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Down Home

'A Touch Of Class'

By VANDA KING
Editor

If you didn't attend the Christmas Dinner Concert last Monday night, hosted by the Cross Plains Buffalo Band, you really missed a special occasion.

Upon arriving at the dinner, we were greeted by the band members all dressed in formal attire as they lined the hall leading to the cafeteria. They all looked stunning!

Then we were escorted to our table. The band hall was filled with decorated tables, candlelight, and a large Christmas tree in one corner. The atmosphere created was charming. More tables filled the cafeteria all topped with holiday centerpieces.

It was such fun to get dressed up and see everyone looking their very best. Mr. Taylor thought that the students would enjoy the formal dress code and they seemed to.

The main purpose of the dinner was for students to express their appreciation to parents and band boosters for their support throughout the year. Taylor stated that if the project was successful it would become an annual event.

Before being served, Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for coming and thanked all those who helped with the preparations. He was very complimentary to the high school band members when he stated, "They are the best kids I have ever worked with, and I hope I don't give them the big head. They show good discipline and are hard working. I have really enjoyed working with them this year." Then he lead a prayer.

It was great to hear such comments about the youth when many times only the irresponsible receive attention.

Then it was time for dinner after chatting with those sitting at your table. The turkey and dressing and trimmings were absolutely delicious. Band members graciously served all the guests.

Well, the pumpkin pie was finished and it was show time. As you walked into the auditorium only the stage was lighted. The front of the stage was lined with beautiful poinsettias, compliments of the First Baptist Church. The mood was set for music.

The band performed ten musical selections, but it was not your usual concert. The pieces were more complicated and involved, yet the band performed them wonderfully. Some of the selections I had never heard, but enjoyed thoroughly. The audience seemed mystified as they sat in silence.

Judging from the sound produced, the Cross Plains Buffalo Band will be doing well at the UIL Concert in the spring. The level of improvement since September is amazing.

It is so nice to see life in the band once more. The festive Christmas Dinner Concert is just the beginning of many good things to come. Just watch!

Christmas Past

By VANDA KING
Editor

Hopefully, everyone likes to hear of days gone by, and I thought it would be interesting to hear about Christmas celebrations of the past.

I interviewed Ethel Anderson, my grandmother, and Roy Tatom, two long time residents of Cross Plains, for their recollections. They provided just the unique memories I had anticipated.

Ethel Anderson recalled a memorable Christmas when she was only four years old and on December 26 she will be 85 years young. She lived in Arkbutler, Mississippi and her dad, Presley Conger, rode a mule twenty miles to Memphis to buy two China dolls. He secured the precious gifts for Ethel and her sister.

The China dolls were a very special gift, because usually they only received one apple, a banana, paw paw nuts, and hickory nuts for Christmas gifts. Mrs. Conger gathered the nuts around their home there in Mississippi.

She remembers her dad saying, "If you don't go to sleep, Santa Claus will throw ashes in your eyes." Of course the only source of heat back then was a

fireplace.

When she was five she remembers receiving a pair of high top button shoes. She still has the little shoes.

The family moved to Texas in a covered wagon when she was 5 years old and her dad built a one room log home. The rest of her Christmas memories remained in Texas.

Mrs. Anderson stated that the Christmas Day meal was quite different from the one we are familiar with. They usually had beans, corn bread, and hogs head cheese.

She didn't recall family gatherings because the travel distance was too great.

She had never seen a Christmas tree until she was 12 or 13 years old and they had one at the school house. It was cedar and the only decorations were popcorn strings. There was no electricity for lights only coal oil lamps. No other decorating was done.

Roy Tatom remembered a Christmas back in 1917 when he was about 9 or 10 years old. The Atwell Baptist Church had a big Christmas party for everyone in the community. They had a huge cedar tree decorated with packages beneath it.

Santa Claus would call each child's name and present them a gift.

He remembered on Christmas Day they had a family reunion. They ate ham, hen and dressing, and all kinds of delicious cakes and pies.

A special treat was apples in old wooden crates, and everyone could eat all they wanted, which was a real treat back then.

Tatom remembered the children always hung up their stockings and next morning they would be full of nuts, candy, fruit, and usually one toy.

They traveled to the gatherings in Model T Fords and Tatom noted that you had to get an early start because you would have to leave early to get home.

I keep wondering, when did everything get so extravagant? Everything is more complicated now. We shop for weeks for all the children's requests, spend hours decorating homes and trees, and more time wrapping the gifts to perfection. Then there are numerous parties to attend and prepare for.

Who really had the right idea about celebrating? I guess it doesn't matter as long as we can all be together and share some happiness and laughter.

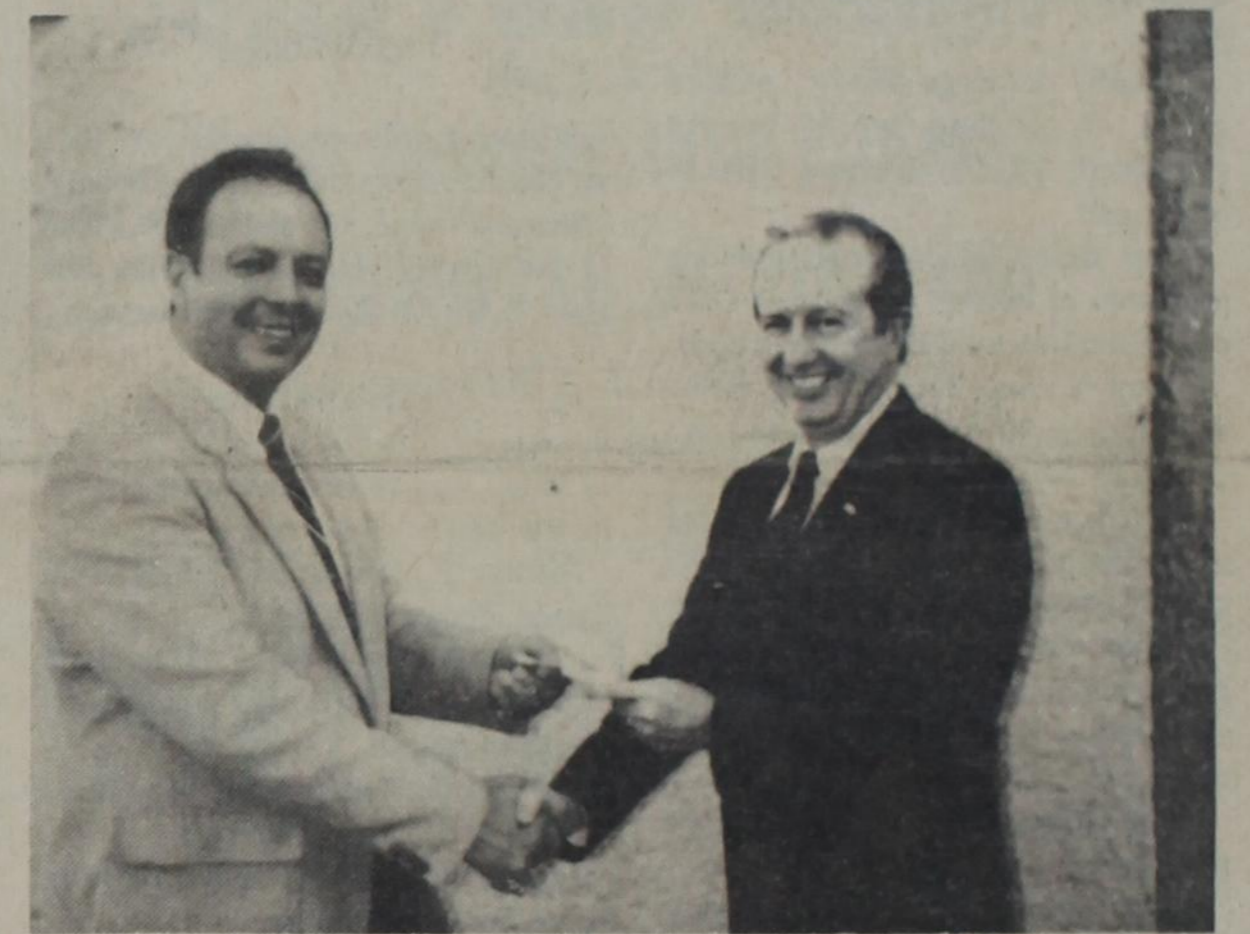
Kiwanis Club Receives Generous Donation

The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club received a donation of \$2,500 from an anonymous Abilene based organization for the Jaws of Life Fund.

Dr. Scot Edington, local Kiwanian, sought said funds for the local drive to meet existing obligations. He presented a check in the amount of \$2,500 to Gene Greenwood, President

of the Kiwanis Club, this week. A total of \$1,500 is now owing on the Jaws of Life project.

Greenwood expressed the Kiwanis Club's appreciation for the contribution. The Jaws of Life and Rescue Unit have proven invaluable on many occasions in its brief existence.



DONATION PRESENTATION - Dr. Scot Edington (left) is shown presenting a check in the amount of \$2,500, an anonymous gift, to Gene

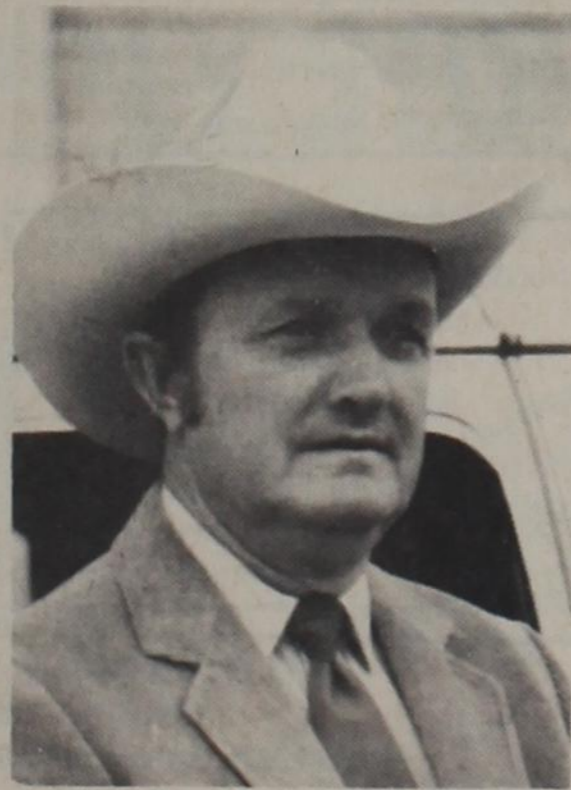
Greenwood, President of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club, for the Jaws of Life Fund.

Bill Skinner Seeks Sheriff Re-Election

Bill W. Skinner has announced his candidacy for Sheriff of Callahan County. As the incumbent, he is seeking re-election for a fourth term of office.

He is a resident of Baird. Skinner states that he enjoys his position and is pleased with a job well done.

A Democratic nominee for Callahan County Sheriff will be determined at the Democratic Primary on March 8.



BILL W. SKINNER
...incumbent for Callahan County Sheriff

Toys Needed

Fay Chambers, a representative of Helping Hands, asked that all mothers please go through their children's toys

and donate any they no longer use to needy children.

There is a great need for toys for

boys. She would like to appeal to everyone to help all the children in the community have a Merry Christmas.

You may leave the toys at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center. Your cooperation will make some child's day a little brighter.

Robert E. McCool Seeks Third Term

Robert E. McCool has announced his intentions to seek re-election as County Attorney. He is currently serving his second term in the position.

McCool, a practicing attorney since 1974, was appointed as County Attorney in 1980. He ran for the office in 1982 and 1984 successfully.

He attended the University of Houston after serving in the U.S. Air Force, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. He graduated from law school in

1974 and became a partner in the law firm of Wallis, Read, and McCool, Inc.

The Democratic Primary will determine the nominees on March 8.

Holiday Closings

The following local businesses will be closed or will have shorter hours during the holiday season:

The U.S. Post Office will be closed Friday, Christmas Day and also on Friday, New Year's Day. There will be no mail service of any kind;

Buy-Rite Superette will be open till 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve and will be open Christmas Day from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.;

Odom's Restaurant will close at 2 p.m. Christmas Eve and all day Christmas Day;

Dairy Queen will be closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday;

Dairy Queen will be closed Christmas Day;

Dairy Bar will be closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday;

Lakeway Grocery will be open Christmas Eve until 9 p.m. and will be open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Christmas Day;

Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply will be closed Friday and Saturday.

The Cross Plains Review office will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Library Hosted Party

By VANDA KING
Editor

Last Wednesday morning all the children in the "Learn About" program at the Cross Plains Public Library gathered for a Christmas party.

Billie Loving, Librarian, called the roll and led the children in the Pledge of Allegiance. Betty Greenwood had the little ones form a huge circle and sit down quietly for a Christmas cookie.

When they were finished with their snack, a rumbling sound was heard at the back of the Library and who else but Santa Claus came running in. On his back was a sack full of goodies and in his hand was a bell.

The children were all curious about the bell. Santa chuckled, "This is what I call my elves and reindeer with." He presented each one with a package and

even the adult library helpers. Old Santa got some good tugs on his beard during the visit and most had to touch his red suit.

The children had many questions for Santa and he had some "great" answers. Just before he departed he led the children in the song "Holy Night" and then sang it in Spanish.

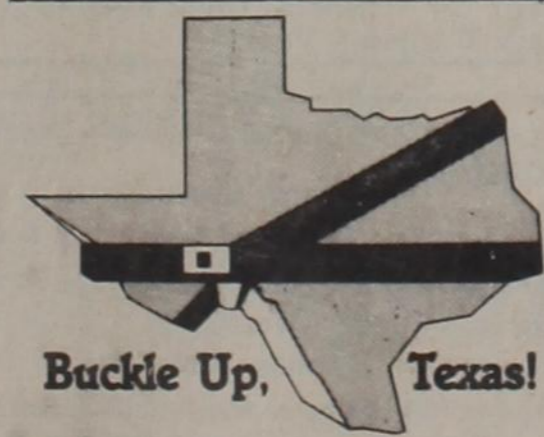
The children were all excited about seeing this special fellow.

Those who helped make Santa's trip to the Library a success were; Dairy Queen; Neal Drug; Greenwood Insurance; Cross Plains Auto Supply; Dal-Mar Energy; Tim's Floral and Gifts; Western Auto; Higginbotham; Johnson's Dry Goods; Cross Plains Grain and Peanut; Citizens State Bank; Village Market; West Texas Utilities; Peggy Bailey; Sandy Yates; and Brad Harris.



SANTA CLAUS CAME TO THE LIBRARY - The "Learn About" pre-

school children were surprised by a visit from Old St. Nick.



Buckle Up, Texas!



ROBERT E. MCCOOL
...seeks re-election as County Attorney

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Mack Kniffen, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Danny Simpson, theft of property by check.
Leonard Charles Crockett, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Ismael Carrion, bond forfeiture.
Denver Thomas Emery, bond forfeiture.
Motions for continuance granted in following traffic cases: Wayne Chapaton Ramsey.

Following traffic cases dismissed: Ronald Ray Campbell, Vance Wayne Blackwell, James Glen Henson, Clyde Leon Smith Jr., Joseph Ros Stewart, Stephen Edward Ford, Charles Tracy Munden, Kenny Scott Beaty, Arthur Stewart, Floyd G. Pinkston Jr., Jack Daymon Rollins, Joe N. Guy, Teresa Sue Swindell, Robert Lee Fleming.

Dennis Austin, assault case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case.
Dennis Austin, making alcoholic beverages available to a minor case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case.

Jewell W. Rayburn, term of probation reduced and case dismissed.

Jack L. Smith, motion to revoke probation.

Millard Reid Green, plea of guilty to DWI, \$100 fine and \$105 court costs and 3 days in jail.

David Andrew Griffin, plea of no contest to DWI, \$300 fine, 1 year probation.

Shelden Daniel Carr, bond forfeiture.
Elizabeth McDonald, theft of property by check case dismissed in interest of justice.

Kimberly Jennings Hinkle, plea of guilty to driving while license suspended, \$99.50 fine and \$105.50 court costs.

Roger Dell Claxton, order granting probation of 30 day jail term in DWI case, \$300 fine and \$105.50 court costs.

Clinton Norman Baker, order granting probation of 90 day jail term in DWI case, \$300 fine and \$105.50 court costs.

John Cleveland Tarbet, order granting probation of 60 day jail term in DWI case, \$400 fine and \$105.50 court costs.

William Carl Millner, plea of guilty to public intoxication, \$200 fine, \$105.50 court costs and \$550 administration charge.

Larry Glynn Ash, motion to revoke probation.

Tommy Dee Turner, term of probation reduced and case dismissed.

Donald Gary Murdock, plea of guilty to public intoxication, \$200 fine, \$105.50 court costs and \$300 administration charge.

Gerald Wayne Roberts, driving while license suspended case dismissed, insufficient evidence.

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Roger Dell Claxton, possession of marijuana case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case.

NEW VEHICLES

Village Leasing, Baird, Chev. Blazer.
Rick Hoffman, Cisco, Pont. 4 dr.
Randy-Julie Tollett, Baird, GMC Jimmy.

Gaylene Templeton, Rt. 5, Abilene, Chev. van.

John Wray, Abilene, Chev. Sub.

Cindy Coston, Abilene, Chev. van.

James L. Howard, Abilene, Chev. van.

Bill Kendall, Cisco, Suzuki Jeep.

Winnie R. McGraw, Rt. 4, Clyde, Chev. 4 dr.

Donald R. Barr, Rt. 3, Clyde, Pont. 2 dr.

William L. Thompson Jr., Abilene, Chev. Sub.

Larry A. Brewster, Inc., Abilene, Chev. PU.

42nd DISTRICT COURT Don Lane, presiding

Civil Filings

Allstate Petroleum Operations, Inc., vs. Nutro Productions, suit on warranty.
Sharon Frodge, ind. and as next friend of De Angela Hall and Carolyn Sue Hall, vs. City of Clyde, suit for damages.

Civil Minutes

Linda Carol Norris and Owen David Norris, decree of divorce.

Thomas E. Barton and Linda Ruth Barton, decree of divorce.

Jana Beth White and Lynden Dale White Jr. and in interest of minor child, decree of divorce.

Diana Lynn Hallmark and Alton Lee Hallmark, decree of divorce.

Richard Allen Perry and Lori Kay Perry, decree of divorce.

Debra Ann Carouthers and William Carouthers, decree of divorce.

Lillie Cathern Prather and Galen Wade Prather and in interest of minor children, decree of divorce.

Vivian Kay Barker and Richard Dean Barker, decree of divorce.

Joyce Marie Cruse and Condra Dan Cruse, divorce case dismissed.

Juanita Irene Sullens and Willard Lorane Sullens Jr. and in interest of minor children, divorce case dismissed.

Callahan County Farmers Co-op, Inc. vs. Bobby Pittman, judgment of \$2,648.03 plus interest and attorney fees.

Sharon Frodge, individually and as next friend of De Angelo Hall and Caroline Sue Hall, minors, vs. Carde C. Horn and Sandra Horn, individually and vs. next friend of Larry Michael Chittum, a minor, James Ray Brown and City of Clyde, motion for severance filed by City of Clyde granted.
Eula ISD vs. W.H. Patton, delinquent tax suit dismissed.



KELLI SHAE HARGROVE - JAMES MICHAEL DOUGLASS
Hargrove-Douglass Vows January 16

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hargrove of

Cross Plains announce the engagement and approaching marriage to their daughter, Kelli Shae, to James Michael Douglass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Nehring of Borden County, and Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Douglass of Sweetwater.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Cross Plains High School and attended Tarleton State University. The prospective bridegroom attended Borden County High School and is now employed by the Newton Ranch in Snyder.

A January 16 wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains at 5 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited.

OBITUARIES

Claude Garland Lawson

COTTONWOOD - Claude Garland Lawson, 63, died Sunday at his home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains with the Rev. Knox Waggoner officiating. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

Born in Poteet, he moved to Cottonwood 11 years ago.

He was a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, graduated from Texas Tech and taught agriculture for several years, and a member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Coats Lawson of Cottonwood; a brother, W.J. Lawson of Poteet; and a sister, Maxine Ramsey of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were J.O. Williams, R.T. Peevy, Rodney Callaway, Eddie Albrecht, Mike Cunningham, and Dick Thrasher.

Curtis O. Strickland

Services for Curtis O. Strickland, 75, of Abilene were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel, Abilene, with Dr. David Hamblin officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park. Mr. Strickland died Tuesday, December 15, 1987 at an Abilene retirement center.

Born in Burkett, Texas, he moved to Abilene in 1959. He was the Sears Roebuck Co. auto service manager for 13 years retiring in 1974. Mr. Strickland was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church and the Propheteers Sunday School Class.

Survivors include his wife, Camella Wilkinson Strickland of Abilene; two sons, Randy Strickland of Abilene and Billy Dale Strickland of Cleburne; two daughters, Suzanna (Mrs. Mike) Hosch of Abilene and Priscilla (Mrs. Jerry) Harmon of Sherman; three sisters, Zella Thompson of Snyder, Verna Jean McCoy of Brownwood and Juanita Edmondson of Weatherford; a brother, F.A. Strickland of Eula; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Quilt Drawing Held At Multi-Purpose Center

A drawing was held on Thursday, December 17, for the beautiful quilt donated by the Quilting Ladies of the Multi-Purpose Center. Chances were distributed throughout the Callahan County area for .50 cents a chance. Opal Gattis of Cross Plains drew the name from the bucket and the winner was Roberta Rector.

We appreciate everyone who participated in this fund raising and a special thanks goes to the Quilting Ladies for all their hard work and to everyone who helped distribute chances.

The Staff of the Callahan County Multi-Purpose Center

OIL NEWS

Robert B & B.K. Eubank, Houston, will drill No. 20 R.O. Eubank to 550 in the Regular 6 miles southwest of Cross Plains on a 152-acre lease. Spots 582 FSL and 835 FWL, Comal CSL, League 181, Lot 48.

Remarks: Exceptions to rule 37.

Brown
Frontier Oil & Gas of Texas Inc., Cleburne, completed two wells 3 miles south of Pioneer, John McGloin No. 798, A-1499. They were:

■No. 3 Lou Estate in the Grimm (Ellenburger). Spots 1,057 FSL and 1,716 FEL. Elevation 1,634 KB.

Daily flowing potential was 87 barrels of 38-gravity oil and 15 barrels of water through a 28/64-inch choke at 64 psi from perfs at 3,400-08. GOR 2.3:1. Total depth 3,453; plug back 3,430; top of pay 3,394; 4 1/2-inch casing set at 3,440. Acidized with 900 gallons.

Tops: Caddo 2,317; Ranger 2,884; Marble Falls 2,979; Comyn 3,150; Duffer 3,209; Ellenburger 3,375.

■No. 5 Steel "EG" in the Blind Hog (Duffer). Spots 1,430 FSL and 1,471 FEL. Elevation 1,598 GL.

Daily flowing potential was 143 barrels of 42-gravity oil and 62 barrels of water through a 16/64-inch choke from perfs at 3,190-96. GOR 1.75:1. Total depth 3,438; plug back 3,389; top of pay 3,180; 4 1/2-inch casing set at 3,436. Acidized with 700 gallons.

Tops: Caddo 2,320; Ranger 2,868; Marble Falls 2,957; Comyn 3,106; Duffer 3,180; Ellenburger 3,394.

MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

Many of my friends who read this column already know that Cross Plains (and area) people are caring people - kind, unselfish, thoughtful!

A week ago this morning when I hit the floor about 7 a.m., I knew something was wrong with my system. I was weak, trembly, dizzy. To make a long story short, later I went to Wilma Lawrence's office to have my blood pressure taken.

Wilma discovered that my pressure was low enough to merit going to see a doctor right away. Maxine and Troy Crockett were there, and they (bless their hearts) offered to take me to Cisco to Dr. Cermin's. (Wilma had called and made an appointment. She also called my sister in Cisco.)

By the time we reached the doctor's office, my blood pressure was what he called "acceptable". He gave me a prescription, and I've been feeling fine all week. I'm deeply grateful for all assistance from dear friends.

Another sign of people who care - have you noticed the new, colorful floral arrangements on family graves at the cemetery west of the city? Cross Plains people do care!

Mrs. Ethel Brown has had a nice week. Her visitors were Mrs. C.C. Coggin and daughter, Mary Ruth of Waco, Mrs. Mozelle Rhymes of Gorman, Lou Grider and Minnie Cunningham of Cross Plains, also her neighbors, the Cole Tillotsons and Jean Fore.

Ms. Jewel Foster was outside early this morning and saw "my" covey of quail. She counted seventeen in all.

Bobby and Sally Roady are thrilled to have their son, George, of San Bruno, Calif., visiting - he will be here the rest of the year. Other visitors were N.A. and Ghetti of Anson on Sunday, also an aunt and a cousin of Overton, Billie and H.A. Freeman, and Bob and Sue McNeel. (I don't think I got that all right!)

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee talked to their daughter on Saturday. She lives at Valley View, Texas.

Betty and J.T. Beggs were in Eastland during the week. They are invited to have Christmas dinner in Stephenville with Mr. and Mrs. Kim Beggs and family.

I plan to spend part of the holidays with my family at the ranch home of my sister, Opal Cox. My children, my brothers and sisters and their families will be there. There were twenty-six of us in Cisco for Thanksgiving - we expect more for Christmas.

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Weekly Health Tip

PARCHED MEMBRANES

Dry, heated air in a home or workplace will parch your nose, throat, and lungs. Children then are susceptible to croup, nose-bleed, middle-ear infection, sinusitis, bronchitis, and asthma in adults. Adding water to the air with a humidifier will correct the problem - 30% to 40% humidity is advised.

Your better health is our concern.
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Church Training	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service	7:15 p.m.

Michael Hale, Pastor-725-7556 Marvin Saunders, M/Y Dir.-725-7550

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Youth Meet Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study First & Third Mondays	2:00 p.m.

Reverend Jasper Cook, Pastor 725-7377

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
"WHERE JESUS IS LORD"

SERVICES: Sunday School	9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Training Union & Youth Choir	6:00 P.M.
Evening Worship	7:00 P.M.
Wed. Evening Prayer Service	7:30 P.M.
Sunday Choir Practice	6:00 p.m.

Knox Waggoner, Pastor Chas Payne, Music and Youth Director

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:45 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.	(Seasonal) 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 P.M.	

"Come now, and let us reason together" Isaiah 1:18
WE WELCOME ONE AND ALL

RE-ELECT
BOB McCOOL
County Attorney

Political advertisement paid by Bob McCool

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

1986 Ford Supercab Diesel - 4x4, 4 spd, Air, Power, Tilt and Cruise.
A Local Super Clean Pickup \$13,495.

1985 Ford Diesel - 4x4, 4 spd, Air, Power, Tilt & Cruise \$10,750.

1985 Ford 1/2 Ton Supercab - 6 cyl., Auto, Air Power, Tilt & Cruise \$ 7,250.

1986 Chrysler Fifth Avenue - loaded and a Real Beauty \$ 9,250.

1986 Escort - 4 Dr., Air, Power, AM-FM Cassette, 10,000 Miles \$ 5,295.

1986 Tempo - 4 Dr., Air Power, and Super Good \$ 5,995.

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BURKETT NEWS

Latest donations to the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association are Daryl W. Tinney \$25 for the Tabernacle Fund. Claudia C. George sent \$5 and anonymous gifts amounting to \$30.

Secretary, Freeda Burkett, expresses appreciation for the entire Board of Directors for these and every contribution for the upkeep of the cemeteries.

Lucille Cross underwent eye surgery in Brownwood December 11. She is recuperating very satisfactorily at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jody Whitley of San Saba visited Mr. and Mrs. Lat Mountain Sunday afternoon.

We send sympathy to the family of Mrs. Carl (Pauline) Burns who passed away last Friday following a long illness. Funeral services were Sunday at 2 p.m. at Walker Funeral Home and burial was in the Burkett Cemetery.

Leonard Flippin passed away at an Abilene hospital Saturday, December 12. Funeral services were Sunday at 2 p.m. Sympathy goes to the Flippin family.

Mrs. O.W. (Bill) Mayfield is critically ill at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Her many friends send get well wishes to her.

Mrs. Veda DeBusk of Cross Plains, formerly of Burkett, is also seriously ill at Hendrick Medical Center and we send get well wishes to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burkett of Florissant, Missouri, (a suburb of St. Louis), visited his parents, the Virgil Burketts. They arrived Thanksgiving Day evening and stayed a week. The Burketts had their Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday and guests, besides Bill and Phillis, were Raymond and Lucille Cross, aunt and uncle of Bill.

Virgil and Freeda and Bill and Phillis spent one day enjoying shopping and dinner in Brownwood. Enroute home they visited Fairview Cemetery near Grosvenor where the grandparents of Virgil and great-grandparents of Bill, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Thames, and other relatives were buried.

Raymond and Lucille Cross honored Bill and Phillis with a dinner one day. Others that enjoyed the delicious food were Delbert and Emma Boyle, Virgil and Freeda and Yuna V. Burkett.

Relatives and friends honored Anna Golson on her 83rd birthday. Everyone enjoyed visiting with Anna and watching her open her gifts. Refreshments were served to all.

Zell Strawn and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mask of Brownwood visited Montie Jennings last Wednesday evening.

Clyde and Kathy Farrell of Austin visited Grace Green Saturday and Sunday.

Virgil and Freeda took Bill and Phillis to see the private Burkett family cemetery, located on the Knox Ranch. It was their first time to see the cemetery and graves of Bill's great-grandparents, John and Elizabeth Burkett, and others. Bill enjoyed the privilege of helping his dad clean the quaint little cemetery bound around by a beautifully designed metal fence.

He took many pictures of the unique and lonesome little resting place. Also pictures of the tombstones and the surrounding landscape, interesting and beautiful that has watched over this little cemetery some one hundred years.

While here they visited their aunts and uncles, Raymond and Lucille Cross and Delbert and Emma Boyles several times, and on leaving they said it was the best trip here that they had ever had.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Scott to celebrate 50 years together.

Elvis Scotts Celebrate Golden Anniversary December 26

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Scott of Cross Plains will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary Saturday, December 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center on East 8th Street.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the reception. The reception will be hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Granvel Scott of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Scott of Grand Prairie, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Scott of San Angelo.

The couple have seven grandchildren and one step-grandson of Houston.

Attending school at Atwell, they were school day sweethearts. They

were married by her father, elder, John C. Foster, in his home.

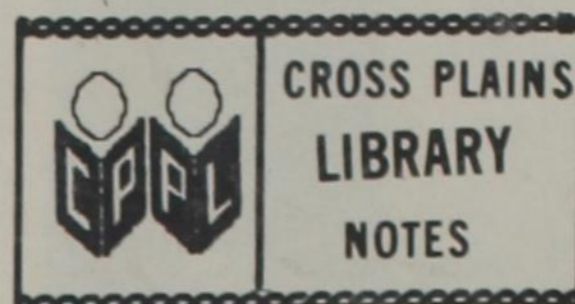
They lived in Fort Worth until Elvis entered the Army where he served with the 8th armored Division in Germany. On his return in 1946 they made their home in Cross Plains.

He worked 2 years for Foster and Son Grocery Store and twenty-five years for Higginbotham and Company, returning in 1972.

They are members of the Primitive Baptist Church. Elvis is Deacon and clerk. He was a Boy Scout and Cub Scout Master. He also served twenty-eight years on the Volunteer Fire Department and retired in 1986 as Fire Chief.

USDA Commodity Recertification Scheduled December 31

It is that time of year when Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., which



"He fed his spirit with the bread of books, and slaked his thirst at all the wells of thought." Edwin Markham, Young Lincoln

December 14 - 18
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The Cross Plains Library will be closed December 24 and January 1.

sponsors the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, must recertify its clients who participate in this much-needed program.

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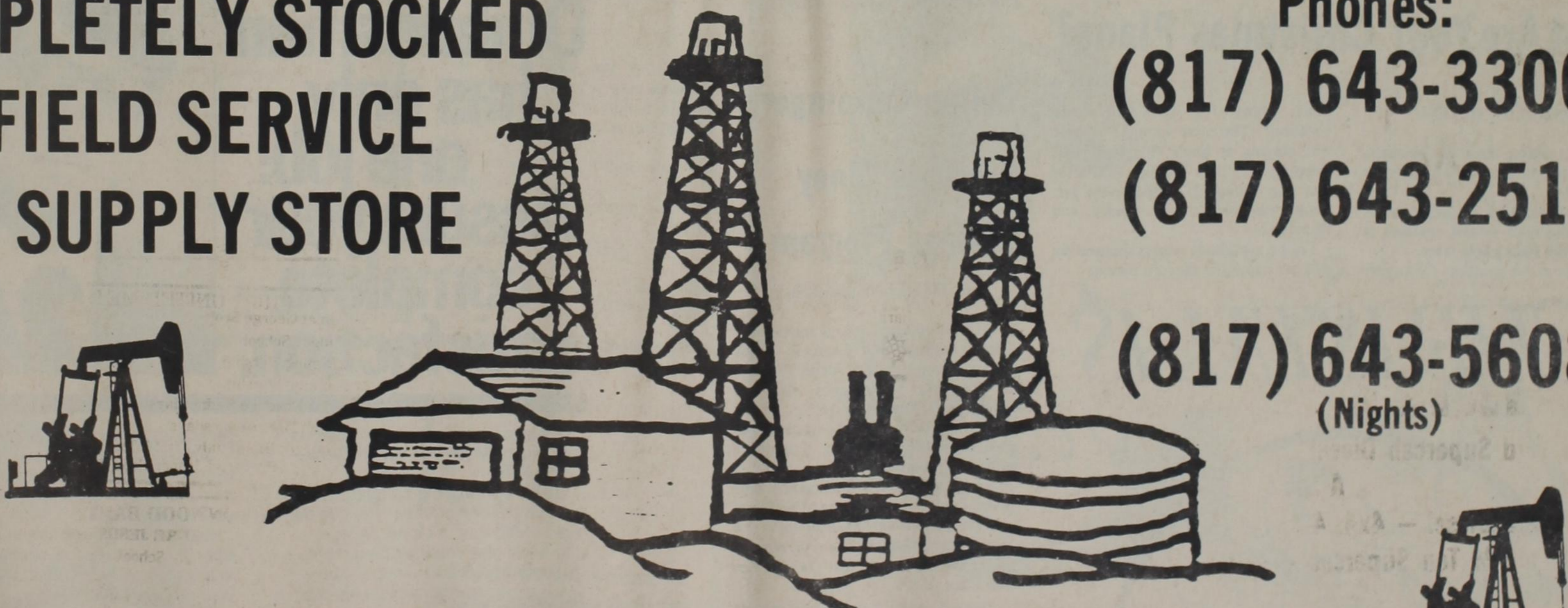
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Carol Atchley, Instructor



WHAT TO CHOOSE - Elementary students were shopping for the holidays.

Holiday Season Benefits Band

By WESLEY BROWN

The Cross Plains Band Booster hosted its Annual Christmas Store December 17 - 18 in the school cafeteria. The "store" included homemade gift items which were made and donated by the Band Booster members and friends.

The prices of these items fell anywhere between 5 cents to \$5. All proceeds made from the "store" help support band activities such as the trip to Durango, Colorado, which is planned for April of 1988.

According to Band Booster President Connie Kirkham, the Christmas Store was able to raise approximately \$640 and she was pleased with the results.

Christmas With The C.P. Band

By WESLEY BROWN

The High School Music Department hosted its 1st annual Christmas Dinner Concert December 14 in the school auditorium. The Band Director, Randy Taylor, and the band members felt

The band would like to give thanks for those attending and may you have a Merry Christmas.

Court Reporter Came To C.P.H.S.

By DARLENE HINESLY

that this would be a good way to show their appreciation to the community for the support given to the band over the last couple of months.

Those attending the dinner were served a complete Christmas meal

which included turkey and dressing. Following the meal they were entertained with some Christmas music performed by the High School Band, under the direction of Randy Taylor.

The selections performed, included holiday favorites such as Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer and White Christmas.

A court reporter from the Stenograph Institute of Texas came to Cross Plains on Tuesday, December 15, and talked to Mrs. Rhodes's record keeping class. The Institute is located in Abilene. Nelda Sofge was the reporter who came.

While at school, she also talked to the 8th grade careers class and Mrs. Stambaugh's 4th grade class.

She talked about what their college had to offer. Also, she talked about the things you should and shouldn't do when you start planning for a career.

Mrs. Sofge said many businesses check with the Institute for graduates as employees.

What Are Your Christmas Plans?

By DARLENE HINESLY

Well, it's getting close to Christmas and many people are making plans for the holidays.

So out of curiosity, I decided to ask some of the high school students at random what their plans were.

I gave them the question: "What are

your plans for the Christmas vacation?" The most common answer was staying at home (9). Next was sleeping (2); then hunting (2); after that was skiing (2). Finally, the last thing was being with family and friends (2).

I hope everybody enjoys themselves and are careful if they go places.



Merry Christmas
from our family to yours
Love,
The Annual Staff



LIBRARY BOOK FAIR - A group of elementary students were looking over books available through the Elementary Book Fair.

SHORT NOTES

By REGIE BROWN

1. The Library Book Fair ended successfully last Friday, December 11. Vicki Johnston, librarian, reported that a total of \$800 was raised of which \$400 goes toward purchasing new books.

2. A recruiter from the Army came to school last Thursday, December 17. He talked to various students about Army careers.

3. Notices of Concern went out Wednesday, December 16.

4. The seniors received their ASVAB Test results Thursday,

December 17. The test gave the students an idea of their aptitude in different career areas.

5. High School Basketball Schedule: No games schedules from December 20 until January 2.

6. Fruit sold by the Ag department was received and delivered last week.



LOOK AT OUR ROBES - Sixth graders (from left) Shirley Walker, Glenda Evans, Jacey French, Shana Bagley, and Lori Dillard show off their costumes.



MEDIEVAL SKIT - Students (from left) Denese Whiteley, Kevin Switzer, Billy Walker, and Rodney Rudloff (sitting) get into the act.

Sixth Graders Turn Medieval

By APRIL JENNINGS

The sixth grade class at Cross Plains, under the direction of Cam Morgan, recently produced a short skit. Some of the girls and boys dress-

ed up in costumes they made themselves.

The skit "Medieval Women in Commerce" was part of the projects that they did while studying the medieval period.

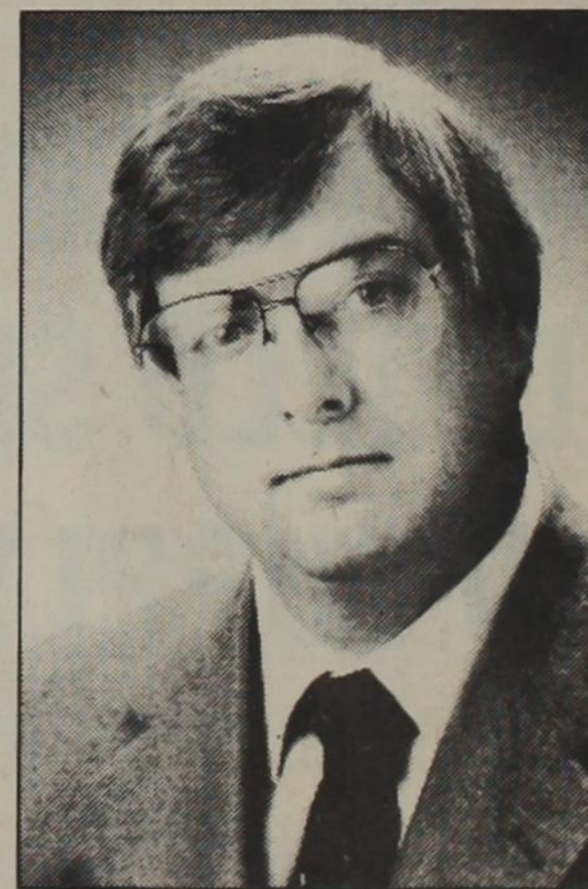
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CHRISTMAS



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Area Children Write Letters To Santa



Letters to Santa Claus were printed as received. Misspelled words and grammatical errors were not corrected in order to preserve their charm.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are well. I have been a pretty good boy this year.
For Christmas, would you please bring me a basketball goal and some Construx with eighty pieces. Also, a new G.I. Joe Tomahawk helicopter and some things for my stocking.
Please help the other boys and girls have a Merry Christmas. Thank you, Santa.
I love you,
Sam Nixon

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing fine. I would like to have a blue scooter, a pogo ball, a helmet for my motorcycle, and don't forget about my two little brothers, Brian 4 years and Justin 6 months, and my little sister, Misty 5 years. Merry X-mas and I love you.
Coby Kelly

Dear Santa,
My name is Jodi and I am 5 years old.
For Christmas this year I would like a piano keyboard, a new barbie and a My Little Pony Sleeping Bag.
I have a new baby brother named Ryan, would you please bring him a toy for his baby bed. Thank you!
I love you, Santa,
Jodi Payne
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a truck with a toy man and a Big Foot. I want a toy He-Man, a kite, a wagon, a watch, a ball.
I'll leave you some cookies and water to drink.
How are your reindeer doing?
Love,
Rick Branham

Dear Santa,
I want a horse set for Christmas. I want a red pickup, a gray trailer, a black hat, a cowboy set.
I'll leave you a sandwich and some Kool-Aid to drink.
Love,
Kyle McClure

Dear Santa,
What do you want for Christmas? I want a doll named Heather. If you can't get that doll, I want a boy and girl Barbie doll. You can get those at Circus World.
I want a new bridle and breast collar and a head stall with conchos on it.
I want a doll named Cricket.
Love,
Lindy Merryman
P.S. I'll leave you some cookies to eat and cherry Kool-Aid to drink.

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! What are you doing? Where's your elves? I want a talking Donald Duck and a talking Mickey Mouse. I want a Barbie Ice Cream Shop.
I've been a good girl this year; well, pretty good.
I'll leave you some tea and cookies on the fireplace.
How's Rudolph doing?
I love you.
Your friend,
Emily Winfrey
Age 3

Dear Santa,
Last year I had the chincipoks and I woke up and you left the cookies that we left out for you in the saucer. This year I want a lot of presents. I want a play cat and a play dog and a pretty jewelry box. Last year was not a very good year because I was itching.

Love,
Faydra Chavez
Alana Davis

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Mickey Mouse house shoes, a Jack-in-the-Box, an Alphonse II robot, Lego blocks, a car dealership, a game, Grubby, and anything else you want to bring.
I'll leave cookies and milk for you. Be careful!
Love,
Sean Holden
Age 4

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Puffalump, Cabbage Patch Bath Baby, some Miss Piggy house shoes, Tedi Ruxpin, and anything else you want me to have.
I'll leave cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Nici Holden
Age 3

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi, Santa! How is Rudolf and the other reindeer?
I have been a very good boy. Please bring me a motorcycle, a big foot, a gun, and a Santa Claus bell and hat. Also some race cars, a golf set and some wrestlers.
My sister, Brooke, has also been very good. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
I will leave you some cookies and milk.
I love you, Santa,
Bo Harris

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a watch and a remote control car. Don't forget my sister Tabatha and all the other boys and girls. Thank you.

Love,
Dustin White

Dear Santa,
My name is John. I am 1 year old. I am really excited about all these pretty lites and decorations. I would like you to bring me anything soft and cuddly. Don't forget about Justin.
Love,
John Storch

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. Could you bring me a truck, a grocery cart, and a toy flashlight so I don't run the batteries down in my Daddy's? Also could you bring my sister a game?
Thank you for all the nice things you brought us last year.
I will leave you some homemade

candy and milk on the bar.
Love,
Josh Nelson

Dear Santa Claus,
I really have been good this year, well maybe not all the time. It sure is hard to be good all the time, when you 3.
For Christmas I would really like to have a baby doll, football, Minnie Mouse purse and makeup set, and don't forget my bubba Clint bring him some farm set.
I'll leave you some milk and cookies by the tree.
I love you,
Candice Bailey
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old and my name is Tony Beggs. I've been real good this year. I would like some tractors and plows and some tools so I can help Daddy when I go with him. Don't forget Nikki and Ashley.
Love,
Tony Beggs

PEACE

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Have you read a good book lately?

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Cross Plains Public Library

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Cody Reed. I am 5 years old. I would like it very much if you would bring me a Big Foot and a Wrestling Ring. Don't forget Matt. Thank you.

Cody Reed

Dear Santa,
My name is Keith Permenter. I am 3 years old. I would like a drum and a Micky Mouse. Thank you.

Love,
Keith Permenter

Dear Santa,
I would like a dinosaur with batteries and a airplane. My name is Mark. Please don't forget Sara, Becky, and Clint.

Thank you,
Mark Box

Dear Santa,
Hi, Santa my name is Toby Connors. I am 5 years old. I would like a bear, a GI Joe's and Karate Kid. Please don't forget Callie. We won't lite the fireplace so it will be safe to come down the chimney. We will leave a nice snack for you.

Love,
Toby Connors

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old and my name is Kevin Scott. I've been really good this year. I would like a Bear and a red wagon. I'll have Mommy put out some cookies and milk.

Love,
Kevin Scott

Dear Santa,
I am Bo Harris and I am 3 years old. I would like a airplane, a big foot, a Santa Claus bear and a boom boom motorcycle. Please don't forget my sister Brook.

Thank you,
Bo Harris

Dear Santa,
I would like a Brave Star (a Horse Cowboy), Tex X (bull cowboy), Shato, and Karate Kid. I've been real good this year. My name is Joe Dillard and I am 4 years old. My brother and sisters and I will leave you a nice snack.

Love,
Joe Dillard

Dear Santa,
My name is Sara Box. I have two brothers and a sister. Please don't forget them. I would like a new baby doll and buggy.

Love, Sara

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Landon and I am almost 2 years old. I have tried to be a good boy but my sister always picks on me. I want a Jeep for Christmas for me and Mandee. I will let her drive it until

I get a little bigger. Also, please bring me a Mickey Mouse back-pack.
Don't forget my big sister Mandee. She's pretty good most of the time. And also bring T.C. and Toni something too. We will put some cookies out for you.

I love you,
Landon Westerman
Ho! Ho! Ho!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Mandee and I am 5 years old. I have been a pretty good girl most of the time.

For Christmas please bring me a Jeep that me and Landon can both ride in. I also would like a Speak and Spell so I can learn to spell before I start school next year. And I want a Barbie Doll Bath and Shower.

Don't forget to bring my baby brother Landon something. And also my cousins T.C. and Toni. We will leave you some milk and cookies by the Christmas tree.

I love you,
Mandee Westerman

Dear Santa,
My name is Toni. I am 2 years old. I have been almost as good as my brother. I want a new baby doll and a blanket for Christmas. My brother wants a puppy. My mama wants a White Christmas.

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
Toni Myers

Dear Santa,
My name is T.C. I am 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year. I want a basketball game and a puppy for Christmas.


My sister wants a baby doll and a blanket for her baby.

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
T.C. Myers

Dear Santa,
I am 1 year old and my name is Stephanie Kay Edington. I can't hardly wait to tear into these pretty paper packages. It looks like so much fun. I would like it if you will bring me a baby doll and buggy, and a shopping cart.

Love, Stephanie


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Merry Christmas



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Dear Santa,
My name is Kristin. I am 5 years old and I've been a good girl this year. I would appreciate very much if you would bring me a piano, a bridal Barbie and a talking baby. My brother Leifton has been good too so please bring him something nice. I'll leave you a nice snack.

Thank you,
Love, Kristin

don't know what I want but anything you bring will be really nice. Thank you.

Love,
Thomas Arron Dimitri

Thank you,
Kyle Hartman

Thank you,
Ryan Hale

Dear Santa,
I've been a real good boy this year. I am 1 year old and my name is Heath Walker. I really like to play with a shopping cart, the red wagon and a big truck. I would like these things very much.

Thank you,
Love, Heath

Dear Santa,
Happy Holidays to you. My name is Blake Dunn. I've been very good this year. Please bring me a airplane and a car. And don't forget my sister. We'll have Mommy leave you a snack.

Love,
Blake Dunn

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old and my name is Ladon Hill. I really really have been good this year. I would like a play horse and a picture. Thank you.

Ladon Hill

Dear Santa,
My name is Kali Phillips. I am 10 months old. This is my very first Christmas. I like to play with the pretty packages and look at the pretty lites. I can't wait to find out what Christmas is all about. Anything you bring me will be very exciting. Momie will put out a nice snack.

Love,
Kali Phillips

Dear Santa,
I really have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would like to get a pink scooter, a doll and some new clothes.

I leave you some milk and cookies by the tree.

I love you,
Blakeney French
Age 3½

Dear Santa,
My name is Shena Jo Thomas. I've been pretty good this year. I would like you to bring me a baby crib, a doll high chair, a baby crib, and a baby doll with a white sleeper. I'll leave out some Christmas cookies and milk for you. Thank you.

Love,
Shena Jo Thomas

Dear Santa,
My name is Nicholas Ryan Dimitri. I am 4 years old. I would like a Thunder Cat dragon play set, a pair of binoculars and a big wheel and a new heavy coat. Santa please don't forget my baby brother Thomas. We leave you a great snack.

Love,
Nicholas Dimitri

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Thomas Arron Dimitri. I am one year old and very excited about your arrival. I've heard all about the gift you bring for my brother. I



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Merry Christmas



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Pete Golson, Local Representative

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Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
My name is Erin and I am three years old. I have been a good girl this year.
I would like a Bath Time Cabbage, a Spectra, a baby buggy and a game. My big sister Janeal wants a Cabbage and a telescope. She has been a good girl

too. Please don't forget my new baby brother, Garrett.

Thanks,
Erin Stephens

Dear Santa,
This will be my first Christmas. My name is Garrett and I would like some toys for Christmas. Please remember my two big sisters, Janeal and Erin. They want Bath Time Cabbages and some games. They have been pretty good girls this year.
I know this will be a very special Christmas for my family so thank you.

Love,
Garrett Stephens

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good, sometimes. For Christmas, I would like a new bike, train set, GI Joe aircraft carrier, and planes to go with it, and a farming set. I would also like to have some shaving stuff and aftershave like my daddy. Don't forget my sissy, bring her a baby doll.

I'll leave you some milk and cookies by the tree. See you soon.

I love you,
Clinton Bailey
Kindergarten - Mrs. Winfrey

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are fine. I have been as good as I can and

hope you come to see me. I would like to have a bicycle, and a lot of farm toys. And things for all my sisters. Please bring Dad something. Bye now.

Seth Morgan

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, I would like to have a Teddy Bear and a Popple. For my sister, please bring a bicycle. We have been pretty good girls. Please remember all the little orphan children.

Merry Christmas,
Lori Bishop

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a My Little Pony, Party Gift Pack, Baby Heart-throb, sweet stuff, and Wind Whistler Lilly.

Love,
Brandi Richey

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a Cabbage Patch baby doll. I want a pink purse, and a pair of pink house shoes. I want a Popple. Thank you.

Mary Jo Nickerson
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I Danyell Johnson would like a horse, a talking doll, and a play house. My sister would like a tape player. My brother would like some new cars. My baby sister would like a little baby doll.

Merry Christmas
Danyell Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Trans Formers and a four by four. My brother Oliver would like to have a car and gun.

Thanks,
Edwin

P.S. Cookies and milk on table.

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been good. I want a big train and track. I hope it snows for Christmas. I will leave you some

milk and pie.

Love,
Rex Alan Sanders

Dear Santa,
I have been good. My 3 brothers have, too. I would like a Hot Looks doll, a bike, and a shopping cart. Bring my brothers something, too. I love you.

Brittany Bennett

Dear Santa,
I want a football with a tree. I want a new pair of pants, a playtoy superman. Thank you for the letter you sent me.

Love,
Royce Gomillion
5 years - Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing fine. I want a talking doll, a purse with makeup, a watch, and a popples. Merry X-Mas and I love you.

Misty Kelly

Dear Santa,
My name is Stormy. I have tried to be a good girl. I want a baby Heather doll, a set of dishes, some barrets and headbands. Please bring my brothers, Jeremie and Bubba, some toys too. Don't forget Tina and Dana. I am 5 years old. I love you.

Stormy Gibson

Dear Santa,
Hi! I have been a good boy this year. I would like some new boots, a Transformer, and a tree house. I also like Construx. Please bring my little sister, Cody, some toys, too.

Love and Merry Christmas,
Caleb Taylor

Dear Santa,
Christmas is here and here's my list of things I want for Christmas. I want a barbie doll rocker, bike, clothes, shoes, a perm, a teddy bear, and a computer, a speak and spell, also I want a necklace and earrings for Christmas. Well, Santa hope you can get all my things I want. See you later, Santa. Merry Christmas.

Love always,
Jamie

Dear Santa,
I hope you come to see me. I want you to be careful on your sleigh. I can't wait for you to come see me. Please bring me a Barbie Set, a new baton, a dollie and my mommy has been in the hospital. Please help her get well.

Love,
Rande Wren

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, panda bear that is fuzzy, a watch and a turbo Tyco racer.

Also a new Laser Tag. I have been trying my best to be good.

Merry Christmas
Coby Richards

P.S. Don't forget Kelsee.

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck, and makeup.

Love,
Christina Beaty



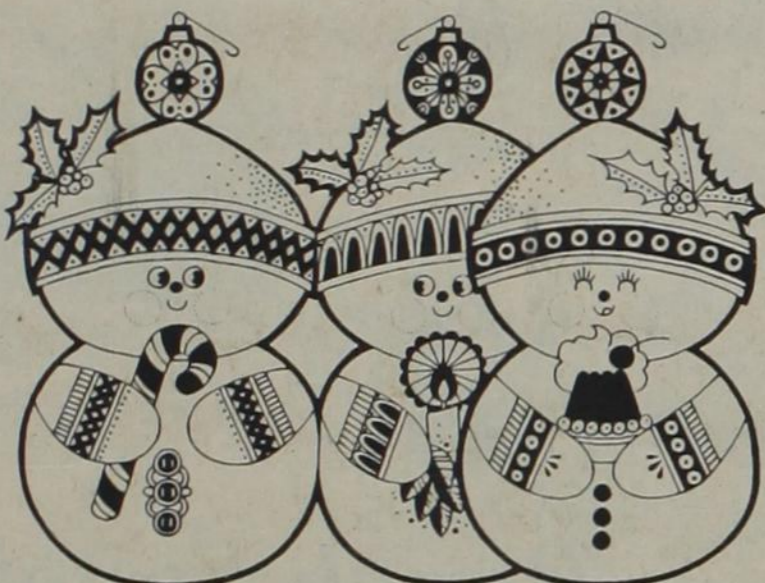
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Greetings to you and all whom you hold dear. A Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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YULETIDE CHEER



Let us keep Christmas close to our hearts, for its meaning never ends. Its spirit is the joy of love with peace and good will towards all men.

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CHRISTMAS
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Christmas Blessings

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Dear Santa,
 How are you doing today? I have been a good boy. I clean my room when my mom tells me to. I would like you to bring me My Pet Monster with Break Away Chains. How is Rudolph doing? And I also want Grizzlor. Please bring my little brother Jeff a John Deere tractor. I will leave Rudolph a popcorn ball. And you some cookies when you come.

Your friend,
 Benji Worley
 P.S. I wish you a Merry Christmas, Santa!

Dear Santa,
 My name is Ricky Allen. My little brother is Russell Allen. We hope you've had a good rest this year, because everyone we've talked to is asking a lot this year. I don't want much but I would like to have playhouse, gun, bow-arrow, basketball. Russell would like to have a gun, airplane, and anything you would like for us to have. Please bring my cousins the thing they ask for. They've been good like us. Be careful Christmas night. Will be praying for you and all the kids too. We'll leave the tree lights on for you to see. We love you, Santa.

Love, Ricky and Russell Allen

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? I have been a pretty good boy this year. I hope you will be able to find these toys for me. Please bring me a race track, a soccer ball poppel and a My Pet Monster. I hope your reindeer will be able to make the trip okay so you won't have to walk. I will leave you some rice crispy bars by our wood stove.

Love,
 Jaden Winfrey
 P.S. Please bring my puppy Popcorn a rubber ball to play with.

Dear Santa,
 I have been a fairly good boy this year. I have a new sister, Trina. She would like a doll, and a musical bear. I would like a BB Pellet Gun, a Mousetrap game, Candy Land, Football game like Jeffory's, Horses with a stable, gates, and horse trailer. Pickup also to hook the trailer on. I will leave Little Debbie's and milk on fireplace for you.
 Merry X-Mas.

Love you!
 Terry Brown
 Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 I have been a good girl this year. Would you please bring me a doll or a Teddy Ruxpin? I would share it with my sisters. I'd also like some doll

clothes. I love you, Santa.

Love,
 Tessa Davis
 Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 I want a big foot, a Mickey Mouse toast maker, and a four wheeler that you can ride. I want a remote control motorcycle, a remote control three wheeler and a fast black car.

Santa, I have been a good boy. My Mama doesn't think so, but I have been a little bit.

Love,
 Cody Knowles
 Age 6
 Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been good this year. I want a turbo hopper car. I want some walkie talkies and I hope you bring me a bow and arrow set, a My Pet Monster, and a watch. I will leave you candy to eat.

Jimmy Clark
 (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa,
 I am an average 5 year-old boy and I think I have been good. Could my brother and I have Motorized Water Submachine gun? I have a few other things I would like, but just for me. I would like to have G.I. Joe Cobra Mamba, Little People Farm Fun, Little People School Bus, Little People Playground, Little People Express Train, Cuddly Disney characters, and 'AIFAIX' BMX bike. Mom says I need more clothes because I'm getting too big too fast. I don't expect to get everything because the other kids want some of it.

There is cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas!

Love,
 Roger Meroney
 Age 5
 Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 I would like to have a laser tag gun, a computer and a fourwheeler. I hope you have a nice Christmas.

Dusty Hinkle

Holy Night
 Joyfully we celebrate this holy holiday in the true spirit of love, and good will. To all our many friends go our wish for a happy, healthy Christmas.

 From All At
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 West Highway 36 Phone 725-7281
 Cross Plains

Happy Holidays
 It's a time of joy and cheer, and we're happy to share it with you.
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 Rodney McCarty Howet Wilson
 Richard Wilson



Merry Christmas

May the serenity of Christmas find and keep you content. May every day of this joyful season be filled with joy . . . abundant in peace . . . rich in brotherhood. To all the cherished patrons we serve . . . our warmest gratitude.

Seasons Greetings from ...
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 And Come By and Try Our New Fuel Site!

Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a remote control, a train, clothes, shoes, a football, a tractor, a teddy bear, an airplane, and a house. This is all I want for Christmas. Merry Christmas.

Love always,
Jose
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a red bicycle for Christmas and bring a little bicycle for my little brother, Chris.

Love,
Claren Sliger
1st grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a talking bear and Alf for Christmas.

Christine Hargrove

Dear Santa,
I would like a record player, TV, Carebear. My daddy wants a Lamborghini. Mother wants a Ferrari. We

all have been very good.

Love,
Dani

Dear Santa,
I would like a new gun. I would also like a TV for my room. Please bring all the other boys and girls some toys.

Jody

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I would like a hot looks doll, mousetrap game, a tape player, a snow cone maker, clip on earrings. Santa, I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Ashley Beggs

Dear Santa,
I would like a Sylvanian family with house and furniture. Would you please bring the other boys and girls what they want. I love Jesus and you and all of my family.

Mindy Mitchell

Dear Santa,
I want a frisbee. Can I want a new bike? May I get a pogo ball to bounce on? May I get Mike Tyson's Punchout to play with my Dad. I would like Pro Wrestling. I also want a dagger with a whet rock and a snap pad to practice my kicking.

Ben Childers

Dear Santa,
I am been good. I want a car and big football. I am been bad sometimes with my sister and brother, but I will be good next year.

Alfredo Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Keyper. I have been good. I want a pound puppy. How have you been? I love you, Santa.

Amy H.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Tell him hello for me.

My mom works hard for me, so could you bring her something special - maybe a T.V. for her room.

I'd like a Teddy Ruxspin, a picture I can paint, and a blond haired girl Cabbage Patch doll.

Bring nice things to all my friends. I'll leave you milk and cookies.

JaDeana Nolan
1st grade

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I want a new bike. And I would like some new

boots and jeans also. And also some new toys.

Timothy

Dear Santa,
I want an Owl. Happy Hollidays.

Lance

Dear Santa,
I want toys and clothes. I am good sometimes.

Kyle D.

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I have been a pretty good girl. I would like you to bring me a Cabbage doll, Cricket doll, bike, purse, and a barbie doll and my sister a baby doll.

Tabitha J. Clark

P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you had a nice summer. I would like a soccerball Poppel and some Ghostbuster stuff. Could you bring my little brother a sword and my little sister a baby doll with a bottle? I hope all the other boys and girls get what they want too. We will be at my grandparents in Houston so please leave my gifts there.

Craig

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? I've been a good boy all year. Or I've tried to be good. I would like to have these toys, Saga Atari game, talking bear, stuffed animal called anything. Merry Christmas to you!

Kyle Malone

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a bicycle, a rabbit, and a game. I want a fish. My brother and sister want something too. My mom and dad are good like me. We all want something.

Rowdy Dillard
Mrs. Wilson's 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, Dad! And, some clothes! For the poor to be rich! And a whole lot of G.I. Joe and a few cars. And a moken troll go-cart! And a real go-cart! And skates or a skateboard! And a play boat to play in the mud!

Billy Dan Higgins, Jr.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Remote Control airplane and cars, race car track, and a Captain Power. Please bring my sister a microphone and a bike.

Joseph

P.S. We have tried to be good.

Dear Santa,
I want some ropers, chaps, spurs, whoopee cushion, B.B. gun and a belt. Thank you.

Kevin Nickerson

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a Hot Look, a wild puf-falump, a barbie ice cream maker, a scooter and any thing you want to bring. A.J. wants a pair of boots and a ladder. Reneth wants a Hot Look and a scooter. They both have tried to be good. Bye, Santa.

Crystal Carouth

P.S. I love you.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I have not picked on my Dad that much. I am expecting a good Christmas. I want 3 things this year. I want a tyco-turbo hopper, mad scientist and three pairs of pants.

Carlton A. Thomas



May the Peace of this Holy Season be yours throughout the year. Sincere joy to all our wonderful customers.

Merry Christmas

Cross Plains Exxon

Phone 725-7534

Ken and Gladys Box

and Clint, Becky, Mark, and Sarah



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Mr. and Mrs. Sam
Sexton

The Everlasting Night



In the Christmas Spirit of peace on earth, good will to all, may we wish one and all an especially Joyous Noel.

Holiday Greetings from

C & C
Enterprises

Benny & Gaynelle

Have a Happy!



You've made our Christmas merrier by being there. Many thanks.

Season's Greetings from

Amelia's House of Beauty

Ernest & Amelia & Family
Linda Strength & Family

Season's Greetings



Dec. 23

We will have our

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to celebrate Christmas with you.

Join us for coffee, punch and cookies.

Dec. 24

We will

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So that we can celebrate Christmas with our families.

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Merry Christmas



Christmas Hello

We wish one 'n' all a whole lot of holiday cheer! And we extend warm thanks...

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Jimmy and Lurene McNutt, and Family
Glenn and Lee McNutt and Family



CHRISTMAS Joy

We're joining these carolers in their heartfelt refrain: Peace on earth... good will toward men. Season's best to all. To all, our special thanks.

Skeet Walker Truck & Trailer Sales
Greetings from... Skeet, Mike, and Wanda



All I Want for Christmas...
Our gift to you this season is a hope for happiness today and always.

Cross Plains Day Care
Seasons Greetings from...
Sandy, Mike, Shellie and Janna



WARM GREETINGS

We hope your holiday is filled with cozy family gatherings and beautiful memories! Our gratitude to all our patrons.

Donald Duke Plumbing and Electric, Heating and Air Conditioning
Holiday Greetings from...
Donald and Doris Duke
Mike and Jan Duke and Rusty and Kaci

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a new bike for Christmas. And also some clothes. And my little sister would like to have a pink play puppy. For my mom a pretty gold key chain. And my dad an electric screw driver.

Julie Bishop

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and all the reindeer? I hope you are fine. I would like a new football, a VCR quarterback game, and a microscope. There will be milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Kye King

P.S. I sure need a new bike and a Rombo Macgun.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun, pellet gun, twenty two, dart gun, cot, camouflage billfold, camouflage compasses, crossbow, camouflage knife. Please bring my sister a scooter, Cabbage Patch Bath Kid, pet purse, Frog Piano and a magic wand, Barbie Doll Swimming Pool.

Josh Goble

Dear Santa,
I would like a new b.b. gun, and I would like to have a new coat, boots, dress suit, and a new remote car. And that will be all.
And I pray that all little boys and girls have a nice Christmas.

Benji Blackstock

Dear Santa,
It's only 16 more days till Christmas! When you come would you give me a doll and a pound pery. Can you give me a petty necklus, too? A friend named Fayedra helped me out.

Love,
Rachelle Van Zandt

Dear Santa,
I would like a real motorcycle and an electric keyboard.

Chance Connelly

Dear Santa,
I want a Lasar Tag. I want a Karate robe. I want a game.

Zack Edington

Dear Santa,
I would like a Lazar Tag Game and a keyboard and a Miami Dolphin football suit and a B-B gun and a radio with a microphone. Please bring Mommy something too.

Love,
Joshua Thayer
1st grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. My sister, Jamee wants a bicycle and I'd like you to help me give it to her. I want a Teddy Ruxspin and a pink bicycle for myself.

If you have extra toys, please leave some for all my friends.

Remember my sister Tracy. She is a teenager and likes music and boys.

I'll leave you a homemade suprise. I'll make it myself.

Danielle Rae Wills
1st grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Santa, doll, and a Teddy Bears book.

Becky Anna Box

Dear Santa,
I would like the rabbit Sylvanian Family and house, the bear family, a Christmas Mouse puff-a-lump, a Starlight Ashley, a Barbie Ice Cream Shop, and a Christine doll. Please bring all of the children something. I love you!

Amanda Dillard
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me some water paints, coloring book, cabbage patch that plays in the water, markers, notebook, paint posters, candy canes, My Child.

Thank you for all the toys last year.

I love you,
Elizabeth McCarty
P.S. Teddy Ruxpin, I would like.

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a Cabbage Patch Premie, My Little Pony, Kris Mutt, toy ice-box, sweat suit, Barbie, a skateboard, and pogoball.

Jessica Childers

Dear Santa,
I am 7. I am in 1st grade. I want a watch for Christmas or a radio. Maybe a camera.

Jolena Fleming

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy named Matt. I would like an electric train for Christmas. I also want an airplne. Please remember the boys and girls in my room and my teacher Mrs. Sowell.

I have tried to be a real good boy this year and I am looking forward to Christmas.

Matt McGowen

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a basketball goal and a scooter and I would like to have a robot with blinking eyes and I almost forgot Merry Christmas. Thanks a lot for the toys you gave to me.


Calley Conner

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I want alot of presents. I want all the toys I circled in the book. I want some red hots. I want a Barbie doll and Ken doll, a Barbie Ice Cream shop, Rainbow Brite Watch and a bike.

I been good. I am going to leave you milk with Oreo cookies. I like candy.

Your best friend,
Kristin Faye Burkett

America purchased Alaska from Russia for about 2 cents an acre.



Merry Christmas

In appreciation of knowing and serving you, we're proud to extend our wishes for a happy, healthy holiday.

Seasons Greetings
from
Ross L. Jones, Attorney



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Lots of laughter, lots of cheer, that's our wish for Christmas and New Year to all our good friends and patrons. We enjoyed serving you and look forward to seeing you soon.

From Your Friends At
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Season's Greetings

Our wish is one that isn't new... but still we'd like to say to you: Merry Christmas!


Best Wishes From Everyone At...
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Christmas GREETINGS

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Susan J. Schaffer
Certified Public Accountant
Merry Christmas from...
Phillip & Susan Schaffer

Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
Me want a animal. Me want Mickey Mouse watch, GI Joe Watch and Rainbow Brite watch. Me want a tractor like my Pa Pa Dillard.
I am good boy.

Love,
Jaret Burkett

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old, and I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a choo-choo train that will go by itself, black boots, a black cowboy hat, and a Nerf Golf Fame.

My sister, Kailea, is only 8 months old. She would like a baby doll. Please remember all my cousins because they have tried to be good, too!

I love you,
Chase Ryan (Cowboy) Hunter

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I have been real good. All I want for Christmas is a Mickey Mouse radio, Mickey Mouse Bopper, Mickey Mouse toothbrush w/holder, drill, toolset, guitar, and Mickey Mouse sleeping bag. I love you.

Shane Austin Sharpe
P.S. Merry Christmas to you, Rudolph and all the other reindeer.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Byron McNutt and my brother is Brenton. We wanted to tell you how good we've been so that maybe you would remember us at Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a scooter and a bread maker. And, of course, lots of fast cars and trucks like Daddy likes. Mother said that Brenton just needed baby toys and clothes. He is still so small that he chews on

everything anyway. Be sure to bring our sister, Michelle, plenty of new clothes, too. She is always wanting new ones! We have all three tried to be real nice this year, so don't forget. Also, remember to bring our cousins, Shauna and Michael something special!

Love,
Byron and Brenton McNutt
Ages: 3 yrs 4 mos.

P.S. Our grandma needs you to bring her something real nice because she is so sweet and special to us. We know she's been good.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a lazer tag gun and a BB gun and a Minasoda Viking football suit and a fiddle and some bike tires and bunches of candi in my stocking.

Love,
Shawn Thayer

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I hope you are feeling well. My little sister and I have been pretty good this year.

For Christmas, would you please bring me a basketball goal and some Construx and eighty pieces. Also, a new GI Joe Tomahawk helicopter and some things for my stocking.

My little sister would like for you to please bring her a big stuffed doggy, a pink Barbie doll, and a vacuum cleaner. Also, some things for her stocking.

Most of all, please help all the other boys and girls in the world to have a Merry Christmas. We love you, Santa Claus!

Thank you for all you do for us!
Sam and Sarah Nixon

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy this year. Not perfect - but good!

For Christmas I would like to have a toy gun, a Teddy Ruxpin, some little horses, a football Poppie, and a new Alf shirt.

Please bring something for my sister, Becky. I broke some of her new crayons and if you would replace them I would be most grateful. Becky could use some new clothes and something that smells nice that little girls like.

Please remember John David. He needs winter pajamas and he likes apples - the big red ones!

Granny wants something from The Back Room. Reckon Susan Ann will let you in the back door?

Please bring something sweet for my Sunday School Teachers, Lurene, Susan, and Charlou know that God isn't finished with me, yet!

Please bring something nice for Moma, Daddy, MeeMaw Skeet, Papa, and Gran-Gran.

Also if you happen to see Coby, Misty, and Brian's dog Penny, please bring her back home to her family.

Remember all the other boys and girls - young and old alike.

There will be a snack for you so help yourself.

Your well-behaved friend,
Jared Coleman Wooten
Cross Plains, TX

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby doll with a blanket and doll clothes, a chalk board and chalk and a story and coloring books. Also would like some fruit and nuts. Thank you.

Love,
Bea Kay Bell

Dear Santa,
I would like an Alf and a Thundercat. I would like pair of snowboots, and a G.I. Joe, and a basketball. I believe in you. Merry Christmas, Santa.

Love,
Kenny Bates
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Hot Looks Doll, earrings, Jewelry Box, Bed Bugs, Air Head, Crackers in my beds clothes, shoes. That's all. I'll leave you cookies and milk. O.K.?

Thanks,
Nikki Leigh Beggs

P.S. I've been pretty good.

Dear Santa,
I would like a T.V. of my own with remote controls. I would also like a VCR. I would like for my dad to have a nice Christmas. He will probably like for me to have a nice Christmas. Things are not going well for him but he is not too upset. Now you have a good Christmas this year.

Love, Dusty Hargrove
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a Gostbuster set and a Army set. My little sister Angela wants an umbrella. I would also like the game called Life. I also want a new bat.

Love, Nathaniel Swift
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How was your summer? Mine was good. I want a bow and arrow and a laiser tag and some construx. I have been good. Please bring Kristin a pretty necklace.

Merry Christmas!
Love, Leif Hunter
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Michael. I would like a Tye Terbow Hoper, a remote control airplane with missals and a remote control 57 Chevy. Santa, I hope you have a nice Christmas.

Love, Michael McClure
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Cabbage Patch Kid that can talk. I would also like a skate board, a skooter, and a talking Mickey Mouse. I have tried to be very good this year. Have you and your elfs been working very hard? Oh! And there is one more thing. Have a Merry Christmas.

Latrishia Carroll
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a pair of roller skates, watch and a Kepper? Please bring my brother a Tarpo hoper and a pair of walky talkys. Merry Christmas.

Melissa Clark
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a Intendo set and a football with a tee. I hope you have a nice Christmas. I want a poster with a jet on it and a t.v. for my room.

Merry Christmas,
Jarad Richards
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a football suit, bike, air plane, and a train set.

Merry Christmas,
Love, Jody Fortune
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want some clothes, crayons, a radio, a bear, a necklace. My barbie doll also needs some clothes.

Thank you,
Jessica Davis
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a Real Baby and a Stuft Bear. Thank you. Don't forget Nicky and Cory.

Love, Chancy West
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a battle ship and a video set. I want a T.V. and guns and clothes. I also want a football.

Love, Jeremie Gibson
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some G.I. Joes and some Cobras. I would like to have a poster of you, Santa.

I love you, Santa,
David Reed
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a play horn for Christmas. Santa, I rally want a play clown but I want a set of make-up. I want a slide too. Santa would you please bring these things to me? I love you. Santa have a nice Christmas.

Crystal Nelson
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a whole set of G.I. Joe's. I would also like some toy cars and a new bike that is red and green. I want a new cat because my cat died.

Merry Christmas,
Charlie Clark
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a new blue bike with a basket on front. My sister and brother want a bike too. My mom wants a ring. Dad wants a new car. My granny wants a car too.

Merry Christmas,
Jeanie Boyd
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want the Sylvanian Family house and furniture, and some clothes, and the raccoon family for the Sylvanian house. Please remember all my friends and family. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Jaonna Harris
Third Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a new football and a basketball. I want a black and white bike. I want \$20 dollars too. I want a new puppy and a remote control car. I want a soccer ball too.

Love, James
Third Grade

Dear Santnik,
I would like a black and white pony and a pound puppy and a steer too. I would like a new football and ten shirts and ten pair of pants and a new bike.

Porcius Potter
Third Grade

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is for everyone to be glad and happy. And I also want a great big unicorn. I love unicorns.

Love,
Genie Johnson
Third Grade

P.S. This cookie is for you.

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a My Child doll and swimming pool, and a Cabbage Patch Kid, and some new clothes and new shoes. And a new Barbie doll too.

Malysa Sowell
Third Grade

Dear Santa,
I've been good all year and I would like to have a remote grasshopper race car, a bike, a 22, pistol gun, and a three wheeler, and a go-cart.

Love,
Jeffrey C.
Third Grade

Dear Santa,
I want My Sweet 16. I want a Talking Cabbage Patch. I want my family to get cable. And a soccer ball popple. Jared wants a Mother-goose and some horses and a B-B gun and a football popple. My dog needs a doghouse and a leash and some treats. My dad needs some new boots and some pants. My mommy wants just a little bit of 100 dollars.

Love,
Becky Foster
Third Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a twenty two and a thirty thirty, soccer ball and a target and a toy box and a real puppy dog and a new school building.

From Roy Turner

To Santa
From Brandi
I would like a Cabbage Patch and a bike. Maybe a poster of Michael Jackson. There will be milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Brandi

Dear Santa,
I want a new football and a new gun and a new soccer ball and a new go cart and a new 4 X 4 and a new remote control car and a new pair of shoes and a new cowboy hat and a new cub scout suit and a new bike and a new baseball and bat and a new coat and a new stove.

Love,
Samuel
Third Grade

Dear Santa,
I wish you would bring me a my child, a breakable unicorn, a new bed, lots of candy, to pass 3rd grade, a new baby sister, a new book case for my room, a 100,000 dollars.

Love,
Brooke Harris
Third Grade

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want, a keybord, a beanbag chair and clothes and skates and some games.

Love, Crystal!
Third Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a pellet gun and a twenty two bolt action and a pocket knife and a new bike and a soccer ball and a pogo ball and a four by four wheel remote control.

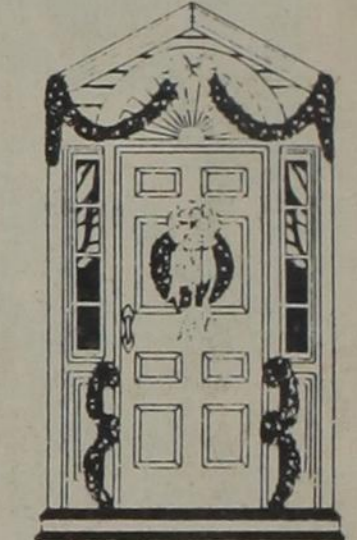

Love,
Jason Carey
Third Grade

Billy Egley, on December 9, 1842, designed and offered for sale in England what is now regarded as the first Christmas card created for mass circulation. It is preserved in the British Museum. Billy was only 16 at the time.

Although it's been said many times, many ways ... Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Mc's Trading Post


Bobby Jack McCowen

In the spirit of this holy season our wish is one for joy. With appreciation.

Bob and Sally Roady

A Joyous Christmas



May the bright Christmas star lead you to peace... brotherhood. Our thanks.

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Blessings at Christmas



Peace on Earth

Let us rejoice in the message of the season!

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Merry Christmas from... **Regie and Glenda**



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May this season bring you peace and happiness!

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Greeting from... Dale and Betty

Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year

From All At
Judy's Hair Place


Bill, Judy, Chris & Lynn Porter

Merry Christmas

May all the hearth-warming joys of the holiday be yours!

Greetings From
Nutty Acres

Dan & Nancy Childress



Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a work bench, a My Pet Monster, a bowling set, some Sonic Rangers, a doctor kit, a real guitar, a basketball goal, a Brave Star and .30/.30, and Tex Hex. I will leave you some goodies out.
I love you, Santa,
Joseph Austin Dillard
Age - 4
Cross Plains

Handel's music adds joy of holiday season

The music of Christmas is part of the season's charm, and of all the musical works associated with Christmas, perhaps none is as beloved as George Frederic Handel's masterpiece, *Messiah*.

As a young man, Handel was appointed conductor to the Elector of Hanover, in his native country. During the autumn of 1710, he visited London, where he met with great success. A year later, Handel returned to London and after being presented with a pension by the reigning Queen Anne, he decided not to return to his homeland. However, Anne died and in a unique turn of events, Handel's old master, the Elector of Hanover, now George I, ascended the throne of England.

Fortunately, the new king was a true music lover, and he restored Handel to favor. Handel soon occupied a key position in the artistic life of England, writing, producing and directing operas.

Eventually he turned from opera to the oratorio form, reaching the mass audience of his day. His oratorios were choral dramas of great vitality and grandeur, ideally suited to the

middle class of England. *Messiah* is the crowning work of Handel. Written in just 24 days, it was performed for the first time in 1742. It expressed the faith of the man who was Handel, the man who exclaimed to his servant, upon completing the oratorio, "I did think I did see all

heaven before me, and the great God Himself!"

The libretto is a compilation of verses from the Bible. Although the libretto is generally attributed to Charles Jennens, a wealthy patron of the arts, there is reason to believe that Jennens' chaplain was more than partially responsible for it.

In the first part of the oratorio, the prophecies of the coming of Christ and His birth are treated; this is the portion most frequently performed at Christmas time. The verses are drawn from the prophets of the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Evangelists and the letters of St. Paul.

The second part of the oratorio concludes with the famed Hallelujah Chorus. So moved was King George upon hearing this chorus, tradition says, he spontaneously rose to his feet. Today, audiences still stand during the Hallelujah Chorus in tribute to this great work.



Advent is time of anticipation

In the Christian liturgy, Advent is the four-week period leading up to Christmas. It is a time of preparation and of waiting; as such, it can provide an opportunity for families to anticipate the coming of Christmas with special observances.

An Advent wreath is a beautiful reminder of the joy that is to come. It takes its origins from pagan times, when the sun-worshipping tribes of northern Europe would wind greens around a cartwheel and decorate it with lights to appease the sun god during dark winter days.

Today, Christians look upon the Advent wreath as a symbol of the light which is to come at Christmas time. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes God's unending eternity. The evergreen represents our immortality and God's unchanging nature. The four candles remind us of the

hundreds of years mankind waited for the coming of Christ.

During the first and second weeks of Advent, violet candles are lit, symbolizing longing and expectation. A rose candle, symbolizing joy and hope because Christmas is near, is lit during the third week of Advent. A violet candle is lit during the final week of Advent to complete the cycle of anticipation.

On Christmas Eve, four white candles replace the rose and violet candles, as a sign of the coming of the light of the world, Jesus.

Another Advent custom that children enjoy is the Advent calendar. This calendar features tiny little windows for each day of the Advent season. As the youngster opens each window, he or she finds a special message or picture inside. Not only does the calendar help youngsters to "count down" to the big day, it can also be instructive and entertaining.



Yet another Advent custom is the Jesse tree, so named for the father of King David, an ancestor of Jesus. It is the family tree of Jesus in a way, for it is adorned with symbols of His ancestors and prophecies foretelling His coming.

Among the symbols that can be used are tablets of the law, the key of David, Noah's ark, the apple and the Star of David. These symbols can be either attached to a real tree or to a tree made of construction paper. The Jesse tree is another way of enhancing the Advent season for the whole family.

Dear Santa Claus,
I haven't wrote to you in a long time. I hope you're well. I've been a pretty good feller since you last came to visit me.

I need a few things for Christmas this year. I hope you can bring me some new cards, a game to play with my grandkids, some cheese and crackers, and a Christmas stocking with candy, 'cause I sure do like candy! Also, please stop by to visit my six grandkids, 'cause they been pretty good, too!

Love,
Paw

Your Message Comes Across
FAST!
In the Classifieds

Joy

Let us spread His message of love and peace throughout the land. To all men of good will - a blessed Christmas!

Odom's Motel
Nell Bowden

JOY TO ALL

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

Cross Plains City Hall

GOOD CHEER TO ALL

From Tim Dillard
And All At

Tim's Floral & Gifts



Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi came from the East to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him" "...And behold, the star that they had seen in the East went before thee, until it came and stood over the place where the child was. And when they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly.

Seasons Greetings

have a safe and happy
Christmas and New Year

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department

NOEL

Good health, good friends...all the best to you at Christmas!

From All The Folks At Your ...

Cross Plains Dairy Queen

Support BILL SKINNER for Sheriff Callahan County

Political advertisement paid by Bill Skinner

Season's Greetings

... to you, our customers.

Russell-Surles Abstract Baird

Registration For Spring Semester At CJC

Cisco Junior College is making preparations to begin its 1988 Spring Semester. Registration for the spring semester at the Cisco campus will be held in the Harrell Fine Arts Building from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12. Night registration is also on Tuesday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All students

LAST NAME
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Mc's, M, N, O, P, and Q
R and S
C, D, E, and F
G, H, I, and J
A, B, K, and L

TIME
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dormitories will open at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10. The cafeteria will open at 7 a.m. on Monday, January 11.

Classes will begin January 13 at all locations, but late registration will continue through January 22 during regular office hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at the Admissions office on the Cisco campus.

Registration for the Abilene campus is scheduled for Thursday, January 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Abilene Educational Center located at Office Park West, 209 South Danville.

Registration for the Clyde campus will be held Wednesday, January 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, call the appropriate campus at one of the following numbers: Cisco - (817) 442-2567; Clyde - (915) 893-5976; Abilene - (915) 698-2212.

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THE PIONEER PATCHWORK

By IRMA MILLER

Gilbert Williams of Cross Plains donated some wood to the Pioneer Clubhouse for our wood heater. Jean Fore and Lottie Sooter hauled it to the clubhouse. The clubhouse has been partially renovated, and we are proud of it, says Jewel Foster, speaking for all of us.

The Christmas program at the Pioneer Baptist Church was very enjoyable, Frankie Smith reports, with real good singing by the Youth Choir, Sunday night. She also reported that Mrs. Lillian Parson is still in intensive care.

Pioneer game night enjoyed a good crowd, with three 84 tables and one domino table. All are invited every other Tuesday night.

Jean Fore's visitors over the weekend were Grasson and Myrtle Harlowe from Arlington and Vi Harlowe of Marble Falls.

Irma and John Miller went to Cisco to meet Irma's sister, Vernelle Goins of Springtown, Monday. Irma has found a new hobby pursuit lately in the reading of Eerdman's Handbook to the History of Christianity, an absorbing work which was printed in 1977, which has been around her house for quite a few years.

Some phones in the community have not been answered the past two weeks. If you have news, it will be appreciated if you will call Irma at 725-7696. When you read this, it will be the day before Christmas Eve, so we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Two Shortcourses Upcoming

The Shortcourses are coming up in the near future that may be of interest to pecan and grape producers in Callahan County.

The annual TEXAS PECAN SHORTCOURSE will be conducted at Texas A&M University on January 25-29. Registration is \$50 per grower or couple and the class limit is 100 producers. Anyone who would like to pre-register can contact the County Extension office.

A TEXAS VINEYARD MANAGEMENT SHORTCOURSE will be conducted at TAMU Research and Extension Center at San Angelo on Wednesday, March 23, 1988.

The educational material presented will be directed to persons investigating the potential for grapes in north central Texas and persons already in the wine or table grape business.

Registration will be \$5 per person or family. For more information on either of these shortcourses, contact Greg Gengross, County Extension Agent at (915) 854-1518.

Employer's Lax Attitude May Boomerang

COMMISSIONER
Mary Scott
Nabers



TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY

believe that it is not such a big deal...as you did. Either you consider an act of misconduct serious enough to warrant immediate attention, or you don't. If you don't consider it serious, don't expect anyone else to.

You allowed this employee to continue working because you were busy and you needed his services. In essence you overlooked an act of misconduct and took action only when it was convenient to do so. This pattern of

Dear Commissioner Nabers: I need clarification on the TEC's interpretation of misconduct. I had an employee I fired for coming to work under the influence of alcohol. This had happened before but because this employee was basically a pretty good guy and had been with the company a long time, I tried to work with him and get him to straighten up his act. To make a long story short, we were very busy the week he last came in somewhat boozed up, so I let it slide until things slowed down, then I let him go. He filed a claim and got benefits. Can you explain why coming to work intoxicated is not misconduct?

-F.S.
Marathon, Texas

Dear F.S.: Coming to work intoxicated IS misconduct unless the employer gives reason to

employer behavior almost always results in a decision for the claimant when it comes to unemployment benefits.

Dear Commissioner Nabers: I recently got a claim notice from the Texas Employment Commission on the LAST DAY available to respond. I assumed that because I received the notice so late I would be given a little grace time to get it back in. Evidently not. The people at my local TEC office told me that I had forfeited my right to appeal their decision on the claim because my response was one day late.

Under the circumstances, I feel I made a very prompt response and should not be penalized because of the mail. Can you help me?

-F.D.
Palestine, Texas

Dear F.D.: I wish I could but, unfortunately, I can't. Even if a notice arrives on the last day you should respond and get your response postmarked on the same day. The Commission is charged with properly providing notice. Under the law, you have properly been notified if you receive the notice any time within the statutory time frame for response.

Ms. Nabers represents 336,000 employers throughout Texas. If you have any questions you want answered, please write Commissioner Nabers at: TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY, 614 Texas Employment Commission Building, 15th and Congress, Austin, Texas 78778.

THE STORY OF THE NUTCRACKER

Merry Christmas

ONCE upon a time one Christmas eve, a young girl's dream came magically to life. It began with the arrival of Uncle Drosselmeyer who, to the delight of the children, came bearing gifts.

He brought a huge nutcracker in the shape of a man with a large head. But Oh...! it slipped out of his hands and broke.

As the festivities continued with song and dance, Clara picked up the broken nutcracker and put them in her doll's cradle. Later that night she went back downstairs to look at the nutcracker, and that's when the magic began.

When the clock struck midnight, mice scurried across the floor. The Christmas tree began to grow and grow and gingerbread soldiers came to life and marched about the room.

Clara watched in awe as the mice returned and began to battle with the soldiers. The Nutcracker came to life and took command of the remaining

gingerbread army. As the Nutcracker fought, the Mouse King prepared to attack, but Clara removed her slipper and hit the mouse on the head. With their leader dead, the mouse troop fled and the Nutcracker turned into a handsome prince.

The Prince invited Clara to visit his kingdom, and off they went on their journey to the Kingdom of Sweets.

They arrived at the Magic Castle on Sugar-Plum Mountain, and were greeted by the King and Queen of Snowflakes. The prince's parents honored her with a royal pageantry of song and celebration.

Clara was treated to an amazing tableau of dances from around the world...candy canes swirled around and around, marzipan maids, tumbling clowns and sugar plum fairies performed in joyous fashion.

But as all good things must end, the time came to say good-bye. Clara slipped back from her world of enchantment with visions of magic castles and sugar plums and was off in a dream world all her own, fast asleep.



CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

Don Tom

Vanda King

Lee E. Monis Jr.

Mary Morris

Becky Odum

RE-ELECT
BOB McCOOL
County
Attorney

Political advertisement paid by Bob McCool.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER 24
 Dena Jo Nickerson
 Mrs. E.B. Webb
 Justin Richey
 Mike Moore
 Franke Letney
 Christy (Dewbre) Fox
 Judy Steele
 Patricia Webb
 Gertrude McIntosh
 D.P. McCorkle
 Carol (Foster) Bectold
 Ethel Eastham
 Mrs. Emma Morgan
 James F. Bassett
 Jim Alexander
 Lacy J. Koenig
 Christy Driskill
 Rita Falkner
 Theresa Adams

DECEMBER 25
 Leanne Gibson
 Jimmy Van Story
 Mrs. Jack Rector
 Donald Stover
 Mrs. R.L. Moon
 Leslie Reed
 Karin Sabaitis
 Wesley Webb
 Mrs. Evans Watkins
 Brent Hutchins
 Blanche Thrasher
 Charlotte Brown
 Roger Crawford
 Mrs. Cal Long

DECEMBER 26
 W.F. Kilgore
 Ethel Anderson
 Jay Ringhoffer
 Mrs. Joe Bryson
 Bill Slate
 Richard Keith Illingworth
 Tom Robinson
 Loy Thompson
 Lisa Sims

DECEMBER 27
 Mrs. Jack Little
 Mrs. Elmer Wilson
 Dickie Nowell
 Bobby Lawrence
 Dr. Mickey Bush
 Avis Sexton
 Barry Miles
 Norma Proctor

DECEMBER 28
 Tami Gwen Woody
 Brian Sibley
 Mrs. Katherine Swindle
 Marion Perry
 Mrs. Glen Vaughn
 Michael Ingram
 Mrs. Billy Paul Golson
 C.A. Walker
 Pauline Collins
 Karen Fletcher
 Mose Green

DECEMBER 29
 Dianne (Johnson) Hail
 Mrs. Earl Allen
 Johnnie Strickland
 Kenneth D. Brown
 Frances Knott
 Vicky (Moore) Worley
 Michael Blake Foster
 Glenda Chandler
 D.J. Roe
 Jacob Strickland

DECEMBER 30
 Kenneth Hopson
 Billy Gene Spoon
 Keith Hopson
 Carol Bates
 Eric Lovell
 Oddie Dawkins
 Mrs. Bob Dean
 Christopher Hamer
 Gertrude Johnson
 Royce Lawrence
 Wanda Jennings
 Milton Baty
 Billy King
 Lawrence S. Lee
 Nancy Sheppard
 Don Edington
 F.L. Merrill
 Sambo Fleming

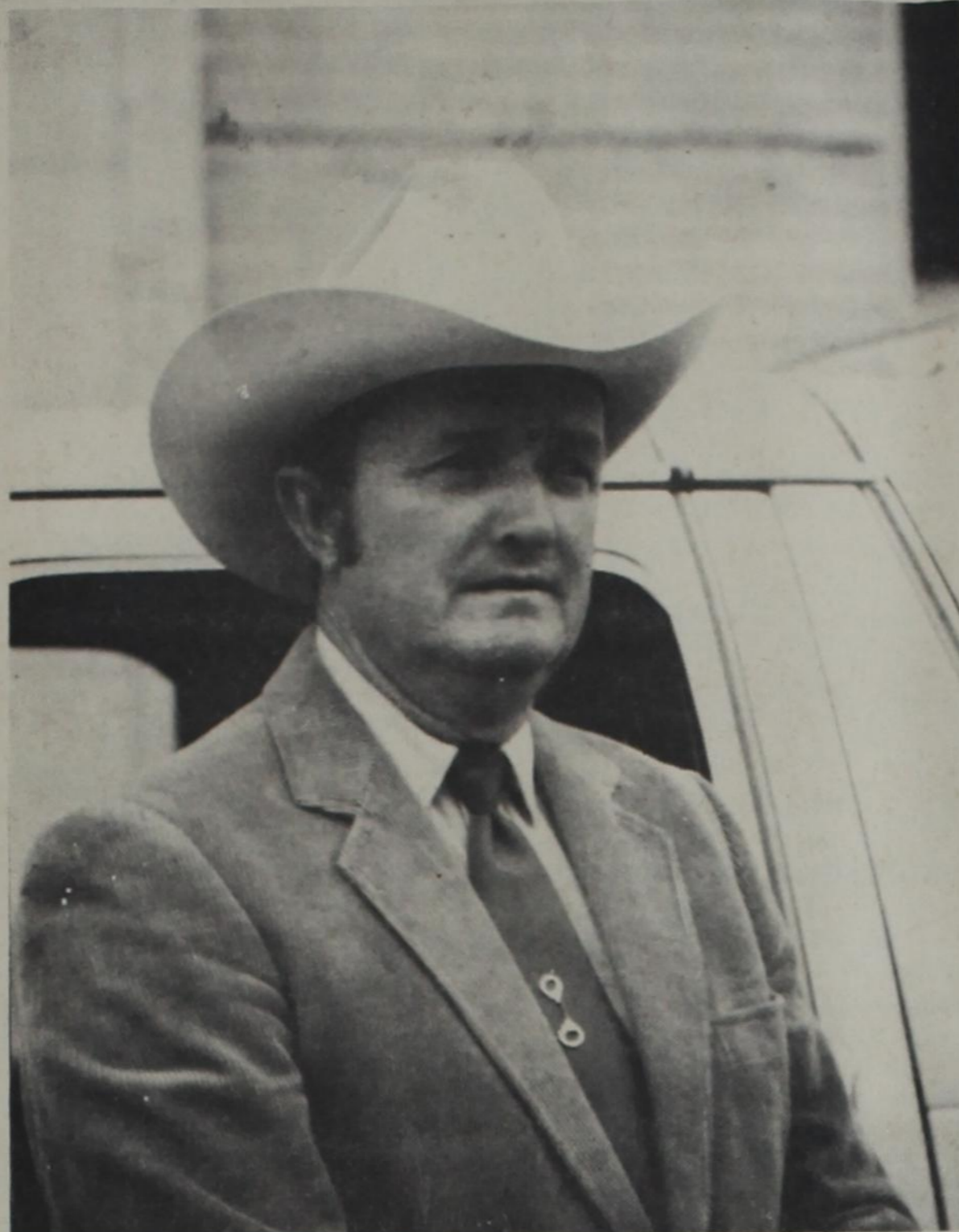
PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Dill's visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Walker, Sue Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thompson, L.A. Richardson, Jay Kirkham, Ross Shaw, and Blanche Moore all of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Dill's granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Laycox, of Kingsland, also visited them recently.



Jack Frost, the imaginary sprite who makes frost on trees and windows originated Norse mythology.



BILL W. SKINNER
 ...incumbent for Callahan County Sheriff

To The Citizens Of Callahan County

Sheriff Bill W. Skinner, incumbent, is announcing his candidacy for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Callahan County in the March 8, 1988 Democratic Primary. Skinner is now serving in his third term of office.

Sheriff Skinner states that he enjoys his work and the duties that go with it. Although the Callahan County Sheriff's Department is small, Skinner is pleased with a job well done.

He believes that the majority of the people in Callahan County know a lot about the problems that a sheriff is confronted with, and sometimes changes have to be made for the good of the department and the county.

Sheriff Skinner is asking for continued loyalty and support from you, the people of Callahan County.

Pol. ad paid by Bill Skinner.

STATE CAPITAL

HIGHLIGHTS
 By Lyndell Williams
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN-Some Texans were happy, some were angry, but just about all Democrats were surprised last week when their state party chairman took sides in the presidential sweepstakes.

Democratic Party chief Bob Slagle announced his personal endorsement of Tennessee U. S. Sen. Albert Gore at a Capitol press conference with Gore.

His move delighted Gore's Texas supporters, who hope it will propel him past second-place holder Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis to catch the leader, the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

But Slagle's move also angered the many other Democrats who support one of the six other candidates, particularly those who think Slagle as chairman should stay neutral.

His endorsement, along with that of former Gov. Mark White's campaign manager, Dwayne Holman, came the same day all candidates except late entry Gary Hart were holding an unprecedented debate in Edinburg.

Timing Embarrassing

The timing of Slagle's endorsement was embarrassing to the other candidates, and indicated they didn't mean anything to the party's state chairman.

But Slagle has never really been one to stay neutral during his eight-year tenure, the longest anyone has ever held what used to be a temporary plum.

On several previous occasions, he has jumped into state and federal races with an endorsement well before the primary. In this case, he hasn't even waited until the filing deadline.

Slagle justified his act by explaining that Democrats are begging him to prevent another "Mondale-Ferraro" catastrophe.

Certainly that's true, but as the non-Gore Texas Democrats fume about his course of action, many are vowing it's time for him to go and take his protege, Holman, with him.

Hart Lacks Support

Slagle wasn't at the bottom of

the dog list last week, however.

Gary Hart, who had the strongest organization in Texas until his monkey business prompted him to drop out of the race, drew almost no voices of support from his former Texas team.

His re-entry was blasted, particularly by former U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough who said Hart disgraced himself, the party and the nation.

And the premier warhorse of Hart's former Texas team, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, said Hart's re-entry lacked "political realism."

Mattox vs. PUC

The legal skirmishing between Attorney Gen. Jim Mattox and the Public Utility Commission escalated to the Texas Supreme Court last week.

Lawyers for the PUC told the high court that Mattox should be barred from fighting rate increase requests by utilities because he already has a constitutional duty to represent the PUC and other state agencies.

A Houston Lighting and Power Co. attorney also argued Mattox has a conflict of interest and cannot fairly and legally fight for more than one side in a utility rate dispute.

Within Mattox's agency is one division which represents ratepayers opposed to PUC-ordered rate hikes, and another division which defends the PUC orders in the courtroom.

Mattox's counsel argues that if his office is prevented from representing ratepayers, he cannot protect the state agencies which also pay \$250 million for electricity.

But a new twist was thrown in when another assistant attorney general, Steve Baron, told the justices that Mattox's duty is to defend the PUC in court, even against the interests of other state agencies. "He cannot abandon the PUC, as he's attempting to do in this case," Baron said.

Other Highlights

- The State Board of Insurance adopted final rules to ban discrimination against homosexuals and to safeguard the privacy of persons who test positive for AIDS.

- Texas lawyers polled last month rated Chief Justice John Hill as the best on the Texas Supreme Court. Other justices were rated in the following order: Franklin Spears, Raul Gonzalez, Robert Campbell, James Wallace, Ted Robertson, William Kilgarlin, Oscar Mauzy, and C. L. Ray.

- The latest retort in the verbal shots being fired between Kilgarlin and Gov. Bill Clements came from the governor last week: "the quicker we can get him (Kilgarlin) off the court, the

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

The best Christmas present of all was the rain that fell Saturday morning. The Mauldin gauge measured one and seven tenths, while the Tony Steele gauge went up to two inches. The Gibbs gauge had less than an inch and one half. Water was standing in all the low places, but by noon most of it was in the ground. Wheat fields will really grow now.

Robert and Dorothy Watson and sons, Cody, Wyatt, and Robbie, drove to Lubbock Friday to visit the three sons, Kyle, Brock, and Brad. They also attended the graduation exercises where Brock graduated with honors in Mechanical Engineering. Congratulations, Brock and we hope you will find a job in the field of your choice soon.

This writer attended the Cross Plains High School Band Concert last Monday night in Cross Plains. The students performed at their best and many parents were there to hear their children play. Many proud grandparents enjoyed the occasion also.

Joyce Odom attended her Sunday School Class social last Monday night in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

The Band Concert of the Baird High School students was performed Wednesday night in Baird. Those from here attending were Bob and Kathy Dye and Julie and Edna Dye; also Robert and Dorothy Watson, Cody and Wyatt and Meridith Odom.

Blair Odom entered Humana Hospital Tuesday for treatment. He was placed in a private room Saturday.

Emma Johnson and Lizzie Burks reported they were doing fairly well. They have a sick cow that Emma has to feed and water. Leona Gary had been to visit them this week and Ricky and Ray Kelly were there with their mother, Arlene Laney, of Cross Plains.

When Vernie Belle Mauldin was contacted for the weekly news column, she had only one visitor, and that was their son, Roland, who comes over to check on them and feed his cattle.

Leigh Harrell, student at St. Johns School in Abilene, performed in their Christmas program at school Friday. Their program consisted of songs. Her mother, Maryana Harrell, was on hand for the program.

Robert and Dorothy Watson and sons, Cody and Wyatt, attended basketball games in Cross Plains Gym Tuesday night. Cody and Wyatt played on the Baird team.

The T.E.L. Sunday School Class observed their Christmas luncheon in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains Tuesday. Members attending were Gladys Smith, Zelda Long, Vida Balkum, Lila Webb, Thora Walker, Juanita Shaw, Lela Foster, Avis Sexton, Wilda Dennis, Ruby Brooks, Donie McCowen, Joyce Odom, Cloe B. Proffitt, Lorine Bryson, and this writer. Guests were the pastor, Rev. Michael Hale and Lucille Payne.

Kathy Dye visited school in Baird Friday to see her daughter, Julie's, class play. The English class presented, "Oral Interpretation." Kathy enjoyed the program.

Edna Dye was in Breckenridge Saturday night to help celebrate her brother, Ed Sayre's birthday and dinner.

James and Dorothy Reynolds could not be contacted for news, will get their report for next week.

Last but not least in this column, I wish for each reader to have a happy holiday during Christmas. It is the birthday of Jesus and it was observed by the lowly shepherds and the wise men of the East. Both groups were told of His birth, one by the singing of the angels and the others led by a star. They had time to go see what God had given to the world. I hope we have time to thank God for His gift of eternal life to each who believe in Him.

better."

- Clements also said the new Texas Chamber of Commerce, which will open Austin offices Jan. 1, will unify the regional chambers and make a big step toward expanding the state's economy.

- Banking regulators last week declared USBank of Denton insolvent and named a Dallas bank to take over its assets. The bank's collapse is the state's 49th failure this year.

- Texas lawmakers in 1989 will face a revenue shortfall as high as \$2 million for the next two years, Rep. Dan Morales, D-San Antonio, the House sponsor of this year's \$5.7 billion tax package predicted Thursday. He said lawmakers would have to turn to an income tax or an expanded sales tax to pay the growing bill.



ROBERT E. MCCOOL
 ...seeks re-election as County Attorney

Bob McCool Seeks Re-Election

Robert E. McCool, County Attorney, incumbent since 1980, has announced his intention to seek re-election to a third term.

McCool, a practicing attorney since 1974, was appointed County Attorney in 1980 and successfully ran for the office in 1982 and again in 1984.

Prior to representing Callahan County in his current position, McCool attended the University of Houston after serving a stint in the U.S. Air Force, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. He graduated in 1972, and while employed full-time by both Harris County legal agency and a Houston law firm, he graduated from law school in 1974. He became a partner in his own firm shortly thereafter and practiced as a trial lawyer in Houston in the firm of Wallis, Read, and McCool, Inc. until 1980.

McCool has not only been responsible for all Callahan County criminal prosecutions, both felony and misdemeanors since 1982, but had also represented Callahan County in several major civil actions during that period, as well as advising the Commissioners Court on various financial matters throughout his tenure.

McCool feels that his vast legal experience over the past thirteen years and his familiarity with the criminal justice system eminently qualifies him for the position of County Attorney.

"The fact that we haven't had the kind of economic burden that the surrounding counties have had over the years, as a result of criminal cases," says McCool, "is a tribute to the fact that an experienced prosecutor can control the docket and obtain satisfactory results without spending thousands and thousands of dollars unnecessarily."

He further suggests that with the pending jail standards commission problem with our jail and the Texas Department of Corrections problems that an experienced County Attorney is crucial in the coming years to the economic well-being of the county.

The County Attorney here in Callahan County is the spokesman for both the law enforcement agencies and the citizens of Callahan County with respect to all aspects of criminal prosecution and this county deserves a qualified and experienced voice. "I am not only proud of my past performance, but I look forward to continuing to represent Callahan County for another four years in that capacity."

Pol. Adv. Paid by Robert E. McCool.

Local Couple's Grandson Honored

Robert R. Higdon was recently named "Sailor of the Year." Higdon is serving in the U.S. Navy. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parrish of Cross Plains.

Robert W. "Bob" Parrish, the Parrishes' son, is a Commander of the Public Health and has been transferred to Denver, Colorado. He is a registered pharmacist.

Charles Macintosh, a British chemist and inventor, was best known as the inventor of waterproof fabrics. The mackintosh, a waterproof outer garment, is named after him.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By BEVERLY BROWN

It is on a sad note the community starts off the holiday season in the loss of a special friend and neighbor, Claude Lawson, 63, on Sunday morning, December 20. We wish to express our sincere and deep felt sympathy to Polly and the family. Memorials may be sent to the Cross Plains Library.

The Myrick family members gathered at the home of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bigbee, over the weekend for the family Christmas celebration. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Myrick of Brenham; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes of Fort Worth; and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Myrick of Abilene.

Chris Duncan underwent surgery on his leg and foot in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene Friday afternoon. We are pleased to report Chris was released Saturday and surgery went well. We wish you a speedy recovery Chris.

Rickey Wheeler is home spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler, Russell and Robbie.

Mrs. Bob Anguish and son, Bobby, of Topeka, Kansas arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith to spend the holidays with them and her sister and family, the Charles Wheelers and her brother and family, the Larry Smiths of Oplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Simpson attended the birthday party of their great-granddaughter, Rebecca Ann Carter, 4 years old, on Saturday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Carter in Abilene and with other family members.

Now that the winter season is here the chances of having a fire in the home increases greatly. Once a fire starts it grows with amazing speed. People in the country have a greater disadvantage due to response time of the fire department. Therefore, we must try to prevent fires by following a few safety tips: space heaters should have plenty of space; electric cords and plugs should be checked for wear; do not tamper with fuses and breaker boxes; do not store flammable liquids in the house or use as lighting fluid or cleaner; hot water or furnace closets should not be used for storage of any kind; make sure all cigarettes, pipes, cigars and etc. are out and discarded before going to bed. A smoke detector is a must in family homes when seconds count in case of a fire.

Christmas trees should have plenty of water and be sure to unplug lights when not in use or not at home.

You are responsible for taking care of yourself and your family.

The above article was written by Craig and Carol Rogers. We thank them for their message. Wishing you all a Merry and a Safe Christmas.

On Sunday Harry Childers of Cross Plains and Rebecca Stanley visited after church with his folks, Blanton and Lillie Childers. Aubrey Childers of Abilene came by in the afternoon to see the family. Lillie and Blanton would like the Sunday night carolers to know they enjoyed their singing and visit.

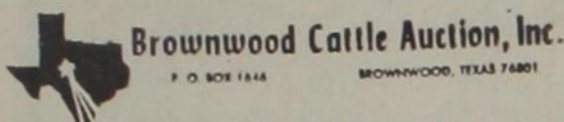
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MARKET REPORT

December 16, 1987

Compared to last week, slaughter cows and bulls were \$1.50 to \$3.00 higher. Stocker calves steady to \$2.00 up. Feeder cattle \$1.00 higher. Springers \$25.00 higher. The market closed out our year on a real strong note.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Next cattle sale January 6th, 1988.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: 811 Head.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES:

M.L. Wallis - Llano - 4 Brangus hfrs - Ave. Wt. 860# - \$610.00.
Cecil Sellers - Hamlin - 3X-B Pair - Ave. Wt. 970# - \$730.00.
Jim Williams - Brooksmith - Brn Bull - 1475# - \$63.75.

J.C. Nance - May - Char Bull - 1865# - \$64.00.

Glenn Winfrey - Cross Plains - Blk str - 750# - \$74.00.

Cliff Barnard - Lometa - 15 T.S. Cows - Ave. Wt. 980# - \$700.00.

Maurice White - Brownwood - Blk hfr - 575# - \$74.50.

Doug Hampton - Brownwood - 9X-B. hfr - Ave. Wt. 630# - \$70.00.

Dorothy Slinker - Rising Star - Red mf str - 450# - \$87.50.

Thomas Newman - Brownwood - Yel. str - 315# - \$101.00.

John Carl Smith - Mullin - 3 X-Bred Pair - Ave. Wt. 1540# - \$960.00.

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We would like to express our thanks to each business and individuals who helped make our Christmas Dinner Concert such a success.

To those who donated food, worked on committees, or helped with food preparation...you did a great job.

Thanks to Mr. Taylor and the band for a wonderful concert!

Merry Christmas to All,
The Cross Plains Band Boosters
39 1tc

Card Of Thanks

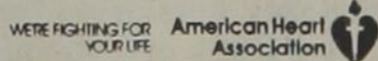
We would like this opportunity to say how much we appreciate all the donations we have received in the past year. The community support is very vital to our agency. Without your help our efforts to help the people of this community and the entire Callahan County would be impossible.

Again, thank you for your much needed donations of time, clothing, and the many other things too numerous to mention.

The Staff
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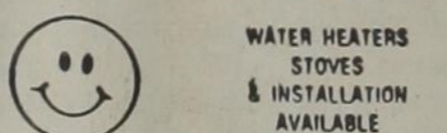
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