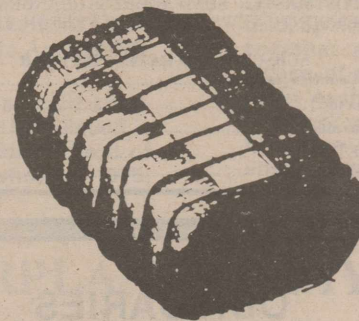


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John Anthony Leal, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Asebedo, gave Santa a toothless smile as he told him what he wants for Christmas during the Jubilee held here December 7.

—Briscoe County News Photo

Ball Games Moved To Friday Night

Basketball games which had been scheduled to be played with Groom here today (Thursday), have been changed to Friday.

Game times will be 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Newspaper Office To Be Closed

The office of the Briscoe County News will be closed December 24-25-26-27 and again January 1 for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The December 26 issue will be printed this week due to the closing schedule at Blanco Offset in Floydada. Deadline for items to be included in this issue is today (Thursday) at noon.

The January 2 issue will also be printed early due to the New Year holiday, and all news and advertising to be included in this newspaper will have to be turned in before noon Friday, December 20.

Have a happy holiday!

Basketball Tourney Was Cancelled

The Silverton Basketball Tournament was cancelled due to the icy and snowy weather last week.

Community Christmas Eve Service Planned

Holy Communion will be served to families from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve at the First United Methodist Church in Silverton.

Everyone is invited to take part.

School To Dismiss Early Friday

Classes in the Silverton Schools will dismiss at 2:05 p.m. Friday for the Christmas holiday. Buses will run at that time.

Classes will resume on Thursday, January 2.

Senior Citizens to Have Luncheon Friday

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon at the Center Friday, December 20. Ladies of the Rock Creek Church of Christ will be hostesses.

A nurse will be there to check blood pressure.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Tax Rebates Reflect Healthy Sales in Texas

State Comptroller Bob Bullock sent checks totaling \$56.9 million in local sales tax to the 1,010 cities that levy the one-percent city tax.

Houston's check for \$9.2 million was the largest, bringing total payments this year to \$150.3 million, up 3% over last year. Dallas' payment was \$7.7 million for a 1985 total of \$112.4 million, a 13% increase.

San Antonio received \$3.5 million, pushing 1985 payments to \$56.2 million, up 13% over last year. Austin's check for \$2.6 million brought total payments this year to \$44 million, an 18% increase.

Fort Worth's payment was \$2.3 million, bringing this year's total to \$34.1 million, up 11%. El Paso's December check for \$1.4 million pushed total payments to \$21 million, 15% above 1984 payments.

December checks represent taxes collected on sales made in October and reported to Bullock in November.

Silverton received \$1,006.89 in rebates for the October sales,

bringing the 1985 total to \$21,066.41, up 11.99% over the 1984 total to date of \$18,810.31. Quitaque received \$626.28, making the 1985 total of \$13,450.13 up 8.89% over the \$12,352.60 to date figure in 1984.

Rebates and the percentage of increase or decrease in area cities included Claude, \$1,505.23, up 6.37%; Clarendon, \$4,772.16, down 1.82%; Hedley, \$0, down 5.70%; Howardwick, \$892.19, up 2.05%; Floydada, \$5,692.07, up 11.89%; Lockney, \$2,611.58, up 10.46%; Plainview, \$68,182.37, up 8.08%; Memphis, \$5,600.08, up 9.84%; Estelline, \$725.36, up 42.55%; Lakeview, \$0, down 27.45%; Turkey, \$0, down 5.77%; Lubbock, \$875,831.79, up 6.69%; Matador, \$962.37, up 5.71%; Roaring Springs, \$730.94, up 2.78%; Amarillo, \$771,396.75, up 4.41%; Happy, \$722.49, down 5.55%; Tulia, \$7,324.09, up 2.53%.

The biggest loser in rebates in this part of the state was Mobeetie, down 48.70%. Others

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Coach Bob Loy and the Owls—[standing, left to right] Brad West, Scotty Harris, Cal Brannon, Ricky Clardy, Russell Simpson; [kneeling] Neal Edwards, Joe Ramirez, Bryan Wheeler, Jeff Wheeler, Jamie Frizzell.

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OBITUARIES

J. W. LYON, JR.

Funeral services for Joseph W. Lyon, jr., 73, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 14, at the First Baptist Church in Silvertown. Officiating were the Rev. Jess Little, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Quitaque, and the Rev. Royce Denton of Clovis, New Mexico, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Silvertown.

Interment was in the Silvertown Cemetery, with arrangements by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Direc-

tors.

Mr. Lyon died at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo where he had undergone surgery the previous Friday. He had been a patient there since being transported from his home by the Silvertown Volunteer Ambulance Service three weeks before.

He was born in Clarendon March 15, 1912, and was the son of the late Will and Mary Lyon, who were long-time residents of Quitaque. He was a life-time



Lindsey Weaks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Weaks, was one of the children who visited with Santa to tell him what she wants for Christmas when he was in Silvertown December 7.

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resident of Briscoe County.

He attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, West Texas State University in Canyon, and received his LLB degree from Cumberland University School of Law in Lebanon, Tennessee.

He moved to Silvertown in 1941 from Quitaque and served as county attorney for Briscoe County for three years. He was appointed county judge in 1944 and served in that capacity for nineteen years. He returned to private practice until 1965, when he was again elected to the office of county attorney in which he served until his death.

Lyon was said to have lived by two mottos: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and "No man is below the law and no man is above the law."

When he was a junior in high school, he won county and district honors in declamation and qualified for the state contest. He believed his training as a public speaker helped him in his law career.

He was married to Jewell Rogers in Lebanon, Tennessee in 1935.

He is survived by his wife and four nephews.

Pallbearers were Jack Strange, Jon Earl Pigg, Kevin Brent Grabbe, Riley Joe Ziegler, Fred Mercer and Roy Mack Walker.

WENDALL W. PATTERSON

Funeral services for Wendall Wade Patterson, 45, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ernest McGaughy, pastor, Dr. Bruce Parks, superintendent of the Methodist churches in the Plainview District, and Dr. Carlton Thomason, superintendent of the Seymour District, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, with arrangements under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

Patterson, a native of Hereford, died at 7:46 p.m. Sunday at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amaril-

lo after a short illness.

He was a graduate of Silvertown High School, and married Joyce Thornton December 22, 1960, in Silvertown. He was the son-in-law of Mrs. Georgia Thornton of Tulia, a long-time resident of Silvertown. He moved to Tulia in 1976 from Tahoka.

An Army veteran of the Vietnam war, he was the manager of office services at Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc., past president of the Tulia Lions Club and past district Youth Exchange Chairman for the Lions. He was a 1963 graduate of McMurry College and had just received the highest award an adult Scouter can earn at the district level for the second time.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Tulia.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Kent of Tulia; his father, the Rev. James P. Patterson of Knox City, a former pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Silvertown; and two step-sisters, Estelle Griffin and Virginia Webb, both of Knox City.

Pallbearers were Bob Gleason, Mack Bush, John Rike, Roy Miller, Wendell Tooley and Mike Ferguson.

The family suggested memorials to the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children, Box 247, Kerrville 78028, or Girlstown USA at Whiteface 79379.

A. J. ANDERSON

A. J. Anderson of Kim, Colorado died at St. Mary's Hospital in Pueblo December 11.

He was a World War II veteran and had served as Postmaster in Kim for 29 years.

Funeral services were conducted in Kim Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Burial was in the Kim Cemetery.

He was a brother of Mrs. Printz (Elsie) Brown of Silvertown.

In Czechoslovakia, a girl puts a cherry twig in water on December 4. If the twig blossoms before Christmas Eve, it means she will marry sometime during the year.



Luke Waters held onto the candy cane Santa gave him, but didn't have much to say to him. Luke is the son of DPS Trooper and Mrs. Richard Waters.

—Briscoe County News Photo

Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Danny and I am two years old. I am being good. Please bring me a Shuffletown Railroad and some more toys. I need some candy, nuts and an orange in my stocking. Please bring Magan some toys, too. She's been a good girl.

Love,
Danny Dunn

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I want lots of toys.

I love Santa. How are your reindeer. I bet they are fine.

I will be at Mom and Pop's house. Doesn't their house look pretty.

I would like a white horse with a gold horn and its Princess of Powers horse, and a Preemie Cabbage doll and a carrier that's green and yellow, and a new pair of shoes for me. I want a brand new teddy bear and my own cowgirl rope. I want the Heart Family Car.

Happy Christmas to Santa Claus.

Kenzie

Dear Santa,

I am writing this letter for my little brother. He has been a real good boy this year and would like you to make sure he gets this for Christmas: one John Deere tractor with plow and a combine and a truck with some cows and horses.

Clint Ivory

Dear Santa,

I have been a real good boy. Mother said if I pass the six weeks that you would bring me some good things for Christmas. I would like a radio, Go Bots, the Mean Machine and a saddle for my pony. Oh yes, Santa, we live one mile east of Silvertown just in case you forgot.

Jonathan Ivory

Dear Santa,

My name is Josh Breedlove and I am four years old. I live in Quitman, Texas, but I will be at Silvertown Christmas Eve.

Please leave me lots of new toys to play with because I have broken all the ones you left last year.

I can't say if I have been good or bad. I guess I have been pretty good if you don't count the time I cut Muffin our cat's whiskers off.

Please leave Alisha something and all the other boys and girls.

Love,
Josh

Dear Santa,

I want a VCR, a dog named Anna, a bald headed boy doll, a bear that reads me stories, and some new clothes for my Cabbage Patch doll.

I love your reindeers and Rudolph. I will leave you some cookies and milk and when you get through I have you a towel that Neva made for you to wipe your face and hands on. I do not

care.

I've been good!

Love,
Lindsey Jennings

P. S. Please bring the children in Ethiopia some food and toys.

Dear Santa,

I want a Mickey Mouse talking phone, a Cabbage Patch Kid with a diaper. Some little girl makeup and nail polish would be nice. My baby doll needs two toys to play with. I'll leave you some popcorn and a Coke for a snack.

Love,
Katy Elaine Hester

Dear Santa,

Please bring me some chaps and spurs for Christmas. I also want a new airplane because mine is broke. Please bring my baby brother Eric a toy for him to play with. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year.

Love,
Ryan Minyard

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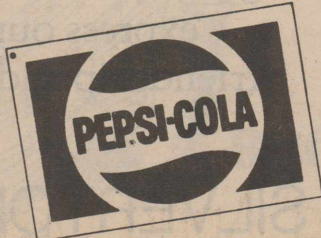
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Silverton School Benefits From Asset Distribution

The officers and directors of Greenbelt Cotton Producers, Inc. of Memphis officially announced the non-profit corporation formed in 1959 by cotton producers in 12 eastern Texas Panhandle counties, is now dissolved and the remaining assets in the corporation have been divided among the school districts in the member counties. The Silverton Independent School District has received \$1,052.33 from this source.

"The division of the money among the school districts has been allocated according to collections from farmers by gins within the respective school districts which has been prorated and divided accordingly," President V. C. Durrett of Lakeview announced.

Greenbelt Cotton Producers, Inc. was first named Rolling Plains Cotton Producers Association, Inc., and it was founded by twelve cotton producing counties for the purpose of establishing a Government Cotton Classing sub-office in Memphis, Texas.

The Marketing Division of the United States Department of Agriculture approved the application for the classing office and designated the counties as the territory it would serve.

A suitable building was purchased in Memphis, remodeled and equipped to comply with government specifications for classing cotton. The classing office operated on a seasonal basis from 1959 through 1981, at which time the government saw fit to discontinue its operation and turn the territory back to Altus, Oklahoma Cotton Classing Office.

In a recent meeting of the membership of the corporation, it was unanimously decided that the corporation had served its purpose, outlived its usefulness and would be dissolved. According to the by-laws of the corporation, in the event of liquidation of assets of the corporation and payment of expenses thereto, the remaining proceeds would be distributed among the school districts within the legal boundaries of the corporation, in the same proportion as collections received through collection agents within the school districts.

President Durrett, in a personal letter to each of the school districts involved, said, "We regret the closing of our classing office, due to circumstances beyond our control, but we are pleased to distribute our liquid assets in this matter which we consider to be equitable, appropriate and in the best public interest of the area involved."

The Memphis building has been sold by sealed bids to Desert Smoke, a Memphis company wholesaling mesquite chips to flavor barbecue grills over the country.



The world's tallest known cut Christmas tree was a 221-foot Douglas fir erected at a shopping center in Seattle in 1950.

Wild Turkey Eludes Holiday Dinner

One breed of turkey will likely beat getting basted this holiday season: wild turkeys, the speedsters of the species.

Wild gobblers have been clocked in flight at top speeds of 42 miles per hour; and, even on the ground, they can dash faster than all but the fastest human runners. They are among the

most elusive game animals around, according to the current issue of "International Wildlife" magazine.

The birds seem to prefer walking to flying, but when they do fly, they can zoom through the air with surprising agility. Their powerful legs and wings, specially adapted for rapid acceleration,

help boost the bulky bird from the ground.

The wild birds, indeed, are a breed apart from their domesticated kin—farm turkeys—which have lost their swiftness and ability to fly.

The wild turkey's fast maneuvers, however, are short-lived. After a quick burst of speed, the

bird becomes exhausted. The gobbler rarely attempts flights longer than a quarter-mile; and, even on the ground, it doesn't get very far. It lacks a red pigment that, in far-flying birds, combines with oxygen to burn energy over long distances. (The absence of the red pigment also explains why most wild turkey meat is white.)

Despite the bird's flagging endurance, catching the animal is no easy matter. "I've chased a

wild turkey down on foot myself, with the help of another fellow," says Lovett Williams, a Florida biologist. "Doing it, though, damn near killed us."

Newly-hatched geese can begin following their mother around after about two hours.

"In the fiddler's house all are dancers."

French proverb



From kings to humble shepherds, the peace and joy of that Holy Night are gifts of love He gave and gives to all.



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Faulty, Inappropriate Toys Cause Grief For Families at Christmas

At the Texas Department of Health's Product Safety Branch, this time of year always means sad news. In the midst of the holiday season, when children are expected to have fun, more

injuries and deaths are recorded because of faulty or inappropriate toys.

The Product Safety Branch is responsible for monitoring the numbers and types of injuries, and trying to identify which products were involved. The office works in conjunction with federal agencies in trying to eliminate harmful products from the market.

In the last fiscal year, 33 children died in Texas, and some 126,000 others were injured in the U. S. because the toys they played with were dangerous. Dan Sowards, chief of the Product Safety Branch, said that last year 78 different toys were recalled because they were unsafe for small children.

"A lot of people simply don't think to inspect toys they buy at the store, or to make sure a toy is suited to a child's age. The majority of deaths and injuries are from choking on small parts to toys that are either defective or meant for older children," Sowards said. "Also, some adults don't give young children the

credit they deserve for being able to take things apart. Any small, detachable piece of a toy is a potential hazard to a young child who might put the thing in its mouth," he said.

Sowards explained that reporting systems in recent years have improved. "We now know sooner which hazards are on the shelves, because the medical community and consumers let us know, but at the same time there are always new products on the market."

Among the toys which now should be off store shelves are 17 different brands of baby rattles, which either have small parts that could cause choking or have dangerous handles, four brands of pacifiers, some stuffed animals with easily detachable eyes or noses, two crib toys with long strings, and a number of imported toys which contained lead paint.

"Every year, we try to warn people of the products we find to be unsafe," Sowards said. "But the ultimate responsibility will always lie with the adult who

gives a child a toy. By the time we know for sure a product is dangerous, the same toy might be under the Christmas tree, because a relative didn't really think seriously about its potential."



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It's easy to impose an artificial standard on yourself during the holidays.

If you are tired of sitting in a smoky room just for the sake of tradition, start a new trend. If you'd love to sleep in late Christmas morning, open the presents Christmas Eve.

Merry Christmas means—getting out of the competitive contest and into your own family fun!



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CHRISTMAS joys
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Sesquicentennial Moment

Following is an excerpt taken from data found in the County Clerk's office. In a letter from Col. Goodnight, dated March 22, 1923, he stated:

"The first settlement in the county was made on the Quitaque Creek in the fall of 1877 by L. R. Dyer, who brought from the Raton Mountains of New Mexico a herd of about 2000 cattle in the inverted known as the Lazy F and located them about two miles west of the present headquarters of that ranch. These cattle belonged to James and George Baker and were turned over to them by L. R. Dyer in 1878. The ranch was bought by me, as agent for the Adair's, in 1874. In 1874 before I came down here the Indians attacked a surveying party at the foot of the plains just north of the Linguish near where the old Indian trail road now comes down the mountain, near where the road is today. I think they killed two of the party, they being Mexicans. This party was in charge of George Spiller who, I think, is now secretary of the Cattle Raisers Association at Fort Worth. He can no doubt give you full particulars.

"After I took charge of the ranch for the Adair's, there was very little trouble with the Indians. They killed a few cattle and stole a few horses but no lives wre lost."

Santa's Partying Words

Santa while giving a party for his helpers: "Let's all be thinking how we can cut costs in our doll division, step up toy car production and eliminate wastes in all our departments."

Are Flowers On Your Menu?

You step into a French restaurant and the menu reads like one of Burpee's catalogues: nasturtium salad, squash blossoms topped with mozzarella, chicken broiled with dried marigold petals and rose petal ice cream.

Fact or fiction? Flowers have become a delicacy in many parts of the world, according to "International Wildlife" magazine, published by the National Wildlife Federation. From Italy to the Philippines, the art of cooking with flowers has blossomed, as cooks increasingly use petals in soups, salads, desserts and even main dishes.

The virtues of this culinary delight are many: flowers add not only color, aroma and pungency to any meal but also vitamins and minerals. "They have especially high levels of potassium, and are excellent sources of vitamins and iron," says University of Hawaii biologist Joann Roskoski.

Although flower-eating has yet to take hold in most of the United States, flowers have long been part of the diet in other countries. For instance, a pungent flower known as flor de cacao was used by the Aztecs of Mexico to flavor chocolate drinks. The flower is still sold in native markets in southern Mexico to add a peppery zest to chocolate beverages.

Other instances of flower-eating abound. In southeastern Mexico, for example, the vivid, wine-red blossoms of the coral tree, or erythrina, are used as a meat substitute. They taste like

chicken, local residents say. Mexicans also eat fragipani, a fragrant flower used to make Hawaiian leis. "Mexicans like the taste of the yellow better than the white, and the purple best of all," Roskoski says.

Hawaiians do not eat fragipani but you can find another flower in the food section of the island's markets. It is a soft pink and white flower that looks like a parrot's beak. Called "katurai" in the Philippines and "agati" in India, the blossoms are also a favorite food in Sri Lanka, Burma, Thailand and Indonesia. Filipinos prepare them by boiling them for a minute or two. They are also stir fried, added to curries or eaten raw as a crisp, slightly bitter salad.

In Papua New Guinea, the flowers of winged bean plants are mixed with the plant's leaves and pods, wrapped in a banana leaf and steamed. The result is a chewy mixture that tastes like mushrooms.

In Italy, squash with flowers still attached are made into fritters or squash-blossom sandwiches.

Although flower-eating is not exactly a national pastime in the lower 48 states, it is becoming more popular. Trend-setting restaurants, particularly in California, offer a wide array of flower dishes. Chez Panisse, in Berkeley, for instance, has its own garden of edible flowers including nasturtiums, roses, calendulas, violets, Johnny-jump-ups and chervil.

The petals of all of them will end up on diners' plates. A particularly popular dessert treat: candied roses and rose petal ice cream. "It's regular fare now," says the restaurant's Alice Waters. "Everything is strewn with flowers."

North Americans already eat

most plant parts: leaves (lettuce, for example), stalks (celery), seeds (peas), roots (carrots), shoots (asparagus), and buds (sprouts). Why now flowers?

Final I-27 Project Begins Between Tulia and Happy

Construction began November 15 north of Tulia on the final section of Interstate 27 between Lubbock and Amarillo, according to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The final section will run from three miles north of Tulia to just south of FM 1881, a distance of

8.7 miles, and will cost \$24.2 million to construct.

"We expect completion of the interstate between Lubbock and Amarillo to be sometime in 1988," said William M. Pope, district engineer for the highway department. "Completion will provide free movement between the two cities. It will also reduce travel time and transportation costs."

During construction of the final section, the contractor, Granite Construction Company of Watsonville, California, expects to provide jobs for some 50-to-60 Tulia-area people.

One of the first major tasks for the contractor is to build an east frontage road.



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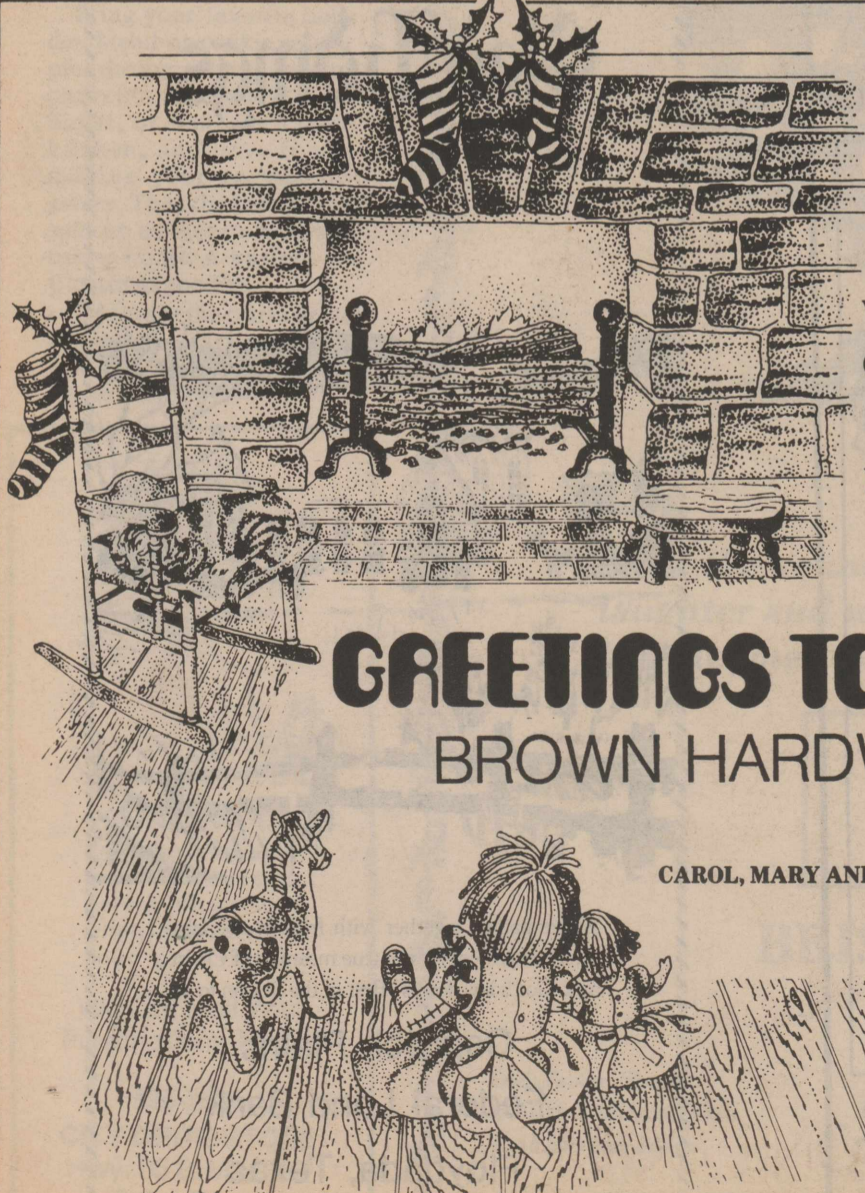


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Fido's been eyeing the family as they decorate the house. And he's been watching as each gift is placed under the tree and each stocking is hung by the chimney.

Make a surprise treat for Fido. Just for fun, fold a piece of red felt (about 9" to 10") in half. Make a paper pattern of a bone. Using the paper pattern as a guide, cut out the felt bone.

Stitch around the sides of the bone, leaving the top open for doggie biscuits, toys, etc.

Sew a loop of ribbon at the top of the bone to hang it by.

Watch Fido's eyes sparkle when he receives his own personal gift!

**Candy
Christmas Trees**

1. Grease nine cone-shaped drinking cups. If you don't have these cups, you can easily make cone shapes from stiff paper.

2. Melt, in a pan over hot water, 2 Tablespoons of butter with 20 large marshmallows and 1/8 teaspoon of salt, stirring until smooth.

3. Place 4 cups of Trix in

a buttered bowl. Pour the marshmallow mixture over the Trix and stir gently.

4. Press the mixture into the greased cones.

5. Inserted wooden skewers become the tree trunks.

6. Let mixture cool, then gently remove the cones. Push the skewer ends into large gumdrops so the trees will now stand upright.

**Christmas
Photo Fun**

Want to capture this year's special Christmas get-togethers for your photo album?

Go for the spontaneous photos instead of the posed look. Talking to your subjects can help them to relax better.

Natural light produces the most pleasing results, but when it's not available, use flash units.

With today's cameras, one can have the ease of operation with both automatic and metered manual control. Choose a camera that turns out clear pictures for years of bright memories.

There are wide angle lenses for those group shots and 85mm or 100mm lenses for individual, portrait shots. If you want good photos, the right lens becomes important.

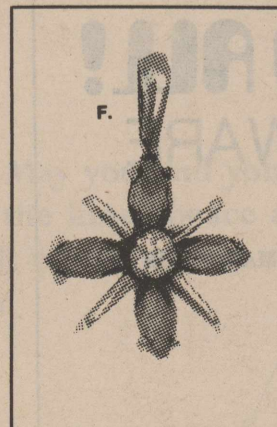
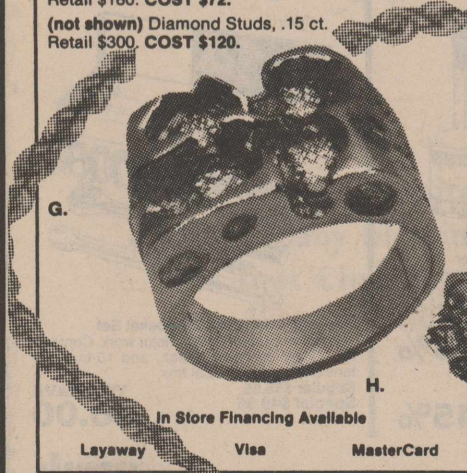
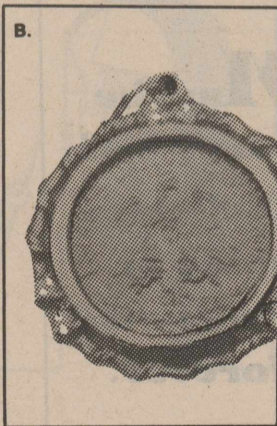
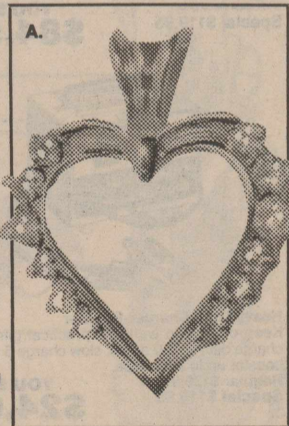
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As we gather together with friends and family, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas, God's love for us! Best of the Season to all.

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Earl Cantwell Honored At Birthday Reception

Earl Cantwell was honored with an 80th birthday reception on Saturday, December 14, from 2:00 until 5:00 in the afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of the Rock Creek Church of Christ. Over 100 guests came to share in the celebration, and many more sent cards, gifts and telephoned to wish him well.

Hosting the occasion were Nina Martin of Kress, Elton and Lanita Cantwell of Silverton, Joe, Ninette and James Zorger of Lockney, Dana, Dorothy, Brian and Kami Martin, Stan, Roma, Wayne, Ky and Bobby Martin, all of Silverton, Gary and Celia Syme of Waxahachie, Mark, Debbie, Cally and Cameron Burk of Raton, New Mexico, Mary Chris Cantwell of Carrollton, Jackie and Brenda Gaskins of Lubbock, Roger, Shannon and Devin Cantwell of Canyon.

All were present except Gary and Celia Syme and Joe Zorger.

Nina Martin and Elton Cantwell assisted their father in greeting guests and granddaughters registered the guests. Refreshments were served by granddaughters and granddaughters-in-law.

The refreshment table was covered with a sheer white cloth over red and was accented with

the birthday cake—a large numeral 80 decorated with poinsettias on white. Coffee and punch were served from a silver carafe and ruby point punch bowl. Great-grandchildren Brian and Kami Martin, James Zorger and Wayne Martin assisted by Ky and Bobby Martin were in charge of offering guests refills and taking their plates. Cally and Cameron Burk and Devin Cantwell added charm, color and smiles for Paw-Paw and his guests.

Out-of-town guests included Bro. Cantwell's sister, Mrs. Bertha Self, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lumpkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whitmire, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shackelford and Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Sadler of Tulia; Mrs. Jewel Fleming, Amarillo; Edwin Crass, Mrs. Hazel Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. Earle McDonough, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carter, Bill Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Conner and family, Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Caswell, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gunn, Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Adrian, Petersburg; Mrs. Stella Conner, Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McCormick, Muleshoe; Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Durward Jack, Mrs. Glenna Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wofford, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Mosely, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duckworth, John T. Carthel, Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Carthel, all of Lockney.

Earl Cantwell was born December 12, 1905 in Comanche County, Texas to Stephen Lafette and Mary Emmaline Cantwell. He had three brothers and six sisters. The family first came to Briscoe County in about 1918, living in the Rock Creek community. After moving away for a few years, they returned in 1925. In 1926, Bro. Cantwell married Inetha Montague and has made his home in Briscoe County for most of the past 60 years. He began preaching the gospel at a very early age and has preached about 65 years.

group, joined by Nina Martin, enjoyed a Christmas dinner.

for lunch as part of her Christmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hathaway and Ty Swift of Wheeler visited in the Elton Cantwell home on Saturday. Dean, Ty and Roger Cantwell did some unsuccessful pheasant hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet visited in Lubbock last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sarchet, Brandon, Jordan and Molly. They also visited his sister, Elizabeth Skelton, taking her out



The first Christmas tree to be lit with electric light bulbs was installed at the home of Edward H. Johnson of New York in December 1882.

Merry Christmas to All

May the gentle blessings of the holy season touch you and yours this Christmas and always!

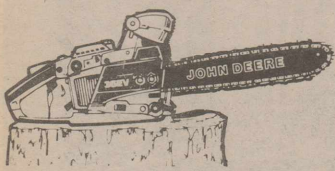
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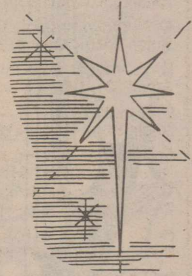
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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

Me and Daddy looked at the wish book over and over until I picked out what I want for Christmas. Please bring me a tape player, a football suit, a land shark and Orko, and a Transformer. Bring something for Chance too. I will leave you a snack and a Christmas tape to listen to.

Love,
Russell Patrick
Plainview

Dear Santa,

I have been good—at least as good as an almost-two-year-old can be. I want some Duplo blocks and a ball for Christmas. Bring me whatever Russell gets so we won't have to fight!

Love,
Chance Patrick
Plainview

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Elleroo Wuzzles, a Get in Shape, Girl and tape, a new Barbie, a bed/play tent with Care Bears, or anything you think I need.

Please remember all of my cousins. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Love always,
Staci Hill

Dear Santa,

My name is Richie Hill. I am four years old. I have tried to be good this year. Could you please bring me a gun like my daddy's, a Transformers play tent, a 4x4 pickup.

Love ya,
Richie

Dear Santa,

I am a little two-year-old boy. Would you please send me a 4x4 pickup, so I don't have to share with my big brother, a play tent and any other thing you can think of.

Love,
Will T. Hill

Dear Santa,

This is what I want. A Voltron and a Bigfoot GI Joe base,

AM-FM little radio, grinder mixer that works for my tractor to pull. I will leave you some cookies! And milk!

Love,
Patrick O'Neal
I love you Santa

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a Cabbage Patch Doll with hair. And a Teddy Rexpin if you have any, if you don't, a Dudley Furskins will be fine. I want a Barbie with a Teddy Bear and a Princess of Power. That's all. I will have cookies and milk for you and some Reindeer food for your reindeer. I love you very much.

Robin Hutsell
P. S. We will be at Big Mama's and Big Daddy's in Texas on Christmas morning.

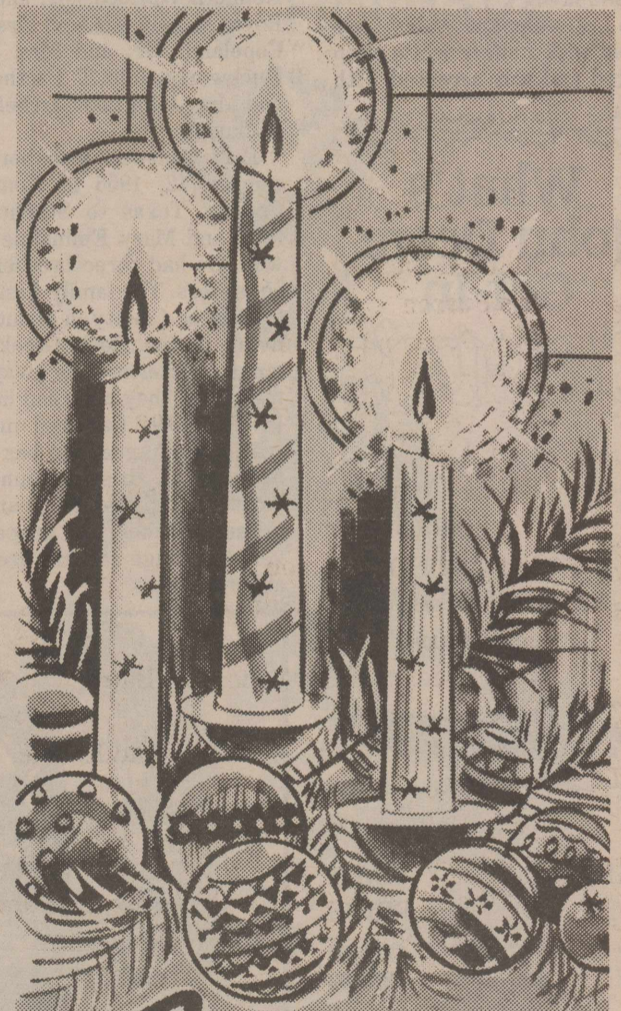
Stairway Decor

A long rope of greenery looped along your stairway with big red bows (having long streamers) attached between the loops makes a beautiful holiday touch! This same type of rope greenery looped at the top of your windows, with red bows attached, compliments the stairs.



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And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:8-11

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Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal Christmas greetings. They have donated to the L. O. A. Junior Study Club Christmas Greeting Fund instead of sending greeting cards locally, and have helped make possible the purchase of new slickers for the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department.

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Lynda Fogerson
Briscoe County Extension Agent
BEEF UP

CHRISTMAS DINNER

It's almost time for Christmas turkey and ham, but don't forget that beef—America's "King of Meats"—is a nutritious, delicious addition to any meal.

Beef consumption is down and poultry consumption is up. This is not good news for the Texas cattle producer. Economists and producers are asking, "Why?"

Is it price? Poultry is less expensive than beef. Is it because of the misconceptions consumers have of red meat—and especially of beef? Both of these factors seem to be involved.

More people are becoming health and weight-conscious. Food faddists and some scientists tell us that "beef is bad"—we're all going to die of cancer or heart disease from eating beef. What are the facts vs. the fiction about beef?

Myth: Beef is high in cholesterol. **Fact:** Three ounces of cooked lean beef contain 73 milligrams of

cholesterol; the same amount of roast chicken contains 76 mg.; fried chicken, 74 mg.; pork, 77 mg.; shrimp, 130 mg.; cheddar cheese, 90 mg. The human body needs cholesterol and the body normally will manufacture the amount needed by the body if it is not consumed.

Myth: Beef is high in calories. **Fact:** Three ounces of lean roast beef contain 169 calories; the same amount of top loin steak contains 195 calories. The same amount of chicken without skin contains 174 calories—fried chicken with skin contains 209 calories. Today's beef is leaner than that produced in years past.

Myth: Beef is hard to digest. **Fact:** Beef is highly digestible, more so than vegetables. The wealth of nutrients in beef are almost completely absorbed and used by the body.

Greater effort is being made to educate consumers on the nutritional value and benefits of beef so those "city folks" will know what a nutrient-dense product today's beef is. Next week: More myths and facts about beef.

When Marco Polo was captured and jailed during a war between Venice and Genoa in 1298, he wrote "The Travels of Marco Polo," dictating it to a fellow prisoner.



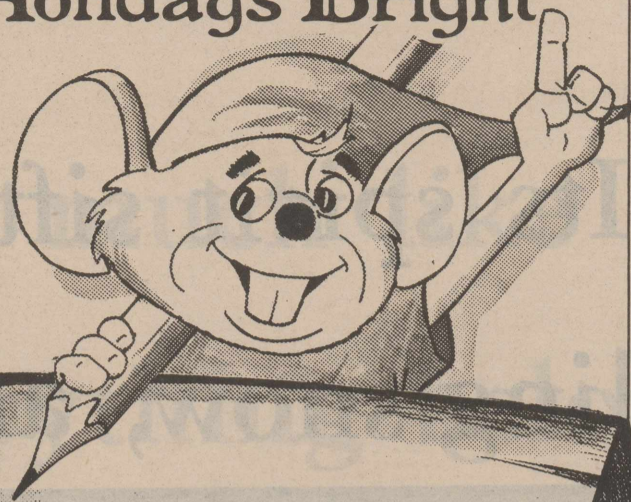
O HOLY NIGHT

We pray that this holy season will bring peace to one and all as we celebrate His Birth.

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Check Safety To Make The Holidays Bright



- Before hanging strings of lights, spread them on the floor and check for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections, and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- Check extension cords for wear or damage and don't run them across walking areas.
- Test lights before putting them on the tree. Unplug them before making repairs or replacing bulbs.
- Overloading circuits with too many lights can cause fire. Follow manufacturer's instructions about the number of lights allowed on one circuit.
- Choose a fresh, green tree, trim its base and keep it in plenty of water. If the needles are brown and break off easily, it could be a fire risk.
- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it has been tested for flammability by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Place your tree away from the fireplace or other heat sources and out of the traffic pattern.
- Never string lights on a metallic tree. Light strings with damaged insulation can electrically charge a metallic tree. Instead, shine unattached colored floodlights or spotlights on the tree.
- Always turn off lights before leaving home or going to bed. You'll save money and be safer, too.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near evergreens. And don't burn evergreens in the fireplace.
- Do not use inside lights on the outside. All outside lighting equipment, including lights, cords and plugs, should be waterproof and made for outdoor use. Also, hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.
- When hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees outdoors, stay clear of electrical lines. Make sure you or your decorations don't come in contact with them.
- Should you receive a CB radio or television this Christmas, let a qualified serviceman install the CB base unit or television antenna for you. This delicate job is best left to the professionals.
- Be sure electrical toys are tested for safety. Look for the UL mark.

Wishing You A Safe, Happy Holiday



The magical beauty
Its spirit sifts gently through the
falling snow, and settles softly as an



First

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snow-laden branches, much like
angel's touch on everything below.

We hope you will pause and feel
the magic of the season.

May you find it
and never lose it.

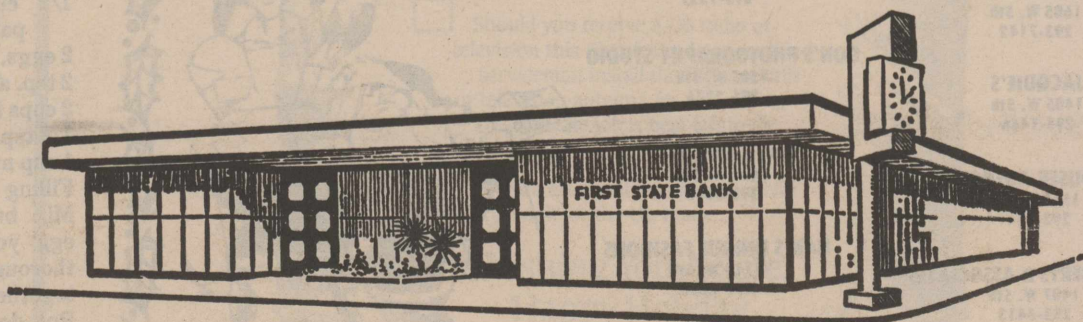
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According to the Chinese Zodiac, 1986 is the year of the tiger.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New New Year



BRISCOE IMPLEMENT



Christmas Delights Are As Colorful As The Holiday Season

Set the table for this year's Christmas party with platters of cookies as colorful as the season itself.

Delicate almond-flavored Cherry Walnut Crush cookies brighten any setting with their glistening burgundy-colored centers. The butter-rich shells are filled with a fruity gel made of Tree Top frozen Fruit n' Cherry Juice concentrate and unflavored gelatin. The gel stays firm, even when kept at room temperature.

Spiced Apple Drop cookies, with their snow-white frosting caps and walnut halves, are festive decorations in them-

ves. And they taste as good as they look.

It is Tree Top Apple Juice and a trio of favorite kitchen spices that give the cookies the moist, flavorful taste of old-fashioned homemade apple cake. Tree Top Apple Juice replaces milk as the liquid in the powdered-sugar-based frosting. Tree Top juices are 100 percent pure fruit juice and contain no added sugar or preservatives.

Small and firm, the Spiced Apple Drop cookies can easily become part of the table decor. They can be piled in miniature sleighs, set around greenery and Christmas tree balls, or stacked in large china bowls. The daintier Cherry Walnut Crush cookies are best served on a plate or platter.

Cherry Walnut Crush Cookies

Filling:
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1/4 cup sugar
1 cup water
1 cup Tree Top Fruit n' Cherry concentrate, used frozen or thawed

In a medium saucepan, mix unflavored gelatin and sugar. Blend in water and concentrate. Stir over low heat until gelatin is completely dissolved. Bring to a boil one minute longer; let cool. Refrigerate to set up approximately 1 1/2 hours or until filling is consistency of jelly. Yield: 2 cups.

Cookie shell:
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed

2 eggs, separated
2 tsp. almond extract
2 cups flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup nuts, finely chopped

Filling
Mix butter, shortening, sugar, egg yolks and almond extract thoroughly. Sift flour. Blend together flour and salt; stir in. Roll dough into balls (1 tsp. per ball). Beat egg white slightly with fork. Dip balls in egg whites. Roll in nuts. Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheet; press thumb gently in

center of each. Bake in a pre-heated 350 degree oven 10 to 12 minutes, or until set. Cool. Fill centers with cherry filling, 1 to 2 tsp. per cookie. Yield: 4 dozen cookies.

Spiced Apple Drop Cookies
1/2 cup soft butter or margarine
1 1/2 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
2 eggs, unbeaten
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. cloves
2 3/4 cups flour, sifted
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup Tree Top Apple Juice, bottled or reconstituted

1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup raisins
1 cup nut meats, finely chopped
Apple Frosting
Walnut halves
Mix butter, sugar, eggs, salt and spices. Beat until blended and fluffy. Add flour, soda, apple juice, vanilla, raisins and nuts. Stir until all ingredients are well mixed. (If dough is soft, cover and refrigerate.) Drop dough by rounded teaspoonfuls about 2 inches apart onto greased cookie sheet. Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven 10 to 12 minutes. Cool; spread with Apple Frosting. Top each cookie with walnut half. Yield: 4 1/2 dozen.

Apple Frosting:
1/3 cup butter or margarine
2 cups powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1-2 tbsp. Tree Top Apple Juice
Heat butter over low heat until golden brown; remove from heat. Stir in sugar and vanilla. Beat in up to 2 tbsp. apple juice until smooth and of desired consistency.

Merry Christmas To Each In His Own Way

Do you hear that many young people today have little use for established institutions and out-moded forms? Well, how does this theory seem to hold up at your house during the Christmas season? Have you ever tried to replace the broken-winged angel with a glimmering, revolving Christmas star? Bet your children put up howls of protest, "But that angel has always been there." And so it stays.

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Bread treats are always special. Save the moist, quick breads for the gifts you mail. Since yeast breads lose their freshness sooner, use these for your closer neighbors.

In mailing cookies, the moist ones such as bar cookies, fruit-filled chews, or thick squares stay fresher longer than the thin sugar cookies. If you're mailing them far, wrap each cookie separately or back to back in pairs.



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A name tag can be attached to the scarf for a place-setter.

French Canadians, believing that it is unlucky if a cat meows in the house on Christmas Eve, feed their cats especially well on December 24.

In old Japan on New Year's Day, a "male" cake was offered to the sun and a "female" cake was offered to the moon.



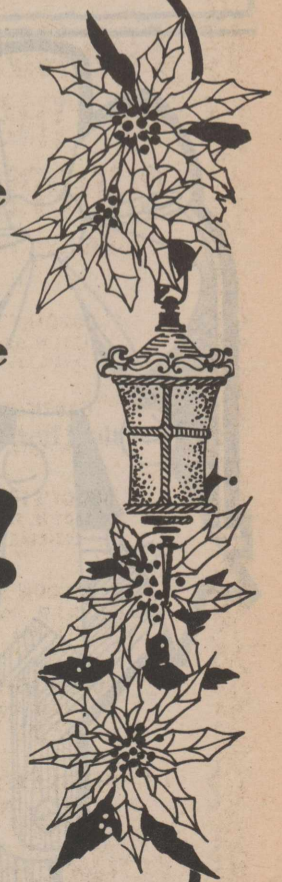
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Thank you,
Darren Payne

Dear Santa,

I want a ship over 7 ft. long. Another toy ship you put in the bathtub—you take a remote control and it floats in the

bathtub. It's like the love boat. I want a Transformer and his name is Trax. I want a bunch of candy and I want it hung in my stocking. I want suckers, toys and I want a He-Man that sprays water out of his head in my stocking. I want a bunch of Joe men in my stocking. I want a toy I saw. I want Battlebones.

Thank you—you bring me a bunch of toys—I like it every Christmas. I like your reindeer—especially Rudolph.

Trey Ziegler

Dear Santy Claus,

I hope you bring my brother a Castle Greyskull. I hope you'll bring me and my brother a book satchel that has a seadragon on it. And I hope you'll bring me Snake Mountain. And I've been a good little boy. And I hope you'll

bring my brother a mat and a pillow that has a horse on it. And I hope you'll bring me Mer-Man. And I hope you'll bring me Amphibian. And I hope you'll bring my brother one too. And I hope you'll bring my Mer-Man a sword and a gun in my stocking. I hope you bring my Mama some earrings with a purple round circle on them. That's all!

Thank you,
Michael Reagan

Dear Santa,

I want Constructs, Bront, a chemistry set, a cookie pop, a magician set, Wing Wantner, Buzz-Off, Near One, a purple emny Go-Bot jet. That's all I want.

Miles Comer

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to get a football suit, and I want a cowboy suit. And a play snowman. That's all. I

like you Santa Claus. And I like the reindeer.

That's all,
I'm Trey Wyatt

Dear Santa,

I want a whole bunch of toys. I want some candy in my stocking. I want a bicycle. I want a He-Man set.

David Gamble

Dear Santa,

I want a combine—John Deere. And Santa ride your reindeer on the way here—with Rudolph leading. That's all.

Jared Francis

Dear Santa,

I want a Sea Pony. I want Sugar Toy Plums. I want toy candy canes, a doll, a baby basket, and a Sweet Secret.

My name is Shauna (Kingery)

Dear Santa,

I want two Christmas trees. I want. I want a little toy Santa Claus and a little stuffed reindeer. And a little stuffed teddy bear. I want a little stuffed monkey and a play tractor.

Andy Bullock

Dear Santa,

I want a Sweet Secret and a little puppy. I want a stuffed animal reindeer. I want a Baby Jesus book and a Santa Claus book. How are your reindeer feeling? I bet they're doing fine. Christmas is a lot of fun to me when you get a lot of toys. I would like to see Rudolph. Get my teacher something good.

I have to go now.

Kenzie Burson

Dear Santa,

I want a Care Bear, a Fuzzy Wuzzle, a doll, a rocking horse, a stuffed toy, and a Jack-in-the-box.

See ya,
Lacy Brunson

Dear Santa,

I want a B-B gun and a football. I guess that's all.

See ya,
Leland Wood

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie doll house, a bicycle, and a candy cane. I guess that's it.

See ya,
Erica Montague

Dear Santa,

I want a bicycle and an Octomus Prime. I would also like a Megatron and Sound Wave.

Thank you,
Patrick Whitfill

Dear Santa,

I want a Care Bear, a corvette for my Barbies, and a Fuzzy Wuzzle. I also want a Barbie, a doll, and a Barbie doll horse.

See ya Christmas,
Molly Brooks

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle, a He-Man and new clothes. I also would like some new boots. I sure want a picture of you. I forgot the ball, so be sure and bring it.

Thank you,
Jeff Weaks

Dear Santa,

I want one pair of Barbie shoes, and a doll, a mirror and a dollhouse.

Thank you,
Trista Davis

Dear Santa,

I want a picture of Santa Claus, a bicycle, a football and animal (truck). That's all.

See ya,
Will Hester

Dear Santa,

I want a rocking horse, and a play rat, and a play horse. I also want a play duck. I want Donald Duck also. I want an elephant, a bear, a fish, a cat, a frog and a cow. I want a play Santa Claus and a ball. I want a Barbie doll, a bear that talks, a book, a coloring book, cups, cards, a play house, a candy cane and earrings.

See ya,
Brandy Hurst

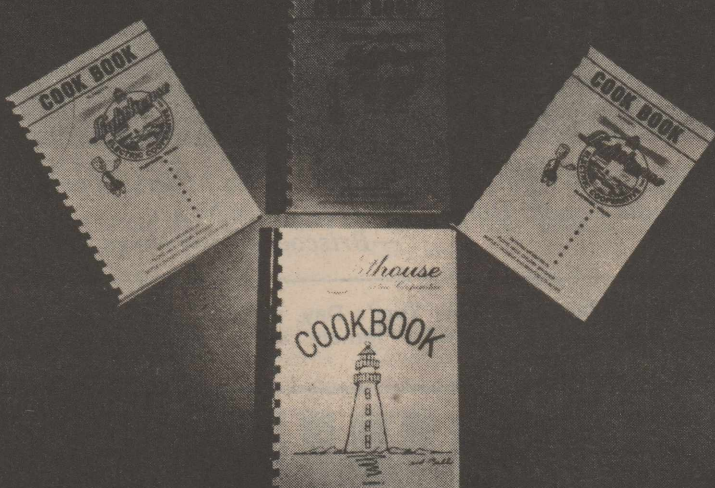
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Love,
Lisa Comer

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. Would you please give me a Cabbage Patch, My Little Pony, and a playhouse with a telephone.

Don't forget my little sister, Tanya. She needs a doll.

I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Misty

Christmas Calendars

That's right—Congressman Scrooge isn't sending out any Christmas calendars this year. He says it's too early to tell what kind of year 1986 will be—that he might not even want to be associated with it.

Poinsettia Points

Ever since J.P. Poinsettia (U.S. Minister to Mexico during the last century) discovered the beautiful Mexican red and green plant, it has become a Christmas symbol.

Actually, the flower of the poinsettia is that yellow cluster in the center. The red part is its "bracts".

Often, after the bracts begin to fade, we throw the plant away, but with a little care it can become a permanent part of our house-plant collections.

Poinsettias in full bloom should be placed in a cool room, no warmer than 65 degrees at night. It needs good light and a fair amount of water. When the soil is dry to the touch, water thoroughly, but avoid overwatering. If the roots are allowed to remain soggy they will rot.

To prevent the bracts from fading so soon, trim off the small shoots that start up below the bloom.

As the flower bracts fall, the leaves will soon drop off also. Now it's time to cut the stems down to about five inches. After it's trimmed, it will require much less water, so be careful of overwatering.

When springtime comes, you may decide to repot your plant and put it outside in an airy, light spot. Keep the growth low by pinching it back as needed.

In September, you will probably want to bring the plant inside in order for it to have short days and long nights. It likes as much as 12 hours of darkness for about two months.

The buds will form and the bracts change color, usually by late November—in time for another Merry Christmas!

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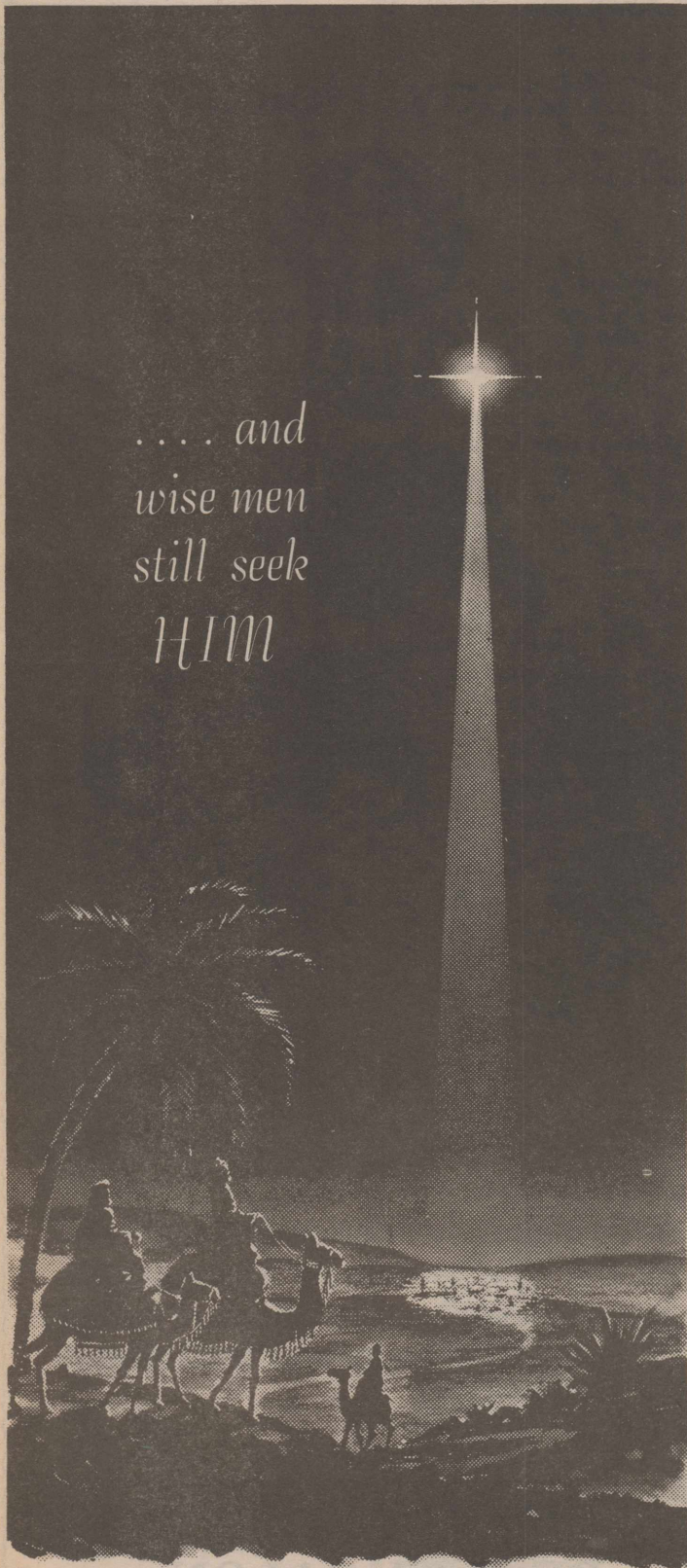
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Mouse Warns Against Christmas Safety Hazards

About 900 Americans a year require medical treatment from being careless with Christmas lights, according to the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

In an effort to help prevent injuries in this area, Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) is conducting a Christmas-season safety campaign featuring its cartoon character, Sparky the safety mouse.

"Sparky's become real popular with kids," said Hermilo Martinez, SPS safety manager. "But the

best thing is that adults pay attention to him, too."

Many shocks and burns around Christmas can be avoided by following some simple safety rules, Martinez said.

He said those safety tips include:

*Before hanging strings of lights, spread them on the floor and check for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections or damaged plugs or sockets.

*Check extension cords for wear or damage, and don't run them across walking areas.

*If you buy an artificial green tree, make sure it has been tested for flammability by Un-

derwriters' Laboratory (UL). A small tag bearing the letters "UL" should be attached. Also, look for the UL tag that means Christmas lights and electric toys have been tested for safety.

*Never string lights on a metallic tree.

*Turn off Christmas lights before leaving home or going to bed. Along with being safer, you'll save energy.

The Christmas safety messages are part of SPS' year-round efforts to advise the public about the dangers of carelessness around electricity, Martinez said.

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CRISTMAS COOKIES OR CRUMBS?

If you are mailing cookies this Christmas, choose moist, thick squares; bar cookies; or fruit-filled chews, rather than thin cookies.

Each cookie may be wrapped separately or placed back-to-back in pairs.

Double Holiday Happiness

Thinking of ways to make the holiday season merrier for the elderly and shut-ins can be a heap of fun for the whole family. The treats we make and buy for them will help them to know they are remembered. Inviting them out for a special family get-together, a church Christmas pageant, or just a drive to see the Christmas lights, can be something to give them a new lease on life. But one of the ways they will receive double happiness is to get their minds off their loneliness and troubles by thinking of how they can bring special joy to someone else.

Why not organize a few friends, from teenagers to oldsters, who can sit down with the nursing home friends, or other shut-ins, and plan with them things they would like to make for a special loved one, a friend, or perhaps a child in an orphanage to whom they would like to become a grandma or grandpa.

PARTY BEFORE THE PARTY FUN

Bring your favorite holiday bread or cookie recipe, plus the ingredients, to your church's kitchen, a club house, or someone's large kitchen, and have fun in making your recipes together. Then the batches are split up so that each person takes home a variety of Christmas goodies.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 17, 1970—Bill Stovall resigns as athletic director . . . C. C. Garrison buried at Plainview . . . Specialist Four Timothy R. Gamble of the United States Army Troop D First Squadron (Airmobile), Ninth Cavalry, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device recently by direction of the Secretary of the Army. The award was made "for heroism in connection with military opera-

tions against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Four Gamble distinguished himself by valorous action on July 18, 1970. Disregarding his own safety, he courageously exposed himself to the dangers inherent in the combat environment as he directed his efforts toward neutralizing the enemy threat . . .

December 15, 1960—Snowfall gives area a Christmasy look . . . Oscar William Stroup, long-time Quitaque resident, buried . . . Services held for Mrs. Lizzie M. Patrick . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole are the new owners of the "66" Restaurant . . . Celene Lanham is installed as first Worthy Advisor of Silverton Rainbow Assembly . . . Mr. and

Mrs. Sid Marshall are parents of a son . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ned Burson are parents of a son . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gail Bullock have a new son . . . Walter Arnold enters Asharena Calf Roping . . . Sam Brown is a charter member of the newly-created Iota Upsilon Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia at Wayland Baptist College . . . Joy Ann McCutchen weds Bob Weatherly . . .

December 14, 1950—Christmas lights strung up this week . . . Lottie Moon Season of Prayer program planned for the Sunbeam band at the First Baptist Church . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Grabbe Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs.

Carl Dean Bomar were in Amarillo on business Thursday . . . Mrs. J. E. Minyard and Mrs. R. M. Hill were shopping in Plainview Thursday . . .

December 11, 1941—Dear Santa . . . Please bring me a scabort and football. Don't forget the other boys and girls. With love, Walter Bean . . . Please bring me a doll, telephone and bring me a typewriter, and a cackling hen. Love, Billie Fay Heckman. P. S. Don't forget mother and daddy and Uncle Ashel . . . JAPAN FORCES WAR . . . Quitaque Gin razed by fire Thursday night . . . Opal West is FFA Sweetheart this year . . . Thirty-seven in this year's senior class . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "I don't quite feel

up to my usual self in the crap column this week. There is no such stuff to write about—or at least I have been unable to recognize it" . . . Dear Santa . . . I am a girl five years old. Please bring me a doll and a black board and a set of dishes. Don't forget the nuts and fruit. Love, Chestena Oneal . . . Please bring me a wagon, a Diamond Dick with a holster, a small football, and a pocket watch. Also bring me some nuts, fruit and candy. Love, Don Brown . . . Please bring me a wagon, a gun, a police suit, and a watch. Also some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Gene Hardin . . . Mrs. Hugh Nance honored with bridal shower . . . Shower honors Mrs. Emery Mills . . .

December 17, 1936—Mrs. J. W. Smylie, pioneer mother, passes away . . . Highway 86 Association to try again for paving . . . Carl Crow, formerly with the Silverton Gin Company, has assumed active management of the Phillips 66 Service Station south of the Silverton Hotel . . . Dear Santa . . . Please bring me a big doll, a set of little dishes, a little sewing machine, some candy and apples. Your friend, Peggy Davis . . . Please bring me a Buck Rogers gun and a pair of gloves. Please bring me a cowboy suit. I want a football suit, too. Lots of love, Russell Lee . . . Please bring me a bicycle and a twenty-two target. Please bring me some furniture of wood. With love, Vance Childress . . . Will you bring me a bicycle and a wagon and some candy. With love, Norman Strange . . . Will you please bring me a rubber doll and a big buggy and some firecrackers and please don't forget the nuts and candy and toy telephone and some doll clothes and please bring the poor children some gifts. I hope you a merry Christmas. With love, Merlene Yates . . . Please bring me a lamp and bicycle and tool chest. Bring Albert some chickens. Bring me a twenty-two target. With love, E. H. McGavock . . . Raymond Bomar moves wrecking yard to Highway 86 . . . Gaynelle Douglas and Anis Fowler were two of those chosen to sing in a sextet on a short program when legislators were entertained at the West Texas State Teachers College Friday night . . .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

December 19—Teresa Sutton, Karen Kay Martin, Harvey McJimsey, Helen Strickland
December 21—Nathan Perry, Billy Perry, Ester Ramirez, Thurman May
December 22—Lillian Lindsey, Ravenel Grewe, Sonya Bitner, Donnie Perkins, Carl Bomar, Frances Kellum
December 23—Kim Mayfield, Fred Mercer, Earlyne Hutsell, Jeannita Stephens, Iris Burson
December 24—Sally Grimland, Jack Robertson, jr.
December 25—Joe Grabbe, Donna Estes, Dorothy Bomar, Nora Lee Yeary

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO . . .

December 19—Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill
December 22—Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kitchens
December 24—Mr. and Mrs. James Patton

The average American TV set is on about six hours a day.



The wondrous miracles of Christmas! May you and your family share in all its many blessings and experience the inner peace and brightness of that first Christmas Day. May the spirit of the season continue to enrich your lives throughout the coming year.

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Customs and origins of the Christmas tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, O tree of green, unchanging!
The words of this beloved carol call to mind one of our favorite symbols of the holiday season — the Christmas tree.

Where did it come from? Why is it associated with the birth of Christ? For the answers, one possibly has to go back to mythological times. Norse mythology had its Yggdrasil ash and the early Greeks had Dodona's oak. In Greece, it was an old custom to wreath a pole with myrtle, olive and orange leaves. The Circassians would carry a young pear tree into the house, where it was covered with candles.

Later on, it became the custom to bring small pot-

for the first time.

By Victorian times, the tradition of the Christmas tree was firmly established in Germany. When Prince Albert became consort to Queen Victoria, he introduced the Christmas tree to England. By then, it was adorned with candles, gilded nuts and fruits and gingerbread. These goodies would remain on the tree until it was dismantled after Twelfth Night, at which time they were gleefully eaten by the children.

The Christmas tree was introduced to America by German immigrants during the 1800s. Homemade decorations such as popcorn and cranberries added an American touch to the tree, which quickly became popular in this country.

Today, electric lights have replaced the old-fashioned and unsafe candles, and there are no end of beautiful ornaments with which to trim the tree.

Christmas trees can be found in homes throughout the country during the holidays, and in public places as well. The lighting of the Christmas trees at Rockefeller Center in New York City and at the White House are among the spectacular displays enjoyed each Christmas.

The Christmas tree can be found in many parts of the world as a symbol of the season. It has journeyed from legends of the past to

become a sign of redemption for all.



A Christmas gambol oft could cheer

A poor man's heart through half the year.

— Sir Walter Scott

Come, bring with a noise,
My merry, merry boys
The Christmas log to the firing,

While my good dame,
she bids ye all be free,
And drink to your heart's desiring.

— Robert Herrick

There's no better time than the present to wish all those near and dear to us a very Merry Christmas.

Francis Aerial Spraying

Glenda and Alvie Francis and Family



ted cherry or hawthorn trees into the house, for blooming at Christmas or the New Year.

Before the 17th century, large decorated "paradise" trees were carried around in Germany, or used in paradise plays. In these plays, a fir tree hung with apples was used to represent the Garden of Eden.

Later on, pyramidal erections of wood, decorated with candles and fruit were often carried from house to house. Researchers conjecture that these pyramids were possible substitutes for trees.

The first decorated trees in the home began to appear in Alsace in 1605. At first only apples, cookies and treats were used to trim these new paradise trees, symbolizing the sweet fruit of redemption. Martin Luther is thought to have added candles to the trees



Christmas is Here!

We wish everyone a Happy Holiday and look forward to serving you in 1986.

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Details of 1986 Farm Program Won't Be Known Until New Year

It will be well into the new year before details of the 1986 farm program become known to farmers. The House passed its version of a farm bill October 8, but bitterly opposed factions in the Senate wrangled until November 23 before that body acted.

The conference committee now has to reconcile differences in the two bills and the final product will have to go back through both houses. Then it's up to the President to sign or not to sign, a decision that can't be expected until late this year.

Even presuming the President's signature, note officials of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., final 1986 farm level planning will have to wait for the announcement of determinations and regulations in those inevitable areas where the Secretary is given discretionary powers.

So, says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, "Farmers in January and maybe in February still will be unable to complete final plans for 1986 operations."

However, Johnson says, because the conference committee normally can be expected to report the bills' various provisions as now written in either the House or the Senate version or as a compromise between the two, it is possible now to get some idea of what may be ahead.

Speaking to those of the bills' provisions that will weigh most heavily on the planning of cotton producers, he points out what he thinks "should be and probably are" several safe assumptions for 1986.

For example both bills call for a 1986 and 1987 cotton target price freeze at the current 81-cent level. Agriculture Secretary John Block has said President Reagan will "demand" that reductions in the support begin in 1987, but will accept the freeze for 1986, so producers should be able to count on 81 cents, at least for 1986.

The Senate bill would set the 1987 base loan at 55 cents, while the House proposes a market price formula with year-to-year reductions restricted to a five percent maximum. Ninety-five percent of the 57.3-cent 1985 loan is 54.4 cents, so a 1986 loan at that minimum or at 55 cents should be a safe bet.

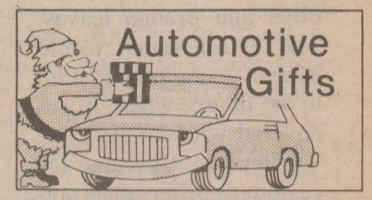
And, since both House and Senate voted to retain the current \$50,000 payment limitation, there's no reason for conference committee debate on that issue, despite the earlier clamor for a lower limit.

Questions reaching PCG also indicate much producer interest in getting some advance idea on set-aside acreage provisions for next year. To these questions Johnson replies that both the House and Senate measures provide authority for a maximum unpaid set-aside or acreage reduction of 25 percent if the carryover is more than one-third of expected offtake, plus authority for an additional paid diversion if needed.

"With this authority and with

an estimated carryover this year of at least two-thirds of expected offtake," he continues, "it's logical to assume a combination set-aside and diversion program in 1986 equal to or greater than the 30 percent reduction program in effect this year.

"But," he cautions, "it's well to keep in mind that the use of acreage reduction authority is discretionary, and logic will have to compete with both political and program cost considerations."



This year are you having a problem trying to think of low-priced gifts? How about automotive gifts?

Any car owner would appreciate a full wash-and-wax outfit which can include a large plastic bucket, a large sponge, car wash detergent, terry cloth towels, polishing or rubbing compound for restoring worn paint, touch-up paint, a can of paste wax, etc. (It's a good idea to buy the best wax you can afford since it lasts the longest and the waxer gets the most reward for his hard work.)

You might like to give a fancy leather or wooden shift knob, a car-name key fob, a leather steering wheel cover, fog lights, car vacuum cleaner, or a hand-held spotlight.



The Star of Bethlehem that appeared with breathtaking splendor as the angels hovered over Christ's birth place and guided the Magi to their destination still holds a special place in our Christmas decorations of today. It has bedecked the top of Christmas trees since early Victorian times.

In many parts of Europe bands of modern "star-carolers" still roam the streets carrying long poles which are tipped with star-shaped lanterns.

The star will always be an important part of Christmas. This Christmas may the Star of the Christmas Story guide us to peace and joy!

Your Holiday Specialty

Are you getting in a panic, wanting to make sure a certain holiday meal turns out okay?

Instead of trying to copy someone else's entertaining style which is not your own could be a disaster.

What is your specialty? If you like buffet haystack dinner with a bowl of chili, corn chips, diced tomatoes, cut lettuce, diced onion and shredded cheese to be arranged as each person desires, or whatever you feel most comfortable with, serve it proudly. Instead of a stiff formality, let your guests remember your meal for its genuine hospitality and warmth.

Farm Credit Banks of Texas Remain Strong

Officials of the Farm Credit Banks of Texas remain confident of the Texas District's ability to withstand the adverse economic trends, even though Congress wrestles with a proposal for federal support for the Farm Credit System.

James A. Rogers, president of the Farm Credit Banks of Texas, reports that adverse national publicity has brought about some

borrower loss of confidence even in the Texas District, but both loan volume and number of borrowers have remained relatively stable.

Rogers says that the Federal Land Bank of Texas countered the national trend by increasing loan volume from \$2.63 billion at the end of the third quarter in 1984 to \$2.75 billion on September 30 of this year. Reviews of 32 Texas Federal Land Bank Associations showed acceptable business remained at 95.7 percent, 8.1 percent above the national average.

Reviews of 22 of the state's 28 Production Credit Associations' loan portfolios showed an improvement of two percent in business classified acceptable. PCAs also showed improved credit quality in problem and loss business.

Acceptable business in the Texas Bank for Cooperatives increased to 93.2 percent, an improvement of almost three percent over the same time last year, compared with a 92.9 percent national average.

Rogers said that nationwide the Farm Credit System has experienced greater losses than

ever before in its 69-year history due to the downward spiral of commodity and land prices. Congress now is considering legislation which would stabilize the financial condition of the Farm Credit System.

"We believe that the Farm Credit System nationwide does need government financial assistance," Rogers stated. "We, however, are asking Congress to

not require so much capital of us that it would cause us to have to increase interest rates to Texas farmers and ranchers."

Interest rates in the Farm Credit Banks of Texas currently are among the lowest in the nation's 37 Farm Credit Banks.

The Farm Credit System in Texas consists of the Federal Land Bank of Texas and its 44 Federal Land Bank Associations,

the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Texas, 28 Production Credit Associations and the Texas Bank for Cooperatives. The Texas banks and associations have approximately \$4 billion in loans outstanding to 50,000 of the state's farmers, ranchers and their cooperatives.

It is illegal to hunt camels in the state of Arizona.

Trees Being Distributed This Week in Texas

A truckload of five-foot oak trees will be distributed, during the first week of December, by the Texas Forest Service to 247 Texas counties for special 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial observances.

The Service has been growing the trees for two years—in anticipation of Texas' 150th birthday celebration—and has offered a Shumard oak (red oak family) to each of Texas' 254 counties, for special Sesquicentennial planting projects.

In addition, Storm Nursery, Inc. of Premont is giving a free Heritage Live Oak tree to each Texas county. Both trees will be delivered in the same load in a TFS 18-wheeler during early December.

Months ago the Service wrote to each Texas county judge, offering the free trees, which resulted in a total of 247 (97.2 percent) Texas counties accepting the offer. In many cases the county judge will personally accept delivery of the trees, and in other cases the responsibility was delegated by the judges to the county Sesquicentennial committees.

The only string attached to the offer is that the county officials agree to plant and dedicate the trees in 1986, during their Sesquicentennial observances and on public property. It is suggested that they be planted on courthouse, city hall, school, college, museum or other public building lawns, where they may be readily seen and identified with appropriate markers.

Some counties have elected to plant their trees on Arbor Day, which (in Texas) is Friday, January 17, 1986, but this option is up to the individual counties.

Since Texas is so large it would be impractical to make personal deliveries to each county, however, the TFS truck will make stops at strategic drop points around the state. The trees, grown in three-gallon containers, will be distributed to individual counties from the drop points.

Texas Forest Service foresters will be assisted in distributing the trees by Texas County Agricultural Extension Agents throughout the state.

In a few cases, counties have elected to have their trees shipped directly to them, at their expense, rather than accepting delivery at the drop points.

Included with each tagged tree will be a "1986 Texas Sesquicentennial Tree Planting Guide", and an Arbor Day Program brochure.

The trees will be delivered between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. December 4 to Plainview, Amarillo, Clarendon, Childress and Vernon, in this area.

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	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL
REVENUES					
TAXES	\$126,499	\$285,334			\$411,833
INTEREST	7,430	50,639	27,107	114,030	199,206
LOT LEASES				17,250	17,250
RECREATION RECEIPTS				44,573	44,573
WATER TRANSMISSION REVENUES				415,377	415,377
DEBT SERVICE TRANSFERS AND ISSUES			45,000	101,458	146,458
OTHER	6,637	22,185		211	29,033
TOTAL REVENUES	\$140,566	\$358,158	\$72,107	\$692,899	\$1,263,730
EXPENDITURES					
SALARIES	\$50,838		8,596	\$142,435	\$201,869
PROFESSIONAL FEES	14,874		350	150	15,374
TAX ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION	24,073				24,073
UTILITIES AND TELEPHONE	6,415			162,645	169,060
CAPITAL OUTLAY			123,083		123,083
INSURANCE	7,688			34,569	42,257
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	9,910			55,080	64,990
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION				179,379	179,379
DEBT SERVICE		365,006	4,324	417,172	786,502
OTHER EXPENSES	2,920		38,973	12,145	54,038
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$116,718	\$365,006	\$175,326	\$1,003,575	\$1,660,625
NET REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	\$23,848 (\$6,848) (\$103,219) (\$310,676) (\$396,895)
FUND BALANCE, OCTOBER 1, 1984	52,355	392,210	456,532 (163,882)	737,215
FUND BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 1985	\$76,203	\$385,362	\$353,313 (\$474,558)	\$340,320

Miss Boling Receives Bachelor's Degree At Lubbock Christian

Brenda Boling was among 41

students receiving their bachelor's degrees at Lubbock Christian College's 1985 December graduation ceremonies.

Miss Boling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boling of Silverton, was graduated with a B.S. in secondary education. A 1981

graduate of Silverton High School, Miss Boling was on the Dean's List six semesters, was treasurer of TSEA, was a member of President's Ambassadors and was active in LOA Social Club at LCC.

Lubbock Christian College is a four-year liberal arts institution of higher learning. Dedicated to providing an excellent education in a Christian atmosphere, the college offers 22 bachelor's degree programs with an average enrollment of more than 1,000 students. The combination of large university quality and small college personal attention makes LCC an outstanding educational choice.

New Arrival

Mikel and Liz Griffin are parents of a daughter, Lori Dorn, born December 4 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed seven pounds and ten ounces, and measured 20 1/4 inches long.

She has a sister, Taylor, who is 2 1/2 years old.

Grandparents are Don and Mary Brown and L. D. and Roberta Griffin, all of Silverton. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Whealdon of Midland.

Mrs. Jack (Frances) Davis was moved from Central Plains Hospital in Plainview to the Heritage Home on Wednesday of last week.

"Truth makes a man of courage and guilt makes that man of courage a coward."

Daniel Defoe

Club Has Christmas Luncheon in Tulia

The March of Time Study Club went to The Steakhouse in Tulia for a Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 5.

Amelia Kitchens, hostess for the occasion, gave Christmas favors to those attending.

Members present were Anna Lee Anderson, Iris Burson, Luree Burson, Amelia Kitchens, Pauline Turner and Jessie Mae Watson.

All expressed having an enjoyable time.

A gorilla sleeps 70 percent of the time.

REBATES— Continued From Page One

whose rebates have declined included Lefors, down 15.20%; McLean, down 15.94%; Sanford, down 22.03%; Stinnett, down 16.50%; Earth, down 19.27%; Booker, down 21.06%; Miami, down 25.17%.



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BROWN-McMURTRY IMPLEMENT



Brandi Brunson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Brunson, was one of the children who visited with Santa when he made an early visit to Silverton on Saturday, December 7, during the Christmas Jubilee.

—Briscoe County News Photo

Miss Bauer Is Shower Honoree

A wedding shower for Miss Laura Bauer, bride-elect of Mike Long, was given December 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room of the First State Bank. A holiday theme was used in decorations as well as refreshments.

Tiny fruit cakes, chocolate

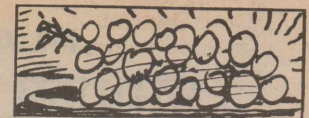
candies and Christmas punch were served. The festive table featured a handmade cloth appliqued with poinsettias and sequins. The focal point of the table was a small Norfolk pine decorated with miniature ornaments and bows, a gift to Miss Bauer. Silk Christmas corsages were presented to Miss Bauer and to Mrs. Beryl Long, mother of the

prospective bridegroom.

Guests were registered by Mrs. Doug Forbes and presented to Miss Bauer and Mrs. Long by Mrs. Don Burson. Mrs. John Wyatt served those attending. Mrs. Bessie Sauls of Quitaque was an out-of-town guest.

A Sunbeam Mixmaster was presented to the honoree. In addition to Mmes. Forbes, Bur-

son and Wyatt, hostesses were Dean Burson, Lois Cline, Eudean Crow, Peggy Fleming, Maria Garcia, Donny Garrison, Jo Hamilton, Vivian Hughes, Jackie Mercer, Zelma Mayfield, Darrah McCammon and Jo Ann McFall.



On New Year's Eve in Madrid, Spain, families gather together and at the first stroke of the bell at midnight each person begins to eat 12 grapes—all must be eaten by midnight to ensure good luck for the coming year.

The Christmas card sending record, it is believed is held by Werner Erhard of California, who, in 1975, sent 62,824.

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He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away.

He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of a man on this earth as much as one solitary life.

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I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Betty Stephens, Darrah McCammon, Sherry Delano, Kathy May, Paula Garvin, Diana Johnston, Anita Ramsey and Roma Martin for helping with the 47-child birthday parties for Jonathan and Clint. I could never have done it without your help!
Mary Ivory

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FOR SALE: ELECTRIC COOK Stove, 4000 BTU Dearborn Propane Heater with thermostat; both excellent condition. Call 652-3864. 51-3tp

A Beard and A Memory

Out fell an auburn beard from a drawer the other day and she chuckled at the sight of it and the memory of that year when her son was in the first grade and Teacher asked if she could help with the costumes for the Christmas pageant.

A beard for the little shepherd was made from a piece of old wig stretched out on a string with loops at both ends to slip over his ears. A bamboo pole became a rod with its crook made from paper-mache. An old striped sheet was cut and sewn to become a cloak, with a bright sash around the waist. A piece of white sheet was made into a

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flowing turban with a stretch headband to hold it in place.

The three wise men had to be richly dressed in purples and reds and the soldier that read the decree must have a shining silver helmet with a red crepe paper fringed plume. Tinsel halos and glittering angel wings were made.

Yes, it took a great deal of time and thought for many adults as well as the kids, but the end product — the night when the little kids became angels and shepherds, an innkeeper and all the rest — that was something they all would remember for life.

Year after year as the Christmas story is repeated through readings and songs — its' message never grows old. The greatest love Gift the world has ever known stays ever fresh and new!

Hey, moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, teachers, friends, the time that you give at this season to help the little ones to better grasp the true meaning of Christmas will not be in vain.

Christmas is a time for sharing. Christmas, perhaps more than any other time can be a time for the family to know, firsthand, that it's a whole heap more fun to give than to receive.

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