# **All Around** the Town

by Mary Ann Sarchet

FOOTPRINTS OF TIME

Many people pass through this life without ever giving of themselves, keeping their light hidden beneath a bushel, so to speak. Some are selfish with their time, others simply never think about using their time to render a service to their fellow beings.

In this county, we are fortunate to be surrounded by people who selflessly give many hours to Briscoe County Sheriff Vinson many, many ways.

One of the most recent examples coe County Historical Survey Committee. These people have spent of the history of Briscoe County from 1876 to 1976 as their bicentennial project that the total hours probably number in the thousands. First they solicited manuscripts and pictures from everyone who has lived in Briscoe County-and the response to this request was very good. They made arrangements with a publisher and used very good taste in planning the cover, color end-sheets and \*layout of the book. They took orders pleased to announce that arrangefor books, the material was edit- ments have been made with Pedro ed and sent to the publisher, and Ochoa, M. D. and Terry James, then it was returned to the com- M. D., both of Floydada, to open mittee for paste-up.

The books arrived over the weekend and went on sale in the County Courtroom this week. They are truly works to be treasured, now as well as in the future, because this is the first formal history of Briscoe County ever to be published.

We knew they would be keepsakes which would become priceless with the passage of time, but when we received our copy we realized that they are priceless

To these people we owe a great debt of gratitude for a job well done: Mrs. Fred Mercer, Mrs. Wayne McMurtry, Mrs. O. C. Rampley, Mrs. Edwin Dickerson, Mrs. Joe Brannon, Mrs. E. A. Birdwell, Mrs. Alton Johnson, Mrs. Murry Morrison, Mrs. C. L. Mc-Williams, Mrs. Jarus Flowers, Mrs. O. R. Stark, jr., and Mrs. Stanley Fogerson. Art work was by Mrs. Stark, and photography was by tinuing its search for a full-time Bill Willis, who also spent a lot

of time copying family pictures. These thirteen! Instead of cursing the darkness they have lighted a candle to make their corner of the world a brighter place for all of us, and in so doing have indelibly left their footprints on the sands of time.

There are no words to tell them just how much we appreciate what each of them has done.

DEAR SANTA, I would like a set of drums.

and a pair of spurs. I also need some clothes for

school. Love.

Russell Bingham P. S. I have been a good boy. I have made pretty good grades, but I plan to do better.

Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday. It Crosbyton; 12 grandchildren, 22 has been reported that he stood great-grandchildren and three



make their community a better Smith was among the first to pick and more pleasant place in which up his copy of "Footprints of to live. They are doing this in Time Briscoe County 1876-1976" this week. Issuing the book is Mrs. C. L. McWilliams while Mrs. of devotion to service is the Bris- Joe Brannon displays the cover of the book on which is embossed the Briscoe County Medallion so many hours in the preparation designed by Ricky Hutsell. Extra copies of the book are available for \$31.50. Briscoe County News Photo

# Two Doctors To Open

The Briscoe County Clinic Association Board of Directors is the Briscoe County Clinic for two days a week beginning January 6.

Dr. Ochoa will be coming each Thursday afternoon. He practices general medicine and surgery and has a well-established practice at Floydada.

Dr. James will be coming each Saturday morning. He practices general medicine. Dr. James came to Floydada this past July after completing his training.

Becky Woods, R. N. will be assisting the doctors with the clinic. X-ray, laboratory and emergency services will be available at the

Clinic hours initially will be: Thursday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is sincerely hoped that the citizens of the area will make use of the doctors' availability, as they volunteered to come here on their days off to assist with medical needs in this area.

The Board of Directors is conphysician, with the support and encouragement of Doctors Ochoa and James.

# Mrs. Blocker To Be **Buried In Tyler**

Funeral services for Mrs. Nettie Blocker, 81, of Tyler, will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 23, in the Lloyd James Chapel there with Edwin Rasco, Also, I would like a western hat Church of Christ minister, officiating. Interment will be in the Cathedral of Pines Cemetery.

> Mrs. Blocker died at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 21, after a lengthly illness.

Survivors include her husband, Joel R. Blocker of Tyler; one son, Jack Blocker of Santa Rosa; two daughters, Fern Morris and Faye Don Garrison received two by- Huckabay, both of Tyler; four asses and other repair during brothers; two sisters, Iness Parkpen heart surgery at Methodist er and Ethice Fowler, both of great-great-grandchildren.



BERN MAY is shown with the deer, which was grazing on May's large 10-point buck he shot re- wheat near the Caprock rim, cently. It was estimated that the weighed 300 pounds.





This is the time of year when we look forward to thanking our great friends and patrons for doing business with us. We are thinking of you and we hope that you will have a wonderful Christmas season filled with friendship

MARY ANN

CHARLES

# **Cagle Services** This Afternoon

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruby Pauline (Polly) Cagle, 58, will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Thursday (today) at the First United Methodist Church in Silverton. Officiating ministers will be Rev. Jesse Dea, pastor, and Rev. James Patterson of Knox City, a former pastor of the Silverton Methodist Church.

Interment will be in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements under the direction of the Silver-NUMBER 52 ton Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Jimmy Davidson, Jack Mc-Craw, E. W. Burton, Milton Laurie, J. H. Cagle and Freddie Edwards.

Mrs. Cagle was dead on arrival at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview at 2:05 a.m. Wednesday. She had previously been a patient at Swisher Memorial Hospital.

Born Ruby Pauline Curtis December 3, 1919 in Wolf City, Texas, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis.

She married Johnny Cagle July 4, 1939 at Memphis.

She resided with her husband and daughter in Silverton for five years before moving to Kress seven years ago. She was a member of the Kress United Methodist Church and of the Tulia Home Demonstration Club.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Eva Lee McWilliams and Lola Howard, and by two brothers, Leslie Curtis and Lloyd Curtis.

Survivors include her husband. Johnny Cagle, of the home in Kress; a daughter, Rhonda Orr of Olton; two brothers, Leonard Curtis of Bakersfield, California and E. W. (Eck) Curtis of Clarendon; one sister, Lela Schmidt of Los Angeles, California; and three grandchildren.

Lunch for the family will be served at noon today at the First United Methodist Church.

# **Class Planning Christmas Reunion**

The Silverton High School Class of 1967 will hold its ten-year reunion at 8:30 p.m. December 25 in the Pioneer Room at the First State Bank.

Friends and teachers of the class are also invited to attend. Class members are asked to bring your scrapbooks, pictures, etc. to the reunion.

#### RECEIVES LAW DEGREE

AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Paul Ray McWilliams was among the 42 graduates of the Texas Tech University Law School who were presented during the Hooding Ceremony at the Forum Saturday, December 18.

Among those attending the ceremony were Mrs. Bess McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming and Annette, all of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dee McWilliams, Trey and Mike, Snyder, and Lori McWilliams of Midland. Mrs. Paul Ray McWilliams, the former Lanis Davis, and their son, Dee, also attended.

James Patton is continuing to receive treatment this week at Central Plains Hospital in Plain-

### NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Wadlow are parents of a son, Christopher Dell, born November 15, 1976 at 12:25 p.m. at Lockney General Hospital. He weighed six pounds and one ounce, and was 181/2 inches long.

The new baby has two sisters, Debra, who is seven, and Rita, who is three years old.

Grandparents are Joe Gilmore and Mrs. Odelia Stidham, both of Silverton. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Stella Cearley of Silverton.

MOST SILVERTON BUSINESSES TO CLOSE CHRISTMAS EVE

Most Silverton businesses will be closed all day or early Christmas Eve to enjoy this special holiday with their families.

Those who have announced they will be closed all day Friday and Saturday are Briscoe County Farm Bureau, First State Bank, Southwestern Public Service Company and Briscoe County News.

The grocery stores will be closing at noon Friday.

DRY CLEANING

If you have dry cleaning at the Briscoe County News you will be needing before Monday, please come in for it today.

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years old. Please bring me a tug- The Farmer Says. boat and clothes for Rub-a-Dub He would like a set of walkie talkies and a Benji sleeping bag and an 18 wheeler and also an Etch- P. S. Bryan and Brandi live out Jason, Lorrie, Missy and Amy.

Katrice and Anthony

DEAR SANTA,

I wuld like Star Trek communicators and a phaser gun. I would me to be the first runner-up. also like a Dr. McCoy and a Kingon. Thank you.

Love, Jamie Frizzell

DEAR SANTA,

I would like a jumping horst and a pick-up. Thank you. Love,

Casey Frizzell

DEAR SANTA,

I love you. Please bring me a Hush Little Baby, Family Tree rifle and maybe a surprise if you House, a doll carriage, bunk beds, have an extra one. and a stuffed animal.

Amy wants Baby Baby, a baby carriage and Winnie the Pooh. Love, Missy and Amy

DEAR SANTA,

Please bring a Baby That A Way, Baby Alive, toy sewing machine and a book to look at. I have been a good girl this year. Love, Crystal Miller

DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me a Baby Alive doll, bicycle, little Raggedy Ann shoes, dress, cats, puppies, balls and colors.

From Avonna

I am six years old and my name is Neal Edwards. I want a skate to decorate the dressing room. board and bring Tammi one, too. I want a Tin Can Alley Gun and a good surprise present. I have been DEAR SANTA, a good boy. I love you. I want a the garage so he won't take off. also a sewing machine. Love, Neal

DEAR SANTA,

I am a little girl 11/2 years old. I have tried real hard to be a good girl all year long. Please My name is Katrice. I am seven bring me a little red wagon and

Don't forget all the other boys and a bean bag chair and an Etch- and girls and my cousins, Bryan, a Sketch. My little brother's name Brandi and Heath. Please leave is Anthony. He is four years old. them some toys to play with, too.

Alisha Breedlove

a-Sketch. Don't forget our cousins, in the country by Ma-Mel and Heath lives at Plainview.

> I would like to thank the Junior Class for having the Santa's Doll Contest and everyone who chose

Thank you again. Alison Grimland

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I love you. I want a big stove and refrigerator.

DeLynn Fitzgerald

DEAR SANTA,

I am three years old and have tried to be a good boy most of the time. I would like to have a toy

My little sister is a baby and can't tell you what she wants. but I think she would like to have a doll and a stuffed puppy.

We will leave a snack for you and your reindeer. Don't forget all my friends.

Love, Robby Weaks

DEAR SANTA,

We are writing for our poor, deprived Coach McCord. Please bring him the following: , box of sugar cubes and a roll of toilet paper. He has tried to be a very good little boy under the circum-

The High School P. E. Girls P. S. Please don't forget the toilet paper, since the last roll was used

How is your wife? I am feeling big drum. I want a Snate Berard very good this year. I want a (Saint Bernard). Just put him in Baby Alive and some little dishes,

Signed, April Louise

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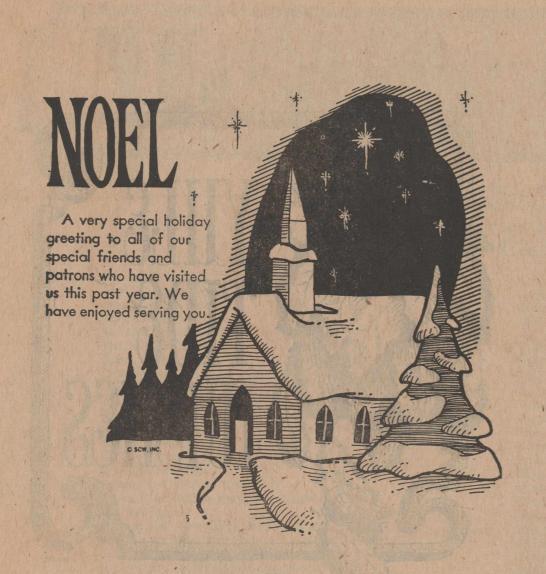
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Yours truly, Steven P. S. There will be a treat for you when you come. Please don't fall down the chimney.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

can't wait for Christmas to come. ture and a Mrs. Beasley doll. little boys and girls, too.

Love, Heather Kitchens P. S. Thank you for coming to my birthday party!

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I am only one year old so I'm

sort of new at this! I would just like to have some "boy-toys" so my two sisters won't be playing with them all the time.

Love, Brandon Kitchens

DEAR SANTA,

I am five years old and have been pretty good this year. I would like for you to bring me a desk and a Mrs. Beasley doll, just like Buffie's on TV. We are going to leave some cookies and milk on the table for

Love, Jana Kitchens

DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas and a record player. Jeffrey wants a tractor and Jennifer wants some dishes. And please bring all my friends something good, too.

Love, Alison Grimland

DEAR SANTA,

I am three months old and looking forward to my first Christmas. I've been a pretty good boy so would you please bring me a Nursery Pony and a Busy Box to my Grandad and Nanine May's house in Silverton?

And please bring my cousin, Alisha, some nice presents, too.

> Heath Allen May Plainview, Texas

DEAR SANTA, I love you! Would you please leave a tricycle under my Christmas aree. (Or anything that GOES

Thank you for all the baby toys pretty airplane. I would also like you left me last Christmas. I'm

Clinton Dee Payne

DEAR SANTA,

I want a golf cart, and a Ruba-Dub Dolly and a Walking Mickey Mouse, and a Mickey Mouse gui-I am three years old and just tar. Get Holly a little car like's in the catalog. I also want a Pudd'en I would like some baby furni- doll. Bring Daddy some Levis and socks and Mama some pots and Please remember all the other pans and new towels. Tell Rudolph I saw his show on television.

Tara

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DEAR SANTA,

I am a little girl three years some Christmas goodies. old. I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like to have a Digger the Dog and a Hush Little Baby. Please don't forget my friend, Terry Bill, and all my cousins. I love you. Lorrie Minyard

DEAR SANTA,

My name is Stacy. I love you. I want a Hush Lil Baby. Love.

Stacy

DEAR SANTA, My name is Kendal. I want crane. I love you.

Kendal

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I want a trampoline, basketball, diaper bag, spirograph, paper dolls, Family Tree House and Cat's Eye.

Kimberly Burson

DEAR SANTA, I want a dog, a doll that cries and a big typewriter.

Thank you, Keeley

DEAR SANTA,

I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have a play CB radio and a surprise. Bring my baby brother, Stoney, a large camper with the people and whatever else you think he'd like. He's been pretty good this year, too.

Thank you for what you brought us last year. Be sure and remember all the girls and boys,

I'll leave cake and milk for you and apples for your reindeer.

Love, Teddy Hubbard

DEAR SANTA, I am three years old. My name is Cody. Thank you for the toys

you brought last year. I have been pretty good this year, and would like you to bring me a motorcycle. fireman lunch box and a Lego

game, a talking football game, a Baby Leah and I think she would big truck, and a Junk Yard game. like a baby doll and some blocks I also would like to thank you for bringing my Grandmom her garage last year and this year she would like kitchen carpet.

I love you and will leave you Love,

Cody and Leah Whitfill Plainview, Texas

DEAR SANTA, I would like a trampoline. Also, would like a "Don't Cry Baby." also want some clothes for

Shannon Bingham P. S. I have been a good girl and have made good grades in school.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I love you. I want some tools, a lamp, bottle, now a high chair, ok a play bed, now a blue pant suit, some play food and a play picture. That's all I want.

Good Bye-Love,

DEAR SANTA.

I want a Hush-a-bye baby and a pair of boots size 13D. I have been a pretty good girl. Will leave you a snack on the table. Merry Christmas to you.

Donna Tomlin P. S. I would also like a robe.

DEAR SANTA,

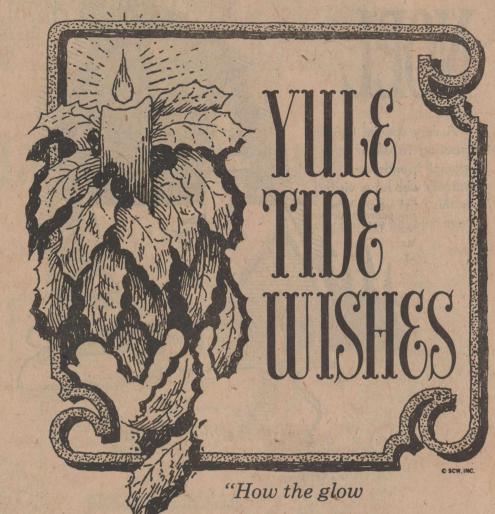
Thank you for all the toys you prought last year.

I hope you come this year. I would like a "Rock-a-bye Linda," "Rock-n-roll stroller," and any other toys you think I would like. The "Bionic Woman" wuld be nice to play with, too.

I have a new sister this Christ mas. Would you please bring her a small doll and something to chew on and whatever else you think she would like. Her name

I will leave you some treats to eat and a carrot for your reindeer.

I love you, Stefanie Cassada Springfield, Virginia 22152



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Mattye Mayfield



THE SEVENTH DATE
The 25th of December is
the date most Christians
now agree upon as the
proper time to celebrate the
birth of Christ. However,
whatever agreement there
now is was a long time in
coming. As a matter of fact,
Dec. 25th is the seventh date
used by Christians for their
celebration. Earlier dates
were January 6th (the traditional "Old Christmas"),
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The legend of kissing under the mistletoe during the Christmas season came from an ancient custom which deemed that the girl who received no kisses under the mistletoe by the end of the year would not marry in the new year!



# **BOXING DAY**

The day after Christmas is still celebrated as Boxing Day in both England, where it originated, and Australia.

The holiday goes back to early England, when landlords and employers would set aside gifts that they didn't want, to give to the needy and to tradespeople.

Today in England and Australia, Boxing Day is observed as a holiday from work, giving weary parents a chance to rest from the rigors of shopping and preparing Christmas feasts, and giving youngsters a chance to play with their new toys.



Light Ye Candles
Then be ye glad, good
people,
This night of all the year,
And light up your candles,

For His star it shineth

Clear.

— Old English carol



CHRISTMAS PAST . . . You're an oldtimer if you can recognize the gentleman behind the Santa beard in this photograph from the year 1953. He's Willard Waterman, then star of radio's "The Great Gildersleeve", with trim Barbara Whiting posing as an evergreen.





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# The Angels' New Song

A Story for the Holiday Season

Wink, Dink, and Blink were having a difference of opinion. As the three youngest and newest angels, they were expected to perform a special musical selection for all the other angels on Christmas Eve and they just couldn't agree on what to play.

They were all ready for their debut: Blink had tuned and re-tuned her little violin, Dink had polished his flute till it sparkled and Wink had practiced her scales backwards and forwards. But they couldn't agree on the music.

Wink, with what Blink considered very poor judgment, proposed that they do "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer."

"Really!" sniffed Blink. She thought nothing short of an excerpt from Handel's Messiah would do for such an important occasion but the others didn't like what they called "long-halo" music.

Dink, of course, wanted to play something rousing like the "Stars and Stripes Forever" but even Wink saw the folly of that.

So, when the great day arrived, they were still in a quandary about the whole thing. "We've simply got to make up our minds," said Blink in exasperation. The others agreed. "Let's sit and think and think and think until we come up with an idea," suggested Dink. So they did. They sat and thought and thought and thought but no one could come up with the right songl . . . Suddenly, Wink jumped up. "I'll be right back!" she called as she flew away. "Now isn't

that just like Wink to fly off when we have work to do," said Blink crossly.

But soon Wink was back and with a surprise . . . she had learned a new song. They listened to her in amazement. "Why, that's lovely," said Blink. Dink liked it too, even if it wasn't a march.

They quickly learned the music, and without a minute to spare, for the other angels were already beginning to assemble for the Christmas program.

Blink wanted to ask Wink where she had learned the lovely new song but there wasn't time. Finally, after they had performed for all the cherubim and seraphim and had been congratulated on their beautiful rendition, Blink took Wink aside.

"Where did you learn that song?" she asked. Wink smiled mysteriously and said, "I just happened to remember that nice soprano angel who had mentioned singing at a very special Christmas Eve performance. So I had her teach me the new song!" And off she flew.

Blink had to admit that had been very clever of Wink, as she curled up on her little cloud that night. And as she drifted off to sleep, the beautiful new song kept echoing in her ears . . . "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

# B. T. W. B.

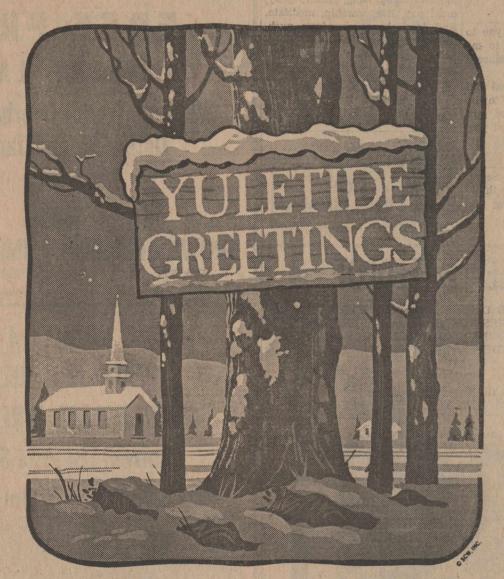
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The turn-out for the Swine Flu Clinic last Friday was rated as WANTED: WHEAT PASTURE good by Region I health personnel with stalks. Snooks Baird, who supervised the clinic here. One hundred seventy-four adults

vere vaccinated. Many thanks to the following volunteers who helped with the 36-tfc clinic by getting consents signed and directing patient traffic: Mar-PIANO TUNING: Edward C. Lain gie Pinkerton, R. N., Lottie Garrison, Lois Hill, Linda Dunham, 24 years experience. Write Box 425, Silverton, or call 823-2151, Jeanetta Bradford, Polly Jarrett, 823-2052, or contact News Of Roy Reed.

Thanks to the people of Silverton for your confidence in the

May you all have a healthy and happy New Year. Becky Woods, R. N. Linda Mullin ful thank-you to each one who Co-Chairwoman Chairwoman

Dear Charlotte,

One of the most beloved and W. D. Rowell, Flute Hutsell, Roy beautiful proper nouns in our lan-Wayne Nance for helping us get guage is the word Christmas, and to the hospital in Tulia and to many a verb is used to keep it Jay Towe and Ted Kingery for sacred and to commercialize it-

Hurry, scurry, worry, run, panic, write, lick, stamp, tie, mail, list, George, Roy and Wayne Reed forget, forgive, remember, exalt, humble, sing, adore, glorify, smile, I would like to thank the Class cry, fly, drive, walk, talk, scowl, of 1978 (Juniors) for sponsoring howl, sew, knit, fit, put-together, the Santa's Doll Pageant. I enrepair, despair, cook, look, bake, joyed the contest with the other make, frost, clean, shine, whine, hammer, hang, bang, glitter, spray, pray, pay, tire, worship, meditate, Would love to say thank you to find, lose, charge, overdraw, push,

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