

Harvest Halted By Light Snow

Snow covered the ground at about 6:30 a. m. Wednesday. Temperatures plunged to a low of nine degrees above zero early Wednesday, and lower temperatures were predicted for Wednesday night.

The moisture was welcomed by wheat farmers and ranchers as an indication that the long siege of dry weather might be coming to an end.

One of the worst dust storms that has blown into the area in several years smothered the area Saturday. Old timers were reminded of the "dirty thirties" as the fine dust filtered through the air on Sunday. The snow has settled the dust which was clinging to every surface.

Cotton harvesting was brought to a halt by the moisture as ginning continued. It was predicted that if favorable weather had held for another week the harvest could have been completed.

On December 13, 1962, the total number of bales of cotton that had been ginned was 7,796. The official total for the 1962 season in Briscoe County was 20,275 bales. The ginning so far this year has reached 22,243 bales.

December 13, 1962	
Silverton Local	1,566
Silverton Rural	2,164
Quitauque Gins	4,066
Total a Year Ago	7,796
December 12, 1963	
Silverton Local	7,945
Silverton Rural	7,009
Quitauque Gins	7,289
Total	22,243

Higgins Services Held Here Sunday

Funeral services for Frederick (Dick) Monroe Higgins, 71, were conducted at 2:00 p. m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church here with the pastor, Rev. Carlos McLeod, officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Mr. Higgins, a retired farmer, died at 6:45 a. m. Thursday, December 5, in the Veterans Hospital at Big Spring.

He was born February 28, 1892, at Eastland. His first wife was the former Stella Morton, who preceded him in death January 10, 1954.

They had made their home here and Mrs. Higgins was buried in the Silverton Cemetery.

He was married to the former Beulah Young at Weatherford on January 25, 1955, and they made their home at Eastland.

Mr. Higgins served with the U. S. Navy during World War I. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Beulah; one daughter, Mrs. Paul Murrell of Kingsport, Tennessee; four brothers, R. W. of Sweetwater, Ed of Kermit, Albert of Pampa, and Walter of Fort Worth; three sisters, Mrs. Ava McClanney of Lubbock, Mrs. Jewel Goodwin of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. John Scott of Brownwood; five step-sons, Roy Young of Wilson, Arizona, Bayford Young of Bisbee, Arizona, J. W. Young of Amarillo, Homer Young of France, Peru, and Marvin Young of March Air Force Base, Sunny Meade, California; and five grandchildren.

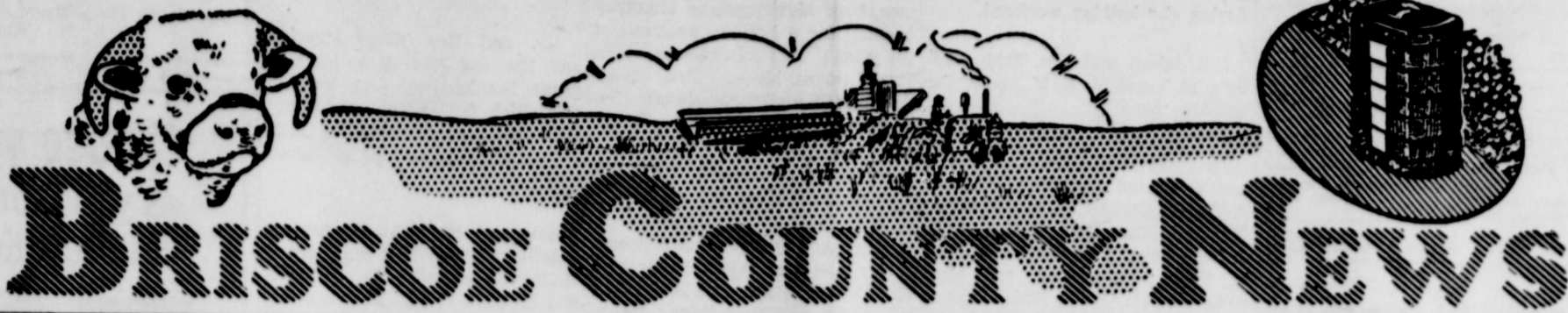
Graveside Rites Held For Turner Infant

Graveside rites were conducted in the Silverton Cemetery at 10:30 a. m. Monday for the stillborn infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Turner of Plainview.

The baby boy, Michael Travis Turner, was born at 12:10 Sunday morning in the Plainview Hospital.

The graveside services were officiated by Earl Cantwell, minister of the Rock Creek Church of Christ. Burial was under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Survivors in addition to the parents are a brother, Donald Eric, of the home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Turner of Silverton; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones of Plainview.



Silverton Tournament Opens This Afternoon

The Silverton Invitational Basketball Tournament opens at the school gymnasium today with eight teams entered in each division.

Participating in the girls division are Happy, Quitauque, Tulia "B", Hedley, Kress, Turkey, Estelline and Silverton.

Entered in the boys division are Happy, Quitauque, Boys Ranch, Hedley, Kress, Turkey, Estelline and Silverton.

The Silverton Owlets are scheduled to play Estelline girls at 7:40 p. m. today, followed by the Owls vs. Estelline boys at 9:00 p. m.

The winners of the two Silverton vs. Estelline games will play the winners of the Kress-Turkey boys and girls games at 7:40 and 9:00 p. m. Friday.

Championship games are scheduled to begin with the playing of the consolation matches at 12:30 and 2:00 p. m. Saturday. Third places will be decided at 4:00 and 5:30 p. m. Saturday. First and

second place winners will be determined at 7:00 and 8:30 p. m. Saturday.

The first game of the tournament is scheduled to be played between Happy and Quitauque girls at 2:10 p. m. today. This will be followed by Happy vs. Quitauque boys at 3:30 p. m. Tulia "B" girls

will be matched against Hedley; Kress girls against Turkey; Boys Ranch against Hedley boys; and Kress boys vs. Turkey.

Trophies which have been donated by various Silverton business firms will be awarded at the conclusion of the boys championship game Saturday night.

Silverton Takes Two Games From Claude

The Silverton boys and girls handed the Claude teams a pair of defeats here Tuesday night.

In the girls game Martina Williams led the Owlets to a 40-38 win by scoring 20 points. Karen Bryan of Claude scored 17 points.

The Owls defeated Claude 55-54 with Emmett Tomlin leading the attack with 16 points. Jerry Bartlett was high individual scorer for Claude with 18 points.

TWO REGISTERED DOGS MISSING FROM MERCER HOME

Two white Somyed dogs, a male and a female, weighing about 75 pounds each disappeared from the Jim Mercer residence Tuesday evening.

They are shaggy white dogs with bushy tails. They wore no collars, but answer to the names of Duke and Duchess.

A reward is being offered for the return of the dogs. Call 2811, or see Mr. or Mrs. Jim Mercer if you have information concerning the dogs.

Farmers Approve Cotton Controls

Briscoe County cotton farmers went to the polls Tuesday to vote on another year's extension of federal marketing controls.

Unofficial results released by the local office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service indicate that 228

votes were cast in Briscoe County. A total of 190 voted for the program and 38 cast votes against the controls.

Approval by at least two-thirds of those voting is required to make the controls effective. Agriculture Department officials had predicted majorities far in excess of this level.

Controls have been in effect on upland cotton since 1954. In a similar referendum a year ago, marketing quotas on upland cotton were approved by 93.7 per cent. The marketing quotas back up acreage limitations, which are supposed to prevent excessive production.

The department is still tabulating returns, and the final results are expected to be released today. Under the cotton program, 16 million acres will be allotted growers for planting next year. This allotment is divided among farms largely on the basis of past production history.

Visiting John Deere Facilities This Week

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cornett and among approximately John Deere Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Martin are dealership personnel to be honored during visits to John Deere facilities at Waterloo and Dubuque, Iowa, and Moline, Illinois.

The two couples were scheduled to make the trip, called "Flite '63," December 11 to December 14. They will tour John Deere factories in the three locations and attend a schedule of special events being held in their honor.

Annual Silver Tea To Be Held At Public Library

The annual silver tea for the support of the public library will be held from 2:30 until 5:30 on Thursday, December 19, in the library room of the Briscoe County courthouse.

The silver tea is sponsored annually by the March of Time Study Club. Those who attend are asked to contribute silver for the purchase of new books or books to be placed on the shelves of the library.

March of Time Study Club has had the library as one of their

score was tied 37-37, and at the end of the second overtime period the Lockney girls had moved to a 39-37 advantage.

Martha Mills scored 17 points, while Martina Williams sank 11 to lead the Owlet scoring.

The Muleshoe girls and Hedley boys won the tournament championships.

SUNDAY IS DEADLINE FOR SANTA LETTERS

Sunday is the deadline for writing letters to Santa. All letters mailed before then correctly using the ZIP Code numbers will receive an answer from Santa.

Letters should be addressed to: SANTA, North Pole 99701. Return addresses should show the child's name, mailing address and Silverton, Texas 79257. Through a special arrangement with the North Pole, all letters to Santa will be printed in the Briscoe County News.

projects for several years, and through their efforts the library has seen a continuous growth and improvement.

"A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life." —Beecher.

The Library Committee is made up of Mrs. Tony Burson, Mrs. A. L. Redin and Mrs. T. T. Crass, who will be the Silver Tea hostesses.

The public is invited to attend the silver tea.

Farm Worker Shot To Death Near Here

A farm laborer was shot to death 14 miles southwest of Silverton late Saturday when a drinking party apparently resulted in an argument.

Fortino Coronado Garcia, 50, died after being shot in the heart area about four times and once in the arm, according to Briscoe County Sheriff Johnnie Lanham, who investigated the shooting. Charged with murder with malice in the shooting was Maximiliano Rodela, a 32-year-old laborer.

According to Sheriff Lanham, the two had apparently been drinking before the shooting took place. The defendant told law officers that Garcia had threatened to kill him. A knife was found near the dead man's body which his family said they could not identify as his. Sheriff Lanham said that Rodela apparently ran into his house at about 10:00 p. m., brought out a 22 calibre rifle and shot Garcia four or five times.

A hearing was held Sunday morning before District Attorney John Stapleton of Floydada. Rodela made the \$2,500 bond Sunday.

Rodela, his wife and nine children live on the Gordon Montague place, 3/10 of a mile inside the Briscoe-Floyd county line. He has been employed by Edwin Dickerson and Bryant Eddleman.

Garcia and his family had been

living at the labor camp at Tomlin-Fleming Gin in Silverton. He was boss of a crew that had been pulling cotton in the area.

Garcia had been a resident of Alamo, Texas. His body was returned to Pharr, Texas, late Sunday for funeral services and burial.

Owls Win Second Place At Kress

The Silverton Owls captured second place in the Kress Basketball Tournament last weekend after losing a 46-44 decision to Hedley in the championship game.

The Owls defeated Nazareth 51-36 in their first round of the tournament, with Greg Towe sinking 14 points and Emmett Tomlin making 12.

In the second game of the tournament Silverton dumped Adrian 59-57 defeat. Stafford led in the individual scoring with 32 points, followed by Towe with 15.

In the third round of the tournament the Owls handed Bula a 59-57 defeat. Stafford led in the individual scoring with 32 points, followed by Towe with 15. In the championship game Stafford sank 13 points while Gary Hunt dropped in 12.

Fred Stafford, Greg Towe and Pat Cagle were named to the All-Tournament teams at the conclusion of the Owl loss to Hedley.

The Owlets won one game, lost one game and were out of the running in the Kress Tournament. Their first match was with Nazareth, and the game ended with a one-point edge for the Owlets. Martha Mills and Martina Williams tied in individual scoring with 16 points each.

In their second game the girls found themselves matched against Lockney due to a last-minute change in the bracket. They previously had been scheduled to play Muleshoe.

At the close of the regular four quarters, the Owlets were tied with the Lockney girls, 35-35. At the end of the overtime period the

Rev. Edwin Norris Elected President Of California Baptist Convention

Bakersfield, California—R. Edwin Norris, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Salinas, was elected president of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California by messengers attending the 23rd annual meeting here on November 11-14. Norris was elected by a unanimous ballot cast by the secretary following instructions of the convention messengers.

Rev. Norris is a native of Silverton. He is the first to be elected president of the convention who is totally a product of Southern Baptist work in California. He was converted in a California Southern Baptist church, was called to preach, licensed and ordained in California, and married a young lady who is also a product of California Southern Baptists.

Norris returned to Texas for his college work at Wayland Baptist College, where he received the bachelor of arts degree. During college days he served as pastor of the Mayfield Baptist Church, Plainview, and Sunnyside Baptist Church.

Following his graduation, Norris returned to California where he attended Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley.

Before going to Salinas in October of this year, Norris served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Pacific Beach in San Diego.

Norris has been active in both denominational and civic affairs. He served as clerk and later mod-

erator of the North Bay Association, president of the Greater Vallejo Ministerial Association, trustee of California Baptist College in Riverside, and as a member of the executive board of The Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

In Pacific Beach, Norris was a member of the Kiwanis Club and director of its youth foundation.

The California convention presently has 965 churches and mission chapels spread over the Golden State.

ANNIVERSARY NOTED BY QUITAUQUE COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Merrell of Quitauque were honored on their 50th anniversary with an open house at their home Sunday.

Hosts for the event were the children of the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Loudermilk attended the open house in honor of her brother-in-law and sister.

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

Toys which can be repaired are needed by the Silverton Fire Department for the annual "Toys for Tots" program.

You can help assure a nice Christmas for the underprivileged children of the community by cooperating with the firemen.



Coach Robert Whelchel is shown treating the foot injury of Rocky Curby with the new Ultra-Sonic Machine purchased recently for the school athletic department by the Silverton Quarterback Club. The machine sends electronic waves

through the injured area, helping to remove soreness and speeding healing. A number of the players have been using the machine regularly.

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DELAYED FROM LAST WEEK

Darla Peugh, Larry May, Larry Elms, Steve Jarnagin, Larry West, students at W.T.S.U., spent the holidays here with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Jowell were guests of his mother, Mrs. J. E. Jowell, during the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Schott and son of Canyon visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Schott, jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chitty during the holiday weekend.

Bill Schott and Jim Reid, students at Texas A & M, spent the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Cornett and David of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Don Cornett, Kim and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patton were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Onar Cornett. Wade Welch was a dinner guest in his sister's home also.

Ken Thornton of Wayland Baptist College spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Georgia B. Thornton. Sheryl Cook of Lodi, California, also spent the weekend in the Thornton home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bigham and Ricky of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams, Martina and Annette were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mrs. H. P. Howard. Ricky remained here until Saturday when Mrs. Williams, Martina and Annette returned to his home. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Autry, Tommy Autry and Doug were also

dinner guests of Mrs. Howard.

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Fred Lemons, Ross, Gale and Eric of Los Alamos, New Mexico, came Thursday evening for a holiday weekend at the ranch with his mother, Mrs. Fred Lemons. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Biffle of Waurike, Oklahoma, also spent the weekend at the ranch.

Joe Steele of Amarillo has been visiting his brother, Roscoe Steele.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Steele and Jim Edd were Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Willis and children of Amarillo; and Mr. and Mrs. Dean McWilliams of Plainview. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Redin, Van and Kenny of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Redin called in the afternoon.

Mrs. W. A. McJimsey and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McJimsey and Douglas spent Thanksgiving Day in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strickland and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Warren of Oklahoma City, visited her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens, from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephens and Cheryl of Turkey spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens.

Mrs. J. E. Vaughan spent a few days at her home here early this week. She has been staying in Plainview with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smalts and children.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hacker of Hereford have been recent guests of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn spent Thanksgiving Day in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Watkins and daughters.

Mrs. A. A. James, who has made her home with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Reid, is now at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reynolds in Almodoro, New Mexico, and is improving from her recent serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Smitherman, Marc and Monty of South Plains, and her mother, Mrs. J. K. Bean, returned home recently after a visit with relatives down

state. They visited at Grandbury, Alvarado, Grandview and Fort Worth, and visited Six Flags Over Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Mayfield and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mayfield spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Dick L. Mayfield at Alpine. Dick and Nell Mayfield are students at Sul Ross College at Alpine.

Rev. and Mrs. Travis McMinn, Debbie and Dudley of Burkburnett visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn Friday and Saturday of last week Friday evening all attended a family reunion and dinner for Mrs. Travis McMinn's family in Plainview. Among those present were Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Brian of Almodoro, New Mexico; Mrs. Roy Osthus, Pat and Mike, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Boggs and Greg of Kress. All paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Smith, parents of Mrs. Brian, and grandparents of Mrs. Osthus, Boggs and Travis McMinn, who were unable to attend the family dinner at Wayne's Restaurant.

Mike Mercer and a guest, Jim Narrell of Columbus, Ohio, students at Texas Tech, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer. Ann Wingo, a student at Texas University, also spent the weekend with her parents, the Mercers.

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Watson Attends 4-H Club Congress

Joe Bob Watson, 16, received top honors at the 42nd annual 4-H Club Congress held in Chicago, Illinois, last week as the outstanding 4-H Tractor Program member in the state of Texas.

He won the state tractor title and an all-expense paid trip to the Club Congress for his activity and leadership in the Tractor Program.

Joe Bob was a guest at the Congress of Humble Oil & Refining Company, which sponsors leader training, teaching materials, record books, and awards for the Tractor Program in Texas and five other southwestern states. About 80,000 participate in the program which is conducted nationally by the Cooperative Extension Service, working with the National 4-H Service Committee, Inc.

Miss Teenage America, Judy Doll, of near Akron, Ohio, presented Watson with a plaque symbolizing his achievements at a special ceremony Saturday night. Joe Bob also was an honored guest at a special recognition banquet Tuesday night, along with other state winners.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Obra Watson of Silverton, Joe Bob has

Mmes. Luther Gilkeyson, Roy S. Brown, L. B. Garvin, jr., and H. B. Simpson spent one day last week in Amarillo.

Mrs. Jewel Kennedy spent Sunday in Lubbock at Methodist Memorial Hospital, where her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bley of Olton, are recuperating from injuries received in a three-car crash near Abernathy December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Hale of Wichita, Kansas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hale and Mrs. Bill Hale and sons during the holidays. Mrs. Bill Hale and sons accompanied the Herschel Hales to Friona Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. David Hale and children.

Jerry Simpson of Lubbock has been a recent visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simpson.



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Texas' increasing urbanization is emphasized in special pages containing photographs and comparative statistics for 21 metropolitan areas, including the cities of Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Fort Arthur, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Harlingen, San Benito, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Texas City, Houston, Laredo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, San Antonio, Texarkana, Tyler, Waco, and Wichita Falls.

Maps of 254 counties and data on all counties and cities of Texas have been brought up-to-date, including population and other figures from the 1960 U. S. Census. New features are a County Economic Index, and maps showing leading Texas counties in production of crops and livestock.

Texas who like to brag will find ample ammunition in two pages showing the rank of Texas among states, and in proportion of the United States total, in leading categories.

Other data appearing for the first time include carlot shipments of fruits and vegetables and added information on export-import trade. Texas landmarks are listed by counties in a special section, revised through information obtained from authorities on county histories.

All Governors of Texas and Presidents of the Republic of Texas are pictured in the historical section.

Agricultural information has been completely revised with the help of authorities of Texas A&M and the U. S. Department of Agriculture and others. For this and other sections, several thousand Texans have supplied information and photographs, according to Walter B. Moore, editor.

Election returns, the text of the Constitution of Texas with amendments adopted through 1962, a list of wet and dry counties, maps of Texas Senatorial, Representative and Congressional Districts, lists of state, county and municipal officials, and other information are found in the discussion of politics and elections. Water, soils, plant life, weath-

Riley Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris of Silverton, has been recommended as a potential member of a State-wide Future Farmers United States Goodwill Delegation taking part in a 1964 People-to-People Mission to Eastern and Western Europe.

As per the recommendations of the United States State Department, his State goodwill inspection mission would take him to both Eastern and Western Europe if he decides to participate. He would be officially honored as a guest of outstanding youth groups and European Foreign Government Officials as well as United States Embassy Officials. The trip would take approximately 22 days.

Wilbert H. Meischen, teacher of vocational agriculture at Raymondville, Texas, leader/host of the People-to-People trip, says, "It is a pleasure to work with, and be associated with, people of your calibre who appreciate America and Democracy to the extent that you will give of your time and money to promote understanding and goodwill between peoples. Little by little, through personal contact with people in both Eastern and Western Europe, Goodwill People-to-People Delegations have been able to plant seeds of goodwill for America which have done much to dispel the doubts and fears of the people in the European countries, especially those under Communist domination."

Nine Future Farmers from Texas made the trip last year and found it to be an experience that happens once in a lifetime. The Texas delegation will consist of

er, wild life, minerals, employment and labor, manufacturing, service industries, and hundreds of other topics are summarized in the 688 pages.

A widely-used section is the list of more than 500 state-wide civic organizations, with their chief executives and home addresses.

A comprehensive index increases the usefulness of the Texas Almanac's data for schools, businessmen, public officials, writers and speakers, and others. While it is primarily a reference publication, more than 400 illustrations, including a 4-color photograph of the Alamo on the cover, are expected to make the publication popular as a gift item for individuals and business firms.



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30 to 50 Future Farmers, active and associate members from all parts of the state this year.

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The delegation will visit Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Berlin, and Denmark. The trip, which is not an expense-paid one, is informative, educational goodwill mission dedicated to improving relations and understanding between America and the people of Europe. It is the opportunity of the Texas boys to express their belief in freedom and Democracy, combat Communist propaganda and tell the important story of "The American Way of Life."

David Odom, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner, was a patient in a Brownfield Hospital last week. Mrs. Turner and Joann were there Friday and Saturday to see David and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Odom and daughter.

Mrs. R. N. Muckleroy and children spent the weekend in Dallas guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Muckleroy, parents of Dr. Muckleroy.

News About People You Know

Mr and Mrs Dick Lowrey of Shallowater spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Northcutt. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Northcutt were Sunday guests in the D. T. Northcutt home.

Mrs. Floy McLendon of Hico spent a recent long weekend with her sister and husband. Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Brown.

Mary Catherine Spinoso of Tutwiller, Mississippi, and Sam Brown, students at Baylor University, spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Brown.

Mrs. Mattie Childress returned home Wednesday of last week after a visit with relatives. She had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones and family at Berger, and after an overnight visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Jones and children in Berger the entire group went to Claremore, Oklahoma, for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Scott. They visited the Will Rogers Memorial and enjoyed gathering pecans, walnuts, hickory nuts and acorns. Mrs. Childress spent Tuesday and overnight in Perryton with Mrs. Cleta Nite and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nance attended the funeral of her maternal uncle, H. T. Williams, 69, in Clovis, New Mexico, on Sunday, December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Voyles and Vicki of Vernon spent the week end with Mrs. W. A. Rowell. His mother, Mrs. Lorene Voyles, returned here after spending two weeks with her son and family.

Mrs. John Martin, nee Mary Beth McWilliams, will be honored with a miscellaneous shower Saturday.



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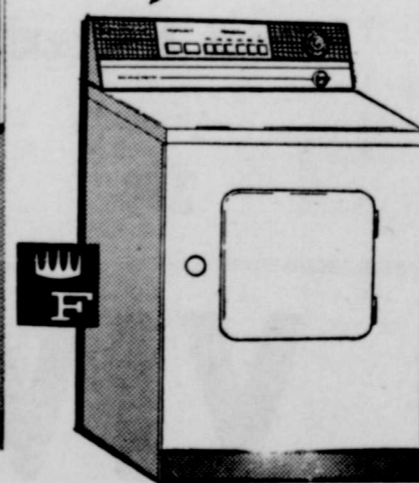
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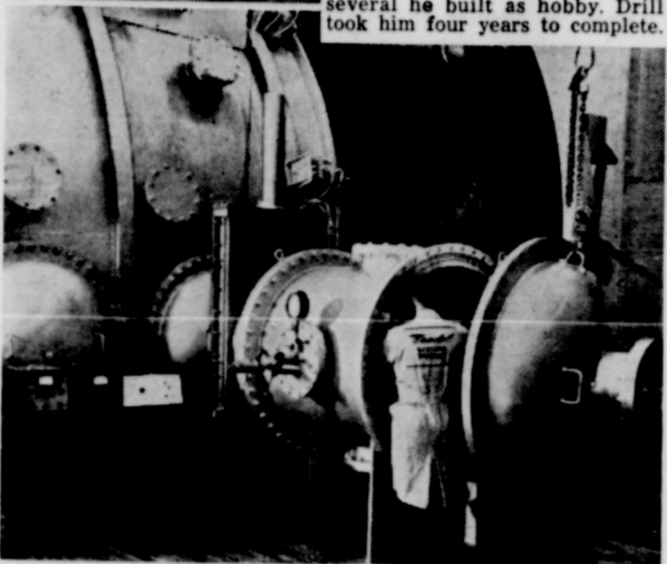
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Central States News Views

PRIDE AND AWE are mingled in the face of David Stover, 8, of Topeka, Kan., as he prepares to try light bulb he made as science project for a school exhibition.



LIKE A GULLIVER, George Boer, a Houston, Tex., draftsman, towers over scale model oil rig, one of several he built as hobby. Drill took him four years to complete.



"BABY" SPACE CHAMBER attached to "mother" is tended by technician in what is believed to be only facility of its kind in the world. Designed by Bendix Systems division engineers, the Ann Arbor, Mich., chamber duplicates atmospheric pressure changes experienced by a rocket-borne payload as it zooms into space.

Mercer, was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grewe were dinner guests of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Cobb, at Hale Center.

Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Brown, Lubbock, spent the holiday week end with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Malloy and Mr. and Mrs. W. Arnold Brown and Rita.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheelock attended the funeral of Leonard Davis in Lubbock Saturday. Mrs. Davis is the former Fannie Matthews, who lived here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheelock returned home last week after a visit with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brownfield in Raymondville. They visited many places of interest including Port Isabel, Port Mansfield, Reynosos, Mexico, and others. Mr. Wheelock went deer hunting on the King Ranch.

Stanley Fogerson, a student at Lubbock Christian College, and June Henderson of the Lubbock Children's Home, spent the holiday vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Ware Fogerson. All were dinner guests Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. George Birchfield in Matador.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McKenney and Peggy Phillips were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shipman of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Woody and children of Tulia; Mrs. Paul Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ray Baird and Paul Ray, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee McKenney.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom F. Perkins and Kathy were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perkins and Faye Lynn.

Garner Garrison has recently been a patient in Swisher County Hospital with a collapsed lung.

Mrs. G. W. Trout spent the holidays with her husband, Mr. Trout, on their farm near Brinkman, Oklahoma. They had Thanksgiving dinner with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Bell, Hollie and Della in Mangum, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith, Ann and Lynn were hosts at a family dinner Thanksgiving Day. Guests included Messrs. and Meses. M. E. Smith, G. H. Thomas and granddaughters, Ellen and Mary Jo Thomas, Donie Hester, R. L. O. Riddell and Tobe, Grover Thomas

and family, Ted Hester and family, Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Odell Johnston, David and Sammie of Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Shockley, Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Perkins and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perkins and Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. John Mercer and children, Ralph Hill and Cheryl Cowart.

Rev. Marvin Fisher, former pastor of the Silverton Methodist Church, who underwent spinal surgery in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock on Tuesday of last week, is thought to be doing as well as can be expected. He is not being allowed any visitors and flowers cannot be kept in his room.

Jewel Hodges of Lubbock spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. T. J. Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rowell and Kim of Hedley visited his mother, Mrs. W. A. Rowell, over the week end.

Mrs. Pascal Garrison and Hugh Nance were honored with a birthday anniversary dinner on Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney. Others present included Mrs. Nance, Nancy and Juannah, Pascal Garrison and Max, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lowrey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strange and Donald Dee.

Mrs. T. C. Bomar, Anne, Nelle

and Bill Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self, and J. D. McGavock attended Sunday evening services at the Church of Christ in Tulia.

Mrs. W. N. West returned home Friday after having spent almost two weeks in Slaton with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Jones and family. Mrs. Jones underwent surgery two weeks ago and has returned to her duties as a school teacher. Dewan Jones has had chickenpox, but is back in school now too. Mrs. Jones and the children brought Rs. West home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Archer, Rhonda Kay and James Warren of Plainview returned Friday from a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Archer, at Derek, Arkansas. James, Carolyn and the children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Yancey, as they were enroute home.

Mrs. J. B. Nance of Plainview and Mrs. L. B. Garvin, sr. were recent Sunday dinner guests of their sister, Mrs. P. D. Jasper, and Dawn. Mrs. Nance visited in the homes of her sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nance and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance.

Mrs. J. E. Vaughan spent the weekend in Lockney with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ragland and Janice Ann.

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Local News Delayed

Mrs. M. L. Welch and Ronald, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long, Roy Lynn, Darrell and Diane, visited Mr. and Mrs. Claudia B. Welch and family near Chetopa, Kansas, from Thursday through Sunday. Mr. and Mrs.

J. L. Webb, who had been at the Welch home several days, returned home Sunday also. While there the group enjoyed gathering hickory nuts, pecans and large acorns. The men assisted in working and branding new calves.

A Webb family reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Scott in Childress November 24. Those attending included Miss Opal Webb and Mrs. Olan Allen of Cooper; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb and Paul Howard Webb, Tulia; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Webb and family, Amarillo; Celene Jones of Detroit; and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer had all their children and grandchildren as dinner guests on Friday of last week. They included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barentine and Peggy Mercer, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Arnold, Jeanette and Dee, Post; and Mr. and Mrs. John Mercer, Lori and Carroll. Mrs. W. A. Rowell, mother of Mrs. Frank



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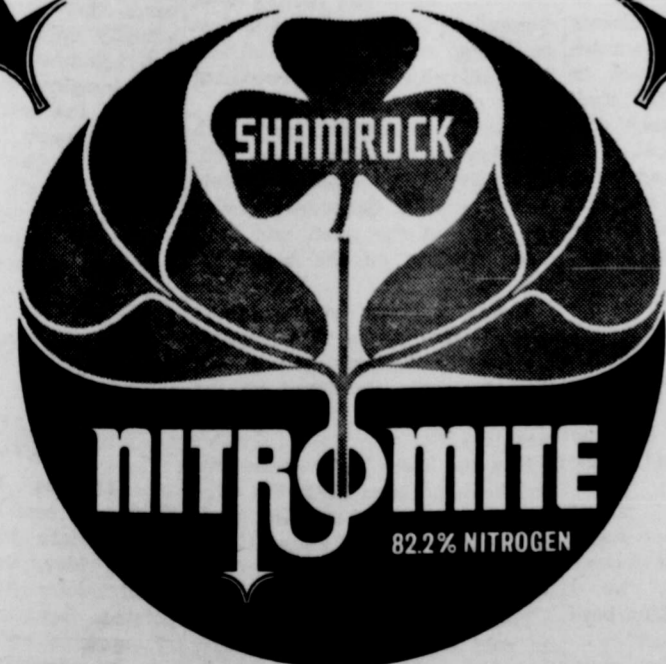
A practical way to get higher profits is through the more efficient use of your fertilizer. And a fine opportunity for increasing the efficiency of your fertilizer is by applying it now instead of waiting until Spring.

In order to do the most good for next year's crop, your turned under stubble must be completely decomposed. The soil bacteria that do the work in this decomposition process must have nitrogen... more nitrogen than is naturally available in most crop land. That's why it is wise to plow down anhydrous ammonia now. Then, when you plant in the Spring, all the nitrogen you put down now, plus the nutrients it has helped release, will be waiting to feed your plants right from germination.

By providing the necessary plant food right from the start, a plow down application could increase your yield by 10% or more. Since the extra yield does not add to the cost of your crop, it is all profit!

So, plow down nitrogen now!

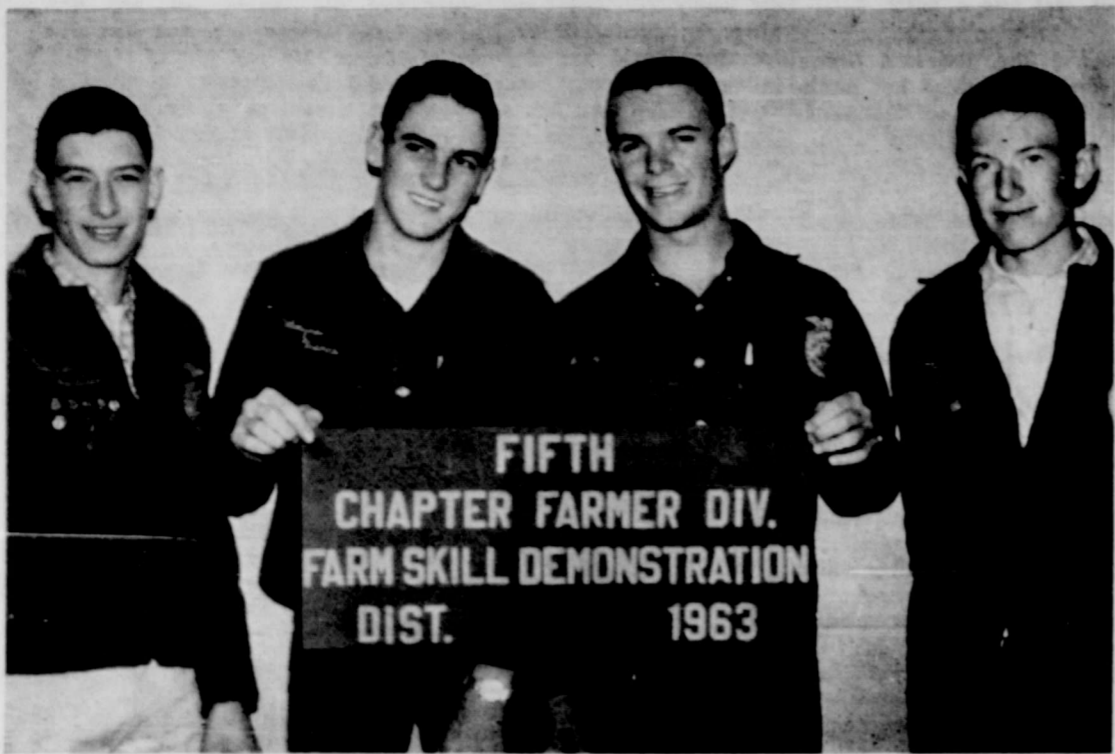
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Silverton F.F.A.'s Senior Farm Skill Team is placed fifth in the Plainview District Contest composed of Garner Garrison, Jerry Martin, tests held recently. Gary Hunt and Robert Davis. The team

SILVERTON FUTURE FARMERS ATTEND LEADERSHIP CONTEST IN PLAINVIEW

The Plainview District Leadership Contests were held on No-



STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Sharon Weaver was elected Student-of-the-Month for November. Sharon strives for good grades and makes them, but she finds time for extra-curricular activities also. If someone is needed to sing or to lead singing, Sharon is probably the one called on. She takes an active part in basketball, F.H.A. and F.B.L.A. She participates in church and community activities, and it is not uncommon for her to be found singing a solo in her church or with a community church group.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Max Garrison was elected Student-of-the-Month for November. Max exemplifies many of the characteristics of a good citizen. He is vice-president of the Student Council and cooperates with the students and with his teachers. He makes good grades and participates in extra-curricular activities—football, basketball, "S" Club, F.F.A., Student Council and F.B.L.A. He takes part in church and community activities and is an active member of the 4-H Club.

Student Council To Recognize Leaders

by Susie Hill
The Student Council has voted to have a Boy and Girl Citizen-of-the-Month to recognize students who are talented and hardworking.
The student body will elect a boy and a girl each month whom they consider to be the best citizens.
Characteristics which constitute good citizenship were discussed, and it was decided that allegiance or loyalty to the school is perhaps the most important. Others include courtesy, helpfulness, diligence, honesty and good sportsmanship.
Students are asked to be on the

vember 23, 1963, at Plainview. The Plainview District is composed of 17 schools which compete in each of the six contests on the district level to determine who will compete in each of these contests at the area level.
The Silverton F.F.A. chapter entered a team in each contest. The Junior Chapter Conducting team composed of Randy Hughes, John Montague, Jimmy Burson, Buddy Comer, Gary Crow, Mike Long and Mitchell McDaniel placed seventh.
The Senior Chapter Conducting team, composed of Joe Bob Watson, Johnny McGavock, Howard Tomlin, Tony Allison, Darrell Long, Robert Bomar and Ike Bruton, also placed seventh. The Senior Farm Skill team, composed of Gary Hunt, Garner Garrison, Robert Davis and Jerry Martin, placed fifth and received a banner.

The Junior Farm Skill team, composed of William Welch, Doug Turner and Walter Dunham, placed seventh.
The Radio broadcast team, Riley Harris, Jim Myers and Guinn Turner, placed eighth. The F.F.A. Quiz team, composed of Gary Gene Grady, Ralph Gamble and Butch McCravens, placed eleventh.
Monday night, November 25, the Silverton District Banquet was held for the purpose of selecting a District Sweetheart, a District Talent Team, and to present banners to the top five teams in each contest. Gloria Wallace, the Silverton Chapter Sweetheart, competed with 16 other sweethearts for the district sweetheart crown. Garner Garrison accepted a fifth-place banner on behalf of his demonstration team.

Those attending from Silverton were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mayfield, Garner Garrison, Travis Gilkeyson, Jimmy Myers, Benny Bingham, Gloria Wallace, Gary Hunt and Martha Mills.

GRADE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

- FIRST GRADE:** Mikel Griffin, Mike Engle, Sue Monk.
SECOND GRADE: Barry Francis, Susan Pennington, Frances Mariscal, Lori Francis, Ty Wayne McMurtry, Wendell Hardin and Martha Henson.
THIRD GRADE: Amy Birdwell, Freeda Henderson, Mark Muckleroy, John Minyard, Rhonda Sutton, Laura Arnold, Ramona Martin.
FOURTH GRADE: Becky Scott.
FIFTH GRADE: Lynette Martin, Ray Gene Whitfill, Ramon Casarez.
SIXTH GRADE: Gary Martin, Thurman May.
SEVENTH GRADE: Paul Ray McWilliams, Johnny Roy Weaver, Crockett Grabbe, Rick Martin.
EIGHTH GRADE: Debbie Dickerson, George Masey, Roy Ann Bomar, Joyce Brooks, Patricia Grabbe, Nancy Long, Nancy Nance, Jane Self.
- look-out for these traits, and it is suggested that voting be on the basis of good citizenship rather than friendship or popularity.
The annual Christmas Party will be December 20, and every high school student is being asked to dress up that day.
Each class will have a door to decorate. The doors will have to be decorated by December 15.

Junior Jabber

by Pat Cagle
The majority of the Junior Class voted at a meeting Monday night to postpone the class play until a later date. A class meeting was held during activity period on Tuesday and before the meeting was concluded it was decided not to give the play.
We want to thank our sponsor, Joe Granato, for the time he spent helping get the play organized even though it was abandoned.

WERE YOU THANKFUL?

Brenda Martin and Jeanne Davis
Were you thankful to have been able to sit down at a table and enjoy your food in a free country? Did you remember to take the opportunity to thank God for all your blessings?
Did you take the opportunity to go to church to express your thankfulness to Him for all that you have?
Did you remember those less fortunate than you and make any attempt to help them?
Did you remember others in your prayers and your thoughts? Did you remember the ones who are in deep sorrow because of the loss of a loved one? If so, did you remember to thank God for His Son who gave his life for us?
If you feel that you did give thanks for all, and that you forgot thanks for all, then may we say that you have done well. But, if you feel that you have missed someone in your prayers or that you have failed in some way to express your thanks, then take this opportunity to do so. Just remember that it is never too late to express thanks or to pray for someone.
May we all remember to give thanks all through the year for the many blessings God has bestowed on us. Let us not fall into the habit of remembering others and our blessings only on Thanksgiving Day.

F.H.A. HAS BUSINESS MEETING

by Janice Lewis
The Silverton chapter of Future Homemakers of America met Thursday, December 5, during the activity period. Miss Elaine Simton, sponsor, presided in the absence of the president, Sharon Weaver.
Members were requested to turn in the money from cookbook sales this week. Those who have been unable to sell their books were asked to return them to give another member a chance to sell them.
Jerry Garrison suggested a Toyland theme for the Sweetheart Banquet. Raye Garrison asked the members to be thinking about whether they will want the banquet to be formal or informal. This question will be voted on at the next meeting. Committees will be appointed and a theme for the banquet will be decided at a later date also.
A treasurer's report will be given at the next meeting, and if additional money is needed to finance the banquet, another means of earning money will need to be decided upon.

The Owl's Hoot

PAGE SIX THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1963

Area Gold Star Winners Honored At 4-H Banquet

Twenty West Texas county Gold Star winners were honored Monday night in Lubbock, at the Sixth Annual Gold Star Banquet, hosted by 12 rural electric cooperatives of the area.
Each county in District II of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service was represented by a boy and girl.
The speaker was Dr. J. Chess Lavern, pastor of Lubbock's First Methodist Church, substituting for Waggoner Carr, Texas Attorney General, who was unable to attend. Dr. Lavern advised the youth to "develop guide lights for the ship of life and to follow them through. Some of the better guide lines," the speaker said, "are to know people, know yourself, and know your God."
Dr. D. M. Wiggins was Master of Ceremonies. The invocation was by Bud Saunders of Big Spring. The welcoming address was by Dalton L. Knight, representative of the 12 R. E. A. cooperatives.
Mrs. Judy Dawson Neil of Swisher County, played dinner music at the organ during the banquet. Musical entertainment was by "The Lamesa Slumtown Symphony," an orchestra.
The Gold Star winners were presented certificates by W. H. Jones and Mrs. Aubrey Russell, district agents.
Each winner also received a gift from the R.E.A.



MASAKO NAKABE
Dressed in a beautiful Japanese kimono, Masako met her new friends during a party in the Carman Rhode home only a few days after her arrival in Silverton. This was before she was Americanized and Texanized, and these days "you can't tell her from the girls who've never been to Japan."

Exchange Student Addresses Assembly

Miss Masako Nakabe gave a talk to the Silverton High School assembly Wednesday, December 4. Miss Nakabe is an American Field Service exchange student from Tokyo, Japan, attending the local high school this year.
She began with a Japanese song which has been on the American Top Ten Tunes, "Sutiyaki." She then told about some of her problems with the language, for instance, she had thought "quite a bit" meant "a little."
Masako left Tokyo in August and went to San Francisco, where she spent several days getting oriented. She then flew to Amarillo and through a mixup no one was there to meet her. "I went to a phone," she said. "I put in some money—I don't know how much. But it got the operator." She called her "American father," Carman Rhode, and then she said everything was "all right."
She described going to school in Japan. She said she usually got up about 6:30 (or at least her mother called her then.) Her first class was at 9:30, but it took an hour and a half by train to get to her school. She had three classes in the morning, forty-five minutes for lunch, and three classes in the afternoon. Most of the students would bring their lunch. She attended an all-girls school.
Miss Nakabe said she had taken English for five years, but she knew one word of English before she studied English—crocodile. She said that there was a story behind this: An American in Japan was told that "thank you" in Japanese was "ali gato," which he thought sounded like "alligator." So one day when someone did something nice for him, he bowed very low, and said, "Crocodile."
A question-and-answer period followed her talk. Someone asked if Miss Nakabe had any boyfriends in Japan. She answered, "No, I didn't know any good-looking boys... so I came to America!"
Students also asked other questions about her school, her home, and how people live in Japan.
It was requested that she play the piano, and she responded with two numbers.
as "sissy?"
Why are you one of the few people to read this column to the end?

ADMINISTRATORS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

J. S. Hinds, Superintendent of Schools, and O. C. Rampley, High School Principal, are making plans to attend The School Administrators' Advisory Conference on Education in Austin January 8-10, 1964.

A VIEWPOINT ABOUT ENGLISH

by Mrs. Alice Lacy
What is an English department for?
This question poses a thought-provoking problem. English has two primary responsibilities: language and culture.
Take literacy, the competence to handle languages with sureness and cleverness. To be literate today, one must be able to resist the tendency to revamp good English rules so that they conform to actual usage. Regularly, via radio or television, we're confronted with such illiteracies as "May the Lord bless you real good," or the broadcaster feels "badly," or "Long time, no see," or "He's scared, but good," or "Those kind of people are high type fellas, just like you and I," etc., etc.
To resist such erosion of our language, and dare to be literate is indeed a challenge worthy to be met with complete confidence and self-assurance in order that we may maintain stability and poise in our everyday speech.
Now, let us consider briefly the cultural element. Is this subject too "high falutin'"? Is it of little value? Let us be reminded that when we speak and write we reveal the kind of people we are. We aren't necessarily "high falutin'" if our education is showing. Throughout life we will find useful our development of the four English language arts basic skills: reading, writing, speaking, listening. English doesn't have to be the great big ogre. It can be an interesting and useful subject. A very great asset in this highly basic subject is our attitude.

FBLA Christmas Party Set For December 9

by Dianne Davis
The F.B.L.A. chapter is making preparations for its annual Christmas Party which will be held December 19, 1963, during activity period. Special guests will be the high school teachers and the honorary members.
The following make up committees for the party:
Centerpiece and Program—seniors
Decorations—sophomores
Invitations and Food—juniors
In order to attend the party the members of the Future Business Leaders of America must have completed the requirements for their Assistant Degrees.

Typing Levels Reflected On Tree

by Mrs. O. C. Rampley
As Christmas time grows nearer, some students tend to think too much about the coming holidays and concentrate less and less on class work. Typing speeds level off with little improvement being charted.
In order to combine work with the pleasant thoughts of the holiday season, the typing students have erected a Christmas tree at the front of the room and have made a chart on the board behind it.
Speeds attained on five-minute writings are affixed to ornaments bearing the students' names; and the ornaments are hung on the proper speed level limbs of the tree.
Now the lower limbs of the tree are heavily laden with the blue ornaments of the beginning boys' class; the limbs slightly higher hold most of the red balls of the beginning girls' class.
The Typing II class has settled its gold ornaments in the upper branches and are striving to stay ahead of some of the faster Typing I students who keep creeping upward.
Before school is dismissed for the holidays on December 20, the colors will be scattered all over the tree and each student will have increased his striking rate due to added effort put forth in competing with his classmates.



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Straight From The Shoulder

by Lester L. Grabbe
Why are there so many good books in our library which are never checked out? Our library may be small, but there are a lot of good books in it.
How do I know that some are almost never checked out? I just look at the name cards in some of them. Many have few, or no, names on them. Most of these "never used" books fall under the nonfiction or literature section.
While one should read fiction, he should not make this his sole literary diet. Fiction is usually read for entertainment; nonfiction while entertaining, is generally for instruction. To be well-read, a person must read much non-fiction. Yet, there are biographies in the library which few people ever read—biographies of very famous men. For example, LEE THE AMERICAN has been checked out by about a half dozen people in as many years. Hernando's LIFE OF LINCOLN has been in the library eight years or more, but has been checked out by only about eight or ten people during that time. Douglas Freeman's R. E. LEE, in about seven years, has had one volume checked out twice—the other three not at all.
In the literature section, there seems to be even less interest. (Most of the people who check out books here do it only when the teacher requires it.) Some books have been in the library longer than I have been going to school. Yet some of them probably haven't been checked out during all this time.
Just for an example, take IVANHOE by Sir Walter Scott. I checked out and read it about six years ago. Not very long ago, my brother checked it out. He was the first one to check it out since I had. IVANHOE is one of the most noted classics in English literature. But six years passed with no one's reading it or even checking it out.
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Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Stafford of Abilene were visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stafford, and Fred, during the holiday weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jack of Lockney were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt on Thanksgiving Day.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Lanham were hosts at a son-of-a-gun supper Sunday evening. Guests were Larry Tunnell and Lisa of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lanham and Ian, Mr. and Mrs. A. Deisher and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris and Riley.

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Christmas Draws

DECK THE HALLS—Christmas is a busy time at the Joe Granato home. Barbara amuses Todd with a bright bauble while daughter Tonia unpacks tree ornaments and Joe hangs tinsel icicles. Joe's best gift was probably his baby son, the dream of every coach.



HOLIDAY CHEER is in the making at the Jim Mercer home. Jim adjusts the tree-top ornament while Kent hangs icicle lights on the lower branches and Nadine holds Jett. Joseph Jett, newest member of the family, is looking forward to his first Christmas.

The Family Closes

CHRISTMAS CAROLS fill the Bill Verden home with the sounds of the season. Debbie has ready the words and music while Evelyn puts on the record. Paula and Bill are ready to sing their merriest because Christmas Day will soon be here.



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By Shirley Sargent

"JUST because we live ninety-eleven thousand miles from civilization," Betty Abernathy said heatedly, "is no reason we can't have modern conveniences."
 Jim Abernathy, who was as stolid as his wife was slight and enduring as she was excitable, placed a record on the turntable before answering mildly. "Darling, we have electricity, running water, and Poverty Flat is only twenty miles away."
 "Oh, I hate logical men!" Betty looked out the window of their mountain home at the far fang snow-covered peaks. "Here's Christmas coming and I bet you haven't an idea in your head."
 Jim tamped his pipe slowly. "Betty, before I brought you here, I warned you that the adjustment from city life would be difficult and promised to make things as easy as possible. I hope to have TV in by Christmas day."
 "Oh, Jim you are a darling. But how?"
 "Leave it to me," he felt less confident than he sounded. "Do you realize that neither of the Cullens have ever seen a set outside of magazines?"



"You'll have a good picture here," the expert decreed, "but your set will have to be up here."
 "Heavens, that's right. They've been here since Nathan retired ten years ago."
 Community Present
 "Yes, and ten years back TV was still in its infancy."
 "Heavens," Betty repeated. "Jim, let's make it a community Christmas present. Think how they'll enjoy it."
 Jim drove the twenty miles to town in their fire engine red jeep with frequency in the ensuing weeks. Getting reception at 5,200 feet was a real problem. At the cabin, they could have sound, but no picture. Nathan Cullen and he scouted a nearby ridge with the TV man from Poverty Flat.
 "You'll have a good picture here," the expert decreed, "but your set will have to be up here."
 "Here?" Jim glanced at the encircling pine trees with dismay. "What about snow?"
 Nathan, a giant of a man even in his seventies, answered briefly. "Put up a tent with a woodstove in it. Effie's keen on seeing TV for Christmas. Puts me in mind of a

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 Love,
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It took the men two days to erect a satisfactory antenna on the often windswept ridge and another day to set up a "Theater" as Nathan called their tent.
 Christmas night, they all poured out of the jeep into the already heated tent where the TV set reposed in walnut splendor.
 "My," said Effie excitedly, when the test pattern flickered on the screen, "that's a new game to me. Not much like checkers."
 Nathan and Effie leaned forward, never taking their eyes from the big twenty-one inch screen. Even the commercials enthralled Effie.
 More Fun Than TV
 Effie cried watching one Christmas drama. "My, those poor people have so many troubles. It must come of living in cities. Poor things."
 When Jim came back from stoking the fire, Betty whispered to him. "She's more fun than the TV."
 A second play, a spectacular, was so entrancing that they were reluctant to turn off the set. When they trooped out to the jeep, they discovered four inches of fresh snow. Jim dropped the enthusiastic Cullens in front of their redwood board and batten home.
 "You certainly gave us a Christmas present," Nathan said.
 "My, yes," Effie said, "now we've seen that life can be beautiful."
 Once in their own home, Betty exploded, "Did you hear that silly Effie? Our life is beautiful. We didn't need TV to know that, though I couldn't help thinking that we're pretty lucky, Jim. Peace, simplicity, freedom—why, we have all that and more."
 "If TV made you feel that way," Jim said, taking her in his arms, "I'll take you up to the 'Theater' once a week just so you'll keep that Christmas spirit throughout the year."

DEAR SANTA,

My mother thinks I've been a pretty good little girl, and since I'm only two years old she is writing my letter for me.

Please bring me a Chatty Baby, doll bed and stroller, nuts, candy and chewing gum.

Don't forget all the other little boys' and girls' wishes for Christmas.

Remember my little cousin, Stevie, at Turkey and Uncle Bud in Germany.

I love you,
 Reita Sue Garvin
 Box 133
 Silverton, Texas 79257

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Please bring me a guitar, a tommy gun and an electric football game.

Thank you for all the things you brought me last year.

Yours truly,
 Jimmie Chappell
 Route 1
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DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Please bring me a Barbie doll and a Ken, and some clothes for them, and a bicycle. Thank you, and for my little brother, Georgie, a little truck. Please bring my bro-

ther three years old a track road train that goes around the track.

Yours truly,
 Mary Cavoza
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Please bring me a doll, a watch and some clothes.

Yours truly,
 Ann Offield
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Please bring me a pellet gun. Thank you.

Yours truly,
 Stanley Martin
 Route 1
 Silverton, Texas



Christmas Blessings

At this Holy Season, let us remember Him Whom we seek, and may His spirit be with you in all the days of the year to come.

Ralph Roberts

Bill Griffin

CHRISTMAS
at Grandma's...

Remember it?
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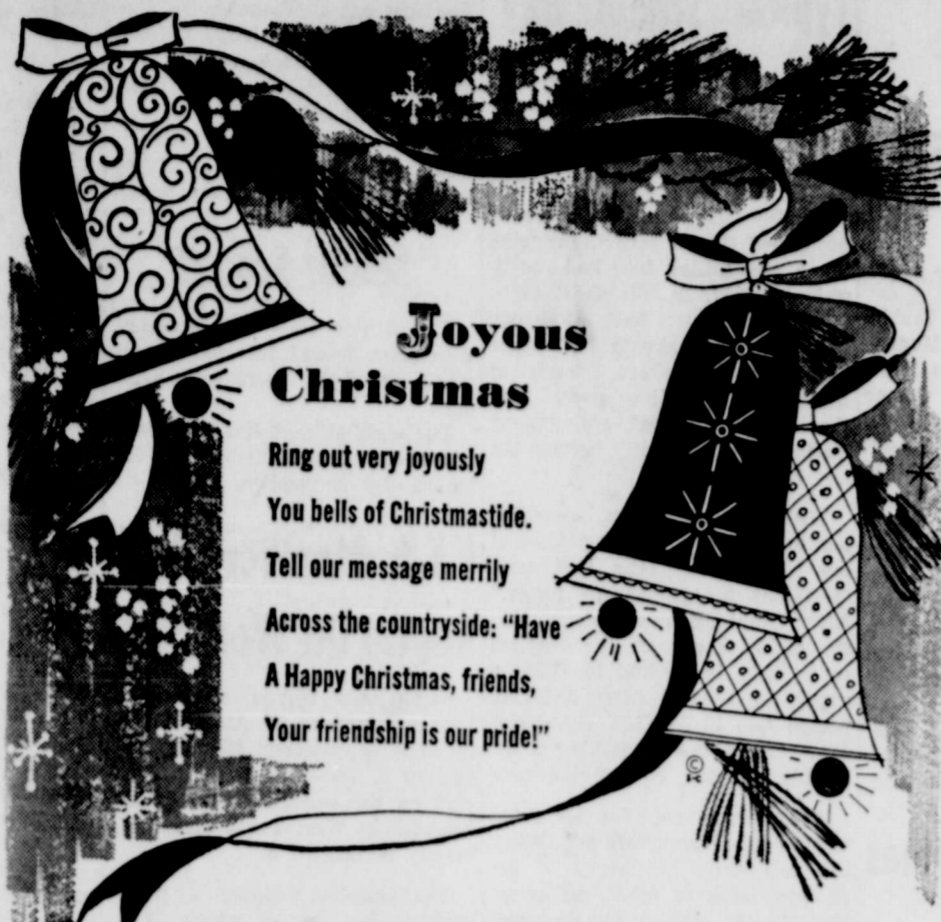
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Yours truly,
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SANTA CLAUS,

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DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

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Star Route
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DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Please bring me a racing track and a record player, a gun, and my sister wants a Chatty girl and a Chatty boy.

Yours truly,
Micki Jasper
Box 68
Silverton, Texas

A New Year to Remember

By Fran Pachter

GRACE mustered a faint smile in an effort to hide her flagging spirits. With aching feet and a mind more than a little numbed by the repetitive questions flung at her by last minute shoppers, she cared little whether they were satisfied or not. She and millions of other sales girls by New Year's eve cared little for the holiday.

Joy over "a new start" had ceased entirely for her two years ago. She and Don had been shopping when a cab jumped the curb and hit Don. Don had wound up hospitalized and paralyzed from the waist down with no promised date that he would ever walk again.

Grace had gone back to work with but weekly visits to see Don to break the monotony. Bills rose to frightening figures. No settlement had yet been made from the accident.

At times she ached with bitterness. Their plans had been average, a home and family, the usual things for the young. It was hard to reconcile their loss.



"Mrs. Wilson, you are wanted outside immediately."

With this as a background Grace could hardly be expected to look forward to the holiday. She didn't even bother this year with a Christmas tree, a custom she had always kept.

It was a half hour until closing time when her floor manager's voice cut through the babble of the irksome, can't make up my mind women that lined her counter.

"Mrs. Wilson, you are wanted outside immediately." She left the counter and followed

him out the entrance of the store. A sleek black car awaited her at the curb.

The manager merely said, "You are wanted at the hospital. Mr. Bloom ordered his car for your use."

"Don's worse. I know it." She spoke to no one in particular and engrossed as she was she did not notice the grin of conspiracy that the manager and the chauffeur exchanged.

They covered several miles before she became aware they were not on the hospital road. "This isn't the way," she cried in panic. "The Cresview is east."

"My orders are to stop here first," said the driver. He pulled up before a new ranch-type home. "Go on in."

Happy Reunion

Grace ran from the car and up the walk. She paused and looked back when a cab jumped the curb and hit Don. Don had wound up hospitalized and paralyzed from the waist down with no promised date that he would ever walk again.

She screamed when she saw Don just inside the door in a wheelchair. His voice was calm.

"It's all okay, honey. Welcome to your new home. This is my New Year present to you. I've been released from the hospital for good and your store helped me fix up this surprise."

Amazed, she looked about her and there lay many of her things from the room she had been living in. All she could utter was, "I don't understand."

Don smiled happily. "I received a settlement from the accident. This is ours. And I have another surprise for you if you think you can stand it."

Don Walks

He eased himself carefully from the wheel chair and took a few steps. "I have been walking a few steps each day for the past few weeks."

All the bitterness that had so long been a part of Grace melted. For the first time she realized she still carried a paper that the manager had pressed into her hand when she left the store. Opening it she read: A very Happy New Year to you both. Select your furniture at the store. It's on the house.

Don flicked a light switch and the room was filled with gay lights from a Christmas tree in the corner. The Wilsons were having a New Year they'd never forget.

Glogg, the favorite drink for the festive New Year table in Sweden, is a claret wine sweetened with sugar and flavored with almonds, raisins, dried orange peel, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom—usually set afire just before serving.

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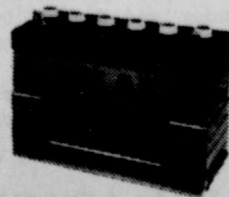
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AGNES BINGHAM

The Christmas Spirit

by Mary Monroe

Christmas Day is almost here; but even without looking at a calendar one can see and feel that it is. The calendar says that Christmas is only six days away, but the Christmas spirit has been felt by almost everyone since right after Thanksgiving.

The stores got everyone off to a start by decorating their windows in the usual Christmas lights, colors and wreaths. Then the town put up its decorations. The many lights running up to the courthouse seemed to give the whole town a more friendly and cheerful look.

Then one by one the houses in Silverton and the towns around were beautifully decorated. Cheerfully decorated trees, which are so much a part of Christmas, could be seen from the windows as one drove down the streets. The different colored lights were seen on some of the porches.

The shoppers, weighted down with packages, bustling hurriedly from store to store have always been a sure sign that Christmas is near. The chatter and smiling faces of the children waiting anxiously to see what Santa Claus is going to bring them, seem to enlighten everyone's heart and soul.

All of these things help us get into the Christmas spirit. They are all a part of Christmas. But during all these happy days we must not forget the true meaning of Christmas. We must not forget that the child who was born in a manger many years ago is the true and real reason we celebrate Christmas.

F.H.A. TO SPONSOR BAKE SALE HERE

by Dianne Davis

The Silverton chapter of Future Homemakers of America met on Thursday, December 13, 1963, with Sharon Weaver presiding.

Janice Lewis reporter that the chapter bank account totaled 678. The chapter voted to have a bake sale Saturday, December 21, 1963, to raise money for the Sweetheart Banquet. Janice Lewis, Sheryl May, Linda Sissney, and Vicki Marler were appointed to the Arrangements Committee for the bake sale.

Several themes for the banquet were discussed, but members voted to wait until their next meeting to make a final decision. Committees for the banquet will be appointed at the next meeting.

A Big Thank-You

May I say a BIG thank you to all the wonderful people in MY HOME TOWN who were responsible for the one BIG week of my life—to my parents, the 4-H adult leaders, county agent, news editors, fellow 4-H'ers, businessmen, civic and community clubs, other friends of 4-H, and last, but not least, my teachers for permitting me to make up the work I missed while away.

Many, many other persons, including the extension service, First National Bank of Dallas, press, radio, television, Santa Fe Railroad personnel, and my sponsor, Humble Oil Company, contributed to my spending so many memorable, fun-packed hours.

This was a splendid example of the way people work together and depend upon one another in our world to achieve a common goal—to build citizens of tomorrow. 4-H certainly has a tremendous backing from American business and industry all over the nation.

Attending National 4-H Club Congress taught me to set higher goals, work harder to achieve them and try in every way to repay my debt of appreciation for this wonderful educational opportunity. To do this, I plan to help others set and obtain their 4-H goals.

Words just are not at hand as to the way to say, "I am humbly thankful and hope that I can prove worthy of the awards that are mine."

Thanks to everyone,
Joe Bob Watson

The Owl's Hoot

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Christmas in S.H.S. HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

by Mrs. A. L. Redin

The Christmas tree in the hall glowing with lights and tinsel is the first sight to greet you on entering the doorway of S.H.S. The Student Council members, with help from all the classes, decorated the tree on December 9. We sometimes think of Christmas as a time for children, but it is also, or should be, a heart-warming time for adults.

our love for Christ makes us desire to help others by following the golden rule, the ideal life is a life of service and trustworthiness. We can influence many other people to have the right attitude toward Christmas. May this season bring much joy to the world.

DEAR SANTA,

You have been so good to me for 17 Christmases, so I trust you will be generous again this year! Please bring me a set of Samsonite Luggage about a week before Christmas so I can go to Caroline for the holidays. Santa, there is a girl in our community for whom you must remember to bring presents here instead of Tokyo. Please don't forget her!

Yours until Rudolph gets pneumonia,
Jerry Garrison

Basketball Players of The Week Named

The Silverton Quarterback Club is presenting Basketball Player-of-the-Week awards to the outstanding boys and girls each week during basketball season.

Coach Ben Lesley announced recently that Dianne Davis and Gary Hunt will receive the awards for their contributions in the Clarendon and Kress games.

Dianne is a junior, and plays guard. Gary is a senior and plays center.

For the second week of competition, Mert Mills and Freddy Stafford will receive the awards for the skill they displayed in the Tulia game and the Kress Tournament.

Mert is a junior and plays forward. Freddy, a junior, also plays forward.

DEAR SANTA,

For Christmas please send me a doll six feet or under with dark brown or black hair and blue or green eyes. I would also like a few million dollars for clothes, cars, parties and food.

Dwin Davis wants Mary Tyler Moore or Ellie Mae—he has no preference.

Here's hoping,
Joni Self

Welcome To S. H. S. Laura Chester

A new student, Laura Chester, has enrolled in Silverton High School. So the students can know her better, she is classified as a sophomore. She has dark brown hair and eyes.

Laura is 5'4" tall and is 15 years of age. She enjoys swimming and lists fish as her favorite food.

Laura moved to Silverton from Pomona, California. Her father is employed at the Co-Op Gin in Tulia. She has two brothers and two sisters living at home.

DEAR SANTA,

I hope you will be able to get down our small chimney on Christmas—if you can't the door will be unlocked. I am a little boy in high school and have been very good this year. I don't want much for Christmas. Please try to bring each article I name: One tall blond and beautiful girl, five passing report cards, a new cast for the Junior Play, one new sports car, and a set of Barbie and Ken dolls. Thank you very much.

Ike Bruton
P. S. Keep the reindeer off the roof. Last Christmas Daddy was very mad when he found all the holes in the roof.

CHRISTMAS TREE? NO, A GEOMETREE!

by Mrs. A. L. Redin

You have seen many Christmas trees—all ones, short ones, lighted ones, green ones, silvered ones, pretty ones, and some not so beautiful; but have you ever seen a GEOMETREE?

There is one in the mathematics room. All the decorations are hand-made by members of the first and fifth period geometry class. Each decoration represents a geometric figure. There are circles, spheres, angles, rectangles, cubes, and polyhedrons; some are glamorized by decorations, some are rather mundane in appearance. The unique decorations have created a great deal of interest.

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DEAR SANTA,

Please send the following things for Christmas:

(1) Eleven football players weighing 190 pounds each. They should be six feet four inches tall and be able to run the hundred yard dash in 10 seconds.

(2) One baby boy who will be able to make the All-American football team in 1963.

Coach Robert Whelchel

P. S. I hope these presents will not overcrowd your airplane.

Rev. Carlos McLeod Addresses Assembly

On Wednesday, December 11, 1963, Rev. Carlos McLeod, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Silverton, gave a farewell address to the students of Silverton High School. The McLeod family has since moved to Amarillo, where he is pastor of a Baptist Church.

He reminded the students that everyone must take life seriously and must take God seriously. He added that students should not take life too seriously, but that he "doubted there would be any danger of that."

He concluded by expressing his appreciation to the students and teachers of the Silverton Schools for making his time of service here a pleasant one.

Shopper's Corner

FOR SALE: One hot bench by the firm, "Good Bench Warmers, Inc."

WANTED: A new toe. Donna Stephens.

FOR SALE: One chalk stain on the back of a sports jacket. Robert Bo-mar.

WANTED: Either a personal hair dresser or a wig. Jeanne Davis.

HELLO SANTA,

All the students of Silverton High have been real good, so try to bring them what they want.

All I ask is that if we get any new students for Christmas they will be just like the ones we have.

Sincerely,
O. C. Rampley



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The Gift of Christmas

Henry Van Dyke

Are you willing to forget what you have done for others and to remember what others have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and to think what you owe the world; to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness of those no longer young; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough—are you willing to do these things, even for a day? If so, then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

DEAR SANTA,

You ask if I've been good or bad, and you ask the same question about the students of the Silverton Schools. You are going to have to use your own judgment when you call at my house, because half of me wants to be good and half wants to be bad. I just can't answer for myself.

Santa, we just don't have any bad boys and girls in Silverton. There are times when they forget to do the proper thing and they are sorry for their actions. (After Mr. Rampley and Mr. Dunn had conferences with them.) Sooo, when you and Rudolph start south don't miss any home in Silverton Independent School District when you distribute health, happiness and good cheer.

Sincerely,
J. S. Hinds

MENU

Thursday, December 19
Turkey and dressing, green beans, bread, butter, cranberry sauce, fruit salad and milk.

Friday, December 20
Tuna or pimento cheese sandwiches, potato salad, crackers, Christmas candy, apples, and milk.

Sophomore Sass

by Linda Fisch

The Sophomore class met Tuesday, December 3. The class sponsored handed out the class pictures.

The class voted not to have a class Christmas party, and discussed which door to decorate for Christmas.

Freshman Facts

The Freshman class had a meeting Tuesday, and decided to decorate the auditorium doors for Christmas.

Sharon Weaver and Walter Dunham were elected Students of the Week.

OWLISH ADAGE

Early to bed,
Early to rise,
And your girl
Goes out with other guys!

A Junior Girl's Typical School Day

by a Typical Junior Girl

Upon waking, bushy eyed and bright? we hurry to play practice at 6:00 a.m., only to find out that the play has been temporarily postponed (like forever). Dragging home and falling into bed, we awake at 8:27. In this short three minutes we must: back comb our hair, put on make-up and other necessary time-takers, such as memorize a 90-line poem, and then get to school and "make tracks to our chair" before the last bell rings.

With a sudden gasp, we whisper and whine, "I forgot to read my history," as Miss Self says, "Get out a pencil and paper." After flunking the history test, we make tracks to the English room, only to be told to "Date a paper for today." After finishing period two in English, we attend some educational something in assembly and drag over to the gym.

All through work-out we think only of how hungry we are. When the bell rings we hurry to get dressed, walk to town, get something to eat, walk or run to school and try to get in class before the 12:30 bell rings.

Then in algebra, racking our brains trying to figure out what X equals, the bell rings leaving us still wondering about that X. We then rush to our lockers and up the stairs to typing II. There we work our fingers to the bone trying to pass our one-minute and five-minute writings. After a complete failure at this, we gaily go to our LAST class (chemistry). In chemistry we face a one-question test, and the rest of the period we try to find out what Na OH plus Cd SO4 yields.

Finally, the bell rings and we all but fall down the stairs trying to get to our lockers, only to load our arms with books and go home to study until midnight, and go to sleep to begin all over again the next morning.

GOOD SLOGANS

It is easier to keep up than to catch up.

Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

There is no reason for it, it's just our policy.

ODE TO UPPER CLASSMEN

You can tell a freshman
By his silly, eager look.
You can tell a sophomore
'Cause he carries one less book.
You can tell a junior
By his dashing air and such.
You can tell a senior,
But, boy, you can't tell him much!

Senior Scoops

The Senior class met Tuesday, December 2, and selected to decorate the front doors for Christmas.

The class elected Jerry Garrison and Lester Grabbe Citizens of the Month for November.

F.T.A. Members Hear Report On Workshop

Sigma Eta Sigma chapter of Future Teachers of America had its regular meeting Monday, December 2. The officers gave a report on the workshop which they attended at West Texas State University November 5.

The chapter adopted a point-system, the aim of which is to award a scholarship at the end of the senior year to the F.T.A. members with the most points over a four-year period.

Activities in which points may be earned include: being a member of clubs; doing extracurricular activities; substitute teaching, and other activities outside the classroom.

Students Home For The Holidays

Rita Brown, Dianne Davis

Things were brightened up during the Thanksgiving holidays as the 1963 graduates returned home from college. They came with shining faces and intellectual minds for their Thanksgiving dinners at home.

Among them were:
Sheila Jarnagin, Kiela Oneal, Marcalyn Lee and Johnny Jowell, West Texas State University; David House and Sue Lanham, Texas University; Jay Towe, Van Breedlove and Joe Kitchens, Texas Tech; Fred Edwards, Draughton's Business College; and Peggy Mercer, of Hardin-Simmons University.

Sportsmanship In Our School

by Gary Crow

I think sportsmanship in our school is very good.

Most people do not get mad when we lose a game, but are usually very good natured about it. Many of the students, faculty, players and fans go to congratulate the other team and tell them what a good game they played.

It is easy to show good sportsmanship when your team wins, but good sportsmanship really shows when your team loses. There is not much of this in Silverton. Usually people walk off laughing and talking with other people about the game or any other subject. That shows real sportsmanship among the fans.

We usually have a good turnout of people when ball games start; but even with a good many people present, you still do not hear too many "boos" and "kill the referees," but only many cheers for our team.

Usually "boos" are coming from the other team's fans, if you will notice, but there are exceptions. Our fans also take good care of the gymnasium. They may leave paper lying around, but than can be cleaned up. If the fans started marking and cutting on the seats, the mark is there to stay until the seat is replaced. I think keeping our gym clean is a kind of sportsmanship.

When the school tries to buy something for the athletic department, everyone gets behind it. If it calls for donations, almost everyone donates; when it calls for buying tickets, everyone buys several, which shows sportsmanship. Altogether I think the students, players, faculty and fans in seen.

Silverton show better sportsmanship than any school I have ever

What Is 'Happiness'?

When asked by Curious Claude, "What is happiness?" some of the students replied:

A warm bed on a cold winter night.

No lessons over the weekends, holidays or week days.

A hamburger and Coke at noon.

A stencil that didn't wrinkle.

Not having a pop test in history.

Getting a fair deal on the Kross Tournament.

Hair that back combs easily the day after washing.

As Christmas approaches . . .

. . . all of us see many changes in this world of ours. But the relationship with the people we serve remains unchanged. . . for we can progress only as we earn your friendship. The Christmas season, dedicated to good-will among men, is an appropriate time for us to voice our thanks, and to tell you how much we have enjoyed serving you. All of us here at General Telephone wish all of you and yours a very

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and
A GOOD NEW YEAR

GENERAL TELEPHONE OF THE SOUTHWEST



Dear Santa,
 I am a little girl 7 years old.
 I would like a Chatty Baby doll
 and roller skates and a ball bwoey
 and be good to all the other
 boys and girls

Rhonda Sweet
 Silverton Texas

LETTERS TO SANTA

DEAR SANTA,
 I have tried to be a good boy this year.

Would you please bring me a Vac-u-form Set and a Buffalo Hunter set, and some candy and fruit. Would you also bring my brother and sisters something.

Thank you, Santa.

Love,
 Randy Vaughan
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Please bring me a Barbie's Dream House, Tammy Dream House, Italy, Frances, Nappy and Happy, Pebbles, Bam Bam, Barbie, Ken, Tammy, Her Delightful Family and a record player.

Thank you.

Yours truly,
 Freeda Henderson
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA,

Thank you for all the toys you brought me last year. Let me tell you what I want this year. I would like some winter clothes for my Wendy Kin doll. Also I would like some Corning Ware play dishes. And a sewing machine. That is all I want.

Now let me tell you what Paula wants. She wants a Chatty Baby and a Chatty Brother. Also, she would like a Timex waterproof watch. And she would like some clothes for Chatty Baby and Chatty Brother.

Yours truly,
 Amy Birdwell
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I want a saddle, rope and a bridle. I want a bee-bee gun. Thank you for everything you brought me last year.

Yours truly,
 Art Hamilton
 Route Q
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA,

I have tried very hard to be a good little girl. I help Mommie clean my room and pick up all my toys. I have been looking forward to seeing you for a long time.

For Christmas I would like to have a Raggedy Ann and Andy, a baby doll, and a dress. Please bring me lots of candy and nuts, also.

Don't forget all the other girls and boys. Thank you, Santa, and Merry Christmas.

Love,
 Faye Lynn Perkins
 Box 813
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Please bring me a Teeny Tiny Tars doll, a carrying case and clothes. Please bring my sister a Barbie Dream House and clothes for the doll.

Yours truly,
 Louise Croft
 Box 594
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Please bring me a go-cart or three sets of guns. Thank you for the toys that you gave me last year.

Love,
 Walter Carl Welch
 Box 252
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I want an airplane, a truck, candy, a wagon and a ball.

Love,
 Rob Plunkett
 Barrel Creek Ranch
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Please bring me a Barbie and Ken for me. I want you to come to our house this year and bring my sister a Chatty Cathy doll, too. My brother wants a car and truck.

Yours truly,
 Frances Edwards
 Box 388
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA,

Please send me a B-B gun, an electric train and an airplane set. Thank you for everything you brought me last year.

My mother said to send her a lot of good things.

Yours truly,
 John Minyard
 Box 605
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Please bring me a Gumdrop doll with clothes and white hair. I also want a bicycle that is green.

My brother wants a teddy bear and a cover to go over his wagon to play cowboys in. He always likes candy and balloons. Would you please give him some??

Yours truly,
 Barbara Ledbetter
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA,

I want some guns and two trucks. I want an air rifle. I am eight years old. I am in the second grade, and I am a good boy.

Rickey Minyard
 Box 804
 Silverton, Texas

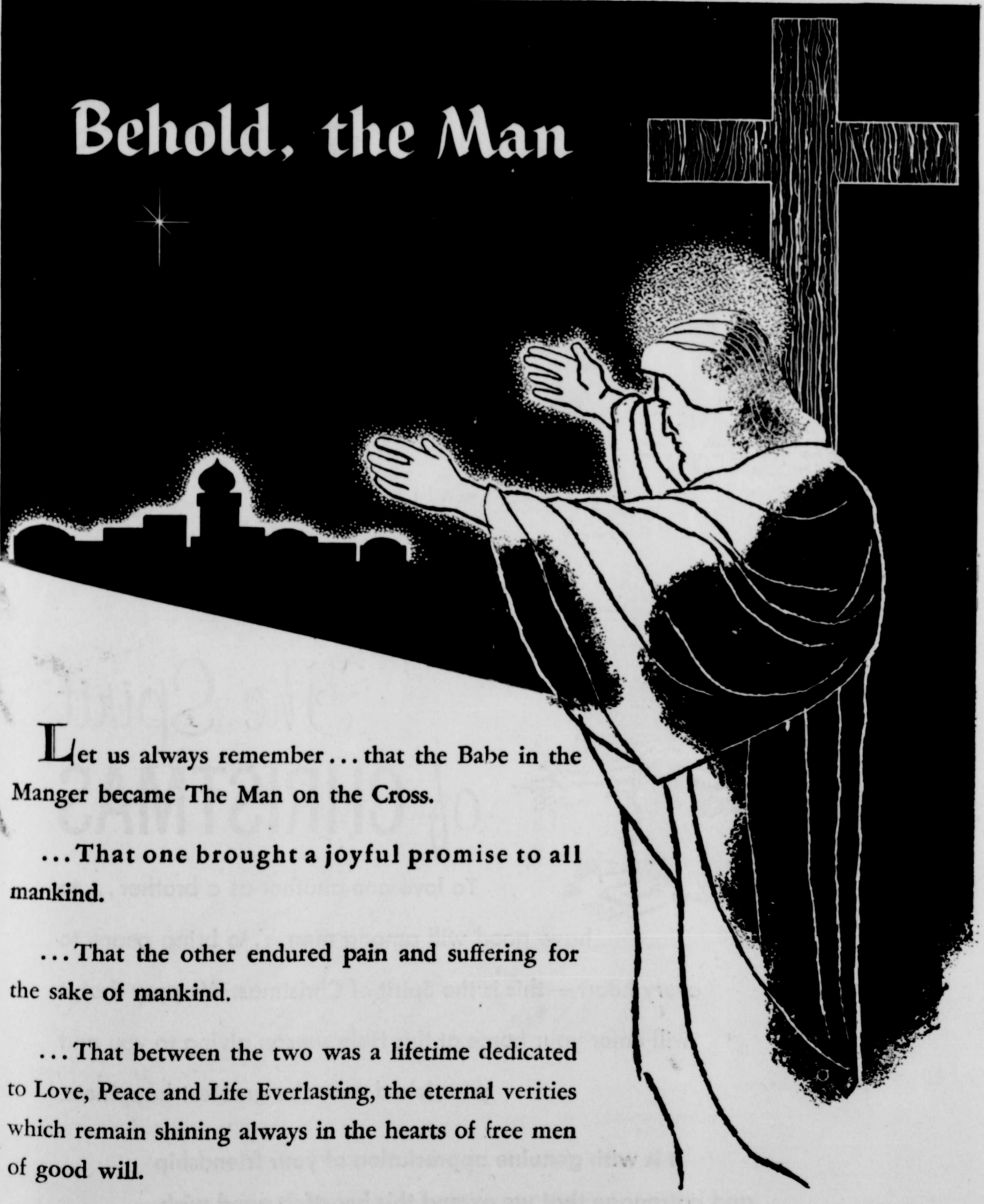
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... That the other endured pain and suffering for the sake of mankind.

... That between the two was a lifetime dedicated to Love, Peace and Life Everlasting, the eternal verities which remain shining always in the hearts of free men of good will.

A SEASON OF PEACE OUR WISH FOR YOU

ALVIN and WINNIE REDIN
 AND EMPLOYEES



DOUGLAS FLOWER SHOP

News About People You Know

Wayne McCutchen was in Amarillo recently. Kevin Weatherly returned home with his grandfather for a visit. The following Monday Mrs. McCutchen and Mrs. J. W. McCracken took Kevin home and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weatherly.

Mrs. Dean Allard has been staying in Talia to care for Mark and

Mary Jon, children of Perry Whittemore.

Mrs. Chester Lee of Chula Vista, California, has visited friends and relatives here several days recently.

O. C. Maples has been a recent visitor with his mother, Mrs. Oda Maples, who is staying in Amarillo with a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Yocum.

Mrs. Jean Grundy, Carol Ann, and Mrs. Reid Bethel of Lamesa recently visited relatives here and at Quitaque. All visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baird and children, and Mmes. Grundy and Bethel and Christi Baird spent a night with N. L. Bedwell in Quitaque. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. John King and Mrs. Jess Grundy. Carol remained here with the Bairds and local friends.

Mrs. Eunice Bishop is spending an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. M. W. Terrell and family in New Orleans

Captain and Mrs. Carol D. Davis and Alex have moved here recently. Captain Davis has orders to go overseas soon after Christmas.

Prentice Richards of Cache, Oklahoma, brother of Sid Richards, has been a patient in St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City following surgery. Mrs. Richards, the former Jennie Seaman, has been staying at the hospital with her husband.

Janis, Mack and Sarah Lynn McLeod of Santa Rosa, New Mexico, have been staying with their maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hyatt. Their father, W. A. McLeod, has been seriously ill in University Medical Hospital in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Hyatt accompanied the children to Oklahoma City to see their father before bringing them here.

Peggy Lynn and James Croft have been recent visitors with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Croft, in Tulia.

Mrs. Lela Smith spent the night with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. Oneal, recently as she was enroute from Dallas to her home in Roswell, New Mexico.

Mrs. D. H. Davis, Bill, Ann and Nelle Bryant were in Lubbock recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams of Austin and A. C. Key, sr., of Laredo, recently have spent several days with Mrs. Florence Fogerson and Mr. and Mrs. Ware Fogerson. They came especially to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Addie McElroy, in Canyon. Mr. and Mrs. George Burchfield of Matador, also attended the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Wilmeth, who teach at Daugherty, plan to spend the holiday vacation at their home in Silverton. Their son, Dwain Wilmeth, who teaches in Amarillo, will also spend part of his vacation here.

Mrs. Ruth Moore, who has been staying here with Mrs. Clyde Lightsey, plans to spend the

Christmas holidays with a niece, Mrs. Bill Stallings, at Brownfield, and with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore, at Midland, before going to Salinas, California to the home of another son, Mr. and Mrs. F. Boyd Moore and family, for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. G. W. Trout, a teacher in the local school, is spending the

Christmas holiday with Mr. Trout on their farm near Brinkman, Oklahoma, and with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Bell, Hollie and Della, at Mangum, Oklahoma.

M. F. Miller of the U. S. Department of Game & Fish with headquarters in Albuquerque, New Mexico, spent Thursday night

of last week with Mrs. Carl Crow and Jim. Mr. Miller was with the Soil Conservation Service here in 1946-47.

Mrs. Ruth Baker, a teacher in the local school, returned from Walters, Oklahoma, on Wednesday of last week. Her son, R. N. Tomlinson, jr. underwent spinal surgery there on Wednesday.

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s. Carl Crow
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GIFTS OF JOY FOR
Christmas

CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR, BRINGING SANTA, THE MAN OF CHEER
WITH A SLEIGH FULL OF GIFTS, TO MAKE EACH CHRISTMAS DREAM COME TRUE.
GIFTS OF LOVE, GIFTS OF JOY, MAY HE BRING YOU THESE ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a chemistry set, archery set and a hand axe.
Yours truly,
Mark Hittell

DEAR SANTA,
 I want a doll and some dishes. I also want a bicycle. I am six years old and I am in the first grade. I have been a good girl.
 Retha Minyard
 Box 804
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 Give me some heels. I want a play dress. I want a purse.
 Thank you,
 Ceila Martin
 Route 1
 Silverton, Texas
 P. S. Don't forget I have been a good girl and want a doll.

DEAR SANTA,
 Please bring me a Sister Belle doll and piano. Bring Mike a truck and boots.
 Don't forget the other little children and Mommie and Daddy.
 Love,
 Kim and Mike Cornett

DEAR SANTA,
 I want a Barbie and Ken and I want some clothes for them. I want for my brother a rifle.
 Yours truly,
 Delia Oliverez
 Route 1, Box 79
 Silverton, Texas

LETTERS TO SANTA

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 Please bring me a Tammy Doll. Please bring me a set of dishes.
 Thank you for the things I got last year. Please bring the other children what they wish to have for Christmas.
 Yours truly,
 Debra Cantwell
 Box 55
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 I am a little girl four years old. My name is Becky and I have been pretty good.
 Please bring me a baby doll with some clothes, some dishes with a coffee pot and some clothes for me.
 I would also like some apples and oranges and grapes.
 Thank you very much,
 Becky Perkins
 Route Q
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA,
 My little brother, Jeff, and I have moved to Dimmitt from Silverton. We thought you had better know this. Please bring me a Tiger Joe and a football.
 Bring my little brother, Jeff, some Mattel shooting guns and a Tiger Joe.
 Thank you,
 Jay Bruce Tiffin
 P. S. We will be at my Grandma Mabel's on Christmas Eve night.
 Bruce

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 My name is Patti and I am almost two years old. I have been good this year.
 Please bring me a teddy bear and a present. That's all I want.
 Love,
 Patti Perkins
 Route Q
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA,
 I've tried to be a good boy this year. I would sure like to have a Big Bruiser this year if you don't give them all away again before you get to my house. Please bring me a record player and a record of Rudolph, The Red Nosed Reindeer.
 I can't wait till you come.
 Your friend,
 Jace Francis

DEAR SANTA,
 I have tried to be a good little boy this year, so please remember my baby brother and me on Christmas Eve. I would like to have a tricycle, a cobbler's bench, and some blocks. My little brother Michael, would be very pleased with a crib gym, a fur animal, and some clothes.
 I love you and hope to see you Christmas Eve.
 Love,
 Greg Hill
 Route 1, Box 109
 Silverton, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 I am a little boy three years old, so my mother is writing this letter for me. I hope you remember me. I have been a good boy most of the time. I would like to have a tractor set and a train.
 Please remember all of my cousins and friends. I will leave you some fruit and nuts under our Christmas tree.
 Love,
 Clayton Fowler
 Box 87
 Silverton, Texas



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
 AND A GREAT BIG THANK YOU
 FOR YOUR CONTINUED GOOD WILL

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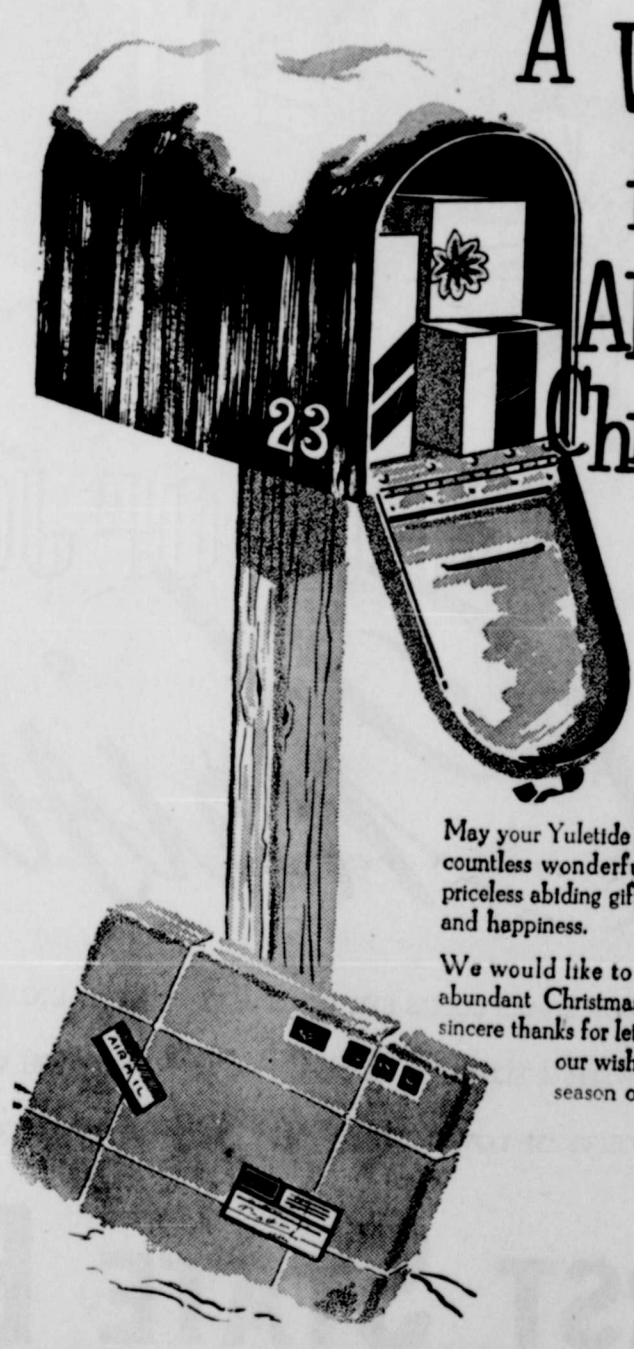
DEAR SANTA,
 Please bring me and my brother a football, a basketball, boxing bag, boxing gloves, guns and holsters. Also a Give-a-Show Projector with comic slides.
 Bring my sister a doll and some other girl toys.
 Please don't forget to bring all the other children some new toys.
 Thank you,
 Mike Engle
 Box 414
 Silverton, Texas

Greetings



There is no better way than the good old-fashioned way of extending our sincere good wishes at this joyous holiday than to say: Hope you and yours have a very Merry Christmas Day!

**RAY THOMPSON IMPLEMENT COMPANY
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A Wish for an Abundant Christmas

May your Yuletide be filled, not only with countless wonderful gifts, but with the priceless abiding gifts of friendship, peace, and happiness.
 We would like to add our gift to your abundant Christmas: It's just a word of sincere thanks for letting us serve you, and our wish that you may have a season of abundant joy.

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