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Santa Visits Bank



Santa greeted many children of all ages Friday at The First State Bank. There were 345 pictures taken by Santa's assistant Marylou McDaniel. Pictured with Santa are Brandon Davis, Aubrey Gibson and Jennifer Davis.

Commissioner's Court Minutes

The Commissioners Court of Sherman County, Texas, convened in regular session, sitting as the governing body of Sherman County, Texas, at the Sherman County Courthouse in the City of Stratford, Texas, on the 12th day of December, 1988, with the following members present, to-wit: W.C. Fesler County Judge; Wayne Cummings Commissioner Precinct 1; Boyd Spurlock Commissioner Precinct 2; Dale Hamilton Commissioner Precinct 3; M.L. Albert County & District Clerk; Jack Haile County Sheriff. Absent: Darrell Cotney, Commissioner Precinct 4.

The above constituting a quorum, the following proceedings were conducted:

Minutes of the regular meeting held November 14, 1988 were read and approved as read.

Monthly bills were examined and approved for payment.

It is ordered by the court that the monthly reports of M.L. Albert, County & District Clerk; Linda R. Keener, County Treasurer; Robert Pierce, Justice of the Peace Precinct 3; Letha Batis, Justice of the Peace Precinct 4; Jack Haile, Sheriff; Jack Q. Barton, County Attorney; Zelda Pickens, Tax Assessor/Collector; be and are hereby approved.

The Contract for Assessment and Collection Services was discussed. Motion was made and seconded to sign the contract with the Sherman County Appraisal District. All ayes. Motion carried. (Copy attached.)

The Court considered increasing the yearly amount that the County pays to the Cemetery. No action was taken at this time.

Bids for the Heating & Air Conditioning Unit for the Courthouse were opened and considered: Mungia's Heating & Air Conditioning - \$25,545.62.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the bid of Mungia's of \$25,545.62 (subject to a 4 year warranty on labor). \$10,000 to be paid out of the permanent improvement fund and the remaining balance to be paid out of the General Fund Budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Per diem rate for

Jurors for the year beginning January 1, 1989 was discussed. Motion was made and seconded that the Per diem rate be set at \$6.00 to answer and \$10.00 to serve. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Jack Haile requested that the discussing on the Standard Operating Procedures for the Sheriff's Department be tabled until the next meeting.

The orders and rules for the County Private Sewage Facility were discussed and tabled until after January 1, 1989.

The application of Phillips 66 Natural Gas Co. for a permit to construct a pipe line for proposed undercrossing of County Road located between sections 6 & 7, Block 3B, G.H.&H. Survey was discussed. Motion was made and seconded that the application be approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rates for use of County machinery to construct and maintain private roads were discussed. Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion was had on the 911 Emergency Service. No action was taken.

Commissioner Darrell Cotney joined the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Health Insurance for Sherman County Employees was discussed. Motion was made and seconded that the County stay with Time Ins. Co. for the present time and get a prescription card. Vote two ayes and two nays. Judge Fesler voted aye to break the tie. Motion carried.

The Court moved into the County & District Courtroom for a presentation given by Charles Christie, Moore County Emergency Management Coordinator, who discussed the Hazardous Materials Response, organization and assignment of responsibilities. The Court discussed in detail the Management Coordinator. The Court needs to find out more details from the City of Stratford and City of Texhoma in reference of shared funding of a paid

coordinator for Sherman County. The Court tabled this until next meeting.

W.C. Fesler
County Judge
M.L. Albert
County Clerk

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DPS News

Capt. Bob Russell, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprising of 31 counties said, "For the month of November, our troopers investigated 10 fatal accidents, 85 personal injury accidents, and 118 property damage accidents. There were 12 persons killed and 127 persons injured in these accidents."

Sgt. John Hood of Dumas stated, "In Sherman County, our troopers investigated no fatal accidents and no personal injury accidents and 2 property damage accidents in the month of November. No persons were killed or injured in these accidents."



We hope Santa brings you the best of everything.

Open House



The North Plains Savings and Loan had their Open House Thursday, Dec. 15th. They reported they had a good turnout. Above is Molly Griffin, Sandy Williams and Jerry Dyess.

Schoolboard Meeting

The Stratford Independent School Board met in Regular Session at 7:00 a.m. on December 8, 1988. The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting and approved expenditures for the month.

The Board reviewed the Exit Level Tests that were given to Juniors during the month of October. The results of the tests showed 85% of all Juniors passed the test. Those that did not pass the exam will be retested in May of 1989.

The Board reviewed the Annual Performance Report for the school district for the 1987-88 school year. This

report is to be placed in the library, in each Administrative Office and two copies sent to the Texas Education Agency. The Board approved the report submitted by Superintendent Bass.

In other business, the Board looked at estimated costs to repair the pull-out bleachers in the new gym on the west side, and resurfacing the floors in the swimming pool. The Board decided to let Suntex resurface the dressing room floors in both the girls and boys restrooms at a cost of \$1,588.00.

Superintendent Bass discussed the Effective Schools

Newspaper Office Will Be Closed

The Stratford Star Newspaper Office will close Thursday, Dec. 22 and will reopen on Monday, January, 2nd. There will not be a paper printed on Thursday, Dec. 29, 1988.

Fifth Season Feeders Partnership

Dumas, Tex., Nov. 10, 1988 Feeding high quality cattle that meet consumer needs, and providing ranchers an option to retain interest in calves all the way to slaughter are the aims of a new national cattle feeding partnership.

Called Fifth Season Feeders the partnership was designed to reward ranchers who produce beef animals that yield desirable carcass traits. In the feedyard, those animals will be fed to tight specifications, then sold on the basis of carcass quality.

The new partnership represents a unique link-up of major industry forces. Fifth Season Feeders was formed by two companies,

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NOTICE

NOTICE
Stratford News will be aired on KGYN Guymon Station at 9:00 a.m. every Wednesday morning.

NOTICE

Sixth Grade through High School is having a Christmas Concert in the High School Gym starting at 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22.

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NOTICE

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CLASSES OFFERED

There will be a class for new and renewing EMT's starting in January and continuing through April. Anyone interested is asked to contact W.D. Brannan at 396-2844 or 396-2157; or Cindy Crabtree at 396-5971.

NOTICE

The Clinic will be closed from 1:00 on Wednesday Dec. 21st through Dec. 28th.

ATTENTION! There will be a class for EMT's starting in January. To register for the class, please contact W.D. Brannan at 396-2844 or 396-2157 or Cindy Crabtree at 396-5971.

NOTICE

The Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball games are being filmed and will be shown on the School Channel 6 according to the following schedule: Tuesdays games will be shown on Thursday beginning at 2:00 p.m. Fridays games will be shown on Monday beginning at 2:00 p.m.

College Level Courses To Be Offered

Amarillo College and the Dumas Independent School District will be offering college level courses for the spring semester with registration scheduled for Thursday, January 5 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Dumas High School Cafeteria. First day of class is January 16, 1989 at the Dumas High School.

Classes offered in Dumas this spring semester include: Accounting Principles II, Beginning Algebra, Selling Bank services, Product Knowledge, Consumer Compliance, Secretarial Accounting, Business Law 1, Computer Concepts, Microcomputer Applications, Freshman Composition 1 and 11, Government of Texas and U.S. History of U.S. 11, General Psychology Child Psychology, and Real Estate Investments and Taxation.

Residents of Stratford can Cont. On Page 4

SCOT Notes

by Timmie Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman Co. Older Texans, Friends and Neighbors this slightly cloudy Mon. a.m., Dec. 19, 1988. Low temperature last night was 47 degrees and is much warmer at 7:30 a.m. Humidity is 41% a there is the smell of moisture in the 9 mpr wind WNW. Portends a nice day. On SCOT calendar the usual activities for the next two weeks are marked go. Of course, everyone is busy with personal Christmas activities so the dance on New Year's Eve Dec. 31st is cancelled.

Scot Hall is open regularly on Mon. Wed. Fri. afternoons and it is well worth Scotters and friends time to drop by, say hello, see how pretty Scot Hall looks, have a coke and some conversation, just relax a bit!

Scot Quilting Group has had cabinets for their unfinished quilts and supplies built and placed in a small room off the main hall. They are VERY nice. This gives their supplies a safe, orderly, secure arrangement. The Quilters paid for the cabinets and donated them to Scot Hall; a consideration of about \$600 we are told. Scotters are very grateful. Thank you, Quilters.

The results of S.C.O.T. Depression Supper on Dec. 10th - Our once a year fund raiser amounted to about \$1300.00 which includes the meal and donation on the quilts which were given away. Probably 10 pheasant hunters attended. Scotters are very appreciative of the citizen's support.

Tues. Dec. 13, Ed and Marie Hill, Shirley Foreman and Timmie Brown played chicken scratch dominoes. That is a good game for any number to play. Just add another set of dominoes and take off. Marie and Ed left Thurs. to spend Christmas in Cal.

Monday, Dec. 12, Aida Mitts and Timmie Brown spent a wonderful evening in Amarillo, thanks to Amy and LeRayne Donelson. We attended the Living Christmas Tree at the First Baptist Church; had a delicious meal at the Olive Tree dining room; toured Bishop Hill to see the Christmas Lights. The lights are a Christmas Fairyland. Everyone, child and adult, should see them! Bless you Amy and LeRayne.

The Scot Tour of Boys Ranch scheduled for Thurs. Dec. 15 became a reality. Director Vickie Gore, driving her own van, chauffeured Billie Lou Thompson, Timmie Brown, Dolores Bunch, Georgia Cook, Ava Keener, Gladys Arnold and Elsie Pickens to the Ranch. We first saw a film showing the beginning in 1939 and growth of Boys Ranch. Larry Green, liaison officer, gave us a complete tour of the ranch facilities plus boot hill cemetery and Old Tascosa Cemetery, where Frenchie McCormick is buried. On the return from cemeteries we saw a deer jump over a field fence like it wasn't even there. We ate supper with the boys. The dining room was decorated for Christmas the food very good; the atmosphere happy and normal. We visited with Sport Keener, who is a handsome high school junior art student. Sport will spend the holidays - 9 days he said - in Stratford.

A few Boys Ranch statistics: The ranch will celebrate its 50th year of existence in 1989. 4,000 boys have found a home there during that time. There are 16 homes, 3 more in the building process from plans to completion - 6 homes being renovated - 402 boys are living on the ranch now. Every boy has a home, a paying job, a bank (supervised) account and is well clothed. Each boy will receive a complete outfit of clothing for Christmas. Mr. Grien has been there 10 years and is very enthusias-

tic about his responsibilities and plans of incorporating Girls Town which are in the processing stage.

Game night Sat. Dec. 17th was a happy time for Kathleen King, Jewel Dovel, Opal Bryant, Corda Pleyer, Clarence Willmon, Rowena Williams, Timmie Brown, Jim and Helen Taylor, Max and Dicy Stephenson, Vickie Gore. Thanks to Clarence for setting up tables. This group decided to have Game Night on the third Friday of each month beginning in January, 1989. Other clubs have long played on Saturday evenings, so Scot game night conflicts with them. Hopefully more people will be accommodated.

Christmas Carolers are abroad. We know, because they came by our house and Audrey Gambles. Thoughtful S.S. groups are scattering Christmas calls and goodies among Senior Citizens. A loving thanks to both groups. You help us feel loved and secure.

Juanita and Cone Donelson are home for the holidays and very welcome. The Willie Princes will be with families in Amarillo. The Ken Kendricks will visit Ruthie and family near Houston.

Our grandchildren are scattered this year: Alan, Patty, Nathan, Marc Halle are in Georgia with Patty's family: Marion, Ronnie Elizabeth Williams at home in Hudson, O; Joe Ray and Rose Brown at home in El Paso; great grandson Mike Powers in Germany with Uncle Sam. We are thankful that Betty, Baskin, Jim Bob, Patty, Ashley, Caleb Brown, Lorelyn, Matt and Joy Powers are here. Possibly Carrie and Blair Brown can come for a day.

The Bill Marshalls Sunday guest were Joyce's parents Art and Ruth Hill, her sister, Janet, Bill and Jeremy Withey all of Colo. Springs. They attend church with Billie and John Steel and brought greetings from

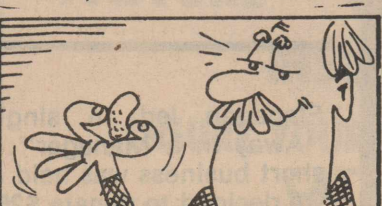
there. Happy birthday to senior citizen Hap Muir on his 85th birthday. We luv u.

Ruby Garoutte is improving and can possibly return from the hospital this week. Ruby suffered some heart trouble last week. Mary Peach Smith underwent sinus surgery but is doing well as home.

We read this a.m. of the death of former sheriff A.L. 'Doc' Wilson of Lubbock. We send S.C.O.T. Christian love and prayers to the family.

In winding down a busy S.C.O.T. year, thanking you for your words of encouragement, sending each of you a Scot Pat and a Luv U. We send this prayer for all.

A Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, That we may share in the song of the Angels, The gladness of the shepherds, And the worship of the Wise Men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children and the Christmas evening Bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus sake. Amen,



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Kerrick News

by Marylou McDaniel

A Merry Christmas to all of you who read Kerrick News! I appreciate all the encouragement you give me and especially thank those who share their news with us during the year. Kerrick is a unique community - more like an extended family. Merry Christmas, Kerrick and friends!

Kerrick's Christmas Party is Thursday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m. There will be treats, a program by children and an adult play!

Out The Library

By Dorothy Halle

The new series of talking books are in the library for your use. There are thirty-five titles in this group. These will be available through Feb. 15th.

Large print books are also ready for your reading pleasure. These books cover a wide range of subjects. There are sixty-two titles in this listing.

There are twenty-five westerns that are available through May 8th. Also there are one hundred and fifty books for the middle school reader. Fifty of these are non-fiction. Pre-schoolers will enjoy the easy reader and picture type book. There are twenty five books for this age level.

All of these materials are on loan from the Amarillo Public Library. Sherman County Library is able to use these books because our library is a member of the Texas Library System.

Have a Merry Christmas

but she is away visiting. A master sheet with Pal information is at the Post Office for anyone who lose their card.

There were 35 who attended the Crusader Sunday School Class Party at Linda Spurlock's beautifully decorated home Dec. 15. Some new 'artists' were discovered!

Terry and Barbara Schoonover were in Elkart, Ks. for a Christmas dinner with Wood Turner and Sandy Thomason.

Mildred and Bob Robinson Boise City, were visitors Thursday evening with her sister, Franny Taylor. Brenda Taylor, Denver, will arrive Friday to spend the Holiday with her mother.

Hank and Mabel Rogers visited his sister, Plumalee Palmer, in an Amarillo Hospital last week. Mrs. Palmer is at home now in Dalhart. Hank's brother, Jim of Oden, Arkansas, recently broke his arm. They plan to see him after Christmas.

Penny, Linda and Danielle Whitson, Clayton, were here Sunday for First Christian Church cantata.

Bill and Pat Boren attended a "We Care" meeting in Amarillo Saturday. Son Joe Bill arrived Tuesday for about 10 days. The Borens Celebrate their 35th anniversary Thursday, the night of the Christmas program.

Albert's Queen O' Creme

We will be closed Sat. Dec. 24,

Sun. Dec. 25, & Sun. Jan. 1.

Have a Merry Christmas

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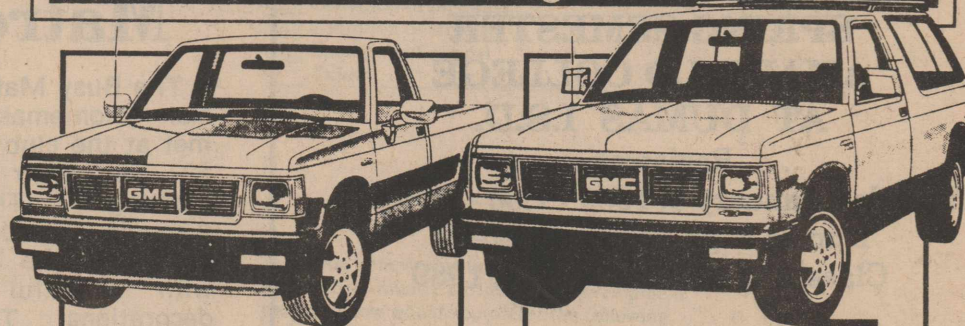
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Star SOCIETY



Lisa Cook, center holding Mary Ashley at the shower given for them in the home of Valerie McAllister. Rose Wells, left great grandmother and far right Mary Lou Albert Grandmother.



Stratford's world travellers presented a program to GFWC/Prospectus Study Club Friday night. The couple's party was held at the home of Dana and Scott Buckles with 50 attending. From left to right are Ronald Engelbrecht, Marlihoward Engelbrecht, Jon Engelbrecht, Joyce and Ted Irlbeck and Betty Lou O'Brien. Seated in front is Terry Kennedy.

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club met Dec. 16 for an International Couples Party at the home of Scott & Dana Buckles. Guests were some of the area travelers, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck who went to Italy, Ron, Marlihoward and Jon Engelbrecht who were in Germany, Austria and France, Betty Lou O'Brien, a visitor to China and Terry Kennedy who went to Hong Kong. A letter was read from Ronna Jo Riffe who had been in Spain. Joyce Ann

Lasley, International Chairman, spoke briefly about cruises.

The menu consisted of French onion soup, French bread, Texas Brisket, Spanish fruit salad, Mexican beans, German noodle dish, Chinese fortune cookies, Italian pistachio ice cream.

Present were Carolyn and Lee Tarver, Dorothy Haile, Susie and Wes Spurlock, Lorraine Mehner, Mattie and Tommy Baskin, Oline Caraway, Kathy Altman,

Betty and Baskin Brown, Vicki and Jack Gore, Glennell and Jack Dettie, Margaret and Bill Reed, Jimmie and Alfred Pronger, Janet and Bill Riffe, Linda and Jack Swain, Sonja and Cagle Kendrick, Marty and Phillip Bain, Barbara and Dick Chumley, Gayle and Jack Rhoades, Joyce and Glenn Hart, Mary Woodford and Carroll Wisdom, Linda and Steve Haynes, Marylou and Fred McDaniel.

Eastern Star Births

District 2, Section 2, Order of the Eastern Star held their annual meeting Saturday, Dec. 17 in Amarillo. Robbie Yates, Past Grand Matron, was among 71 Grand Officers who attended. Grand Officers from Stratford were Jane Smith, Bulletin Committee; Vernnie Mae Peery, Flow of the Spirit; and Marylou McDaniel, Fountain of Love.

Mrs. McDaniel, Worthy Matron of Stratford Chapter 960, acted as Associate Conductress and Shannon Taliaferro, Stratford Associate Matron, was Esther for the school and the evening Fraternal Visit.

Mrs. Doris M. Eford, Fort Worth and Harry G. Cunningham, San Antonio, were present.

Mrs. Peery, who is a dual member with Dalhart & Stratford, served as Chairman for the 'Living Waters' banquet, both program and decorations. Mrs. Taliaferro sang three numbers as entertainment.

There were 178 attending with 78 'A' Certificates and 3 'B' Certificates issued.

Others attending from Stratford were Clara Kennedy and Gladys Arnold.



Music Club

The Stratford Federated Music Club met Dec. 13 at the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church for their Christmas Luncheon. Members were entertained by the past-presidents. The tables were gaily decorated with greenery, ribbon and ornaments after a delicious meal the program was conducted by Marylou McDaniel. In review 1930-40 emphasizing the Big Band era and performers Ella Fitzgerald and Helen Forrest. Janet Riffe gave the Hymn of the Month with Lorraine Mehner at the piano. Those present were the hostesses, Robbie Yates, Doris Pleyer, Janet Riffe and president Shannon Taliaferro. Others present were Lilly Galloway, Marylou McDaniel, Kathleen King, Lorraine Mehner and Geneva Haile.

Lisa and Scott Cook are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Mary Ashley, born November 28, 1988. Mary weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mary Lou and Raymond Albert. Great grandparents Rose and Pup Wells of Stratford. Paternal grandparents are Shirley and Joe Cook and great grandmother is Nell Hall all of Barnsdall, Okla.

College Courses Cont. from Page 1

also take telecourses offered by Amarillo College and available on Channel 2, CACV-TV if you have an outside antenna. You can register for these when in Dumas for the spring semester on January 5. This spring's telecourses include: Cultural Anthropology, Personal Finance and Money Management, Introduction to Business, Computer Awareness, Freshman Composition 1, French for beginners, Government of Texas and the U.S., History of the U.S., Humanities 11, Principles of Marketing, Concepts of Healthful Living Child Psychology and Social Principles and Institutions.

For additional information contact Christine Lofberg at 806-935-2011.

Flanagan led in singing, "Away in a Manager". A short business was held and we decided to donate \$25.00 to the Texoma United Way Fund.

Roll call was answered with "What I Plan to do for Christmas for Someone" by Jane Clark, Mary Lee Cooke, Jeanne Flanagan, Rosella Flanagan, Sue Fleming, Ila Fry, Almenia Huddleston, Irene McDaniel, Buena Shilling, Lonita Shipp, Velma Shubert, Clara Thrasher, Marion Thrasher and Opal Thrasher. The hostess led in playing a number of games, and everyone guessed who their secret pal was (most everyone guessed wrong). The gifts were passed out and new names were drawn for next year's secret pal.

The hostess served delicious refreshments of snacks nuts, tea, coffee, homemade cake and candies.

The next meeting will be Jan. 9th in the home of Irene McDaniel and the lesson will be "Light for Health, (cholesterol)", led by Almenia Huddleston.

Velma Shubert
Reporter

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| Consumer Compliance | 6:00-8:45p.m. | Tue |
| Secretarial Accounting | 7:00-9:45p.m. | Mon |
| Business Law I | 7:00-9:45p.m. | Tue |
| Computer Concepts | 7:00-9:45p.m. | Tue |
| Microcomputer Applications | 7:00-9:45p.m. | Thu |
| Freshman Composition I | 7:00-9:45p.m. | Tue |
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Matrons

The Busy Matrons Extension Homemakers Group met at the club house Dec. 12 for their Christmas meeting. The hostess Almenia Huddleston had decorated the club house with beautiful Christmas decorations. The meeting was called to order by the vice-president Ila Fry. Clara Thrasher had a devotional about 'Signs'. Jeanne

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To all the Scot Quilters, we are so pleased with the beautiful quilt we won at the drawing and will treasure it always. It made it even more special knowing all the hands that so lovingly stitched it. It is truly a treasured heirloom.

Thanks-Joan Bell

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for making our 50th wedding anniversary celebration a day we will never forget. Thank you to all who came and brought gifts and cards and take time to share our day with us. Thanks also to so many who were unable to come, but called and sent cards. Words can never express the joy we received from all of these acts of kindness. We will treasure your friendship for the rest of our lives.

Alton and Frances Brewster

Thank you Rita for sharing David with so many of us. We are so fortunate to have such a caring person in our community. How good to have him as my pastor. The prayers for me from the people here, and from Nancy's Church in Amarillo--how could I lose. My room was decorated with many lovely flowers, the cards were plentiful. One of the ladies delivering the cards said 'I got the most'. The food, and the visitors, how wonderful. Harold and I appreciate everything, and are thankful to you all.

Love, Judy and Harold Oquin

The members of St. Joseph Altar Society wishes to thank the Community of Stratford for their continued support of our sausage dinner.

The family of Tab Houson would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, prayers and donations during our loss.

A special thank you to Morrison Funeral Directors and Terry Fred.

The people of Stratford are always there when you need them.

Edith Houston, J. R. Houston, Christine Etheridge, Stratford; Jack Houston, Donham; Owen Houston, Lubbock; H.G. Houston, Greeley, Colo; and Jerry Don Houston, Abilene

Thank you, Younger Texans 4-H Club members, for stopping by our home and sharing "songs of the season" during your caroling party. We thoroughly enjoyed the music and appreciated your thoughtfulness. Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 1989!

Wesley, Susie and Walter Spurlock

Tips & Topics

By Susie Spurlock County Extension Agent

There's nothing like coming home from work and finding a package on your front porch to help you get in the Christmas spirit.

But is that package contains food and is marked 'perishable,' you may have to be a grinch and throw it away for safety's sake.

Whether the food is safe will depend on what it is, how cold it is, and how it was packaged, according to Dr. Al Wagner, a food technologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M University.

'Mail-order food companies typically freeze perishable food solid so that overnight delivery in cold weather guarantees that it will arrive still cold. But what can't be guaranteed is having someone at home to receive the food and refrigerate it,' he said.

'In Texas, you can't count on cold weather either and perishables that sit in a delivery truck, mail box or on the front porch on a warm December afternoon may quickly thaw and become hazardous,' said Wagner.

A tabulation of calls received by the U.B. Department of Agriculture's national Meat and Poultry Hotline during the 1987 holiday season showed that the greatest number of calls

about mail-order foods concerned smoked or smoked and vacuum-packed hams and turkeys.

Wagner said that response does not surprise him.

'Many consumers don't understand that just because meat has been smoked, doesn't automatically mean it's cooked. In addition, all meat - cooked or uncooked - should be shipped with an ice source to keep it at or below 40 degrees fahrenheit, just like a refrigerator,' he said.

Consumers should also check the label to see if the product contains preservatives, said Wagner. When a product is cured, such as a cured ham, the preservatives will aid in protection against spoilage if it is left out for a short length of time.

'Through re-heating before serving is an added safeguard, but no guarantee against the bacteria that cause food-borne illnesses. If you have any doubt about a fresh or a cured food, discard it,' he said.

The Extension specialist said consumers should look for the following before eating mail-order products.

Fresh or cooked meat, poultry or fish should arrive frozen or still hard in the middle. If never frozen, it should be cold to the touch.

With the exception of

dry-cured hams, baked hams and most canned hams need refrigeration and should arrive cold.

Hard, dry sausages, such as pepperoni and hard salamis don't need refrigeration. Thuringer, summer sausage and others do. If the label says 'keep refrigerated,' the sausage should be cold.

Cheese should not contain mold, unless the mold is part of the product, such as blue cheeses.

Cheesecake should be frozen solid. If the food product requires refrigeration and isn't frozen or cold, don't serve it. The food could give your family the unwanted 'gift of the flu-like symptoms that come from a food-borne illness.'

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture figures, the mail-order food business is a \$1 billion a year industry.

The USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline (1-800-535-4555) or your local county extension home economist can answer questions about mail-order meat and poultry.

But for consumer problems and complaints, contact the nearest office of the Food and Drug Administration.

If you think that you, or the person who sent you the

food gift deserves a refund, call or write the mail-order house directly.

Remember, however, that the shipper's responsibility is to deliver on time; the customer's responsibility is to have someone at home to receive the goods so they can be properly refrigerated.

Neapolitan Pound Cake

- 1 frozen all butter pound cake (10 3/4 oz.), thawed
- 1 pint Neapolitan brick ice cream
- 1 cup hot fudge sauce or topping

Slice pound cake into 4 horizontal layers. Cut each flavor of ice cream into 2 slices. Place chocolate ice cream slices on bottom layer, top with cake layer and vanilla ice cream. Repeat for strawberry ice cream. Freeze cake, cut and serve with sauce. Serves 10.

There are many delicious ways to serve all butter pound cake throughout the year. You may wish to send for a sixteen-page recipe booklet, with coupons valued at \$2.50, by mailing \$.50 and three Sara Lee All Butter Pound Cake proofs-of-purchase to Sara Lee Cookbook Offer, P.O. Box 4040, Schaumburg, IL, 60168-4040.

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SURVEY RESULTS.

The numbers appearing below are the averages for all completed surveys received. 95 surveys were returned which represents approximately 6% of the population of Stratford. Statistically speaking, this is not a bad return and probably reflects the community's feelings accurately.

1. Several good promotional and civic activities already exist. Which of these do you consider to be of benefit to our community? Please score each of the following from 1 to 5, 1 being very beneficial to 5 being of little benefit.

- 2.2 Chamber Pheasant hunt
- 1.4 Stratford Area Foundation
- 2.4 Depot Museum
- 2.5 Collectors Show
- 2.2 Fair
- Other

- 3.4 Country Club
- 1.6 Student scholarships
- 1.8 County Library
- 2.5 Parks/tennis courts
- 2.4 Livestock Show

2. Which of the following do you believe would, if developed or improved, have the most potential to contribute to the well-being of our community? Rank each from 1 to 5 with 1 having the most potential and 5 having the least potential. (Add any areas that you think have been left out.)

- Recreation & Entertainment
- 2.3 Recreational opportunities
- 2.3 Recreational facilities
- 2.7 Newspaper
- 2.0 Restaurants
- 2.6 Arts/cultural activities & opportunities
- Other

- Community Image
- 1.5 Community attitude
- 1.7 Attractiveness of town appearance
- Other

- Education
- 1.9 Adult educational opportunities
- 1.5 School system
- Other

- Economy and Business
- 1.9 Availability of merchandise
- 1.6 Job opportunities
- 1.9 Professional services available
- Other

- Health & Social Services
- 1.6 Medical care
- 2.2 Law enforcement
- 2.0 Fire Department
- 2.2 City services (water, trash, etc)
- Other

- Tourism
- 1.8 Events attracting outside visitors
- 1.7 Tourist/visitor facilities (hotels)
- Other

- Transportation
- 2.0 Condition of highways
- 2.0 Condition of streets
- 2.6 Condition of airport
- Other

3a. If you believe that tax dollars should be used to help finance a community development program, how would you prefer the following taxing entities share the burden? Use the numbers 1 - 5. 1 = substantial contribution 5 = no contribution.

- 2.8 School District
- 2.0 County
- 2.0 City
- 3.2 Hospital District

3. If this community were to support a development program, it would have to be financed in some manner. Following are several avenues of support which could be used: please put a percentage by each to show how much support you would like to see come from each source to provide a total of 100% financing.

- 34% Federal grants
- 27% Foundation/trust grants
- 25% Private contributions
- 14% Tax dollars
- Other (specify)

Three final questions.

Would you rent a bedroom to a hunter during pheasant season? 22% yes 78% no

Do you think the city should furnish RV hookups to tourists free of charge for one night with the aim of getting them to spend money in town? 55% yes 45% no

What goods or services would you like to see become available in our community?

Most frequent answers: Variety Store 21, Up-scale restaurant 14, Department Store 10, Lumber Yard 9, 2nd Grocery Store 8, 2nd Doctor 5, Motel 4, Movie 4

All Answers.

Health & Social Services

- 2nd Doctor
- Home Health Care
- Housing for Elderly
- Low Income Housing
- Day Care Center
- Jr. College
- Street Delivered Mail
- 911 Phone Service

Recreation & Entertainment

- Up-scale restaurant
- Movie
- Private Club
- Dinner Theater
- Bakery
- Radio Station
- Outdoor Pool
- Bowling Alley
- Youth Recreation Center
- Bingo
- Lottery

Tourism

- Motel
- Camp Ground

Economy & Business

- Variety Store
- Department Store
- Lumber Yard
- 2nd Grocery Store
- Feed Store
- Childrens' Store
- Furniture Store
- TV & Radio Repair
- Rental Vehicles

Survey Results In

Results are in from the community survey conducted earlier this month by the Community Development Committee. The goal of the survey was to sample public opinion on matters ranging from recreational facilities to economic development. The surveys were distributed door to door by the scouts, included in bank statements, and were available at many Stratford businesses, as well as being printed in the Stratford Star. "The results overall were very encouraging," said P.J. Pronger, president of the committee. "There seems to be sufficient interest and enthusiasm to continue with a program to improve the economic condition and quality of life in our area."

An open community meeting will be held after the holidays to gather ideas and to form and organize goals. Residents are encouraged to contribute to the overall plan and to work directly on projects which interest them.

Anyone with an idea for improving our community is encouraged to contact the Chamber of Commerce or a committee member, and to attend the community meeting (date to be announced).

The Community Development Committee sprang from a group of area citizens who undertook to investigate the possibility of promoting and improving the economic outlook and quality of life in Stratford and the surrounding area. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the School Board the City Commission, the County Commission, the Hospital Board, and the Tax Assessment Board are on the committee to help coordinate any actions which might be undertaken.

Fifth Season

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Cactus Growers, Inc. and ENTERPRISE VI, INC. Cactus Growers, Inc. is a subsidiary of Cactus Feeders, Inc., one of the country's largest feedlot operators. ENTERPRISE VI, INC. is a subsidiary of the Moorman Mfg. Co., Quincy, Illinois. Moorman is a major livestock nutrition researcher and feed manufacturer. Fifth Season will sell its cattle to a major meat packer-processor on the basis of carcass merit.

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Fifth Season began acquiring cattle in November of 1988. Cattlemen interested in obtaining more information can contact Mike Tenhouse, Coordinator for Fifth Season Feeders, 217-222-7100.




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| TEACHER | STUDENT | COMMENTS |
|----------------|-----------------|---|
| RINDA ALLISON | Nick Cozart | Tried to be student of the week |
| DIANE WARD | Fabian Cruz | Quiet, keeps busy, good class participation |
| LONDA HAUSER | Kelly Grimes | Keeps grades up |
| LONDA SWAIN | Marcus Lavake | Good attitude at school |
| TERRI TEIG | Patsy cruz | Working hard on math |
| BARBARA HAILE | Fred Powell | Has worked overtime to bring grades up |
| MIKE BROWNLEE | Manuel Villegas | Continues to work hard and improve |
| DIANE PLUNK | Brandi Brown | Much improved, humorous, pleasant |
| SONJA KENDRICK | Paula Gonzalez | Cooperative and cheerful |
| LARRY NORRIS | Cherise Davis | Always cheerful and has a big smile |
| BETTY INGHAM | Holly Husmann | Consistently tries to be a good cornet player |

Newspaper Will Be Closed

The Stratford Star Newspaper Office will close Thursday, Dec. 22 and will reopen on Monday, January 2nd. There will not be a paper printed on Thursday, Dec. 29, 1988.

Spirit of Christmas



Coldwater Manor Birthday party was held Tuesday, Dec. 13th, Birthday girls were left, Freda Dortch age 85 on Dec. 8 and Clara Koski age 79 on Dec. 9th.

Scout News

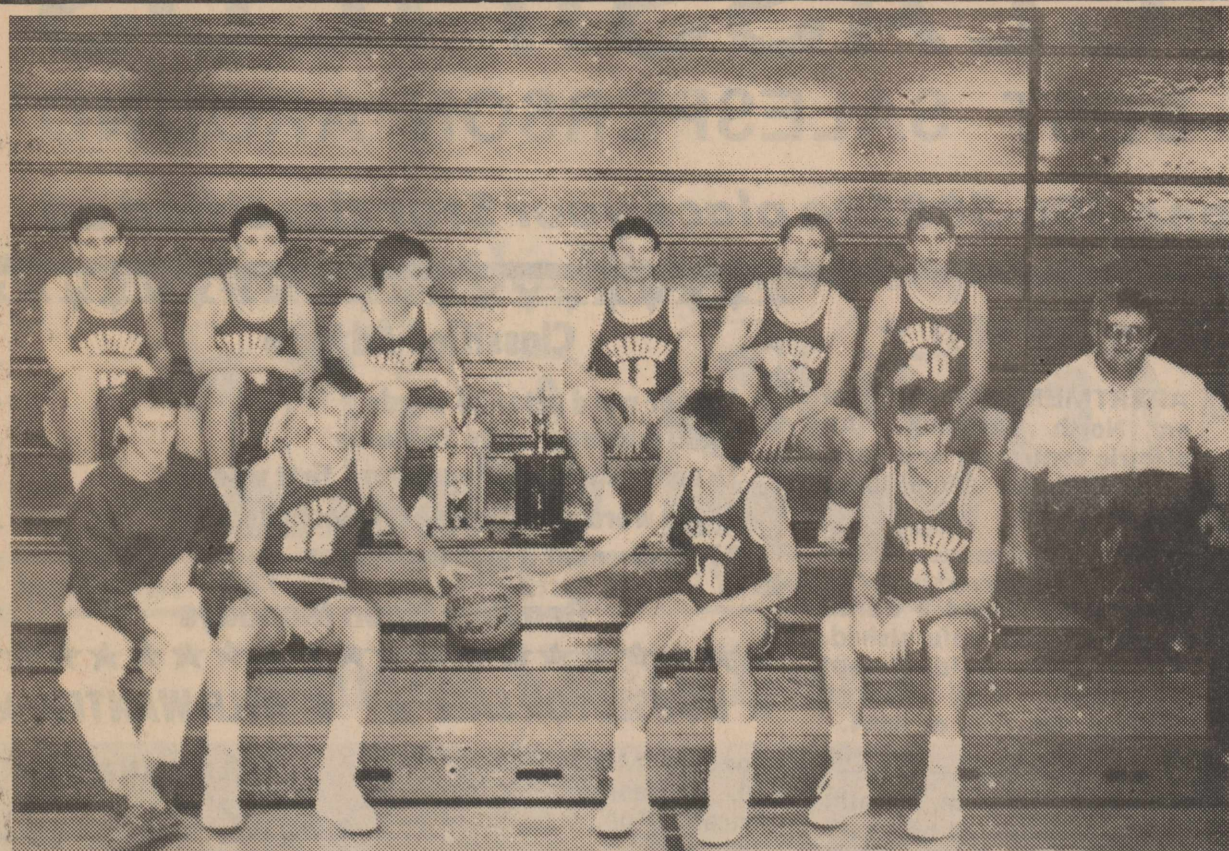
The Stratford Girl Scout Service Unit held a Christmas party for its leaders on Thursday, December 8th in the home of Mellonee York. Leaders attending were Jeannie Sikora, Marie Sladek, Dee Dee Dewees, Carole Gibson, and Mellonee York. Our guests were Earlene Schaefer, Executive Director for Yucca Girl Scout Council; Leonda Fedric, District Chairman; and Janice Sladek, Nut Chairman. Several were unable to attend. Our dinner was Mexican Pile On with chocolate cake for dessert. We had a Mystery Menu for some entertainment. Everyone received a plate and a cup. Food items were named and numbered and we were served three courses with five items in each course. Example: 2. Snowballs was our ice, 6. Garland was tea, and 14. The 3 Wise Men were our forks. What we chose is what we were served. Some did not get a fork until the last course. After the fun, we enjoyed our dinner. We then exchanged "white elephant gifts", Chinese style. One would open a gift and could keep it or take someone else's gift that had been opened. The item that exchanged the most was a ceramic duck. The party concluded with playing games and some business.

4th Grade Christmas Play



Shown above are the 4th Grade class cast members during their performance Thursday night Dec. 15th at the Mary Allen School. The Christmas program was enjoyed by all who attended.





Stratford Varsity Boys won 2nd place in the Sunray tournament on Dec. 8th-10 winning over Dumas J.V. 68-36, winning over Hal tley 58-42 and losing losing over Gruver 49-54. Varsity boys also won 3rd place in the Clayton Tournament on Dec. 1st-3rd. They won over Liberal 65-51 lost over Clayton 32-65, and won over Springer 63-52. Stratford also played Sanford Fritch on Dec. 12, losing with a final score of 61-63. Individual scoring was Wes Allison-15, Dirk Davis 12, Loyd Willard, 10, Brad McBryde 7, Chris Waters, -8, Tim Hudson-2, Duane Mungia-1, Greg Vandlver-3, Robert Williams 2.



Stratford Varsity Girls took 1st place at the Sunray Tournament on Dec. 8-10, winning over Sunray 49-42, and winning over Channing 36-35. Varsity Girls also won 3rd place in the Clayton tournament on Dec. 1-3. Stratford won over Mora, New Mexico 53-38. They lost over Clayton 37-48 and won over Liberal 47-42. Stratford also played Sanford Fritch on Dec. 12, winning with a final score of 51-40. Individual scoring was Vicki Rolan-16, Dawn Gray, 13, Stephanie Gray, 2, Michel Decker, 6.

Caroling Outing



The Stratford Girl Scouts met on Tuesday, December 13th at the Catholic Church Parish Hall for a "Mother and Daughter Christmas Caroling Outing". They caroled the residents at

Outstanding Young Men Of America

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America awards program announced today that Ronald David Riffe, Garland, Tx. and Gary Kyle Ingham, Lubbock, Tx. have been selected for inclusion in the 1988 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

Now in its 26th year, the OYMA program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young men between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavor, such as service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civic and political participation. Achievements in these areas are the result of dedication, responsibility, and a drive for excellence - qualities which deserve to be recognized and remembered.

The men, along with fellow Outstanding Young Men throughout North America, were selected after 150,000 nominations were received from political leaders, University and College officials, clergymen, business leaders, as well as from various civic groups and community organizations. Each young man will be represented by his biographical entry in this prestigious annual awards publication.

Our Board of Advisors and Editors salute all those honored as Outstanding Young Men of America. We take great pride in bringing their accomplishments to the attention of the American public.

Ronald is the grandson, of Ruth Harland, Texhoma. Kyle is the son of Mr and Mrs Jim Ingham, Pecos, former Stratford residents and grandson of Mildred Ingham James and Louella Johnson both of Stratford.

Coldwater Manor and then divided up into groups to carol families in Stratford. When each group finished, they returned to the Parish Hall for supper.

The Service Unit (formerly neighborhood) furnished sloppy joes, tea and kool-aid.

The following people were present for the event: Lindsey and Gale Sims, Kyla, Mandy and Tammie Helmuth, Carla, Cassie and Margaret Bell, Heather White, Dallas Lowe, Destiny Larance, Jenifer and Melody Velasquez, Misty and Georgia Roberts, Julie, Wes and Nancy Kimball, Mandi Bell, Teresa and Ann Wells,

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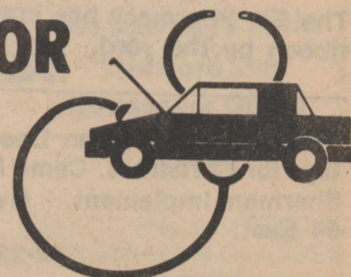
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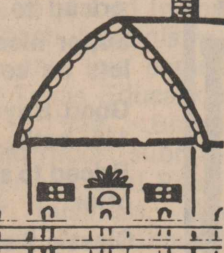


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11-24-tfn

Tuesday is Senior Citizen Christmas Shopping Day at Elk Pharmacy. 20% off most gift merchandise, plus other daily specials starting Dec. 1.
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12-22-c

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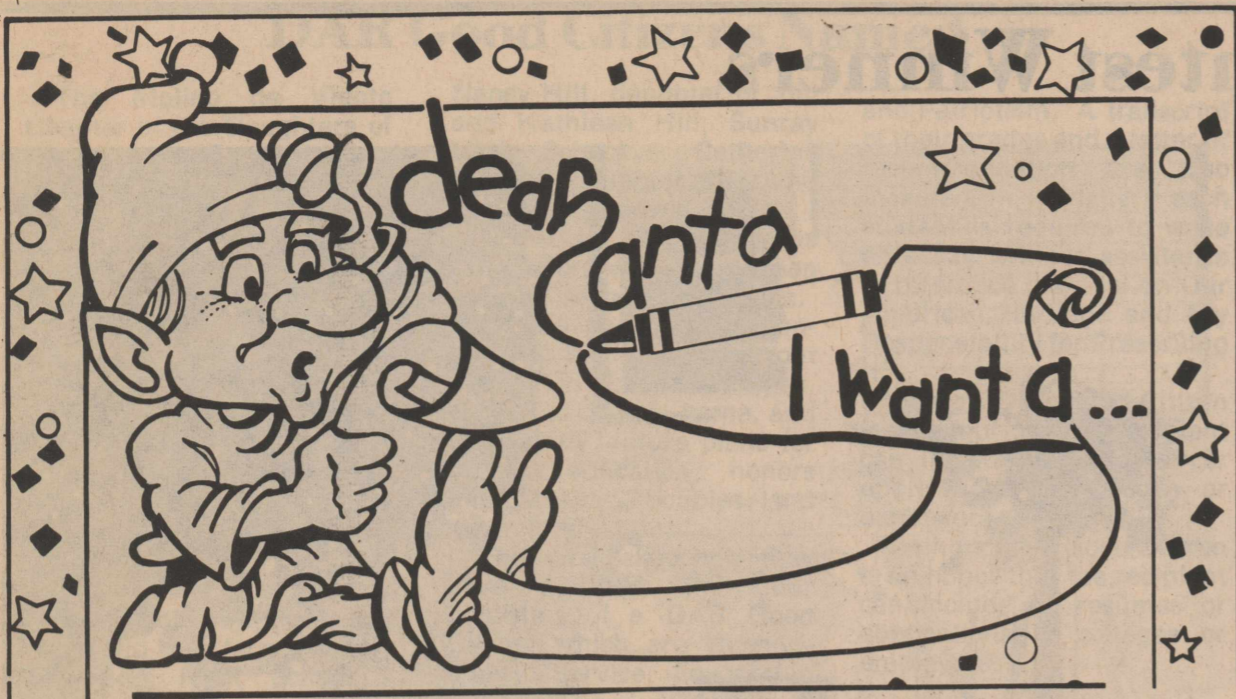
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Dear Santa,
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Love,
Carly

Carly's letter addressed to

Santa Clause
Mrs. Clause and Elves
North Pole

Dear Santa,
My name is Casey. I am 1 1/2 years old. Please bring me a toy farm and a cow and horse. I also want some cowboy boots. Please bring my daddy and mommy a present.

I love you Santa
Casey Crabtree

Dear Santa,
My name is Lindsey, and I am 5 years old I have been pretty good this year. I would like you to bring me a big doll with a blue bow in her hair, a easy back oven, a blue and white pom pom, a bouncing baby and some clothes. And please bring Bubba my brother a big poster.

Love
Lindsey Sims

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a hungry hungry hippo and a gun and a firetruck and a football. Mike age 4 Stratford Tx.

Dear Santa
Hi How are you Santa? Have you been working hard this year, Are you tired. Thank you for bring our bed early to my house. Santa do you know Jesus? Will you help me ask Jesus to take care of all the Little Children who sleep in the streets.
I love You
Anna Beatriz Montoya

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball goal and a remote control car. Also a gun.
Where do you park your reindeer?
Please bring my sister Stacy a basketball.
I've been a good boy.
Thank you
Scott Reese

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year & I would like a Bouncing Baby, tricycle, candy and anything with Mickey Mouse!

I Love you Santa,
Brittany

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Is he sick? How is your wife? How are you Santa? Please bring me a nosey bear, a muppet keyboard and some makeup. Please bring my little sister Ashley a Mickey Mouse and a baby doll. Please don't step on my Star for baby Jesus that is under our Christmas Tree.

Love,
Tiffany Duke

Dear Santa,
I'm still quite young, so I won't be wanting much this year. I just have a small favor to ask of you. I would like to get my three teeth that have been trying to come in for quite some time so that my mommy and daddy can be happy once again. Thank you!

Love,
Aubrey Gibson

Dear Santa,
I want a big train and a fire truck for me and my brother to ride. My brother Levi would like a toy truck.
I've been a good boy.

Nicholas Artho

Chris,
My tastebuds weren't working the night I made your chili. You may need to add some salt or pepper (or whatever).
Hope you have a restful Holiday!

Barbara Haile

Dear Santa,
My name is Hubbal and I'm 2 1/2 years old. I can't wait for you to come down our chimney on Christmas Eve! I have tried real hard to be a good little boy all year!

Please bring some winter clothes and shoes and some Disney stuffed animals. I would also like some PlayDoh and watercolors. I need a tractor so I can help Granddaddy farm and a sleeping bag for spending the night with my cousins.
I'll leave milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Hubbal

Dear Santa,
My name is Gecovey and I'm one month old. I'm still not sure what all this excitement is about, but my parents told me I needed to write you a letter so you would come see me on Christmas Eve!
I could use a few winter clothes and size 1 shoes. I need some sheets for my bed and playpen and a digital thermometer since I can't tell anybody when I'm sick.
I'm sure I'll have a longer list next year!

Love,
Gecovey

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want some toys for Christmas. Please bring me a Mickey Mouse and some new shoes. My Sissy has been a good girl too so you can bring her some toys too.
Thank you Santa. We both love you.
Kayla & Heather Robertson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want to have a Gi Joe and a car, a keyboard, a fire truck, and a big, big truck. Will you bring me a Gi Joe plane. And a jet. Then will you bring me a candy cane please. Thank you.

Your friend,
Scott Age 7 Stratford
Tx

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you and Mrs. Claus I love you too!
I would like to have a bulletin board, 2 movies, desk.

Missy Sikora

Dear Santa,
I have been very, very good. I would like a Lego space train, a nintendo and dino-riders.

love, Parker Wells age 7

Dear Santa,
This year I want mostly horse things. Because I have two horses. I have a pretty long list, but this is what I want. A blue halter, saddle soap, spurs, sinch, stirrups, horse whip, and a blue lead rope. Thank you for my gifts last year. And

Merry Christmas
Love,
Jessica Sikora

Dear Santa,
My name is Tim Coaly. I am five years old. Please bring me some hit stix, some walkie talkies and some clothes. My little brother Jason would like a sylophone a little tykes chair and some clothes.

Thanks
We love you!
Tim and Jason
P.S. We will have you a snack under the tree.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Erich Taylor and I've been a good boy this year. When I get older I want a Wheel of Fortune game. This year I want a Pizza Party game, a Firecar town and a littlefoot toy. Please bring my little brother Jordan a rocking horse and a dinosaur toy. He's been a good boy too, but he can't talk much.

Love
Erich

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a barometer and a George Strait tape. Have a good trip.

Love,
Todd

Dear Santa,
My name is Amanda and I am 6 years old. I want a tape player, tapes, bed bugs game, clothes and walkie talkies. Please bring my little sister what she wants Me and my sister will leave you a coke and cookies. I love you Santa.

Amanda Smith

Dear Santa
My name is Shelli. I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I want a kitchen set, play food from pizza hut, sleeping bag, clothes and walkie talkies. Please bring my big sister what she wants. Me and my sister will leave you coke and cookies. I love you Santa.

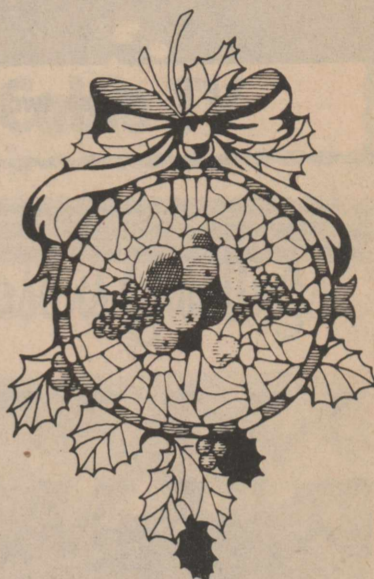
Shelli Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good kid this year. I would like to have micro machines and a bike, My sister Lara wants a play cooking center. My baby sister Emily needs a toy box and teeth. We will leave you fudge and egg nog for a snack. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Barrett Shafer, 7

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been good all this year. I want a checker out stand with a scanner and microphone with buttons to push. I also want play money. Would you put a \$1 bill in my stocking.
My sister would like to have roller skates and an art set. Kyla hasn't been very good but please bring these to her anyway. We will leave you some cookies and milk.

We love you!
Mandy & Kyla Helmuth



Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy, and I hope you come to see me asleep in the bed and bring me some toys. I want a dart gun and remote control car. I hope you can go to other people's houses and give them some toys too.

Love,
Brock Swain

GREETINGS

'Tis the season to be jolly! We wish all our friends the best!

Chamber of Commerce

Merry Christmas

Bobbie Edmond Horse Auction & Ritestuff Feed

Heavenly days! It's Christmas again! Have a Celestial Holiday!

C&C Texaco Station & C&C Texaco Products

Joy and peace

Peace and good-will to everyone this Christmas Season and always.

Golden Spread

HOLY NIGHT

May the angels of light watch over you and yours this holiday and all year long.

The FIRST State Bank

OF STRATFORD
STRATFORD, TEXAS

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Lighting Contest Winners



These two trees are at the First State Bank of Stratford.



Andrea Norris's Home

Commercial Broad Area:
 First, First State Bank;
 Second Sherman Implement;
 Third Stratford Independent
 School District.
 Commercial Single Area
 (door or window): First Elk
 Pharmacy; Second C's Male
 Box; Third Sherman Imple-
 ment.

Residential Broad Area:
 First Andy Norris, 512 N.
 Pearl; Second E.R. & Joan
 Bell, 401 Kay Ave.; Third
 Raymond & Betty Wiley,
 1206 N. Butler.
 Residential Single Area

(door or window): Andy
 Norris, 512 N. Pearl; Second
 Marilyn & Richard Albert,
 319 N. Chestnut; Third Rex
 and Bernice Christian,
 Beaver Road.
 Best Decorated Block: Casa-
 benita.



Elk Pharmacy

FIRST NOEL



President Grover Cleveland had more than one "first" to his credit. He was the first president to marry while in the White House. He wed Frances Folsom in 1886. He is also the only president to have served two non-consecutive terms. Both records have yet to be broken.

Christmas Blessings

Hope your Christmas is bright with love and joy. We thank you for your support.

S & S
 Welding



Merry
 Christmas

During this holiday of warm thoughts we wish you joy and happiness.

Dairy Queen

Happy Holidays



The season is the reason for wishing you the very best!
 Bonnie Bee's Beauty Boutique

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Happy Holidays to all our special friends. We wish you a bright and beautiful Christmas.

Coldwater
 Manor



Rejoice

May your happiness be so great that you treasure forever the many wondrous memories of this Christmas and all its joys.

Walter Lasley & Sons

Coloring Contest Winners

Preschool: First Jaret Pemberton, 2nd Mike McAllister; 3rd Mandy Helmuth; 4th Ashley Brown.

Kindergarten: First Stephanie Reinart; 2nd Justin Wright; 3rd Rachel Bennett.

First Grade: 1st Brock Swain; 2nd Lynz Browning; 3rd Missy Sikora.

Second Grade: 1st Mandi Bell; 2nd Scott McAllister; 3rd Heather White; 4th Patrick Pronger; 5th Jessica

Sikora.

Third Grade: first Anna Montoya; 2nd Kyla Helnuth.

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Fourth Grade: first Jennifer McGinnis; 2nd Janelle Pronger; 3rd Jackie Larance; 4th Susan Dewees.

The Contest Winners are on display at Family and Friends.



Drop a thimble over the center tube in a percolator coffeepot before adding ground coffee, that way grounds won't fall in the water.

JOY TO ALL

The bells ring out the happiness of the season. May you share in all its joys.

G&W Industrial Supply Inc.

County Agent

Jim Allison Sherman County Extension Agent

As of December 12, the Texas Department of Agriculture hereby issues a crisis exemption and authorizes the use of Lorsban 4E in winter wheat to control the Russian wheat aphid. Restriction on and provisions of use of the product are as follows:

Use of Lorsban 4E in winter wheat to control the Russian wheat aphid is authorized in the following Texas Crop Report Districts: Northern High Plains, Southern High Plains, Northern Low Plains, Edwards Plateau and the Trans-Pecos.

Lorsban 4E may be applied only by certified applicators and or private applicators or by persons under their direct supervision, and only for those uses covered by the certified private applicator's license.

All applicable directions, precautions and restrictions on the EPA-registered product label must be followed.

Lorsban 4E may be applied with aerial, ground or sprinkler irrigation equipment. Utilized sprinkler irrigation equipment shall be fitted with properly functioning check and vacuum relief valves (antisiphon devices) to prevent the possibility of contaminating irrigation wells and pollution of ground water.

Lorsban 4E may be applied at the maximum rate of 0.5 lb. a.i. per acre per application. DO NOT make more than two applications per growing season.

Timing and frequency of applications of Lorsban 4E for control of the Russian wheat aphid in winter wheat should be based on the flexible economic threshold criteria developed by Dr.

Thomas L. Archer, Associate Professor of Entomology, Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Lubbock, Texas.

DO NOT apply product where run-off is likely to occur to aquatic habitats. DO NOT apply product when weather conditions favor drift or run-off from treated areas.

DO NOT apply product within five miles of Leon Creek in Pecos County. DO NOT apply product within five miles of irrigation canals in the immediate vicinity of Toyahvale in Reeves County. These restrictions on use are due to the presence of endangered fish species in those counties.

DO NOT harvest wheat for grain within 28 days following an application of Lorsban 4E DO NOT allow livestock to graze or otherwise feed wheat forage to livestock for at least 14 days following an application of Lorsban 4E. DO NOT feed wheat straw to livestock for at least 28 days following an application of Lorsban 4E.

Federal regulations require that crisis exemptions expire 15 days from the date of initiation. However, the Texas Department of Agriculture has submitted to EPA an application for a specific exemption to authorize use of Lorsban 4E in winter wheat to control the Russian wheat aphid. We anticipate an affirmative decision from EPA prior to expiration of this crisis exemption.

The Sherman County Extension Office will keep you posted on developments.

O' HOLY NIGHT
May His love fill your home and hearts this holiday season.

Sheriff's Department

May the blessings of Christmas abide with you

William's Repair

We thank you for another year of patronage. We wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to serving you again in the New Year.

Staff of C's Male Box & Girls Next Door

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Ring our good wishes to you and your family. We thank you for your continued patronage.

Mike Vincent Insurance

Happy Holidays

We will see the dawn of peace when we learn the meaning of love.

The Happy Painter

SILENT NIGHT

Sending warmest thoughts for the brightest of happy holidays to one and all!

Olson Automotive

JOY to the WORLD

May the peace of this Holy Season be yours throughout the holidays. Sincere thanks to all our friends.

THE STRATFORD STAR

Duane & Marty Robertson

Soren, Holly & Aubrey Gibson

Don & Carole Gibson



Competing at the Amarillo High Sandy Invitational were Heather Carter, Jamie Randall, and Leigh Bass. Advancing to Semi-finals in Prose were Jamie Randall and Heather Carter. Heather Carter also advanced to Semi-finals in Original Oratory. Leigh Bass advanced to the Finals in Original Oratory and Dramatic Interpretation. Leigh placed 2nd in dramatic interp.



Stratford Speech students well represented at West Texas State University Invitational Speech tournament. Leigh Bass won 5th in Oratory, qualifying for TFA State, and 6th in Dramatic. Dawn Gray won 6th in Prose. Making the semi-finals were Heather Carter [Humorous, Oratory] and Duane Mungia [Foreign Extemp] Also competing, were Jamie Randall, Humorous Prose, Charissa Bryson, Oratory, and domestic Extemp, Wayne Stacy and David Ibarra, Professional Informative, Heather Husmann, Carie Switzer, Shannon Blake, Poetry, Cathy Corblitt, prose, Kevin McDonald, Foreign Extemp. Stratford Speech students will next compete at Friona, January 14th.

Merry Christmas from

Elk Service & Equipment



"Kringle Krunch"

- 1 cup of brown sugar
- 1 cup of white sugar
- 3/4 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon margarine
- 2 teaspoons vinegar
- 1 tablespoon black walnut flavoring
- 4 cups crushed potato chips
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Combine sugar, syrup, water, vinegar and margarine. Cover and cook until soft ball stage over medium heat. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Add flavoring and pour mixture over the crushed potato chips and chopped nuts. Pour into buttered pan. Cool and cut into squares.

'Twas the night before Christmas...

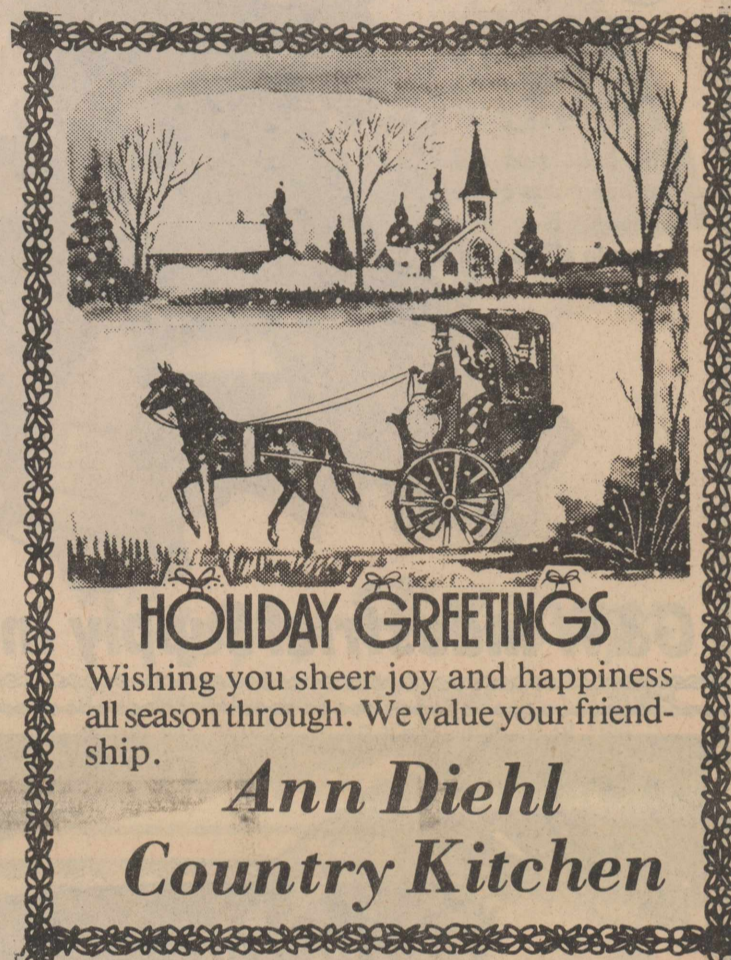
JOY

Here's a very special wish for you at Christmas.

Yates Drugs &



Robbies Gift Shop



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Wishing you sheer joy and happiness all season through. We value your friendship.

Ann Diehl
Country Kitchen



Season's Greetings

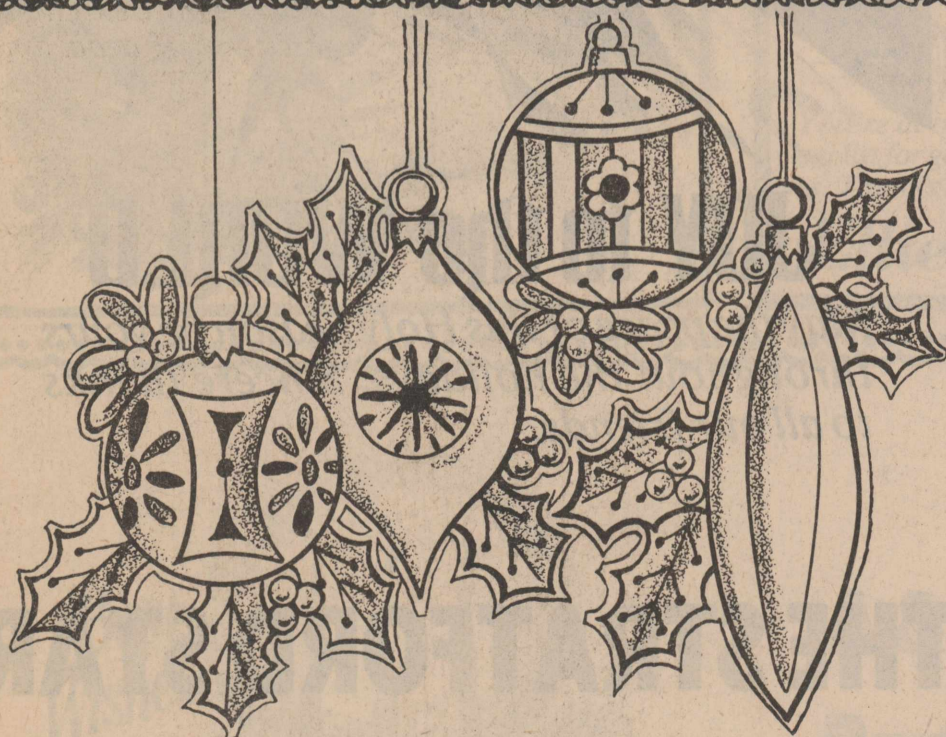
Warm wishes for a holiday without measure.

Moore Implement

JOY

We hope this joyous time will bring to you all the goodness of Yuletide.

Sherman County Real Estate



Season's Greetings

Wishing you the pleasures of a real old-fashioned, family Christmas of peace and harmony. Many thanks from all of us.

Morrison's Funeral Directors
Dumas- Stratford- Sunray

Merry Christmas



With warmest greetings, we send to all, our dearest hopes for peace and joy!



North Plains Savings & Loan





Tryouts for the 1989 High School A-AA All Region Band were held Dec. 5, 1988 at Panhandle, Texas. Those who made the band were Paul Davis-5th Chair Tuba, Rene Allen, 16th chair clarinet, Leigh Bass, 9th chair flute, Lisa White, 6th chair Trombone, Heather Husmann, 4th chair trombone, Dee Cee Foster, 3rd chair Tenor Sax, Elizabeth Kirkham, alternate flutes, Carrie Switzer, 14th chair flute, LaRita Jeffries, 4th chair clarinet, La Quita Vaughn, 18th chair clarinet. The concert will be held in the Civic Center, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo.



The first macaroni factory in the U.S. was established in 1848.

JOYOUS NOEL

Here's wishing a holiday decorated in love and laughter. Merry Christmas.

C & D Body Shop



Good Tidings

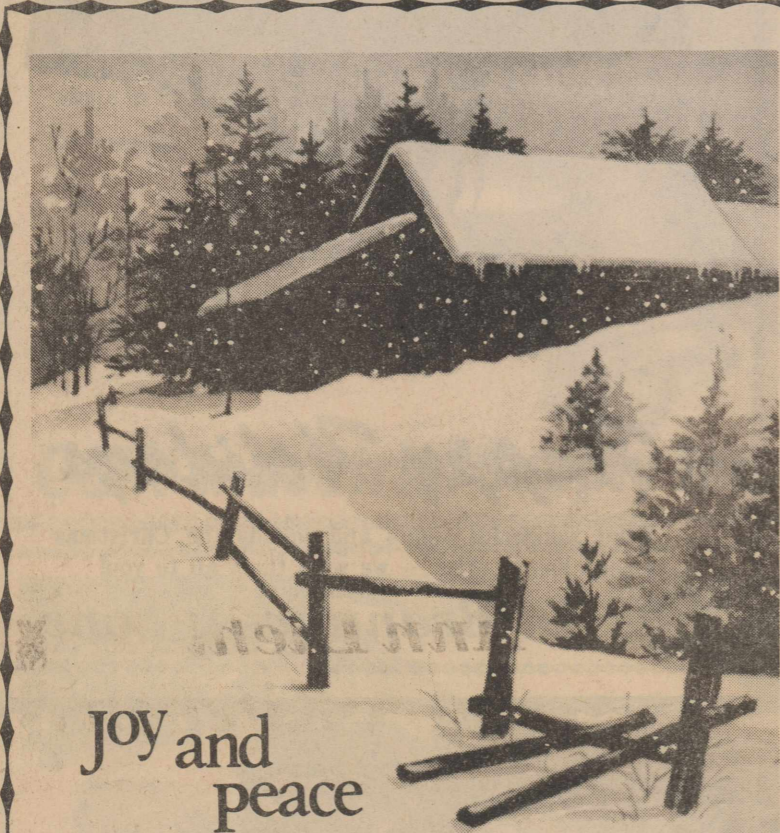


In the spirit of the season, may we wish you a blessed Christmas.

Stratford Clinic



Some white-dwarf stars are believed to be made of diamonds.



Joy and peace

The best greetings of the season to all our great friends. We thank you for your patronage. Come see us in the new year.

HEADQUARTERS RESTAURANT



We Wish You a Merry Christmas from Family & Friends

Jode Lasley & Orlanda Garoutte



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the peaceful tranquility of this happy season enter your heart and home. We thank you.

Keener Automotive & Machine

Greetings



Blessings to all our friends!

Equity Elevator



Peace Be With You

In the spirit of Christmas we extend to all our friends the hope of peace and good will.

Barbecue 54

Happy New Year



We're wishing every new day of the New Year to bring you a world of happiness and prosperity. Thanks for your valued business.

Browns Meat Locker

JOY TO ALL!



To the littlest of His creatures: May peace be with you all!

Stratford Auto Electric

The average American, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture reports, consumes some 95 pounds of refined sugar a year.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Elk Pharmacy

During the year, in the rush of events, we tend to overlook the important friendships that are the true basis of business relationships. One of the great pleasures of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to exchange cordial greetings with those whose friendship and goodwill we value so highly. In this spirit it is our pleasure to say "Thank You" and extend our sincere appreciation for the very pleasant association we enjoy with you. May a bright and prosperous New Year bring happiness to you and yours.

Greetings

We wish you every joy and blessing of this happy Christmas Season!

Sunset Motel



Think Safety This Holiday

The statisticians who monitor traffic accidents on our streets and highways have two presents for you this Christmas. One you don't want to open.

The box with brightly colored wrapping and fancy bow contains the good news. A host of pleasing numbers telling us how smart we are and how safe our vehicles and roads are—ten thousand fewer people died on our nation's highways last year than 14 years ago, for instance.

But it's that coffin-shaped box wrapped in black that really grasps our attention. It holds a single number and a simple message. The number is around 45,000 dead. The message is that most of them died of neglect. These same statisticians tell us two-thirds of these deaths are preventable.

Major V. J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, states, "We hate to sound like the "Grim Reaper" when we talk about people dying in traffic accidents during an other-

wise festive time, but at the same time we, Texans, need to be aware of the fact that tragedy will strike many families this Christmas and it can happen to anyone. Last year, in Texas, over 35 people lost their lives on Texas streets and highways during the Christmas holiday and with Christmas day falling once again on a weekend the potential is there for another deadly holiday period."

We need to understand that traffic safety is everybody's responsibility and to be successful it must be a cooperative effort between both law enforcement agencies and the motoring public. Our failure to do this is measured in lives.

If we didn't drink and drive, more than 20,000 people might have survived to see their families celebrate another Christmas.

If we had used safety belts, thousands more would have lived.

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We join the carolers in their song of peace on earth...good will toward men. To all our special friends, thanks.

Keener Oil

Joy

Best wishes to friends old and new for the best Christmas ever. Thanks.


Smith Agency



Merry Christmas

Our gift to all our friends is a hope for peace and joy today and always.

Steve & Carrie Albert
Albert's Queen O' Creme



Christmas Joy

Along with the magic of the season, goes our thanks.

Consumers



Happy Holidays

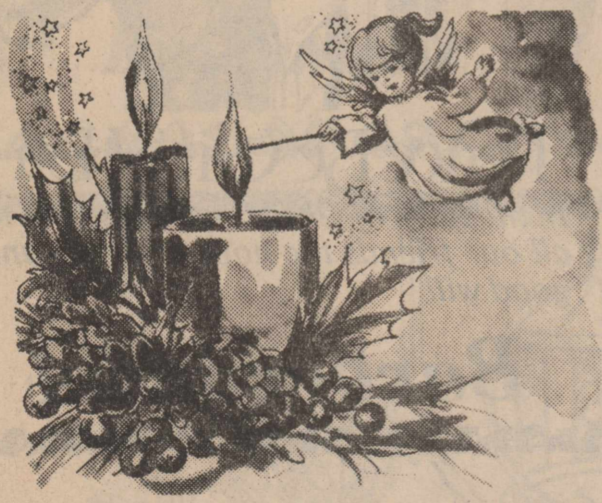
What wonderful sights and sounds the Christmas season has to offer — we wish them all to you!

W. D. Brannan & Sons



Catherine Taylor C.P.A.


Merry Christmas



Joy

You're at the top of our list for good wishes. Thanks to all.

Ellie M's



Merry Christmas

Over the river and through the woods, we are sending special holiday warmth and goodness to you and yours...wrapped in friendship and happiness.

STRATFORD FEEDYARD



Best Wishes

A & I Parts Center

May the bright glow of Christmas fill your home with happiness.



DAR Good Citizens Named

The Molino de Viento Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to announce the DAR Good Citizens for 1989 from area schools. The students selected are:

From Stratford High School - Cindy Boring McMurry, wife of Kelly McMurry; Dumas High School - Alfred R. Garcia, Jr.; Dalhart High School - Rick Enns, son of Ron and Margaret Enns; Texline High School - Janna Higgins, daughter of Don and Sylvia Higgins; Hartley High School - Jeff Hunt, son of Mr and Mrs Jerry Palmer; Channing High School -

Nancy Hill, daughter of Jim and Kathleen Hill; Sunray High School - Catherine Bedwell, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.W. Bedwell.

The DAR Good Citizens are seniors who are chosen by their respective schools. They are given a questionnaire to be filled out about their high school activities, service to church, home, and community, future plans for further education, honors and awards, hobbies and other interests.

They are asked how they have fulfilled the four qualities of a DAR Good Citizen which are Dependability, Service, Leadership

and Patriotism. A transcript of their grades and a letter of recommendation are also included. Finally, each student is required to write an essay without assistance or reference material on Our American Heritage and My Responsibility for Preserving It.

Being a DAR Good Citizen is an honor that the recipient can include on resumes or applications to colleges or employers.

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The National Association of Secondary School Principals has approved this program and has placed it on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities.

The DAR Good Citizens will be honored on Sunday, April 2, 1989 in the meeting room of the Dallam-Hartley Historical Museum. There will be a program and reception, and the honorees will each be presented with a Good Citizen Pin and Certificate from the Molino de Viento Chapter.

A follow-up article will be run in the paper prior to the Spring Reception which will contain pictures and information about each of the Good Citizens.

Safety


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If we would teach our children to be safer drivers, more of them would live to see their own children around the Christmas tree. Instead, they die at twice the rate of other age groups.

This Christmas holiday,

why not give some thought about traffic safety and how you might be a better driver. Maybe some Christmas, we'll find only one statistical box under our tree-and there will be more of us here to share the good news it contains.

Merry Christmas
Stratford Animal Hospital
 Jack, Linda,
 Ryan & Brock Swain



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
 From
The Ranger Motel



Glory to the New Born King
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Simmons Cable TV



JOY



Chiming in with this expression of our hopes for you at Christmas — joy to all!

THRIFTWAY

Peace & Joy
 May good will to all mankind prevail as we celebrate the miracle of Christmas.

THE General Store



Season's Greetings

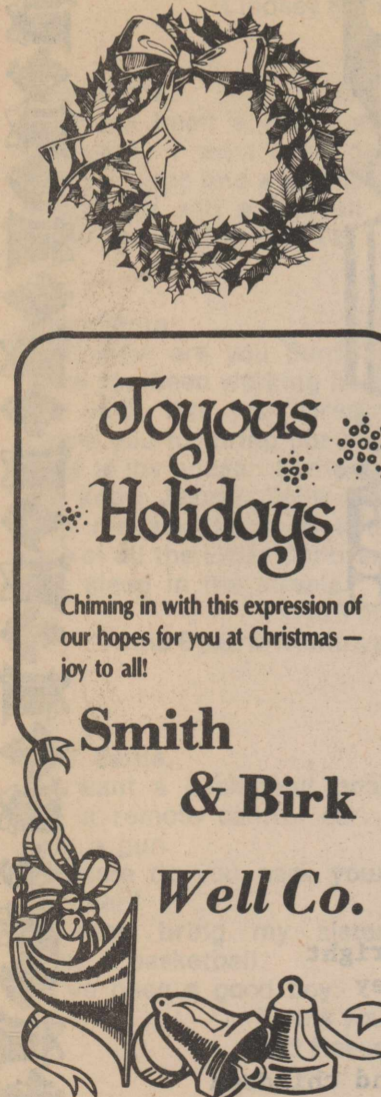


We wish you an old-fashioned holiday filled with love and laughter and all the special delights of the season.

Stratford Printing

Joyous Holidays
 Chiming in with this expression of our hopes for you at Christmas — joy to all!

Smith & Birk Well Co.



Good Tidings



In the spirit of the season, may we wish you a blessed Christmas.

Bain Tire Co.

Joy



May your hearth be filled with joy.

Brooks Video & Game Room

Greetings of the Season



Let us reflect on the wonder of the season.

W. C. Bill Fesler

Joy to All



In every home, in every heart, the lights of friendship glow! Merry Christmas!

Stratford Grain



HOLIDAY CHEER



It's Christmas, joyous Christmas, once again.
May yours be a happy one, and your new year, too!

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