie, a barbie house and a barbie car. I want you to come to my house and bring me clothes. I've seen the movie of you. I wish you bring me stuff when I move.

Love,
Elda
K-1

Dear Santa,
I love my mom. I love my dad. I want a truck. I want a dump truck. I like to play with my toys.

Love,
Isom
K-1



Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! May I have a robot and a toy dog? I have been a good boy this year. Take care of the reindeer.

Your friend,
Chad
K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a dancing barbie my size. And a nutcracker. I also want play dishes. I want My Flying Barbie.

Love,
Andrea
K-1

Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
Thank you for a telephone for my house. Thank you for Christmas. Thank you for a computer. Please bring some toys for my sister, but don't let them be small because she will eat them.

Love,
Jazminne
K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle to ride. Could you bring my sister a Barbie house and a Barbie doll? I want a skateboard.

Your friend,
Arteada
K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control race car and a pool table that changes games. I'll watch for you in the stores. Take good care of your reindeer.

I love you,
Tyler
K-1



VISIONS OF CHRISTMAS-- Two little ladies in Lockney took time out from an evening of shopping and refreshments at the Lockney Downtown Christmas to admire the wonderful Christmas Tree decorated with an endless variety of Angels in the bank lobby. -- Staff Photo

CATCH THE SPIRIT!

We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to the Lord for the Miracle of Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

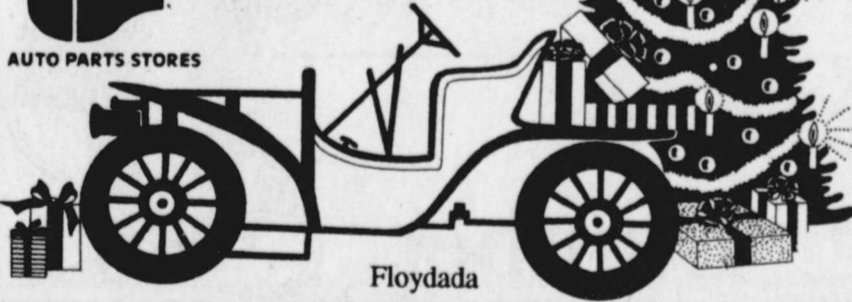
Hope your holiday brings you carloads of happiness.

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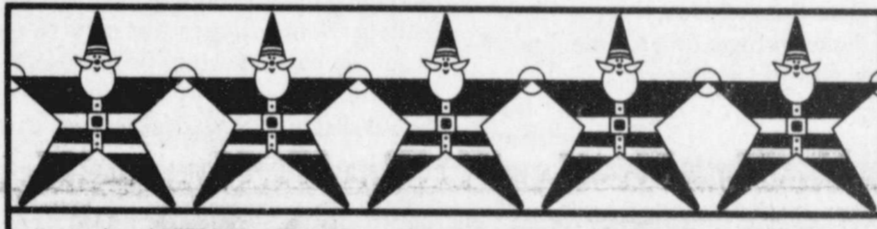
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At CHRISTMAS...
May Your Field of Dreams
Be Ever Green...

To all our cherished friends,
a very merry Christmas!

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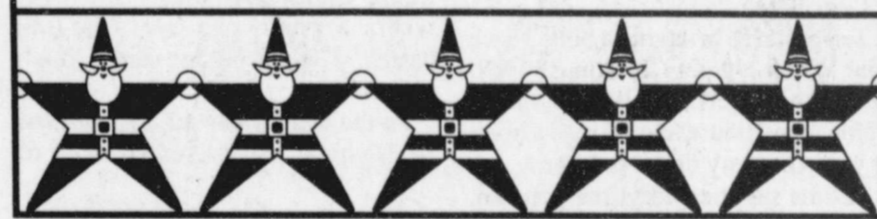
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing you a star-studded holiday!

Floydada Cable TV



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



Seasons Greetings From All Of Us

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IN
LOCKNEY**

Member F.D.I.C.

102 North Main
(806) 652-3355

Christmas wishes from A. B. Duncan Elementary K-2 students

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. Please come back. I would like a car that flips and keeps on going. Also a car with hydraulics.

Love,
Matias Juarez
K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
I like to read books with you. You always give me a lot of nice presents. I wish you could give me a tree with a lot of lights on it. I like to send a lot of notes. I'd like to eat lunch with you.

Love,
Selina Jimenez
K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want remote-control car. And a truck I can get in and drive.

Love,
Joe Louis Suarez
K-2

Dear Santa,
I want a sewing machine and a doll that's my size. You can change the clothes and wear them. I also want a doll you can fix her hair any way you want to.

Love,
Micah Thornton
K-2

Dear Santa,
Can you get a Toy Story book? Get Sebastian a Hot Wheels? We would also like Big Bird's movie. David wants a tee shirt.

Love,
Aaron Mitchell Garcia
K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new set of pencils. I want a new Game Boy.

Love,
Ashley Aleman
K-2

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a little motorcycle and a skateboard. I want a low rider. I want an X-Man toy. Also a lot of toys.

Love,
Aarrhon Flores
K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa Claus can you buy my mom a present? Can you buy her a new book? My brother would like a race car. (Morgan) Buck would like a stuffed animal. Doise would like a doll. Starr would like a poster. Crystal would like finger polish. I would like a Power Ranger.

Love,
Luis Foster
K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a toy. I want a Power Ranger, a red one. He has the star on his face.

That's all,
Justin White
K-2

Dear Santa,
I like your toys. My mom is giving presents to the other kids and I love you.

Thank you,
J.R. Caballero
K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
When it was raining, your reindeer were going up in the sky. Please bring me a purse. My brother wants a car.

Love,
Tiffany Moya
K-2

Dear Santa,
I want a remote-controlled motorcycle, and a remote-controlled car. I want a big statue of you in my room that goes ho-ho-ho, jingle bells and Merry Christmas to Santa and Merry Christmas to Jerry.

Love,
Jerry Gallardo
K-2



Dear Santa,
Get me a toy. That's all.

Thank you,
Eric Suniga
K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike. I want a car for my nana. I want a doll. I love you Santa.

Love,
Angela Torres
K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring a doll for me. I need a new pair of sunglasses.

Love,
Katie Hinton
K-2

Dear Santa,
May I have a Barbie in a pretty dress? And a radio. Now for my sister, please bring her a doll, a book and a nite-nite.

Love,
Bailey Davenport
K-2

Dear Santa,
Tell Santa to bring me a bike. I love you. Will we get a Christmas? We'll be happy together with my mom. Come to my house and I'll read a book to you. Give my dad a present.

Come see me everytime you can,
Valerie Maldonado
K-2

Dear Santa,
How are you? It's from Valerie. What are you doing? Have a good coming to see me.

Love,
Valerie Perez
K-2

Dear Santa,
I love you. Have a good time seeing me. I hope you give me a lot of presents. I hope you give Little Ben III a toy truck.

Love,
Crystal Linda Alvarez
K-2



LIGHTED WELCOMES -- A drive around Floydada yielded many homes and yards which offered welcoming Christmas decorations gleaming brightly with lights. Decorations such as these have

been a popular means of sharing the Christmas Spirit with family, friends and passers-by throughout modern times.

-- Staff Photo

"Christkindli" of Switzerland reappears each Holy Season

(Taken from The Hesperian, Dec. 19, 1974.)

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

Instead of Santa Claus, the "Christkindli," represented as a beautiful, radiant, angel-like being with wings carrying a magic wand and wearing a shining crown, distributes Christmas gifts and Christmas trees glittering with fanciful decorations.

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

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

In the central part of Switzerland, St. Nicholas is represented more re-

Santa Claus Town

Over a hundred years ago a town in Indiana applied for a post office. They wanted their town to be called Santa Fe, but there already was a town in Indiana by that name. Since it was almost Christmas the people of the town decided to call it Santa Claus in 1928. Since that time letters have been streaming in from all over the world. The number of post office workers have grown by leaps and bounds. In fact, a Santa Claus headquarters has long been maintained where thousands of visitors come to buy gifts and cards. You can well imagine that Santa Claus is in full uniform throughout the holidays for this is his own town.

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

In the village of Urnaesch in the

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

JOY TO THE WORLD!

Hope your season is a dream. Merry Christmas.

Billie's Hair Styling & Campbell Plumbing & Heating
Floydada

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

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A blessed and beautiful Christmas to you and yours. We appreciate your patronage and support.

Probasco Flying Service

Mitch Probasco Jimmy Cervantes
Floydada

Warmest Greetings!

May holiday joy warm your heart and home. Thank you for your patronage.

Larry, Roger & Buddy
Hammond Sheet Metal
Floydada

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We're serving up our best wishes for a joy-filled season!

Caprock Meat Company

Floydada John, Irene, Jennifer & Jeremy Hernandez

May this season overflow with good times, good friends and good fun! We're especially thankful for our good friends like you.

Davis Lumber
Lockney

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Is Where The Heart Is...
And ours is with our many kind neighbors who have made us feel so welcome. We're proud to be a part of this fine community. Happy Holidays and Thanks!

Caprock Industries

4 miles Northwest of Lockney

Floydada's K-3 kids make Santa requests

Dear Santa,
I want a Buzz Lightyear, a girl Power Ranger, and a toy about Christmas. I want a Barney, too.

Love, Vanessa DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I want a haunted highway, a Dizzy Dryer game, and some walkie talkies. Merry Christmas,

Love, Bret Ogden

Dear Santa,
Please bring a Barbie for my little sister Chi and a Bike for my sister Amanda. I want some rollerblades for me and roller skates for my Dad. My Mom wants a necklace. Merry Christmas.

Love, John Robledo

Dear Santa,
I want a little cat, a Barbie, a little bunny, and a little heart that has names on it. My Mom wants a diamond ring and my Dad wants a Dallas Cowboy hat. Does Rudolph really shine?

Love, Stephanie Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I want a Buzz Lightyear, a bill game, a Woody Cowboy, and that's all.

Love, Andrew Johns

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, the doll that chews, and a Barbie. My Mom wants a ring and my Dad wants a watch. Merry Christmas

Love, Nikki Nino

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll that eats food, a Barbie, a Teddybear poster, a tent, a dog (a real one), and an Easybake Oven. I want rings and bracelets and earrings for my Mom and a car and motorcycle for my Dad. Are the elves busy making toys? Merry Christmas.

Love, Amber Ferrer

Dear Santa, I want a baby that eats, a Barbie, a Teddybear and a tent. I want an Easybake Oven too. My brother Robert wants a TV, my Mom wants a necklace and my Dad wants tools. Is Rudolph doing good? Are your elves working hard? Merry Christmas.

Love Lindsey Wells

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car and I want a convertible Jeep. I want a Santa Claus puppet for Christmas. I want puppies, not toy puppies, real puppies and that's all. I'm going to put out cookies. Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.

Angela Wiley

Dear Santa,
I want a Pattycake baby that plays pattycake. I want a backpack that turns into five things: a bag and a cradle. I want a Barbie that is a teacher and a Barbie that is a Mommy and a baby. Merry Christmas.

Love, Whitney Knight

Happy Holidays

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a puppy dog (a real one), a street shark man-a-man, and a Batman toy. I want a car that really drives and that's all. I'll leave you some cookies and milk like we always do. Merry Christmas.

Dusty Jay Hicks

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a car that has a door. I want a dog that can run and a bunny (not a fake one, a real one). Bring me all these things. Merry Christmas.

Juan Carlos Ascencio, Jr.

Dear Santa,
I want a car and a ball. I want something scary and its a creepy crawler with spiders. You make it with a machine.

I want a stove for my Mommy and I want something for my Grandma like glasses, something for my Grandma like a lunchbox to take to work. Thank You.

Love, Ricky Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a Cabbage Patch Doll and a Barbie. My Mommy wants me to have a computer and a desk. My Dad wants a tie for Christmas with some new clothes and shoes. My Mom wants a dress. My Aunt wants a purse and my Cousin wants a Karate toy. Tell Rudolph hi for me.

Love, Danielle Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a dolly and a little toy puppy. I want a little doll that eats. And I want a kitty cat that can make sounds. I want one of those little baby dollies. I like you Santa.

Thank you, Sierra Johnston

Dear Santa,
I want Christmas ornaments for my Mom, a Gameboy and a computer for me, bullets for my Dad to go hunting, and some spider that come down the wall for me. Please bring my sister Abigail a doll and Sarah a Pooh movie and Pooh toys. How's Rudolph? Thank you.

Love, Titus Miller

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie for me and a present like a Barbie for my sister Amanda. I want Tigger too. I love you Santa.

Laura Luna

Dear Santa,
I want my sisters, Cassidy and Cameray, to have a notebook, my Dad to have a shirt, my Mom to have flowers, and a dollie for me. We are decorating our house for Christmas.

Love, Lashay Gooch.

Dear Santa,
I want a Sega with lots of games, a working car with guys in it, and a lot of Indians and a teepee.

Love, Geraldo Mercado K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo for Christmas.

Love, Jose Martinez K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck, a car with a remote control.

Love, Christopher Trevino K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a real motorcycle, and a race car with two wheels in the front. I also, want a Santa Claus.

Love, Robert Finley K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear. A doll and a barbie.

Love, Sonya Salinas K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle a tree and a power ranger.

Love, Everaldo Rodriquez K-4

Dear Santa,
I would like a nutcracker, dishes (play), a Barbie My Size and a computer.

Love, Adriana De La cerda K-4

Dear Santa,
I want big blue car, a motorcycle and another car.

Love, Greg Rosa K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a play house.

Love, Jarby Mendoza K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a My Size Barbie Doll, a little doll that you can twirl her crown, a Hawaii girl, I want a Barbie lounge, house to play.

Love, Ashley Ovalle K-4



ATTENTIVE SANTA -- Santa must listen to millions of requests each year. Many are the same, some are unique, but all are important to him. He pays special attention to a pair of young lads during a visit to Lockney. -- Staff Photo

More Kindergarten letters . . .

Dear Santa,
One big Barbie and a computer, a little tree, paper to write on and some little blocks.

Love, Jessica Muniz K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a race car with a remote control one that goes over bumps and I want a computer.

Love, Jay Hernandez K-4

Dear Santa,
I want Power Rangers, sticks, candles and Christmas pumpkins.

Love, Michael Sanchez K-4

Dear Santa,
A doll that sings Ring-around the Rosies and the patti cake one. Have a good day.

Love, Elizabeth Ibarra K-4

Dear Santa,
A motorcycle, Power Ranger and for you I have cookies.

Love, Johnny Martinez K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a Sega with lots of games, a working car with guys in it, and a lot of Indians and a teepee.

Love, Miguel Chairez K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a Sega, a bike, a little car, motorcycle, a ball game and no more.

Love, Issac Mata K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo, a water gun, a race car. A nintendo and a book.

Love, Christopher Cortinas K-4

Enjoy the season to the fullest!

Our family serving your family for 19 years
Happy Holidays
Cornelius Conoco
Eric, Jullanne, Skyler & Jordan

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
Dr. Kevin & Michealle Stennett
Dr. Kevin & Victory Stewart and Families

JOY TO THE WORLD
Tune up for a great holiday! We're glad to express our appreciation for your business and support.

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The **SPRIT OF CHRISTMAS** is Everywhere
'Tis the season for all to enjoy peace, goodwill and joy. Thanks for being our friends!

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Thank you for choosing us.

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214 S. Wall
Floydada

Duncan Elementary K-5 writes letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and I want a collection of Barbie dolls and I want a puppy. I like to sit on your lap. I want a pair of earrings. Leave some presents under my bed. I hope I bring a present for you!

Love,
Ariel Peralez
K-5

Dear Santa,
I want a toy with Batman and Robin and I want two little motorcycles and a coloring book and I want a rabbit, and a car from Batman.

Love,
Josh Garcia
K-5

Dear Santa,
I love you! I like how your elves build stuff. We got our Christmas tree up. I like your reindeer. I want a Baby Alive. I hope I can see you at the mall.

Love,
Meagan Lee
K-5

Dear Santa,
I want some Pocahontas toys and I want a doll and I want a Barbie. I want a small house and fake flowers. I want clothes for Christmas.

Love,
Victoria Ibarra
K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a stocking and I want a Christmas tree and I want a pumpkin. I want a Batman and I want a Power Ranger and I would like to see where your home is. I would like to ride with you. I hope you give me a bunch of toys.

Love,
Dillon Chesshir
K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a tool set. How do your reindeers fly?

Love,
Ryan Robertson
K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a play grill. Happy Christmas!

Love,
Teddy Ray Summers
K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I will leave some milk and cookies for you. I will leave all kinds of cookies for you. I like you, but I didn't go see you yet. I might go see you today at the mall. I hope you're going to be there everyday. I want a baby and I want you to bring a Teddy bear and a Barbie and a coloring Teddy bear.

Love,
Brooke Sansom
K-5

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a house, doll shoes and doll clothes. I love you!

Elizabeth Palicio
K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Ninja Turtle, a Batman car and a Godzilla. I want an Ax man and a Spider man.

Love,
Adam Raissez
K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I don't care what I get for Christmas. How do your reindeers fly? Thank you for all the toys that you give me.

Love,
Johanna Dawdy
K-5

Dear Santa,
I want a Teddy bear and a big toy bus driver. I want a tractor and a chair and a little car. I moved to Floydada. I used to live in a trailer at Plainview.

Love,
Joe Avila
K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some football cards and a little Leggo car and some collectors Godzilla and jet model.

Love,
Colton Covington
K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dog and I want a robot and I want a new watch because mine broke. I want two little motorcycles.

Love,
James Espinoza
K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm going to leave you a note for Christmas. I love you!

Love,
Tamara Pleasant
K-5

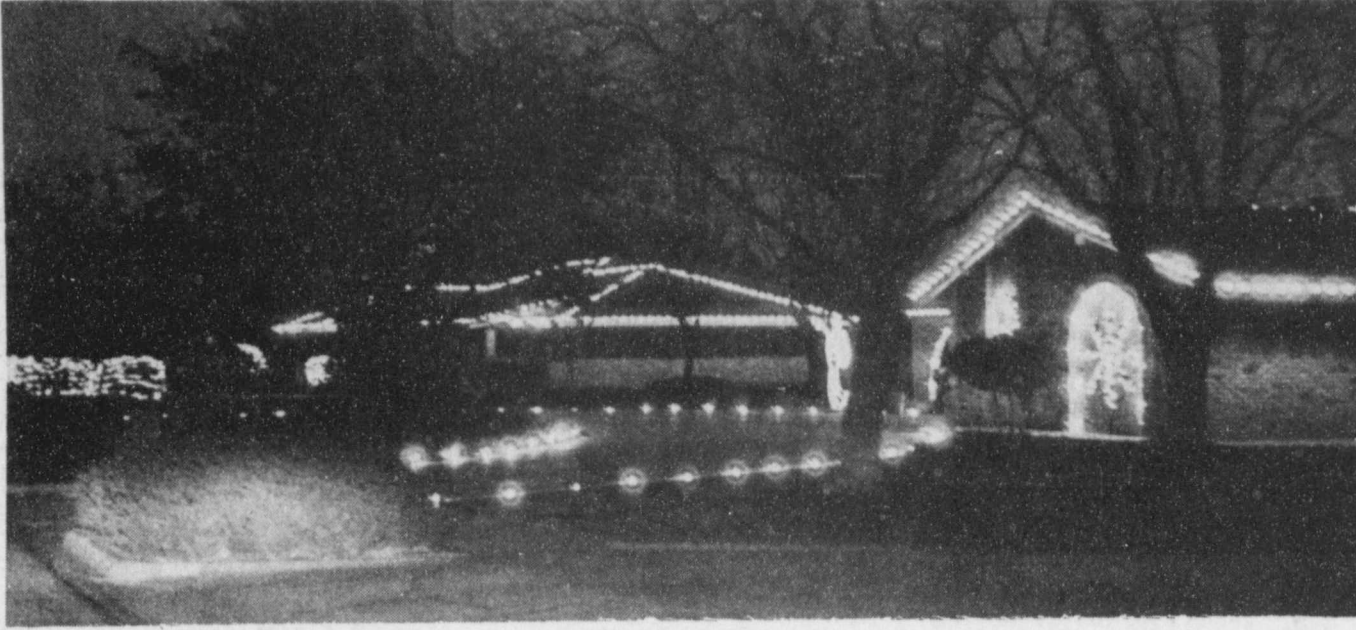
Dear Santa,
I like you. I like when you give us presents. I will give you milk and some cookies. I like your suit. I want a computer and a doll my size and a stuffed rabbit and a little Barbie and a little car and some rings.

Love,
Stephanie Cardenas
K-5

Dear Santa Claus,
I want two dolls and that's all. I love you!

Margie Rodriguez
K-5

Merry Christmas!



NEIGHBORLY LIGHTS -- Two adjacent homes on West Missouri Street in Floydada provide a gracious welcome and a brilliant show of holiday lighting for the enjoyment of everyone who passes during the Yuletide Season. -- Staff Photo

The Story of Jesus

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

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

The Gospel according to St. Matthew tells us "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His

Mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

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

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the Angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream saying, Joseph, thou son of David fear not to

make unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

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

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the Prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

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

St. Luke tells us "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed . . . And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house of lineage of David.

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

It was part of God's plan that His son should be born to the wife of Joseph, a son of Abraham.

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

It was to Abraham that the One God first revealed Himself. It was Abraham who was willing to leave his home and family to journey to a strange land in obedience to the Lord.

Because of Abraham's great faith, God rewarded him with a promise; "...I will bless thee, and in multiplying thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore . . ."

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

My voice."

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

The prophet Isaiah foretold that the Messiah was to come from the line of David, the son of Jesse; "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow of his roots;

"And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord . . ."

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

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

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

Merry Christmas to you and yours.
Quality Body Shop
Floydada

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

Cynthia Blythe
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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.

Nielson's Restaurant & Catering
Floydada
Jon, Tami, Crystal, Seth & Staff

YULETIDE CHEER!
Many thanks for your kind support.

Pizza Gold
Floydada

LITTLE GOOD CHEER GOES A LONG WAY!
Best holiday wishes from our entire staff.

Floyd County Farm Bureau

Lockney third graders write Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I want a Dear Diary and a computer. I also want a doll. I want a pair of shoes and a dress. I want a wheel of fortune and a poodle in a box wrapped. I want some socks too.

Love,
Mary A.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a my size barbie doll. A puppy, and a Mrs. Packman game boy. The movie Pinocchio with Jonathan Taylor Tomas. A poster of Jonathan Taylor Tomas.

Love,
Tana

Dear Santa,
I wiled like some clothes and a forw Wheeler and a football and some trators and some combins.

Love,
Andrew G.

Dear Santa,
I would like a coloring book with all kinds of stuff to do in it and new colors so I can color better with them. Christmas is my favorite holiday because of the lights on the houses and I like the presents and most of all I like you Santa. I would like some new shoes with Nike AIR on the side of them.

Love,
Haley Wood

Dear Santa,
I would like a ultra pass, a braekable baby doll, the tape "One Way Ticket by Leann-Rhimes, Nail polish (crazy colors), the movie Independence Day, the movie The Adventures of Pinocchio, roller blades (size 3), a poster of animals and a bycicle.

Love,
Amber Dorman

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle, a sega game (genisis) NBA Live '97, a Nintendo 64 with Mario game, cards Fleeer 96 '97 and an autographed Michel Jordan jersey (real!) in a glass frame.

Love,
Brance Wilson

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a real four wheeler and a new bike and the movie Toy story and the movie Twister too and please send those things Santa. I would like to have a game for my Nintendo called NBA jam and a game called blades of steel to and the game called battle ship to and some new Basketball shoes too that say Air on the side of the shoes to and a wonder world and the movie Jumaji the movie too and a pitching machine to and a write bating glove to and Karate fighters to.

Love,
Dahlin McCarter

Dear Santa,
I would like a ninetendo 64 and a years supply of gum and a year supply of pizza and power ranger zoe game and more.

(no name)

Dear Santa,
I would like a poster of Maria Carrie for Christmas. I would like Shaving Ken for Christmas. Please can I have a black poodle cause I miss my other poodle. Please can I have the movie Twister. I've begging him forever and ever and he still hasn't given it to me.

Love,
Jennifer Diane Reyes

Dear Santa
I would want to see you one of these days. I want to have the cris cros crash, a model of a fifty-seven cherry pickup, a C.D. of Garth Brooks, a wenie dog.

Love
Mykel L.

Dear Santa,
I would be a good girl this days. I wish I have a big bike and a body ball. I wish I have a little sister and a brother. A big cake in my birthday and a bird.

Love,
Gulema Ascencio

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am doing fine. Today in Mrs. Rogers class we learned about volumns of book's like book volume II is like r-e-r-g is a book type. For Christmas I want 1,000,000,000 dollars and My own polly pocket and a Sega Genisis and jumange game. I hafto go now byby

Love,
Marisa Bloss

Dear Santa,
I would like drums and a bike and ninetendo and a puppy and 15 pizzas and a T.V. and a water gun.

Love,
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
I would like you to get me some new shoes and some new gloves. And a new gymnastics Barbie. I mostly want a new bicycle.

Love,
Denice Muniz

Dear Santa,
I would like a American doll of today. And Nible's the horse to go with my stable. And the movie Twister. And I would also like some new clothes. But I really want is a new puppy a small one though can you give me a girl puppy Santa?

Love,
Lanie

Dear Santa,
I would like you to get me some clothes and get me some new shoes. led like you to get me a computer. And anything that you want to get me.

Love,
John V.

Dear Santa
I would like a Nintendo 64 because my mom has searched everywhere and cannot find one. So please for my sake give me one. And I also like an 18 speed bicycle. And one more thing will you please give me a Jeep like my cousin Patrick Bixler.

Love,
Lance Terrell

Dear Santa,
I would like a poster of Jonathan Taylor Thomas. A Kristen baby doll. And a white, purple, ana silver, orange, green, yellow finger nail polish not black, dark blue. A CD player. Roller blades size five. The movie Pinocchio with Jonathan Taylor Thomas.

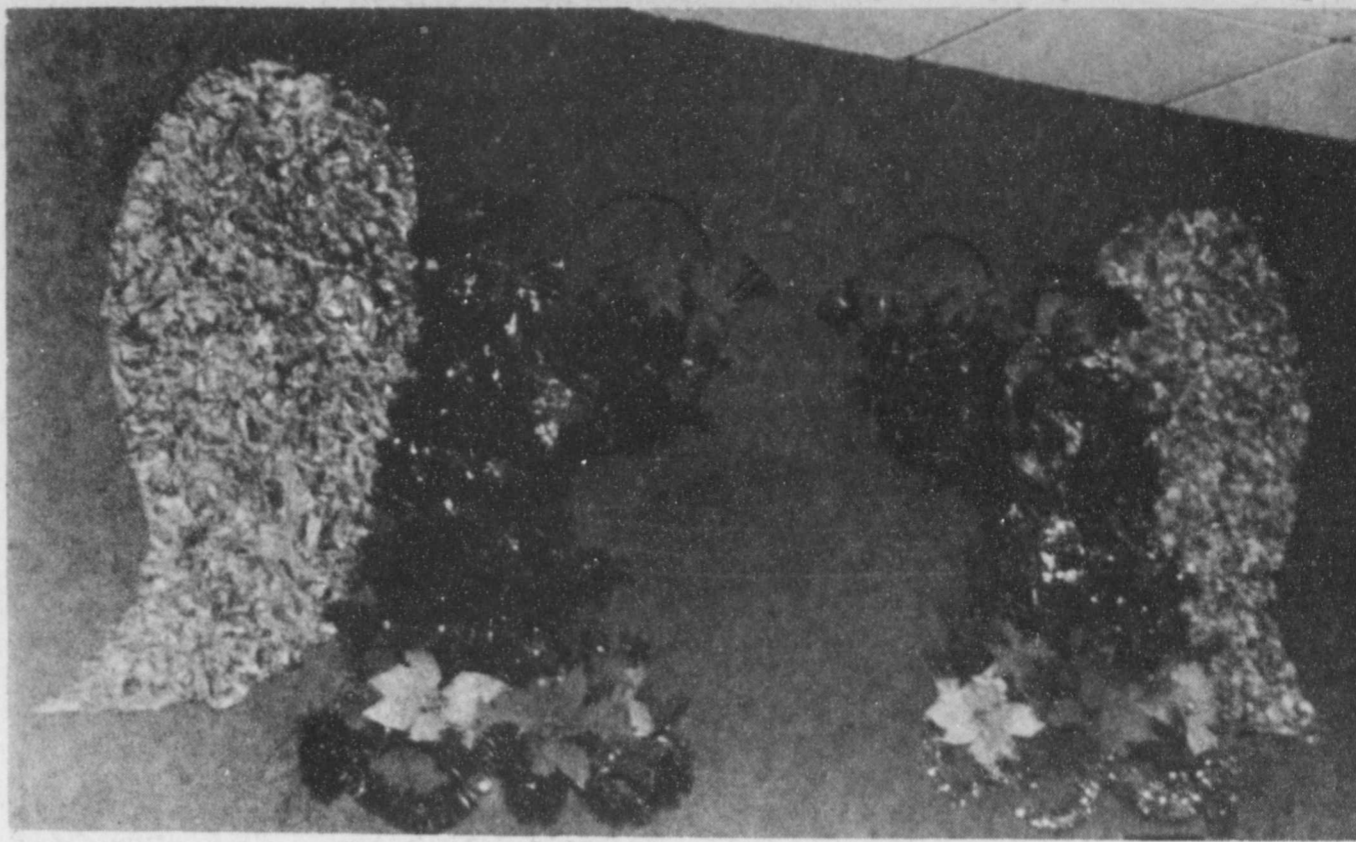
Love,
Shae Mercer

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Cinderella Polly Pocket house with Cinderella and the two stepsisters, the wicked step mother, Cinderella in her dress. I would like more Molly doll clothes she is a American Girl doll, I won't her bed, her dresser, her night stand and all of her clothes except for her plaid outfit, and her regular outfit. I would like a jersey a Dallas jersey, a Spurs jersey, and a basketball jersey and a basket ball please. I would like some velvet black overalls at the Old Novy in the mall. I would like a Motorcycle with pink strips and purple strips.

Love,
Rebekah Thornton

Dear Santa,
I would like a radio and a cassette player and I want a lot of money I will want to be a teacher and I will like a bakery of my own.

Love,
Mayla
Merry Christmas Santa



ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH -- Winged Angels trumpet the good news of the arrival of the Christmas season.

-- Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
I hope I get all of my toys. I would like to have a knew pear of bellmottoms, a Chicago Bulls jacket, and another computer, some rabbits and a dog, another pair of shoes, a couple of puppies, a new ring, a parrot, a knew T.V., a new shelf, another goat, a chalk board.

Love,
Emily Mercado

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a redeo and a tape of Kenny Rogers crismis cerels. And a Bunk Bed so Billy Joe won't sleep on my hear. And a toy donky, please.

LOVE
Tabetha Joseph Belyeu

Dear Santa,
I wold like you to sent me a doll that comes on a comerial when the girl sings I like to choos what you eat that doll, and a computer, and roller blades, and pizza! and a bag of candy.

Love
Lydia

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bike for Christmas and a three wheeler and I like that best in the world and I love the best.

Love,
Gabriel Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I would want a very big Doll and a fuzzy bear and a Nut cracker and the 101 Damalison move when I grow up I want to be a doctr.

Love
Michelle Tierros

Dear Santa,
I would like you to get me a gymnacitics barbie. And a trampoline please can you. But if you can get my sister a baby alive doll. And a tape of Carmen.

Love
Cassandra

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a computer with a mouse, a Micky Mouse telephone, and a Micky Mouse clock.

Love,
Linda

Dear Santa, I would like to have a T.V. and a Sega Saturn or a Play Station please.

Love,
Ty Young

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nike beret, soccer ball, hockey stick & puck, Black leather jacket, computer, Doctor Dreadful creepy monster brian, parot, yack back, Reebok shoe's.

Love,
Jessica Cruz

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, nerf gun, tv, stereos, race car, rollerblades, basketball, nerf football, Nintendo 64, Doctor dreadful M.D. creepy clinic, and leather jacket black

Love
Nathan Hancock



SEASONS GREETINGS

In this celebration without stop, we'd like to start... by saying thanks for all your kindness and support.

The Basket Case

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Thank you for your kindness and good will. To all we wish a very merry Christmas season.

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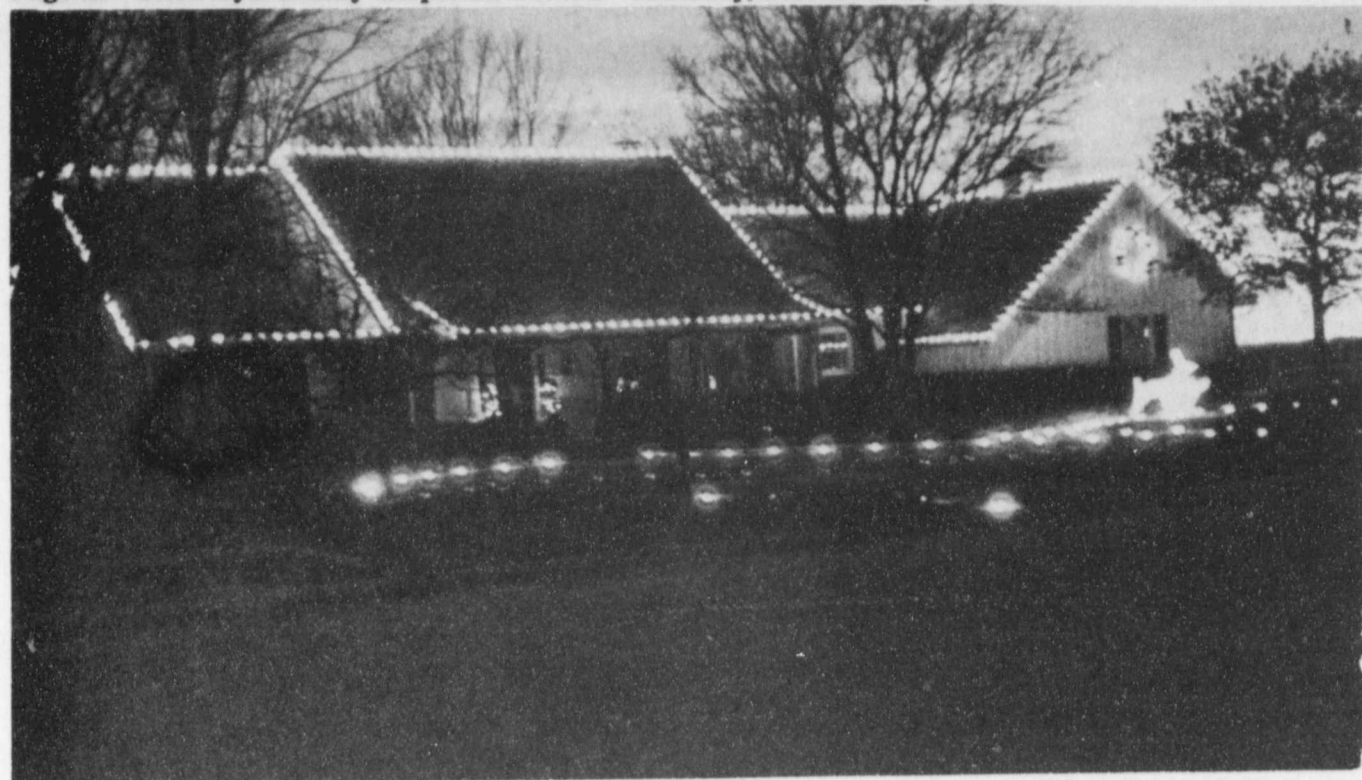
...ON CHRISTMAS!

Hope your season takes off with a flourish of good cheer and lands you some terrific gifts!

We could not have gotten our business off the ground without you!

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GLOWING REINDEER IN THE FRONT YARD -- pair of Santa's finest strutting their stuff in the yard -- Staff Photo
No cause for alarm, it isn't a nuclear mutant, just a of a West Floydada home.

Duncan 1-E places Christmas gift orders

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a bouncy ball, a Samatha doll, a Barbie mini van.

Love,
Kelsey Williams
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want Sticky Hands and car.

Love,
Chris Cervantes
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a rabbit, a bird, and a cat.

Love,
Nikki Perez
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a white cat, a doll, a Barbie house.

Love,
Angela Reyna
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want easy bake oven, and the ring-around the rosy doll. I'll see you at Christmas.

Love,
Jennifer Leatherman
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want fourteen wheeler and a pop gun, an snake an firecracker and nchiladas an cat.

Love,
Joshua
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a car, a mountain bike, shoes. I'll see you at Christmas.

Love,
Joseph Martinez
1-E

Dear Santa,
This christmas I want a dog I'll see you at Christmas

Jennifer Espinoza
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a Barbie doll, a toy, and a jacket.

Love,
Esmeralda Segura
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a toy, car, a dog, and a Barbie.

Merry Christmas,
Allison Griggs
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a narsict and a three wheeler and diciu See you at Christmas.

Aurello Delgado
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a speed bike. I want play gun. I'll see you at Christmas.

Dustin Coursey
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a bunk bed. I will see you, Harvey Garza

Harvey Garza
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a spiral graph, a doll, a stuffed bear, big blocks and a bike.

I'll see you at Christmas,
Kimberly Bueno
1-E

Dear Santa,
This Chrsmas I want some big blocks and a bus light year and a new bike.

Love,
Landon Lackey
1-E

Dear Santa,
this christmas I want a ten speed racing car.

Michael Rodriguez
1-E

Dear Santa,
This christmas I want a baby cat and a baby rabbit and a baby crab.

Love,
Kody Smith
1-E

Antique ornaments help make Christmas trees even more special

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

creasingly popular evergreen. Handblown glass balls, called *kugels*, have added shimmering beauty to pine boughs since they were first made in Germany in the early

1800s. Available in elongated as well as round shapes, *kugels* could be had in a variety of sizes and colors, as well.

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

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

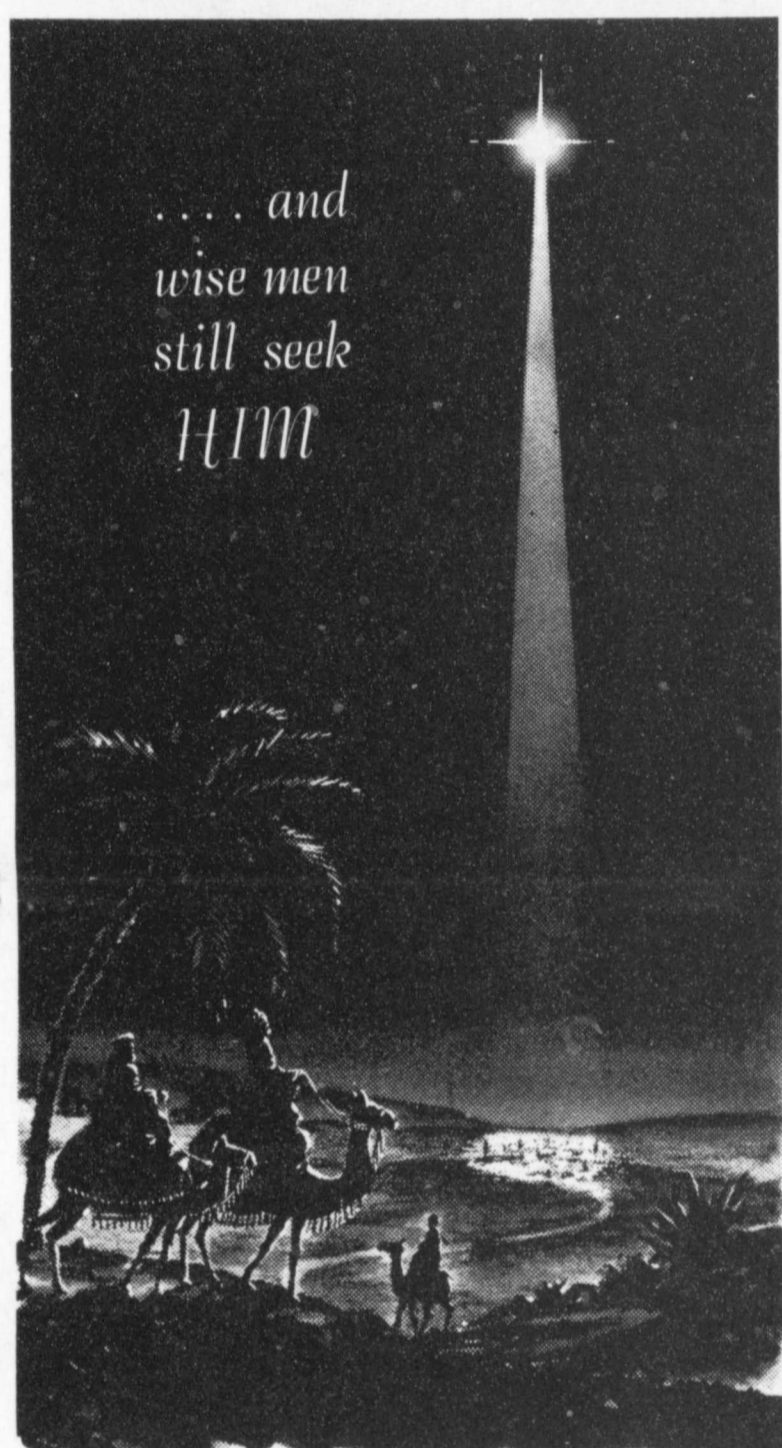
Among the most popular subjects for scrap ornaments were angels and snowmen, and Santa himself starred in many an eye-catching chromolithographed scrap ornament.

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

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

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

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



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Well-loved carols ring out everywhere this time of year

(Taken from *The Hesperian*, Dec. 23, 1971.)

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come!"

"It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old."

"Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright."

"Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

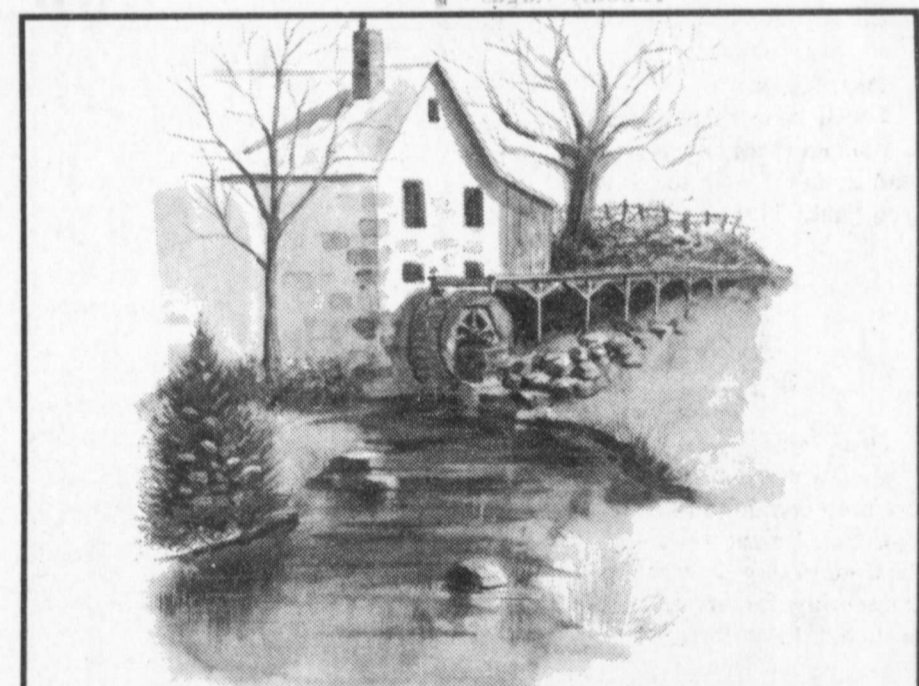
Historians say it may have been written by Saint Bonaventure, in the 13th century.

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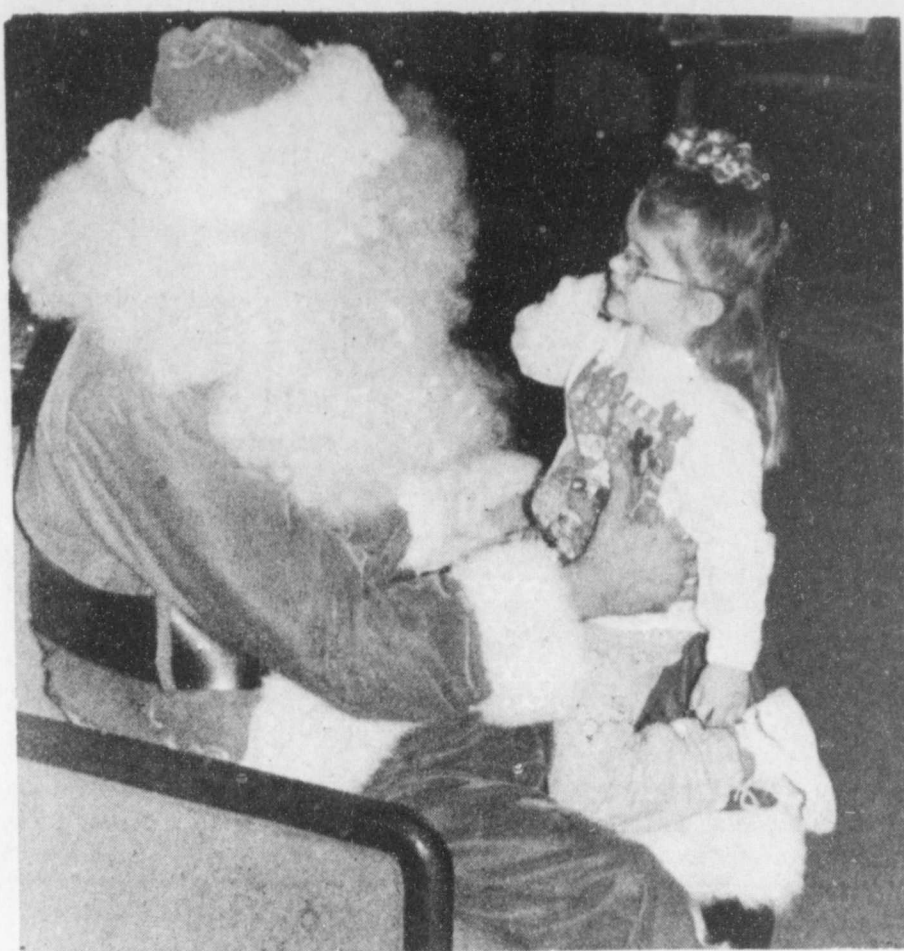
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A Sign Of The SEASON!

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!

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2-E at Duncan makes Santa lists



CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR -- This pretty girl in Lockney wants to make sure Santa knows just what she wants and what she wants for all her family and friends. -- Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
On Christmas I like you to give me and my brother and sister a present and I will be nice to people who are nice to me. I love my dad and mom. How are your elves. How are they doing.
Love,
Ruben Rubio
2-E

Dear Santa,
How are you doing SANTA. and Mrs is Cloce. I hope yall are not unhappy. You are probly theacem whet do you want for Christmas. I will till you wot for Christmas. I will lice a will like a puppy. I will lik for you to breang my mom sum closs and breang my dad a to bx and breang my brother a basbl.
Sincerely,
Kimberly Garza
2-E

Dear Santa,
How are you and Miss Sannalos How are your randrs I wan't a chinklebow How are your elfs and I wan't a puppy for Christmas and ples breng my mom and dad a monkey for Christmas I wish all my frend's hed a good Christmas time and all my family have a good Christmas too
Sincerely,
Rena Garza
2-E

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause? How are you doing at the North Pole? I'm from Floydada Tx. way over here. How is it going over there? Me and my dad and my mom want one computer to share with. It's hard to smile like you You smile all the time. How can I smile like you? Give Mrs. Mercado something and give Mrs. Sanders something.
Love,
Courtney
2-E

Dear Santa,
I wish the groun hog will be hav. I will be hav if you will glv me a grounhog. I wish it wus smart. I wish I can get me som pelets four me bebegun.
I love Santa.
J.J. Delfuente
2-E

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie jeep. and a Barbie. I want my dad to get a brake from work. I want you to help the people that get in troble at school. I want you to bring my teachers Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Mercado a nice present. I want you to help the people that are sick and the people that do not have any money.
Love,
Michelle Yannis
2-E



Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike and a four wheeler. I want Mrs. Mercado and Mrs. Sanders a kandle and a pictur of you. How are you and Mrs. Claus. I love Christmas. Do you? Are you and Mrs. Class fine.
Love,
Michael Shuping
2-E

Dear Santa
I wish you would give me a Remot control pick up and a farm set. I want a Jon Deer tractor.
Love,
Eric Rainwater
2-E

Dear Santa,
I hope you could bring me a pack of mar kers and my brother a mar kers bord. My mom wants a ring and my dad wants a prfum. Bring my gradma a pack of glitter and my grandpaul a box of cards and I hope you and Ms.r. Santa have a good Christmas.
Love,
Veronica Tamayo
2-E

Dear Santa,
how are you and Mrs. Claus doing at the north pole and I hope you bring Thomas L a toy and all my friend's a toy and my hole family and Mrs. sander's and some clothes and shoes and bring me a toy to o'kay.
Love,
Blake Jarrett
2-E

Dear Santa,
I want a coputer. i wish i had a bike i wont a nitendo i wont a car with a control. I want a littl truk. I want futball. I want a motl. I want a mibil. I want a basketball. I want som shos. I want som boots.
Love,
Moises Martenez
2-E

Dear Santa,
I wish that the children in Mesico. Could get some toys to and the people could get some money like us. I want something for my sister. I think that she want's a toy. I want some shoes for church like my sister and how are you and Mis. Claus and your elves.
Love,
Jasmine Ferrer
2-E

Dear Santa,
how are you dooing pleas give preste to every i like. you forever. please give a dog for me. pleas give me a car. I wish I cud see Santa. I miss you forever. please give a a letendo. I want a remot ckturo. I wish to stay with you. I want to play with Santa.
I wish Santa,
Fidel Casillo
2-E

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus How's the North pole For Christmas I want a sega. Give my mom a good gift. Give my dad a good gift I hope I get a lot of gifts I have been very very good at school and at home.
Love,
Vanessa Jimenez
2-E

Dear Santa,
How are you land Mrs. Santa? doing? Please tell me. Could you bring my whole family a present please. For my dad a calon. For my mom a dress. For my sisters macup. For my brothers calon. For me I want a big Barbie telephone. I love you.
Love,
Adrianc DeLaFuente
2-E

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the north pole? Will you give the pore people what they want. and can you give my sister a new Barby car. Now let me tell you what I want. I want a sega and a new bike and a new bed. And a new house after Christmas.
Love,
Timothy Vargas
2-E

Dear Santa,
I wish the world had a family. I want a Batman that has a boat and a care and a plan. I love the world. I love you Santa. I love you to ELFS.
Love,
Michael Rodriguez
2-E

Dear Santa,
I wish you could bring the poor children something too and their parents too. I want my dog princess to be a good dog. I want you to bring something for my whole family. I want a doll for Christmas.
Love,
Katie Beth Crossland
2-E

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. What want i want for Christmas is a karote fighter for Christmas. Can you give my brother and my sister. A toy for Christmas. and my mom and my dad stuff for Christmas. I wish i could see you on Christmas. I want a saga
Your friend,
Raymond Gutierrez
2-E

Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
I want Turbo Man and the Barmobile. Let me get a lot of presents and cloths and toys. I hope you and all the boys and girls and all the parents have a great Christmas eve. Please get my mom and dad a lot of nicethings like perfum and color: and cloths. Get my brather a big stereo and c.D's. If you give all my family nice presents I will be nice for ever.
Love,
TomasL. Hernandez
2-E

Bright Wishes To You!

Here's to a season that's positively glowing.

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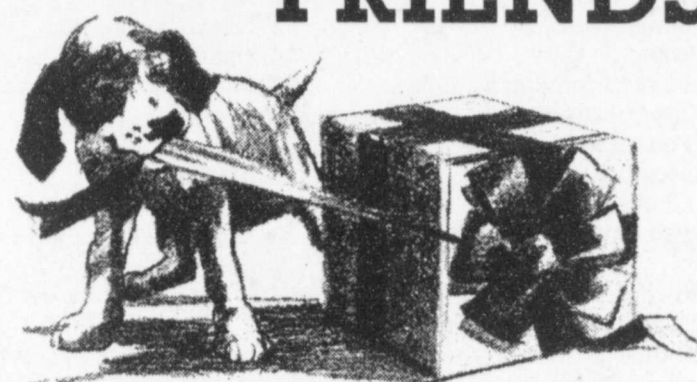


Behold His blessing for it brings hope to all mankind.

In appreciation of your continued good will and patronage. Have a very joyous season.

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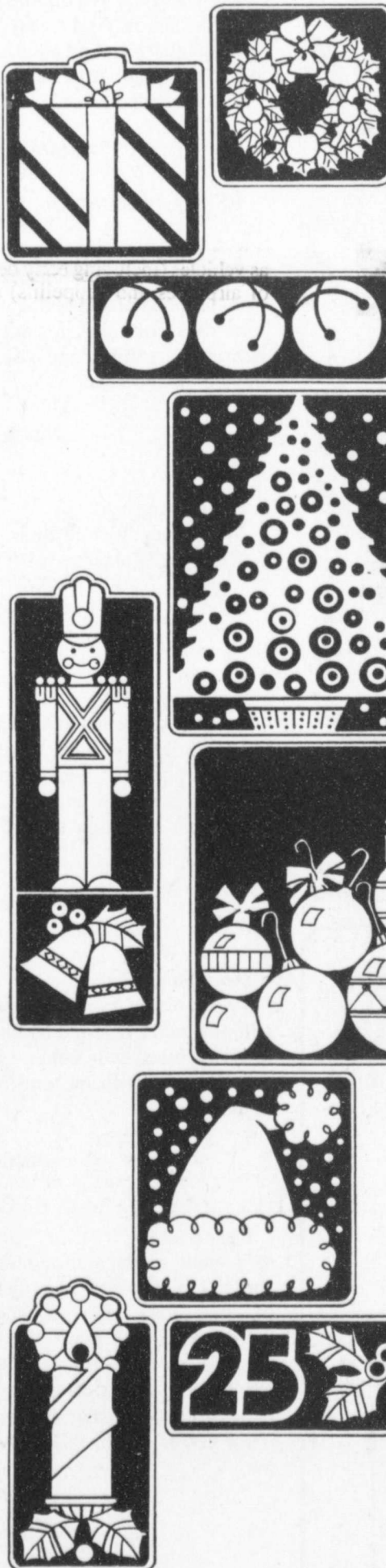


We're pulling for you to have a simply splendid season.
Happy Holidays!

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A Time for Special Things and Extra-Special Thanks

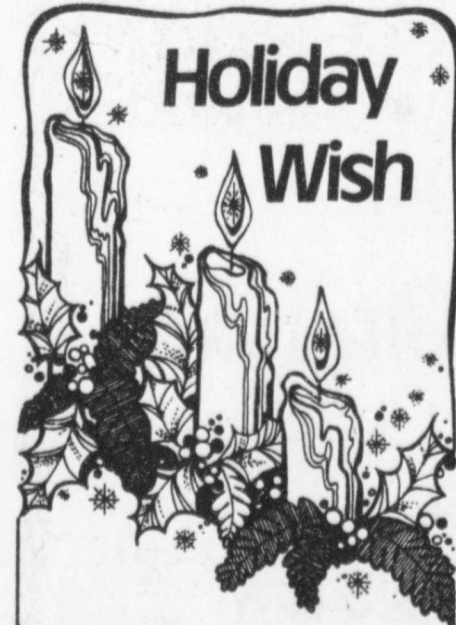
Your friendship and patronage are gifts for which we are ever-grateful. Season's greetings to all!



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May the warm glow of Christmas light up your life.

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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 Tullia 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) _____.

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 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.

May You Be Blessed
With The Joy
Of The Season!

"Have a Safe
and
Happy Holiday"

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Of all the gifts that will be exchanged this Christmas, the most precious among them is the gift of friendship.

Thank you for giving us the gift of yours.

**Ray Lee
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Duncan 3-B students tell Santa Christmas dreams

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo with a CD player on it. I want some more American girl clothes for I can dress the American girls up.

Love,
Reagan Heflin
3-B

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you Santa Claus because we want some presents Santa Claus Me and My Brother Santa Claus and My Mom Santa Claus and My cusan Jackee and Kaylann santa claus Santa Claus like Shannon Deshon Baton.

Shannon
3-B

Dear Santa,
I want a car and a motel car and a trachter that is all I want this year.

Love,
Samuel Juarez
3-B

Dear Santa,
I want a Micromachin van and a stereo and a little two story house Liteuphouse and a watch a farm and a plow a train.

Love,
Joel Calib Szydloski
3-B



Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a radio. And a schrunch in in wean And Don't Wake Daddy. And a duddle bear, and a Barbie fation. And a easy bake and a oylipic barbie. And a barbie house. And a computer. And Baby Cheehup. And a makeup barbie.

Love,
MaryAnn Yannis
3-B

P.S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I want a barbe doll house and barbe and computer and nike hat nike shoes nike close ok. and. I want a teddy bearanda stoking and stiches and gametook and bear.

Love,
Marie Jimenez
3-B

Dear Santa,
What I want for Chritmas is a computer or a CD plaer or roller blads.

Love,
Jessica Runnels
3-B

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball, football, computer, mortar konbat ultim, nike shoes, nitindo 64, pocket gameboy, lowriderbike, X-man 2, sega, supernitindo, sega saturn, bike, mortar kombat 2.

Love,
Lionel Garza
3-B

Dear, Santa Claues,
I won't ultimt mort comback, and a compter, and a netendo 64 bitt, and a lowrider bike, and X-men two, and tillgehe morcomback, and race car track.

Love,
Justin Duran
3-B

Dear Santa,
I want a space Jam Jearsy not Jordan's but I want Bugs because I like him alot I also want a new Buz lightyear and I want the Movie Mision Inposible. But the 1st to the last thing is I want anything for my baby brother or sister. The last thing is for you to say hi to Rudoulph for me.

Sincerely,
Drew Maddox
P.S. Happy Holidays!
3-B

Dear Santa Chlos,
I want a battlship and sonic 3.

Love,
Oscar Garza Jr. III
3-B

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a game called Don't wake dady. I want a game called Poo ber game I want a big 10 speid bike. I want a easy baker. I want a barbib fation. I want a t-shirt that has my name on it. I want a outfit and I want a pare of shoes. I want the movie call the nuty perfeecer.

Love,
Vanessa Lopez
3-B

P.S. I love you.

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintindo 64 and a pouch bag for a gameboy, a remot contro car and sterio with CD and a punching bag and a bump bed and games for the Nintindo 64 and a new shirt.

Love,
Edmund Martinez
3-B

Dear Santa,
For chrismas I want a good year and joy. a lots of toys and I want a bike.

Love,
Ricky
3-B

Dear Santa,
I want a key chain for my big sister and lots of stamps for my brother. For chrismas I want an ultra pack pc (computer type).

Love,
Dylan Campbell
3-B

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a scait board for Christmas and a conex's and a computer and a bick and a

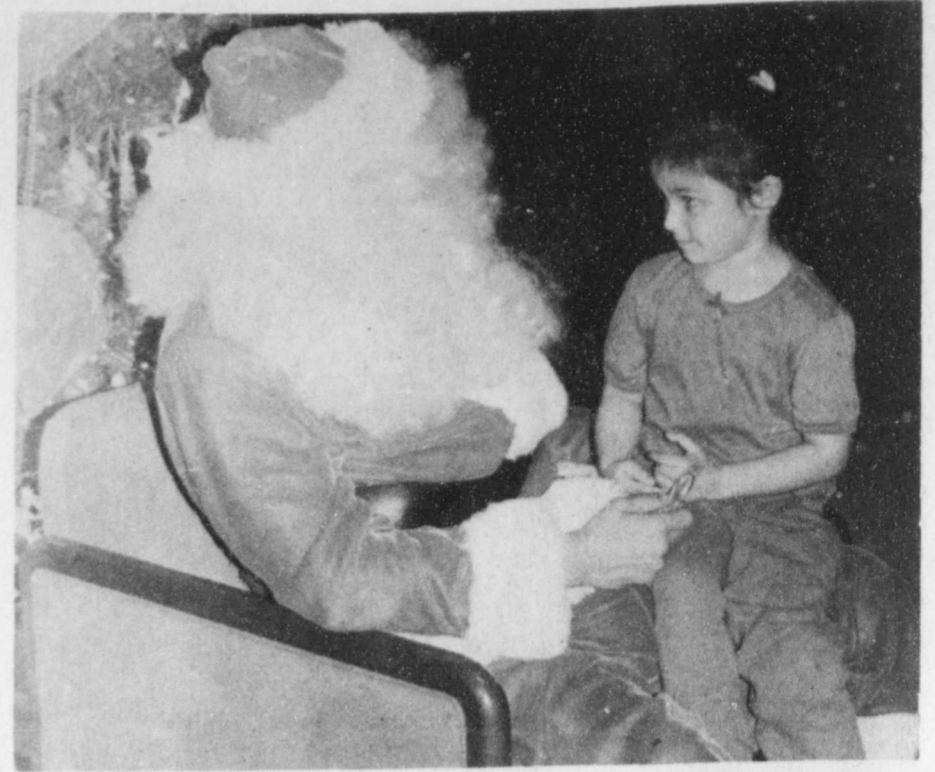
Love,
Tony
3-B

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a dodle doll and a barbie set and some cloce and some notebook paper.

Love,
Monica
3-B

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a tv. a ten speed bike and a tyco RC.

Love,
Collins family
3-B



PEPPERMINT DREAMS -- Sharing hopes and wishes with Santa is serious business. This Lockney miss listens carefully as he answers a question and offers a candy cane in return..
- Staff Photo

Peace & Joy

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

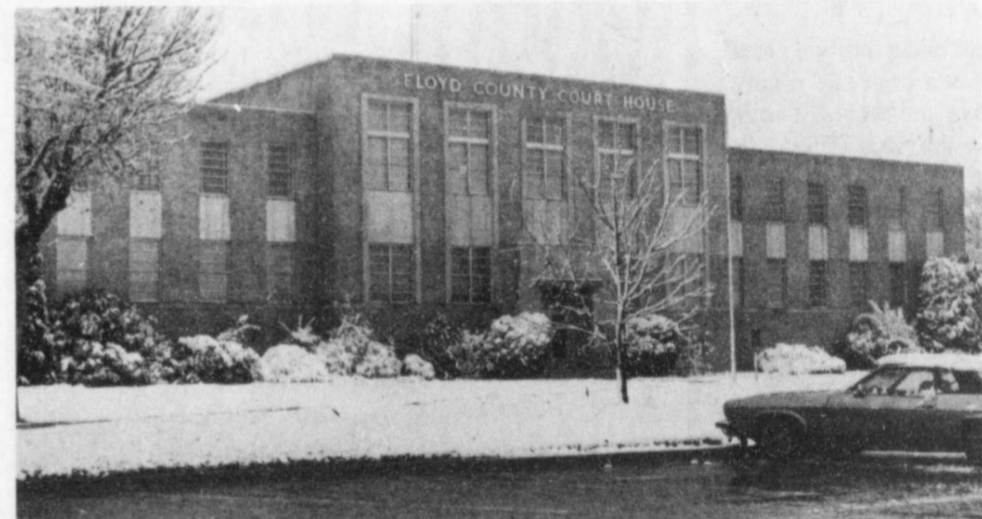
Merry Christmas
and
many
thanks.



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George Taylor

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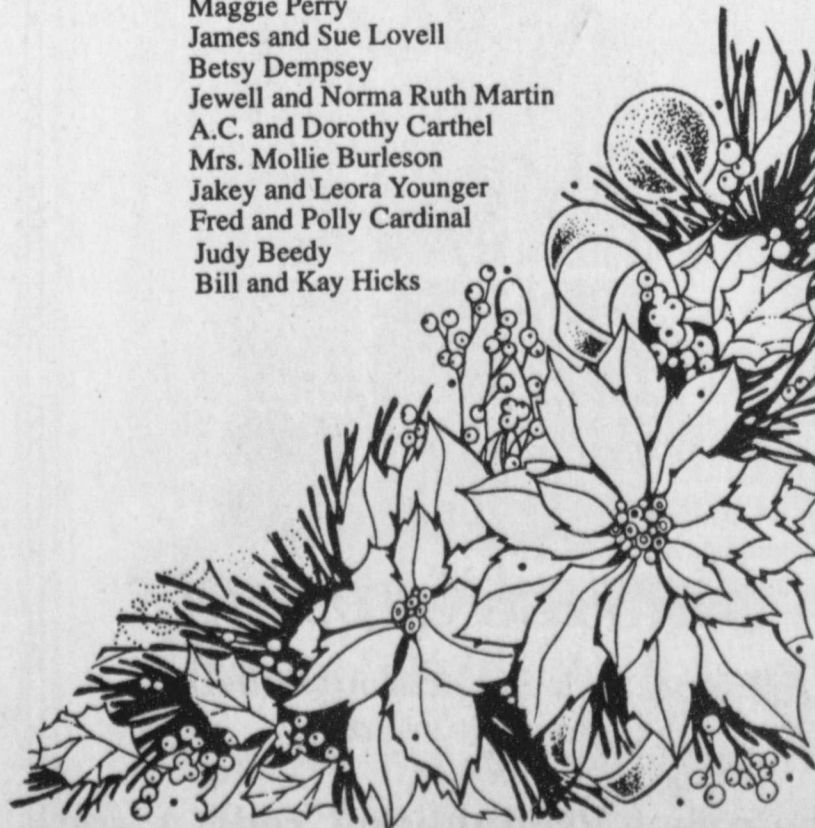
HAVE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

The tree has been trimmed, the gifts taken care of, the halls have been decked. The only thing left to do is wish all of our friends the best Christmas yet!

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Lockney first grade sends love to Santa

Dear Santa,
I like you. I will like for you to give everybody in this world a present for Christmas. I would like to have: remote control motorcycle, cool tools, power wheel, bat mobile, water batman & Robin. I would like to sit in your lap a lot.

Thank you very much,
Michael

Dear Santa,
I would like a t.v. and a bicycle. I have been a good girl. Bring some toys for my brother.

Laura Fulton

Dear Santa,
Does Rudlof have a red nose? I would like a Barbie head for my computer. Thank you,

Love
Courtlyn Long
Age 6

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? I like a football and a race car. Thank you.

From
Carlos Arce
Age 7

Dear Santa,
How do you get up the chimney? This is what I would like. 1) Race car 2) Sega 3) Watergun 4) Videocamera 5) Walkman 6) Skates.

Thank you
Christopher Castorena
Age 7

Dear Santa,
How are Rudolf? How is Mrs. Claus? I want roller blades, and a Barbie house and a Barbie doll.

Thank you
Bridget Ascencio
Age 7

Dear Santa,
How is Miss Claus I wot sum Roloblase And a Saga, and a nutindo And a T.V. I wot a Geosafari and a Rasing cor.

Love Ernie Vasquez
Age 7

Dear Santa,
How are Rudolf? I like a book and a red box. I made cookie, Sant. I bin good. Merry Christmas I like santa

Thank you
Jasmine Coleman

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I wont a Barbe hous. and a Geosafari. and a computer.

Thank you Love
Stephana Villareal
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I wot a doll has I wot a pupe I wot oll toy annama,

Love
Talyor Hill
Age 7

Dear Santa,
How is rudolf? I want 4 cats I want game gear games. I want a 101 dawmashen puzzle. Thank you

Age 6 Love,
Sayla Barnes

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I wod like skate. I ben vere good.

Luv
Jamie

Dear Santa,
How are you I want a Video game Nike shirts a bike and toys. Ho Ho Ho Santa

Thank you
Isaac

Dear santa,
I wont a Tyco Rebound and a four wheeler and rollerblades. How are you Santa? How is Mrs. Santa? How is Roodof? How is the Radire? Thank you,

Frum luv
Zacary Ganzales
Age 6

Dear Santa,
How can you go up the chimney? How is rudlof? I want a Radio Shack car.

I luv you,
Will Foster
Age 6

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Ive ben good. I want a compuer How is Rudf?

Thanku Santa
Kimberly Jimenez
Age 6

Dear Santa,
how is Mis Claus? I would lic a big picup and a nintenDo, cool tools race car.

age 6 luv
Tanner Morris

Dear Santa,
How are you? I wod like a puppy and a cat and a rabbit and a Barbie hous.

Latsha Peralez
Luv Santa Age 7

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus? Please brinf ne Nike Shoes? and a tonka truck, a big foot and train set? Set of small cars.

Love
Augustine Lopez

Dear Santa,
How are you? Pleas give me a Playdough factory, B.B. Gun, Nike shoes and jersey, 4-Dex-50.

Luv
Andrew Reyes

Dear santa,
How is the Rudolph? I want a b.b. gun and a turbo man. Thank you

Love,
Jackson Taylor

Dear Santa,
I promis I've Been good So would you sent me only a few of these things. Two boy and gril barbies, a barbie house and a car. Thank you.

Love,
Lucy Garcia

Dear Snta,
How are the reindeers? Please bring me a big teddybears, a new bike without training wheels and one more thing, some new church clothes. Thank you.

Love,
Ashlei shaw

Dear Santa,
How is Mra Claus? Will you please bring me a Frenship jewelry kit, brade-a-barret kit, Am. Girl pins, pogo stick and one more thing Rollerblades. Thank you.

Love,
Senee Foster

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new pair of skates, a water baby, and king book, an a baller dress. Santa Claus please dont drop my tays.

Love,
Crystal Carillo

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Cood you pleas= bring me three presents. Close, a jeweles hair mermad Barbie and flouws. thank you.

Love
Desiree Deleon

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. How are the elves doing? How is Rudolph? For Christmas this year I would like to have a Air devil and for my mom a ring for my dad a new shirt. I willleave you some milk and cook-ies when you come to my house.

Love
Austin Wafford

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I want a tractor, and roller blades. Thank you.

Love,
Danny Riddley

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? Will you please bring me a doll and a bear.

Love
Margarita valles

P.S. I will leev some cookees four you.

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Will you pleas bring me a prityhartes, Barbie ocean frinds. I love you, and Mrs. Claus and your elves.

Love,
Audrey Collins

Dear santa,
Hoe are the reindeers? I have bin good! Please give me a Fishtank, Bath Baby, and Rollerblades size 1. Thank you Santa!

Love,
Brandi Ventura

Dear Snta,
How are the elves? Are tha worcing hard? wil you bring me a trampling

Love,
Eric Flores

Dear Santa,
I want a big tractor and a cotton stripper and a Dallas cowboy jersey. I will leave cookies for you.

Love,
Jonathan Suarez

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Plese bring me a poodle,telephone Molly's bed, t.v.

Love
Leah Ford

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Please bring me a Dalmatin playing tug of war, a Dalmatin vet shop, a Barbie with a Dolphin, and a mechanical pencil.

Love,
Lauren Stewart

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Please bring me a T.V., a doll, a Polly Pocket and a barbie. I have bin good.

Love
Jordan Sherman

Dear Santa,
How are you? Will yau buy me a baby doll. I want a water doll.

Love you
Hilda Salazar

Deat Santa,
I have been very good. Will you please bring me a sling shot, dart guns, hot wheel city garage, remote control 4-wheeler, miniture tractor, Hot Wheel cars, hockey stick and puck. Thank you.

Love,
J. Paul

Dear Santa,
How is the weather at the North Pole. Plesae send me some clothes, shoes, socks, bike, doll, barbie, game nad a puzzle.

Love,
Lindsay Reed

Dear Santa,
Has Rudolph ben filing good? I hav ben good all yere. Please Bring Me a. Cowboy Jersey, Bike, Hockey Game, BaseBoll. football unitarm. Mighty Duck Toy. football. GooseBumPs Movie and toy story Movie

Love
Cole

Dear Santa,
For christmas I would like Clothes, doll Bocrbie and a doll house.

Love
Ashley Mathis

Dear Santa,
please bring me a nintindo 64 nintendo game race car and a bike. thank you Love

Jr. Contreras

Dear Santa,
I have ben good. plesae being me a Barbie. I love you.

Love,
Erica Bloss

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some cars, Lunch box, 25 sped bike, a little tv Basket-ball.

Love
Joe Franco

Dear Santa,
I have good. I wont a Tv. and a hat and a doll and a Barbie and a basket-ball.

I Luvu
Valerie Luna

Dear Santa,
I have bin gud. Please bing me a remote contro car, roller blades, big bike and a Miami jacket

Love
Enrique Ascencio

Dear Snata,
how are you doing? how is Rudolf doing? For Christmas I will like a 101 Dalmation Puzzle, 64 Colois, a Big House, and a barbie Horse vcr, new clothes that are Toy Story book gymnastik barbie

Love you santa
Angelica Bueno

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? I want a computer four Christmas thank you

Love
christopher Hayter

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Is Rudolf's nose still red? All I for christmas is ultimate Mortal combat, Vcr, computer and Toy Story activity play center, drums, knun trucks and 101 dalmaitons.

d.J. Hernandez

Love Santa, and Mrs. Claus.

Dear Santa,
I want a power ranger shirt, Buzzligh woobe the cowboy, walkiey talkie four Donkey Kong part 3 four the Super Nintendo How is rudof? I lke santa Claus.

Luv
Freddy

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I would like a Easy Bake oven and fluffy my come here puppy and a Barbie house that lightup and my size Barbie and caBBage Patch Kids Take you

Love
Cancy Cabler

I hope you have the toys before crismis.

Dear Santa,
How are tour reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus I want a barb four wheeler and a barb

Love
candance Anderson

Holiday season seen through the eyes of a Tulia resident

—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.

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 the important I pray.

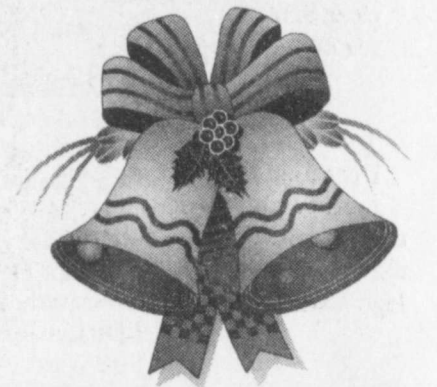
Clear blue days and now blizzard haze, changes from week to week.

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



GREETINGS!

May your holiday season deliver loads of good fortune and bundles of cheer. Thanks for your support.

Doucette Enterprises
Lockney

Joyeux Noel Et Bonne Annee SEASON'S GREETINGS Frohes Weihnachten

However You Say It...

It means the same throughout the world as all nations around the globe celebrate this most joy-filled occasion. From us, especially, it means, "Merry Christmas and Many Thanks" for your business and support. Best wishes for a happy holiday and a very merry season.

Johnson & Johnson
Lockney

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Season's Greetings

Here's to a magical night and a glorious holiday!
Enjoy.

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Mabry Greenhaw Laura Turner
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

GREETINGS

WHEN WE COUNT OUR BLESSINGS THIS HOLIDAY, WE THINK OF DEAR FRIENDS LIKE YOU! THANKS FOR BEING SO KIND THIS ENTIRE YEAR.

ATTEBURY GRAIN, INC.
Lockney

Lockney first grade Santa letters

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a remote truck computer nintendo set thank you
Love
Pesina Ruben

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Having any snow? I would like to have sky jumper helicopter, uno stackp, mickey mouse clock, a sega, jinga. Thank you.
Love,
Bryan cooper

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing I would like a little blue My size Barbie and a comter thak you Santa
Love
Emily Jo Guerrero
I Love you Santa

Dear Sant
Is Rudolf or Santa? I would I like to have this Toy's But I haf to get one the got that I wot Bike shoes, Just my size Barbie, TV walkie talkies Computer.
I Love Santa.
Ashley Raissez
Joshua boy

Dear Santa,
How are your elves doing?
I would like cool tools. Woke talks.
Rocky Aday

Dear Santo
how are you doing? I no how you are cuming to my house on A sled I want a spas jam book and a saga CD.
Thank you
A.J. Jimenez

dear Santa,
I wut a football a walkie talkies, a green suit, How are the reindeers,
Love
Lorenzo

Dear Santa,
Are yal gitting snow up ther. How many elves do you have I woule licle a per of knun-chuckas, karate-vest a karate-helmet and McGee and me video.
Love
Zachary Montandon

Dear Santa,
I Love you haw are the reendeer? I want a computer and a C.D. saga. I luf Santa,
Thank you
Matthew Ortiz

Dear Santa,
for this Christmas I would like some rollerBlads One Larg Bear two stuff Bunnys In my room. I have some Cookies and milk for you. I want my two Front teeth And don't forget my Freinds, too
Love
Angelica Fierros

Dear Snata
I want Baby Alive Bumk Bed. jeep toy you can ride ing Shoesand an easy dake oven
Love
Anna Aultmar

Dear Santa,
How are you? We havit had any sno I want a my size Barbie. and a toy horse and some shoes. Thank you.
Love,
Stephanie Breckenridge

My Letter To Santa



Dear Santa,
You know Christmas is not about getting presents. Its about celebrating Jesus's Birthday. But people have turned it into a time where you just get presents. But its not. Even though it is nice to recieve gifts. I have learned that it is better to give than recieve. So this Christmas in stead of giving me presents I would like for you to give to the needy people and kids. Thank you Santa. I Love you!
Signed Vanessa Victoria Perez
4th Grade - Lockney

Floydada first grade Santa letters

Dear Santa,
At christmas I what a Barbi dall?
Erica Castillo
1-A

Dear Santa,
I want a chater and I want scad
Jeremiah Falcon
1-A

Dear Santa,
I want a pup bed. I want a red rager ckostoum. I want a bat man ckostoum. I want a teevee. I want a lego sistim.
Charlie Beedy
1-A

Dear Santa,
What do you feed your rane dear? I know alos of stuf. How do you fly your rand dear? How dus it snow? I have being good. How do you get in house is? How do you get in my dore? How do you eat? Can you get threw a lot dore? Do you eat at thaxgiving? Whin do you eat?
Kara Benton
1-A

Dear Santa,
how are you? how are your rane dir? I want a happy happy christmas! and a new red fast Bike? and a chris chrase crace set. and a new clack and a happy year and how do you get thing? and a good school year.
Will Appling
1-A

Dear Santa,
Why bo you like coocs so much? how bo your ranbear fly? why dus roodof nose glo? bo you ever get sik? why do you wer red and white? what is your fafret food? do you have a dog? do you hav a cat? do you whrk hard on the toys? do you have a best frend? what do you do on Thasegving? I want a Buzz and whoode I want new car and a boat I want a clock for my room
Love,
Zach Knight
1-A

Dear Santa,
I did sum goud thanges. this day can you breen me a skase. and can you breen a cat santa?
Trichelle Ramirez
1-A

Dear Santa,
How dis your sleigh fly? Santa I luv you. I wint an ne bike kus my bike tor up.
Jordan Martinez
1-A

Dear Santa.
I wrender how uor sleigh flies. I hop roodof is haveng a good time. How do your radewr fly. How dus it sno so much. I wut a chraplz.
Love,
Mary Warren
1-A

Dear Santa,
are you. Will I am Victoria. I want a connepyowder. How do you come into Our hous and tell the elfs hi for me. Did you put that bick under my christmas tree last year. If you did i lick it.
Love,
Victoria Perez

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa.
David Ramos
1-A

Dear Santa,
Christmas evening I will lik my sitr, dut Hale mit be mean to me. I lik my brother, Tayrlo but he mit be mean to me too. I like my mother. I lof u. I wat skat and bik.
Macy Malone
1-A

Dear Santa,
I want a remokcho car And I want a bike And I want ;to no how you can flie the slave. I want to no one uv the rader. I one no one of the rader Komint And I no you to And I live at south man.
Luv,
Eladio Saldana
1-A

Merry Christmas Ya'll!

Dear Santa,
how did you get in my hous? Can you get me a rill motersicl? Can you get me a new per of shoos niky shoos. you are a good man thank you for the game boy. Can you get me a pear of boxing gloves? Can you get me a blak lether jakit whith a tiger on the back? Can you get me a basketball? Wear do you have thaxgiving? Wear do you have halwin? Wear do you have easter? How do your ran dears fly? Is that your onlea close? Do you wear a hat? Do you wear boots or shoos? How do you get throo my chimny? Do you hide eggs? Do you have ester? Do you like soop? Do you eat soop? Can you get me a toy motersicl? Can you get me a bacpak?
Cade Miller
1-A

Dear Santa,
I am doing well. I do math and work to. I know how to read.
from Steven Rodriguez
P.S. I want the priris. I want a bike. I want a back ball.
1-A

Dear Santa,
I want 2 boxes of socker boppers and a dog and nothin else.
J.C. Simpson
1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motorcycle and skate bolk. I have been I will good cookes and milk.
Gilbert
1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a roller blad 10 speed I have been good. I will leave cook
Love,
Samantha
1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a skateboard and Nintendo 64. I have been good. I will leave cookies and milk.
David
Love 1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Nintendo 64 and. I have been good. I will leave cook-ies and milk.
Placido
1-B

Dear Santa,
Breing doll and a 10 speed. Barbie. I have been good. I will leave cook-ies and milk.
Love,
Jacque
1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a teddy bear and a Barbie. I have been good I will leave cookies and milk. new bed room
Love
Sayra
1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a parrot that can talk and a power ranger set. I have been good. I will leave cookies and milk.
Adam Rainwater
1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a puppy and a parrot that can talk. I have been good. I will leave cookies and milk.
Love,
Shaina Hart
1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a game boy and a dinasaurse. I have been good. I will leave cookies and milk.
Love,
Mauro Ortiz
1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Sega CD and a skate bord. I have been good. Some I will leave cookies and milk.
Love,
Jenaro
1-B

Dear Santa,
Pflease bring me a Nintendo 64 and a gragon. I hadve been good. I will leave cookies and milk.
Luv,
Eric
1-B

Der Santa,
Please bring me a dollaring and doll. Thave been good. Thaved cen good. I will leave cookies and milk.
Love,
Eloise Delgado
1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a rel baby kitten. I have been good. I will leave cookies and milk.
Love,
Carolina Arizpe
1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real baby kitten and a new bedroom. I have been good. I will have cookies and milk.
Love,
Camaray
1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a sag CD and a Dallos cowboy football. I have been good. I will put cookies for you santa.
Luv santa,
Brandon Monreal
1-B

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a CD player and a Nintendo 64. I have been good I will leave cookies and milk.
I love you
Payte Beedy
1-B

Remember the reason for the season!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Enjoy a vintage holiday season!

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Arvie & Gene
Lockney

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN
May your holiday be filled with the blessings of His faith and love.

Muncy and Sandhill Elevator

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

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Federal Credit Union
Floydada

Happy Holidays

Old Saint Nick joins us in wishing you the merriest of Christmases.

To our Customers & Friends,

POOLE WELL
Service & Radiator Shop

Raymond & Mary Poole
Floydada

Home for the holidays...
We wish you great joy at this time of year.

Davis Farm Supply
Lon Davis Grain
Floydada

Floydada first grade's wish list for Santa Claus

Dear Santa, please bring me a barbie mco. I have been good some.

Love,
Magaley Flores
1-B

Dear Santa, Please bring me a CD player and a desk. I will have come cookies and milk out for you.

Love,
Morgan Norrell
1-B

Dear Santa, Please bring me a CD player and a dog. I have been good. I will leave cookies and milk.

Love,
Randa Shurbet
1-B

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bike and Barbie. I have been good. I will leave cookies and milk.

Love,
Ashley Rosa
1-B

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a rock tumbler and a comet buster computer game.

Love,
Kevin Smith
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a pin heed and more things for Samantha.

Love,
Emily Griffin
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a pin heed and a teddy Bear.

Love,
Elizabeth Bertrand
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a Barbie and a play cat.

Love,
Randa Roberson
1-C

Dear Sana, Thank you for muy toys. This year I would like a rifle and a car.

Love,
Michael Ramos
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a Barbie Doll and a walk along puppy.

Love,
Cinthia Torres
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a motorcycle.

Love,
Homar Diaz
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a bike and new drums.

Love,
Blake Greer
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a power ranger and a BB gun.

Love,
Christopher Wagnon
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a play cat and a puppy.

Love,
Christie Rodgers
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a Barbie. and a bear.

Love,
Jeri Chavez
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you my toys. This year I would like a car and a new box.

Love,
Reggie Martinez
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a barbie.

Love,
Vaneza Avila
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a motorcyl an power ranger.

Love,
Ruben DeLaFuente
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a bible and a cover for it.

Love,
Tanner Sue
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a bike an a skate board.

Love,
Enrique DeOchoa
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a cat Barbie.

Love,
Audrie Hernandez
1-C



Hey Santa can you give us a white christmas--one as white as your gloves?

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a Johnny Quest and a space ship.

Love,
Abel Cortinas
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I would like a Hot Wheels car and a pinhead.

Love,
Humberto Torres
1-C

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This year I want adoklina Basket.

Love,
Macy Mata
1-C

Dear Santa, I want a new snowmobile. I want a nitendo 64.

Love,
Sabastian
1-D

Dear Santa, I want a cheetah doll. I want a yellow power ranger doll.

Love,
Cassidy Gooch
1-D

Dear Santa, I want a pool table.

Love,
Anthony Herrera
1-D

Dear Santa, I wish I can have a bath baby. I want a bike.

Love,
Adriana Diaz
1-D

Dear Santa, I want a new nitendo 64. I want a remote controll car.

Love,
Ross
1-D

Dear Santa, I want a soccerball.

Love,
Colby
1-D

Dear Santa, I want a board and a chart.

Love,
M. Torres
1-D

Dear Santa, I want a nice bike.

Love,
Jonathan
1-D

Dear Santa, I want a bird dog and alot of hunting stuff and alot of cowboy stuff.

Love,
Collin Campbell
1-D

Dear Santa, I want a power ranger.

Love,
Michael
1-D

Dear Santa, I want a 4 wheeler and a 3 wheeler.

Love,
Tanner Rodriguez
1-D

Dear Santa, I want a big doll.

Love,
Mya
1-D

Dear Santa, I want a mountain bike and a motorcycle.

Love,
Tucker Jack Ross
1-D

Dear Santa, I wish I can have a bath Baby. I wish I can have a tv.

Love,
Kristyn Muse
1-D

TCU professor says exact date of Jesus' birth is unknown

Despite the Dec. 25th celebration of Jesus' birth throughout the centuries, a Texas Christian University religion professor says the exact date of his birth is unknown.

"Nobody knows, and the Christian community has never really claimed to know," said Dr. Eugene Boring.

While historians do not doubt that Jesus was born, Boring explained that by the time people became interested in knowing exactly when the birth occurred, the information was so woven into church theology that it was irrecoverable.

Boring noted that New Testament stories about the birth were not written for biographical or historical purposes but were written to communicate the Christian meaning of Jesus' birth.

"While in my business one is hesitant to say 'everybody' and 'always,' hardly any Bible scholar or early church historian would think that we know what time of the year Jesus was born," he said.

In the past well-intentioned people have sought to explain the biblical birth accounts through reason, Boring said. "They have thought that Jesus could not have been born on Dec. 25 because there was mention of shepherds being in the fields, and shepherds aren't in the fields in December," he said.

Boring suggested that when early Christians became interested in celebrating Jesus' birth, they sought to celebrate the event rather than the actual date. The Saturnalia, a Dec. 25 festival in the Roman world at that time, celebrated the rebirth of light and warmth following the winter solstice.

After Christianity became the legal religion in the 4th Century under the Roman emperor Constantine, Boring said the church was looking for ways to promote its faith.

Considering the strong paganism still present, Boring believes the church made a good tactical move in adapting the Saturnalia festival to a Christian holiday rather than trying to stamp out the event.

"The church was saying what had been celebrated was the birth of life and light," he said. "The fulfillment of that was Jesus. All the things that the pagans had looked for had happened in Jesus."

The Bible scholar noted that the

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only 33 when the public turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave. Almost 20 centuries have come and gone, and today He is a central figure of the human race.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever set, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life.

adoption of Saturnalia as a religious celebration is a good illustration of the church's taking over the things that are already in its environment in order to interpret the meaning of the Christian faith.

"The majority opinion down through the centuries has been not to insulate the church from the so-called secular world but to take over those things from the secular world and reinterpret them," Boring said.

Boring conceded that present-day Christmas celebrations have embraced the secular, but he doesn't believe experiencing the spiritual meaning of Christmas requires disposing of the season's worldly images of stables, manger, presents and Christmas tree.

"Jesus, the wise men and shepherds ought not to be displaced by Rudolph, Santa Claus and Christmas trees," Boring said. "But Christians ought not to feel bound to oppose those secular elements and say we simply need to be religious. Christians need to embrace it all."



PEACE
JOY
LOVE
BEAUTY
FAITH
HOPE

Wishing you every happiness this holiday season and beyond.

We really appreciate your bringing us so much joy this past year, and look forward to your continuing friendship. Thanks!

H & R
Block

Jim & Kathy Green

Floydada

Peace to All
May you and yours celebrate a season of joy and love with family and friends.
Moore-Rose-White
Funeral Home
Lockney
Jerod P. Glasson
Edell Moore
Walter Reeves

A Special Christmas Wish



Here's hoping you enjoy generous portions of love and laughter with family and friends for the main course of your Christmas season!

El Rancho
Happy Holidays from the Reyes Family & Staff
Floydada

If was decided that December 25 was probably the most correct date for Jesus' birth after St. Cyril made an investigation around A.D. 340. Then, Pope Julius accepted this date and established a festival in Rome which was also accepted by every nation in Christendom.

Many Bible scholars believe that December is not the season the shepherds would be on the hillsides of Israel, etc. and feel it is almost certain not to be December 25; nevertheless, this is the day set aside to remember our Redeemer's birth.



REELS OF GOOD WISHES

Hope your holiday is filled with laughter, action, adventure and lots of happy endings. Thanks for hopping by to see us this past year.

Aztec
Video
Floydada



IT'S CHRISTMAS

Everywhere!

There's peace and joy to share, Here, there, and everywhere, With lots of smiles and love, And blessings from up above!

Merry Christmas to our friends far and wide!

Beyond the Caprock Travel
AnnaLeta Bradshaw
Floydada

Floydada second grade offers wish list

Dear Santa,
Please bring my meme a papa a special gift. They live in Floydada, Tx. They are very special. Give them heath.

Please bring me some things for christmas. I want a picture dictionary, a map, and good grades. I have been a good kid.

Your friend,
Tate Jones
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my dad a special gift. He needs some hugs and kisses. I love my dad. Please bring me something for Christmas. I want a bike and a dog and nike shoes and a T.V. and a doll house.

Your friend,
Amber Hill
2-A

I deserve these things because I have been nice. I have strait A's in class every 6 weeks.

Dear Santa,
Please bring my dad a water wache because he really needs one. Thank you for doing this for me. Please bring me something for Christmas peals bring me a phone and a computer.

Your friend,
Julia Gonzalez
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my mom and dad a present and give them nine presents. Please bring please bring myi some things for Christmas. I want earrings and a shirt. I want a Dalls cowboy jersey. I want new shoes.

Your friend,
Naomie Torres
2-A

Dear Santa,
Pleas bring my dad a special gift. He is nice. He work hard. please bring me some things for Christmas I want a lowrider bike. I also want a Dallas Cowboy jersey.

Your friend,
Concepcion Castillo
2-A

Dear Santa,
Pleas bring my brother John specel toy I love him. Please bring me a new bike I want a low riter bike.

Yur frend,
Aron Martinez
2-A

Dear Santa,
please bring my mom a special gift. My mom really wants a present. Please bring me a motorcycle.

Your friend,
Gabino Romos
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my Grandma and Grandpa a special gift. They live a hard life. Help them feel better.

Please bring me some Things for Christmas. I want a phone. I want a house. I've been really nice to my brothers.

Your friend,
Tell Fuller
2-A

Dear Santa,
My mom needs a kiss from me but I'm at school. Can you kiss her for me. Thank you! Please bring me something for Christmas. I want a Dallas Cowboy jacket and a T.V. a computer too cause I've been working hard on the week. I've pickin up metal.

Your friend,
Pedro Aguilar
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my Mom and Dad a special gift. Give grandma some hugs and love. she live in Floydada Tx. Please bring me some thing for Christmas. I what a Computer and a phone. I've been good.

Your friend,
Helen Gutierrez
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my dad a special gift. He is a good dad. please bring me a Dallas cowboy jersey. I have been good.

Your friend,
Paul Marmalejo
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my Dad and my Grandmama special gift. Please bring my gramama a present. Please bring my dad a dog. Please bring me clothes. I want a super Nintendo.

Your friend,
Corey Rosa
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my mom and my dad a special gift. Please bring me a dog I really warit two dogs. I also want a game, a bike a cat, a tv and an elf.

Your friend,
Christian Fuentes
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my Dad and Mom a special gift. I want you to bring them a car, and a hug. And give my dad a water watch. I love them.

Please bring me some things for Christmas. I want a computer and a bike. I've been good this year. I had all A's. I've been good at home too. And I hope I see you when you come.

Your friend,
Gersido Mata
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my mom and dad a special gift. Please bring me some things Christmas. I want a computer. I want a Barbie house. I want a low rider bike.

Your friend,
Claudette Garcia
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my brother a special gift. He needs a new friend. He is sad he does not lhave a best friend at my house. He needs somebody to swing with and play ball with him. Please bring me something for Christmas. I want Donkey Kong LandII, and a Comquest Computer. I have been really good, so will you bring me those things.

Your friend,
Cam Battey
2-A

Dear Santa,
Plerise bring my mom a special gift. She helps me was the dishes. Plerise bring me some thing for Christmas. I want a doll and a brush too brush my hair. I want a computer.

Your friend,
MaryAnn Sanchez
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my granma and granpa for a hug from Jacki. She live with my grandpa. He lives in Laredo Texas. Please bring me some thigs for Chrismas. I want a dog.

Your friend,
Jacqeline Lopez
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my teacher a special gift. She works very hard for me to learn. Please sent her a hugs kiss and love.

Please bring me some things for Christmas. I want Nike shoes and a Dallas Cowboy jersey. And a T.V. Because I have been good in school. I have made all A's.

Your friend,
Joann Caballero
2-A

Dear Santa,
Please bring my mommy a special gift. She's been working so hard so give my mom a kiss.

Please bring me something for Christmas like a Donkey Kong Land II.

Your frind,
Nicholas Espinoza
2-A

I've been so good. I've been nice to my sister.

Dear Santa,
how ar you doing I would like to have a remote control car. Also, my siter would lik a non brohrtr. I hop you have a safe trep I will have milk and cookies.

Love,
Michael Ortega
2-B

Dear Santa,
how are you booen I hop your elfs I lov you and I want a tv and a saga and a toe My bruther wants cars and a dog.

I hop you will breme toye.

Love,
Matthew Barrientos
2-B

Dear Santa,
I hop your elfs are dooeng good. I would lik to have a dog. Also, pleas my Brother wnts a trol. I wnat a C.D. plaer.

Love,
Luis Bolanos
2-B

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good year. I would like a lot of Lagos. And I like very little pupe and I wish for a big brother. And please get me a mother too. and I love you.

Love,
Brian Whiteley
2-B

Dear Santa,
is the stuff doing okay. pleas bring me a city van a night atak and a fort. I wish my mom had Julry. I hop you have a good trip.

Love,
Cameron Calahan
2-B

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a computer for Christmas. Also, please bring my mom Julery. I will give you all the cucis and milk. I am redy for you to come to my house.

Edwardo M. Lopez
2-B

Dear Santa,
I hop you have a great time. Please get me a Kitchen set. Also, please get my sistrer her own Barbie. I hop I get my c.D. player. Also get my sistrer a dog.

Love,
Kelsey Jo Robertson
2-B

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I wish for a remote control car, rollrblades, bike chaplin. I hope you are stile working on the toy. thank you for the toys fum the other cwmiss.

J.J. Alaniz
Love
2-B

Dear Santa,
I am glad it is crizmes. I wate to have a ball. I would a kard. I will be wraylel is yer. I would I am a nise gril becuase the prigg gril the.

Love,
Linda DeOchoa
2-B

Dear Santa,
how are you doing? I would like to get a barbie phone or any thang you want to give me. Also, my mom would like a toser. My sister would like a CD. I do not now what my brother and dad what. How are your elves? ARE you ready for chismas? I'm really ready for chismas. By the way how are the Raindiars? I hope they are okay. K'm making a lot of thangs in school. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love,
Kalli Ferguson
2-B

Dear Santa,
How are you dong. I would like to have a nice little dog and a cat. I would like to have a intindo gam. Ann a remote contro. I am tring to be nice and a champlng.

Love,
Arthur Castillo
2-B

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Please bring me a new cowboy hat, telescope, remte control care, C.D., medlprteter, new nintendo game, tv in my room.

Love,
Taylor Beedy
2-B

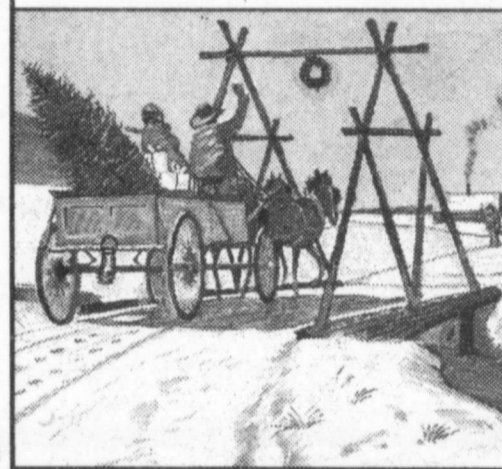


I've got to remember everything on my list. Let's see there was Buzz Light Year, Power Rangers, a watergun, a pair of rollerblades . . . and what was the last thing?

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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A Blessed Time

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.

—Isaiah 9:6-7

May you and yours be blessed with peace and joy all through Christmas and beyond. Thank you for visiting us.

American State Bank

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Wayne Parkman, Darlene Fulton, Kay Tinney, Misty Seymour & Linda Jackson



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Bobbie Hamilton
Floydada

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.

Clark Pharmacy

Danny, Vicki, Carissa, Jarrod & Allyson Clark
Ofelia Cohn
Lockney

From our family to yours
Have a Merry Christmas

Floydada second grade Santa letters

Dear Santa,
I have been thiig about you please bring me a baton. also plese bring y sister sara sdey. Also, bren my brother a sedy.

Love,
Gracie Torres
2-B

Dear Santa,
Are you bissy making good toys? This year I would like a barby van. an a gamastik barby,k I would like to have a puppy dog. Also please bring my big sister Jessica her own tv and VCR. I can't wait until Christmas. Have a nice trip. I will be good.

Love,
Juliann Runnels
2-B

Dear Santa,
I have been thinking about you. Please bring me a piano. Also, please bring my sister a book and my bother a ntendo. I can't hardly wait for Christmas.

Love,
Noemi Jasso
2-B

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. Please bring me a T.V., my size barby. Me and my sister would like a VCR. to please and a jacket. I can harly wait in till chrismas. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love,
Sandra Rendon
2-B

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I would like to have a dog please bring me a computer I wish you help me see my nefew. I would like a telescope, tv, bedroom house. I hope you get all the toy ready. I will give the poor people food. I will be good this year.

Love,
Kayla Luna
2-B

Dear Santa,
Are you bissy making toys? I would like for you to bring me rolerblade. And my little brother would like some roler skate. I hope you have a nice trip.

Love,
Michael Scott
2-B

Dear Santa,
how ar you doing. I would lik to me a kitchen set and bring my sister a flano jacket. I hope you will bring the toys fast. I will have milke and cookies.

Love,
Marlena Marmolejo
2-B

Dear Santa,
How ar you doing? For this years chrismus I would like a football tee. I hope you have a safe trip to the houses and my houes. I hope you give me a lot of to just as much as last year.

Love,
Abran Enriquez
2-B

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year and be carefull on your trip. I wood be plesd with a computer please.

Love,
Nicole
2-C

Dear Santa,
I want to see you at chrisnas year and hop that you can make it and I wish you a mary chrisnas.

Your frind,
Trent
2-C

Dear Santa,
I will like a toy. the toy I wat will be a barby. please bring me a barby. don't forget. please don't forget win you thenk that you are forgetting sumthing look on my note so you don't forget my barby. plese don't forget Santa.

this is from,
Amanda
2-C

Dear Santa,
I want a goosbumps book. I want a grat family. I want a baydy. I want a little sistrs. May I have some clos. I want a present from you. May I have a Goosbump Game. I hop you git me a nise Santa. I want a Little elf. I want a nis Santa like you.

Your friend,
Errick
2-C

Dear Santa,
For crismus ma I have the Rikashad stunt sikll. And a rill remot can troll airplane. And a Goosbums ceechan. And a Goosbumps Game, And a box of slamers. And sum culer pinslss. And a Game Boy Game. And a tee short with Tror 8 mans number. And a futball that has the cowboys names on it. And a poster of Trore 8 man.

Sinsilory yors,
Brandon Rainwater
2-C

Dear Santa,
I want anther Whlrlwinds shirt. I want a goosbunes game. I wanta gameboy. I want a toys and cows. I want a dog and a cat. I want a box and a bag. I wana baby sister.

Love Santa,
Your Friend,
Justin
2-C

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. Please bring me a paint desk, Girl talk and Dream Phone and art things. Thank you for my two sets of walkie talkies. I think your great. Your nice. How is Mrs. Clause? How are the Eliffs?

Love,
Britnee
2-C

Dear Santa,
I've been beeing good this year. Please bring me a Dream Phone and a Mousetrap. Thanks for all the things you got me last year. Will you please bring me a doodle bear. Are you working hard this year. I hope you are careful on your trip this year.

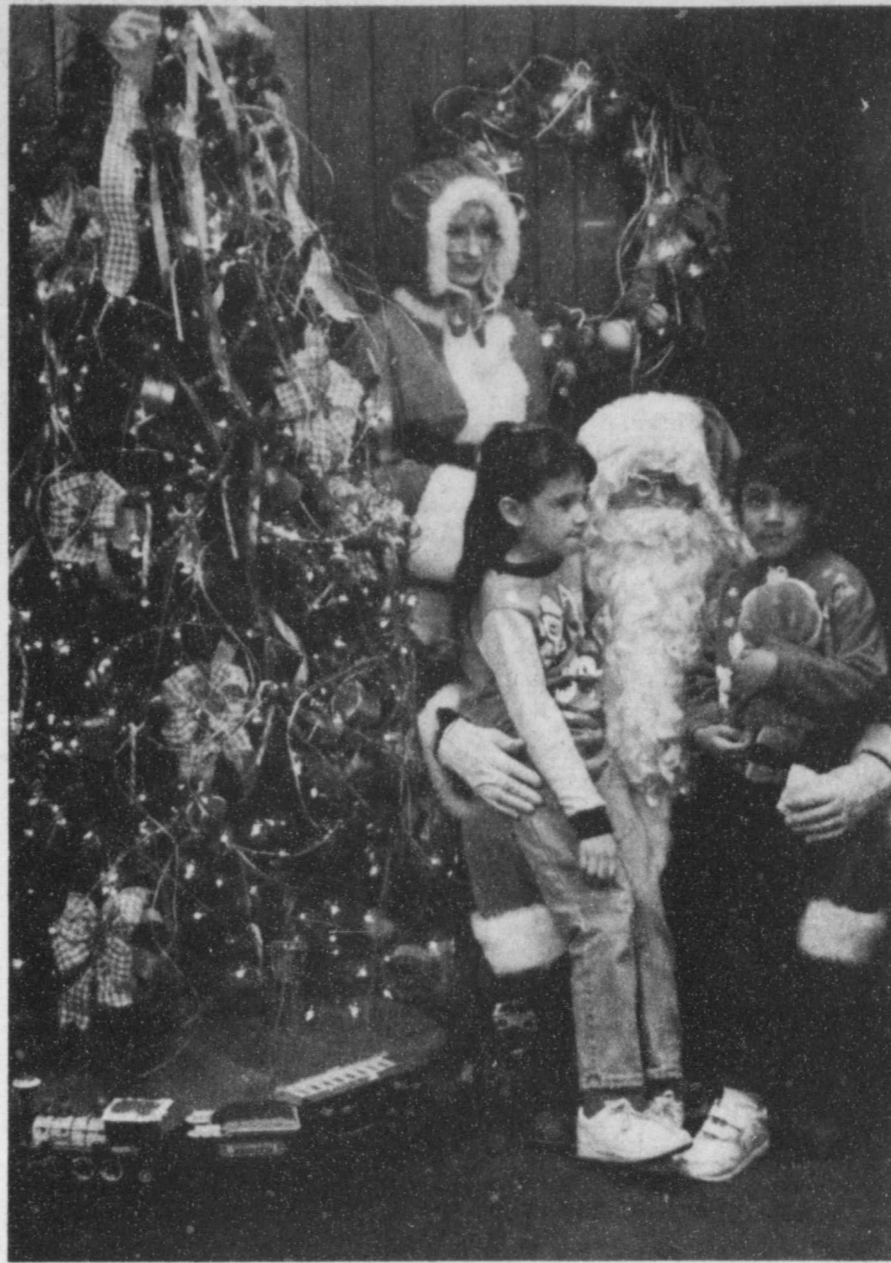
Love,
Morgan
2-C

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a safe trip. I making you some cookie's but there a surprise. tell the raindeer there will be something sweet and jusy. for chrismas I wnat a computer a Goldfish and most of all I want a Bordur colley puppy.

Love,
Casey
2-C

Dear Santa,
I wish that you dring me a drt bike well you. I do not no wer you or going or hol you or going into miy chimine but I hop that you got ol the kes of everdutes hous I hop that you no mi name.

Love,
Luis
2-C



These two youngsters gave Santa an armfull to hold and a very long list to remember.

Dear Santa,
thank you Santa for what you got me last year and I what whit rager magasord. and a batman minicar. and a Sega and a cool Tool.

Your friend,
Jonathon
2-c

Dear Santa,
Can you breg me the power rang-ers.

I love you,
Gabriel
2-C

Dear Santa,
Wy are you not leting me see you? I wesh I cood play with you. I love your Berd.

Love,
Eric
2-C

Dear Santa,
How ar you dong. I hope you dont slip of ov the hous. and you ar grat. And I hop you ar dong gud making stuf. I want a barby and I wot a hat. a Hussacly lick yors. and a berd like yors. And clos. like yors. And gluvss. like yors. and ibros like yors.

Love,
Jeann
2-C

Dear Santa,
I want a chappler. santa I love you very much to day vary vary much can you giv my mom a dog and my dad a poles car and my sistar a barbe to day Santa you ar purtey vary much much much

The end
Lov, From Ricardo
2-C

Dear Santa,
I would like a tape player and a CD plaer and a speker.

Tye
2-D

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy pleas. can you bring a Barbie and cowboy jacket can you bren me som clos can you rap it up in a box.

Your frind,
KayLynn
2-D

Dear Santa,
The huge barbie house that you made for me last year was great. Will you please bring me a Mousetrap game and a barbie mini-van? You are the best toy maker in the whole wide world.

Your frind,
Jana Lloyd
2-D

Dear Santa,
I wish you could bring a toy for my sister and my brother. i want a new Sega game.

Love,
Chelsea
2-D

Dear Santa,
I want for Crismus is a pupys and swimming pool but dot for get to give me a Barbie with a car and cowboy jacket and Mouse Trap gam. or tv. and a computer.

Love,
Savanah
2-D

Dear Santa,
I want a Mous Trap Game, or a T.V. set, or a C.D. Player. by the way how are you doing. I hope you are fine.

Your friend,
Alma
2-D

Dear Santa,
I want a Radio and a barbie. Thank you for the computer.

Love,
Carolina Gomez
2-D

Dear Santa,
I want a bike or a Dr. Dreadful Drinking Labratory or a Mouse Trap game. That's what I want for this christmas.

Love,
Douglas
2-D

Dear Santa,
I sur wish I could have any kind of Dr. Dreadful candy maker. and I hope you could have enough strength to carry all those toys.

Your friend,
Mikey
2-D

Dear Santa,
I would like a big computer and a Gameboy with games in it and a cowboy jacket.

Your friend,
Justin
2-D

Dear Santa,
I wish you wil bring me a 49 jacket an a Dalles Cowboy jacket and a firetruck and a policecar.

Your friend,
Steven
2-D

Dear Santa,
I want a brown Bear Book and a coloring book and a november book

Your friend,
Danny
2-D

Dear Santa,
I hope you get my letter. This is what I want for chrismas. I want a cowboy jacket if you can get its ok. Thank you for the presents last year. We hope you are doing finine.

Love,
Magan Flores
2-D

Dear Santa,
I want a 49ers wind suit and a Sega Saturn and 49ers blanket.

Your frind,
Ryan
2-D

Dear Santa,
I am sick. can you help me get better. And also bring my size barbie with a dress and a rap pack.

Love,
Kimberly
2-D

Dear Santa,
I wood lick a control monster trucker computer or a CD plaier.

Your frind,
Randy
2-D

Dear Santa,
I would like a mary kate and ashley. if you can't get me that I would like a c.d. plaier or a Mouse trap game. I hope that you can give every one a gift.

Your friend,
Jacey
2-D

Dear Santa,
I would like a my size barbie I would love a bicycle. Oh and I would really really love a swimming pool.

Your friend,
Josephine
2-D

Santa, I'm not in school yet but could you bring me...

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. My brothers Jake and Janson have been pretty good for only 2 years old. I would like a CD player and the 30th Anniversary Francie (the Barbie), the Sock Doll Workshop and the rest of Samantha's winter thkngs that you didn't bring last year.

My brothers want toys and candy, that is what they say they want. Remember they like balls and I think they want a Utech ABC pad. Well, that's what we want and don't forget mom and dad.

Your Friends,
Meghan, Jake & Janson Graham
P.S. If I get a CD player I want a CD.

Dear Santa,
I'm really excited about Christmas and your arrival to me and all of the other girls and boys. I love all the pretty decorations that everyone is putting out. I'm two years old, so that should tell you about being bad or good - Mom and Dad says some days are better than others, but overall I've been good.

I'd like for Christmas, a dollhouse and some play dishes. I get to "play school" at the Day Care, and want you to remember to visit all my friends there. They're all my "best friend." The teachers are sure nice to all of us kids so you might want to see them also.

Thanks for all the excitement you've been bringing. And sorry about the little mishap I had with you at the mall.

Love,
Leann Lloyd
2 Yrs. old

Dear Santa,
We're all ready for your visit at our house. I've decorated the tree so pretty, but my little sister keeps taking off the decorations.

Mom and dad keep telling us that you won't visit if she doesn't stop, I'm sure glad it's her this time, instead of me causing so much "business" at our house. We've both been as good as possible, you know it is really hard to be good all the time. I'd like for Christmas a Samantha doll and my little sister would like a baby doll.

Love,
Evan Johnson 4 yrs.
& Merritt Johnson 2 yrs.

P.S. Thanks, Aunt Drew for writing this, mom and dad were seeing when our other sister was going to be born and forgot about our letter.

Dear Sanna,
I want for Christmas a Bitty Baby. Ho Ho Ho I want a radio, Pico games, and Walkie Talkies.

Happy Birthday Baby Jesus. Merry Christmas Granny Claus.

Love,
Hallie Bertrand
4 1/2 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. I want a twin doll stroller and twin doll beds for Christmas. And please bring my baby sister, Aubrie a toy that plays music. We will leave milk and cookies for you.

Alyssa Arneel
Flomot

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I've been a good boy this year. By the way how are Rudolph and Frosty? I want a Pyramids and football cards for Christmas.

Michael Arneel
2nd Grade Motley Co.
Flomot

Dear Santa,
Christmas is almost here again and we are getting excited. It's hard to be good all year but we have tried very hard. We hope that you will bring us the following things for the holiday.

Carson-Big Bad Beater Board
Joshua-Talking Woody on Toy Story
Dylan-Buzz Light Year on Toy Story
Randy-Buzz Light Year on Toy Story

Bryson-Woody on Toy Story
Rance-Talking Woody
Trey-Car Race Track
J.C.-Cowboy and Indian Lego
Ky-Rifle Nerf Gun
Wade-Power Ranger
Dillon-Race Car Set
Bret-Truck
Kortney-Bicycle
Cam-Nintendo 64
Carlynn-Baywatch Barbie
Santa please remember all of our friends and our moms and dads.

We love you!
4, 5 and older Day Care Kids



Joyous Noel

May all your prayers be answered, and may you enjoy the joy and peace of the season. We appreciate your devoted support.

Phil's Electric

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Phillip & Kay

SPORT YOUR HOLIDAY CHEER!

Wishing you an action-packed holiday season. Thanks for making us a part of your home team.

Taylor Graphics

Gregg & Chris Taylor
Floydada

Play It Again, Santa!

Here's hoping your holiday hits all the high notes this year. Thanks for helping us have a harmonious season.

Kirk & Sons

Floydada

Christmas stories from RCA 6th grade



Hey Santa, is all of that your real hair? Is that your real beard? Aren't you hot in that big red suit?

Margaret Jones' writing students have submitted these poems, stories, and acrostics. Some are new versions of old favorites and special thoughts about Christmas.

Christmas Day
By La' Rae Gilliland 6-C
Christmas Day, all of those presents,
I think I have died and gone to heaven.
Crispy pies and loved ones too I could never find anything better.
Could you?
I hear the angels singing a marvelous tune.
For today is the day that all must rejoice.
We all should rejoice for our new born King.
Christmas Day is the one time of the year we're all loved
Ones are full of cheer.

By Dustin Covington 6-E
Christ is the true season,
For the Christmas season.
The wise men found that day,
Jesus Christ among the sweet hay.
The wise men brought to the King
As the angels did sing.
All the shepherds came
Tall and small the same,
To see the Christ child,
And how they all smiled.

The Christmas Disaster
By Andrew Arvizu 6-A
Santa's elves are very upset. A terrible disaster happened in the toy factory today. Last night somebody broke in the factory and stole all the elves supplies and broke all the machines down.

The next morning the elves woke up to get the toys ready for tomorrow, but when the elves got to the shop it was a wrck and everything had been stolen and the machines were broken.

Then Santa came and the elves said womebody wrecked our factory and Santa said that is not a problem. Santa snapped his fingers and the place was like new atain. So the elves got to work quickly and the presents had to be delivered tonight. You do know that tomorrow is Christmas?

That night Santa delivered the toys and the next morning everybody had a good Christmas.

Christmas Thanks
By Ragan Beedy 6-C
I love the Christmas holidays, a time for you and me.

I like the soft, chilly, weather, the snow outside just right for a snow ange.

I enjoy the trees and presents to spare, the tanks and the praises we have to share.

We all love the whole Christmas season, but most of all we love each other.

By Brandi Cruz 6-C
C is for the day Christ was born
H is for a great holiday
R is for Santa's red suit
I is for the inches of snow we receive
S is for Santa and the children who are good
T is for time with family
M is for the manger Christ layed in
A is for any special things we receive
S is for special memories on Christmas

I is for the I in I love you
E is for special gifts you want

T is for a time for the love in our hearts

H is for the happiness we share
E is for every holiday families share together

B is for the bears that hibernate
E is for Santa and his elves
S is for Santa and his reindeer
T is for a time to love.

H is for happy times of the holidays

O is for the opening of presents
L is for the love we share
I is for the icicles we see on the tree
D is for the dinner we will eat
A is for lthe angels up above
Y is for the best year we had

O is for the ornaments we hang on the tree
F is for the fun we have

T is for the time we spend together
H is for the holiday
E is for everything at Christmas

Y is for the yearly promises
E is for the enjoyment we have
A is for all of us together
R is for Rudolph and his red nose.

Being Together
By Lupe Delgado 6-C
Getting presents is great, but the best part of Christmas is being together. It really doesn't matter what you get as long as you're with your family and have a great time.

The Christmas Spirit
By Jimmy Darder 6-C
Once upon a time there lived two brothers named Horace and Harvey. Grant it they were twins. Harvey was always the good one. Horace was bad and played mean tricks on people.

It was December 24, 1984 (Christmas eve). Harvey loved Christmas but you couldn't say the same for Horace. He was like savage. He hated Christmas. With Harvey loving Christmas, he offered to be in the play.

The director said Horace, but being the grouch his is, Horace said me. That night while driving, Horace got into a car accident. He was in a coma for several weeks. Until he decided to give up fighting for his life and die. Now it has been a year since Horace died and Harvey was going to be in another play on Christmas. On the night of the rehearsal, Horace came back from the dead just to sabotage the play.

A few minutes later Horace was at the theater where Harvey was rehearsing. Then the lights blew out. At the next rehearsal Horace almost killed on of the actors. After what had happened almost half of the crew quit. But the director figured something out that the play would go on. Horace kept on doing what he did until the last rehearsal before the play.

Horace saw some little kids singing Christmas songs. He felt a little weird, he really started to like Christmas. From that day on Horace came back Christmas to see the play.

What is Christmas?
By Tanner Battey 6-C
C is for knowing the Christ child is near

H is for the heaven in the sky
R is for remembering the loved ones near

I is for the icicles on the roof top.
S is for the sharing and giving throughout the season

T is for the tattered Bible some receive
M is for mom and dad together with us

A is for always having love for all
S is for sharing the word of Jesus Christ.

Floydada third grade Santa letters

Dear Santa,
I want a dollhouse so I can keep it in my room. I want dolls in the doll house so I can play with the doll house and my sister can play with it too. I want my size barbie so I can put the dress and then my sister can where it.

Love,
Julie Castillo
3-D

Dear Santa,
How are you I am writing to you cause I want to ask you for some toys I want a 4X4 car a littler bike. And a house

Love you,
Frankie
3-D

Dear Santa,
I want a gameboy ples git me avosome pensels and gam for a gamboy and a moo Loo midatgan how is roodof? Meree chrismus santa. how is misis nick how is the efs you ban bant hata sind it if you you frand.

Cody
3-D

Dear Santa,
I want a sega saturn and a gameboy and 17 games and a kirate fighter clothes monoply and a tria set and a nut cracker and a football and a move of toy story and a nientedo 64 and a dallas cowboy jersey and a dionsanders shirt and a helmet and a cap and a super nientendo.

Love's
Rene
3-D

Dear Santa,
I want for christmas is a sega and games to it and I want a movie of spacejam so I can watch it and see them play bascitball and play with my sega.

Love,
Isaac
3-D

Dear Santa,
I want a Sega game that is calle Shinobi those for christmas and a remote controle airplain for christmas
Your best friend,
Chris R.
3-D

Dear Santa,
I am glad that we get alot of presents from you and we get alot of dolls from my mom and day and yuseully get books because they always see me read long books thats why they bring me books.

best friend,
Melissa Torres
3-D

Dear Santa,
I whant simon. It seems like a reel fun game. I allso whomt thirteen dead end drive. I whamt it race truck. I shomt a mocantral car. I allso whant a sports shirt.

Santa Claus,
Your friend,
Lindsey
3-D

Dear Santa,
I dont really want nothing but I'll take football of the 49ers and a jacket of the 49ers and a nintendoe 64 and 17 games to my sega and get my dad and my mom and my brother some thing and get me all the 49ers JerZes and get me a computer morder cycle with invissih.

Love Petey,
P.S happy christmas

Dear Santa,
I like a wach, a tea set, a toy car, a base ball, a baseball bat, a baseball glove, a base ball team.

Your to truly,
Star Foster
3-D

All I want for Christmas is a gameboy with a gameboy case to put it in and game-boy games.

Yo Sinsilurly,
Jason Nutt
3-D

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a easy baker and I whont Bairbie phone. I whont a santa stuffed animal. I whont some makeup. I whont some play money in my stocking. And candy in my stocking. I hould like to have in my stoking is a Pack of gumyworms. I would like to have Stickers. I would like to have a t.v. I would deffitly have a stereo

Love,
Stacey Griggs
3-D

Dear Santa,
I will want the game of dream phone I will even want gameboy games I think I have texrus. I will even want my dog in the house but I want a puppy I don't want everything only if you can get it all I reely want dream phone I want to see the moovie Space Jam I think that is all I want from you.

Love your friend,
Tabitha Barrientoz
3-D

Dear Santa,
I hope you come to my house and give me as many as I should get. You no that I've ben as good as I can be. I might want you to get me nothing but a mountain bike and get gear to go with it. That is all that I want this year.

Your friend,
Trey Helms
3-D

Dear Santa,
Andys I wnat a nintendo 64 and a roller blades and a lote of clothe and a R.C. car. If its to much to much to ask far

Sinly Andy,
Love Andy S.
3-D

Dear Santa,
I want NINTENDO 64 and a match box truck rally and a motorsikel rally racing.

Your pall,
Brock Smith
3-D

We Know That You've Been Good!
Many thanks and a Merry Christmas to all

SPS SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
Randy Duke, Robert Webb & Mita Chavarria
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FLOYDADA EMS
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"Thank you for your support through the years"

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Don Hardy Fuel Efficient Engine Service
Don, Sue, Dedra & Donald Floydada

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.
— John 3:16

God bless you and yours in this holy season and beyond.

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

6th graders express Christmas thoughts

Christmas
By Mark Dehoyos 6-A
 Christmas is a day of fun
 Hoping that Santa is coming
 Reindeer that you can see
 Icicle that are hanging from your porches and step
 Santa knows that you have been bad or good
 The time of giving presents
 My time is to have fun
 A time of caring
 Spending time with family and friends.

Christmas Is Here
By Joshua Aguilar 6-C
 Christ is born
 Happiness in your heart or in heaven and earth
 Reading Christ in the Bible or inside of us
 Inside Christ is waiting for us
 Trimming the tree is fun
 Making a family happy and joyful
 A present to open
 Stay up for Christmas day.

In bed tucked in
 Sleep in heaven as fast as you can
 Hearing click, clack, click, clack on the roof
 Enjoying the time to share
 Reviewing the times you are
 Excited to see your family.

Christmas
By Juan Alaniz 6-C
 Christmas is love
 Here and everywhere
 Remembering this day
 In a pretty holiday.
 Snow and crystal lights
 Treats and special things
 Memories of this tree
 Angels around, telling me
 Santa's on his way.

Merry Christmas
By Annabell Baltierra 6-C
 M is for Mary up above
 E is for eating as much as you can
 R is for reading Christmas cards
 R is for reuniting families
 Y is for yawning in the morning
 C is for Christ
 H is for happiness spread around
 R is for reaching out for hugs
 I is for the inn Joseph and Mary went to
 S is for sharing
 T is for tying bows on a gift
 M is for many hugs and kisses
 A is for announcing toasts for families
 S is for saying goodbye to far away families.
 Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas Ya'll!

Be Thankful
By Tyler Helms 6-C
 Christmas time is a very nice and great holiday for most, but think of a family who lives in Chicago on the streets. On Christmas eve, while you're enjoying yourself while sipping hot cocoa, they are just searching for little chunks of food to stay alive.
 Having to swallow their pride, while we are wondering whether mom and dad got you a new TPX baseball bat or a new Spalding basketball for Christmas.
 We need to be thankful for what we have and think of a family less fortunate than ours.

The East Star
By Jamie Johnston 6-C
 The three wise men saw by far,
 What we know as the great east star.
 The wise men saw the great bright light,
 And followed it from day to night.

We learned of Jesus Christ by this,
 The men brought three lovely gifts.
 They brought these to Jesus Christ
 In this we remember to never give love a price.

Christmas
By Dustin Griggs 6-C
 Christmas is Jesus' birthday
 Having family and friends over
 Running around in the snow
 It's time to share with Jesus
 Sitting around the tree opening presents
 Time for sharing love, peace and joy
 More time to enjoy Jesus and you
 A time for family and friends to get together
 Some time to talk about Jesus and family.

Christmas
By Brooke Hayes 6-C
 Caring for one another.
 Having time with your loved ones.
 Receiving all the wonderful gifts.
 Ice and snow so you can play on.
 Smiling faces are fun to see.
 Time for singing and playing
 Many toys you get to play with.
 Angels all around you.
 Sharing is what I do best.

Christmas Time
By Isidro Juarez 6-C
 Christmas is a time for joy and laughter. A time to play and share. A time for girls and boys to play, a time to share and tell.
 A time to go tell Santa what you want for Christmas. A time to be happy. So say Christmas and be happy and say, roses are red violets are blue, I like Christmas and so do you.

Christmas
By Adrian Martinez 6-C
 Christmas is fun
 Hoping you a Merry Christmas
 Riding to your cousin's house
 Inviting cousins to your house
 Staying asleep real late
 Taking a trip to Mexico
 Making plans of what to do
 A time of giving presents
 Staying home and watching T.V.

Christmas
By Elsa Medrano 6-C
 C is for Christ born in Bethlehem
 H is for hollies that decorate your house.
 R is for reindeer that pull Santa's sleigh
 I is for icicles hanging from your roof
 S is for snowflakes that fall in different shapes and sizes.
 T is for trees that we decorate for Christmas.
 M is for Mary, the mother of Jesus.
 A is for angels that announce the birth of Jesus.
 S is for stockings that hang over the chimney.

Christmas
By Lisa Yannis 6-C
 Christ
 Holiday
 Reindeers
 Icicles
 Snow
 Tree
 Mary
 Angels
 Santa Claus

Thanks
 Rudolph
 Elves
 Eating

Christmas Eve
By Cecilia Lopez 6-A
 Christmas trees are decorated.
 He's coming near to you and me.
 Rapping presents for far ones here.
 Icicles on your Christmas trees.
 Staying up on Christmas eve,
 Thinking all about Santa,
 Making presents for relatives far away,
 Also making your dreams come true.
 Sharing thanks with others.

Everyday a wake waiting for Santa.
 Visiting other friends and family from out of town.
 Elves that live with Santa.

An Old Family Christmas Story
By Larry McNew 6-A
 We were awaiting Santa's arrival impatiently, then grandpa abruptly said in a gruff voice, "Come on children and I'll tell you a story."
 Grandpa pulled out his old ragged Bible, the pages were torn and tattered and the gold edged pages were faded to almost nothing. The leather binding was weathering away then as he turned the pages he spoke.
 "This very same Bible was handed down by many generations and someday you might inherit it."
 "Me!" I exclaimed. "I don't want that ugly old thing." But I sat there and listened anyway.
 "A man and a woman traveling to seek the city of David (Bethlehem)", Grandpa read. "And when they arrived all the inns had no vacancy, so the joyful couple tiredly shuffled to the stable and during the night a child was born. The mother layed the baby in a manger for when this happened a magnificent star appeared brighter than any star. It lead three wise men and shepherds of all sorts. For they knew that something wonderful had happened."
 "When all the wise men and shepherds and animals arrived they were the luckiest beings on earth."
 "The end", Grandpa said as he closed his mangled old Bible.
 I said, "Grandpa, I can't wait to inherit that wonderful old Bible!"

Christmas Traditions
By Chase Mitchell 6-A
 Cinnamon and spice
 Holly and fun
 Reindeer prancing around
 Icicles hanging from the roof
 Santa Clause
 Trees with lovely scent
 Mistletoe and kisses
 All together singing
 Sleds and children
 Dancing around
 And a partridge in a pear tree
 Yearning for fun and games.

What is Christmas?
By Jacob Morales 6-A
 Christmas is a time for sharing festivities and giving. Christmas is the time of decoration and falling snow that lets us have snowball fights and building snowman.
 Christmas is also lights and candles that light the room on Christmas night. Christmas is the time of year when family's and friends get together, and have some fun and open up gifts and enjoy them for many years to come. Christmas is Christmas trees so that you can put presents under it and decorate it to look pretty.

Christmas Love
By Margo Morin 6-A
 Caring for other people
 Hearts of gold
 Reindeer on the roof top
 Ice on the front porch
 Santa going down the chimney
 Tears running down my face
 Moments we will never forget
 Angels on the Christmas tree
 Snow falling on the ground.

Christmas
By Johnny Joe Garcia 6-A
 Christmas is a fun holiday
 Having friends come over to play
 Running through the beautiful snow
 It's fun being around people you know.
 Saying my prayers at night
 Thinking about the Christmas sights
 Making people laugh all the time
 And giving my little brother a dime
 Singing Christmas songs all day.

Christmas Day
By Jessica Rodriguez 6-A
 Christmas Day is very gay
 Having friends and family stay
 Remembering how Christ was born
 Inventing new memories on Christmas morn
 Singing Christmas carols day and night
 Trees are all a beautiful sight
 Making gifts for everyone I see
 And never wanting more for me
 So to end this poem I have to say,
 Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Christmas
By Racardo Sanchez 6-A
 A horse to play and race on a day
 Presents to lay stories okay.
 Ask Rudolph to stay
 ...and...have a nice holiday!

A Christmas Story
By Maggie Vick 6-A
 On Christmas eve night we gather around the tree and sing songs like Oh Come All He Faithful and Silent Night. After we sing our hearts out.
 We go outside and listen to the carolers. Then we go eat a marvelous meal and gobble it up. Man, am I full!
 Then we go into the living room and open presents and boy, did I get a lot of cool and neat stuff. I really like it. It is a great time to have family over. Christmas time is when people spend time together. Once again we say good-bye to our best friends and family. So we have a Merry Christmas and we say have a safe, safe night.
 As Santa puts presents out I sleep inside my bed so tight. The next morning I get up to open all my presents and as he flew away, he said, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

Christmas Toys
By Christopher Wiley 6-A
 Cars for racing
 Harmonicas to make harmony
 Rocking horses to ride
 Indian warriors
 Skates to roll
 Trucks to haul
 Magic kits to amaze
 Animals that are stuffed
 Soldiers for fighting.

Toy dolls for girls
 Ovens that are small
 Yo Yo's to spin
 Sleds to speed.

The Back-Up Factory
By Kimberly Green 6-A
 Santa's secret elves are very sad. A terrible disaster happened in the toy factory today. They sat around the factory until someone said, "we should really go tell Santa." "Yeah, your right."
 They went into Santa's office and sat down. They said, "Santa it's one day until Christmas Eve and, well the factory is broke down."
 "What, the factory is broke down?" said Santa. "It is okay because I have a back-up factory, up in the South Pole Mountains."
 All the elves were busy packing their tools, while Santa Claus was getting the reindeers and sleigh. When they got there the elves said, "Wow, it's beautiful. Okay, enough sight-seeing," Santa said.
 The elves worked so hard that they barely made it on time for Santa to go deliver presents to all the children in the world, and on every child's face there will be a huge smile. When Santa is finished passing out the gifts to everyone in the world, he says, "Ho, Ho, Ho! Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"



Hey Mom, are you sure this is the real Santa?

The Shepherds and the Angels
By Josh Galvan 6-A

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and there were terrified.
 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying "glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."
 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."
 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.
 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Your in Joe (Santa's point of view)
By Brady Rainwater 6-A

I was going right along that Christmas eve night as I left Vancouver, Canada. I was hit by a meterite. Old Rudolph landed nose first in the snow. I took him down to the vet and he recommended Joe (another reindeer). He was fantastic. His nose was great with a freckle on the end. That deer could prance better than Prancer and almost could dance like Dancer. We past through Texas, and everybody yelled out. See how in California thy shouted Cawbunga!
 Old Joe boy, he could really go. Too bad for poor Rudolph missing out this Christmas. When we all finished I screamed. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

A Snowflake
By Roseanne Soliz 6-A

A snowflake falls on Christmas day and sometimes it doesn't. And if it doesn't that's okay, you'll just have to wait another day. And if it does what a beautiful sight it will be.
 It looks like a crystal flowing down to earth, maybe it showed on Jesus' birth. It does not say that in the story, but maybe just maybe it snowed on Jesus' birth.

Happy Holidays
ON CHRISTMAS DAY
By Daisy Reyes 6-B
 Christmas day is a day of Happiness and thankfulness
 Relatives from all around will come
 In a flash to
 See what you get for Christmas
 Trees and presents
 Make the wishes better
 A barbie would be great for a present
 Santa Claus will bring his
 Elves with all his deer. My favorite is
 Vixson I think he is
 Everything you could hope for.

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

Park Florist
 Floydada

Lockney Insurance Agency
Peace & Harmony
 Together they create the most beautiful music of all! Merry Christmas.
 Jerry Cooper
 Elsa Cooper

Candy Canes and Gingerbread Men, Christmastime is Here Again!
 We wish all our dear friends and neighbors a very sweet holiday season, and thank you all for seasoning our year with sweetness.
 Season's Greetings and best wishes.
Staff and Residents of Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center

A ROUND OF GOOD CHEER
 ...And a round of applause for our loyal customers and friends! Thanks for giving us extra reason to celebrate.
Darty Gin
 Dougherty

6th graders share Yule messages

Christmas Day
By Yolanda Burleson 6-D
Cold
Holiday
Reindeer
Interesting
Santa
Tree
Merry
Angels
Smiles

Christmas is Coming
By Sonia Calderon 6-D
Hear the bells of the sleigh.
Reindeer are coming with Santa Claus.
Santa Claus has a smile on his face.
Trees are pretty like a star.
Mom & Dada are happy about Christmas
As we go to sleep
Santa Claus is coming to town

A Christmas Gift
By Joseph Cuevas 6-D
Click, click, click, Jennifer has 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 has written a letter to Santa Claus saying she wanted a Barbie Doll and a red bike She ran down stairs, looking at the bright christmas tree, and she saw a big box that she knew her parents had not left it there She ran outside into the cold weather and Santa and his reindeer going out into the night sky she said, "Thank you," to herself than her dad came down "What's the matter Jen?" "Oh nothing. Well go back to bed its late and tomorrows christmas day and you need your rest. She ran up stairs and fell back to sleep The next day Christmas morning her brother come pounding on the door. hurry get up! let's open our 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 slently to herself, "thanks for the best christmas gift ever."

Christmas Acrostic
By Chris Dechant 6-D
C is for coming home with us
H is for having good time with family
R is for resighting poes to family
I is for intertanging the gest
S is for some parties we go to
T is for time to open presites
M is or making pies and cakes
A is for a loveing family who cares for you
S is for some fun times we had

A Chirstmas Carol
By Jeremy Duvan 6-D
On the first day of Christmas my Aunt gave to me a Nintendo 64.
On the second day of Christmas my mom gave to me 2 CD's and a Nintendo 64.
On the third day of Christmas my sister gave to me 3 nintendo games, 2 CDs, and a Nintendo 64.
On the fourth day of Christmas my brother gave to me 4 CD players, 3 nintendo games, 2 CD's and a Nintendo 64.
On the fifth day of Christmas my Grandma gave to me 5 pair of nike socks. 4 CD players, 3 nintendo games, 2 CD's and a Nintendo 64.
On the sixth day of Christmas my Grandma gave to me 6 lotto tickets, 5 pair of nike socks, 4 CD players, 3 nintendo games, 2 CD's and a Nintendo 64.
On the seventh day of Christmas my Uncle gave to me 7 driving lessons, 6 lotto tickets, 5 pairs of nike socks, 4 CD players, 3 nintendo games, 2 CD's and a Nintendo 64.
On the eighth day of christmas my Nephew gave to me 8 100 dollar bills, 7 driving lessons, 6 lotto tickets, 5 pairs of nike socks, 4 CD players, 3 nintendo games, 2 CD's and a Nintendo 64.
On the ninth day of Christmas my Niece gave to me 9-49er hats, 8 100 dollar bills, 7 driving lessons, 6 lotto tickets, 5 pair of nike socks, 4 CDplayers, 3 nintendo games, 2 CD's and a Nintendo 64.
On the tenth day of Christmas my cousins gave to me 10 goosebump books, 9 49er hats, 8 100 dollar bills, 7 driving lessons, 6 lotto tickets, 5 pair of nike socks, 4 CD players, 3 nintendo games, 2 CD's and a Nintendo 64.
On the eleventh day of christmas my Great-grandparents gave to me 11 hugs and kisses, 10 goosebump books, 9 49er hats, 8 100 dollar bills, 7 driving lessons, 6 lotto tickets, 5 pair of nike socks, 4 CD players, 3 nintendo games, 2 CD's and a Nintendo 64.
On the twelfth day of Christmas my dad gave to me 12 unforgettable memories, 11 hugs and kisses, 10 goosebump books, 9 49er hats, 8 100 dollar bills, 7 driving lessons, 6 lotto tickets, 5 pair of nike socks, 4 CD players, 3 nintendo games, 2 CD's and a Nintendo 64.

Christmas
By Adriana Gonzales 6-D
Clause
Happiness
Relative
Icicle
Snowman
Tree
Merry
A glowing star
Santa
Enjoying
Very
Exciting

A Christmas Wish
By Junior Hernandez 6-D
Christmas
Hope
Relative
Icicle
Snow
Tree
Mistletoe
Aglow
Suprise

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Angel
By Ashley Norrell 6-D
A light for all to follow
Nice memories of past Christmas
Gifts of joy we receive
Everlasting hope and joy
Love for Christ

There's a Christmas Tree Under My Bed
By Laura Reddy 6-D
There used to be a Christmas tree under my bed.
It would light up the room and glow through my head.
It would tip-toe downstairs, right past my parents bed. It would steal all our food, and was absolutely rude.
I knew my parents wouldn't believe me.
I would just have to let that tree be.
There used to be a Christmas tree under my bed,
Until I found a plug.
I jumped up and about,
and pulled that plug right on out.
The tree just melted,
and then I felt it,
It was a sigh of VICTORY!!

Some ABC's Christmas
By Anqualita Perez 6-A
Angels above us are watching us
Being in my home with the people and family I love
Caring for each other
Decorating the tree and the house with Christmas lights
Everyone opening their Christmas presents
Finally we can eat some Christmas cookies that Mama and Granny made
Getting together and sing Christmas Carol at the piano
Having fun and Helping one and another
Ice and snow outside I should not go outside its cold
Jumping for joy and singing "Joy to the World"
Keeping warm and keeping memories from today and until I be a grown up

Loveing and caring for my whole family, friends, and relatives.
Making sure nobody bumps into the tree.
Now I can play with my little baby cousin and getting to hold her.
Opening the door and theirs Grandpa with a present for me
Playing with the toys I got for Christmas
Quit everyone lets dance get a partner
Raising the turkey lets have dinner everybody
Sending everyone a Christmas card that I wrote and giving than a hug
Thanking everyone for the Christmas presents and giving them hugs and kisses
Under the tree is a misttoe Mama and Papa got to kiss
Very soon it will be time for everyone to go
Watching the football ga ne and hoping we will win

MY CHRISTMAS ACROSTIC
By Alfredo Rodriguez 6-B
C is for caring for others
H is for happiness spread around
R is for wrapping presents for your family
I is for inviting family over
S is for saving money to buy some presents
T is for tearing up presents
M is for Merry Christmas
A is for Angels up above
S is for snow falling down the sky.
Merry Christmas to All

CHRISTMAS POEM
By Tana Holmes 6-B
Hearts are red. Love is white. I hope Santa will come see me tonight. I wish I may I wish I might know that Santa is coming tonight. I hope he brings me a lot of toys so I can share with my other toys.



This festive house in west Floydada is a sight to see after the sunset.

Christmas Holiday
By Kristie Reyes 6-E
Christmas is a fun holiday,
Having fun throughout Christmas day
Reindeer's on the houe top.
Icicles falling with a bop.
Santa's coming on Christmas day.
Tree's are bright and full of joy.
Miracle's happen for every good boy.
As elves finish packing the sleigh
Santa's on his way.

A Song gone wrong
By Kristin Rubio 6-E
On Christmas day
a child lay
on the crist golden hay
And on every christmas we go to mass
to pray and thank for what he has and his faith that was carried bepass
Even of our celebration are wrong and the actual spirit os almost gone.
His love for us remains strong maybe on day we will sing the right song.

St. Nicholas has a good tone proves that are hearts are not made of stone. Maybe I hear there melody alone. But still the song can touch the deepest bone.

Santa Clause
By Kayla Stovall 6-E
Santa wears a red and white hat,
And he is a little fat.
He comes in a sleigh,
Pulled by reindeer, who eat hay.
He comes to every house,
He's quiet as a mouse.
To every kid he brings a toy,
But to everyone he bring joy.
He comes just once a year,
And the times are always's so dear.

CHRISTMAS
By Janna Szydloski 6-B
Christ was born on this very earth
Hearing the good news of his birth
Ringing bells around the hearth
I can see the wonderful snow
Singing carols to friends we know
Thanking God for all he shows
Making ornaments for the tree
A Christmas bell made by me
Sharing presents with my family.

Have a prosperous New Year!

A CHRISTMAS POEM
By Kellen Wyrick 6-B
Christmas time is finally here
it has take the whole year.
Gifts I know I will receive
because in Santa I still believe.
On our tree the lights burn bright
because I'm ready for Christmas night.
It's always fun to play in the snow
down the hill our sled will go.
Hot chocolate is good in the cold
because it warms you I was told.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS
By Chase Tipton 6-B
My thoughts of Christmas are full of love. For Jesus who gave his life for us.
For family and friends that give great love
For fantastic trees with glorious lighting.
For thoughts of lost ones we remember
For large snowmen who seem to come alive
For wonderful snow that makes Christmas bright.
For all of these reasons Christmas seems right.

Christmas Acrostic
By Daniel Ochoa 6-E
Christmas is a day of Joy
Having fun with your friends and family
Reindeers leading Santas sleigh
Icicles hanging from the eves
Santa brings you lots of toys
Tensles hanging gently on the tree
Many people are looking forward to see Santa Clause
Angels are singing christmas carols
Santa leaves the day after christmas

Angel
By Victor Yannis 6-D
A night when you get presents
Never forget the ones you love
Give love to the one above
Every night you get love
Lots of love and care

CHRISTMAS
By Terina Williams 6-B
Candy
Holiday
Receive
Inn
Smile
Taste
Magic
And
Secret

CHRISTMAS TREE
By Lisa Yannis 6-B
Christ
Holiday
Reindeers
Icicles
Santa Clause
Tree
Mary
Angels
Snow

Thanks
Rudolph
Eating
Elves
ANGEL
By Margaret Martinez 6-E
A day you celebrate God's birthday,
Never forget the lve you receive,
Give love to the one above,
Every night you get love and joy,
Lots of presents you get from your parents.

A Special Holiday
By Amanda McHam 6-E
Christmas comes once a year
Hear it is yet so near
Reindeer flying in the sky
I hope dear Santa is close by
Street lights shining all a-glow
Trees all covered with the snow
Meeting friends and love ones on Christmas Day
Always wishing they could stay
Sharing our love in our own way,
hoping this will be a special holiday.

*From our family to yours
Have a Merry Christmas*

HALLELUJAH!

May the spirit of the season fill your heart with bundles of peace and contentment.

We appreciate the gift of your kind patronage.

Rudy's Barber Shop
Floydada

Hope You're Up For A Great Holiday!

Dan's Auto
Dan & Nina Teuton
J. U. & Ron
Lockney

In This Holy Season

May you and your family be blessed with the true spirit of Christmas.

From the Staff of

Homestead Home Health Care
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We're Taking Off For Christmas...

It's been a privilege and a pleasure to serve you this past year.

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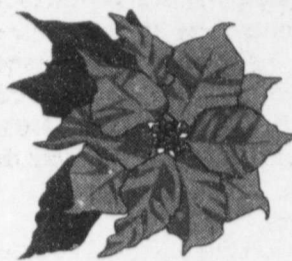
May God Bless Your Home This Holiday Season

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.

Lockney Oil & Butane
Hamm & Mildred Gammage
Tom & Shelly Roberts
Justin & Ashley

Holiday visions from RCA 6th graders

Christmas Love
By Rudy Castaneda 6-E
Caring for family and friends.
Having good times opening presents.
Receiving presents from out of town family.
Inviting family and friends over for Christmas.
Sharing presents with other family.
Tearing up the presents you get.
Mary giving birth to Christ.
Angels coming down from Hevan.
Special moments we share with my family.
Love we give to all my family.
O is for the ornaments on the tree.
Visiting friends and family.
E is for evergreen in all the houses.



A Christmas Tounge Twister
By David Rodriguez 6-D
Christmas cheers up community children
Happiness holds household hope
Really radical red ribbons hang on wreaths and roofs.
Icicles iratedly drip on your head
Santa sits a series of presents under the tree
Toboggans are used to get from place to place
Mother makes a mouthwatering batch of munchies
After awakening amedeately sort gifts
Stuffed stockings surprise children

Christmas Danuta Torres 6-D
C id for the christ above
H is for heaven
R is for remebering Christ our Lord
I is for Immanuel
S is for the stable where baby Jesus lay
T is for thanks
M is for major
A is for angels in heaven
S is for special memories of this day.

CHRISTMAS DAY!

May the warmth of the season embrace you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Saul Trucking

*Scott & Susy Saul
Galen, Colt & Kodie
Lockney*

New Born
By Dustin Covington 6-E
Christ is the true reason for this Christmas season.
The wise men found that day
Jesus crist among the sweet hay
The wise men brought great gifts to the King.
as the angels did sing.
All the shepards came tall and small the same.
to see the crist child.
and how they all smiled.

Christmas
By Scotty Gilbert 6-E
Cheer
Happy
Restful
Ice
Share
Thankful
Merry
Awesome
Scents

Christmas Lights
By Senaida Gonzales 6-E
Christmas lights remind me of...
Stars...
Lights on the street...
Star that goes on the tree...
Star of Jesus...
Lights form a big city...
When you are a far distance from a city...
The headlights from a car
The shine from a diamond...
That is what Christmas lights remind me of...

Christmas
By Chelsea Haynie 6-E
C-Christmas frost bring lots of joy
H-houses full of love and toys
R-ringing door bells and familiar faces
I-icy days and christmas wishes
S-snowmans bring smiles to faces
T-trees with pretty ornaments hanging
M-merriest to all families around
A-apple pies smell wonderful and delicious
S-smelling food prepared by your family
Merry Christmas to all with happy faces!

the Child Who Met Santa
By Michael King 6-E
Once upon a time, there was a young boy named Billy. He was an age of nine, and had the wildest imagination.
It was christmas eve, he was excited because Santa was coming tonight. He kept telling his mom and dad to go to bed early. "Are you tired, I am," he kept saying. "Its only seven o'clock, son," his dad said. When two hours past he was in bed. H eused his special blanket to go to sleep faster. It worked, he out by nine fifteen. He expected to wake Christmas morning and see presents, but he woke up at midnight.
He heard some shuffling in the living room. He went to go see what it was. When he peeked into the living room, it was santa! He was thrilled to see the real Santa. "Hello, Snta," Billy said. "Why hello Billy," Santa said, "you have been a very good boy this year." "Thank you, Santa," Billy said. "I must go now, Billy, there are alot of good boys and girls out there. Goodbye, Billy." "Goodbye Santa," he said. The next thing he knew Santa disappeared. Then he saw Santa in his sleigh with his reindeer. He went back to bed. He got just what he wanted that Christmas morning, a new bicycle.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
By Stacey Ibarra 6-B
M is making everybody happy
E is for enjoying everything we get
R is for relaxing our time together
R is for remembering when Baby Jesus was born
Y is for you and parents come over to visit.

C is for caring and clause
H is for happiness and hot cocoa
Relatives visit
Icicles
Santa Clause
Toys
Merry times
A lot of presents
Staring at the present

Angels signing
Nutcracker we celebrate each year
Decorations

Angels

Happy hearts
Always
Presents
People
Yo-yo's

Nutcracker
Elf
Windy weather

Year after Christmas
Eve before Christmas
Angels
Roast turkey

CHRISTMAS ANGELS
By Victor Lopez 6-B
C is for the Lord of Christ
H is for helping one another
R is for reaching love
I is for ice cubes on the tree
S is for silent night
T is for Christmas trees
M is for mother nature
A is for flying angels
S is for Santa Claus

A is for eating apple pie
N is for new born babies
G is for giggling at our cousins
E is for elfs that help santa
L is for looking at santa
S is for eating soup on winter nights

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
By Marisela Perez 6-B
C is for cards
H is for hours of fun
R is for relatives you see
I is for inside your home
S is for songs to sing
T is for toys we get
M is for merry times we have
A is for announcing Jesus was born
S is for sharing what we did on Christmas day

C is for cracking up with laughter
R is for relatives that watch over us
R is for wrapping children's presents
O is for ornaments on the tree
L is for love at home
S is for sharing with all sorts of kids

MY BEST CHRISTMAS
By Stephen Culvas 6B
On Christmas Day we woke up and saw that our stockings were gone. We were waiting for it at night but we had to go to church. When we came back they were there. They were full to the top. The Christmas tree was full of presents. All of us got excited! It started to snow and Santa ate the brownies and milk. I got all I wanted and more. So when we were through our Dad came. We were so surprised and he had a whole bag full of presents for me and my sister and brothers. We got more toys and clothes for the school days. On Christmas day we woke up and felt happy.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS
By Chelsea Kirk 6-B
Long ago, about fifteen-hundred years after the birth of Christ, there lived a little girl named Adeli. Her family had little money and Christmas was soon to come. There was no money to buy presents or any fine things.

Five days before Christmas Adeli was walking with some girls who were talking about what they got their families. They were all great things. Gifts like a bottle of scent, or a velvet robe, a fancy music box and a hand-made beer stein. Adeli could never afford such things as that.

"What did you get your family?" asked Genatel, one of the girls.
Adeli did not want to tell them that she couldn't buy one because she didn't have the money, so she said, "It's too big to take inside the house. It sparkles and shines and the whole neighborhood will get to see it."

The girl's eyes got big.
The day before Christmas Adeli was depressed. She had to find something that was the perfect match for what she had said that didn't cost anything. Adeli stared at the pine tree in front of her house. Suddenly it came to her.

She took a basket and ran from her house to the forest across to the field near the house. Adeli filled her basket with cranberries and ran to a shed deep in the forest. She found string and a needle and spent an hour stringing cranberries together.

When Adeli finished she ran back to the house and hid the cranberries and gave some leftovers to her mother. She rounded up a net, big enough to cover a tree and grabbed a jar.

That night she caught about twenty fireflies and put them with all the other things.

At five o'clock in the morning Adeli woke up and gathered the tools. She flung the net over the tree in her yard. She then put the jar of fireflies still flickering under the tree and opened the jar. The insects flew up into the tree and did not escape because of the net.

Adeli ran and woke up her family and took them outside. "This is my present to you!" she yelled

The neighbors came out to see the beautiful tree lit with firefly light. They all joined hands around the tree and sang 'Silent Night'. When the song was over a bright light that lasted five seconds blared from the very top of the tree.

Adeli grabbed the net and yanked it off releasing the fireflies. They lit up the sky and then disappeared into the night.

Genatel ran up to Adeli, "How unique to use the tree for a present." Adeli's mom came up and hugged her daughter. "That was the best present ever."

"What would you call a tree decorated like that?" Genatel asked.
"I call it a Christmas tree," Adeli answered proudly.

Happy Holidays

Was Saint Nicholas originally from Turkey?

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

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

His bones, believed to have curative powers, were stolen from his tomb here and carried to Bari, Italy,



This Santa Claus stuff is serious business!

Holy Journey made by decree

(Taken from The Hesperian, Dec. 19, 1974.)

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

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

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

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

Although Joseph was a Judean by ancestry, he lived and plied his trade as carpenter some 70 miles to the north in Nazareth in Galilee, where Jesus spent his early years, thus becoming identified as Jesus of Nazareth.

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

of invaders and travellers of many years.

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

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

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

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Merry Christmas, Everyone!



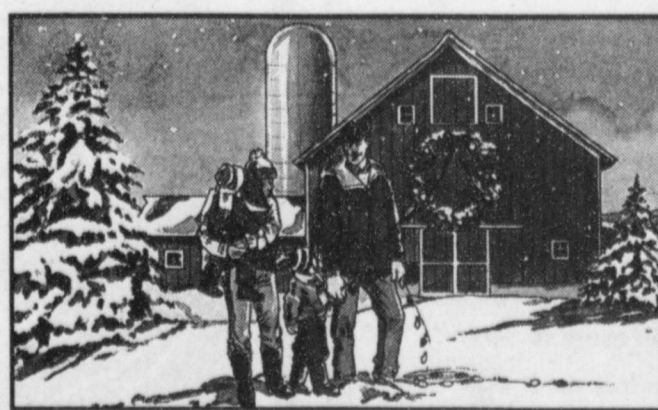
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Christmas means love, peace and hope

(Taken from The Hesperian, Dec. 23, 1971.)

CHRISTMAS IS LOVE

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

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

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

As long as we strive to keep in our hearts a spark of that Divine Love; love for God and for our neighbor... Christmas is Love.

CHRISTMAS IS HOPE

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

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

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

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

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

CHRISTMAS IS PEACE

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

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

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

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



Waiting patiently for a turn to talk to Santa is not an easy thing for the youngster on the right. Being first less stress for the boy on the other knee. -- Staff Photo

Climate key to time of Holy Birth

(Taken from The Hesperian, Dec. 22, 1974.)

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

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

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

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

This area provides more clues to the time of the journey for scholars who look to the still fertile and well-watered hills of Galilee and into the less favored hill country of Judea, where the cultivation of grains, olives and vines tended to give way to the grazing of sheep, especially in the dry season.

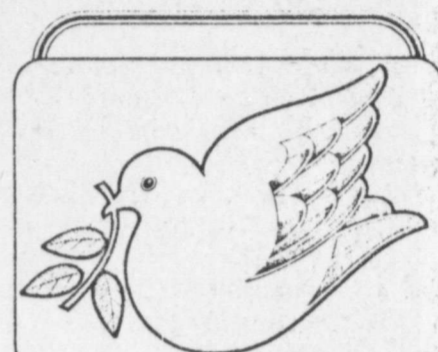
So it can also be assumed that the holy journey was during the dry sea-

son by looking to the Bible in which Saint Luke says that in the same country were shepherds looking over their flocks.

The origins of the Garden of Balm

Tradition says that as Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt when King Herod sought to kill the newborn king, that the family finally rested after their long journey in the village of Matarea beyond the city of Heliopolis and six miles from Cairo, and there dwelt in a grove of sycamore trees where a miraculous fountain sprang up.

This fountain, called the *Fountain of Mary* by the Arabs, still exists. The district became known as the *Garden of Balm*, as Mary washed the swaddling clothes in the water of this fountain, the perspiration of the Baby Jesus, so it is told, became the balm of the vicinity.



Peace to All

May you and yours celebrate a season of joy and love with family and friends.

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Benjamin the Shepherd knew the tale

By Pamela Kennedy

Andrew walked slowly up the hillside behind the city of Bethlehem. His right hand clutched a shepherd's staff,

and his left hand held the gnarled fingers of his blind grandfather, Benjamin. Benjamin had tended the flocks for over forty years, and now that he could no longer see, Andrew, the youngest of his grandsons, was assigned to accompany him to the hills. Day after day and night after night, Andrew had to be his grandfather's eyes, counting and describing the sheep, guiding the old calloused hands over the animals so the seasoned shepherd could assess the condition of his flock.

Benjamin knew every lump and scar on every one of the sheep and told Andrew about each sheep as if it were a favored child. Andrew had heard the stories dozens of times and grew tired of their repetition. He would much rather have been down in the city learning a trade or going to school, but his family was poor, and it had been decided that he would be a shepherd like his grandfather.

Sometimes, though, his grandfather would tell him stories from the scriptures. Andrew never tired of the ancient tales of David and Saul, of Moses and the prophets. He dreamed of being a hero like one of them.

This afternoon, as the sheep grazed and the sun neared the horizon, Benjamin was droning on about Isaiah; how the prophet had said that a great king was coming to rule God's people with justice and truth. Andrew drifted into a dreamless sleep, his head resting on his folded robe.

Benjamin's cry awoke Andrew with a start, and the boy scrambled to

his feet, disoriented from sleep and shielding his eyes from the dazzling light that burned in the sky.

"What is it?" the old man whispered in fear.

"I'm not sure," Andrew replied. "It's like the sky is on fire; but there's no heat, just brightness. Oh Grandfather!"

"What's happening? Tell me Andrew!"

"I don't know, Grandfather. It looks like people, men in robes, flying in the light."

At that moment, the night was shattered by joyous singing. It was as if the sky had broken in two and music poured out from the heart of the heavens. Chords and harmonies unfamiliar to earthly ears swept around the hillside and lifted the leaves and grasses in a burst of melody. Then words became distinguishable.

Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good 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. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Then a chorus began to roll over the hillside like a wave: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The refrain was repeated again and again until the very rocks echoed it back to the heavens.

Terrified, the shepherds clung to one another. Finally the voices ceased and the light faded.

"It has happened," Benjamin whispered.

"What has happened?" the others urged.

"He has come. The Messiah has come at last. Oh, praise God!" And Benjamin fell to his knees on the grassy ground.

The others looked at the old man skeptically. Then they began to murmur among themselves, comparing their impressions of the astonishing event they had just witnessed. Finally,

one of them spoke with conviction. "I think we should go and see this thing."

"But how do we know where to go?" asked another.

"The angel said the child would be in a manger," Benjamin said, "wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger in Bethlehem. It is just as the prophets have written!"

"Come, Andrew, give me your hand."

Andrew obeyed his grandfather with reluctance, fearful of the things he had just seen and heard and suddenly fearful of the old man who seemed to understand it all.

As the two started down the hillside, the others followed, whispering among themselves.

Thus they traveled through the darkened streets of Bethlehem, Benjamin navigating as if led by some inner compass.

Before long, they came to a small inn which appeared to be locked and shuttered for the night. Benjamin whispered to his grandson, "Come, it is here."

Skirting the building, the little group of shepherds approached the rocky, cave-like stable at the back. Pushing past several tethered donkeys, some sleepy cows, and a few restless sheep, they came upon a startled couple, kneeling in the straw. The woman reached protectively for a tiny bundle that was resting in a stone manger.

Falling to his knees again, Benjamin spoke to the couple he could not see. "We have come to worship the Messiah. Is it as Isaiah has said: 'Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call him Immanuel?'"

Andrew watched the young mother as her eyes warmed with understanding at the old man's words. Gently, she lowered the infant into the old man's arms, and Andrew saw his grandfather's body tremble at the touch of the tiny babe.

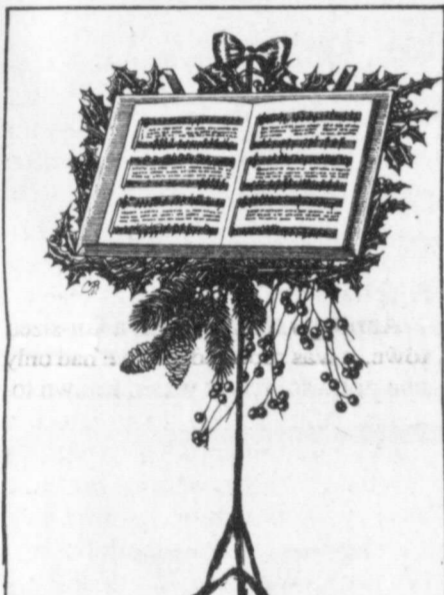
"It is he," the mother whispered,

and tears slipped from the sightless eyes as Benjamin held the hope of Israel against his breast.

Later, Andrew could not recall how long they had lingered in the stable. Time seemed to have little meaning that night. But what he did recall was the lighter step of his grandfather as they returned to the hills. No one spoke as they settled back onto the familiar rocks and wrapped their robes about them to stop the chill.

But when the rosy pink of dawn slipped up the morning sky, Benjamin broke the stillness.

"Andrew," he said with wonder, "bring me that newborn lamb," and, extending one trembling hand to point, he added, "the one to the right of the olive tree there."



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Beginnings of Christmas in the New World

(Taken from The Floyd County Hesperian, Dec. 25, 1975.)

THE BEGINNING

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

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

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

The Pilgrim Fathers arrived in Plymouth some 7 years later, bringing with them their strong distaste for Christmas. Thanksgiving day, with its

feasting and neighborly celebrations with friendly Indians, was more like Christmas.

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

HAPPIER CHRISTMASSES

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

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

Gradually, however, the increasing number of English in this area brought

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

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

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

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

THE HOLIDAY ON THE MOVING FRONTIER

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

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

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

In the southwest, Christmas celebrations were greatly influenced by the Spanish. Los Pastores, an old miracle play, with the eternal struggle of Good and Evil as its theme, was

staged and has been revived on and off, through more recent years.

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

POEMS AND PICTURES

Clement Clarke Moore is credited with creating the current Santa Claus image and story in his poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas." The poem, originally written for his children in 1822, has been published an endless number of times and is one of the most popular American poems.

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

ENTER SANTA CLAUS

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

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

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

AMERICA TODAY

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



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.



Santa, you're supposed to bring me presents not tickle me!

Happy Holidays!



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