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Eldorado sewer plant discussed

During a regular meeting of the Eldorado City Council, Thursday evening, December 13th, the council heard an update on the progress of the C.D.B.G. and waste water plant. Present at the meeting were Lee Head and Robin Hendrix who represent Freese & Nichols. Mr. Head was instructed by the council to write Pine Tree Utilities concerning the council's consideration of the partial assessment of damages for "out of pocket" expenses. Pine Tree's C.D.B.G. job is 60% complete and Anglin Construction's work on the waste water plant is 65% complete. The council approved a change on the waste water plant job which will lower expenses by \$500.

Representative from GTE met with the council for their quarterly visit to hear any problems or comments. The representatives were made aware of some problems on the PAVE PAWS cable concerning pavement repairs, signs of damaged and not being repaired as specified. GTE reported to the council that several main cables would be replaced outside the perimeter of the city at a later date.

A letter from the State Highway Department was read to the council concerning the city's and county's request to lower the speed limit on the Menard Hwy. entering Eldorado. The letter, from Mr. Harrington, expressed the state's failure to locate the filed accident reports, therefore he proposed lowering the speed limit to 50 mph. After reviewing the six accident reports supplied by Sheriff Orval Edmiston of accidents during the past year, the council instructed Secretary

Mayo to forward copies of the accident reports to the State Highway Department and to Mr. Harrington rejecting the passage of the ordinance lowering the speed limit to 50 mph at this time pending further study by the State.

Secretary Mayo reported to the council concerning Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage on city employees deemed uninsurable. She reported that Texas Municipal League and IRS both advised against establishing a trust for those employees. It was decided that she make reimbursement for those employees obtaining insurance elsewhere. She will report back to the council after hearing again from Blue Cross.

Mayo also reported on her request to Cities Service to catch up on their billings as they were running 60 to 90 days behind which caused the city to be late filing their reports as well as making their payments to Cities Service for gas supplied.

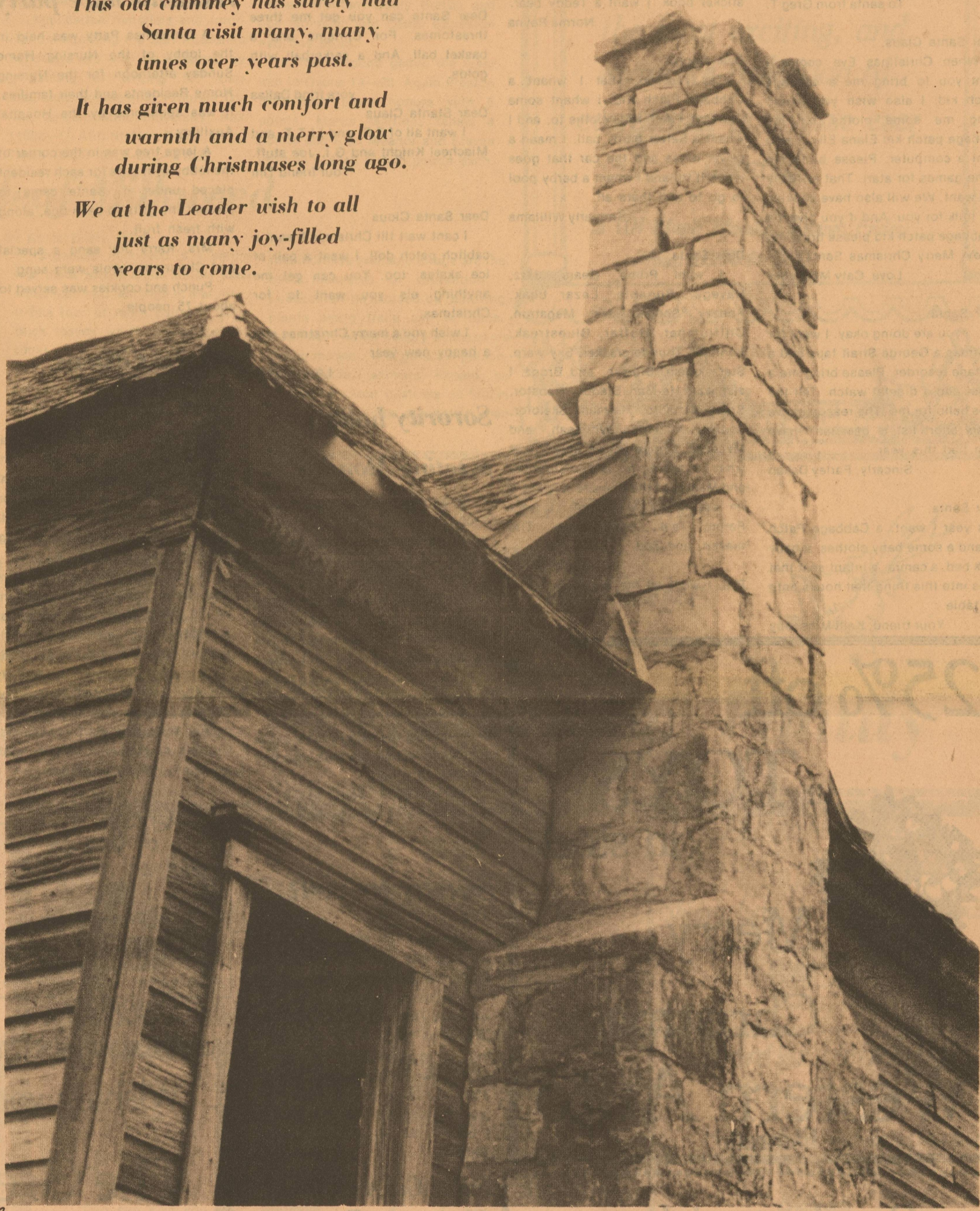
In other action the council approved Mayo's request for a backup power system for the city's computer. This backup system would protect the computer from power surges and insure against lost data should the electricity blink or go off.

The council, during the meeting also: rejected requests for garbage pick-up in the Three Sisters Addition; heard Superintendent Long's report on the city crews' activities and received permission by the council to purchase a new suction pump; agreed to purchase hams for firemen and employees not receiving longevity pay.

*This old chimney has surely had
Santa visit many, many
times over years past.*

*It has given much comfort and
warmth and a merry glow
during Christmases long ago.*

*We at the Leader wish to all
just as many joy-filled
years to come.*



Leader expands

The Leader is presently in the midst of changes that should be in total effect shortly after the first of the year. The Schleicher County Leader, as it has been known, for the past several years, will officially be known now as The Leader, serving Schleicher and Irion Counties. The basic change was merely the title of the paper and of course, with the name change, comes an extended coverage to include eventually the entire county of Irion.

The overall format of the paper will remain the same and is classified as hometown coverage only now on a larger area basis. The

long time subscriber will notice very few changes with the exception of the added editorial matter from Irion County and the added advertisements from Mertzon. This should further align the two sister-like communities that share so much in common such as population, habitat, economic base and trade characteristics. We at The Leader sincerely hope that our present subscribers find these new changes rewarding in the extended amount of coverage that they will now see and to our new readers in Irion County, we hope you take the full advantage of the service that only can be rendered by a hometown newspaper.

No Leader next week

Due to the Christmas holidays, The Leader will not be published December 27th. This will give The Leader staff a holiday also. Publication will resume as normal on January 3, 1985.

Operation Love helps out Project Show set for Irion County

We were able to prepare food baskets for 6 families for Thanksgiving, because of your donations to Operation Love. We would like to say Thank You to all who donated or helped with the baskets, may the Lord Bless each of you.

We will be preparing baskets for Christmas, also toys for the children, if you feel led in any way to help, please call: Hazel Ferguson at 853-2694 or Faye Gibson from 8:00

to 5:00 at 853-2544 or after 5:00 and weekends at 853-2271.

Operation Love helps with food, clothing, or shelter. If you know of someone, a neighbor, friend or acquaintance who is in need, please give us a call.

We have quite a bit of clothing on hand also toys, so please give us a call if you know of someone that needs help.

Thorp named All-American

Wayne Thorp, 22, of Mertzon was named All American from Sul Ross University December 12th. Wayne is the son of Tom and Esther Thorp and a senior this year.

He graduated Irion County High School in 1981 at 5'8", 130lbs, and started Sul Ross in the fall of the same year. Wayne is majoring in Business Management and hopes to return to Mertzon to become involved in the family business, Tom Thorp Transports.

Thorp's efforts have won him the Graves-Pierce Award in 1983, and

he was made a member of the Academic team in 1984. He has made Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities two years in a row in '83 and '84.

At the 1984 Football Banquet, Wayne was named Defensive Back of the Year, and Defensive Player of the Year. He was Football Captain and has three Golden Helmet Awards.

This 5'8", 180lb., blond football hero is the only player at Sul Ross to come from a 1A, 6 man team. He has made Mertzon proud, not only from

his accomplishments for the Sul Ross Lobo's, but Wayne is the first, in a long line of best, to make All American from Irion County High.

Wayne comes from a talented family. Kevin, his younger brother, was the quarterback this past season for the Irion County Hornets, and Jim, his other sibling, was named Most Improved Car and Driver in the ending 1984 season at the Double A Raceway in Wall.

Wayne is ranked 4th in the Nation on Pass Interceptions with a total of 7 out of 9 games.



The Irion County 4-H Club will host their annual Stock Show on January 12th at the Snow Barn in the Mertzon City Park. The Stock Show Will begin at 8:00a.m. with entries from children ages 9 to 18. The entries this year are lamb, swine, steers, broilers, rabbits and heifers. A BBQ, with all the fixins, is scheduled at 12 noon, sponsored by the Mertzon Lions Club. There will be a donation collected for the dimmer.

The Stock Sale will begin around 1:00p.m. and an auction will run throughout the show. The auction is featuring items donated by area merchants to help support the 4-H club. There is no admission for the Stock Show and everyone is invited.

4-H offers Children over fifty projects to choose from, starting with the Horse Club, Feeds and Nutrition, Clothing, and raising and showing sheep. As of now, there are 58 children involved in 4-H, and the Club hopes to increase that number in 1985. With the help of Adult Leadership, the Club teaches responsibility, and growth. Come on out and back the 4-H Club.

Letters to Santa from Mrs. Whitaker's class in Eldorado

Dear Santa
Could I have a Comdoue 64. I would like. Mee very much so I can lern. And play it to. I hoap to see you Christmas evac.

from Carlos Estuada

Mrs. Whitaker's room

Dear Santa
For chrirmar I want Meyretron and Slag and Sound wave and Ranbl and Raigr and Octomar Prine.

love Fernando

Dear santa claus.
I want a motor cikol and a dirt bick I want lots of good presents like a gocart and Bebe gun and a pelet gun and a traneformer and a go bot I like you very much.

To santa from Greg T.

Dear Santa Claus.
When Christmas Eve comes I want you to bring me a cabbage patch kid. I also wish you would bring me some cloths for my cabbage patch kid Elana Elly. I also want a computer. Please bring me some games for atari. That is really all I want. We will also have cookies and milk for you. And if you give me a cabbage patch kid please bring me a boy Merry Christmas Santa

Love, Caty McGregor

Dear Santa
You are doing okay. I want for Cristmas a George Strait tape and a big tape recorder Please bring me a wallet and a digetal watch. Tell the elves hello for me The reason I have a very short list is because I have been bad this year.

Sincerely, Farley Dakan

Dear Santa.
This year I want. a Cabbage Patch kid and a some baby clothes, a baby bunk bed, a camra, a infant seat that turns into this thing that hooks onto the table.

Your friend, Kelli Mihecoby

Dear, Santa Claus
For christmas I would like some cabbage patch cololthes and earrings in my stocking plus some new atabeads for my neckles. I would also like some clothes for my self and some new mittins whith strips. I would like a two seated stroler for my babies and two bottols plus two passafires. Please bring me some of the things I asked for.

P.S. I would like a cabbage preme with a little spot of hair on top. Merry Christmas Santa Clause from, Shanna Edmiston

Dear Santa Claus
Do you no what I want a Cabbage Patch kids doll. I want a Cabbage Patch Kids shoes. I want a book about Cabbage Patch Kids. I want a sticker book. I want a Teddy bear.

Norma Reyna

Dear Santa
Do you no what I whant a Cabbage Patch Kid. I whant some Cabbage Patch Kids cloths to, and I whant a Selver barby ball. I mean a selver dress and the car that goes whith it to. and I whant a barby pool to go to and thats all.

Kimberly Williams

Dear Santa,
I want Prime, Gears, Jazz, Ravege, Runable, Lazar beak, Frinzzzy, Shock wave, Megatron, Cliffjumper, Huffer, Bluestreak, Ironhide, Thundercracker, Sky warp, Star skreem, Starfire, and Bronz. I also want He-Man, Stados, Webstor, Batel armaord He-man Skelotor, Zodiak, Triclops, Whiplash, and Mecenec. I hope you've notest that what I'm asking for is Transformers and Mastes of the Unevers. Well now im asking for is Gobots. I want Ferbo, Tank, Leader one, Tim masen, and Zod.

love Burk McRae

P.S. I want all the Dinobots to.

Dear Santa
I want a Bmx Bike. Please send me a gun. Please get me a knife and case for cristmas

from Tommy to santa, love

Dear, Santa
I want four Trans Formers, Parisirte pants, a breakin shirt and a globe.

I will leave you cookies and hot chocklate.

Your friend Joaguin C.

Dear Santa Claus.
Dear santa claus for christmas I want a trans former and a bagback and a book to read in the summer. Thats all I want for chistmas.

Love Daniel Hernandez

Dear Santa can you get me three thrasfomes. For Chrisms and a basket ball. And a sarkerball with golds.

yore frind Dallas

Dear Santa Claus
I want all of T.F. and I.I.T.T. and Miacheel Knight and G.I. Joe stuff.

Your friend Tim

Dear Santa Clous
I cant wait till Christmas I want a cabitch patch doll. I want a pair of ice skates, too. You can get me anything els you want to for Christmas.

I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year

Love, Tamra

Sorority holds meeting Monday

Xi Xi Chi met December 17th at 7:00p.m. at the firehall with 8 members and one guest present. Due to not having much business to discuss it was a short meeting. The club discussed the upcoming dance and it was decided to add to the invitations that no one under 19 will be admitted and they will check identifications if necessary. It was decided also that the club will set up on Monday instead of Sunday.

Following the adjournment of the business meeting the club repeated the closing ritual.

Refreshments were served by Tonya Mahanay and Barbara Jackson.

Santa to visit

The city of Mertzon will be honored this year with a visit from Santa Claus. Tommie Childress and Teresa Rainey have invited Santa to leave the North Pole early this year to visit all the children enrolled in the Little Scribblers Day Care Center. Santa will arrive December 21st. at 3:30 to hear the children's requests for Christmas, and again at 7:00p.m. for all the children of Mertzon.

Irion Co. 4-H Christmas Party

The 7th Annual 4-H Christmas Party was held December 14th in the Irion County Community Center.

Twenty-five to thirty persons enjoyed the festive occasion during which gifts were exchanged, games were played and all enjoyed the delicious refreshments.

Sorority holds Christmas Party

Xi Xi Chi chapter held its annual Christmas Party Wednesday night, December 12th, at the home of Mary Leigh Dunagan. There were members and 2 pledges present for the festivities. After first sampling the hor'dourves and punch and visiting with each other the members got down to some serious eating.

Following all the delicious main courses and hordes of pies they adjourned to the beautifully decorated living room to open Christmas gifts from their secret sister, and some were lucky enough to have birthdays and anniversaries this time of year so they had a lot of pretties to show.

They discussed the upcoming

Nursing Home residents have party

A Christmas Party was held in the lobby of the Nursing Home Sunday afternoon for the Nursing Home Residents and their families. It was sponsored by the Hospital Auxiliary.

A large tree was in the corner of the lobby with gifts for each resident placed under it. Santa came to present the gifts to each one, along with fresh fruit.

Mrs. Kerry Joy sang a special and Christmas carols were sung.

Punch and cookies was served to about 75 people.

Senior Citizens hold Party

The Senior Citizens Christmas Party was held December 18th at the Community Center in Mertzon. The party was hosted by Birdie Langfor, Laverne Gentry, Ivy Early, Vesta Davis, Allie Jarvis, Eda Wuembeling, Doris Vinson and Vickie Boyd.

A dinner of turkey and dressing was served, thanks to the donations of the Lions Club, and music was provided from members of the Eastern Star, Frances Grice, Kelly Holland, and Brenda White. Activity director, Lorene Tatum, presented the group. Gifts were exchanged of canned and baked goods. The Senior Citizens of Mertzon want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

dance and reminded everyone to turn their list of names into Glenda Harris for the invitations to be sent out. They then left with their tummies full and their basket of goodies and a reminder of the next meeting, December 17th, at 7:00p.m. at the fire hall.

Our best wishes to everyone and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Letters to Santa from Mertzson third

To one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Schleicher County Sheriffs Department
 Sheriff Orval, and Charlene Edmiston

Deputies: Ronnie Norris
 Ruben Flores
 Alvin Estep

Dispatchers:

Sharon Hale

Joyce Donaldson

Earl Yates
 Vanda Estep



Dear Santa Claus,
 I like Christmas a lot. I like this Christmas more than the others. I wish you would bring me a B-B gun, so I can shoot some birds. I wish you would bring me a stereo, so I can play it when I do my home work, and a football so I can play football with my brother. I hope you bring me these things. A Merry Christmas to you and Rudolph, too.
 Yours truly, Jaime Carrillo

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a cabbag Patch collection. We are waiting for you to bring us gifts. I love Chirstmas because I get what I want. I really like you and you riendeer, I had been a good girl.
 Your friend Davana S. Church

Dear Santa Claus,
 I love you. I want the same thang I got last year. Tell Rudolph that I love him and I would never call him names.
 Your friend Kenny Woods

Dear Santa Claus,
 My sister and I hope that you can

visit us for dinner. After we are through eating we can play and have fun. Don't forget about the toys.

Yours truly Maggie Sanchez Third Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
 My brothers and I want a book full of stickers, posters and some bookmarker with pictures.

My brothers want a train that goes around and around. I want a set of books, some skates, a Baby Skate and a Cabbage Patch doll. We wish we could see you, and we have been good.

Yours truly, Terry Gomez

Dear Santa,
 I would like a new bicycle for Christmas and I also want a record player for Christmas I want a new basketball and I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Rainbow Brite and I want to see you, Santa, and I want to see your raindeers too.
 Love Paula Atkinson

Dear Santa Claus
 I've been very good this year. I don't fight. Please bring a doll, a picture of you and a bike. I will leave some cookies for you. When Christmas comes I will build a snowman and call him Frosty. Say hello to all the reindeer and also Rodolph. Have a nice trip and Merry Chritmas.
 Love, Mariana Oriz

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a big ball, and an Atari. I want a TV and a train I have been doing fine. How are you?
 Love, You best friend Tillman

Dear Santa Claus,
 How are you? I am just fine. I am 8 years old. I will be 9 Christmas day. I'm having fun at school. There's always something new to learn. My favorite subjects are Science and Health. I hope you have a nice trip on your sleigh. My favorite month is December. Now I guess I better tell you what I want. I want a Cabbage Patch doll, a skirt and blouse, light with a picture of Jesus on it, and a John Wayne doll. Merry Christmas Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.
 Yours truly, Tonda Sue Pierson

Dear Santa Claus,
 I hope you have a save trip. I want a Cabbage Patch kid, a BBGun and a Happy Christmas and I hope every body has a Happy Christmas too. I have been a good girl, too. Love,
 Tracie a. Cowen

Dear Santa,
 We have lots of presents under our Christmas tree. We have lots of decarations on our tree. I got a Crystle Barbie that has a pretty dress and a necklase and earrings and a ring for my birthday. I want a Care Bear and an Angel. and I hope you have a nice trip.
 Love, Davna Lewis

Dear Santa,
 I have been as good as I can this year. I don't know what I want this year. But i do want a few things this year. I want a football, soccer ball, and some arrows. I wish I could see you some day. Who are you doing this year. I hope you have a good trip. and I hope it snows a good bit. But I'll take any thing you give me.
 love, Justin Elkins

Dear Santa,
 I want to know how you've been. I wish you a Merry Chritasmas. These are the only things I would like: a Trampoline and an Atari.
 Your friend, Trey Ballez

Dear Santa Claus,
 One of my friends does not believe in you. So I just wanted you to know. I have told him sevrul times but he still does not believe me. If I am good, will you get him to believe me? Santa Claus, I want a Cabbage Patch kid and a Jam box. Dear Santa you are so sweet and Lovable and funny. I love you.
 Yours Truly Yvonne Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
 I love you very much. It is very nice of you to give all the presents away for Christmas. I want a three wheeler for Christmas. I hope you have a Merry Merry Christmas. I is Rudolph doing this year?
 Yours truly from Casey Lane Hight

Dear Sana,
 I've tried to be good this year. There are just two things I really

want. I would like a train and a remote-control airplane. I hope you have a Merry Christmas, and tell your elves to have a Merry Christmas, also Well I guess I'll go since I know you're busy.

Sincerely yours, Ricky Johnson

Dear Santa Claus
 How are you and the elves doing in toyland? I have been a god boy so I hope I will get a toy or candy insted of a piece of coal in my stocking. On Chystrmas I would like a bicycle and an electronic game for Christmas. I hope you will have a safe and happy trip to my house. I will leave some cookies and milk for you and some hay for you reindeer.
 Love, Stanly Wes Treadaway

Dear Santa,
 Yow are you and Mrs. Claus? I am fine. Well school is pretty fun. Here are five of the things I want for Christmas: a Speak—and—math, a dummy I don't care what its name is. A Cabbage Patch Kid, a desk and a Book of Presidents. I hope I get one of the things above. I want you to tell all the reindeer a "Hi" from me. Tell Mrs. Claus, too.
 Love, Tara Lahmann

P.S. I have tried to be good all year.

Dear Santa,
 Hi, whats up? I've been good this year. My birthday is three days before Christmas. Do you know what I want? Well, I want a pair of ropers and a backpack. I think thats all.
 Love Dora Williams

Dear Santa Claus,
 I have tried to be good this year. This year I would like a Poky, backpack, dummy called Charlie McCarthy, and a surprise. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
 Love, Sarah Moseley

Dear Santa,
 I am 10 now so Ill tell you what I want nothing but every one to have a merry merry Christmas! I wanted to have a rose poster but I wont nothing now. I thought about the children who have no chritsmis.
 Love, Dohia Gray

Dear Santa Claus,
 How have you been? I hope you've had a great time. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she's fine. Here is a list of some of the things I want for Chritmas: a real vacum cleaner, a big stuffed animal, a play refrigerator and stove and sink, some dishes, a house keeping set. I hope you have a safe trip back to you house.
 Love, Shawna Wall

Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been a good girl. Please tell my mom, dad and sisters that I love them, Santa Claus. For charistmas I want a Cabbage Patch kid and a Rainbow Brite doll with Romeo.
 Love, Nolita Alvarez

Dear Santa Claus,
 I wish I could see you but you are too far away. It is too cold at the North Pole. I have been a good boy this year. For christmas I want an air BB gun so I can shoot birds and I can shoot cans to practice shooting. I want a target to shoot at too. Please sent some snow so I can play in it and build a very big snowman. I can bury myself in the snow. I can have snowfight with my friends. Eric and I will have a very good time.
 Yours truly, Dink Durden

Santa,
 Some of my friends say you are fake but I don't believe them. I wish I could see you. I hope you have a merry Christmas.
 Yours truly, Eric Henson

Dear Santa,
 I want a few sweaters and a few shirts to go with them. I want a Lionel Richy tape. I want my own TV for myself, I would like an atari with the TV. I want a baby rabbit too. I hope you have a safe trip to my house. Andl wish I could see you sometime.
 Love, Angie Dolan

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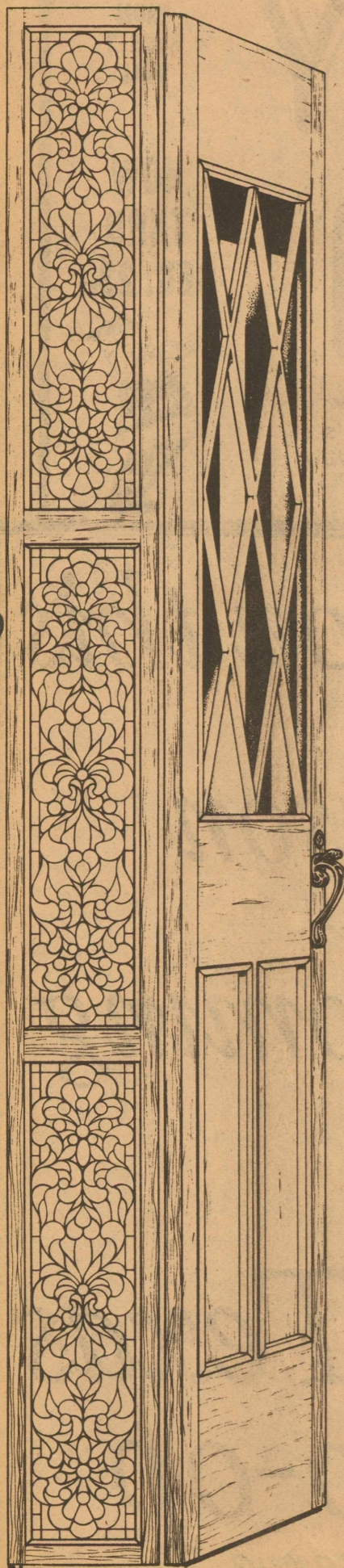
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Higdon - Lewallen exchange vows

First Baptist Church of Eldorado was the setting for the Saturday wedding of Kimberly Dianne Higdon and William Lynn Lewallen, both of San Angelo. Rev. Ron Sutto, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado, officiated for the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Higdon. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. W.W. Lewallen of 2602 Jomar in San Angelo and the late W.W. Lewallen.

Mrs. Philip Meyer was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Margay Erwin of San Angelo and Mrs. Curtis Armentrout. Jeri Tabor of Dallas served as flower girl.

Best man was Robert Castledine of San Angelo. Groomsmen were Keith Duryea and Johnny Perry, both of San Angelo. Ashley Lewallen of San Angelo was ring bearer.

Ushers were Robert Higdon of Sonora and Ken Higdon of Abilene.

Music was furnished by Mike Camp who played guitar and sang the Wedding Song.

Mrs. Lewallen is a 1981 graduate of Eldorado High School. She is employed at St. John's Hospital as pharmacist clerk.

The bridegroom graduated from San Angelo Central High School in 1974 and from Howard College School of Nursing in 1981. He is a licensed vocational nurse at St. John's Hospital Intensive Care Unit.

The brides chosen colors of

burgundy and pink were used throughout the decorations with bows on pews and on candelabra with white tapers.

The brides dress was of a Princess style satin with sweetheart neckline and bussel train with wide ruffle on the bottom.

Bridesmaids dressed were of burgundy satin with fitted waist and full skirt. Flower girl wore dusty rose satin gown with ribbon belt hanging down in back.

Following a wedding trip to Pergatory, Colorado, the couple will live in San Angelo.

5th - 6th graders to help Ethiopia needy

The Eldorado 5th and 6th grade classes will collect money this year, instead of exchanging gifts. According to Jill Preston, 5th grade teacher, "The children are collecting money to send to the children of Ethiopia." The Christmas party will be held December 20th, starting around 1:45p.m. Anyone wishing to make donations, can contact Jill Preston, or the 6th grade classes, at Eldorado Elementary.

Following are paragraphs written by four sixth grade students:

Many people think of Christmas as a time to get presents, but that's not why we have Christmas. We have Christmas because it is a celebration of Jesus's birthday. Jesus was born

Letters from Mertzon Kindergarten

Dear Santa
I mowe the yrde. Maye I have a Mochthrol truck.

Love Philip

Dear Santa,
I have ben very gude grill I want a Dog to chase My cat Maye i Have a horse in My frunt yord. Love Misti

Dear Santa, Santa I Have ben Good This year. I want a toy car and He man's and Snake mauteun and tape recotere and a Little tent and a bag and my on christmas tree and my on hair drier. Love Andy Cowart

Dear Santa, I no I tok two mut But I hop you no I Love you. But I wot a Bibedle. Love, Stephaine

Dear Santa, i love you i have bin good santa i want a four weir and three weir. From Justin Wayne

Dear Santa, I minden at skoole I have bin lrneng my skoole wrk. Pleze can I have a Jam box with a teve in it. Love Amy Merry Christmas Santa,

Dear Santa, I have bin a Good Grill I want a doll. Love Thank you for the doll Sant. Love Lori

Dear Santa, I have Ben a good girl I have Ben good in Scool I want a dog to chase My cat Love Becca Merr Christmas

Dear Santa, I did my test I bin a good big boy I will like a arnee tank please will you give me sum arnee men I will like sum he—man. Love, Justin Newman.

Dear Santa, I have bin a good boy. I want a three wirr. From Richard

Dear Santa, I ben a good Boy I want a plane and a Ball and a Kite and a cat. Brian Madrid

Dear Santa, I help my Daddy do mi chors and I want a bike for Christmas from Brian to Santa.

Dear Santa, I have ben gud in scool I want a barbe four Christmas Love, April

Dear Santa, I help mi Mother. I want a Woch. Love Sincerely, Raquel

Dear Santa, Please i want a maxsteel robot and a big ship. Please give me one. Sincerely, Russell

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in Bethlehem in a manger. He was born in a manger because Mary and Joseph couldn't find a motel to stay in. The stable was the only shelter they could find. The shepherds came to Bethlehem to celebrate his birth after the angels had told them where to find the baby Jesus. That is why we have Christmas.

Amy Henderson
I like Christmas because you get gifts and you get out of school for awhile, but Christmas is not just getting gifts and having parties. Christmas is the Lord's birthday, but some people never thank about that. I think people should think what Christmas is all about and why we exchange gifts with friends and family.

Justin Edmiston
Christmas is when you are able to give a gift to people you love and care for. Christmas is when you should care and give to people that are less fortunate than you. I like Christmas because it is a time when I can show someone how much I love them. Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus.

Wade Rinehart
Christmas is a time of love and a time of hope. It is a time when everyone should live in harmony. It is much better to give than to receive. We must care for our fellow man — not despise him. When you give love, hope, and care, you will receive the world's greatest treasure in return — a place in heaven.

Noel Gonzales

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on December 27th,
Veronica!

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Mom
and
Cynthia



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Wishing you a safe and happy holiday.

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Rooster and Annette Jackson

Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year

Kwik Pantry

We will be closed Christmas Day

*Our best to you this
Holiday Season
and for the coming
year*

Southwest Texas Electric Co-op
Owned by those we serve

Park Place holds Grand Opening



Mary Ann Davis, Carol Parker and Kathie Lykins all invite you to come visit them in their new business home at Parks Place in Sonora. Travelers III, Carol's Merle Norman and Kathie's Kasuals offer the very best for the discriminating shopper. Come by and visit with the three ladies in their lovely new location in Sonora during the holidays.

Park Place held its Grand Opening this week in Sonora. The new shopping complex is comprised at present of three individual merchants. They are, Kathie's Kasuals, a new store in Sonora dedicated to providing casual and dress wear for ladies and children. Kathie Lykins, the store's owner and operator stated that she intends on carrying a mid-range price shoe in such classy names as Famolare and Gloria Vanderbilt. The children's shoes are still in shipment but are expected in the immediate future.

Mrs. Lykins, the wife of Earnest Lykins, hopes that her new retail outlet can provide the newest styles to her area customers without their having to drive miles and miles to find that certain, special look in footwear. Be sure to drop in and visit with Kathie and look over her lovely line of casual and dress foot apparel. We're sure she will have selections and sizes to meet all of your shoe requirements.

Sharing Park Place with Kathie is Carol's Merle Norman. As many of you know, Carol Parker has been providing the fine Merle Norman cosmetic line as well as accessories and lounge wear for the past five years in Sonora and with her new location, Carol has the room to fully display her lovely merchandise in a

beautiful, fresh, atmosphere.

Her line of accessories and lounge wear, this Christmas season, are as fine a grouping of accessories as to be found in West Texas and with Carol and Rose's expert eye for

color and make-up, they can be sure to assist any gentleman buyer for that little something extra special this Christmas. Oh yes, ladies, don't forget that Carol has a working motto that "With Merle Norman, you

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Merry Christmas
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try it before you buy it".

The third resident of the new shopping center is Travelers III, one of the busiest travel agencies in West Texas, simply because, Mary Anne Davis and Jaimie Parker offer a complete service for travelers, be it business or pleasure oriented. Their experience in addition to the latest technical communication systems can provide any level of assistance with traveling that is necessary. Be it merely an airline booking or an extensive Alp skiing trip. Travelers III can and will provide the necessary assistance with the most professional form of attention that could be desired.

During the past year and a half that Travelers III has been in Sutton

County over 1,000 bookings have been made. This alone testifies to the quality of work that Travelers III provides and further reinforces the old adage that when a customer is well served, he returns. For all your travel needs, don't make the mistake and think that you can do it cheaper

on your own, give Travelers III an opportunity to help you make your travel dreams come true.

This holiday season be sure and drop by and look at the new Parks Place center and visit with these merchants and share the joy of the holiday season.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



The Earl Yates Family

Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year

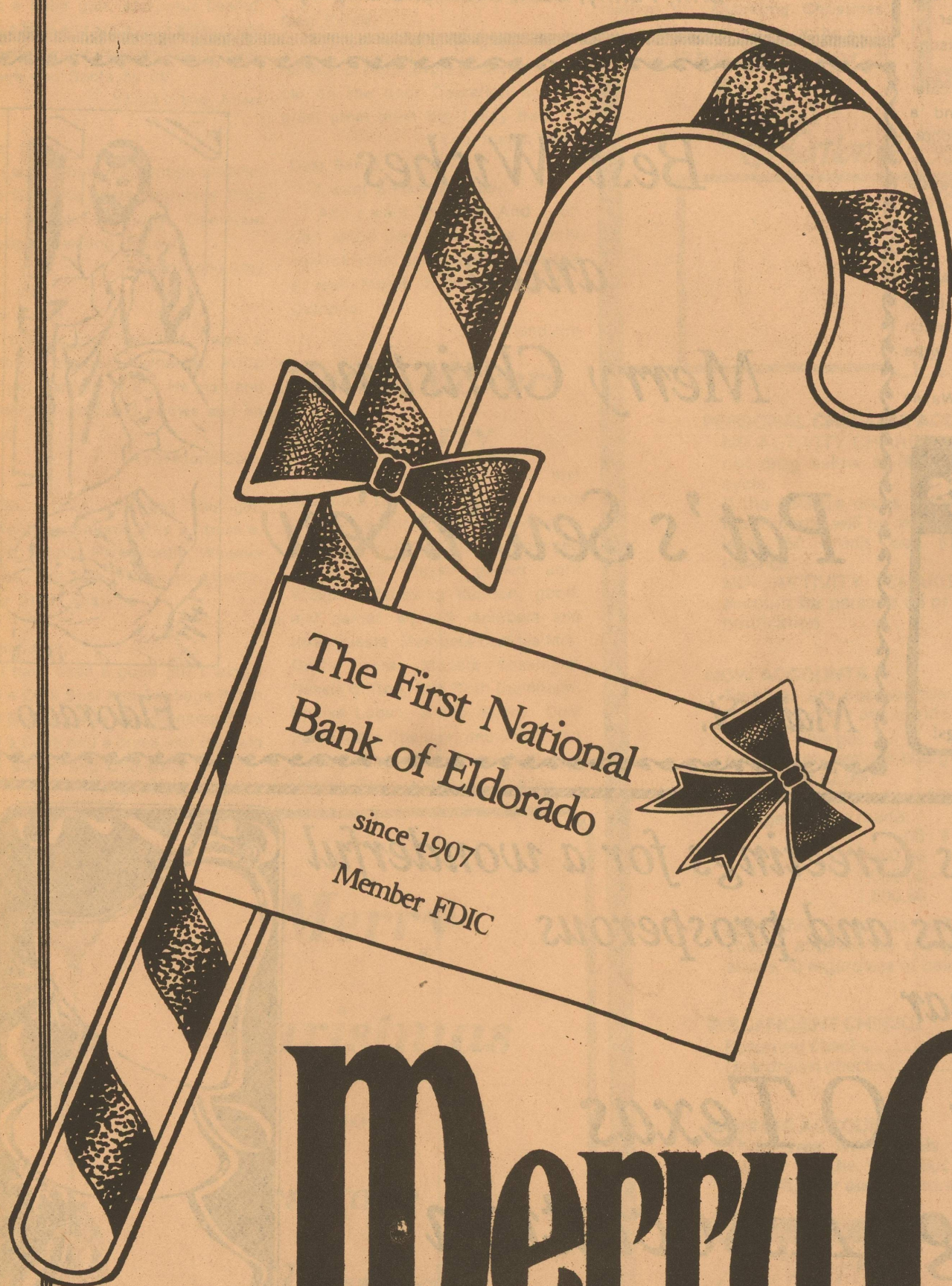
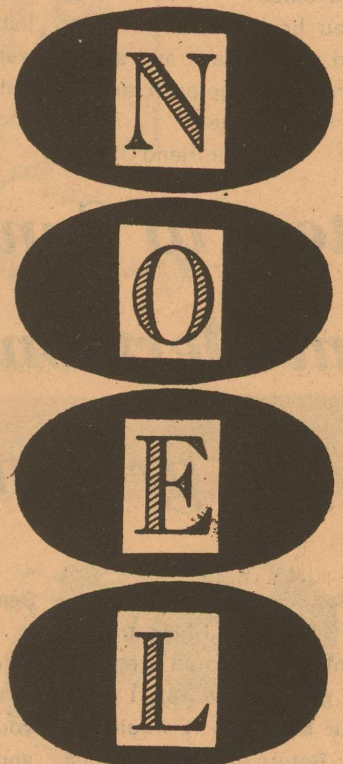
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May your Holiday Season Be filled with good cheer
 And brightened by joys That will last through the year

Merry Christmas

Letters to Santa Claus from Mrs. Kropp's class

Dear Santa Claus,
I need a new pair of keapas for Christmas. And I need a Cabage Doll cause my other friends have one, except me. I feel sad cause I don't have anything to play with. All I have is and old rag doll that has not been combed. So I really need one. And I need something worse than that. I also need a new pair of Lee jeans for Christmas and three sweaters too, so thats all.

Your friend, Yvette Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a gotcha game and I would like a cabbag patch kid a girl please. I would like some lee pants and a doll any kind of doll would do. I would like some colthes to.

Your friend Lindsey Hyde

Dear Santa Claus, I've been a good girl all this year. You no what I want for christmas is a cabbage patch santa. And you no what you are the best to me santa. And you are wonderful santa and so is miss santa. I love you santa.

Your friend, Valerie

Dear Santa Claus
Will you bring a pair of roller skates and a back pack and a new coat. I want a cabbage pach kid and new tubs for my bike.

Your friend Christy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll for Christmas this year. The name of the doll is Country People. It is like a old timer. She is a little doll I like. Well that is all I want.

Your friend, Laura Hill

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a realy motocycle. and a T.V. and some shoes. Thats all from you Santa Claus.

Your freind, Farah

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been good this year I want a bmr bike and. I want aronot control robot. Also I want a set of transformers. I want a set of cars. I want a playhouse. Also I want a bego set.

Your freind Roy Adame

Dear Santa Clas I want a horse be you can get me one I will be very happy please try to get me one if you can.

Your frend Jorge Arispe Jr.

Dear Santa Clause,
I think I have been very good boy this year. But I don't have very long list of things. The two main things I want are Expert Builder and Robotix. I also want Capsela and Atari 2600 and Stariors.

Your friend, Matthew Williams

Dear Santa claus,
It is fun at school I wish you would come and vist us. Christmas is coming I would like some patches for my bike. I would also Like a Trans former for Christmas.

Your friend LeRoy Romero

Dear, Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I fine down here. I would like a hand—made cabbage patch kids like in J.C. Pennys a wfeve weeks ago.

Your friend, Kristi Kwast

Dear Santa Claus,
I want GI Joe, GI Joe Head-quarters, Trans Formers Autobots and Decepticons, He Man, Motor-cycle, Three Wheeler, Go Bots and Football stuff.

Your Freind, Bill Copeland

Dear Santa Clacus,
I have bein nise this year. I want a janbox and a ream okintrode 3 wealler. I want a red 4 wealler.

Your friend Patrick

Dear S. Claus,
I have been a grate boy this past year. I want a disk camra, elitrat guitar, real dart gun, 30 out 6,20120, Apple computer, 22, deer rifle, B.B. gun, shoot gun, cow and a bow and aroow.

your friend, Leland

Dear Santa,
Evrything has gone good for me this year. Could you bring me a Tran's Tomers and a GI Joe Trucking Set Don't forget my brother hes been good to. Could you get him a Transe Former and a GI Joe Jeep with a man and with a gun.

Your freind, Adam Esquivel

Dear Santa,
I would like a GI Joe man and a B.B. gun for Christmas. Also I want a pillet gun and a 22 gun for my brother also a little car.

Your friend, Julian

Dear Santa Clus,
I wont a computer and a georg Strait T—shirt and I wont a stroler for my Cabeg Patch kid. I wont a baby colt. I also wont a new seat for my bike becouse my brother's dog eat it. I also wont a baby deer.

Love, Bobbye Ann Roubison

Dear Santa Claus I would like a caler T.V. And a three wreler and a computer. What I realy want a robot. Santa Claus I realy like you.

Your frind Jessie

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a set of all kinds of race car, and pickup to play with. And I won't a beebie gun. And a three wheeler I know it isnot very much but that is realy all I won't. I write you nest time. By.

Your freind Billy Wayne

Letters to Santa from Mertzon's second graders

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good this year. I would like a race truck that goes up the wall, I would like Snake Mountain. I would like Star wars: Return of the JeDi things.

Love, Kris

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good thise year. I would like a Dream Barbie dancer doll and a phone. If you have a baby doll, I want one. I don't have a chimney.

Love, Tina Gray

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good this year. I want a remote control car. Be careful on your trip.

Love, Junior Valencia

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good this year. I would like you to bring me a tree house, Barbie set, and a Cabbage Patch Kids doll.

Love, Blanca Abrego

Dear Sant,
Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good this year. I want a Cabbage Patch telephone and a three wheeler and a Barbie set.

Love, Sheila Horton.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good this year. I would like a b-b gun and a puppy and a Three wheeler.

Love, David Ryan Wilson

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good this year. I would like a football and a set of cars. If you have a basketball, I would like one, please.

Love, Lee A. McCown

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!! I have tried to be good. I want a tilupone if you stor one. I want a N at rider taks. And a modersiki and a VCR and a GI Joe badsiti and a otuc. and dookshilf and a robot. and a rasing bike and a clok and a bubl gum musin.

Love, Chris Linthicum

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!! I have tried to be good this year. I would like a pair of skates and I would like a puppy if you have one. I want a pair of skates and a Cabbge Patch doll.

Love, Crissy James

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good this year. I want a b—b gun and a bike. I want a Nightrider if you have one left over.

Love, Marky Lee Martinez

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I tried to be good this year. I want a b-b gun and a football. I want a remote control car if you have one left, too. I want a bike if you have one left, too.

Love, Gilbert Flores

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have been good this year. I wish for Cabbage Patch things and a Cabbage Patch doll. Be careful going down my chimney it is skinny.

Love, Lindsay Piasson

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good this year. I would like a Barbie Set and Skates.

Love, Darlene Eiland

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good. I would like to have a three wheeler and a doll and some skates and a dog.

Love, Dana Durder

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good this year. I want a Cabbage Patch doll and a doll Cradle and a doll high chair. If you have a color TV I would like one of those too. I hope you have a nice trip back.

Love, Becky Lindsey

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good this year. I want a Super Breakout Atari game and if you have GI Joe man and a VCR and a TV. I would like a TV if you have one. If you have a club house I would like one.

Love, Eric St. Clair

Season's Greetings and a Joyous New Year from **Shaw's Motel** N. Divide Eldorado




Thank you for your warm welcome! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year **The Clothes Line** Girls Sizes 4 - 14 Hwy. 67 & Fleming St. Mertzon, Texas Peggy Thomas, Owner (Same building as Green Apple)



Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year **C.H. Poynor Construction** Britt, Penny, Sam, Roho and employees



Best Wishes and a Merry Christmas **Pat's Sew'n Sew** Main St. Eldorado



Red Wings RED WING SHOES **McCalla's Dept. Store** You've earned your Wings!

Season's Greetings for a wonderful Christmas and prosperous New Year **Heart 'O Texas Savings Association** Lucy Burk, Nelva Martin, Nina Vetancur, and Mary Leigh Dunagan Eldorado Member FSLIC



Merry Christmas **Big John's Welding** John, Marlene, and Family 853-2091 Eldorado

1st Presbyterian to host Communion

A candlelight communion service will be held December 24th at the First Presbyterian Church in Eldorado. The service will start at 6:30p.m. and the public is invited. For more information, contact Ron Sutto at 7 Cottonwood in Eldorado.



These Eagle Point members, under the direction of Band Director, Mike Marsh, sing Christmas carols for Eldorado's citizens Tuesday evening. The carolers were driven around town on a hay covered wagon.

Letters to Santa from Mrs. Mosely's second grade in Mertzon

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control robot and Octopus.

Your friend Name Junio

Dear Santa,
Your Friend Deanie.
I want a doll and a Cabbage Patch, and a Go Cart, and a rabbit, and Operation, and Rainbow Brite, and a puppy.

Love Santa Merry Christmas Santa

Dear Santa!
I want 990000000 Will you get me a bike will you get mea rodio will you get me a co Cart will you get me a Diary will you get mea Operation will you get me a make-up Make me be wick aad you plesse I love you
'your friend, Freddy

Dear Santa,
I want Dr. Octopus and whipshifter a wife to kiss Go cart Tape box and ovray Doiland and Ade.
Your friend, Wayne

Dear Santa,
I want to be nice to you. I want a gurnipgkey car. and a gobot, and a radio. and a kite, and a robot, and a wheeler. and a he-man. and tapes, and a bebe gun, and your beared, and a bow and arror, and a deer, and a sword and a dog. and a big boer. Thank you Santa by.
Your friend, Adam

Dear Santa,
I want a Snake Mountain Wheeler and Cassette player Rainbow Brite kite Garfield Snoopy Operation Snoopy Tow dog collars.
Your friend Amy

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I want a remotrol control 3-Wheeler, Whip Shifter, Garfield, B-B's, He man and battle cat, Bow and arrows and an radio.
Your friend Cody

Santa, I love you will you get, make-up a, rainbow brite a, dress a, kite a, cabbag Patch Radio, Wheeler Tapes, and you, Thank you Santa.
Our frind, Misty

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl I wish I had a Care Bear and Cabbage Patch and Baby Skakes and Rainbow Brite and a Diary and a dress and Garfield and Snoop and Operation.
Your Friend, Michele

Dear Santa,
I want a Cadae Patch cide for Crissmiss and I want a pupe and cat and I want some clothes and some fine an care bars and a moter sikel to go moter sikel riding with my Daddy and I want a radio Taps Diary and a garfield.
Your friend Karol

Dear Santa,
I had been good I want a Go Cart I want a make up tape I want 200 dollars
Your friend Lance

Dear Santa,
I want a Go Cart, and a Robot and some, Tapes.
Your friend Ray

Dear Santa,
How are you doing How are your elf doing. I want a Michael Jackkson Jacket, ver-bot, and go-bot, Bow and arrow.
Your frind Jeremy

Dear Santa
I had been good 4x4 three wheelere whipshifter trucktrack kite opration Garfild Snoppy
Your friend Milchael

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a remote control airplane a crack up car on the door Operation and a great great great big Teddy Bear.
Your friend, Wes

Dear Santa,
I want Snake Mountain. And I want Trans M. And a Go Cart and a Jam Box and a remote control Robot and a real airplane and a real Motor cycle and a Dr. Octopus.
Your friend Jim

Merry Makers hold party

The Merry Makers 42 Club met Thursday, December 13, at the home of Virginia Griffin for a covered dish luncheon at noon. They exchanged gifts, then played games until 4:30p.m. Enjoying the fun, good, and games were 9 members and three guests. Members besides Mrs. Griffin were: Maudie Bassinger, Bessie Clifton, Etta Ruth Dannheim, Louise Logan, Annie Speck, Opal Parks, Jake Spencer, and Jewel Van Dusen. Guests were Ethel Ethridge, Gladys Gunn and Belle McAfee.

Woman's Club meets

The Woman's Club met December 11th at 2:30p.m. in the home of Mrs. Elton McGinnes.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Stigler, and a prayer was offered by Mrs. Doremire. Mrs. Tisdale led the group in the pledge and salute to the flags. The theme for the day's program was Christmas in Other Lands. Roll Call was answered with sharing Christmas with others.

Program leader was Mrs. White and she introduced three members, Mrs. Spigarilla, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Spencer, who participated in the program. Dressed as a native of Mexico, Mrs. Spigarilla told of some of the customs and traditions of that country. Dressed as a Hollander, Mrs. Williams related some of the customs in Holland, many which have been adopted here in the States, and Mrs. Spencer discussed customs in Ireland. Mrs. White concluded the program with highlights of Christmas celebrations in the United States. It was noted that each country has its own individual method of celebrating Christmas, but most countries all over the world find Christmas, the Birthday of

Jesus Christ, as a time of renewal and a time to pray for peace on earth and good will toward peoples of all nations.

Club Counselor, Mrs. Mittel, presented some information on G.F.W.C. National Convention to be held in Houston in June.

Mrs. McGinnes' home, all dressed up for Christmas, was an ideal setting for this program, and after a brief period of fellowship, she served refreshments to twenty members and one guest.

Merry Christmas and Thanks for a great year from the Sales and Service Department Chaparral Motors Sonora



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1,500.00 - 1,999.99	\$4.00/mo.

All NOW Accounts will receive 10 free checks and will be charged 15¢ per check above 10 regardless of balance.

INSUFFICIENT CHECKS

Returned checks.....\$7.50
Overdrawn checks.....\$5.00

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Three free withdrawals in each calender quarter of the year. 50¢ per item charge thereafter for each withdrawal.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cashier Checks and Money Orders \$1.00 min.
Stop Payment Requests.....5.00
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Record Research.....5.00/hour
1.00/item
Purchasing Securities.....30.00
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3.00/mo. payment collected
Cashing Non-Customer Out of Town Checks \$1.00 to \$499.....5.00
500.00 and over.....1.00/per \$100

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Monthly Service Charge:
\$10,000.00 and up.....No Charge
\$7,500.00 to \$9,999.00.....\$5.00
\$5,000.00 to \$7,499.00.....\$7.50
Under \$5,000.00.....\$10.00
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Merry Christmas from everyone at Eldorado Instruments & Control Eldorado

A Merry Christmas Wish from us To You

Member F.D.I.C.

(915) 835-4321

Mertzon, Texas

Letters to Santa from Mrs. Craven's class

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing fine and I hope the elves are too. I promise I will put some milk and cookies out for you. I want a chalk board for Christmas and I want the rest to go to the poor people and poor children at the orphanage. They need things to. Bless you Santa!
Your friend, Adrienne Pina

Dear Santa,
I hop your elves are making a lot of toys this year. I will leave milk and cookies for you on my table so you will be fool of food. For Chrismas I want a jam box, Ninja stars, numchuks, trans formers, glo ball, Robotix, Ronot comtroll jet, I want my class to be happy Thats what I want for Chrismas.
Your friend, Sammy

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of skates and a polo shirt. Sometimes I wish I had a new bike. This is the big job for you I want a four wheeler. I also want a pair of pants.
Your friend Hunter Preston

Dear Santa,
I wish I had three Nigh Star with the sut and I want a bike pant blue. A jambox and a breaking mat thats all I want. Mike Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy and a cabbige path kid, and a cabbige patch swing and a play house. I've been good I hope. I've just been sick. Jessica

Dear Santa,
I want a cabbage patch doll for Christmas. I hope I get one. If I can't get a cabbage patch doll, I want a basketball so I can practice for next year. We are going to have a basketball game next year. Well I guess thats all. I hope you can come and see us.
Your friend, Luby Trevino

Dear Santa
I wish I had a cabbage patch doll and a flower Kid doll for Christmas. A ginnger bear. I wish I had a sweeter because it keeps you warm. Then I want a tottie froddie doll.
Your friend Amy

Dear Santa,
I would like a jam box for Christmas. I hop you would buy me a new bike. And I want a 3 Niga Star. The most thing want I waterbed, with a mirror. I want 20 dollars. And I want Hamsters. I want a Niga suit. And a trans formers.
Your freind Ricky

Dear Santa,
I want a TransIFormer for Cristmas I hope you have some way up there in the North Pole. I Octomse Prime the lead of the Odobots. I also want Snake Mountain.
Your friend Lane

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and a per of skates for me. But, what I rily want is a gocar with a motor on it. I want conetfour and a transformer. But thats not all I want. I want a keycar and a dog and cat for a pet.
Your friend, Carlos

Dear Santa,
I wish if you will get me a Niga

star and a bike and a pelit gun. And a swim pool an I wish I can own a club house with tv inside. Now I want a tranzan sformers the cletion. Now I want noumchuck. Now I think I want a water bed. I want twenty dollers. I want hamsters. I want a niga suit and a gocart that has a motor.
Your friend, Leroy. S.

Dear Santa
I want a new go cart. Also I want cabbage patch kid. I want some close for it. It would be nice if I got some close for me. What I really want is this a snuggle close carrier. I better let you go.
Love Lindsay Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like to a Trans Former and a gobot. last year I got a GI Joe tank. This year I would like a GI Joe plan and a jet.
Your friend, Steve

Dear Santa,
I want a sled. It is fun to go on a sled. I want a transformer. I like transformers. Get me big cines. Santa is great. Are you going to come on Crismas.
Your friend, Bethuel

Dear Santa
I been waiting for you to come down our chimey like you do every christmas. I hope you will come to my house, we have milk and cookies.
Your friend, Robert Sanchez

Dear Santa
I would like a 22 for Christmas. There is tow more thing I won't. I won't Robotox for Christmas. And I won't a moctrollaplan.
Your Frind Cody McCravey

Dear Santa,
I want a swimpool. Can I have a traplen. Then I want a calbage path kid. Then I want a motersikle and a bike.
Your friend, Angi Fitts

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this Christ- mas. I ame fin. I want these things for Christmas earfons, a tramplean, baby skates, anouthere Cabig Patch Kid, a monkey, some more fish and a smork. See you at Christmas.
Your friend, Christy Robinson

Dear Santa,
I want a showbiz watch for Christmas and I also want barbie

funecher. I told mom what I wanted and she said maybe. So if you can't get me the showbiz wach or can't get me barbie funecher then please get me a chabech patch kid thang you.
Your friend, Stacy Horton

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for the
Holiday Season

Eldorado



This Mertzion audience was de-lighted with the One Act Play's production of "Twas the Fight Before Christmas". The play was performed last week in the Mertzion Auditorium.

MERRY CHRISTMAS Our best holiday wishes to you all from everyone at
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Legislature to offer internships

If you've ever really wanted to find out just how your State Legislature works, Senator Bill Sims has the answer.

Beginning in January of next year when the 69th Texas Legislature convenes in Austin, residents of the 25th Senatorial District may apply for one-to-five-day internships in the Senator's Austin office. Duties

include auditing committee hearings and tracking legislation. The positions are unpaid and available strictly on a volunteer basis.

"I've had several people come up to me during the year, telling me they'd like to work in the Legislature for just a few days to see what goes on," Sims explained.

"This is the best way I know of to

really enlighten people about how their government works."

Interested persons may write Senator Sims at P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 and include a brief resume, a photograph and a list of 2 or 3 preferred dates to work. Due to limited space, only those residents of the 25th District can be accepted.

ASU accepting Carr hopefuls

Applications from high school seniors are being accepted by Angelo State University for approximately 400 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1985-86 ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$3,500.

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During the current year, about 900 students are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic

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Scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year are also available to qualified graduate students.

The priority deadline for submitting application and all supporting materials is March 1, 1985, although completed applications from outstanding students may be considered up until July 1, 1985, to the extent that funds are available.

Applicants who are high school

seniors must normally have a high school average of 90 or above, rank in the top 10 percent of their class, and present a composite score of 21 or more on the ACT or a combined math and verbal score of 900 or more on the SAT.

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Application materials and information regarding the Carr Academic Scholarships may be obtained by contacting or writing to: Carr Academic Scholarship Program Office, Angelo State University, Box 11007-C, ASU Station, San Angelo, Texas 76909 (915-942-2103).

7th grade wins consolation

The Eldorado 7th grade boys basketball team was awarded Consolation at last week-end's tournament in Ozona. They won the title for defeating the Iraan Braves 21-14. This brings their season record to 2-2.

Richard Adame was high point man with 7 points, followed closely by Jeff Patton with 6 points. Ronnie Sutto tossed in 4 points while Jesse Barajos and Jim Saldivar both contributed two points each.

8th grade takes 2nd

The Eldorado 8th grade boys basketball team took 2nd place in last week-end's tournament in Ozona.

They won their first game against Sonora with a score of 30-22. Trey Preston was high point with 13 points. Four points each were contributed by: Scott Robinson, Steven Whitten, Dusty Barton and Joe Montalvo and Carter Edmiston had one point.

In their second game, the team lost to Ozona 14-20. Again Preston took high point honors with 6 points. Marco Martinez tallies 4 points and Stan Meador and Steven Whitten tossed in two points each.



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By Bruce Deere, SCS

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Cattle have been poisoned by broadleaf milkweed when they eat as little as 0.5 percent of their body weight and less than 0.15 percent body weight of plant material has poisoned sheep and goats. The plant is most toxic and least palatable in the young state. Cattle graze frost-killed plants readily with no sign of poisoning.

Since most cases of poisoning usually occur on pastures in which broadleaf milkweed is abundant, proper range management practices

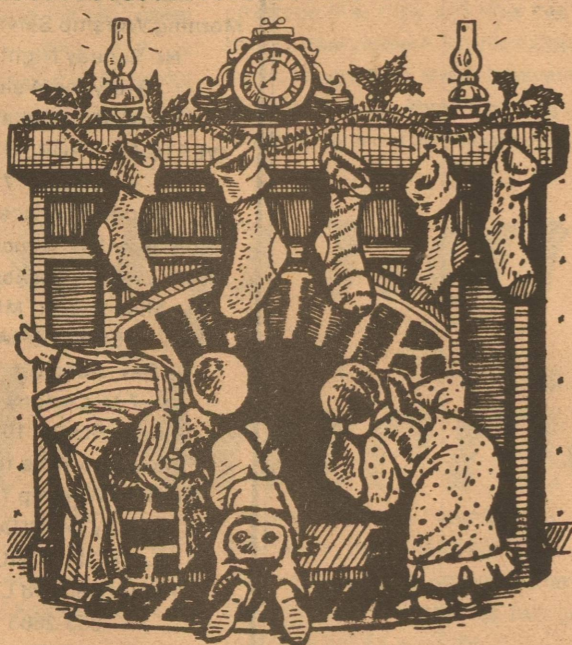
that increase available forage are the best measures of prevention. Losses may be avoided by removing plants along trails and in traps, especially when hungry animals are being moved. If large-scale poisoning occurs, animals should be moved to clean pastures or fed in pens until range vegetation has improved.

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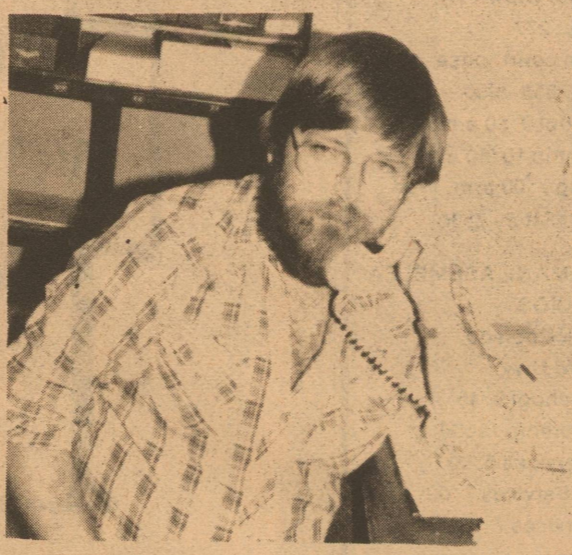
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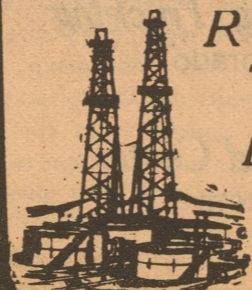
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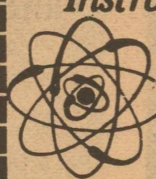
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No. 18

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1. Type of License or permit - Wine and Beer Retailer's.
2. Exact location of business - 100 Divide.
3. Name of owner or owners - Gail Patton.
4. Assumed or trade name - Patton Gulf.

Any person shall be permitted to contest the facts stated in said application and the applicant's right to secure said license or permit upon giving security for costs as provided by law.

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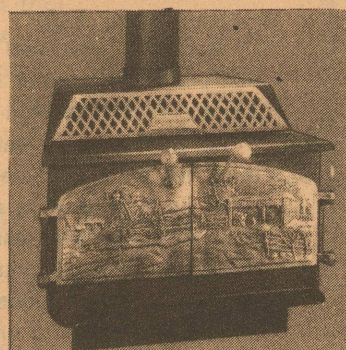
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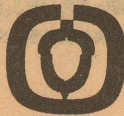
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