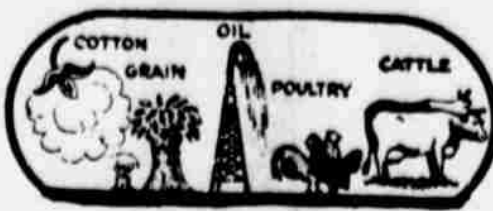


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Merry Christmas



*From all of us
to all of you, our
best and merriest
wishes. Here's hoping
the holiday season
holds for you many present
delights. Sincere
thanks for the opportunities you've
given us to be of service. Have a simply wonderful holiday.*

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Goodfellow Fund Goal Short

Haskell Lions Club Goodfellow Fund chairmen announced this week that the Goodfellows would distribute 55 baskets Tuesday morning to needy families in Haskell. Cost for the 55 baskets will be about \$1,100.00. Goodfellow donations to date total \$818.00.

Donations will be accepted for several days after the baskets are distributed but anyone who has not donated and wishes to do so are urged to make their donation as soon as possible.

Members of the Lions Club packed the boxes Monday night and assisted by members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, City Employees and several others

distributed the boxes Tuesday morning.

DONATIONS

- Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Medford in memory of our grandson, Robin Mark Medford... 5.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cortez and Sarah Ann... 10.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bailey... 10.00
- In loving memory of Fred Gilliam, our PaPa, Shane and Kelli Gilliam... 10.00
- In appreciation of those who teach Coxes Army... 15.00
- Anonymous... 25.00
- Haskell IOOF Lodge... 25.00
- Harvey Fagan... 10.00
- Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Chapman... 10.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman... 10.00
- Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Coston... 10.00
- Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Felker... 10.00
- Olen Dotson... 10.00
- Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Williams... 25.00
- Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Barnett... 10.00
- In memory of John Brock, Mrs. Ab Hutchens, Mr. and Mrs. Archie L. Jones and Mrs. D. A. Jones... 15.00
- Total this week... 210.00
- TOTAL TO DATE... 818.00**

Accident Report For November

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated five accidents on rural highways in Haskell County during the month of November, 1975, according to Sergeant Frank Jirick, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in no persons killed and four persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first 11 months of 1975 shows a total of 50 accidents resulting in three persons killed and 38 persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for November, 1975, shows a total of 530 accidents resulting in 14 persons killed and 258 persons injured, as compared to November, 1974, with 497 accidents resulting in 10 persons killed and 229 persons injured. This was 33 more accidents, four more killed, and 29 more injured in 1975 at the same period of time.

The traffic deaths for the month of November, 1975, occurred in the following counties: Two each in Swisher and Wilbarger; and one each in Clay, Crosby, Lubbock, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Hutchinson, Oldham, and Wheeler.

Miller Creek Water

In a recent analysis of a sample of water collected from Miller Creek Lake shows that the water is very good.

The analysis listed below shows what the present city water contains and what the recommended limits for drinking water and what Miller Creek contains: iron .20, .3, 0; manganese 0, .05, 0; sulphate 310, 250, 185; chloride 530, 250, 109; fluoride 1.8, 0.6-1.0, .5; nitrate 140, 45, .7; total solids 0, 500, 0.

Recommended limits were not listed for the following: calcium 187, 74; magnesium 102, 37; sodium 255, 85; carbonate 0, 0; bicarbonate 350, 203; dissolved solids 1880, 700; phenolphthalein alkalinity as CaCO₃ 0, 0; total alkalinity as CaCO₃ 287, 166; total hardness as CaCO₃ 890, 338; pH 7.5, 7.9; diluted conductance micromhos/CM 3410, 1200.

New Assistant County Agent



KENNETH W. HILLIARD

LUBBOCK—Mr. Kenneth W. Hilliard was appointed assistant county Extension agent in Lubbock County effective December 16, according to County Judge Rod Shaw and District Extension Agent Billy C. Gunter.

Kenneth is a native of Haskell and will receive the B.S. degree in agricultural education from Texas Tech University this month. He attended Cisco Junior College where he completed an Associate of Science degree.

At Texas Tech, he was a member of the Collegiate FFA and was named to the Dean's Honor List in 1974 and 1975. He has worked in agriculture-related jobs while pursuing his college education.

The former Cinda Ann Stephenson of Idolou is Hilliard's wife.

As assistant county Extension agent, he will help provide leadership for 4-H Club and agricultural work in Lubbock County under the guidance of County Extension Agent (agriculture) Ken Cook.

Hilliard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hilliard of Haskell. He is a graduate of Haskell High School.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

A New Year's party for all youths from the 7th grade thru college will be January 31, from 8:30 p.m. till 12:30 a.m. at the House of Life.

Games, refreshments and a full length Alford Hitchcock movie is planned. The price is 50 cents per person—plan now to come and stay for the entire evening.

Christmas Winners Are Named

The third drawing of the Haskell Merchants Christmas program was held Saturday, December 20.

The winners include: Velma Mansker, \$100.00; Rosey Arellano, \$50.00; Orville Darden, \$50.00; Mrs. Lonnie Barnes, \$50.00; Jess Matthews, \$50.00; Orville McFadden, \$50.00; and Oleta Whitaker, Rule, \$50.00. The second Jackpot of \$100.00 was not won and the Jackpot drawing was held Tuesday, Dec. 23.

The winning tickets came from M System, Pogue Grocery, Bailey Toliver Chevrolet, Fouts Dry Goods, Parkers Super Market, Heidenheimers and Boon's Cleaning Center.

Area Residents Reminded Of City Ordinance

Chief of Police Tom Paul Barnett reminds local residents that the City of Haskell has an ordinance against the shooting of fireworks within the city limits.

He warned that the ordinance would be enforced.

Dry grass and high winds combined make the shooting of fireworks an extreme fire hazard.

In addition to the fire hazard, fireworks are a nuisance to many people.

All area residents who shoot fireworks outside the city limits are urged to practice extreme caution, not only to prevent fires but also personal injury to hands, eyes, and ears.

Three Charged With Burglary

Bonds were set at \$3,000.00 and \$5,000.00 for three men in the burglary of the Medicine Chest on two occasions, about November 28 and about December 17.

Bond was set for John Andrew Tomb, Colorado City, at \$3,000 and \$5,000 one on each burglary, Michael Dale Teaff, of Sweetwater, a \$5,000 bond and Donald Edward Anz, Sweetwater, bond at \$3,000.

Burglary charges have been filed and grand Jury action is pending on January 5.

NOTICE

The Free Press will be closed December 25, 26, and 27 for the Christmas holidays, and ad deadline for the January 1, issue will be noon, December 30.

Higher Power Bills Ahead

Billy Holbert, general manager of B-K Electric Co., Inc., Seymour, reported that members of the cooperative would be faced with higher power bills as a result of the higher fuel charges being passed on to the cooperative.

Electric Cooperative, a contract with the Brazos System for wholesale power is then distributed to B-K Coop. consumers.

charges have risen steadily since Jan. 1973 and it would appear that these charges will rise even higher in the future.

Mr. Holbert emphasizes that these fuel adjustment charges passed on to B-K Electric Cooperative consumers do not benefit B-K Electric Cooperative in any way. These are passed on to the Brazos System.

The board of directors and management of B-K Electric Cooperative expressed deep concern about this increasing cost to the members of the cooperative and stated that negotiations and meetings with the Brazos System and officials of the Rural Electrification Administration of Washington D. C. had failed

to produce any relief from these high fuel costs.

The first 11 months of 1974 the Cooperative paid \$207,010 in fuel adjustment charges. In the same period in 1975 these charges amounted to \$459,936, an increase of \$252,926 of 122%. This is very disturbing to us as there is nothing that we can do to control this increasing cost each month. The Railroad Commission allows the cost of gas to be passed on the people who generate electricity and the producers continue to raise the price of gas.

Efforts are continuing to provide relief from these higher pass through fuel charges.

Matrons Club Holds Party

The Weinert Matrons Club held their annual Christmas supper and program December 18, at the Weinert Community Center. Mrs. J. A. Mayfield was director.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Sanders were presented as the speaker and solist with Mrs. Cox of Rochester, as the accompanist. Brother Paris Barton gave the invocation. Carols were led by Myrtle Pheister and Erma Liles.

Thirty members and guests were present for the gift-giving. J. A. Mayfield, Ila Moody and Crystella Raynes acted as Santa's helpers.

The Community Center was seasonally decorated by Clovis and Agnes Winchester.

More than 30,000 Vietnam-era veterans are employed by the Veterans Administration.

NEW TESTAMENT and Psalms. Fits pocket or purse. King James Version, presentation page. Haskell Free Press

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions
MEDICAL: Betty Burson, Haskell; Allen Guedry, Haskell; Maria Gonzales, Stamford; Terry Jean McGhee, Rochester; C. C. Childress, Haskell; Anna Quintana, Knox City; Herbert Klump, Haskell; Chano Garcia, Haskell; Ila K. Denson, Rule; Duard W. Counts, Sagerton.

Dismissed
Betty Burson, Allen Guedry, Maria Gonzales, Alice Andrews.

LOOK WHO'S NEW IN THE CRIB SET

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Eugene Stanford of Stamford announce the birth of a daughter, Alisha Deann, born Dec. 21, 1975 weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McDonald announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Denia Elizabeth, to Mr. Donald Lynn Cunningham son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cunningham.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buerger
... 50th Anniversary

Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buerger will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, the twenty-eighth of December with an open house reception from two until four at the Stamford Lion's Club.

Hosting the reception will be the couples children and families. Their children are Willie Buerger of Haskell, Walter Buerger of Avoca, Mrs. Joe Burnham, and Mrs. Dan Lefevre, both of Stamford.

Mr. Buerger arrived from Germany in Indianapolis Sept-

ember 16, 1923 at the age of 18. Here he met Selma Thane and later married in Sagerton, Texas, December 31, 1925. Rev. A. C. Koeppel officiated. She was born August 4, 1904 in Stamford. He was born in Westfalen, Germany, March 28, 1905.

They lived in the Ericksdale community until the fall of 1955, retired from farming and moved to Stamford.

They are members of Bethel Lutheran Church in Ericksdale.

He has served as a board

member of the church, Paint Creek School, and Ericksdale Co-op Gin for several years. She is a member of A.L.C.W.

He enjoys gardening and she enjoys sewing and handwork.

They have sixteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

By Any Name, Santa's The Same

He's Santa Claus in America but he has many different names around the world. He is called "Father Frost" in Russia. Children call him "Kris Kringle" in Germany. "Nice Old Father" is what the Chinese children call Santa Claus and in Norway children expect gifts from an elf called "Jul Tonten". "Pere Noel" is who the French youngsters receive presents from and in Holland the name is "Sinterklass". The world has many more "Santas", but whatever his name, wherever he exists, he brings happiness to children.

Letters to Santa

Dear Jolly Man,
I want a watch, Dimonos, nerf football boots, and I want some checkers and a checker-board.
Ruben Diaz

Dear Santa Clause
I want a watch, a nerf football, and some boots, some Dimonos, Checkers and

a borad.
Leroy Diaz

Dear SANTA,
I want "Baby-that away, a watch and some games. Please remember my brothers Gregory, Clifton, and Jeffrey. Give Mrs. SANTA a great big hug.
Love,
Kristi Brister

Twelfth Night End Of Season

There are many ancient and modern rituals surrounding the observance of the Twelfth Night or Epiphany, January 6, which marks the end of the Christmas holiday season.

Epiphany was first observed in memory of the baptism of Christ. It was first mentioned in A.D. 194 and by the 4th Century was a widely accepted holiday. Today, Epiphany has a three-fold meaning, the visit of the Wise men to Jesus; the baptism of Jesus; and the miracle at Cana when Jesus changed water to wine at the wedding feast.

In 9th century England, King Alfred decreed that the Christmas season would include Christmas day and the 12 days following.

The Twelfth Night cake, along with the tradition of burning Christmas greenery on January 6, was in vogue when Charles II ascended the throne.

Latin peoples regard Epiphany as not only a solemn religious festival but also the beginning of the pre-Lenten carnival season. Mexican observance of Epiphany includes a march of the devout to the shrine of the miraculous Lord of Chalma in a valley south west of Mexico City.

A January 6 ritual at Tarpon Springs, Florida, involves blessing of the Greek sponge divers and casting of a gold crucifix into the waters to signify the baptism of Christ.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Christmas Joy

As this quiet scene reflects Christmas peace, may all share its true tranquility.

Elsie's Hi-Lander



Since Christmas is traditionally a season of joy and happiness, special consideration should be given to the "do" and "don't" safety rules. Don't get careless and increase the possibility of an unhappy accident.

First, decorate wisely. Do not use cotton, paper or any flammable material when you trim the family tree. Do not place electric trains or other electric powered devices around the tree. Metallicinsel falling across the track could create a short circuit and cause the train transformer to burn.

Be sure that all toys are of nonflammable materials. Some imported toys are made of nitrocellulose (which looks like celluloid or plastic) and this material burns with surprising ferocity.

Choose only electrical toys and tree lighting sets which are laboratory approved.

Do not use lighted candles near the tree, or in windows. Keep curtains or any other flammable material at windows pulled back at least 6 inches from any electric candles or wreaths.

On Christmas day, keep a carton handy and dispose of all gift wrappings promptly. Don't let them pile up around the tree, near the fireplace, or any heating device.

Have yourself a happy, accident-free holiday.

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CHRISTMAS

... may it bring you and yours lasting peace, joy and blessings.

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"CHRISTMAS 1975"

I can think of no better time or season to thank our friends and customers for their loyalty thru the many, many years we've been in business. We both wish for you and yours a season of happiness with, peace and contentment in the days ahead.

"Bethlehems Angels seem far, far away—
To a world that has waited so long.
But those who are watching and waiting
Shall some day hear Bethlehems song."

Mary & Richard Bischofhausen

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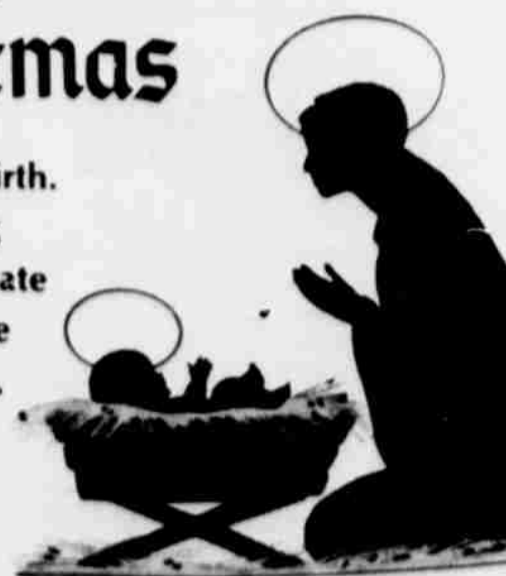
First Federal Savings and Loan Association

will be closed all day
Thursday, Dec. 25 and
Friday Dec. 26
for the holidays.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

In the Spirit of Christmas

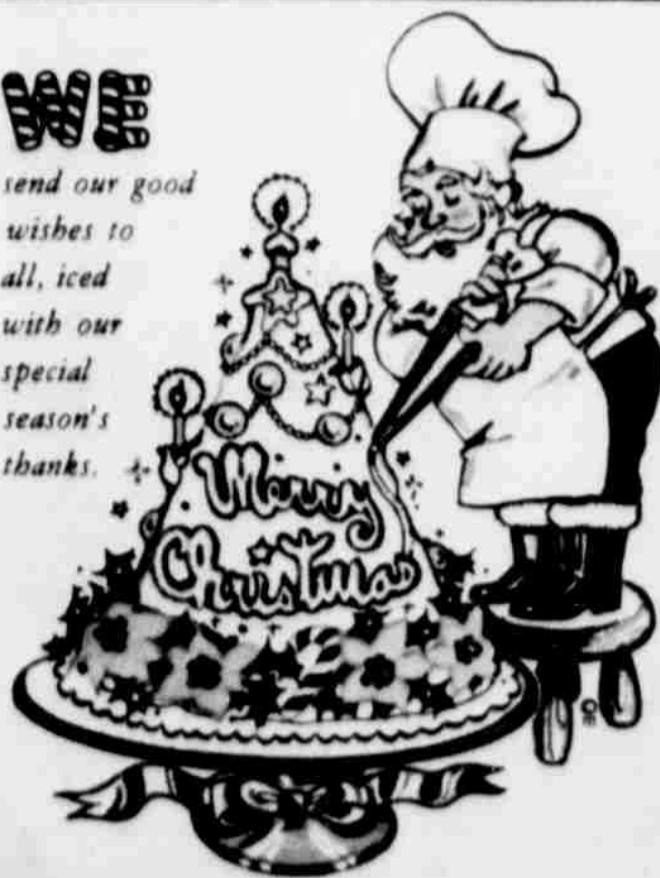
It's the season of His birth. Let us rejoice in loving adoration as we celebrate and remember the true meaning of Christmas.



Lane-Folkes

WE

send our good wishes to all, iced with our special season's thanks.



The Sweet Shop

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mahoney and Family and Employees

RULE ROUNDUP

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CALENDAR BOARD

Dec. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
 Dec. 31 Watch Night
 11:15 p.m.
 Jayton Tourn.
 Classes resume
 Jan. 6 Rule at Old
 U.M.W. 2 p.m.
 Exchange, O. Corne-
 lius
 7 Garden Club, 2
 p.m.
 Jan. 8 Jr. Hi at
 6 p.m. Busy Bees,
 9 Rule at McCaulley

LOCALS

in the home of Mr. L. B. Pike Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Mantley and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Mantley, of

Ardmore, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. John Pike of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Galloway and children of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Boyles and children of Aspermont. Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lance Pinkard, Mrs. J. A. Lisle Jr. and family during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lisle of Canyon, Johnny Westbrook of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winters of Gainesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hateriaus and daughters of Stamford, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Atkins and family of Gainesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Scotty White and family of Lubbock, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Ross and Mrs. June White.

Mrs. R. L. Dickie is visiting her sister in Lubbock, who recently had surgery. Mrs. Letha Scifres fell last

Thursday, December 18, and broke her hip. She is a patient in the Knox City Hospital. Mrs. Raymond Denson has returned home after being a patient in the Haskell Hospital.

Mrs. Jo Andrews is a patient in Hendricks Hospital following surgery the 15th of December.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie May and family of Dallas visited last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. May and Mr. and Mrs. Lance Pinkard.

BOUNCING BALL

In District 26-B play Tues. night, December 16, the Rule Bobcats defeated Lueders-Avoca in both girls and boys games.

The Rule boys won with the score of 71-60. Jerry Tumlinson led in Rule's scoring with 26 points and McLaughlin was high for Lueders-Avoca with 17.

In girls play, the score was Rule 49 Lueders-Avoca 22. Norva Lehrmann led with 24 points for Rule and Watts had 10 for Lueders.

Playing at home Friday night, December 19, Rule took both games from Weinert. Boys score was 53-30. Tumlinson led in scoring for Rule with 16 points and Stewart had 13 for Weinert.

In girls play, Rule won 65 to Weinert's 41. Lehrmann led with 31 and Williams had 24 for Rule while Yates had 20 for Weinert.

High school played O'Brien last Monday night, December 22, and then will resume play in the Jayton Invitational Tournament to be held Thursday thru Saturday, January 1-3. District play will resume Tuesday, January 6, with Rule at Old Glory, at 7 p.m. and then Rule at McCaulley on Friday, December 9.

The junior high boys and girls lost to Old Glory on Monday night, December 15. They resume play on Thursday, January 8, playing at O'Brien at 7 p.m.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

Community Watch Night Services will be held on Wednesday, December 31, at 11:15 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church of Rule. All in the community are invited to participate.

CLASSES RESUME

Classes for students of Rule High School will resume on Monday, January 5, at their regular time.

Former Rule Man Honored

J. C. Davis Jr., son of the late Doctor and Mrs. Cora Davis of Rule, who has served as chief of the attorney general's state and county division for 33 years, was guest of Honor Tuesday night, December 16, at Atty. Gen. John Hill's annual office staff Christmas party.

Davis, a former resident of Rule and a former Haskell County Judge, will retire January 31 from a state legal career that began under former Atty. Gen. Gerald C. Mann in 1943. He has served under eight attorneys general.

Davis attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and was graduated from Cumberland University Law School of Lebanon, Tenn., with highest honors in 1934. He was admitted to the Texas State Bar that same year and practiced private law in Haskell for four years before he was elected county judge.

CLASS PARTY

The Builders Class and the Young Adult Class of the First United Methodist Church held their Christmas party on Wednesday, December 17, in the Fellowship Hall of the Church, Rev. Allen Forbis asked the blessing for the meal.

Members attending enjoyed a meal of various covered dishes. Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Baird and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mahler, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kutch, Christine, Kathleen and Alan, Mrs. Mary Sue Henry, Rev. and Mrs. Allen Forbis, Mrs. Gladys Mathis, Debbie Norwood and Mrs. Oleta Cornelius.

LOCALS

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hines last week was Mrs. Victor Galloway of Aspermont.

Mrs. Lucy Williams and Mrs. Clara Hines visited last week with Mrs. Horace Diver of Aspermont and also with Mrs. Zona Galloway, who is a patient in the Aspermont Hospital.

Mrs. Roy L. Brown of Andrews, has returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Ollis Macon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Briles of Canyon are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rhoads and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Briles over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Anders and Andy, of Canyon, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Norris Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Rayberne Oliver, Christmas Day.

Mark Davis of San Marcos, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis and other relatives over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barbee and family of Lamesa, and Larry Barbee of Canyon were holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barbee.

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Cannon and Amanda, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hertel and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cannon during the Christmas holidays.

J. N. Cornelius is at the bedside of his father, Bert Cornelius, who is seriously ill, in Duncan, Oklahoma.

PHIL CLUB

"Children—Our Hope For Tomorrow", was the theme for the meeting of the Rule Philadelphian Club on Thursday, December 18, at 2 p.m. in the clubhouse. Director for the day was Mrs. Frank Campbell. Special Christmas music was presented by a Children's Choir under the direction of Mrs. Ann Lichty. Mrs. John Greeson presented pictures while Mrs. Campbell gave an illustrated story. Others as-

sisting on the program were Mrs. C. F. Norman and Mrs. Paris Keller. Hostesses for the day were Mrs. Clyde Grice and Mrs. A. D. May.

At the conclusion of the program, members adjourned to visit with the Care Homes at Haskell.

BRUNCH

Mrs. Jessie Parmelley was hostess for a brunch in her home on Tuesday morning, December 16, at 8 a.m. Guests were Mmes. Belle Turner, Irene Cloud, Tommy Verner, Ola Mae Lisle, and Ola Mae Norman.

A brunch of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits, toast, jellies, orange juice and coffee was enjoyed by those attending. Asking the blessing was Mrs. J. A. Lisle. Following the brunch gifts were exchanged.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dave Kitley and family have returned home to New Mexico, after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kitley and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kitley.

Students from Abilene Christian College in Abilene home for the holidays include: Miss Marja Beakley, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Beakley and family, Miss Vickie Greeson visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Greeson and family, and Miss Sandy Oliver visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Rayberne Oliver and family.

Students from Texas A&M visiting over the holidays are Miss Susan Lewis visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lewis and Charles Townsend, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Townsend and other relatives.

Miss Sue Lewis of Lubbock visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis and Mrs. Cash Lewis during the holidays, also with Mr. Babe Lewis in the Care Home at Haskell.

Students from Texas Tech at Lubbock visiting over the holidays include: Cole Turner with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner and sons, and Mrs. Belle Turner. Jan Allison visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Allison and Mrs. John Roddy. Lane Hertenberger with Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hertenberger. Cynthia Carroll visiting with Mrs. Joan Carroll. Hal Hunt with Mr. and Mrs. Festus Hunt and Nickie. Ricky Lehrmann with Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Lehrmann and family. Becky Jones with Mr. and Mrs. James Jones and Wesley. Carol and Lynn Dale Dudensing with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dudensing.

Dennis Barbee of Illinois, has returned home after visiting his father, Denis Barbee and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pool, and Mr. Rip Baker.

Miss Fran Wilson of Lubbock, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Wilson over the holidays.

Students of Western Texas College at Snyder, visiting over the holidays were: Steve Cox with Mr. and Mrs.

Willard Cox, Randy Lehrmann with Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Lehrmann and family, and Nolan Pittcock with Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Pittcock and family.

Joanie Letz of San Angelo State visited with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Letz and Tammy, over the holidays.

Art Briles of Houston, visited Mr. and Mrs. Art Briles and Mrs. Elsie Kitley over the holidays.

Mike Lisle of McMurray College in Abilene visited with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lisle and other relatives during the Christmas break.

Visiting last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lisle Jr., were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Lowrey of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lowrey of Knox City.

Miss Caron Cloud of Plainview, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Cloud, Joe Harold Cloud, Mrs. J. A. Lisle and other relatives over the holidays.

Miss Celcia Westbrook and Mrs. Joe Greer and son of Lubbock, visited with Mrs. Irene Cloud last weekend and then joined Mrs. Cloud and Mrs. Mary Place in visiting in Tulsa, Oklahoma with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Westbrook, while Mrs. Place visited with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Place.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Elmore over the holidays was Miss Paula Elmore of Waco and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Elmore of Palacios.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Lawton, Oklahoma, visited last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Kinney of Abilene, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Kinney Christmas Day.

Happy Birthday to Mr. Ed Verner who was 75 years young last Sunday, December 21. Best wishes for many more. Ed!

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Hines and family of Clyde, visited last week with his mother, Mrs. Clara Hines.

Visiting with Mrs. Ollis Macon last week were Mrs. Lynn Flowers and Mrs. Hazel Overton of Stamford.

Marvin Hines of Los Angeles, California, has returned home after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hines.



Haskell Bicentennial Happenings

By Roxie Parker



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Coming Dances Rhineland Gym

Hop Eiland & his Musical Five
Sat. Nite, Dec. 27th

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

Bob Burks — Dec. 31st
Admission \$4.00 per person

Christmas Joys



At this holy season, may we take the opportunity to wish you every blessing!

Martha's Beauty Center

Martha, Pat, Brenda, Linda, Kathy, Tricia and Elaine

Christ Gave Real Meaning

"I am come that you might have life and have it more abundantly."

In these words, we find the true meaning of Christmas. Jesus himself said it.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which is lost."

At Christmas, we observe more than the birth of a child; we recognize the birth of a Saviour, in fulfillment of the promise of God.

CHRISTMAS JOY

Hope your dreams come true!

CLIFF'S GARAGE
—CLIFF MORRIS—

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May the blessings of this joyous season surround you. May your day be merry and your happiness enduring.

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Greetings! Just a friendly note to say we wish you the merriest Christmas Day!

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—Bob and Pam Waldon—

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CONSERVATION VIEWPOINTS
USDA Soil Conservation Service

Assisting
California Creek and Wichita-Brazos
 Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Many farmers in the Haskell Area are using this method of minimum tillage this year. While saving money by no land preparation, this practice also protects the land from the ravages of wind during the "blow months".
 Cotton burrs applied as a mulch to unprotected land also serves as a wind erosion control practice at the same time it is adding organic matter to the soil.



DRILLING SMALL GRAINS into cotton stalks immediately following cotton harvest is one good way of controlling wind erosion, and meeting the requirements for Minimum Tillage.

Men In Service



JOSE P. ESCALON

SAN ANTONIO—Airman Jose P. Escalon, son of Mrs. Clara G. Escalon of Throckmorton, Tex., has been selected for technical training in the U.S. Air Force fuel services field at Chanute AFB, Ill.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex., where he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

Airman Escalon is a 1975 graduate of Throckmorton High School. (USAF Home Town News Center).

Cole Kreger of Haskell. Kreger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kreger of Haskell.

COLLEGE STATION—James F. Cadenhead of Haskell has received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University.

Cadenhead is the son of J. F. Cadenhead, Jr. He has earned his degree in range science.

TAMU had a record 1,200 degrees awarded at fall commencement, including 869 undergraduates, 256 master's and 75 doctorates.

Candles & Goblets Upside Down

Goblets become candleholders when they are turned upside down. Stand them in a row on a window sill. Let them light the living room. March them down the middle of the smorgasbord table. They are bright and effective and very quick and easy to arrange. Inside each goblet, place a large Christmas ball, each one a different color. Secure 10 inch red candles to the bottoms of the goblets (which are now the tops) with candle wax or floral clay. Hide it with sprigs of evergreen. If you use candlewax, decorate or not as you wish—the wax matches the candle and does not show.



RECEIVE AWARDS—State Senator Ray Farabee was presented the Outstanding Senatorial Legislative Service Award by the Texas Farmers Union at their State Convention in Fort Worth. Agriculture Commissioner John White was presented the Outstanding Service Award.

College News



TERRY LYNN SANDERS

Terry Lynn Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Sanders of Weinert, received the master of divinity degree during the commencement exercises in Truett Auditorium at Southwestern Theological Seminary Dec. 19.

Sanders received his BA from Hardin-Simmons University in May, 1972.

He is Assoc. Pastor of Woods Chapel Baptist of Arlington.

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (Sp)—A total of 149 seniors were graduated from Tarleton State University, Sunday, December 14, during Commencement Exercises held in Wisdom Gymnasium.

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During the first eleven months of this year B-K Electric Cooperative has been billed \$460,000 in fuel charges alone, over and above the base rate charges. We have no alternative but pass these fuel charges on to you, the user.

At this time there is no relief from these costs, in fact there will be higher fuel and power cost ahead.

These higher costs are a result of the very high price that Brazos is paying for natural gas to operate their generating plants and not the cost of operating your own cooperative whose costs are well below the average for cooperatives in this state as well as across the nation.

Your directors and management will continue to work towards providing the lowest possible power cost to you, using every available means at our disposal.

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Farm-facts
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Good To Be Alive in '75 . . . Production Records.
 Although final figures aren't in yet, it is clear that during 1975 Texas farmers did what they like to do best—produce, produce, produce.

In major areas of crop production except cotton, Texas farmers out-produced themselves in 1975 compared to 1974. Production increases were noted in sorghum, wheat, peanuts, soybeans, oats, and other crops. Unfortunately for agriculture producers, expenses were also up; so they did not benefit as consumers did by the bountiful production.

Wheat production, for example, totaled 1,031,000 bushels for this year. For 1974, the total output was only about half that, or 52,800,000 bushels.

COTTON PRODUCTION was down considerably in 1975 from what had been projected earlier in the year, but even at that, the final figure will likely show the 1975 cotton crop only slightly below 1974.

Latest cotton production figures from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service show the 1975 production at 2,450,000 bales. Earlier, a production of 2,800,000 was expected in Texas. The decline came about due to unusual September weather on the High and Low Plains.

The 1975 estimate compares with 2,462,000 bales produced in the state in 1974. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 4,000,000; this is down 10 per cent from the 4,400,000 acres harvested in 1974. Average per acre yield for 1975 is set at 294 pounds compared to 269 pounds in 1974.

OTHER PRODUCTION FIGURES for 1975 show now that sorghum production in the state is at 387,600,000 bushels. This compares with 317,000,000 bushels in 1974.

Corn production for Texas is set at 115,500,000 bushels for this year compared to 73,600,000 bushels in 1974. Per acre yield is one of the highest ever for Texas, set at 105 bushels.

Peanut production for the state this year is estimated now at 474,300,000 pounds; the 1974 production figure was 413,280,000 pounds.

Soybean production also increased this year compared to last year. The 1975 production is set at 9,100,000 bushels; the 1974 production was 7,830,000 bushels.

Oat production is more than double this year compared to a year ago. The 1975 production is set at 19,500,000 bushels; for 1974 the total production was 8,100,000 bushels.

EVEN PECAN PRODUCTION is well above a year ago. Figures now indicate pecan production this year will be 50,000,000 pounds. Last year, pecan production was two-thirds below that figure. It appears that Texas this year will produce about a fourth of all the pecans to be harvested in the nation.

Livestock producers will be watching future estimates on cattle and calf numbers. As of Jan. 1, 1975 there were 16,600,000 cattle and calves—more than the human population—in Texas.

Many economists believe 1975 will see the end of the buildup in cattle numbers, one of the major reasons for the poor profit prospects for the cattleman.

Merry Christmas to All!
 Be happy and full of good cheer now and throughout the holiday season.
DOUBLE A DRIVE—IN
 Donald Cunningham

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,
 I had the pleasure of attending the HHS Bands Christmas Concert, and I just want to express my appreciation of Mr. Gideon. I don't know if you realize how very hard he works on these concerts and how much personal interest he takes. He spends many hours, mornings and at night working with these bands because he is a very dedicated man to his profession and music is his life's work.

I felt great pride sitting there listening to the bands play, and if you missed the concerts this year, make a special effort to attend them next year. The beautiful music will help to put HHS Bands in your lives and then both will be enriched.

To Mr. Gideon and the Bands I say, "Keep up the good work!"

I'm very proud to once have been a part of you.

Connie Turnbow

TICONDEROGA VETERANS
 I am seeking men and officers who served aboard the mighty aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. TICONDEROGA. Every man who ever served on this fine ship is entitled to join our group. We will be having our next Annual Reunion this coming May at Ticonderoga, N.Y.

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By Robert L. Haney, Science Writer
The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

Triticale Is a Useful Addition to World Food Supply

A new bread has been showing up in Texas supermarkets that is made with "triticale." Triticale is a completely new word to lots of folks. And even to many that know it's a new hybrid cereal, it's still an unknown quantity.

Some promotion information on it has been misleading, and this is unfortunate; the truth about the grain still sounds very, very good.

Triticale is a compounded word for a hybrid of wheat and rye. *Triticum*, for wheat, and *Secale*, for rye, were combined to make Triticale.

This hybrid grain combines the high-yield potential of wheat with the hardiness of rye, according to J. Joe Wright, a researcher with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Halfway.

"Triticale here averages about 10 percent better yields than wheat grown under the same circumstances," Wright says. "We've got up to 6,000 pounds to the acre in Texas but in some parts of the world it makes up to 12,000 pounds to the acre."

"What's more the grain is higher in protein than rice, corn, wheat or sorghum and it retains the high lysine (essential amino acid) of rye. So it is nutritious and blended with other flours can increase the food value of bread."

"The food industry is showing considerable interest in triticale; it's being sold in some markets as flour and pancake mix in addition to the bread already mentioned," Wright says.

"A major bakery is testing the bread in both Texas and Oklahoma markets. It appears that they may be preparing to go statewide next year."

"As I understand it, their test market formula for bread is about 30 percent whole triticale meal and 70 percent white wheat flour. In addition, ingredients include honey, molasses, yeast, salt, sugar and milk solids."

"This gives them a bread with a higher protein level than the average

14 percent protein in commercial white bread. Triticale is about 16 to 18 percent protein.

"The idea of increasing the protein content of bread to improve diets has much merit; bread comes close to being the universal food."

"Our own work here at the Experiment Station

is concerned with helping growers do a better job with this new crop. We're testing all sorts of planting dates, irrigation, fertilization, crop rotations, etc. in addition to testing about 1000 lines of triticale we've brought in from Canada and Mexico.

"Seed from either place is not suited to the High Plains; one is too far south and the other too far north. So we're busy making selections and developing plants that are suited to North Texas."

"I must stress that triticale is not another variety of wheat. There are significant differences

and growers that have ignored this have had their problems.

"For example, planting dates of this crop are considerably later than winter wheat in this area. It seems to do best planted between mid-October and mid-November."

"Acreage at present in the state is rather limited but commercial interests are trying to pace development of markets with expansion of production. Producers are being paid a small premium based on protein content."

"Right now one of the big problems is a need for grain standards which

would simplify financing sales, etc.

"Another problem is the utter newness of this crop. We're still finding out new things about wheat which has been around about 5,000 years. Triticale was first discovered about 100 years ago and most of our present knowledge has been developed in the past ten years."

"Add to that the fact that it comes from crossing wheat and rye, both of which offer almost infinite numbers of varieties, and you begin to see the complexity this presents."

"However, we have already learned much about this remarkable

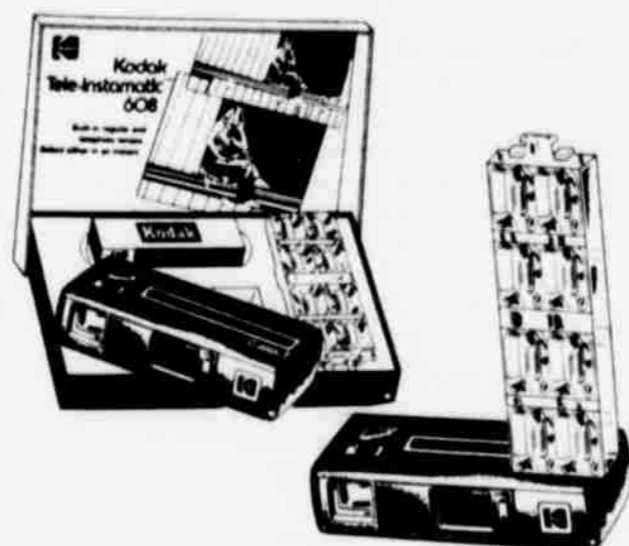
grain, and research here and all over the world is adding to our knowledge every day.

"My own research has convinced me that this grain has a remarkable future, and it could make a major contribution to world supplies of human food," Wright concludes.

Editor's Note - Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Dept. of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

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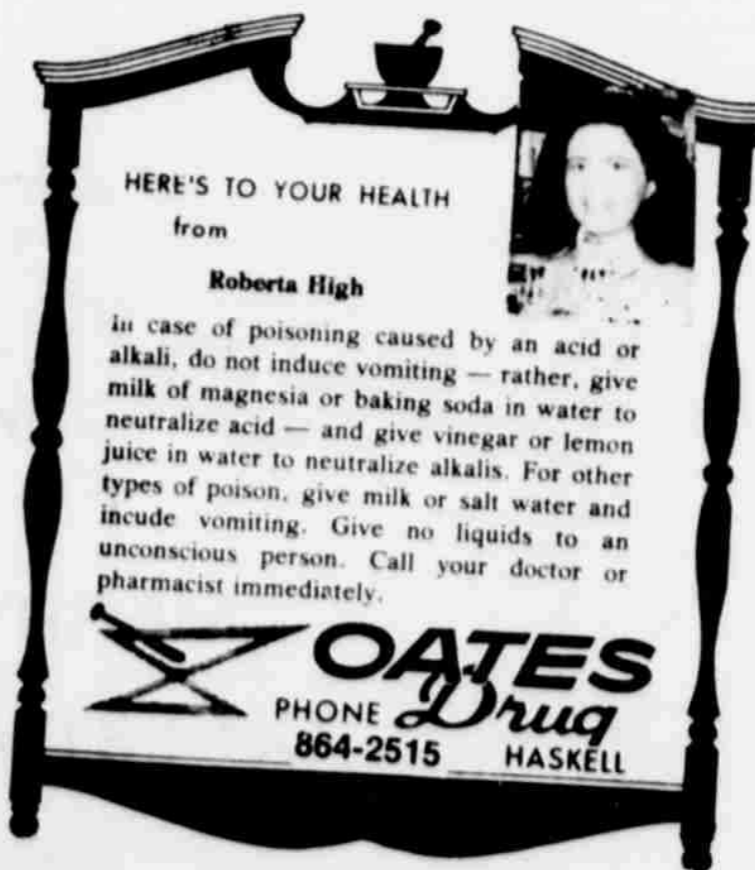
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JOYOUS GREETINGS

Truly, Christmas is a season of rejoicing, as the Miracle of the sacred manger lives anew in heart and spirit. To our good friends, we send joyous greetings, with sincere gratitude.



Kenneth and Roxie Parker, Lee Roy O'Neal, Doris Darnell, Ann Young, Phillip Stocks, Craig & Cris Childress, John Yeary, Robert Rodriguez.

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The Other Side Of Christmas

There's another side of Christmas that people don't like to talk about.

The TV shows and magazines all talk about how magical and wonderful Christmas is. But that isn't true for everyone. People in public health see another side.

If you're poor and sick, and there's no money to buy toys for the kids, Christmas is just another day you have to survive. You wonder whether there's going to be enough food to eat and you hope the electricity won't be turned off until after Christmas so at least the kids can enjoy a few colored lights on a scraggly leftover tree.

If you're sick or hurt and laid up in the hospital, you're grateful to all the nurses and the volunteers for their little party and their cheerful smiles, but you know that most of them will be with their families on Christmas, and that makes you miss your own family all the more, and you'd rather just get the whole thing over with.

If you're seven or eight years old and you can't walk very well because your legs are twisted up from some disease you can't even pronounce, Christmas is the time when you remember that you'll probably never be able to run and play and ride a bicycle like other kids, and you wonder why.

If all that's left of your life is the four blank walls of your room in a nursing home, and you haven't seen anyone you really care about in the past six months—well, you've had a lot of Christmases, and you hope the day will pass quietly. And maybe you won't be around for the next one.

People in public health know about this side of Christmas. We deal with it all year long, and we'd do anything in the world to keep it from being like that. It's our job, of course. But more than that, it's our purpose—our privilege—to share as much of our lives and our talents as we can muster. And we're not alone. Our hands are joined with those of our colleagues in the health sciences and a dozen other professions, who share our goal: to fulfill the most ancient dream of humanity, the end of needless suffering.

It is an article of our faith that in a nation of freedom, wealth, and justice, each of our children shall have the right to live long and prosper.

This is the promise we make to ourselves on those dark nights when someone we care about is going to die and there's nothing more we can do to stop it.

The meek have not yet inherited the earth, but it isn't because we have forgotten. It's only because we don't yet know how. Someday we will.

And then there will be only one kind of Christmas—a magical, wonderful Christmas—for everyone.

The people of your local health department, the Texas Public Health Regions, and your Texas Department of Health Resources hope you and your family enjoy the happiest and healthiest holiday season.

Farm-facts
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Hopefully . . . Wheat Pastures So, So . . . Farm Labor Force Declines.

By year's end, Texas farmers are hoping the current dry spell will come to an end. Rainfall over many parts of the state since the Fall season has been far below normal.

Because of this, the cow-calf producer and all livestock men are facing what could be a tough winter. Even though better days ahead are predicted for the livestock industry next year, cattlemen are facing up to the present possibility of a long, tough winter.

WHEAT PASTURES in the Panhandle and Low Plains are having growing problems. Slightly more than a third of the wheat acreage in those areas has sufficient growth to pasture. A year ago, about three-fourths of the wheat pastures were being grazed.

The forage supply in the northern High Plains is poor and very little grazing has occurred. The Low Plains' forage supply is rated fair to good.

If it's any consolation, Texas is not any worse off than other states. Only about a fourth of the fall-seeded wheat in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas had sufficient growth to support grazing, emphasizing again the dry spell is rather widespread.

The yearling winter-grazing program in Central Texas is reported to be holding its own, but there, too, rainfall is needed to give small grain fields an opportunity to produce.

THE AGRICULTURAL LABOR FORCE on Texas farms and ranches shows a decrease of 13 per cent from a year earlier, according to a survey from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Wages paid all hired and farm and ranch workers in the state during the survey period were up 11 cents an hour from a year ago to average \$2.26 per hour.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED in Texas as of Dec. 1 is 21 per cent above a month ago but 16 per cent below a year ago in November. The number of lambs on feed is 87,000.

Intentions to market are: 43,000 during December; 38,000 during January, 1976; and 6,000 in February.

January and February intentions are incomplete since additional lambs could still be placed on feed.

COTTON HARVEST CONTINUES to make good progress. More than two-thirds of the crop has now been harvested, which is ahead of the three-year average. Meanwhile, land preparation is underway for the 1976 crop in the southern areas of the state.

YOU MAY YET RECEIVE A QUESTIONNAIRE from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service before the year is over.

Several thousand Texas farmers have already received theirs, but some more are yet to be mailed.

If you receive it, you are requested to fill it out as accurately as possible and return it promptly.

They will be used in making projections and estimates for Texas agriculture production.

Open Up Your Heart And Mind

Sights and sounds tell us that Christmas is near. Mistletoe and evergreen in doorways and windows. Christmas cards and the sound of the postman at the door. . . street-corner Santas and the aroma of good food from the kitchen. . . toys in store windows and the sound of music wherever we go; these are the sights and the sounds of Christmas.

We must look beyond these obvious trappings of the season to really see Christmas. . . to realize the miracle of Christmas. We must see Christmas through our heart and mind.

Christmas, as the birthday of Christ, marks the anniversary of mankind's greatest heritage. This heritage, manifested in the life and death of Christ upon earth, brings into perspective with unassuming dignity and finality the realization that God has bestowed upon mankind the inalienable right to merit eternal salvation.

So great is this heritage that despots, dictators and disbelievers have come and gone for generations, and while they have attacked, oppressed and persecuted the miracle of Christmas, its simple truth has held strong and firm in the hearts and the minds of mankind.

The miracle of Christmas is the world's one, single dominating influence, the simple affirmation of man's heritage and dignity.

Open up your heart and mind—and see the miracle of Christmas.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
 from all of us

BONNIE, RUTH, FAYE, RUBY,
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Greetings
 As you rejoice on Christmas, may you gather many blessings and gain deep spiritual contentment.

West Texas Sheet Metal

Leisure Lodge News

There is lots of Christmas Spirit at Leisure Lodge as packages and cards are arriving daily.

Mrs. Gladys Mathis of Rule visited Mrs. Bessie Hutchens. Mrs. Lucille McCurley, Mrs. Lula Smith visited Mrs. Edna Johnson. Mrs. Maude Jones, Mrs. Sally Crawford, Mrs. Mary Killion and Mrs. Elsie Mitchell.

Visiting Mrs. Eula Alexander were her daughters, Mrs. Frances Taylor from Coffman and Mrs. Glenna B. Cullom from Seven Point.

Mrs. Ivy Massie spent Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Wheatley and Mr. Wheatley.

Mrs. Carrie Edwards had a very nice telephone visit with her cousin, Lois Crouch in Alice.

Pat Weaver sisters Mrs. T. W. Free from Abilene and Mrs. Ethel Brooks from Anson visited on Saturday.

Mrs. Hazel Nolan from Abilene visited with Elsie Mitchell on Wednesday.

Opal Pettiet from Rule visited Dr. Frank Scott on Wednesday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lewis this week were, Mrs. G. C. Brockett of Munday and Mrs. Florene Sorrells of Rule and Mrs. Don Coffman of Goree.

M. T. Mullis from Borken Bow, Okla. has returned home after visiting several days with his mother, Mrs. Easter Mullis.

We are happy to have Mrs. Alma Reid as a resident. Visiting Mrs. Reid were her son, Mr. and Mrs. Manford Reid from Rochester, daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Melton Gilbert from Abilene, Mrs. Arthur J. Roberts from Houston, granddaughters, Reida Mullino and Faye Mullino from Rochester.

Mrs. Blanche Corley of Rochester visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shaw.

Administrator Dewie West-er visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Weatherbee in Olney on Saturday.

Mrs. Merle Davis has resigned as our Director of Nurses. We wish her lots of success in her new endeavor. We are happy to have Mrs. Fern Casey as our new Director of Nurses.

Mrs. Virgie Dunwoody, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Riley of Brownfield visited their mother, Mrs. Edna Johnson over the week end.

We enjoyed having the ladies from the Philadelphian Club in Rule sing Carols for us. Thank you ladies.

A REMINDER: Deadline for display ads are Tuesday noon; deadline for news stories and classified ads is 3:00 p.m. Tuesday unless meetings are held Tuesday night. Stories will then be accepted until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. Classified ads are cash in advance unless placed by a business firm or person with established credit at the Haskell Free Press.



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Commissioner, Prec. 3

WASHINGTON



WASHINGTON, D.C.—OF COURSE NOT ALL IS RIGHT OR GOOD here in our own Country but look at some others:

IT'S NOT THE SNOW IN RUSSIA WHICH MAKES IT MISERABLE AT THIS time of year. The miserable part for the Russian citizen is his fear of saying, "It snows too much." He may be reported by a government machine and hauled to the madhouse to have his brain altered.

SINCE INDIA DISSOLVED ITS DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT it may not be safe to say "India should get a new government that will do something about this heat."

IRELAND IS NOT EXACTLY SAFE IN SOME PLACES. There's the risk of being blown to pieces on the way back from picking up some corned beef and cabbage. The officials will then say to the children that you died for the cause.

IN BEIRUT, LEBANON, EITHER MOSLEM OR CHRISTIAN MAY TAKE a pot-shot at anyone moving about. It's not the best place to visit for awhile yet.

UNDER THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION OF CHINA, AUSTERITY is virtue. To speak with wit or asperity can get you shipped to a remote area where commissars re-educate the offender in the evils of hilarity and the virtues of party regularity.

EVEN ENGLAND IS FLAWED. IF YOU CAN FIND LONDON IN THE fog they fill you with tea and in some not-so-subtle way, remind you of your educational and cultural inferiority.

TAXES IN FRANCE ARE OUTRAGEOUSLY HIGH. If complaints are made they simply say why don't you refuse to pay them as we French do.

THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA ARE GENERALLY cordial and sympathetic in difficult situations. Of course, to be comfortable you have to ignore the possibility of being kidnapped by guerrillas and held for ransom.

SWITZERLAND IS REAL CLEAN — MAYBE TOO MUCH SO. They launder a lot of people's money. Their unidentifiable bank accounts for other people around the world make them popular. They keep that money polished bright and shiney. This can be said for the Swiss, however—they have little or no unemployment. Their labor is imported from neighboring



MAINE TREAT . . . How about a hot entree for the holiday season? There are a variety of ways to prepare Maine sardines and a popular recipe is reprinted below. The little fish are rich in high-quality protein and, because they are packed in polyunsaturated oils, there seems to be no danger of increasing the cholesterol level in the blood stream.

Try Sardine Recipe For Treat

MAINE SARDINES RAVIGOTE
—a hot entree—

- 1-3 cup consommé or dry white wine
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 small white onion, minced
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon minced chives
- salt and pepper to taste
- 3 cans (4 oz. ea.) Maine Sardines
- 1 package frozen peas cooked
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Combine consommé or wine, vinegar and onion. Simmer until reduced to about 1/3 cup liquid. Make a cream sauce by melting butter or margarine, stirring in flour and cooking until mixture bubbles. Add milk and stir until mixture thickens. Stir hot cream sauce into hot wine mixture. Simmer gently for about 4-5 minutes. Whip heavy cream very slightly to give it body and stir into sauce. Add chives. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Drain sardines and place in casserole. Pour sauce over sardines. Garnish with peas and grated cheese. Place in hot oven (450 degrees F.) for 10 minutes until cheese is bubbly. Yield: 4 servings.

December 28.

An estimated 46 deaths will occur in the New Year period which runs from 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, through midnight Sunday, January 4, 1976.

Speir said the DPS will be working with local law enforcement agencies to mount as strong an enforcement effort as possible.

"We will be utilizing all the manpower and resources that we have in the department, and will be concentrating on such hazardous violations as drinking while driving and speeding," he noted.

He said public cooperation is also needed if accidents are to be prevented during the holiday, and pointed out that DPS will be working with local police and the news media in a public education effort called "Operation Motorcide."

"Through this program we attempt to emphasize the problem of hazardous driving and create a driver consciousness that will make our highways and streets safer to use," he said.

During the holiday, the

GREETINGS

To our friends and neighbors, all best wishes for holiday happiness.

BYRD'S STUDIO
Sue Byrd and Son
Terry Strickland

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Joy

May the joys and blessings of Christmas be with you through this season

REA'S PUMP COMPANY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We sincerely wish that you may enjoy a holiday season full to overflowing with life's best.

May it bring our good friends and patrons many moments rich with peace and contentment.



Anderson Tire Co.

Haskell, Texas

MERRY Christmas

At holiday-time, we take pleasure in remembering your friendship and loyalty . . . remembering too, the joys of old-fashioned festivities in the hope that they are now yours.

The Personality Shoppe

Make This A Safe Holiday

AUSTIN—Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today warned that traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Year periods may claim almost 100 lives in Texas.

The state's top lawman said 48 of the deaths are likely during the Christmas period which runs from 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 24, through midnight Sunday.

Ella Mentry
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

INSUR-MATION

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Although I've heard the term "underwriter" for several years, I'm not sure I understand what it means. Can you explain this?

Technically an underwriter is the person who writes his name on the insurance contract. Realistically the underwriter is the person in the home office of an insurance company who, after collating all facts about the prospective insured and the relevant risk factors, decides whether the risk should either be accepted or declined under the terms of the specific policy. A soliciting insurance agent is also an underwriter in that he does exercise the initial underwriting in making the choice of prospects thus eliminating the most obvious uninsurable risks of finding the policy best suited to the particular prospect.

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PROBLEM?!!?**

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Haskell, Texas

**An Era Is
Coming To
An End**

Texas motorists this week will begin receiving their new auto registration applications in the mail.

But in 1976, instead of new metal license plates, Texas vehicles will sport small strips of reflective material. The bicentennial red, white and blue validation stickers are to be affixed to the area outlined by an embossed rectangle in the upper left-hand corner of the 5-year plates issued a year ago.

So, for the first time since World War II, Texans will use license plates issued in an earlier year. And plans call for annual reissue of the same plate numbers for the foreseeable future for periods of at least five years at a time.

The Lone Star State issued plates for the first time in 1917, according to R. W. (Bob) Townsley, director of the Motor Vehicle Registration Division of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Prior to that time motorists registered their vehicles in the county of residence. Townsley said. The county tax assessor-collector issued a plate number and the owner of the vehicle got appropriate materials from a convenient hardware store and made his own plate or plates.

The first state-issued plates were round, and were colored white on red.

Later, size and style of plates varied somewhat, but assumed a shape basically similar to the familiar rectangular plates issued today. It was necessary a few years ago to initiate a three-letter, three-figure numbering system to accommodate the increasing number of motor vehicles registered each year.

The letters and numbers were separated by an embossed five-point star from 1923-45 and from 1957 to the present. All that will change this year, too, the 64th Legislature decreed that the star should be replaced by a silhouette of the State of Texas on all future license plates. The state silhouette will appear on the plates only after existing supplies are exhausted, Townsley said.

Rice Springs News

The atmosphere of Christmas is everywhere. It is a wonderful time of the year. There is excitement everywhere especially when the mailman comes with all the letters, cards, and packages. We sure do appreciate Harold Spain who brings our mail so faithfully. He is such a jolly happy fellow. Reminds me of someone else, we all think of this time of the year.

To cut the cost of plates, manufactured by the Texas Department of Corrections at Huntsville, it also was determined that plates should be used for five years instead of being reissued annually.

Principal change in the 1975 plates was the addition of embossed rectangles in the upper left and right corners, and a galvanized back to assure longer life for the metal.

Beginning in 1978, Texas will go to a "year-round" registration system. The validation sticker will indicate the month of issue for each car, with the month to be determined by the department.

Vehicle registration will occur during every month of the year, similar to the present procedures for vehicle safety inspection.

The month-of-issue sticker will remain the same for the life of the vehicle and will be affixed in the upper left-hand corner of the license plate. A definite advantage will be the elimination of long lines of motorists waiting to register their vehicles once each year, as only part of the registrations will be issued each month.

When the new monthly registration system becomes effective, cost of registration will be determined by the month of issue for the first year, and a motorist will pay for length of the registration period—whether for part of a year or more than a year.

BE PROUD that we are now officially designated as a Bicentennial City-County. Official badges available at the Haskell Free Press. \$1.50.



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FOR A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**Christmas
Greetings**

To the People of the
101st Legislative District

At this time of year I am mindful of my many friends throughout the 101st Legislative district and extend seasons greeting to each of you.

W. S. (Bill) Heatly

Political Advertisement paid for by R. H. Nichols, Box 1979 Vernon, Texas 76384

Holy night

May the infinite blessings of Christmas be yours in abundance.
Our sincere gratitude to all our many friends and neighbors.

OLNEY SAVINGS

Merry Christmas

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HASKELL CREDIT BUR

GREETINGS

Our wish is simple but sincere ...
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MISCELLANEOUS

SEE & HEAR our "HOLIDAY GREETINGS" to you every evening from 6 to 9 p.m. at 901 N. 5th Lackey's. 52c

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STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of THE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the Community Room in the City of Haskell, State of Texas, on the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1976, the same being the 20th day of said month, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.
Pauline Couch
Asst. Vice-Pres. and Cashier 52-2c

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK, Rule, Texas, will be held in the office of said bank, in the City of Rule, State of Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1976, the same being the 13th of January, 1976, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for said bank, and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting.
Morris Neal, President 51-2c

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our gratitude to Dr. Cadenhead, Dr. Thigpen and the nurses of Haskell Memorial Hospital for their love and care for Rhonda during her stay in the hospital. Also for the lovely gifts, the beautiful flowers, the cards and the visits, just plain love for her.
We will always be grateful. She is home now and doing fine. May God bless you, and Merry Christmas from Rhonda and parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hill 52p

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Pol. Calendar

The Free Press is authorized to make the following announcements for office in Haskell County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries in 1976. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

XI. POLITICAL ADVERTISING—[b] No political advertising shall be accepted for printing, publication, or broadcasting unless a copy of the matter to be printed or published, signed by the individual contracting therefor and showing his full address and, if he is acting as an agent, showing also the name of the candidate, political committee, or business entity he represents, is deposited with the printer, publisher, or broadcaster accepting the advertising. The person accepting the advertising shall preserve the signed copy for a period of one year after the date of the election to which the advertising relates, and shall permit any interested individual to inspect the signed copy at any time during business hours, but only after the advertising has been printed, published, or broadcast. Such advertising shall be labeled as political advertising in the advertisement as printed, published, or broadcast. Any printed or published political advertising shall also have printed on it the name and address of the person paying for the advertising.

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FOR SHERIFF:
G. T. (Garth) Garrett (Re-election)

FOR CONSTABLE PREC. 1
D. L. (Jack) Speer (Re-election)

R. C. (Dick) Wahnus
For Constable, Prec. 6
Melton Stapp
Commissioner Precinct 3
Allen Isbell
J. R. (Ray) Perry
Re-election

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SS News

Social security beneficiaries may earn more next year without forfeiting any part of their social security, according to Glyn Hammons, social security District Manager in Abilene. Beginning January 1976 people on social security can earn up to \$2760 and collect all their social security checks. The amount allowed for 1975 is \$2520.

People who earn over the new figure of \$2760 may still get some social security payment, but every two dollars they earn above \$2760 normally will cause a reduction of one dollar in their social security payment for the year. No matter how high their 1976 earnings, Hammons said, beneficiaries will be able to collect social security for any months in which they do not earn more than \$230 in wages, and are not actively engaged in self-employment.

Also in 1976, the amount of wages and self-employment income taxable for social security purposes will be raised to \$15,300. The figure for 1975 is \$14,100.

Hammons explained that these increases result from a 1972 law which automatically calculates the amount of exempt earnings and the amount taxable to workers, employers, and self-employed people.

Due to these changes, about one and one third million working beneficiaries will receive about 150 million dollars more in their 1976 checks. At the same time the increase in the taxable base should add over 2 billion dollars in additional revenue to the social security trust funds in 1976.

DELUXE SAFETY Spinning
Ash tray: Always a clean ash tray. Haskell Free Press



THE NATIVITY—What has been called the world's most realistic representation of The Nativity, the three-dimensional, life-size scene at Gatlinburg's Christus Gardens (Gatlinburg, Tennessee) is shown from several angles. At upper left, Joseph and Mary gaze serenely into the manger-cradle of the newborn King. At upper right, a close-up view of one of the wise men kneeling in the stable before the manger where the baby Jesus lies shows the remarkable detail, both of the figure and of the colorful, authentic costumes. While below, the full scene is shown, with the three wise men at right and four shepherds in center. Three sheep add realism to the scene, and a tiny lamb lies on the straw near the manger. A rarity among Nativity scenes in that it is on display not just at Christmas, but throughout the year, the Christus Gardens Nativity has been viewed by many hundreds of thousands of people from all 50 states and scores of foreign countries.

year terms on the Board, beginning January 1, 1976.

Joe Harper is Manager of the Haskell Association, with offices at Haskell, and Rex Conner is Assistant Manager, with offices at Seymour, Texas.

Graveside services were held for Jamie Noelle Pollard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pollard of San Angelo at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15.

Jack Hammond, minister of First Christian Church, of Haskell officiated. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the directions of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Survivors include: parents, maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kreger, Haskell; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pollard, Post; maternal great grandmother, Mrs. Verdine Wilson, Haskell; paternal great grandmothers, Mrs. G. H. Glasscock, Gorman, and Mrs. M. P. Herren, Eastland.

Other information that should be filed with family documents are government and commercial life insurance policies, VA correspondence with identifying claim number, social security numbers and, where applicable, naturalization papers.

"A few minutes in simple organization can do much in avoiding undue anguish during times of great emotional stress," Jack Coker, VA Regional Director, said. "These vital papers should be kept safe from fire and theft, yet readily accessible, and their location known to family members," he added.

The veteran's family should be aware of possible survivor benefits such as VA pensions or dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected death.

Complete information on all benefits available to veterans and their families is available at VA regional offices, through representatives of veterans' service organizations, or veterans county service offices.

Annual Meet Held Dec. 10

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Federal Land Bank Association of Haskell was held in Haskell, Texas on December 10, 1975.

The Haskell Association services Farm and Ranch loans in Haskell, Jones, Baylor and Knox Counties, and has about \$15,000,000.00 volume of loans outstanding in this area.

The Association is represented by a Board of Directors elected by Stockholders of the Association, and the Board is presently composed of:

O. G. Lewis, Rule, Texas, President; J. E. Nix, Rt. 1, Abilene, Texas Vice-President; Ernest Beck of Vera, Texas; Ralph Howe, of Seymour, Texas; E. H. Burnett, of Haskell, Texas; Weldon Walker, Stamford, Texas.

At the Stockholders Meeting, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Burnett were re-elected for 3

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At this Glorious and Holy time, we wish for all mankind the great gifts of peace and joy, faith and love. May our spirits be uplifted, and our hearts filled with happiness and contentment, as we cherish anew the glorious message and meaning of Christmas. For the confidence and loyalty of those whom we are privileged to serve, we wish to express deepest gratitude.

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SECTION TWO

THE HASKELL FREE PRESS

THE EIGHTY-NINE

The HASKELL FREE PRESS—Thursday, December 25, 1975

RULE ROUNDUP

BY OLETA CORNELIUS

Phone 997-2167 With Your News

BOUNCING BALL

Rule boys and girls won both games playing at Paint Creek on Tuesday night, December 9. The boys score was 75 to 50 and the girls was 52-38. Playing in the Aspermont Invitational Tournament on Thursday night, December

11, the boys were defeated by Aspermont 58-57, in a nip and tuck game. The scores were even the first quarter and at the half. Rule was ahead one point. The scoring was again even in the third quarter and then Aspermont scored two points more than Rule in the fourth quarter to come ahead on point and win the game. Playing again on Saturday in the consolation bracket, the boys were defeated by Anson, 56-53. High point boy for Rule in the Aspermont game was Tumlinson with 16 and Henning had 27 for Aspermont. In the Anson game, Tumlinson scored for 21 points and Watts had 22 for Anson.

The A team of girls was host to Guthrie Friday night, December 12, and won their game 69-39.

High school will play Weintert here Friday night, December 19, and also host O'Brien on Monday night, December 22. The first weekend in January, they will play in the Jayton Invitational Tournament.

In junior high play, the Kittens were defeated by Goree, Thursday night, December 11. The boys score was Rule 27-Goree 38. Girls score was Rule 17-Goree 24.

Their next game will be after the holidays when they journey to O'Brien on Thursday, January 8, to play against the O'Brien Bulldogs.

ALL DISTRICT

Rule placed four players on the All District 5-B football squad for 1975 and placed one player on both offense and defense.

Robert Ace Turner placed as tackle on the offense and lineman on the defense. Also placing on the first team offense was Johnny Baitz as guard and Johnny Menchaca, Freddy Moody of Newcastle and Jody Beltah of Woodson, were in a three way tie for quarterback first team. Leonard Rhoads placed as linebacker on the first team defense.

Receiving Honorable Mention as halfback was Jimmy Macias and Leonard Rhoads and center Eddie Brass for the offense. On defense was lineman Ronnie Oliver and en Bobby Flores.

Congratulations boys!

WTU PROGRAM

Mrs. Judy Lowe Ender, Home Economist for West Texas Utilities of Stamford, presented a Christmas program entitled, "Goodies From Santa's Workshop" on Monday, December 15, at 2:45 p.m. in the Rule School auditorium. Those attending enjoyed a tour through Santa's Candy Shop, Snack Shop, Cookie Shop, Bake Shop and Decoration Shop.

Mrs. Ender told of the various recipes and the various ways to wrap the baked goods to be presented as Christmas gifts. She also explained how to make two wreaths. One with greenery and decorated with miniature pots and pans, and the other wreath was made of corn shucks and decorated with Christmas decorations.

Mrs. Jo Andrews had surgery last Monday morning in West Texas Medical Center in Abilene.

Mrs. Festus Hunt has returned home after visiting in Levelland with Mrs. Nannie

McCauley and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Simpson.

Orman Yarbrough of Mesquite visited last Friday with his mother, Mrs. Irene Yarbrough.

Mrs. J. T. May of Knox City is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. May.

Arkansas, Bills J. Norwood of Graham and Joe Bob Norwood of Olney; four sisters, Mrs. J. C. Henderson of Fort Worth, Mrs. E. C. Sanderson of Newark, Mrs. Jerry Riggs of Portro, Oklahoma and Mrs. Paris Webb of Garland; and seven grandchildren.

Christmas Day". Mrs. J. J. Wheeler said A Christmas Prayer.

The minutes read by the secretary Mrs. Wheeler, were approved by the members. A total of 80 visits were reported made to the sick and shut-ins.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Sprayberry played Santa Claus and passed out Christmas gifts from under the tree.

Handcraft displayed by members included crewel pillows, hand drawn pillows made on burlap, a quilt, recipe holder and a candle holder.

The next meeting of the Rule Busy Bee Club will be in the home of Mrs. E. O. Morgan on Thursday, January 8, 1976, at 2 p.m.

ACTEENS

The Acteens of the First Baptist Church of Rule met Friday night for a cookie making party and a slumber party. The girls met in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church and made approximately fifty dozen cookies which the girls then wrapped and carried to the Care Homes in Haskell on Monday, December 15. The cookies were wrapped with a dozen to the package, in saran wrap and then decorated with a brightly colored bow.

Following the cookie making the girls played charades and then enjoyed refreshments of pizza, dips, chips, and cokes. The party dismissed at 6 a.m. and everybody went home to go to bed.

In charge of the cookie making was Debbie Tanner. Girls assisting and enjoying the fun were: Tami Letz, Bonnie Woods, Lisa Smith, Lesa Peel and Pam Wilson and Donna Williams of Abilene.

SANTA IN TOWN

All boys and girls should be downtown in Rule on Wednesday, December 24, between the hours of 2 to 4 p.m. Word has been received from the North Pole that Santa Claus will be in town at that time to get all the last minute orders from the boys and girls for Christmas and he might have a piece of candy for good little boys and girls. Be on the lookout for him Wednesday, December 24, between 2 to 4 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Graveside services for Sul Ross Payne, 87, of Fort Worth and formerly of Rule, were held Monday, December 15, in Rule Cemetery. Rev. J. R. Williams, pastor of Rule First Baptist Church officiated. Mr. Payne died at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, December 13, in a Fort Worth nursing home following a short illness.

Born July 26, 1887, in Holland, Texas, he had lived in the Fort Worth area the past 40 years. He moved to Rule as a child with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Payne Sr. He was a graduate of Rule High School. He was a Baptist, a veteran of World War I and a retired state livestock inspector.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. T. L. Hiner of Abilene and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Leona M. Jones, 59, of Rochester, were held Monday, December 15, in the First Baptist Church of Goree. Rev. Spencer Kirkpatrick, Baptist minister from Midland, and the Rev. Charles Casey, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Hefner Cemetery. Mrs. Jones died at 3:55 a.m. Sunday, December 14, in the Brazos Valley Care Home at Knox City after a long illness.

Born September 13, 1916, in Goree, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Norwood. She married Roy Lee Jones, September 13, 1938, in Seymour. The couple moved to Rochester in 1960 from McCamey. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Lee Roy of Abilene; four daughters, Mrs. Frances Mae Taylor of McCamey, Mrs. Bonnie Jane McDarland of Odessa, Mrs. Winnie Marie Jernigan of Sanger and Mrs. Jackie Lois Shelton of Rochester; seven brothers, Carl Norwood of Rule, Sammy Norwood and Elmer Norwood, both of Rhome, Alvin Norwood of McCamey, Roy Norwood of



ROBERT TURNER



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IN THE

Christmas Spirit

Each Christmas we realize anew, that our most rewarding possession is our many enriching friendships. And so to all our friends we wish a merry merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Dairy Queen

CHRISTMAS

A time of joyousness... a time to wish everyone the blessings of this holy season.

Holden-McCauley Funeral Home

The Charles McCauleys
The Charles Prewits

Bobby Summers
Terry Strickland

CHRISTMAS...

A time for spiritual rededication.
A time for sharing memories and renewing cherished friendships. A time for joy and peace.

PAYMASTER GIN

Weinert, Texas
—Don Griffis-Manager—

Letters to Santa...

Dec. 9
Dear Santa Claus
I want a trampoline and a mousetrap.
Love,
Angie

Dec. 9
Dear Santa
I love you very much How are you doing? I've been good. I want a baby That a-way.
Love,
Kelley

Dec. 9
Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a tonka toy truck I want a train. I want a wagon.
Albert

Dec. 9
Dear Santa
I Would like some Indian Boots. How are you doing? I Would like a tumble stone kit and I would like Evel Knievel.
Love
Shannon Martin

Dec. 9
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 5 years old. Please bring me a trampoline like Sherre & Gina's. I have moved this year, so please don't get the wrong house. I hope you have enough toys for my sister, Jessica and my cousins—Gina, Sheree, Riley and Kirby.
I love you!
Hester Owens

Score Yourself On This Christmas Quiz

See how well you can score on the answers to questions about Christmas and its customs! Then check the answers:

- Research says that Christ's birthday occurred on:
 - December 25
 - an uncertain date
 - January 6
- Sending Christmas cards is a custom that started in:
 - Germany
 - England
 - the U.S.
- Hanging mistletoe is a custom that began:
 - in the 18th Century
 - in Scandinavia
 - among the ancient Druids
- Decorating a Christmas tree has its origin in:
 - Germany
 - Czechoslovakia
 - Norway
- The first people to set up a decorated Christmas tree in a public place were:
 - Portuguese
 - Flemish
 - Americans
- The custom of burning the Yule Log originated with:
 - the Vikings
 - the French
 - the Slavs
- The meaning of the word "carol," as used in England in the Middle Ages, was:
 - dancing
 - singing
 - dancing in a circle while singing
- The use of the creche, or crib, as a Christmas symbol was introduced by:
 - the French
 - the Italians
 - the Swedes
- Exchanging gifts for Christmas was not practiced until:
 - 800 A.D.
 - the latter part of 19th Century
 - about 200 years ago
- The character of Santa Claus was first known as:
 - Father Christmas
 - St. Nicholas
 - Pere Noel

ANSWERS
 1—b 2—b 3—b 4—b 5—b 6—b 7—b 8—b 9—b 10—b
SCORING
 8 or better gives you an A; 5 to 7 is average. Less than that—return one Christmas present!

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good little 3 year old girl. My favorite thing I would like for you to bring me is a tree house by Kenner. Please remember all little boys and girls everywhere—and Merry Christmas to you.
Robin Harrell

Dearest Santa Claus,
I am six years old and would like a doll and a pair of skates for Christmas. Please don't forget all the children who aren't as lucky as my brother and I.
Thank you,
Kelli Gilliam
1101 N. Ave. E
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 3 years old. I have been a good boy so please bring me a Putt-Putt, motorcycle, and a Choo-Choo train. I love you and remember all the other little boys and girls.
Thank you,
Nole Hadaway.

Dear Santa,
I am only four years old and not quite big enough for school yet. Please bring me a baby that walks and crawls (A Baby That A Way). I guess you had better bring Hester something. Please bring me lots of candy because I like it better than anything. Mommy and Daddy need something in their stocking too. Please remember Grandma and Papa, Mimi and Papa, Charlene and Bill, and Tom and Mary Ellen.
Jessica Owens

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Jody. I am 8 years old. For Christmas I would like a four-wheel drive John Deere tractor and fold up plow, also a U-haul truck, and some pants. Don't forget my cousins Wayne and Michael Puckett in Tusaloosa, Ala.
Love You
Jody Freeman
Weinert, Texas
Also don't forget all my aunts and uncles and other cousins.

Dearest Santa Claus,
I am eight years old and would like to have anything you wish to bring me. Please remember all my friends.
Thank you,
Shane Gilliam
1101 N. Ave. E
Haskell, Texas

Dearest Santa,
I am one of your "older", but loyal believers! Please leave under all Christmas trees everywhere—SOME old-fashioned LOVE, HAPPINESS CARING and SHARING. This old world is moving so rapidly, there seems to be very little of these ingredients around to make a truly Merry Christmas and an even more beautiful New Year.
My love to you, Santa,
Suzie Gilliam

Dec. 15, 1975
301 S. Ave. G
Haskell, Texas

North 8th Street
Haskell, Tex 79521
Dec. 12, 1975

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am 10 years old and in the 5th Grade. For Christmas I would like to have a Beauty Boutique, A Snoopy radio, a Winnie the Pooh watch and a baby carriage. I would also like to have Winnie the Pooh, on Schroeder's Piano. And last of all a Winnie the Pooh Tigger, and Owl Toss 'n Turn. Well, you tell Roudolph to rest all he can until Christmas. One more thing have a Happy Merry Christmas. Here is a little poem: Make sure you're at the North Pole. And not at the South Pole. If you read a Banana that says Doel. Make Sure that Banana wasn't stole. SMILE!
With Love,
Georgia Billington

Dear Santa Clause,
I am a boy 7 years old. I have tried to be a nice boy this year. For Christmas, I would like to have a Dallas Cowboy uniform, a batman clock for my room, a pinball machine, and some Leggo building bricks.

Santa, don't forget my cousins, Patrick and Pam Davis, and all the other boys and girls.
Have a safe trip and I will leave a snack for you.
Love,
Jeffrey Davis
Stamford, Texas

North 8th Street
Rt. 1 box 22
Haskell, Tex 79521
Dec. 15, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing, I am doing fine. I am in the sixth grade, my teacher name is Mrs. Foster. She is a nice teacher. For Christmas I would like to have a watch and a pool table It's a good pool table. How are you and Mrs. Santa doing. I hope you are doing fine. Well, good-bye So long see you at christmas.
Yours truly
Richard A. Billington



"Bearing gifts, they traveled
At this Holy time, we wish for
great gifts of peace and happiness, faith and
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—Biggon Drinnon—



Loads of Good Wishes at Christmas
Santa is taking stock of our season's wishes to our many appreciated customers.
Pit Stop Grocery



Peace... Joy
May the many blessings of Christmas dwell with us... always.
Smitty's Auto Supply

Holy night



May the infinite blessings of Christmas be yours in abundance. Our sincere gratitude to all our many friends and neighbors.
DEAN BUTANE COMPANY
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dean And Family
Homer Josselet—Lee Roy Isbell



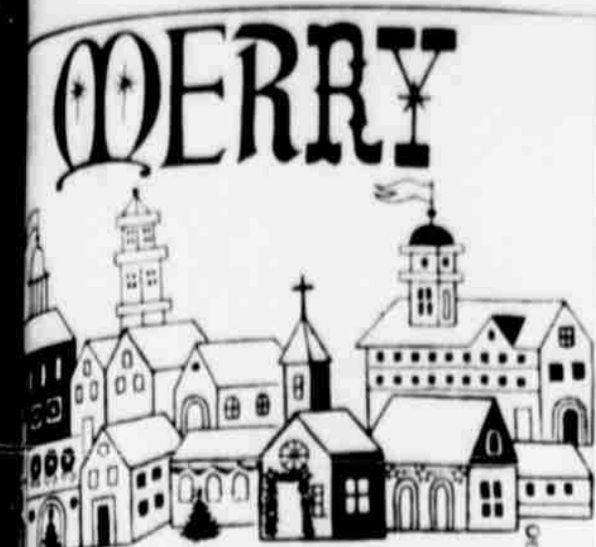
Greetings
Sing out, ring out
Christmas carols... tidings of comfort and joy. It's time for peace, goodwill toward men.
Haskell County Farmers Union

Christmas Cheer



Hope you've got lots of good things for our friends and patrons. And please deliver this wish—Happy Holiday for Everyone!
Cliff House & Employees
We Will Be Closed Christmas Day
STAMFORD, TEXAS

MERRY CHRISTMAS



May the sweet joys of Christmas fill the hearts of you and yours, now and evermore.

ROYCE ADKINS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CHARLES CHAPMAN
COUNTY ATTORNEY

Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa Claus,
I have him a good girl.
1 Barbe Beauty Center, 2 Rud a Dud Doll, 3 records, 4 Color Book and color, 5 cloths, 6 toys, 7 bibble, 8 books, 9 pants set, 10 Bright Light, 11 babby elive, 12 shoes wire and black, 13 skakes, 14 Barbe Camper, 15. Moccasins.
from Tina Lacey

Dear Santa,
My name is Christie, I am two years old. I have a brother. His name is David. He is one.
I would like a tricycle, a doll, a doll buggy and some dishes. I also want my Daddy, Nanny & pawpa and Aunt Mary to come see me, please?
Davis wants a wagon and a truck. He wants a baby brother or sister with a baby bed. That's so he won't have to give his up.
Be sure to bring it to 305 N. 3rd, Haskell because we moved.
Thank you,
Love,
Christie Yates

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi! My name is Jimmy Johnston and I'm 2 years old. My mommie says I have been a good little boy this year.
Santa I would like to have a big red firetruck, a choo choo train, a Fisher Price Farm Set, a Winnie The Pooh Musical Bear and a pair of cowboy boots.
Santa I live at 1008 N. Ave. L. I will leave you some cookies, pie and milk on the table to eat.
Santa please don't forget all my little friends, my Aunt San San and my Uncle Tomcat along with everybody else.
I Love You Santa. You and Rudrolf please be careful.
Your little friend,
Jimmy Johnston

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 4 years old and have been very good. Please bring me a super hero doll, like superman, batman and robin. Also a Batman cave and a Smash-up Derby.
I love you,
Paul Harvey

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old and have been a good boy most of the year. Please bring me a Star Trek dolls and Starship, and Lone Ranger, Tonto and horse. Please bring me more toys, if you have some extra.
I have a sister named Shannon. She wants a doll and a doll stroller, doll high chair. I have a brother too, named Jason. Please bring him some baby toys because he is just one year old. I hope you do not get cold on Christmas night. Thank you very much.
Love Kevin

1309 E. 49th
Odessa, Texas
December 8, 1975

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to you. I am 6 years old. Please bring me a G. I. Joe seawolf submarine, drum set, and a cross country bike. I bet you have big muscles from carrying so many toys. Good Luck in 1976.
Love,
Blake Liles

Dear Santa,
I will be three years old in March, and I am really excited about Christmas this year. I am trying to be a good little boy and mind Mommy and Daddy, so would you please bring me a choo-choo train, guns, a cowboy hat, an airplane, and a hat like Joe's. We are going to have a baby at our home real soon, so please bring some presents for our baby. Also please don't forget my cousins, and all the other boys and girls.
Love,
Chad Harris Gibson



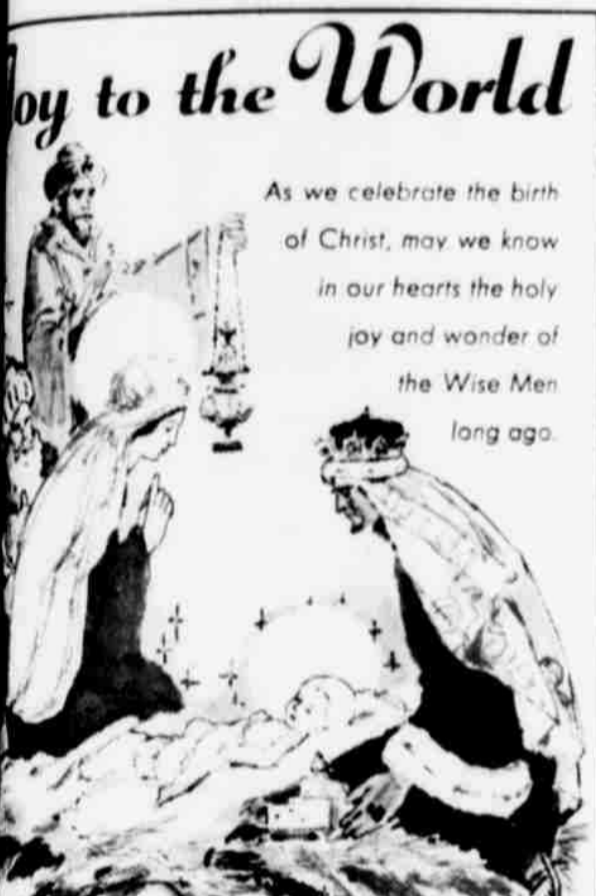
Best wishes for a bright, and merry Christmas

Here, beneath the lamplight's glow, we gather to joyously sing out, "Hello," To you and all those you hold dear, a holiday filled with lots of cheer!

The Fieldan Motel
—Phone 864-2551—Haskell, Texas—
Mrs. T. C. Walker

Joy to the World

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, may we know in our hearts the holy joy and wonder of the Wise Men long ago.



Woodard Farm Sales

Dear Santa,
I would like to have two gifts from this list: Evel Knievel, Record Player, Records, GI Joe, Snooper Soaper, Bicycle.
I would also like a bone for my puppy — Joe.
I've been a pretty good boy.
I Love You,
Marc Grupe

Dear Santa,
I would like an army gun and hat, a junior football and some boy toys for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year.
My little sister, Michelle wants a doll, table and chairs and some girl toys for Christmas. We will have cookies and milk waiting for you!
We love you,
Michelle & Brandon Bowles
Rule, Tx.

Dear Santa:
These are the things I want for christmas.
Three speed bicycle, hair dryen, tape player, hair curler, baby that away, typewriter.
Merry Christmas to you.
Dear Santa. Hope you have a nice Christmas. I live in Sonora, Texas.
from: Carrie

Dear Santa
I been good I want a bicycle, and motoreycle doll I love you
Lori

Dear Santa,
My name is Chad and I am 2 years old. For Christmas I would like a Farm Set, See & Say, tricycle, Bean Bag Chair, table & chairs & a tractor.
Thank you,
Chad Roberts



Hello...

Merry Christmas!

Santa's on his way to you with a list of merry wishes and thanks for your loyal support.

TANNER GROCERY
Rule, Texas



IT'S CHRISTMAS

We're wishing everyone a mountain of Christmas cheer. Many thanks for letting us serve you.

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Joyful Wishes

Many thanks for being able to serve you.



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All the Joys of Christmas

We hope the Christmas promise of a bright future is fulfilled for you and your family. For your valued patronage, we thank you.

Dad 'N Lad Shop



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Sing the carols. Ring the bells. Let the season's joy be felt by young and old...and thank you for your patronage.



FARM & RANCH SUPPLY
303 SOUTH FIRST—T. J. BALLARD AND FAMILY

CHRISTMAS

May the joy and peace of this holiday season be with you.



Boon's Cleaning Center

In the Spirit of Christmas

With best wishes for a happy, holy holiday, we send greetings and gratitude to you. May the blessings of Christmas ever be yours.



Campbell Insurance Agency
Rule, Texas

Letters to Santa...

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AT THE CARTER'S—I MEAN
 The night before Christmas went all through the house. Deann had just settled Brandon for a long night's nap. Craig, Mark, and Lonie were snug in their bed, and old Sugar was asleep at their head.
 Out on the grass we heard such a clatter. Sugar rushed at the door to see what was the matter.
 There was such a noise so loud and so clear we knew old Santa must surely be here.
 The door in the carport was locked up tight. The front door was fastened up for the night. Then up on the house top old Santa rushed with a bound. "How awful", he exclaimed, "No chimney is

found."
 So down came Santa with his pack on his back. He found the window was opened a crack.
 He jumped through window as nimble as could be and landed right beside the Christmas tree.
 Sugar was barking as loud as could be. It frightened old Santa and he knocked over the tree.
 The tree fell down on top of his head. Craig and Mark jumped right out of their bed. Brandon was crying as loud as could be. The boys ran in, old Santa to see.
 Old Santa, as he looked all around, said, "I believe this is the worse house in town."
 Santa sat in the chair and took the boys in his lap, unbuttoned his coat and took



CHRISTMAS MORNING WITH OLD FRIENDS — Disneyworld Castle, licensed by Walt Disney, has a background board Fantasy Castle with favorite Disney characters. Perforated cards permanently snap into plastic blocks. Cards include scenes from Cinderella, Pinocchio, Peter Pan, Alice in Wonderland and Snow White. Set includes Disneyworld Castle, 10 full-color activity cards, four large shadowbox rectangles, five small shadowbox rectangles, one shadowbox triangle and 12 character cylinders. Colorful gift box. For ages 2-7. Retail for about \$3.98. From Kusan, Inc., Nashville, Tenn.

off his cap.
 Deann, with Brandon, got him something to eat. Then sat down right close to his feet.
 He finished his eating as fast as could be. "I must be leaving, its getting late," said he.
 There's an Evil Knivel to be shared by the boys and a game for Michael he left with the toys.
 A horse for Brandon as cute as can be. Something for Deann he put under the tree.
 He softly kissed Brandon and tickled his toes. "I must go see Tammy" and out of the chair he arose.
 He kissed Craig and Mark as he went out the door. That's all there is there ain't anymore.
 Deann Carter
 Box 273
 Haskell, Texas 79521
 Age 14

Dear Santa claus
 I would like a skiing trip.
 Stephanie Browning

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like a spin welder.
 Ricky Myers

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like a saddle. My brother would like a G. I. Joe. My mother would like a Gown. My dad would like some sleprs.
 Kami Madina

I would like a Big wheel and six million dollar man big Jim pack
 Scott Schaaqe

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like a BB gun, a hot wheel, and a 6-million dollar man, and a G.I. Joe.
 Alberto Huerta

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like a Evell Knievell and a airplan and a Hotwheel and a 6-million dollar man and a big jim pack and a jI joe and a BB gun and a bike.
 Trinidad Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like a six million dollar man and a Big jim pack.
 Darryl Hoover

It's a snap to build

Warm and sincere greetings to you and your loved ones for the bright holiday season.



Brister & SoRelle



IT'S CHRISTMAS

It's the happy time!
 We send our wishes for a merry season of gatherings with families and friends. And it's the time to say thanks for letting us serve you.
 The pleasure has been ours. We look forward to more Christmases with you.

Party Port, Inc.



Noel

Joy to the world, it is the season of Christ's birth, rich in love and peace. We wish you a full share of holiday joy. Grateful thanks to all.

The good will and patronage accorded us by our friends these many years are worthy indeed of our sincerest wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hammer Laundry

Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like a Baby Alive and a Baby Crissy and a Sunshine family van and a Baby That Away
 Bette Sue Villarreal

Dear Santa Claus
 I would like an airplane
 Emitterio

Dear Santa claus
 I would like a car and a evell knivell and My brothe would like evell knivell to
 Danny York

Dear Santa Claus
 I would like a spin welder I would like 6 million dollar man also evell knivell and a hot wheels
 Billy Mcfdden

Dear Santa claus,
 I would like a Baby-That-away and a Buggy.
 Denise Oottan

Dear Santa Claus
 I would like a Hot Wheel
 Johnny Castillo

Dear Santa Claus
 I would like a big jim pack and a the six-million dollar man and a Evell Knivell and a Airplan a g i joe.
 Felipe Arrendondo, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus.
 I am trying to be good. I want a Baby Dreams and a Cookie Monster Plush Pal and a Bugs Bunny Desk Accessories and a Sesame Street Big Bird and two black and gold pom poms and a Simon Sez Ventriloquist Doll.
 Your friend,
 Holly McBroom

Dear Santa,
 I am trying to be good. Please bring me a watch and a Spearmint sleeping bag.
 Thank you,
 Love Dianne Carroll

Dear Santa,
 I am trying to be good. Please bring me a trampoline.
 Thank you.
 Love,
 Amy Castillo



May the peace of that first Noel shine brightly on you. May its true meaning fill your heart and home with love, understanding, happiness.

H. Richardson Truck & Tractor



We're wishing you and your family all the happiness of the holiday. We've enjoyed being able to serve you.

Lane Apparel FOR MEN



GREETINGS TO ALL

Tree lights are glowing everywhere. Gay wreaths bedeck the windows. Carolers raise their voices in song. Anticipation fills the air. Hearts are light, spirits bright. It's Christmas. Have a merry one.

Herman Marcus, Inc.

And Employees
 John Brito, Mgr.
 Haskell, Texas



TEA PUNCH . . . Like to offer your holiday guests something a little different when it's time to pass the punch? Make it with tea, using your own recipe or the one below.

HOT TEA LEMONADE
(Makes 8 - 12 servings)

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3/4 cup cold water | 3 tablespoons loose tea or 9 bags |
| 3/4 cup granulated sugar | 12 whole cloves |
| 2 quarts freshly drawn cold water | 1/2 cup lemon juice |

Make simple syrup by combining 3/4 cup water and 3/4 cup granulated sugar in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. While syrup is simmering, prepare tea by bringing two quarts freshly drawn cold water to a full rolling boil. Immediately, pour water over tea. Let stand for 3 to 5 minutes. Strain into a chafing dish or other serving container. Add simple syrup, cloves and lemon juice. To serve, place a lemon slice speared with an additional whole clove in each cup and fill with tea.

Dec. 15, 1975
301 S. Ave. G
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a talking Soft Tina, Play Family Tree House, Barbie Doll Clothes and Barbie Suitcase, and a Barbie House? Please bring my little brother, Nole, a motorcycle and my big brother, Shane, a Six Million Dollar Man.
Love you,
Loutine Hadaway

Dear Santa,
I want a Bless You Baby tender Love and some New breakable Dishes.
Love,
Kristen Sue Campbell

Dec 9
Dear Santa Claus,
I want some boots and the Baby Thataway and Mouse-trap.
Love
Irma Diaz

Dec. 9

Dear Santa,
I Love you. I Want a Walkie Talkie. I am 8 years old. I am in second grade.
Love,
Timmy Wilson

Dec. 9

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a Evel Knievel. Would you bring me a toy that talks. I will leave you a milk on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Pacil

Dec. 195

Dear Santa,
I wold like a wild riders and Evel knievel. I Love Santa I have been good boy. Well that's all Santa
Love
Daniel Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a 6-million dollar
Scott Turner

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a present Baby That-A-Way and Baby Alive and a buggy.
Esther Chavez

Dear Santa Claus
I would like A baby-that-a-way and A sunshine family-van and A baby-Alive.
Tamala Randle

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a present Baby that way and a Baby alive and a Bike.
Rachel Capetillo

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a nerf football and a helmet. My brother wants a trian. I forgot I want a walke-talkie.
Lance Hanson

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a baby-that-a-way My brother would like a Evel Knievell
Jill Jennings

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Baby alive a rub a ddy doll a toy Santa Claus pair of skates, a baby-that-a-way.
Tina Lacey



Merry Christmas

At Yuletide, we extend to you our wish that merriment may brighten your happy home, all season long.

Kirby Texaco
—James Kirby—

NOTICE

We Will Be Closed
THURSDAY, DEC. 25

Open Until Noon Dec. 26

Closed Noon Dec. 31
and All Day Jan. 1

We Urge Our Patrons to
Transact all Necessary Business
Accordingly.

Haskell National Bank

MEMBER FDIC

Greetings for Christmas



With good old-fashioned enthusiasm we send Christmas greetings and warm wishes that you and your dear ones may enjoy a bounty of wonderful holiday pleasures.

Haskell Co. Warehouse
And Compress



Silent Night, Holy Night

Sing His praises joyfully for it is Christmastime! Reverently, we reflect upon the wonder of that first Holy night as we share the hope of the season with our many friends and neighbors. Good will to all men is in our hearts, with special good wishes and warm gratitude to our valued patrons.

HALE FARM SUPPLY

Pat Hale, President
Phone 861-2692 - Haskell, Texas



COMMERCIAL

Christmas

BY PATRICIA PEEL

Alice Harr stepped behind the notions counter, slipped off her shoes and reached down to soothe the sore muscles of her instep.

Four more hours and it would be all over. Hooray! If she could still move she would surely dance a jig!

"Alice, Alice," came the call. "Change on number two." "I'm coming, I'm coming just a moment."

"Hey, Alice, we need some dimes on five. We can hardly make any change at all."

"Alice tossed the hair from her eyes with a shake of her blonde head. "You're next, five. Just cool it for a moment or two."

"The guy who said Christmas is too commercial has my vote", she muttered to herself as she went from two to five, and then to four, and then to pacing the floor again.

People! Alice had been around a long time. She felt she knew people pretty well. Just looking about now, she spotted people that she saw frequently during the year. They always bou-

the cheapest items in stock—except at Christmas. Then, it seemed, they hardly glanced at price tags. See something, pick



Why can't people be as sensible at Christmas as the rest of the year, she wondered.

it up, look at it, buy it. Many of these people had charge accounts. It took some of them so long to pay up, Alice knew they spent "over their heads" each Christmas season.

Why can't people be as sensible at Christmas as they are the rest of the year, she wondered.

With no one calling for her at the moment, Alice stepped behind the candy counter and took off her shoes. She rubbed her sore foot against her foot. "I wonder, Alice," she said almost aloud, "if you would feel differently if you had someone—anyone—that you cared about." I would not be foolish, she reassured herself. "I'm too level-headed. I'd give a sensible gift. Something inexpensive. Something useful."

"Alice, check on two," came

the call. The hours wore away. Finally, the doors were shut and the shades drawn. One by one, the slow customers were let through and finally the clerks were dashing madly about, each hurrying to be among the first to check out and head for a holiday at home.

Alice, of course, was among the last to finish. She was always among the last. But, she didn't care. She had only the apartment to go to, and no plans for any part of the holiday.

No Hurry The manager let her out the door and for a moment Alice stood watching the shoppers hurrying homeward. She turned and idly looked at the store windows. Some of them were half-empty. Most of the toys were gone—remaining were a drum, a small wagon and a little train set—which someone had failed to disconnect. The engine and three cars scooted merrily around the track.

Alice knocked on the door for several minutes before the manager came. "Mr. Weddle, I want that train set. Please help me box it."

Mr. Weddle wrinkled his

brows, and without a word reached under a counter for the box.

Outside again, Alice stood on the corner, bugging the train set as if it were some very precious item. The streets were more deserted now. And, people seemed in more of a hurry than ever.

Finally, an elderly woman and a little boy came by. The lad was whistling "Jingle Bells." He stopped abruptly when Alice shoved the package into his hands. "Here, little boy. Take this home with you, and don't open it until tomorrow."

She turned away, hurrying herself now, suddenly aware that she was whistling "Jingle Bells" and that for some reason, her feet didn't seem to bother her at all.

Small Appliance May Be Good Gift

A small electrical appliance is an excellent gift—if it is something the recipient needs and will use.

It's a good buy if it is adequate in size and durable in construction. It should be easy to clean, and immersible. It should also bear the Underwriters Laboratories seal of approval, both on cord and appliance.

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Calendar Accurate Until Year 2500

Man marks time by the Gregorian calendar, which was instituted, by Pope Gregory in 1582. It is based upon the solar year of 365 days, 5 hours and 48 minutes, 46 seconds, with the extra hours, minutes and seconds compensated for through a well-ordered system of leap years.

Despite the fact that the Gregorian calendar doesn't please everyone, it will probably be around for a long time, at least, until the year 2500. Mathematicians have guaranteed its accuracy until that date and mankind seems to have the habit of never solving problems until they are accomplished.

Simply stated, the Gregorian calendar provides that years divisible by four, except for the years numbering the centuries, shall have 366 days, and the century-marking years shall be leap years—only if divisible by four after the ciphers have been removed. For example, the year 1900 was not a leap year; the year 2000 will be, since it is divisible by four after the last two ciphers are removed.

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Problem: Catch Up With The Sun

The sun in the morning sky is much more important to man than the signal that a new day has begun. Since man first began marking time, the sun has always posed a problem. Leap years in our present Gregorian calendar are necessitated by the fact the solar year is longer than the calendar year.

Sometime in the seventh century B. C., Numa Pompilius instituted the Roman calendar. Although it was revised several times, by the reign of Julius Caesar, the Roman calendar

was some two months

work on a new calendar came up with a better idea of keeping up, but it took months needed to do about up with the sun. The problem by inserting additional months between months of November, December, making the year, which was to as 46 B. C., the longest in history—a total days.

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PEACE

May you and yours be greatly blessed by the spiritual radiance of Christmas. To know and serve you is our sincere pleasure.

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HASKELL, TEXAS



Greetings

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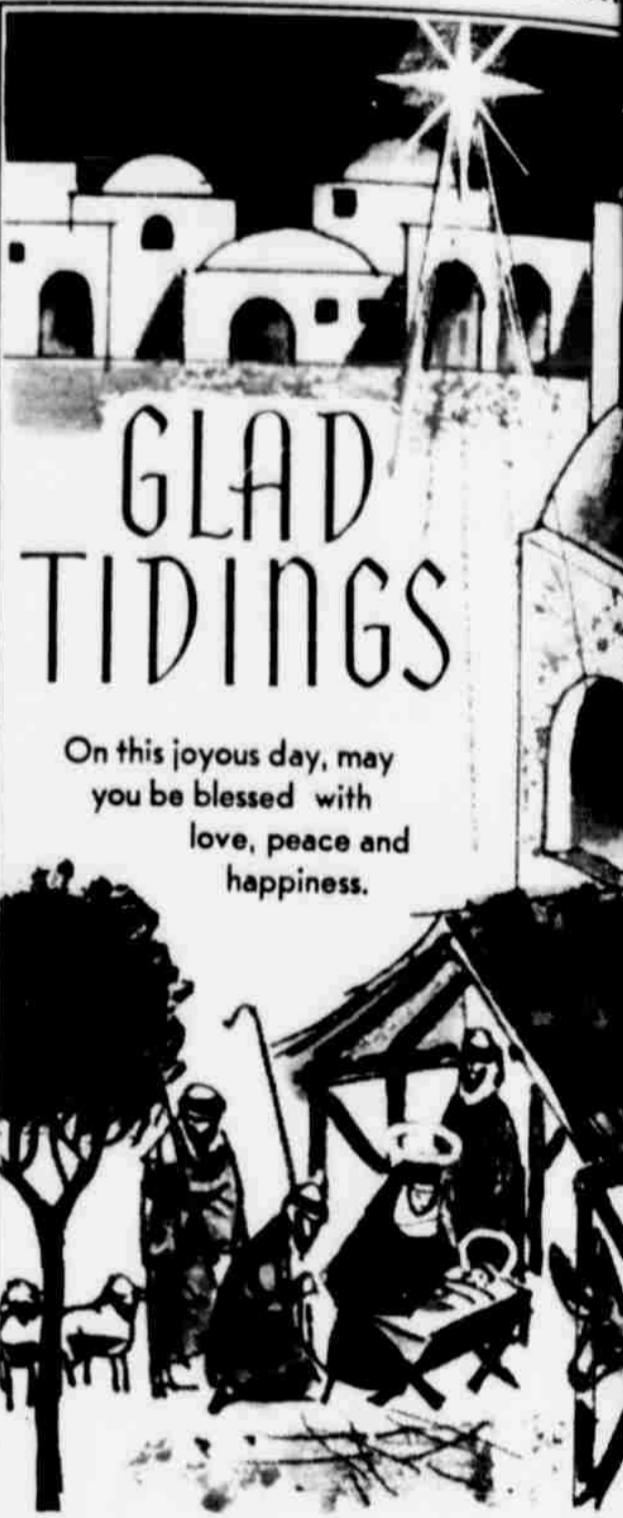
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Sincere Greetings

Santa's on the job relaying good wishes and thanks to our friends.

Biard Cleaners



GLAD TIDINGS

On this joyous day, may you be blessed with love, peace and happiness.

Perry Gulf Station



THE SPIRIT of CHRISTMAS

As you worship with your family at Christmas, may the true spirit of the season greatly bless you. Sincerely, we extend our greetings.

Anderson Construction Co.

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GREETINGS at CHRISTMAS

Seasonal excitement is in the air as spirits mount. To all our good patrons go sincere thanks.

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A Merry Christmas

HASKELL COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a trampoline and a baby-that-away, and a watch. Thank you.
Love
Kelly Earp

Old-Fashioned Greetings



Hope you and your family share an old-fashioned Christmas decked with friendship, fellowship, festivity.
TEXACO, INC.
—Larry Gilliam—



MERRY Christmas
Our town is ringing out with laughter and good cheer. The happy sounds of greetings carry a message of Christmas joy for you and yours!
Haskell Co. Feeders Supply
—and—
Nine Point Grain, Inc.

December 9, 1975
Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a Football game and a Evel knivel and a twister and a Drum Thank you, Love,
Stacy Hester

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a Rookie and a B b gun. Thank you. Love,
Greg Phemister

December 9
Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a Baby That Away Baby Tender Love Thank you.
Love,
Gracey Ann Hewtty

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a B-B gun Thank you.
Love
Edwin Brazell

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a trampoline Thank you.
Love,
Kregg Sanders

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a B-B gun. Thank you. Love,
Landon Pannell

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a tractor. Thank you. Love,
Jody Freeman

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a B-B gun bicycle. Thank you.
Love,
Ruben Jr. (Ruben Castillo, Jr.)

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring m a B-B gun. Thank you.
Love,
Ramon Castarena

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a Baby That Away and a bicycle. Thank you.
Love,
Norma Valencia

Chocolate-Almond Treats



For gift boxes or holiday parties, here are two very special recipes featuring ever-popular chocolate and almonds.

- Almond-Choco Confections**
- 2 bars (1.26 oz. ea.) milk chocolate
 - 2 teaspoons grated orange rind
 - 1/2 cup orange juice
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 package (12 oz.) vanilla wafers, crushed (3 cups)
 - 2 tablespoons orange juice
 - 1 cup whole natural (unblanched) almonds, chopped
- Break up bars, combine with orange rind, 1/2 cup juice and sugar; cook over medium heat, stirring until sugar dissolves and chocolate melts. Off heat, mix with wafers, 2 tablespoons juice and almonds. Chill 1 hour, then shape small balls. Roll in additional chopped almonds if you wish. Refrigerate in closed container several days for best flavor. Makes about 3 dozen.
- Chocolate-Almond Divinity**
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 2 egg whites
 - 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla
 - 1 package (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate bits
 - 1 cup coarsely chopped almonds
 - Whole blanched almonds
- Combine syrup, sugar, salt and 1/2 cup water in saucepan; bring to boil; cook to 248° F. (firm ball stage). Meanwhile, beat egg whites stiff. Gradually beat 1/2 cup syrup mixture into whites. Return remaining syrup to heat; cook to 272° F.; gradually beat it into whites. Beat in vanilla, chocolate and almonds, beating until chocolate melts. Drop by spoonfuls into paper candy cups or spread in 9-inch square pan. While still soft, top each with a whole almond. Cool. Makes about 3 dozen.

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a bike. Thank you.
Love,
Darla Griffis

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a trampoline. Thank you.
Love
Stacia Adams

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a pellet gun. Thank you.
Love,
Mark Jimenez

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me some cleats. Thank you.
Love,
Shannon Forehand

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good please bring m a doll. Thank you
Love,
Josie Estrada

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a trampol. eni and B-b gun. Thank you.
Love,
Edward Perez



O, HOLY NIGHT

Across the ages shines the wonder of a Holy Night. May the true meaning of Christmas make your holiday bright.

Queen Roofing Co.



HOLY NIGHT

"O Night When Christ Was Born..."
During this joyous season let us take the time to pray for peace.

DAIRY CREAM
AND EMPLOYEES

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a bike. Thank you.
Love
Margaret Castarena

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a bike. Thank you.
Love
Douglas Boling

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a B-B gun. Thank you.
LOVE,
Louis Perez
Two package of B-b's

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a Big Wheel. Thank you.
Love,
Ignacio Torres, Jr.

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a B-b gun. Thank you.
Love
Ruben Castillo

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a bike. Thank you.
Love,
Kathy Valencia

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy one year old. My name is Shannon. I would like a spring horse to ride. Please bring me a Nerf animal, a tonka fire truck, and a play family farm set. I would like a toy monkey to sleep with.
See you Christmas!
Love,
Shannon Langford

Dear Santa,
My name is Shanna and I am five years old. I would like a bicycle for Christmas. Please bring me a baby That-a-Way if you have any left. I would like a talking alarm clock to wake me up when I start to school next year.
Remember all the little girls and boys in the world.
I love you.
Shanna Langford

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old and have a new baby brother that's 1 month old. I have tried to be a good boy this year. I sure do need some farm equipment; especially a moldboard to plow behind my four-wheel drive John Deer you brought me last year. Also, anything else you want to bring.
Since Casey is so small, just surprise him this year. We'll be looking for you.
Love,
Adam Brook & Casey Dale Coleman

Best Wishes

May the serenity of the season fill your holiday with peace, warmth, brotherhood.

RUSS AGRICULTURE FLYING

RUSS MATTHEWS, OWNER
HASKELL, TEXAS

CHRISTMAS Joy

As the wise men following the star, found the stable in Bethlehem, may you also find new spiritual meaning in the joy, peace and goodwill of Christmas.

Haskell Memorial Hospital Board & Staff



THE SPIRIT of CHRISTMAS

As you worship with your family at Christmas, may the true spirit of the season greatly bless you. Sincerely, we extend our greetings.

Merchant's Plumbing & Heating
HASKELL, TEXAS

MERRY CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS

We hope that the true spirit of Christmas will bring a glow to your spirits, warmth to your heart. Thanks to all!

RULE CO-OP GIN
RULE, TEXAS

Mental Retardation

Editor—This is the twelfth in a series of articles about Mental Retardation prepared by Mrs. Eugene Cochran and the Public Education Committee of the Texas Association for Retarded Citizens.

"PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARD RETARDED CITIZENS" published by the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare in Programs for the Handicapped.

The President's Committee on Mental Retardation commissioned the Gallup Poll to determine how Americans have accepted the mentally retarded citizen. Findings show that "accepting attitudes" toward the mentally retarded citizen are most prevalent today, though some fears and lack of confidence still persists.

On the positive side, 85% would not object to 6 mildly or moderately retarded persons occupying a home on their block, and 91% would not object to having such a person employed where they work. These retarded citizens were described as being "educated to live in the general community" and as being "trained workers". Further, 94% felt that only a few retarded people must live in institutions. With the previous facts in mind, let us consider the following poem and written presentation at this holiday season.

THE GIFT OF UNDERSTANDING

Author Unknown

On please, turn not your face or hide me in the dark... Shed not a quiet tear or lower your eyes in shame. I am flesh and blood with a heart and a soul... I need your love and understanding, too. Accept me as HE put me here... A child to love, no more, no less.

We search our thoughts and believe that "Yes, we do accept each person as HE put them here!" In the following days mail, this note is received. "I am a retarded child. I don't really know what that means, except that people laugh at me. What have I done wrong? I can't do school work as good as other kids for some reason, and so they laugh at me. Is reading really that

important? I'm 16 years old and can read on a second grade level. They said that I developed more slowly than others. But I can read!

School is very hard for me so I become frustrated real easy. Why do they always give me something that I can't do good, and let me be successful like the other kids. I don't like to be laughed at, so sometimes I act silly. After all, it is better to be laughed at for being silly than for not being able to read as good as the class. I get so mad sometimes that I "become a behavior problem"... that is what the teacher calls it. I'd rather sit in

the principal's office where people are nice than to be laughed at.

Why don't people respect what I can do? I can do many things better than anyone in my class. I can work good with my hands and make a very good employee if trained good. Why can't people accept me for what I am. I'm just a retarded person. I'm not insane or dangerous. I just learn slower than most folks. At least I don't make fun of others that cannot do as good as I can. I'm just retarded. Is that really so bad?"

May each of us accept the other as HE put us here... a child to LOVE... no more, no less! Let us develop and reflect our attitudes of LOVE, HOPE, and PEACE for ALL mankind this happy, holy, holiday season.

Chosen City Once Derided

We recognize Nazareth as "the chosen city" and consider it one of the holiest places in Christendom. Such was not always the case.

Nazareth was considered so insignificant that the term "Nazarene" was applied to Jesus Christ in derision.

When Jesus called his first disciples, among them was Philip of Bethsaida. Philip went to Nathanael and said, "We have discovered the one about whom our scriptures speak. He is Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

And Nathanael replied, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

After Jesus had spoken to him, Nathanael exclaimed, "Thou art the Son of God; Thou art the King of Israel." And Nathanael returned to Nazareth with a few chosendisciples as Jesus began his ministry in the chosen city.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Santa's making a list of all our friends so that he can be especially good to each of you.

Best wishes to all.
Opal Rose Tax Service

Haskell, Texas



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We join with Santa to send glad-hearted greetings, with the wish that Christmas bring to you many good things... good friends and good cheer, good health and good fellowship, good fortune now and in the days ahead. It's a happy time of year, and making it even brighter for us are our memories of the times we have had the pleasure and privilege of serving you.

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Greetings

Here's wishing all of you a very special Merry Christmas!

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Haskell
Dewie E. Wester—Administrator



Greetings to all Here's wishing you lots of joy and laughter to remember all year.

J & R Radiator

Greetings to All

This frosty fellow brings our holiday wishes and many thanks for all your trust.

Haskell Paint & Body

Christmas has arrived! A time for gaily-wrapped goodies, yes, but also the time to count our each and every blessing . . . and to say thanks to our valued customers. We greatly appreciate your generous consideration. May your holidays be happy.

BOGGS & JOHNSON

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want to come see you! I want a bicycle and an Evil Kine! Start with Love You.
Love,
Ford

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Bethany Burgess and I am nineteen months old and very excited about Christmas! My mommy and daddy have told me all about you and I've tried hard to be a good girl all year just in case you were watching! I'd like for you to bring me a See and Say toy and some kitchen toys so I can pretend to help Mommy cook and wash dishes! Also, please remember all my little friends and cousins, especially my little friend Emily. Santa, don't forget that I will be at my great-grandmother's house for Christmas and I will leave you some cookies and milk and some carrots for your reindeer. Thank you very much.
Your little friend,
Bethany

Dear Santa Clause
I like to sing. I like my teshher, and I like you to.
My frind Jim
Denice Young
I want a record player and records

Dec. 9
Dear Santa,
How have you been doing? I've been very good I want a Mouse trap game, Baby That-Away, Play Vacuum, Art workshop, and Jewel Magic.
Love,
Kelly Wallace

Dec. 9
Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and a camera for christmas.
Love
Barbara

Dec. 9
Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a Mouse trap game Baby Alive. I will put out some cookies and some milk.
Love,
Pamela Weise

Dec 10
Dear Santa,
I want a Snopoyte and a race track. How are you I am fine.
Love,
Byron Hill

Dec. 9
Dear Santa,
I want a baby That Away. I Love you Santa. I have been good. How are you doing?
Love
Denise Johnson



WITH PETS AND TODDLERS in the house you can give your Christmas tree a glimmering look and yet have it safe. Make a lot of pompons in all sizes. Make them with yarn of Greslan acrylic fiber and nylon that has a lightly frosted look so right for the holidays. Make them one-tone, two-tone, three-tone or more. In golds, reds and greens. If it's for a small tree in the nursery use pale pinks, blues and greens. It will give a tree a fairy-like appearance.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me sea wolf, super toe, koolaid-dispenser, Ricochet Racers, HiHo Cherry O, Thundershift 500.
Bryan Baldwin

Dear Santa,
My name is Donna Griffis. I am 9 years old. I live in Weinert, Texas. I would like to have a Watch, Barbie Doll, Barbie kit, Barbie Clothes and some Play Make-up for Christmas. I have been good this year. I hope you can come to see me at Christmas time. I also have 2 sisters, Derinda and Darla. I hope you come to see them too. My little sister wants a bicycle and my big sister wants a set of walkie-talkies. I also hope you can come to see other children too. Well, I guess I had better go now. Thank you and I love you very much.
Love,
Donna

Dear Santa,
My name is Darla Griffis. I am seven years old. I live in Weinert, Texas. I would like a bicycle, some Barbie clothes and some play make-up for Christmas. I have been trying to be good this year. I hope you get to come to see me at Christmas. I also have two sisters, Derinda and Donna. They have tried to be good too. My big sister, Derinda wants a set of Walkie-talkies and my other sister, Donna wants a watch. I hope you get to see other children too and also visit the sick people in the hospital.
Thank you very much and Merry Christmas to everybody.
Love,
Darla

Dec. 9
Dear Santa,
I want a pool table and a BB Gun.
Ronnie

Dear Santa,
Please stop by my house and leave me a baby that a way, Putt Putt train, doll clothes, Walton house, talking alarm clock. I love you. I'm not scared of you anymore.
Emilie Whiteley

Dear Santa,
My name is Marcy Michelle Davis. I live at 1506 North Ave. H in Haskell. I am 6 years old and in the first grade. I want to thank you, Santa for all the toys you brought me last Christmas. I have tried to be a real good girl and mind my Mother and Daddy.
I would like for you to bring me a little T.V. made just for my room. I would also like a taffy machine, Raggedy Ann radio, Bean bag, record player. Stand for my record player, a big Holly Hobby, and baby alive.
Please don't forget to bring me lots of goodies and stocking stuffings. Also don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
P.S. I Love you Santa
Love,
Marcy Michelle

Dec. 9
Dear Santa,
I want a Operations Theater Map, and Spie Gel, and I been very good.
Love,
Lance Hawley

Dec. 9
Dear Santa
I've been good. I want a Mickey Mouse Game. I want a football. I want a GI Joe.
Love,
Jody Payne

Dec. 9
Dear Santa,
I want Indian boots and I want a Ceicl set. I want Evel knevel.
Love
Chris

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Peace on Earth

Let us follow the Christmas Star like the Magi to brotherhood!

Christene's Beauty Salon

Glad Christmas Tidings

Let us glory in God's promise of Joy and Peace on Earth, Good Will to all men.

BYNUM'S

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bynum
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bynum

Merry Christmas

WARM FRIENDSHIP.
CHILDREN PLAYING,
MERRIMENT . . . ALL PART
OF A JOYFUL YULETIDE.
FOR US, CHRISTMAS IS
ALSO TIME TO THANK YOU
FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY.

Wallace's Exxon Service Station

GREETINGS

We hope that the true spirit of Christmas will bring a glow to your spirits, warmth to your heart. Thanks to all!

Farmers National Bank

RULE, TEXAS

Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,
My name is Tina, and I am six years old. I would like a Baby-That-a-way, play stove and some candy for Christmas. Please visit Laurie Hester too.
Tina Briscoe
Weinert Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Mondy. I would like a bicycle, candy, and a new vest. I have a little brother, named Mitch. He would like a gasoline truck for

Christmas.
Please visit all the other children.
Mondy Mayfield
Weinert Kindergarten

My name is Chad. For Christmas I would like a B-B gun and some B-B's. Please bring something for Landon, Kayla and Clayton too.
Chad Pannell
Weinert Kindergarten



Now, at Christmastime,
we would like to thank you.
Have a Merry Christmas!

Johnson Pharmacy

Merry Christmas

We rejoice in the sound of the words and the glory of the message: "— on earth peace, goodwill to men." But we do not always feel the meaning in our hearts and put it to work in our lives.

One who did was Henry Van Dyke, the late American clergyman, writer, and poet whose famous "Story of the Other Wise Man" has brought joy and inspiration to thousands of people over the years. Among his writings is a piece called "The Spirit of Christmas," and we think you'll like it as much as we did. We are happy to print it, from us to you:

"We are thinking of you today because it is Christmas... and tomorrow because it will be the day after, and so on through the year. We may not be able to tell you about it every day, but that makes no difference, the thought and the wish will be here just the same..."

"Because it is Christmas" — so many things follow. "Because it is Christmas" — the world stands still for a while, in reverent memory of the Christ child's birth. "Because it is Christmas" — we hope anew for peace on earth, goodwill to men. "Because it is Christmas" — we resolve that the Spirit of Christmas will stay with us throughout the year.

Of course, the Spirit of Christmas should not be confined to a single day — nor is it. For all those who truly believe in "good will to men" honor it in their hearts and live it in their lives, every day of the year. They cherish the continuing warmth of friendship, the ever-new rebirth of the Babe who lived to teach us peace and love. And though friends may be far away or seldom met, that too "makes no difference" — the steady flow of hope and good will continues to bind together those who put their trust in the power of loving kindness, and in all that we mean by humanity.

Dear Santa,
My name is Walter. I would like to have a tractor, a football and anything else you would like to bring me.
Please bring my little sister, Lena Fay, a baby doll for Christmas.
Walter Smith
Weinert Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a clock, truck, and some candy. Please visit all of the other children too.
Raymond Valencia
Weinert Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Floyd, and I am five years old. For Christmas I would like a tractor, a toy, and a ball.
I will be excited about your visit.
Floyd Smith
Weinert Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I am in Kindergarten in Weinert. I would like to have a toy, a bicycle, and anything else you want to give me for Christmas. I will leave you milk to drink.
Gilbert Valencia
Weinert Kindergarten

Dear Santa Clause,
My name is Laurie, and I am five years old. For Christmas I would like a Baby-That-a-Way, a tape recorder, and a typewriter. Please visit my brother Stacy. He would like an Evil Knivel. Also, please visit my cousins, Laurie Hester
Laurie Hester
Weinert Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Sheila, and I am in Kindergarten. I would like a baby doll. Please bring my twin baby sisters something.
Sheila Castarena
Weinert Kindergarten

Dear Santa Clause,
My name is Joy. I would like a Baby Alive for Christmas, some candy, and a typewriter.
Also, Santa, I have a new cousin. Her name is Jennifer. She can't talk but I know she would like a cuddly doll.
Joy McKeever

Dear Santa,
My name is Robert. I would like a B-B gun for Christmas. Please bring me some candy too.
Robert Estrada
Weinert Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a B-B gun, B-B's, a Putt-Putt Speed Way, and anything else you would like to leave me.
Barry Walker
Weinert Kindergarten.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in Kindergarten at Weinert. For Christmas I would like to have a big airplane with men in it, a police car and the Rookies, and please, bring me some candy.
I have two brothers who would like something too.
Marcus Phemister
Weinert Kindergarten

December 8, 1975
Dear Santa,
I want a bike, and a B-B gun. I have been a good boy. I am learning in school.
Your friend,
Joel Torres.

December 8, 1975
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a B B Gun and hand cuffs.
Your friend,
Danny Letterman

December 8, 1975
Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a walking dall and vickie one too. I hopp you have a good Christmas.
Your friend,
Cathey Judd

December 8, 1975
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a big bike. Santa Claus I like you. I want a truck. That's all!
Your friend,
Sammy Hawkins

December 8, 1975
Dear Santa Claus,
I am nice. I like a sleeping bag. I like a new bike. I have two sisters who want something too.
Your friend,
Sandra Lee Morales

December 8, 1975
Dear Santa,
I like schol. I like my teacher. Out of all the books my Mother has read I have thought your Stomach shakes like jelly.
Your friend,
Steve Gary

December 8, 1975
Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. My brother has been a good boy too. I would like a Rubber Band Gun, please I got my brother a Racing Track. My mother reads books about you. My mother said your stomach shakes like jelly.
Your friend,
Andy Griffith

MERRY CHRISTMAS

it's Christmas!

The world is bright and gaily decked... Christmas has come. Spend it in joy and in peace.

FOUTS DRY GOODS

**Haskell Livestock Auction
Would Like to Share With You
During This Festive Occasion
of the Year...**



Our Gracious and Heavenly Father, we pause in the midst of this festive occasion, mindful of the many blessings you've bestowed upon us. We ask, Lord, that you be with us in this arena as we pray that you will guide us in life's arena. We don't ask you for any special favors. We don't ask to always draw around a chute fighting horse, or to never break a barrier. Nor do we ask for all runs, or not to draw the calf that won't lay. Just help us, Lord, so we may live our lives in such a manner that when we make that Last Ride That Is Sure to Come, to the Country Up There, Where the Grass Grows Lush Green and Stirrup High; and the Water Runs Cool, Clear and Deep, That You Will Tell Us, as Our Last Judge, that Our Entry Fees are Paid. Amen.

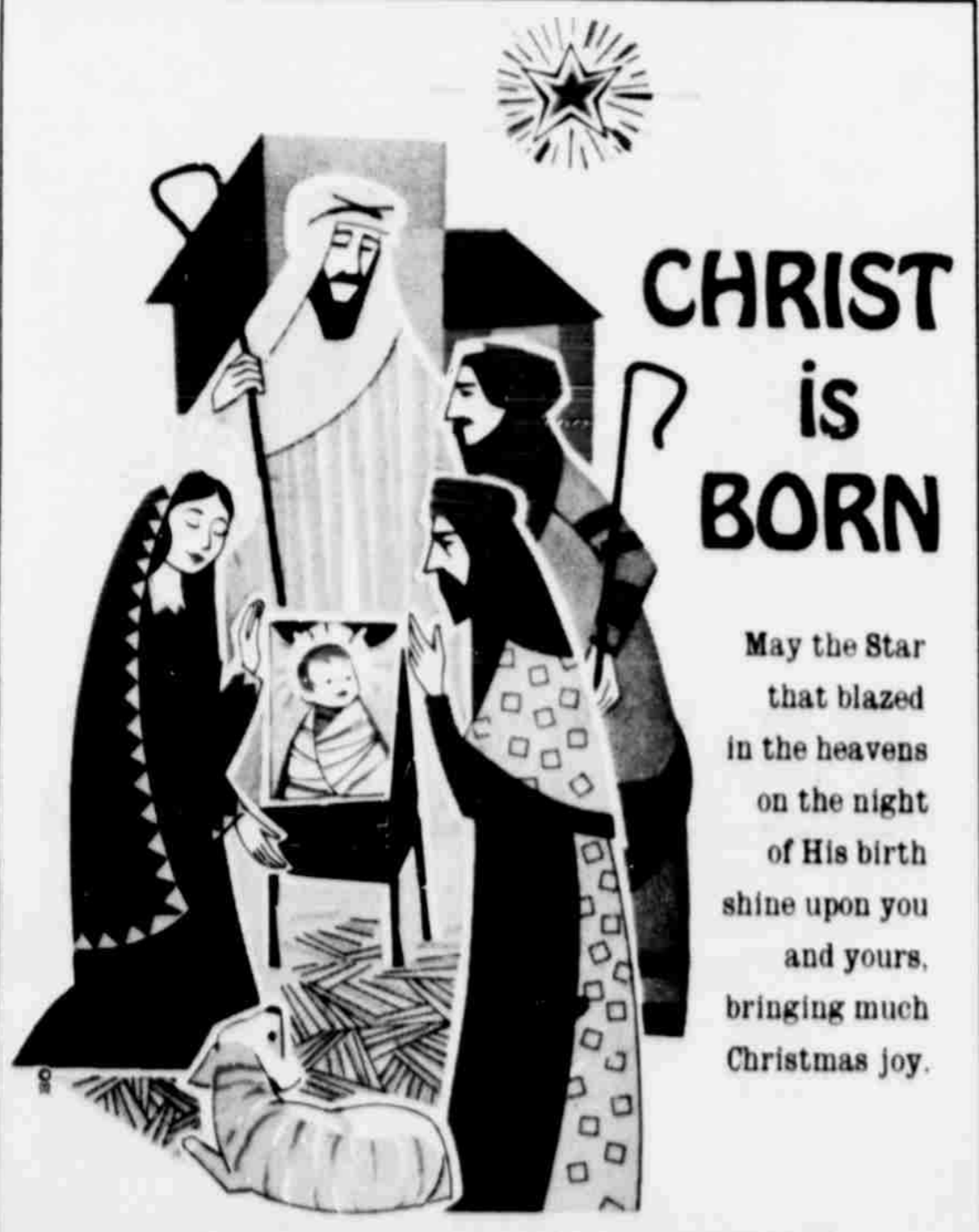
**May This Be the Best Christmas
You Ever Had!**

**Cattle and Hog Sale Every Saturday
11:30 a.m.**

Sale Conducted on December 27 and January 3

Haskell Livestock Auction

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Burkhalter
Mr. and Mrs. James Powell
Co-Owners



**CHRIST
is
BORN**

May the Star
that blazed
in the heavens
on the night
of His birth
shine upon you
and yours,
bringing much
Christmas joy.

Rice Springs Care Home

—BOARD AND STAFF—
Ruth Ann Klose — Administrator
HASKELL, TEXAS

agri-facts

Pat Hale

With 1975 now fading into time's own special oblivion we call history it is appropriate to pause for a moment... to use this particular segment of time and space to thank customers, friends and readers for your business, your comments about the column and most of all for your friendship. Hopefully during 1975 the information presented here each week has furthered the one and only purpose of this column: to make us all more aware of the importance of agriculture... important not only to our town and county but to our country and to our world. You have our very best wishes for all your family this holiday season and our sincere hope for the proverbial Happy New Year... may it be your happiest ever! Thank you for reading.

**HALE FARM
SUPPLY**
Phone 864-2692

Letters to Santa...

December 8, 1975
Dear Santa,
I was a good boy. My sister has been good too. Please bring me a pistol and shotgun.
Your friend,
Tim Johnson

December 8, 1975
Dear Santa,
I was a good boy. My teacher is writing me, too. I want a telephone and a ball.
Your friend,
Chris Young

December 8, 1975
Dear Santa,
I been a good boy this year. I would like a sleeping bag.
Your best friend,
Chris Medford

Christmas Cards From Long Ago

About a hundred years ago, Christmas card messages were apt to be expressed in rather quaint verse. Here are several reprinted recently in the Illustrated London News

From an elaborate card of the 1880's:

*Come welcome again
The King of Seasons all
For Christmas hath reign
With hearty good cheer
Six weeks hence, your
Re-echoes from wall to wall*

This title is from a card of 1878:

*Happy Christmas to thee, dearest,
Dwelling in thy happy home,
And we wish for thee how fondly,
Many long bright years to come,
May such friends be thine as ever
Seek thy pleasure as their own
And if sorrow must come nigh thee
Mayst thou never weep alone*

And here's another:

*'Tis now a bright and social time
For friends together meeting
But those whom fate doth separate
Must take a friendly greeting
Then let me hope my message may
Serve as a welcome token
Or all the loving words I'd say
Couldst thou but hear them spoken!*

December 8, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a 30-30 a B-B Gun, Football suit No. 12, I want a Walke-talkie, and Football, Evil Knevil and a bat and a ball and a glove and a racing car.
Your friend,
Santos Bernal

December 8, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been helping my mother. I am going to pick up my toys. Please bring me a Daring-Daring, a Sleeping Bag, a Typewriter, a Rub-a-Dub-Dolly and a Mouse Trap game.
Your friend,
Kelli Kai Whisenhunt

December 8, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a good boy. I want a 30-30 and a Haskell foot suit.
Your friend,
Leonard Villarreal

December 8, 1975

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a truck and B-B gun.
Your friend,
Lex Weatherly.

December 8, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good girl. I help Gramdma. Pretty Please bring me a Bride Doll.
Your friend,
Thelma Baker.

December 8, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,
I like Christmas. I want a Sleeping bag. Please bring me a bike with training wheels.
Your friend,
Christine Rodriguez
HO HO HO Merry Christmas.

December 8, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to come and I will want a telephone, and a doll and a dog.
Your friend,
Melissa Diaz

December 8, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,
I been a good boy. Our family has one girl and five boys. Please bring me a racing track, an a bike too I also want a 22 gun, an a typewriter.
Your friend
Felix Rodriguez

December 8 1975

Dear Santa,
I had a good year. I have been a good boy. I want a football helmet.
Your friend,
Kelly Chapman

December 8 1975

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a baby that a-was and a jewelry magic and some clothes a Play sewing machine.
Your friend,
Kaelyn Whitfield

December 8, 1975

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a good boy so I like a 30-30 play gun and my sister likes a-Baby alive.
Your friend, mylan
I Love you punky!

Dear Santa,

My name is Emily Cress SoRelle and I am sixteen months old. I live with my Mommy & Daddy at 1400 N. Avenue K and that's where I'll be waiting on Christmas Eve for you.

I would like a Fischer-Price lap-sitter doll named Mary, a doll stroller for her, a little piano for my room, a toy chest and some goodies for my stocking.

I've tried to be good so you wouldn't forget me and please remember all the other good little girls and boys.
I love you,
Emily

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 5 years old. My name is Sharla Jetton. I would like Baby That away, baby clothes, baby bed, Mary had a Little Lamb Puzzle, Mystery Date, gown-house-coat and Some candy. My sister would like a TV Tennis, socks, earscrews, teashirt, and name bracelet, and candy. We will leave some cookies and milk on the table and we hope you like it. Please remember the other boys and girls.

Your friend,

Sharla Jetton
1703 N. Ave. G
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa,

Please bring me Baby That-a-way, Baby That-a-way clothes Sunshine Family clothes, and bring my brother a Evel Knievel Dragster Evel Knievel clothes. We will be at my Grandpa's and Grandma's House. In Haskell.
Love
Debra and Michael Harvey
Odessa Texas

Dear Santa,

I am writing you to tell you what I want for Christmas. My mommy is writing this letter for me because I am too young to write. I'm 1 year and 5 months. My name is Benito Gonzales, but my nickname is Benny Boy. For Christmas I would like a tricycle, some cars and lots and lots of fruit and candy. Also don't forget my baby brother Mickey. He is just 2 months old. So he will like a rattle toy. I'll leave some cookies and milk for you. Also there will be a fire burning for you to warm up. Bye for now.

Until Christmas Eve.
Benny Boy

Dear Santa,

My Name is Dianah Kay Fischer.

I have two Sisters, Gena and Linda.

We all go to Paint Creek School.

Please bring me a "Baby Alive," Mickey Mouse Watch, and a necklace.

I have been a good girl.

My sisters want mostly clothes.

Thank you for the things you Brought me last year.

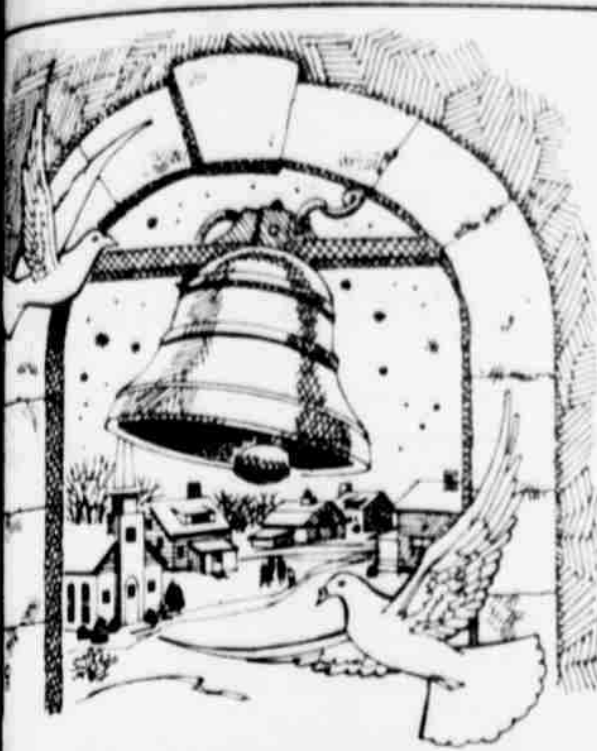
Love you,
Kay Fischer



Fill up the holidays with many happy memories. Our thanks for letting us serve you.

Jeter's Texaco

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



BEST WISHES AT Christmas

We're hoping the holiday brings you many joys shared with loved ones. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

Fabric Boutique



GREETINGS

As the Christmas spirit abounds through our community, we send our warmest greetings to all for a happy holiday. Sincere thanks for your generous consideration.

WE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 A.M. DEC. 24 UNTIL 10 A.M. JAN. 2.

Kennedy Lumber Co.



Let us all pray for peace... that it may reign throughout the earth now, at Christmas, and always.

Woods Pharmacy
RULE, TEXAS



Good wishes...

Like the gaily bedecked Christmas package, this greeting is filled with joyous thoughts of the Holiday. To all of our patrons and friends, we extend our sincerest gratitude, along with the wish that the coming year bring you bigger parcels of happiness and good cheer.

New Car Dealers Ass'n
Bailey Toliver Chevrolet
Medford Buick-Pontiac

Perry Motor Co.
Bill Wilson Motor Co.

WE WILL CLOSE FROM WED. NOON, DEC. 24 AND REOPEN MONDAY, DEC. 29

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



To old friends and new go our wishes for a wonderful Christmas season.

Bailey Tank Trucks, Inc.
Rule, Texas



Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like an Air Hockey Game and a Baby That-A-Way. Please make sure that all the boys and girls have a nice Christmas. My sister Gina has been pretty good this year.
Love Always,
Sheree Dumas

Dear Santa,
We have a pretty big order for you to fill this year. There are a lot of youth, young adults and adults of Haskell that realize the true meaning of Christmas and they live it all year.

You see Santa we have been cheating on you, because these friends of ours have been giving to us all year, and the most precious gifts in the world, the gifts of encouragement, understanding, loyalty and love. Now we would like you to bring to them the joy of a Christmas that is filled with enough happiness that will last a lifetime.

Santa bring to each of these people our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks.
Larry and Jean Gilbreath

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a baby doll, a riding toy, a set of guns, and some little toys to play with. I will be at my Nannie's with my big Brother and we will leave you some cookies. I would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours Truly,
Teresa Brazell
Box 104
Weinert, Texas 76388

Dear Santa,
My name is Daly N. Gilly. Santa, please bring me a bicycle, a baby alive doll, a digger dog, and a sewing machine. I am 5 years old.
Love,
Daly Gilly

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Tundershif 500, Six million Dollar Man Doll, Rifle and guns sets, pants suit-blue, and I would like to wish everyon a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I will be at my Nannie's. I will leave you some cookies.
Your Truly,
Edwin Brazell
Box 104
Weinert, Texas. 76388

North 8th Street
Haskell, Tex 79521
Dec. 12, 1975

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm 3 years old. For Christmas I would like to have a Steel tractor and trailer Set, a 16-inch long Grader, an electric train, an airplane, a turn and go, a Winnie the Pooh television, a talk and Tell phone, and a talking J. J. character.
Yours truly,
John Earl Billington, Jr.

Dec 9
Dear Santa,
I want Evel Knevel, I want a Pellit Gun, I want Racetrack, I will put out some cookies and milk.
I Love you Santa, I've been good to boy and girls.
Love
Joe Martinez

Dec 9
Dear Santa,
I Want a ceicl Set. I will leave you some cookes. I've been very good. Has rubof been good? I'll be a Sleep when you come.
Love
Darrin Wright

This is Christmas
Sleigh bells, Carols,
Holly wreaths, Snowflakes,
And goodwill to men.

Haskell Butane Co.



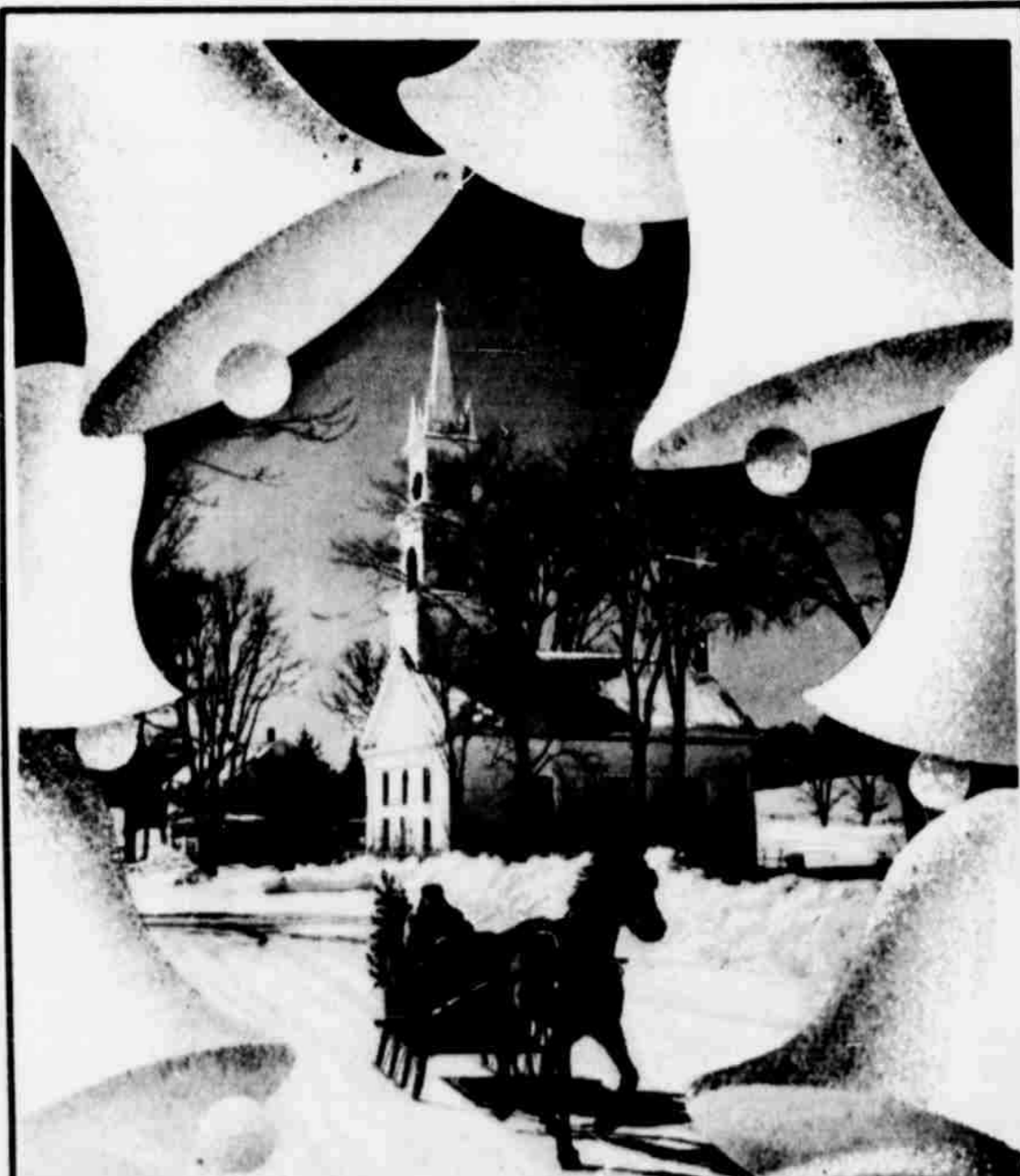
The First Christmas

Silent night, holy night... May the joy of Christ's birth live in your heart today and forevermore.

Haskell Steak House

AND EMPLOYEES

MERRY CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS

May the peaceful spirit of the Christmas Season fill our hearts with brotherhood and good will. It gives us deep pleasure to extend fondest wishes for Happy Holidays to all!

HASKELL CO-OP GIN

O come all ye faithful,

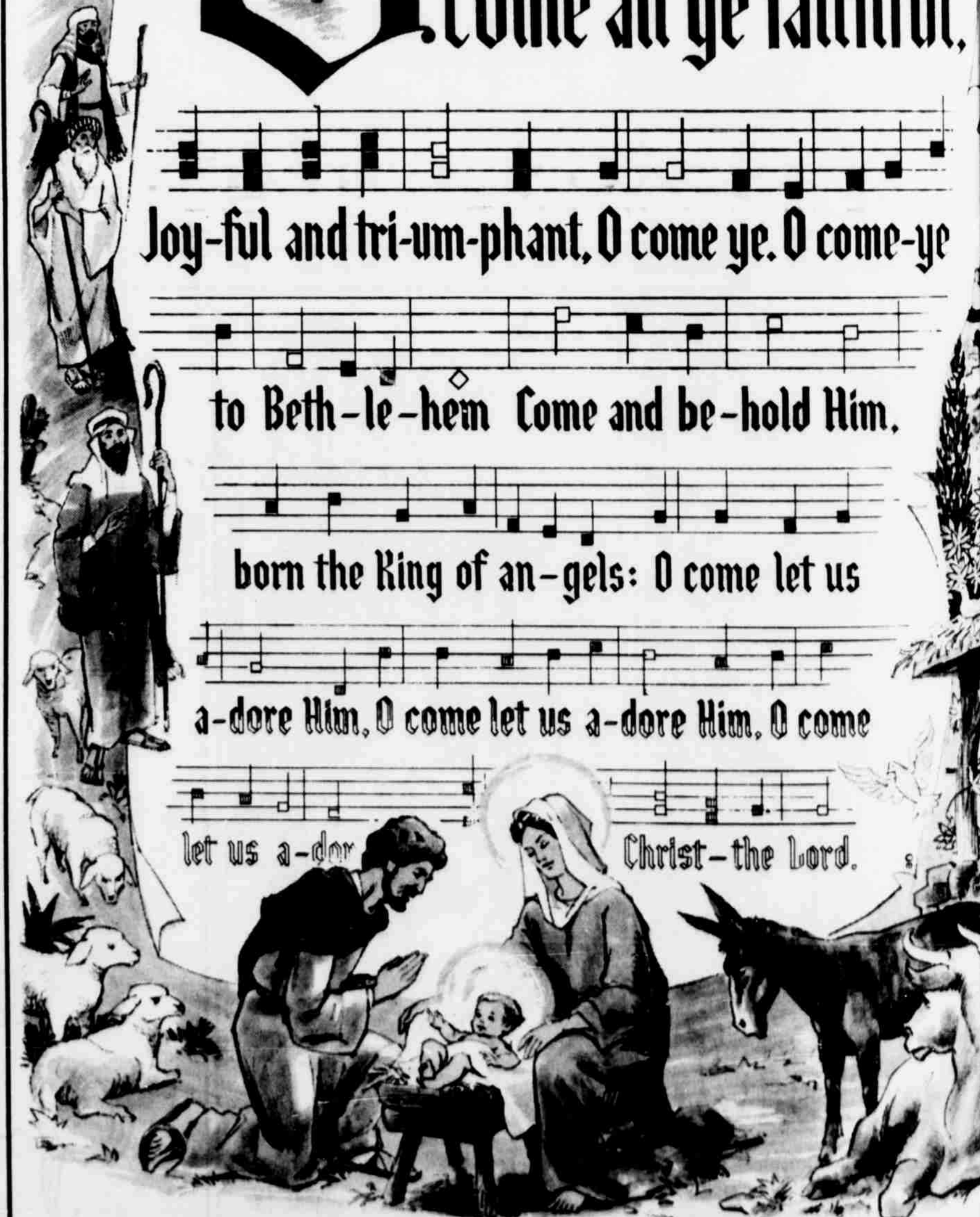
Joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye. O come-ye

to Beth-le-hem Come and be-hold Him,

born the King of an-gels: O come let us

a-dore Him, O come let us a-dore Him, O come

let us a-dor Christ-the Lord.



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