

# Briscoe County News

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## 1989 Farm Program Sign-Up Underway

Sign-up for the 1989 farm program began December 19, and ends April 14, 1989.

Provisions for the wheat and feed grain programs include (1) no paid land diversion; (2) 10% required base acreage reduction; (3) 0/92 option available; (4) national loan rate: wheat, \$2.06 bu.; corn, \$1.65 bu.; grain sorghum, \$1.57 bu.; (5) target price: wheat, \$4.10 bu.; corn, \$2.84 bu.; grain sorghum, \$2.70.

The required base acreage

reduction for oats is 5%; there will be no cross compliance between oats and the other program crops.

Cotton program provisions include: (1) no paid land diversion; (2) 25% required base acreage reduction; (3) 50/92 option available; (4) national loan rate, 50¢ lb.

Advance payments for participating crops may be requested at time of sign-up. Cotton producers may receive 30% of the projected payments; wheat and feed grain producers may receive 40% of the projected payments. These payments will be made in cash. Estimated payment rates will be announced before sign-up.

## Special Christmas Schedule at Church

A special schedule for Christmas at the First United Methodist Church has been announced by the pastor, Rev. Duane Knowlton.

There will be family communion services at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 24.

There will be no Sunday School on Christmas morning, and the worship service will be held from 10:00 until 11:00 o'clock. No evening services will be held on Christmas Day.

"Our celebration will be a quiet one emphasizing Christ in our lives," said Rev. Knowlton, who added that everyone is invited to these special Christmas services.

## 4-H Holiday Dance Project Planned

The 4-H Holiday Dance Project will be Tuesday, December 27, at 8:00 p.m. at the Show Barn.

## News Office To Be Closed Friday

The office of the Briscoe County News will be closed all day Friday, December 23.

Please arrange your business so this closing will not inconvenience you.

## Baptists to Have Candlelight Service

A candlelight service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 21, at First Baptist Church.

Sunday, December 25, the church will hold worship services at 10:00 a.m. only.

Everyone is invited to both of these Christmas services, according to the pastor, Rev. Jim Browning.

## 1988 Disaster Payments Available

Disaster payments will be available to eligible producers on losses greater than 35% of expected production on program or non-program crops. If you think a loss occurred for 1988, your ASCS office will need this information:

(1) production evidence for all farms you have an interest in; (2) net multi-peril insurance benefits on crop with loss in '88; (3) proof of 1989 insurance for the crop if the loss exceeds 65% of expected production; (4) crop must be certified, and an ASCS-574 on file.

Disaster applications must be filed not later than March 31, 1989.

## ASCS Office To Close Two Mornings

The Briscoe County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in Silverton will be closing on



Vance Childress (right) was pictured as City Secretary Jerry Patton presented him a watch from the City Council in recognition of his thirty years of service as a City employee. The back of the watch is appropriately engraved as a memento as Childress enters his retirement.

Briscoe County News Photo

Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon until further notice. This will allow the office staff time to work on cotton loans, complete work on disaster payments, and prepare for 1989 farm program sign-ups.

According to Earlyne Hutsell, CED, this will allow the employees to serve you better and your cooperation will be appreciated.



## Go Owls & Owlettes



Varsity Owlettes—(standing, left to right) Tracy Tomlin, DeLyn Patton, Coach Annette Shely, Jennifer Grimland, Amy Ramsey, Julie Towe; (kneeling) Monica Arnold, Tracy Miller, Tara Nance; (sitting) Julie Graham, Penni Fogerson, Carrie Ann Grabbe and Keeley Burson.

Photo by R Photography



Varsity Owls—(standing, left to right) Jamie Frizzell, Teddy Hubbard, Brad West, Frank Lowrey, Bradley Brunson, Neal Edwards, Coach Dwight Rice; (kneeling) Kendal Minyard, Wayne Henderson, Joey Leal, Bryan Ramsey, Denny Hill and Kirk Couch.

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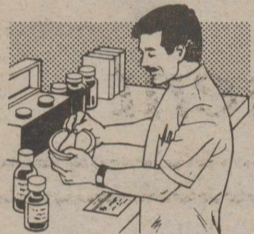
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**OBITUARIES**

**JAMES WALTER ROGERS**

James Walter Rogers, 89, of Mineral Wells died December 13, 1988.  
He was born July 5, 1899 in Erath County. With the exception of five years spent in the Haylake community, Rogers had lived his lifetime in rural Erath and Palo Pinto counties and in the town of Mineral Wells.

The years 1928-1933 were spent residing with his nephew, Mart Self and family.  
Rogers is survived by a son, three step-sons, two step-daughters, a granddaughter whom he did not know existed until approximately ten years ago, two great-grandsons and numerous nieces and nephews, including R. E. Sweek of Silverton.



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**DON DAVLIN GARRISON**

Funeral services for Don Davlin Garrison, 71, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday, December 16,

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at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Officiating were the Rev. Jim Browning, pastor, and Ted Kingery, minister of the Silverton Church of Christ.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Garrison passed away at his home near Silverton Wednesday night, December 14.

Born at the home of his Grandmother Garrison at Matador on January 18, 1917, he was the son of Gabe and Susie (Hudson) Garrison, who had come back from their home in Roy, New Mexico so their son would be born in Texas. The family then lived at Flomot until 1929 when they moved to the Plains northwest of Silverton.

On October 21, 1939, he married Lottie Boyce at Clayton, New Mexico and brought her back to Texas where they also made their lifelong home northwest of Silverton. He farmed and ranched in the area for over fifty years.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Silverton, and served as a director of Plainview Production Credit Association for 15 years.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Vernon Garrison, and a grandson, Shane Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Lottie; three daughters and their husbands, Dona and Dale Smith, Quitaque, Raye and Gerald Smith, Roy and George Reed, all of Silverton; two brothers, Carroll Garrison of Tulia and Pascal Garrison of Silverton; one sister, Hudson Saul of Idalou; nine grandchildren and eight

great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Zane Mayfield, Roy Dale Wood, Don Cornett, Don Brown, H. B. (Doc) Simpson and A. R. Martin.

The family suggested memorials to the Garrison-Elrod Scholarship Fund, church window fund or the special fund of your choice.



**Bottled Trees**

Lay a bottle on its side. Fill the bottom with a layer of "snow." Decorate small evergreen sprigs (trees) with "snow" and glue on star sequins. By using toaster tongs, carefully insert these trees (top first) into the bottle, then position them upright. Place cork in bottle.

**Girl Scouts Have Christmas Party**

The Silverton Girl Scout Troop met at the Scout Hut on Friday, December 16, for their Christmas party.

The girls enjoyed eating sandwiches, chips and dip, cookies and drinks. Afterward, the girls exchanged gifts.

Those who attended were Christina Stephens, Kara Kingery, Heather Rice, Lindsey Jennings, Misty Wilkinson, Windy Wood, Carrie Baird, Misty Edwards, Shauna Kingery, Destiny Ivory, Heidi Tiffin, Katy Hester, Holly Tiffin, Staci Hill, Jamie Casillas and their leaders, Vici Baird, Bena Hester and Lois Hill, along with Richie and Will Hill, Jessica Maciel and Kristi Smith.

The next meeting will be January 6, 1989.

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**Midnight Madness Sale**

Thursday, December 22

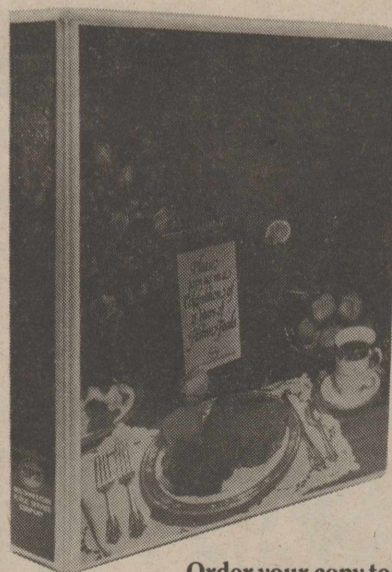
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### Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa Claus,  
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 and a fat skate board. Bring  
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Dear Santa:  
 Santa, please bring me Barbie  
 and the Rockers and a Barbie  
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 also would like to have a Baby  
 Talk. My baby sister (Kelsie)  
 wants a Bouncing Babie and a  
 cuddly Teddy Bear. She would  
 like to have a horse too. We've  
 been pretty good girls this year.  
 We will leave you a snack on the  
 floor by the fireplace. We love  
 you Santa.  
 Amanda and Kelsie



Dear Santa,  
 I am 1 1/2 years old. I have been  
 pretty good this year, but it has  
 been very hard. For Christmas  
 this year I would like a John  
 Deere tractor and a Teddy  
 Ruxpin. You can bring me  
 anything else that you think I  
 might like. I will be at Nana and  
 Papa's in Silvertown. Have a Merry  
 Christmas!  
 Love,  
 Chase Younger

### Christmas Is a Time For Love

Stan Gamble  
 Eighth Grade

Christmas is a time for love. Christmas is a holiday when all the family gets together to give each other a present, to show how much they love each other. Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Jesus was born on the day we have Christmas. We celebrate this day because later He gave His life for us.

### Christmas

Frank Ramirez  
 Eighth Grade

Christmas is a time when friends and family get together and remember the time that Jesus was born. Usually they give and receive gifts from one another. Christmas also means that friends, family and relatives get together and they have a big dinner. Afterwards all the people go and play games or other things that are fun. Finally, Christmas means that I get to spend a lot of time with my family. We get to exchange gifts with one another and have lots of other fun.

### Christmas Is Very Special Time of Year

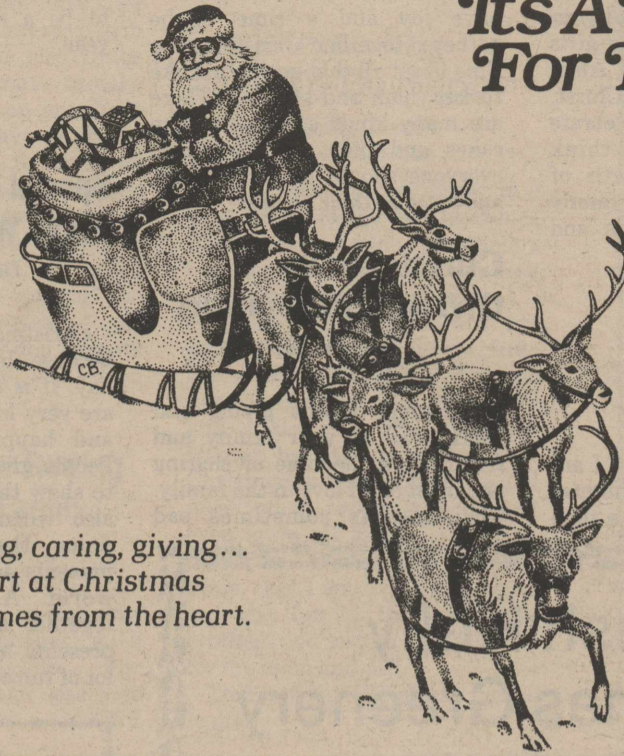
Lance Bradford  
 Eighth Grade

Christmas is a very special time of the year. It is a time for friends and families to get together. It is a time to celebrate the birth of the Lord's Son. Christmas is a

time for giving. It is also time for playing games and to eat a bunch of food. I like Christmas because I get a bunch of presents. Then that night on Christmas Eve my

parents, supposed to be Santa Claus, put something under the tree. I really like Christmas because it is a season for snow so maybe I can play in the snow.

## It's A Time For Love



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 an art at Christmas  
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### Christmas Means Families Together

Rusty Miller  
Sixth Grade

Christmas is the time of the year when it snows so, I think Christmas means having all your family together and giving gifts and receiving gifts. Also, Christmas is the birth of Christ. On December 25 we celebrate Christmas Day. So I think Christmas means the birth of Christ, having all your family together, and giving gifts and receiving gifts.

to be together with your families. It is a time to open up your presents, to eat, to talk, and to have fun. Christmas isn't a time to be far away from home. It's a time to share and have peace. Christmas is a time to give and not to be greedy. It is a time to have joy and a time to be gathered together. Christmas is a time to eat all that good stuff like turkey, ham and stuffing. There are many kinds of desserts like cakes and pies. On Christmas everyone should be safe, warm, and loved at their homes.

### What Christmas Means To Me

Lupe Aguilar  
Sixth Grade

Hi my name is Lupe and I am going to tell you what Christmas means to me. Christmas is a time

### Christmas Is Giving and Sharing

Jess Brannon  
Sixth Grade

Christmas means giving and sharing all of your family and friends. It's the time of sharing and most of all love in the family. Christmas is sometimes sad

because the little kids don't get what they want. On Christmas Day it is the funniest time. On Christmas night, the lights come on, and it looks like magic. After all the unwrapping, sometimes people go out and drive around town to see the lights. It is going to be a special Christmas this year.

### Special Day Is When Jesus Was Born

Dewayne Juarez  
Sixth Grade

Christmas is a very special day because Jesus was born on this day. It is a holiday when people are very kind and share the love and happiness between them. People give gifts to one another to show the love they have. It is also when Santa Claus comes down the chimney to give presents to all the kids in the world. All the families get together and sing songs, open presents, and have fun. So have a lot of fun on your Christmas.

### Christmas Is For Families

LaToya Baker  
Sixth Grade

Christmas to me is when my family is around me. I get to sing songs, and have fun. The part I don't like is when my family can't come. I really hate that. When my family comes, I have a blast. I like Christmas because you get a lot of presents. My mom spends all the money they have on toys or something like that. When I get my presents and open them, I go kiss my mom, if it's a lot of money. I like to put up lights and the Christmas tree. We always decorate the inside of the house. My little brother always gets in the way. When he gets in trouble and gets hit, that's when I really have fun.

### Christmas Means Special Things To Me

Ashleigh Wyatt  
Seventh Grade

Christmas means lots of special things to me. It's a time to share blessings and good times. Christmas means when Jesus was born. My family gets together and we share all of the past Christmas times we have had together. We get out our ornaments, we look at the date, tell whose it is, and why it is special to us. It is a time when you should be nice, helpful, joyful and always sharing and caring. We need to remember those who are less fortunate than we are. I hope Christmas is a special time for you, too.

### Christmas Is Time Of Christ's Birth

Diana Araujo  
Seventh Grade

Christmas to me means when Christ was born, putting up little or big decorations of Christ, and the Virgin Mary, and baby Jesus. It also means putting up a Christmas tree and decorating it with many things on it. You could put up an Angel or a lighted star at the top of the tree. At the bottom of the Christmas tree, people put gifts for other people, could be a friend or a relative. Christmas to me also means celebrating the day baby Jesus was born. One might say prayers to Jesus, thanking Him for everything He's given us.

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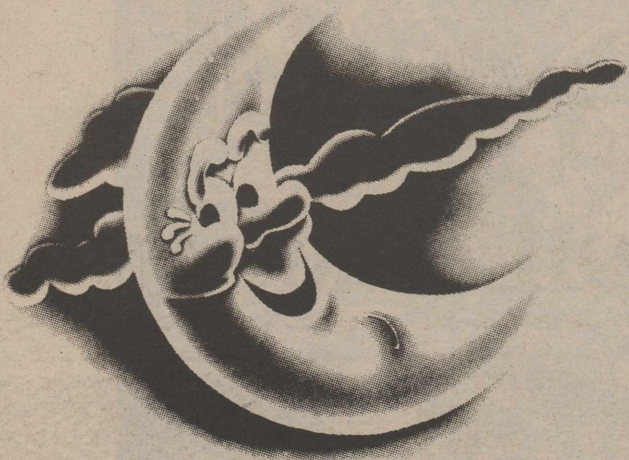


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### Dear Santa . . .

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 Love,  
 Magan  
 P. S. Please remember Danny, Ami and Freckles.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Matthew Whittington and I am 1½ years old. I have tried very hard to be a good boy this year. Please bring me a hat-hat and a big truck for Christmas.  
 Love,  
 Matthew

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Danny Dunn and I am five years old. I am trying really hard to be good. Please bring me whatever you have for me. I will leave a pencil and paper by your cookies and milk so you can write me a note. Please bring my new baby sister, Ami, some baby toys. She's a real good baby.  
 Love,  
 Danny  
 P. S. Please remember my cousins, Magan and Matthew.

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a new bike, ring, bracelet, Arkanoids, My Child Boy, real cat, stuffed animal, Life and VCR. I will leave you some cookies and milk in the kitchen. Make your self at home. Oh ya, I forgot about leavin the reindeer some hay Christmas night.  
 Love ya,  
 Lindsey Nicole Jennings

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a Barbie car and a black patent purse. The Heart Family with the children. And some Reese's Pieces. And a jump rope. I will leave some milk for you. And

my cat wants a toy mouse that has a dangle string on it.  
 Your friend,  
 Suzanna Kellum



### Christmas Is Time of Giving and Sharing

Zane Anderson  
 Seventh Grade

It means being with friends and family. Giving and caring. Thanking God for everything He has given us. It means opening presents. It means giving people who are needy coats, just anything that they need. Christmas means loving and sharing things that you have. For instance, giving money to charity and funds that have a big deal to do with our lives. It also means just spending time with loved ones and eating a big meal. And that's what Christmas means to me.



### Christmas Is Time of Joy and Happiness

Christi McWaters  
 Seventh Grade

Christmas is a time of joy and happiness. It is a time to celebrate Jesus birthday.

Christmas is a time for rejoicing and a time for loving. It is also a time for sharing and being with friends and loved ones. It is a time for showing your appreciation for them by gifts. A time for man to forgive his neighbor.

But still Christmas is more than that. It is a time to serve the Lord for giving us His Son.

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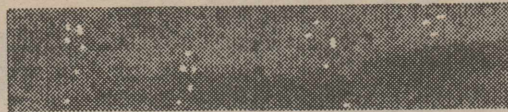
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# O HOLY NIGHT



A Christmas Prayer: Let us rejoice for the Prince of Peace is come again, bringing us a renewal of faith and hope.



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.



# Safe Toys For Safe Tots This Holiday Season

Christmas and Hanukkah just wouldn't be the same without toys for the children. But each year many children are injured by cute, seemingly harmless playthings meant for their joy and entertainment. Texas Safety Association offers the following safety guidelines to help you make the smart choices during your holiday season buying.

•When selecting toys for babies or toddlers, choose those made of washable, flexible materials. Toys constructed of glass, brittle

plastic, or other hard materials should be avoided.

•Toys should not be small enough to fit in mouths, ears, or noses.

•Avoid toys with cords or strings that could wrap around a child's neck.

•Select brightly colored toys that are light enough not to cause injury if dropped on the child. Mobiles, squishy stuffed dolls, or squeeze toys make good choices.

•Avoid toys with sharp edges, small detachable parts, or

electrical or toxic components.

•Check stuffed toys for internal wires, or small pieces such as eyes that might be pulled off and swallowed.

Purchasing toys for older children require a safe approach, as well.

•Be sure that playthings are well-constructed and strong enough to withstand hard use.

•If you purchase electrical toys, make sure that they bear the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label. You can eliminate shock and cord hazards by buying battery-operated toys, instead.

•Avoid toys that have heating elements.

•If used with the chemicals

provided in the set, chemistry sets are generally a safe buy.

•Avoid toys that shoot a projectile, such as arrows, rubber-tipped darts, disks, or other hard materials that could injure an eye.

After all the gifts have been opened and the wrapping thrown away, show your children the safe way to play with their new toys, and how to store them when they are finished. Remind older children to keep their toys out of reach of smaller children, and if a broken toy can't be fixed, throw it away.

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## Christmas Craft Dough Creations

Want to fashion your own Christmas ornaments, wreaths, wall hangings, and figurines? Make your own craft dough:

Combine 1 cup of salt with 2 cups of all-purpose flour. Gradually add 1 cup of water, thoroughly mixing it to form a ball of dough.

Knead the dough for about 10 minutes until it is smooth.

Your molding dough may be stored in the refrigerator for 3 to 5 days.

When you are ready to use the dough, you can hand-mold it or roll it out and use a knife or cookie cutter to cut shapes.

Bake your completed objects at 300 degrees until they are completely dry and hardened. This may take from 1 to 3 hours depending on the thickness of your objects.

The baked items may be painted if desired.

The whole family can enjoy their own Christmas creations!



People believe if you hang a string of onions in your house, you will be healthy.

A kernel of corn must be heated to 400° F. before it will "pop."

# SEASON'S GREETINGS



Let us rejoice for the Lord has come! May peace on earth become a reality at this Holy time.

## NANCE'S FOOD STORE

# JOYOUS NOEL



May peace dwell within your hearts, bringing bountiful joy to you and yours this most beautiful of all seasons...Christmas!

## SHEAR DELIGHT BEAUTY SALON

SHIRLEY HENDERSON AND FAMILY



## Mrs. Crowell's Third Grade Class Writes Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a race car track and a jokes and gags kit. I want a machete and survival knife with a survival kit.

Love,  
Will Hester

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a wagon for my brother Adrian and a toy gun for my other brother Vince. I want a TV for my room. Santa, would you give a wagon for my brother Adrian and a toy gun for my brother Vince. The best TV in the world is what I want.

To Santa  
From Amanda Cruz

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo game and Rambo tape and a Power Pad and boxing gloves and a new club house and a machete.

Trey Ziegler

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a new bike for Christmas this year, and a Denver Bronco suit too. But I really really want a Denver Bronco football helmet and a Rambo on the Nintendo game and Karate Kid too and Double Dribble.

Love, your friend,  
Trey Wyatt

Dear Santa Claus,

All I want for Christmas is a Survival in Combat book.

With love,  
Miles Comer

P. S. Don't you tell a single soul what I just said.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a B-B gun and a four wheeler and a football suit and survival knife and a Nintendo and a remote control car and trampoline.

From,  
Jared Francis

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a tent. I will like to go camping with it. It will be fun doing it. I want a trampoline, and two Nintendo tapes, Mario Brothers and Rambo.

Love,  
Leland Wood

P. S. Hay, I will be good, so will my sister and brother.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want faded clothes for Christmas. I want a faded jacket, a faded skirt, faded boots, faded shoes like Lacy's, and a faded hair bow. I also want a radio cassette player, and a pair of roller skates. I also want some tapes for my cassette player like George Strait, Tiffany, Reba McEntire, and The Judds. I want my own phone, and some new games for my computer.

Love,  
Windy Wood  
3rd Grade

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing, Santa? What I really want for Christmas is a Nintendo. And a happy family. I hope you are having a nice time with your elves. I know I am having a nice time. I just can't wait till Christmas. I may not get what I want but I just want you to know that I like you very much. Please get me a Nintendo.

I love you. Have a nice time.  
Chris Justice  
A good boy.

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want another Nintendo game which is Mario Brothers II and also I want a new pickup for my brother, Bradley, a new cat for my sister, Brandi. A new dinner ring for my mom... Marsha. And for my dad, a VCR.

Love,  
Lacy B.  
P. S. I've been good.

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll house, ice cream and hot dog stand. I also want Nintendo with Mario Brothers II. I love you, Santa.

Your friend,  
Trista Davis

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year! This is my list of what I want. I want four Barbies also a Barbie car. A baby doll. A bear, and some clothes. For my brothers and me a Nintendo and four games. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I hope you are fine.

From  
Molly Brooks

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some skates and a jump rope. I also want a Blinking Beauty horse and an Island Fun Barbie Hut. I want a Walkman and some tapes for it. Oh yah! and that horse I asked for isn't real. Santa, I hope you like the cookies I leave out for you.

Love,  
Kenzie Burson

Dear Santa,

I want Super Mario Bros. II.

Also a remote controled car and Play Dough.

Your friend,  
Michael Reagan  
P. S. How are the reindeer?

Dear Santa Claus,

I want BMK Bike, Nintendo Super Mario Brothers I, II and III. A play tractor.

Andy Bullock

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me this list of things. I would like Barbie and the Sensations locker with Barbie and Boppsy, Perfume Pretty Barbie make-up center, make up with lite up set, Heart Family wardrobe set, and a VCR for the family, a pink telephone, and finally a pink jam box. Hope you can get it all.

With love,  
Shauna Kingery  
P. S. Please bring me Niki. She is a Fashion Star Fillie.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike and a Mario Bros. II. So you have a nice day, Santa Claus.

Love,  
Melissa Barreza

Dear Santa Claus,

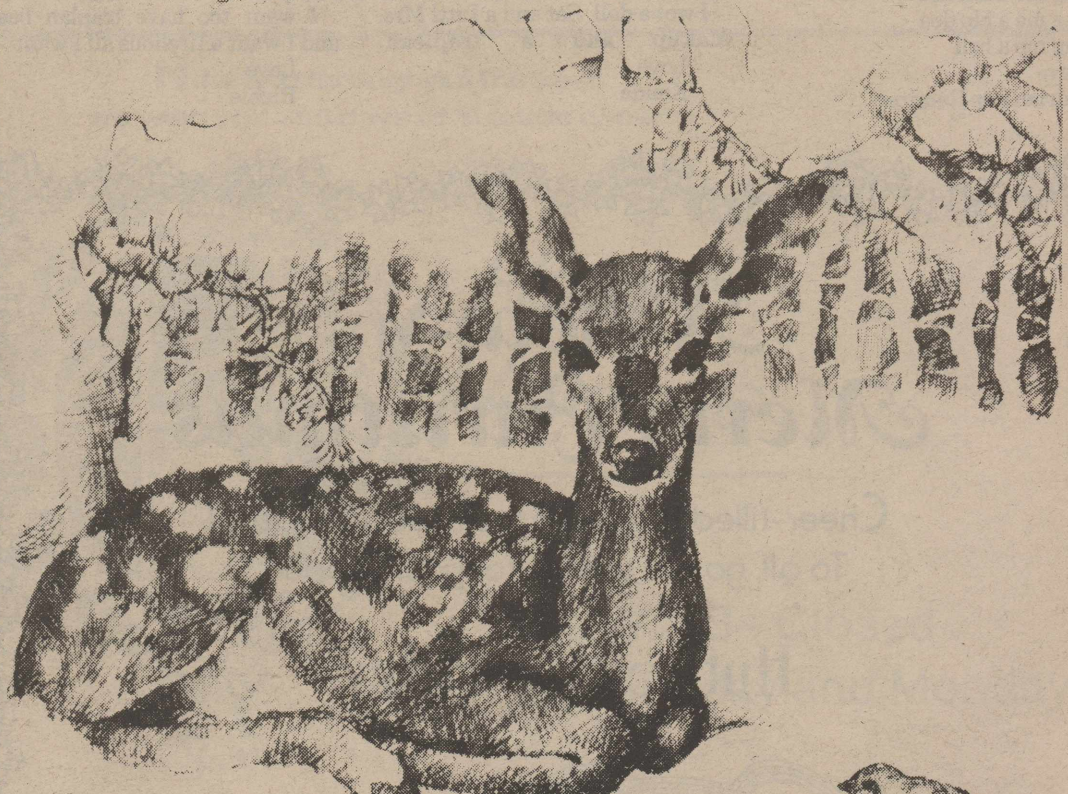
I want a warm coat for Veronica and a bookbag for her books, color pink. I want tennis shoes and a watch for my hand and some clothes, some pens and some coloring books for my sisters and me and my brothers. And a jump rope for me.

From  
Veronica Reyes  
With love.

### Ornament Hangers

You've just discovered that one of your treasured ornaments is missing a hanging hook! Don't throw that ornament away just because a hook is missing. Bobby pins can be twisted into a spring so that the lower end can be inserted into a bauble neck and when it is released it will enlarge to fit snugly inside. The loop at the top is left for hanging. If the loop isn't large enough to loop over a branch, or whatever, slip a rubber band into the bobby pin loop and bring the rubber band back through itself. Then stretch the rubber band over the branch.

# joy and peace



To God's good creatures great and small, let the peace of Christmas be known to you all. Greetings of the season from:

## SILVERTON OIL COMPANY

PEACE

For all the world to share,  
simple joys of a country Christmas.  
Thanks, friends, for your kind support.

Mary John's  
Flowers & Gifts



### First Graders Write Santa . . .

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a hulhup and a kersel hors and a tran and a set of krz and a traplen BrBe heom and a gokrt.  
Love,  
Misti

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the chokbord. Please bring me a traplen and a mak up, closz, and tinshuz. Go krt.  
Love,  
Laura

Dear Santa,  
is the north pol fun Do you like it. bring Me kugfu trpln.  
Love,  
Mr. Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I wot a bik or a Nintindo or a macinhnolcor. or a scabord!  
Love,  
Ryan

Dear Santa,  
please bring me sum purfum and stickers and jolree a walkman and solks and supriziz  
Love,  
Lisa

Dear Santa  
Please bring me ezebak uvn Ken and brb twin kabaj pachs bab cros and can wok bike.  
love  
Katy

Dear Santa  
bring me a beb gun,  
bring me a bofun,  
bring me a sleshot  
bring me a bio dos  
bring me a ball  
Love  
Adrian Lee Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a babe that cris and cros and wolks and babe crald and ples bring my bruthr a raf and cor.  
Love,  
Misty and Bobby

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a babe that criz. Please bring me a juprop.  
Ana Maria Pena love Santa

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll for me to play with it is fun my name is April.

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a rese kr alf bill bulu bring bib gun sleshot.  
Martin

Dear Santa,  
I wunt a woce toce bb gun fat ckatbord a coft futbal and a rel fbol fishen poll.  
love  
Aaron

Dear Santa  
Cud I hav a futbol unifurm and a stuf sel a stuf biur.  
Love  
Clint J.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bab and buck. I luv u. Mery Christmas.  
Love  
Maria Louisa

Dear Santa  
i wot a bol a wolke tolke. thank u for mi kot  
Love  
Crystal

Dear Santa,  
I wot a doll. Set and a Littl Mrs. Makup and a traplean.  
Love  
Kenda

Dear Santa  
I wat a bow with tuw aroz and I wat a elektekl car and a nit riddur and I wat wat sum drunkelrz and I wat a bike and a trapleni  
Fum  
Tanner

Dear Santi  
i wud lika trampoline and a tenspeed and a toking dall and a ring and a neklus and a skaebord and a chokbord.  
Love  
Heather

December 12  
Dear Santa  
i wud lika for whealor and a dort bieck and a football suet and a nue paer uv hiecknbues.  
Charlie Bomar

Dear Senta,  
Please bring me a Mak Up Girl and a Giorl barbie Can u bring mi mom a kr and a go krt  
Love,  
Kayla

Dear Santa,  
haw era yu? I wut sum g. i. joe and a gocot and a mocnetrote car. And a sirvvl nif. And a four welir.  
Love,  
Nathan

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a soft basket ball and a football and a wrsling ring and a gi Joe man  
Love  
Mickey Jay  
and Love Santa  
Dec 12 1988?

Dear Santa  
I want too have traplan boat and I want a firehous all I want  
Love  
Richie

Dear Santa,  
I hope you or feling will please bring me a traplen and my sestr a dall and bring my Dad a Red Shrt and my Mom a stafst animal and my dog a boon  
Love  
Lacey Shely

Dear Santa  
I Like you i whant a dell and a bell for christmas you now that I Love you and i whant some christmas candys for my sistor too Merry christmas and gom too  
Love  
Debbie!

Dear Santa,  
I wot a tinsped aed a scutr  
Christopher

Dear Santa  
I wot tot bab bls Pod bab  
Love vanessa

Dear Santa,  
please bring me a doll and anuthr toy. I like you.  
Love  
Dara



### Christmas Is Time To Give and Receive

Peter Trevino  
Sixth Grade

Christmas is a time to get presents and give presents. It is a time when Jesus was born. It is a time for laughter and fun. On Christmas Day, you open your presents and see what Santa has brought us. Christmas is when people go see their loved ones. It is a lot of fun with your cousins. Christmas is when you and your friends get together and sing Christmas songs. It is also a time for all your family to get together and sing and talk.

### Christmas Is a Cheerful Time

Dusty Martin  
Eighth Grade

For me, Christmas is a cheerful time of year. When I think of Christmas I think of Jesus and His birth.

When the hunting seasons open up, it reminds me Christmas is not very far away. I think of going into the canyons and cutting down a tree to decorate. Christmas means the gathering of all the relatives. I think of snow and candy and Christmas dinner. Christmas means getting out of school. I think of all the secrets to be kept. To me Christmas is a joyful time of giving and receiving.



### Christmas Is Time of Celebrating at Church

Robert Neal  
Seventh Grade

Christmas is a time of celebrating. It is a time to go to church on the holiday.

Christmas is a time of seeing your family during the holiday. It is a time of putting up a tree with decorations. It is a time of playing in the snow and building tunnels.

The best part of Christmas is getting presents. It is a good tradition. It is fun to open your presents on Christmas Day. Sometimes I get up to see what I got, shake my presents sometimes, just to see what I got.

### Christmas Is Time To Give Gifts

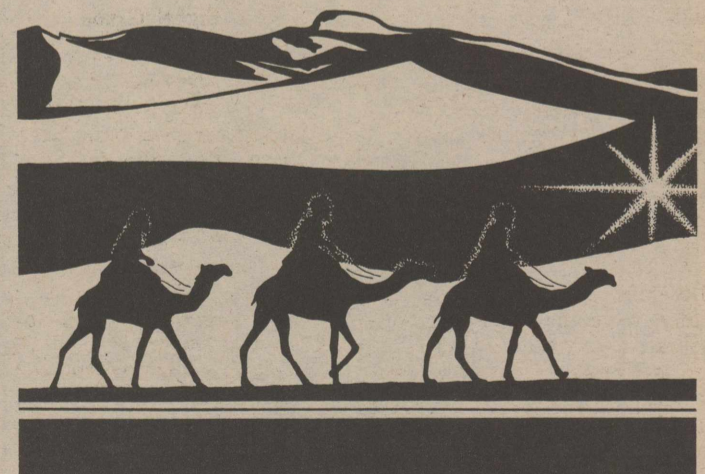
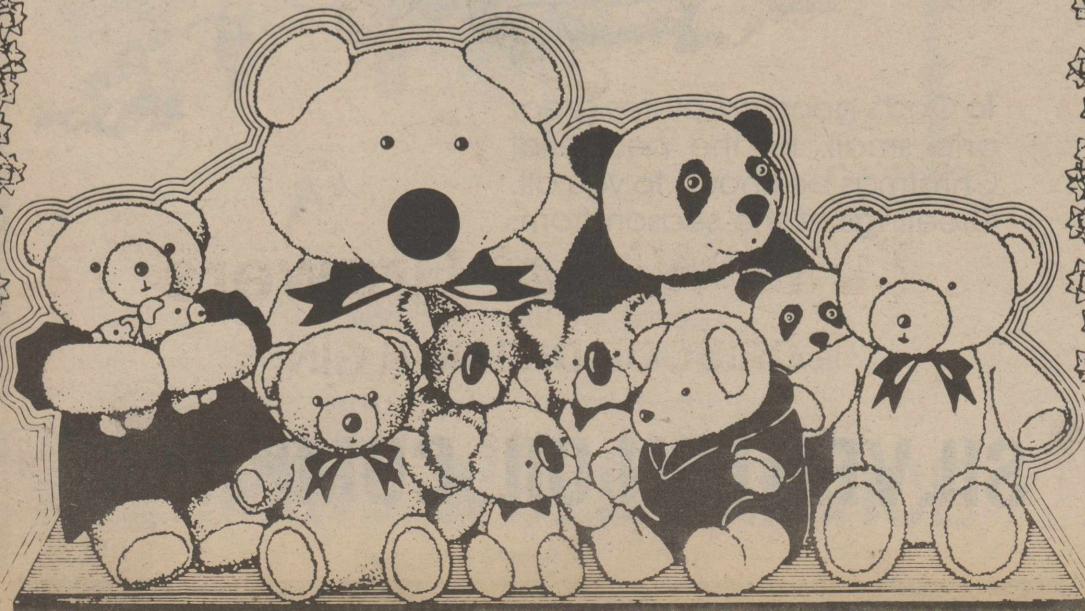
Ramon Garcia, Jr.  
Seventh Grade

Christmas is a time to give gifts. You are also supposed to receive gifts. You can also have a big dinner. At Christmas you are supposed to be happy and with your friends and family.

## A Bear-y, Merry Christmas

Cheer-filled tidings of the holiday season!  
To all, go our thanks for your support.

### Hutsell Jewelry



May universal joy be ours this Christmas.



Ronnie and Cora Chestnut and boys  
Ashel and Mildred McDaniel



### Christmas Means Caring To Me

Leslee Weaks  
Sixth Grade

What Christmas means to me is getting presents. It's not what's in them, it is who gave them. It's the thought of people caring enough to give them to me.

Most of all I like the caring and love everyone feels. I love my teachers so much, because they care enough to come teach me. The teachers I love are Mrs. Jennings, Ms. Self, and Mr. Reynolds. They are nice and very special. I hope they have a special Christmas.

They have been good enough for Santa Claus to come. I hope I am, because Santa caring means a lot to me. He cares for people enough to give freely. He means so much to me.

These are all of the things Christmas means to me. Not counting all of the mixed feelings of joy and happiness.



### Christmas Is Time For Happiness

Rosie Segura  
Sixth Grade

Christmas is the time for happiness. The time of year to let everyone share that loveliness. The time to give thanks to our loved ones. Christmas to me is time to be happy for everything you have.

Christmas is the time to go shopping in malls and other stores. The time to look for that perfect gift. Christmas is time to put up lovely lights. The time of year to put on a warm coat for those cold wintery nights.

Christmas is time to give thanks to God and to wait for Santa Claus. Christmas is time to be joyful and happy. When Santa Claus comes to town he doesn't want any child in the world to have an up or down, he wants everything to be peaceful and quiet.

### Christmas Is Time For Families To Celebrate

Holly Nance  
Sixth Grade

December 25 is a time for your family to come together and celebrate a very special time. The time is Christmas. Christmas is the day Christ our Savior was born. We celebrate this day by giving gifts to represent the wise men and shepherds bringing gifts to the new Child.

I believe that everyone should slow down at Christmas and look at the real meaning. Christmas is not just getting gifts and waiting for Santa, it's a birthday, Jesus'. I think everyone needs to know that while they are having fun at Christmas.

So, I guess what Christmas means to me most is coming together and sharing the love and special feeling of celebrating Christ's birthday.

### Christmas Is a Time For Fun

Gerado Ortega  
Sixth Grade

Christmas is a fun time to get presents, go on trips, and we go visiting. Christmas is also an enjoyable time when you get gifts, new clothes, and a new TV. You start praying for God. We go to church. Christmas is Jesus' birthday. Lights are turned on everywhere, and it's a bright day. You get chocolate candy, joy, happiness, love, understanding, forgiveness, parties, flowers, snow, bells. Friendship, toys, cartoons, Jesus, caring, balloons, stockings, giving, care, carols. Movies, cakes, tree, paperwrap, ribbons, puppy, candle, wreath. Relatives, special day, bright, courthouse, weather, snowman, visiting, shopping, pictures, fruit salad, turkey, bright, T-shirts, shirts, comfortable, happy. Reindeer, G-movies, elves, candy cane, yarn, kitten, rat, dog, paint, heart. Stool, pipe, boots, gifts. Panda, shoes, suits, VCR, doll, coat. Mary, socks, books, sharing, warm blankets.

And no Scrooge.

### Christmas Has a Lot of Meanings

Amy Minyard  
Eighth Grade

Christmas has a lot of different meanings to a lot of different people. Here are a few things that I think Christmas means.

Christmas is the time when Jesus was born. Christmas is also a time when people go and visit their relatives. Christmas is a time when you give people presents. Christmas is a time when there are a lot of good things to eat and is a good time to catch up on news about the family and friends. Christmas is a very happy time for many people, but especially for the kids.

Christmas is a very meaningful holiday for everyone.

### Christmas Is A Favorite Holiday

Christy Nease  
Eighth Grade

Christmas is one of my favorite holidays. I like Christmas because I receive gifts, and I also give gifts. People take more time for sharing and caring on this holiday. People have a chance to spend time with their loved ones. What's cute is watching the little kids in stores, asking Santa Claus to bring them different toys. Then listening to them telling each other what Santa Claus brought them on Christmas.

The main reason why I celebrate Christmas is a very special reason. I celebrate Christmas to recognize the birth of Jesus and how special He is to us. Some people don't even think about that. We wouldn't even have Christmas if Jesus wasn't born.

The best part about Christmas is going to parties and eating tons of sweet, fattening foods. Also getting out of school is a really good thing about Christmas. Showing love and affection is a nice thing about Christmas. These are just a few things that Christmas means to me.

*A very merry  
Christmas to all...  
and our sincere thanks  
for making this  
year one of  
the best ever!*

**Tulia Wheat Growers**  
**BRISCOE DIVISION GIN**  
**Gary House, General Manager**



**A**ND the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, Who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will." Luke 2, 10-14

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# O HOLY NIGHT

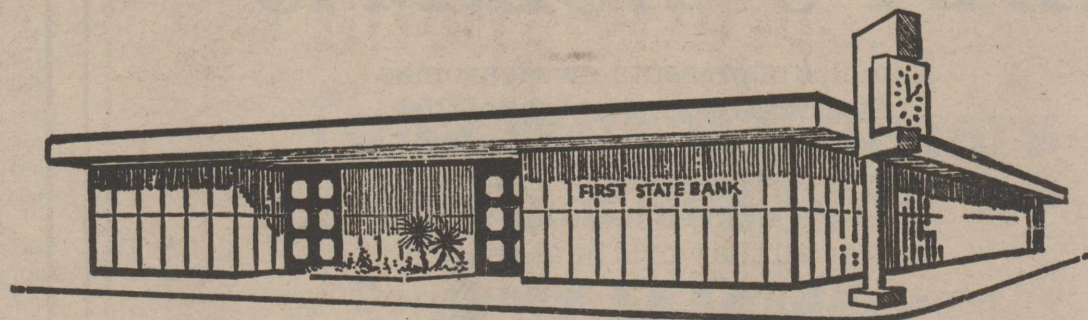


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David Tipton  
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Brenda Patton  
Madeline Stone  
Ada Clay

Patricia McJimsey  
Lura Brown  
Glenda Couch

t *State Bank*





### Christmas Is For Family and Loved Ones

Brandi Brunson  
Sixth Grade

I guess you could say that what Christmas means to me is family. What I mean is that Christmas is not the gifts or food. It is being with family and loved ones.

Every Christmas since I was little, all I could think about was presents, presents, and even more presents. Now that I am older I understand more about what Christmas should mean to me. I understand now that Christmas means being with friends and loved ones.

Even if you do want to give presents the thought should be "I am giving this gift because I care for you deeply." The thought should not be "presents, presents, and even more presents."

### Christmas Means Gifts For Family and Friends

Jo Ann Ramirez  
Sixth Grade

Christmas means a lot to me. It means getting gifts from family and friends. It also means getting to give gifts. Jesus was born at Christmas time, and that is another thing that makes Christmas special to me. At Christmas, all of your family gets together and visits with each other. Families have a big Christmas dinner with a turkey. I just can't wait until Christmas because we get eleven days off from school. Christmas is one of my favorite holidays. Christmas means a time of being joyful. Many people put Christmas trees up during Christmas. I'm glad we have such a nice time at Christmas.

### Everyone Gathers Around To Celebrate Christmas

Hilda Garcia  
Sixth Grade

Hi, my name is Hilda. Christmas to me means that everyone gathers around and they have fun, and give presents to the friends. Some people eat turkey or Christmas cookies. People say "Merry Christmas" to each other or shake hands.

Christmas is also the day that Jesus was born. Some people celebrate that.

Christmas is when Santa Claus brings toys to the good kids. Just when they go to sleep Santa comes down the chimney and puts the presents under the Christmas tree. You can also leave milk and cookies for Santa. That is what Christmas means to me.

### Christmas Traditions Are Special To Me

Rebecca Searce  
Seventh Grade

Christmas means a lot of things to everyone. There are also a lot of traditions to name.

These are all the things that make Christmas special. First, Christmas means the birth of Christ, who was born many years ago. It also means a time for families to get together and celebrate and exchange gifts.

There are many Christmas traditions, too. First, one tradition is to leave cookies and milk for Santa Claus. Another tradition is to hang a stocking above a fire place. These are all traditions and reasons I, myself, enjoy Christmas.



### My Favorite Holiday Is Christmas

Angie Castillo  
Seventh Grade

There are many holidays in a year. My favorite holiday is Christmas.

To me Christmas means joy and love between families. I think that instead of us receiving gifts, the Lord should because it's not our birthday. Christmas is a special time because we should give thanks and praise to the Lord. Christmas is a time to make snowmen and to go sledding. I also think Christmas means putting up Christmas trees and Christmas lights.

I like Christmas and I always learn something new about it. I think Christmas is a time of many happy things.

### Christmas Is Time to Celebrate Birth of Jesus

Matt Francis  
Seventh Grade

To me Christmas is a time to come together and give gifts in celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is a time to give.

It is also a time to have fun. People get to open presents, eat and have fun. Christmas is one of the best times of the year, for one reason, we are out of school.

### Christmas Is a Fun Holiday

Trent Smith  
Seventh Grade

This story is about what Christmas means to me.

Christmas is one of the most fun holidays. Christmas means a lot of things.

The most important thing about Christmas is that it is Christ's birthday. We give gifts because when Christ was born, people came and gave gifts.

Christ's birthday isn't the only thing about Christmas that is good. People like to get together with their families, and sometimes friends. Some people travel as far as 1,000 miles in car or plane just to be with their family and friends. Although some of the family can't make it, they are not forgotten about.

A big thing about Christmas is lights. Many people decorate their house or trees, plus many more things. The best thing about Christmas is the Christmas trees.

### Christmas Is Time To Be Jolly And Happy

Lloyd Rodriguez  
Sixth Grade

Christmas means very much to me because there is always many presents. There is also a lot of food to eat including turkey, corn, peas, cake and pies. Christmas is a time to be jolly and happy. Usually on Christmas we put a tree with lights all around it and presents under it. We also put lights all around the house so that during the night it will look nice. I also hope everyone has a nice Christmas.



# HAPPY HOLIDAY

Bundles of presents, sweet aromas of festive treats, the sight of the glowing tree, the sparkle in their eyes on Christmas morning... it's Christmas time.

May all the world be at peace.

## JERRY'S MALT SHOP



Like the Wise Men of old, let us worship the new-born Prince of Peace — may He bless you and yours.

## Johnson's Gin

Rex, Dorothy, Iva June  
Derrel and Dixie



**Christmas Is Time to Remember Jesus' Birth**

Stephen Cavitt  
Eighth Grade

Christmas is a time to think of the birth of Jesus.

Christmas is my favorite holiday. It is time that I get to see all of my relatives. I get to see my brother Jerry that lives in Levelland, that I don't get to see very much. I don't get to see my sister Laura that lives in Lubbock very often either. Christmas is also a time when people receive and give gifts to relatives and friends.

At Christmas I have a big meal with all of my relatives.

Christmas is also a time to get time off from school to have a rest.

**Christmas Means Many Things to People**

Casey Frizzell  
Eighth Grade

Christmas means many things to many different people.

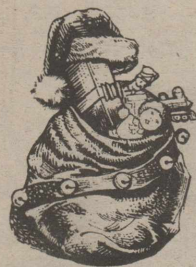
Many people celebrate it as the birthday of Christ. Many people celebrate it by giving presents to people and singing songs. Most people put up trees and set presents under it. On Christmas morning people get up and see what they have received. Christmas is a very special time in many people's lives.

Many people celebrate Christmas in their own ways.

**Christmas Is Being With Family**

Justin McFall  
Eighth Grade

To me, Christmas means being with my family. My dad gets off from work and my sister comes home. We usually go to my grandmother's and see my uncle and aunt and my cousin. My grandmother has been cooking all day. When we get there, we usually split into two groups, the adults and the kids. I should be with the adults, but then my little cousin would be alone. He is usually throwing something at me, but without him, the whole thing would be boring.



**Christmas Is Very Special Time**

Aimee Francis  
Eighth Grade

Christmas is a very special time. Christmas is my favorite time of the year. It is a giving time for all the people on earth.

The main reason we have Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Christ. I like all the festivity about Christmas. All the gift exchanging makes me warm up inside.

I wish Christmas came more than once a year. If everyday was Christmas, the world would be a much nicer place.

**Everyone Has Different Idea About Christmas**

Melissa Woods  
Eighth Grade

Everyone has a different idea of the meaning of Christmas. To me, Christmas is not just a time of giving and receiving, but a time to remember and rejoice. It is a time to remember Jesus and everything He has done for us. It is also a time to rejoice in His birth.

I do, however, think it is nice that people think so kindly of others that they give them "tokens" of their affection. No matter what a person's idea of the meaning of Christmas, they should at least be happy at Christmas.



**Christmas Is Getting Together, Being Happy**

Kayla Ramsey  
Seventh Grade

What Christmas means most to me is everyone getting together, and being happy. Christmas is a time for everyone to enjoy themselves.

Something that means a lot to me is that this Christmas, it will be on Sunday. I think it will be neat to go to church on Jesus' birthday. Christmas Sunday will be the most important Sunday to me.

One other thing that means a lot to me is everyone joining together and feasting over delicious food. Everyone getting around the Christmas tree and opening gifts and sharing love. Christmas is a very important and special time of year.

**Christmas Is Happy Time When Christ Was Born**

Wil Bomar  
Eighth Grade

Christmas is a happy time, it was when Christ was born. It is also when we get to celebrate His birthday by giving and receiving presents. We get out of school for a week or so to spend Christmas and New Year's. Christmas is a very special time to me. It's when your families are together, and love, and thankfulness is everywhere. You feel safe and loved. You also get presents and that's a lot of fun for everyone. You get a pretty tree and lots of presents. It's also fun giving presents.

**Christmas Means Being With Family And Friends**

Michael Hill  
Sixth Grade

Christmas means being with your family and friends. It means the time of joy and caring. It's not how many presents you get, it's watching the family opening theirs. You get to be with your family, eating delicious food, talking, and having fun. It is fun opening your presents and seeing what you got. But Christmas is a time of joy, and caring, and being with your friends. So that's what Christmas means to me.

A Christmas story, a Yuletide song, love is knowing that you belong to our family. Many thanks.

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We Will Be Closed  
December 22, 23 and 26  
and January 2

**BRISCOE COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

Now and throughout the year,  
we wish you 366 days of Yuletide cheer!

*Happy Holidays*

We Will Be Closed  
Saturday, Sunday and Monday

**Tulia Wheat Growers FARM STORE**

**TG** Open Weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **TG**  
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### Holiday Fires Belong In The Fireplace — Safety Tips Keep Holidays Happy

Displays in department store windows are the first sure sign that the holiday season is approaching. Soon, Christmas trees and decorations appear in homes, and houses are strung with colorful lights. While you are decorating your home, remember that festive decorations can be hazardous. Texas Safety Association warns that more residential fires occur during the holiday season than at any other time of the year. The following safety tips can help keep your holidays safer, healthier, and happier.

•If you buy a real Christmas tree, look for a fresh one with a strong pine scent and flexible branches. A tree can be a real fire hazard, especially if it has been allowed to dry out. Bounce the tree on the ground two or three times—if more than a few needles

fall, it is too dry.

•Before you set up your tree, cut about two inches from the end of the trunk, place the tree in water, and stand it in a cool place. When you are ready to set it up, choose a location away from heat sources (fireplaces, heaters) and out of the normal foot traffic areas. Use a strong, water-holding tree stand and check the water supply each day.

•Try to place your tree near an electrical outlet—avoid using extension cords if possible. Use lights and electric cords that have the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) mark. Inspect them for bare wires, loose connections, broken sockets, and dead bulbs.

•When decorating, use a sturdy stepladder. Don't hang breakable ornaments on lower branches where children or pets might pull them off.

•Always unplug your lights before going to bed or leaving the house.

•Keep decorative seasonal candles away from flammable materials, and out of reach of children. Don't place Christmas greenery on mantels over working fireplaces, and avoid hanging stockings too close to a fire.

•Avoid burning wrapping paper in your fireplace—some gift wraps contain materials that are toxic when burned.

•Keep a fire extinguisher in an easily reached place.

•Make sure that you have smoke alarms, and that they are in good working order.

•Keep plants such as poinsettia, mistletoe, holly, Jerusalem cherry, and amaryllis away from children. These plants are poisonous if eaten. If you think your child has eaten one, call your local poison control center immediately and follow their

instructions.

Texas Safety Association wishes you a safe and happy holiday season!

Texas Safety Association is a non-profit, non-governmental organization whose members work in government, private industry, and as individuals to prevent accidents and needless loss of life and property.



### Fancy Christmas Baubles

1. Cut out 8 scalloped circles, each about 2" in diameter from whatever pretty paper you might like. (Red or green tissue paper; red or green florists' cellophane paper; or just scraps from Christmas wrapping paper make pretty baubles.)

2. Place the circles one on top of the other in a stack.

3. Fold the top circle in the stack in half, then unfold it. Sew through all 8 circles with heavy thread or fine yarn, using the folded line as a guide. Leave a piece of the thread long enough at one end to hang the ball.

4. Open up the paper circles, spreading and slightly creasing each of the 16 sides so that they fluff out to make a lovely Christmas bauble.

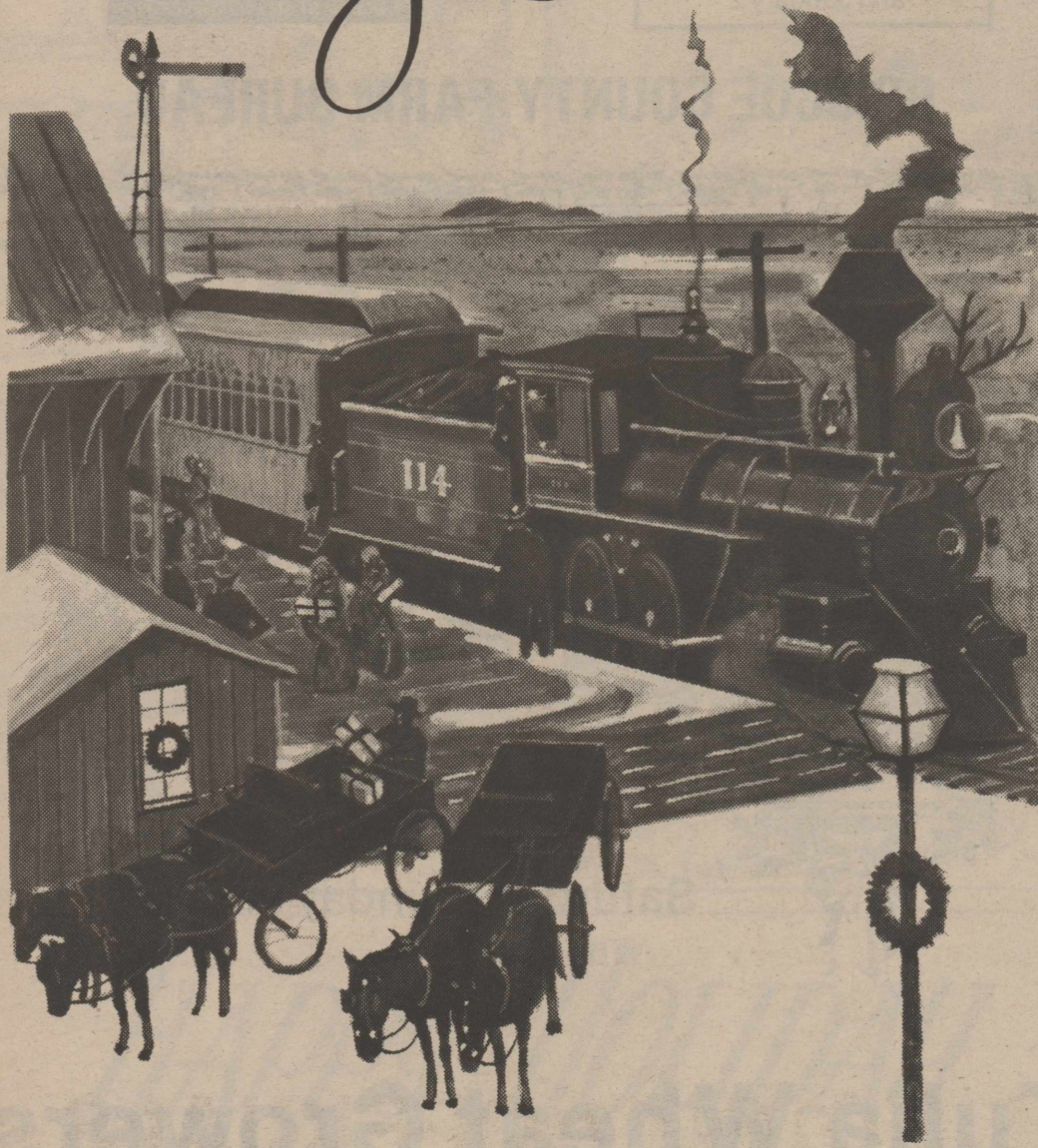
### The Magi

Through the centuries, the wise men or Magi became associated with the giving of gifts to children. In some countries today, it is on Three Kings Day—January 6—when gifts are distributed, rather than at Christmas itself.

The story of these colorfully garbed potentates following a star to the birthplace of the Infant Jesus to bestow him with gifts is one which captures the imagination and which has been described in song, paintings and even opera.

And, although we know little about the three mysterious travelers, we know that they must have indeed been wise—for wise men seek Him still.

# Merry Christmas



Thoughts of Christmas kindness go out to all our friends along with our thanks for the good will and support you've shown us!

## FLEMING WELL SERVICE

Leo and Peggy Fleming

.... and wise men still seek HIM



### Lighthouse Electric Cooperative





**SPECIAL ANGEL**

You can easily make a very beautiful angel for your treetop.

1. Use a plastic bottle for the body.
2. A styrofoam ball becomes the head. Paint the facial features on the ball. Fine, yellow, baby yarn can be glued on for hair.
3. Fold round, 8" doilies in half for the angel robe and for its wings.

Your special angel is personalized for your family; no one else will have one with the exact expression yours has!

**No Last Minute Shopping Panic**

Finally, you think the shopping is all finished. Then suddenly there's an unexpected gift to give. You've run out of ideas for each individual. There's no need to panic—most anyone would love a batch of homemade Christmas cookies, or a small loaf of banana or date-nut bread tied up with a ribbon. Fudge is always a welcome treat. A jar of your homemade jelly or Bread and Butter Pickles can be special.

Maybe the kitchen isn't your "cup of tea", then you might like to buy a pretty woven tray, basket, etc., and fill it with silk flowers or store-bought treats.

How about giving a magazine subscription—something that can be enjoyed all year! You could buy a copy to give, with a note attached saying that other issues will be coming throughout the year.

Teenagers, and even oldsters, would enjoy a gift certificate to be redeemed at pizza places, ice cream parlors, record stores, book stores, etc.



*Merry Christmas*

*Good tidings to all our friends. Wishing you all the joys of Christmas!*

*Amy's  
Beauty Salon*

*Amy & Bronc Otis*

# hAPPY YULETIDE



*Hear the sounds of Christmas: festive chimes, carolers' songs, laughter and words of good fellowship. The spirit of Christmas is welcomed once more! Merry Christmas to one and to all!*

## BRISCOE COUNTY OFFICIALS

Jimmy Ross, Judge  
 Bess McWilliams, Clerk  
 Tom West, Attorney  
 Dick Roehr, Sheriff  
 Janice Hill, Treasurer  
 Beverly Bowman, Surveyor

Fairy McWilliams, Tax Collector  
 James Edwards, Justice of the Peace  
 Shafe Weaver, Commissioner  
 L. B. Garvin, Commissioner  
 Bryant Eddleman, Commissioner



**Christmas Party Held  
In J. D. Nance Home**

J. D. and Lois Nance hosted a Christmas Party for the Prayer and Share Sisters and their

husbands. The group enjoyed playing "Guess the Song" and "Guess the Bible Character" charades. Everyone joined in singing Christmas carols and in



**Happy Birthday  
December 25!**

Doyle, Donna & Judy

fellowship. The White Elephant gift exchange brought lots of laughter and excitement, and unusual gifts.

Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. John Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell and the hosts.

**Dear Santa,**

My name is Will and I am five years old. Would you please bring me new cars and trucks and a train set. I have tried to be a good boy this year, but you know it is kind of hard when you have an older sister and an older brother.

I love you,  
Will Hill

Dear Santa,

I'm a good girl most of the time but I do make my Daddy pull his hair out sometimes. Please bring

me a doll, rocking chair and some snow at Nanny and Big Daddy's house in Silverton. I love you.

Kymerli May  
Age 2  
Houston

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? Since I can't write yet, my mother is writing this for me. I have been fairly good this year.

Here is a list of things I would like to get for Christmas. I want a firetruck, my little pony, a rainbow color, Teddy Ruxpin, a baking set, some clothes and a new pair of snowboots.

Love  
Brandi Rice

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a firetruck for Christmas. Please leave my big brother a toy too. We have tried to be real good. I will leave you a snack by the fireplace. Tell my papaw hi when

you see him Christmas Eve. I love you,  
Eric

**The Greatest  
Gift... Love**

Love is a warm or tender feeling or a strong affection and deep devotion between people. Kindergarten through Third Grade classes have been doing a study of Love at this special time of the year. The following are direct quotes from Kindergarten and First Grade as to what Love means to them: Mom, friends, Grandmother, Dad, pets, cousins, babies, family, Me, Aunts, Dara, like somebody, like someone, Christmas, Jesus, God, man and a wife, a marriage, a good feeling inside, puppy, love in your heart, a kiss, a hug, Grandparents, brothers, sisters, Mary, and parents.

Second and Third Grades wrote definitions for love and most wrote that it was liking someone or that it was caring for others. Shauna wrote that "Love is a strong feeling between two or more people and that it is nice, kind, and friendly. Some examples of love that they all gave were kindness, being good, patience, being nice, making you happy, cheer, Christmas, getting together, gentleness, sharing, loyalty, and thoughtfulness.

When telling what they thought was the Greatest Gift, very few thought it was material things. They thought it was Love, God, Jesus, present for God, loving God, Mom, Faith, and giving and getting. Both Reagan boys thought the Greatest Gift was Life.

Kindergarten, First, Second and Third Grades wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Choosing Safe Toys**

A merry Christmas depends a great deal on safe toys. Some guidelines in choosing safe toys are:

- Check to see if noses, eyes, etc., are firmly secured, on dolls and stuffed toys.
- Toys that shoot small projectiles may injure eyes or get caught in throats.
- Toys with long cords or strings can trip.
- Save the toys with heating elements only for eight-year-olds or older.
- Protective tips should be on arrows and darts.
- Fatalities and permanent brain damage have been reported due to toy chest lids falling on children's heads or necks. Choose toy chests with this in mind.
- For the little "taster" toddlers, avoid toys that might not make for a safe "diet."

**Christmas Chimney  
Sweeps**

The housewives of Northern Europe wanted to have their chimneys cleaned before the winter season to enable the fireplace to burn better, but since it was just before the Yuletide season the children were told that the chimney sweeps were cleaning the chimney so Santa could get down more easily to fill their stockings with gifts.

**One Solitary Life**

*He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He never went to college. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.*

*He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends deserted him. 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 the only piece of property he had - his coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.*

*Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this "One Solitary Life."*

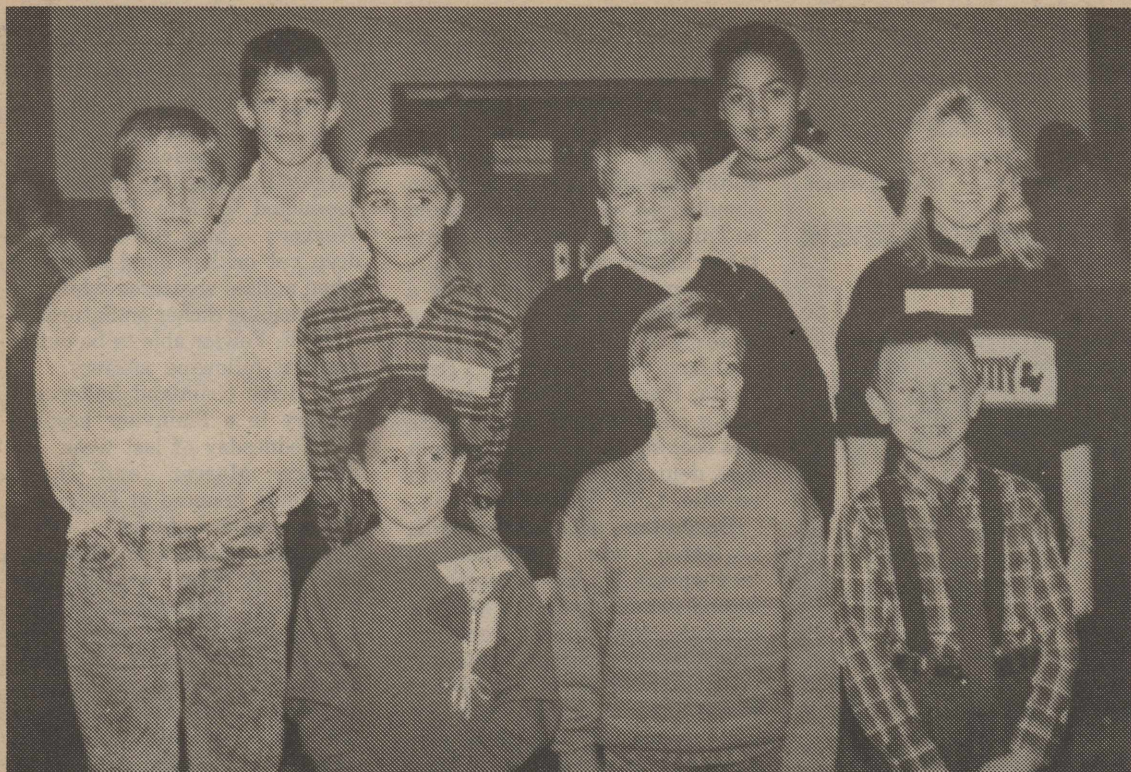


Although this poem has become popular in recent years, it is not a contemporary piece. The poem actually has tracings back to medieval times, and the poet to this day remains anonymous.

**We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas Season, and celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.**

Merry  
**CHRISTMAS**  
from  
**SWISHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**





South Plains District 4-H Food Show participants (front row, left to right) Molly Brooks, Marshall McCammon, Trey Wyatt; (middle row) Mac Chestnut, Jarrett Pigg, Patrick O'Neal and Ashleigh Wyatt; (back row) Josh Brooks and Cecilia Castillo.

### Boost Cattle With Extra Nutrients In Wintertime

Cattle graze pastures all year long, but the nutrient composition changes with the season, and fall and winter diets are generally low in protein, minerals and vitamins, and thus usually inadequate for grazing beef cattle.

Once grass has stopped growing and loses its green lush appearance, it becomes coarse and fibrous, said Curtis Preston, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Crude protein content of grass falls, and the forage becomes harder for cattle to digest.

Animals consuming diets low in protein lose their appetite, develop a rough appearance, become weak and possess lowered resistance to disease, and overall growth, reproduction and calf weights are greatly reduced, Preston said.

Some people think cattle can simply consume more to make up the needed nutrients, said Preston. But, since the grass is slowly digested, consumption is lowered and the animal receives even less nutrients.

If protein is added to this type of diet, digestion will increase, and eventually the animal will eat more.

Protein supplements are available in many types and forms, such as cubes, cakes and

liquids. Each will vary in nutrient composition and concentration, and the producer should be aware of the protein amount, Preston said.

Since protein is required for growth and milk production, protein requirements for developing heifers and lactating cows are higher than for dry, pregnant cows, Preston said.

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Also, the amount of dry matter (energy), minerals, vitamins and protein should all be considered when a deficiency occurs.

When energy is low, some grain

## Social Security In Briscoe County

by Terry J. Clements

The most common reason for failure to receive a Social Security check is not reporting a change of address. A change of address may be reported to any Social Security office by phone or mail.

Some people apparently think that's all they have to do to report a change of address to the post office. However, the post office will forward mail to the new address for only one year, after which any mail that does not contain the new address is returned to the sender.

People who have their checks sent directly to their bank and fail to report a change of address, also risk having their checks interrupted. Social Security periodically checks to see if the

proper person is receiving the checks and if there is no response to the mailed inquiry, the checks may be stopped.

In addition, direct depositors who fail to report a change of address may miss receiving important information mailed to beneficiaries that may affect their checks.

If you have any questions about reporting your new address, or if you wish to file a claim call 1-800-2345-SSA.

### Happy Anniversary To...

December 22—Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kitchens

December 24—Mr. and Mrs. James Patton

December 27—Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe

December 28—Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis

The ancient Greeks believed that drinking from certain springs or wells would give them prophetic powers.

should be fed as an energy supplement along with protein to make up the difference, said Preston.

# EDUCATIONAL SURVEY

Clarendon College is conducting a survey to determine interest in specific adult education courses to be held in Silverton. Please indicate your interest by checking (✓) the appropriate blank and returning this survey to the Superintendent of Schools, David Cavitt. (High School students in Grades 9-12 may also take courses for college credit.

- INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS
  - Basic Programming
  - Lotus I, II, III
  - Word Processing
  - Advance Programming
- HISTORY
- ENGLISH
- ACCOUNTING
- CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH
- REAL ESTATE
- READING
- GOVERNMENT
- COLLEGE ALGEBRA
- OTHER (Please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Will Be in the Silverton High School Library at 7:00 p.m. January 16, 1989



May your road be smooth and your fortunes wide, with those you love, with you by your side. Merry Christmas!

## Silverton Auto Parts

H. A. and Jo Cagle

Fred, Pat, Tammi and Neal Edwards



# Looking Back

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

December 21, 1978—Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Masey buried . . . Gary Grady has leased the Texaco Service Station following the retirement of Ashel McDaniel who had operated the station for 15 years . . . Lesa

Francis is winner of Sarah Ross Jarvis scholarship with which to continue her education in the nursing profession . . . Cynthia Edwards wins state "Make It With Wool" contest . . . Jord Hollingsworth underwent

surgery Tuesday at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo . . . L. D. Griffin fell from the roof of his home Friday afternoon as he was putting up Christmas lights, landing on a brick fence. He splintered his left arm from shoulder to wrist. He was taken to Tulia for first aid before being taken to an Amarillo hospital . . . Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good boy. I would like a motorcycle and a surprise. Thank you. Love, Casey Frizzell . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a wagon and a clean-up set corning ware and cooking factory and a lincoln logs, deluxe pool table and a coin register. Love, Venita Asebedo . . .

December 19, 1968—Owls, Owlettes win trophies in tournament . . . Linda Scott was second runner-up in the Mr. Executive Sweetheart contest sponsored by Nu Tau Sigma sorority . . . Dear Santa, This year I would like a big drum set, and a voice control airport. I would also like a little pool table. I have been a very good boy this year. We will leave you a snack. Your friend, Mike Graham . . . Dear Santa, I want a Baby Small Talk and a billfold. I have been a good girl. Love you, Scotti Fleming . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rampley are parents of a son . . . Dear Santa, I want a big bike for Christmas this year if it is possible. Sure hope you can. Merry Christmas to you. Love, Greg Hill . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a Marvel the Mustang and farm set and a baby doll with a play pen. I am trying

to be good. Yours truly, Amy Perkins . . .

December 18, 1958—Flake Montgomery, brother of Mrs. Tony Burson, died Sunday . . . Dr. W. A. Sedgwick undergoes surgery in Amarillo . . . Last rites conducted for Mrs. Edith Clyde Weaver . . . Mrs. Bill Long has a deep cut on her hand sustained when a glass shattered while she was washing dishes on Saturday . . . H. E. Fowler able to be out of hospital following surgery . . . Mrs. Jesse Grimland underwent surgery in a Plainview hospital on Wednesday of last week . . . Sandra Mercer and Lynn McDonald honored at District 4-H Banquet in Lubbock . . . Rev. Bob Beck of Quitaque, Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Elrod and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tennison attended a district nine Baptist Church Association meeting in Littlefield last Friday . . . Mrs. Lem Weaver, who spent a few days last week in the Tulia hospital, was taken back to the hospital on Monday with an infected arm . . .

December 23, 1948—J. M. Willson and Mrs. Tom Nichols donate organ to Silverton Methodist Church . . . J. N. Cantwell suffered a stroke Friday morning at the family home . . . Joe Hill brings in six-inch water well on his farm located three-quarters of a mile northeast of Whiteley Switch . . . John Janes has purchased the Silverton Cafe . . . Don Bomar stricken with infantile paralysis at the home of his parents . . . Frances Tunnell had the misfortune of breaking her arm in a fall from her bike while playing at the Cleat Miller home Tuesday . . . Stanton Crow water well is good producer . . . Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Stephens and family left Friday for Phoenix, Arizona where they will spend the Christmas holiday with her brother, Neil Woodfin . . . Dear Santa Claus, I have been a very good boy this year. So please bring me a football suit and a bicycle. Bring me lots of fruits, nuts and candy. Please don't forget the other boys and girls. With love, Thomas Lee Perkins . . . Dear Santa Claus, I would like a 12 gauge shotgun, a box of shells and a shell belt, too. Your good boy, Stephen Jarnagin . . . Joy Ann Gatewood honored on eighth birthday . . . Miss Frances May initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta at Tech . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brannon, jr. are parents of a son . . .

December 22, 1938—Prominent Briscoe County farmer, M. M. Edwards, 63, passed away at his home southeast of Silverton December 17. He had been in poor health for several years . . . Commissioners may discontinue services of County Agent . . . Dear Santa, I want a red wagon and some candy. I am in the third grade and I am nine years old. My brother wants a little wagon. We are going to get a Christmas tree. We are going to decorate it. I'm sure it will be pretty. Your friend, Wilton Whitehead . . . Miss Corine Deavenport is bride of Lowell Jarrett . . . "S" Club organized for lettermen . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dee Garvin are parents of a nine pound boy . . . Dear Santa, I have been a nice little girl and have studied hard. Will you please bring me a doll and table and chairs? Thanks, Betty Gardner . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a paint set and don't forget my little sister. Dorothy Edens . . .

# HAPPY HOLIDAY



May your holidays be merry and filled with the good things in life. Our sincere thanks for your patronage.

**BROWN HARDWARE**  
Carol, Mary and Max Davis



A fully loaded supertanker travelling at its normal speed of 16 knots needs at least twenty minutes to stop.

# Happy Holidays



Wishing you everything bright and beautiful in this and all seasons. We prize your continuing friendship and say "thanks."

**SILVERTON ELEVATORS**

George Long Roy Montague



**Christmas Is Special Time of Family, Fun and Cheer**

Christa Tucker  
Seventh Grade

Christmas is a special time of family, fun and cheer. Christmas is a holiday that happens every year.

We can see the houses at night, With all the lights shining so bright.

We always have fun decorating the tree,

Because our spirits are filled with glee.

All the children express their joys,

When they open their presents and find their toys.

The pleasant odors in the air, The beautiful songs that are sung Help everyone to remember, Just how this had begun.

The privilege of this season, Must never be forgotten.

For it was Jesus Christ our Savior

Who came and set us free. And this is what Christmas Will always mean to me!

**Christmas Means A Lot To Me**

Braden Towe  
Seventh Grade

Christmas means a lot to me. I will tell a few of the reasons.

The main thing Christmas means to me, is a time to celebrate Jesus' birthday. It's also a time for family and friends to worship together. It's a time for giving to the needy and homeless, so they may have a merry Christmas. It's also a time to prepare for a new year. Christmas is kind of like a huge birthday party. It's like everyone is having a birthday on the same day. These are reasons why Christmas means a lot to me.

**Families Gather To Celebrate Jesus' Birth**

Kami Martin  
Seventh Grade

Christmas means to me that families get together and worship



Thanks for letting us serve you!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

J. R. & Gladys

Steele

Jesus' birthday. Christmas is a very special time for all of the love and joy of each family getting together.

I really love Christmas because of all of the surprises of opening gifts and seeing what you get. It is all right to get presents, but presents aren't everything to Christmas.

Christmas means to me that I look forward to worship Jesus' birthday and the love and joy from the families getting together on Christmas Day. Christmas also means to me that it is a season of joy and happiness.



**Christmas Is Special Time of The Year**

Maria Justice  
Eighth Grade

Christmas is a special time of year. It is a time when families get together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. People often exchange gifts on this occasion.

This year I would like to receive a stereo system and a portable color television. I would also like a keyboard.

I am glad that I am fortunate enough to be able to celebrate Christmas.

This year I am spending Christmas with all of my family. I am happy because this will be the first time in nine years that this has happened.

To me, Christmas means a time for giving, sharing and helping.



**Christmas Is Lights, Tinsel, Gifts, Happiness**

Stoney Hubbard  
Seventh Grade

Christmas is the most wonderful of all the holidays. Christmas means pretty lights, shiny tinsel, brightly wrapped presents, good smells, and happiness. The sights and sounds of Christmas are everywhere. It is a lot of fun getting presents, but I think it is just as much fun choosing presents for my family and saving money to buy them. So, I guess, what I always hear during the Christmas holidays is true, that it means more to give than to receive.

My parents always remind me of all the children who don't get much for Christmas, and I feel badly for them. I see poor, hungry people on television and that makes me feel badly, too. I wish all the people in the world could have a nice Christmas and be happy. I guess all the people that give to the poor helps some. I give some of my allowance to the ones ringing bells when we go shopping. It makes me feel good.

It seems, though, that everyone remembers nice things during Christmas. The reason people think of good things is because it is Jesus' birthday and Jesus stands for happiness, love and giving. So, all of these things are really what Christmas means to me.

**Be Happy For All We Have At Christmas**

Jose Araujo

Christmas means a lot of things to me. But mostly means to be happy for all that we have. For example, be happy that we live in a free country and also to be happy to have parents to take care of you when you are ill. It also means to have a great Christmas Eve and to have fun with all the presents your friends, parents and relatives that care about you give. Also Christmas means to stay up all night Christmas Eve and open all the presents. And it also means to get all friends, relatives and parents together for a great supper on Christmas Eve.

**Christmas Is For Getting Together With Family**

Lance Smith  
Eighth Grade

Christmas is the time of year for gathering together with family and friends. For worshipping God and going to church. Christmas is a time for

being thankful for what we have and sharing it.

Christmas for all people, should be a time of happiness and joy. It is a special holiday for all.

**Christmas Is a Time To Be Happy**

Cecilia Castillo  
Eighth Grade

There are a lot of holidays in a year. One holiday is Christmas. Christmas is a time to be happy because Jesus is born. It is also a time of joy, love and praise.

To me Christmas means not getting that many things from other people, but to give to the homeless, people that go hungry and little kids that are not wanted by their mom and dad. Christmas is also a time to go and meet other people you do not even know. It is also a time to thank the Lord for letting the day come, that I am living in a house with my family, that all of my brothers and sisters are fine, and for my mom and dad.

This is what Christmas means to me.

**PEACE**  
MAY YOUR DAYS  
RESOUND WITH  
HEALTH AND  
PROSPERITY AT  
CHRISTMAS.

**Ziegler Pump Company**

**JOY AND PEACE**

We're chiming in with best wishes for the coming year. May it continue to bring you joy and happiness!

**GRABBE - SIMPSON MOTORS, INC.**

Joe Grabbe 995-3565 H. B. Simpson



A rose by any other name may be a peach—at least according to botanists who class the peach tree in the rose family.

# Peace



May you share the joy of this Holiday Season with the special ones you love!

Frances Crass

### Dear Santa,

My name is Amy and I am five years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year. Would you please bring me some Barbie clothes, a Ken doll, the Hungry Hungry Hippos and Crackers in My Bed games; Light Brite, Easy Bake Oven, a doll, and some clothes.

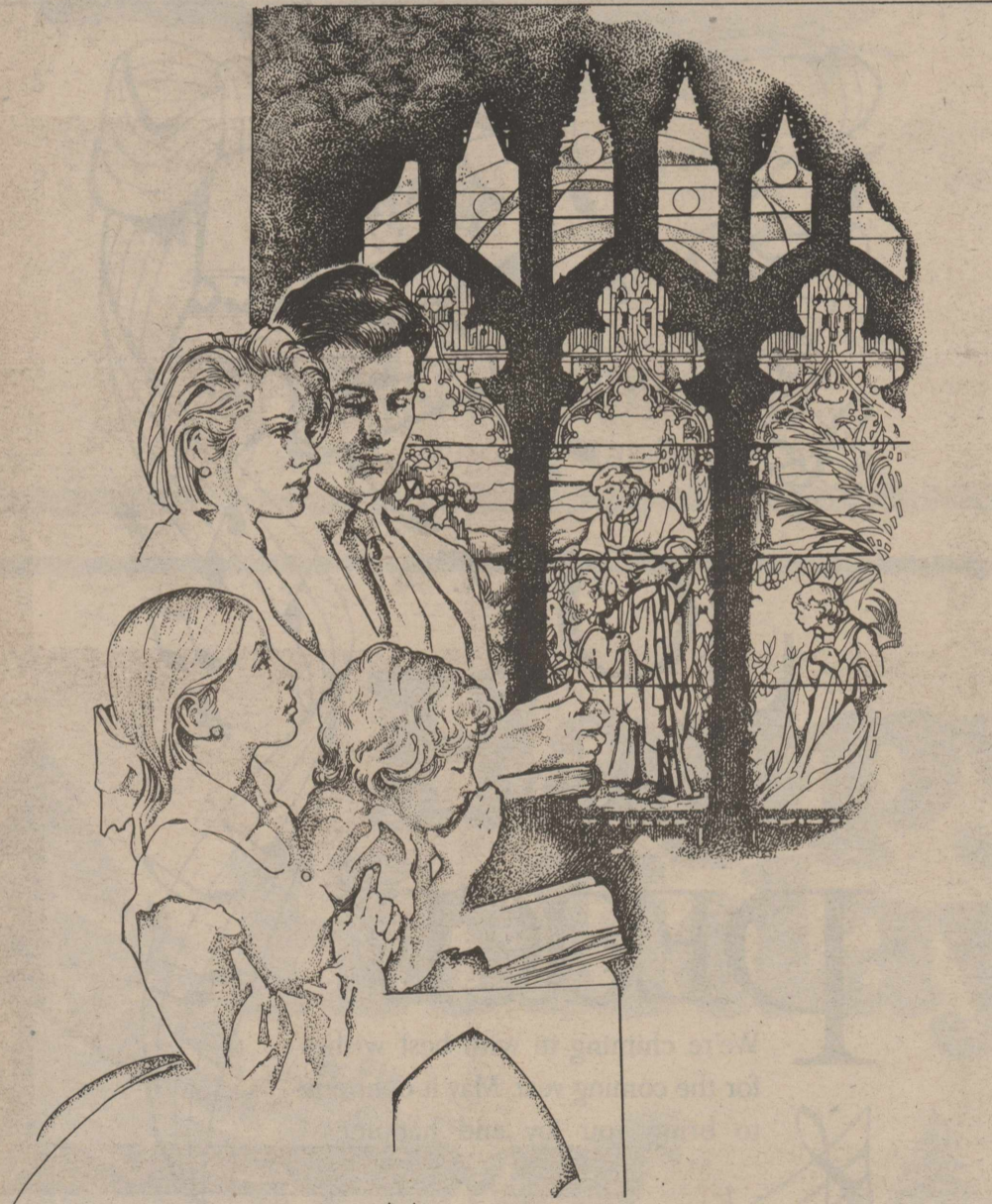
Please don't forget my new baby brother, Joshua. Please bring him a Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck doll, some toys, a train for his baby bed and some clothes. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,  
Amy Maciel



Dana Jurhee Strebeck and Jay Patrick Long were united in marriage December 3, with Rev. Marty Hamrick officiating. The ceremony was held in the bride's home in Amarillo. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Linda Pirtle of Plainview and Robert Strebeck of Amarillo. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Long of Silverton.

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



May the mystery of faith unfold to protect and provide your family with peace.

To all we wish a happy, healthy holiday.

# VERLIN B. TOWE, Inc.

Verlin and Addlene Towe

Jay, Patsy, Julie and Braden Towe

### Happy Birthday To...

December 22—Ravenel Grewe, Sonya Bitner, Donnie Perkins, Carl Bomar, Frances Kellum

December 23—Kim Mayfield, Fred Mercer, Earlyne Hutsell, Jeannita Stephens, Iris Burson, Frank Mercer

December 24—Berle Fisch, Sally Grimland, Jack Robertson, jr.

December 25—Joe Grabbe, Donna Estes, Dorothy Bomar, Nora Lee Yeary

December 26—Lindsey Jennings, Sloan Grabbe, Eddie

### Baker

December 27—Fern Parker, Brady Grant, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Ellen Edwards, Dara Ramsey

December 28—Braden Towe, Bill Settle, Mary Chris Cantwell, Walter Bean, Kathy Perkins



The longer glass stays under water, the stronger it gets.



Let your gladness have no end.

We're so very glad to know and serve you. Many thanks.

### PAYMASTER GINNING SERVICES

Jackie & Ron

Jack & Charles



**Dear Santa,**

I want bunny shoes and duck shoes and a new tractor. That's all. I want to talk to you about these things.

When it's cold and when your reindeer get sick, you can put a sign up that you go in a parachute. Do these little people go to the houses with you? They are helpers. There's a little bitty thing for Max I saw for him and it's one of those little things upside down, like people. I want to say, can you bring Max that? I want to wrap it for you, Santa Claus. Nee-nee is sick. She gets cookies too. I love you, Santa Claus and Nee-nee and I love pepa. He always gives me gum and I will give you gum and you will take it with you.

Chase Comer  
Age 3

Dear Santa,

I like you so much. I have been very good this year.

Please bring me a Barbie car, a scooter, some clothes for Barbie, and Lite Brite.

Please bring my brother, Yance, a horse to ride, and a little car.

We will leave you some milk and cookies when you come.

Love,  
Tarran  
and  
Yance Forbes

Dear Santa,

This year I wish for a plow, train set, and a race car set. I'd also like a play-like Coca-Cola set.

I like your sleigh and reindeer and the color of your suit! I like your elves too!

I love you!  
Matt Strange

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll and high chair. I want some Barbie doll stuff too.

I love you!  
Kassie Strange

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good boy this year. Please bring me a Mighty Mo, Cops and a G.I. Joe. Please remember that we will be at the farm with Big Grandad and Grandmother at Lockney and at Silverton with Nanny and Big Daddy.

Preston May  
Age 4  
Houston

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good boy this year. I want a skateboard. Please remember all the other kids around the world especially my cousins who live in Davenport Ia., Lubbock, Lockney, San Angelo, Quitman, and Plainview.

Your friend,  
Anthony May  
age 7  
Houston

Dear Santa,

My name is Stormy. I am two years old. I have a little sister whose name is Sage. She is one year old. We have been pretty good this year so please bring us a pink and blue present. We love you very much. Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Stormy

Before the Chinese invented paper around the year A. D. 100, they wrote on bones, tortoise shells and silk.

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Give your regular houseplants a festive, Christmas look!

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get some first-hand information about Silverton. I would love to hear from anybody or if I can be of help to anyone that is in the Houston area, please drop me a line or call.

Sincerely,  
Thurman May  
9018 Chesney Downs Dr.  
Houston, TX 77083  
713-561-6336

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Enclosed is a renewal check for another year of The Briscoe County News. I really look forward to getting it every week and keeping up with the people I know and remember. My business takes me back to Amarillo (we lived there for 14 years and my wife's company moved us to Houston in the Fall of '87) once a month and my parents come up to see me so I do

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FOUND: AIR TANK. Owner may have by describing and paying for ad. Sylvia Fogerson. 51-1tc

**Cards of Thanks**

Thanks to all the Paramedics and EMTs that tended to Orford after his accident. We're proud of our ambulance service. Orford and Christene

I wish to thank all of you who sent cards, for the phone calls and visits and prayers while I was in the hospital and since I have been home. A special thanks to the joint card from members of the Church of Christ and their minister, Bro. Kingery, and a special thanks for the prayer said in my behalf and the joint letter from members of the Baptist Church and pastor, Bro. Jim Browning. Visits and phone calls. I did so appreciate those of my family who came from a distance to be with me while I was in the hospital. May God richly bless all of you in your hour of need. It's so nice to know that others care. Louise and Ewing Vaughan

**Boy Scout News**

Silverton Boy Scout Troop 262 wishes everyone a merry Christmas, and may God bless you all.

Mark Eddleman, Scoutmaster  
Tommy Davis  
Jeff Smith  
Kirk Couch  
Stan Gamble  
Anthony Gamble  
Zeb Holt  
Lance Holt  
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*Gifts Galore*

What's happening Thursday night? See display ad! Refreshments! Buy one pair ladies-panties, get second pair one-half price! Melissa dresses, 40% off! Fleece fabric, \$4.00 yd., Liquid Leather, \$6.00 ea. Scarves by the yard, \$3.50 ea. This week's winner is Wanda Hancock. 51-1tc

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