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Willie Richardson, from Santa Anna, tied for 6th in the National Cutting Horse Association 1984 Futurity Open division on December 9, 1984. Riding Soritus Joy, he earned a score of 214.0 and \$44,217 in prize money.

DPS Says Use Caution

The Texas Department of Public Safety has estimated that as many as 94 persons will perish in traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. DPS officials said they anticipate 53 deaths during the Christmas period and 41 deaths during the New Year's holidays.

Colonel Jim Adams, DPS Director, asked motorists to observe speed limits, avoid driving after drinking and use seat belts.

'This joyous season will be ruined for many families because of traffic fatalities,' Adams said. 'Troopers and local police are working hard to increase the margin of safety for the

motorist by ticketing speeders and removing intoxicated drivers from the roadways, but even the law abiding driver must have the good sense to look out for himself and his passengers. I firmly believe that the best defense against the intoxicated driver is a buckled seat belt.'

Adams warned vehicle passengers not to take chances by riding with a driver thought to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

'A person's driving abilities can be significantly affected by alcohol long before the legal limit of intoxication is reached,' Adams pointed out. 'It's best not to drink at all if you plan to drive.'

During the Christmas period last year, 34 persons were killed and the final total for the New Year holiday was 39 deaths. Numerous others were injured seriously.

DPS officials advised motorists that during December of last year Texas had 284 traffic deaths and 18,238 injuries reported during the month.

'Twenty people died from traffic accidents on December 23, 1983 just two days before Christmas,' Adams noted. 'Law enforcement officers from across the state are hopeful this will not be repeated during the forthcoming holiday,' said Adams.

The DPS reports additional troopers will be assigned where large volumes of traffic or additional accidents are anticipated.

'I have authorized Highway Patrol captains to utilize troopers from other services to augment the regular patrol if additional troopers are needed in a particular area,' said Adams.

The DPS will conduct its 'Operation Motorcade' starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 21 and continuing through midnight Tuesday, December 25, 1984. The effort will be repeated during the New Year holiday starting at 6 p.m. Friday, December 28, 1984 and ending at midnight Tuesday, January 1, 1985. Each counting period is 102 hours long.

Happy Birthday

by Linda Lee

When someone says the word, "Christmas", what picture forms in your mind-what words relay that picture of this word?

To a lot of children, Christmas time means a fat man with a long, white beard that dresses in a red suit and drives a sleigh herded by flying reindeer. This man will arrive at their home and deposit many gifts for them. The children dash under the Christmas tree and actually demolish the wrappings and packages to uncover the mysterious gifts.

After the excitement and newness has worn off the gifts, they are

usually just tossed aside and forgotten. Even the gifts that are "in" this year won't be for long.

To some people, Christmas is a day off from work. It's a day of catching up on lost sleep or perhaps loafing around the house. The day might be spent reading a novel, watching football games or hunting. There's no pressure or demands. It's relaxation. 'You're your own boss.

Others view Christmas as a special holiday that doesn't compare with the other holidays. It's a day of parades and football games. It's excitement. Houses and yards become glowing infernos. Trees are decorated in up-town style. Christmas cards have been carefully selected and mailed to loved ones. The aroma of home-cooked goodies fills the air. Pictures of the family, Christmas tree, and dining table are taken. Much pain has been taken in wrapping the gifts perfectly. Compliments are extended to the hosts. Tears are shed for those that couldn't make it this year to the

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Trash Pickup

The Santa Anna City Hall will be closed Tuesday.

There will be no trash pickup on Tuesday. Tuesday's trash will be picked up Wednesday morning and efforts will be made to get all of Wednesday's regular trash pickup on Wednesday. If for some reason this is not possible, Wednesday's trash will be picked up on Thursday.

Postal Rate Increase

The current cost of mailing letters, cards and other items will remain stable for another two months, according to action taken today by the US Postal Service Board of Governors.

In announcing the decision by the governors to accept the independent postal rate commission's recommended rates, including a first-class letter rate of 22 cents, Chairman John R. McKean noted that all new rates will take effect at 12:01 a.m., February 17, 1985.

It will be more than three years since first-class rates were last raised and nearly four years for adjustments in most other rates. The new rates and fees will increase postal revenue by an additional 1.8 billion dollars.

The Governors said the increase was necessary to offset rising costs that threaten the postal service's mandate, under the postal reorganization act to operate as nearly as possible on a break-even basis. During the last quarter (July-September 1984) of Fiscal 1984, the postal service operated at a 240.6 million dollar loss.

In their decision that was arrived at during the monthly board meeting in Washington, the Governors said, 'The Commission's recommended rates for third-class bulk (advertising) regular rate mail give us more difficulty than any other rates it has recommended in this proceeding. The commission recommended a much smaller increase in these rates than we had requested.'

Chairman McKean noted that higher third-class rates would mean that bulk advertising mail would bear a larger share of the institutional costs. Regarding third-class mail, the Governors further noted in their decision that they 'intend to consider this matter closely and determine what additional steps we might take, outside the context of an omnibus rate proceeding' to deal with the issue over the longer term.

Highlights of the rate package, in addition to the 22 cent first class postage rate include:

An 18 cent rate for regular presorted first-class mail and 17 cent, for carrier route presorted first class mail, 14 cents for post and postal cards, a rate increase of 13.8 percent for third class regular bulk mail.



Unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord

From the

Santa Anna News

Linda

James

Danna

Don's Diary

By Don Rutherford

Have you ever thought, What if Christ had never been born? What if Christ had never come? What if there had been no first Christmas? What if we could not celebrate His birthday?

If there had been no first Christmas, there would have been no Christ. If no Christ, there would be no Christians. If no Christians, there would be no Christian influence in our rather pagan world today.

But thanks be to God, there was that first Christmas. From my family to yours, may you have a great Christmas.

The man of Christmas is Jesus and not Santa. Jesus was God and took on the cloth of humanity. Jesus was a real man. He was not some imagined mirage. He was not some wimp of a person. Jesus was a carpenter without the aid of the power tools of today. He did all of His traveling without the help of cars. The Roman guards stationed at the whipping stones during the trial of Jesus were amazed at the silence of Jesus. This was a real test of His meanness for many a man died at the Roman whipping stones. The Roman guards were further amazed at the silence of Jesus as they nailed spikes into his wrists and feet during the crucifixion of Jesus.

The man of Christmas is Jesus and not Santa. Some people see God as a heavenly Santa Claus, bending their beg and call. Some on the other hand see God as a big policeman in the sky, just seeking a time to show His wrath towards us. Oh, that we could see God as our Heavenly Father who loves and cares for us.

The meaning of Christmas is love, not pretty lights, but the Light of the World. My family enjoys going to different neighborhoods and seeing the pretty decorations. There are lovely sights to go and see. But if the lights were the only thing to Christmas what would we do in the daylight when we could not see them. The love of that first Christmas is light that never goes dim even in the very darkest of human experience. This light has not grown dim in the nights of history.

I am told of a little girl in the depths of Carlsbad Caverns. When she was there, the rangers would dim the lights for a moment. When the lights were off, she began to cry. Someone called out, 'Don't cry, the ranger knows where the lights are.'

May you at this Christmas know where the Light is. Wise men still seek Him.

The miracle of Christmas is salvation and not sales. To some the only bells they hear on Christmas are the bells on their cash registers. God so loved man that He gave His son that man could be redeemed. In God's infinite wisdom He knew man would rebel and turn against Him. There had to be a way for man to be reconciled back to God. There had to be a way for man to reach God. That way was for God to reach man through His Son Jesus.

I am reminded of a story I once

heard. It seems it was a very cold day and it was snowing so much. A man inside his house could see some birds just outside the window. He thought to himself, I will open the barn and let them in. So he opened the barn door and asked them to come in. He showed them how to come in. He even begged them to come into the warm barn. But to no avail, the birds stayed in the cold. Then he thought, if I were only a bird then, I could show them how to get into the barn. God became man, so that He could show us how to come inside His love and salvation. God gave a living gift for Christmas.

He did not use a silver box, or paper green and red God laid His Christmas gift to men within a manger bed.

No silken cord was used to bind The gift sent from above Twas wrapped in swaddling clothes and bound with cords of love. There was no evergreen to which His gift was tied Upon a bare tree on a hill His gift was hung and died. Twas taken down off the tree and laid beneath the sod But death itself could not destroy the gift of God. With a mighty hand he lifted it from the stony grave Forever to every man A living gift he gave.

Ruth Prentice

Yes, the Man of Christmas is Jesus, the meaning of Christmas is love and the miracle of Christmas is salvation.

Think about it: To see his star is good, but to see His face is better. DWRIGHT L. MOODY
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

IRS Giving Season

'Tis the giving season and the Internal Revenue Service is trying to give 4194 taxpayers in the North Texas area the refunds it has been unable to deliver to them. 'The total owed in this year's undelivered refund program is \$1,913,913,' said Pam Whittenburg, Chief of the Dallas IRS Taxpayer Service Division. 'That's an average refund of \$466.35, although the range goes all the way from \$1 to \$22,416!'

Ms. Whittenburg said that the most common reason for IRS' inability to deliver the refunds is attributable to taxpayers' moving after they've filed their returns and neglecting to notify IRS and the post office of their new address. 'Even moving from one apartment to another in the same complex could be the reason for the snafu,' she explained.

Two names thought to live in Santa Anna were published in a lengthy list of names, Roy L. Hanson and Gerald Roy Hendrickson. The remainder of the list is on file at the News office.

If your name is on this list, you should call the IRS at 1-800-424-1040.

grand celebration. Plans are made for next year's get-together. It's a very merry Christmas.

Unfortunately, many see Christmas negatively. Christmas makes their loneliness and sorrow that much more apparent, that much more miserable. The longing for their loved ones becomes an unbearable burden. It's a very sad Christmas.

Of course, we can't forget Christmas shopping. There are two kinds of Christmas shoppers—those that love it and those that hate it. However, there are extremes in both cases.

The extremists in the "love shopping" group make Christmas shopping a career. They "work" from December 26 to December 24 every year. Time off is taken December 25 to make next year's shopping list. Christmas shopping becomes an addiction. Each gift has to be the best gift given. It doesn't matter if it was the most expensive, biggest, heaviest, prettiest wrapped, etc.—gift-it just must be the best gift.

On the other hand, the extremists in the "hate shopping" group view Christmas as a ticket to a wild, fanatic, half-pulling shopping spree.

There's a lot of hustle and bustle and pushing and pulling. Usually in the midst of this chaos, there is an enormous amount of pressure. These people might buy a size 10 for a recipient who wears a size 14 because the former was on sale. Christmas is not a time of enjoyment to these people. Christmas must be rushed in and rushed out. The attitude is "Let's get it over with."

It's a "give-me" occasion and a lot of "what did you get" conversations. Sometimes, we humans become so wrapped up in the commercial Christmas that we forget what Christmas is really about. The

first six letters of the word Christmas tell us the true meaning of Christmas - CHRIST.

The exact date of Jesus Christ's birthday is not known. December 25 was declared the birthday of Jesus in 354. We celebrate Christmas on this day.

Jesus was born in a manger some 2000 years ago. Shepherds came to adore Him. Wise men brought gifts to the child. Jesus was a gift from God. He is God's own son. God sent His own son as a gift to us. This is the greatest gift of all. You can't buy this gift at Neiman-Marcus. It's not on sale at K-Mart; but one size does fit all. The true meaning of Christmas is Jesus Christ. What did He stand for? He represented giving, sharing, and caring. This is what Christmas is all about.

Giving does not have to be in monetary terms. It could be giving of one's self, time, and abilities. We could distribute items to the needy, visit or telephone a lonely soul.

My Sunday School teacher, Fayegene Bush, made a very important point one Sunday in class. She stated that our children won't remember years from now what gifts they received in previous Christmases; they'll be more apt to remember traditions we have on Christmas. Why not start a tradition this year? For example, the telling of the Christmas story - the birth of Jesus - on Christmas day. How about caroling, visiting the shut-ins, or calling Grandma on the telephone? No matter how we decide to give, share, or care, Jesus should show in all that we do.

Christmas should be celebrated as Jesus' birthday. Let's be sure to invite Him to His own party.

Happy Birthday, Jesus!
Merry Christmas, everyone!

POSTMASTER'S POINTERS

By Gary Absher

It's not too late to mail that Christmas present. Express mail will guarantee next day delivery for most destinations and second day deliveries for all others. The cost is only \$9.35 for the first two pounds.

What about heavier parcels like Christmas presents? A 15 pound parcel going to California would cost less than \$20.00.

The employees of the Santa Anna Post Office would like to thank the city for your support during the holiday season. Those of you who mailed early eased the rush for us. As of today we were able to deliver all Christmas cards on day of receipt including those with no address on them.

A noticeable change in moving to Santa Anna from the big city is the importance and influence of holiday festivities. Never have I seen a

more successful Lions Club Pancake Supper. The Lions wish to express special thanks to each of you who attended our pancake supper. Much of the profits will go to local community activities. The parade was exciting, even to me, and I thought I was too old for parades. I have seen Santa every weekend this month.

He was either riding in parades or just visiting folks as they shopped. I hope none of the kids missed breakfast with Santa sponsored by Delta Omicron.

I did my Christmas shopping locally and got the cheapest prices anywhere. Next time you're in, ask me how. Each of you have given me the best Christmas present ever, by showing my family that Santa Anna is the place to be. I think the expression is, 'More than a Mountain.'

OBITUARIES

Walter R. Stacy

C. E. McCown

Services for Walter Ray Stacy, 86, of Trickham, were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, December 14 at the Trickham Union Church with burial in the Trickham Cemetery. Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna was in charge of the arrangements. Rev. Steve Ramsdale of the Trickham Methodist Church and Rev. James Fod of the Assembly of God Church in Santa Anna officiated.

Stacy, a lifelong resident of Trickham, died at 3:40 a.m. on Thursday, December 13, 1984 at the Cross Country Care Center in Brownwood.

Born June 7, 1898 in Trickham to Tom Stacy and Zona Weatherby, he married Carrie J. Grant there December 2, 1917. He was a stock farmer, carpenter and Methodist.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Marjorie Sullivan of San Antonio and Tavy Marie Heidbrier of Ft. Worth; two sons, Owen Tom Stacy of Abilene and Del Ray Stacy of Casa Grande, Arizona; two sisters, Mrs. Tavy Ford of Santa Anna and Mrs. Sammie Lee LaDouceur of Brownwood; two brothers, Joe Stacy of Brookesmith and Noah Stacy of Rankin; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Robert Sullivan, Don Heidbrier, David Stacy, Steve Sells, Dan Vancil, and John Haun.

Funeral services for Clarence Eugene 'Jeep' McCown, 86, of Santa Anna were held last Wednesday at Richardson Funeral Home Chapel in Port Lavaca.

Terry McCown, youth director of the First Baptist Church and nephew of the deceased, officiated. Burial was in the Colonial Gardens in Port Lavaca.

Mr. McCown died Tuesday morning in Ranger Park Inn at Santa Anna.

Born September 20, 1918 in Seadrift, he married Hazel Turner McCown November 15, 1941 in Port Lavaca. She preceded him in death in July, 1983. The couple lived most of their married life in Port Lavaca until moving to Santa Anna three years ago. He was a retired dredge boat captain for King Fischer Marine Service in Port Lavaca.

A US Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include a son, Leonard J. McCown of Irving; a daughter, Geneva Garrett of Santa Anna; four brothers, Gerald McCown of Elmen-dorf, Glenn McCown, Hollis McCown and Billy McCown, all of Seadrift; two sisters, Lee Hinson of Seadrift and Dorris Mullins of Seadrift; and three granddaughters, Kristi McCown of Irving, Cynthia Garrett and Charlotte Garrett of Santa Anna.

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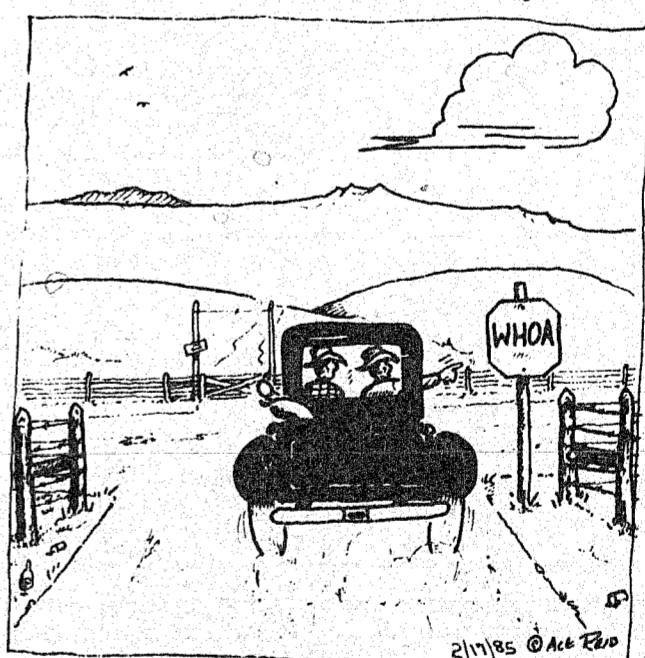
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"He who does not know the force of words cannot know man."
Confucius

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Now this is what I call cow country!"

Open House!

Thursday,

December 20, 1984

8:00 to 5:00

You are cordially invited to come celebrate the Holidays with the employees of coleman county telephone cooperative



Hosch Insurance Agency

Don & Bettie

merry Christmas

During this especially glad time of Christmas, we'd like to extend our best holiday wishes to you and yours. It has been our pleasure to serve you and we thank you for your loyal patronage.

Christmas Parties Abound

First United Methodist Circles

Monday, December 10, the two circles of the First United Methodist Church met in the Annex for the Christmas meeting. Lucile Smith opened the meeting. Mildred Galloway offered the opening prayer. The Nita Daniell Circle members were responsible for the program. Background for the Christmas story was arranged by Pauline Eubank and Mildred Galloway. Susan Ramsdell played a prelude of Christmas songs and then accompanied group singing. Lucille Dean, Mae Watson and Hettie Scarborough depicted the Shepherds. Carmilla Baugh and Mildred Eubank read scripture background. Modora Gilmore and Lucile Wylie were voices I and II that further developed the story. Martha Thompson represented the United Methodist Women to conclude the program. Then Margaret Crews presented Life Memberships in the UMW to Susan, Matthew, Deborah and Christopher Ramsdell.

The Martha Group were hostesses for the social hour. Nancy Cheaney and Lucile Smith had decorated the table in the Christmas motif. Ethel Williams served praline pie, banana bits and snacks with coffee or apple jack to those present.

Those present were Carmilla Baugh, Margaret Crews, Susan Ramsdell, Grace Short, Mae Blue, Sally Stewardson, Lucille Dean, Hettie Scarborough, Lucile Wylie, Modora Gilmore, Mae Watson, Martha Thompson, Thelma Upchurch, Annelie Clark, Pauline Eubank, Xuma Jones, Laura Carpenter, Earlene Scott, Mildred Galloway, Nancy Cheaney, Pat Dewitt, Ethel Williams, Lucile Smith and Doris Griffin.

Quilting Club and Extension Homemakers

The Quilting Club and the Extension Homemakers' Club held a joint Christmas party on Thursday, December 13, at 2 p.m. at the Community Center.

The meeting opened with Christmas carols. Billie Weatherby, Rose Cooper and Isabelle McCutcheon read Christmas legends. Mrs. Weatherby, Council Representative, discussed plans for the Stock Show. Pebble Ellis was caller for the Bingo Game.

Gifts were exchanged from a decorated tree. Refreshments of Christmas goodies, coffee and spiced tea were served to Mrs. Minnie Bray, Rose Cooper, Skeeta Cooper, Roberta Davis, Bettie Dues, Ella Gray, W. B. McCutcheon, Wilma Williams, Jane Wise, Faye Wise, Billie Weatherby and Nita Milligan.

Open House!

December 21, 1984

You are cordially invited to open house at the Santa Anna National Bank Friday.

there will be refreshments and lots of Christmas Cheer.



Rockwood Baptist

The Rev. Larry Mizell, accompanied by his wife, and Jeremy, preached at the Rockwood Baptist Church Sunday morning. After services they adjourned to the community center for a Christmas dinner and visiting and gifts.

The group sang Christmas carols and presented the pastor family with a pouncing.

Present were the pastor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Brusenhan, Mrs. Mary Emerson, Ella Gray, Coletta Pearson, Lillie Box, Claudia Rutherford and Jennifer.

Methodist Congregation

The Methodist congregation had a Christmas party and supper at the Rockwood Community Center Saturday evening, December 15.

The party opened with Christmas songs played on the piano by Mrs. Ramsdell.

Gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree (all organizations shared the same tree).

After the Christmas dinner of Turkey and Dressing and all the trimmings, the group enjoyed visiting and Christmas memories.

Present were Steve and Susan Ramsdell, Matthew, Deborah, Christopher, Erceel and Ann Ellis, Pebble and Denver Ellis, Blake and Wilma Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McCutcheon, Aubrey and Dorothy McSwain, Gene McSwane, Billie Weatherby and Ella Gray.

First Baptist Fideles

The Fideles Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church had their Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 11.

We exchanged gifts and had a nice time. There was plenty of good food. The Class took Mr. and Mrs. Priddy a tray.

Bro. John blessed the food.

Present were Jewel Hosch, Wilmoth Russell, Dessa Patterson, Bessie Pallett, Martha Dunn, Lora Russell, Bessie McDonald, Rose Bass, Bettie Henderson, Ollie Pembroke, Delinda Smith. Guests were Mrs. Jesse Benton, Mrs. Hardy Blue, Mr. Paul Pembroke, Mr. V. H. Russell, Bro. John Stanislaw, Tammy Stanislaw and her girl friend.

Self Culture Club

Christmas decor was used throughout the house when the Self Culture club met last Wednesday in the home of Mrs. C. D. Bruce with Mrs. Norman Walters as co-hostess.

Refreshments were served as the members and guests arrived, the tea table being laid with a red lace cloth and centered with a German group of figurines in red gowns and bearing red tapers. Mrs. Mary Clifford secured names for the guest book, and Mrs. Earline Scott served punch and coffee. Varieties of cookies and nuts were on crystal and china plates and all appointments were of crystal. Mrs. Earl Simmons and Jane Gustavus were also in the house party.

Susan Schuppenhour of Coleman presented plans for the Texas Sesquicentennial celebrations to be held in 1986, when the state will observe our one hundred fiftieth anniversary. She stressed that any individual, community or county may plan whatever recognition of the event is wished, and that the State Sesquicentennial Commission needs these plans to include in the official calendar. Mrs. Schuppenhour is chairman of events for Coleman County.

Mrs. J. P. McClellan reported the award of \$25 to the club from the Chamber of Commerce for the decorated store window.

Following the business session, a program of music was presented by the Methodist Children's Choir, with Orabeth McIver directing and Susan Ramsdell at the organ. Ramona Myers and Cathy Ellis assisted with props and signs for the part of the cantata given, which is based on St. Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Present besides those mentioned were Mrs. Hardy Blue, Grace Short, Bettie Henderson, Mrs. Earl Chapman, Mrs. Gus Morgan, Mrs. Preston Bailey, Mrs. Ethel Williams, Mrs. Stanley Isenhower, Mrs. Jim Spillman, and Mrs. Tom Kingsbery.

Children in the choir were Jamie and Bryce Ellis, John and Carrie Myers, Betsy and Sallie McIver, Christi and Amy Beal, Karen Lewis, Elissa McGee, Tammy Starr, Amy Boyett, Anna and Erica Pearce and Johnny Lawhon. Later the children and late comers were served fruit punch and cookies.



Birds cannot fall off a perch when they sleep. Each toe is connected with a cord inside the leg. When the leg is bent, the cords stretch tight and pull the toes around the branch.

Check Out Those Toys

Toys and children go together during the holiday season, but parents should check for safety and appropriate age rating before buying, a Baylor College of Medicine pediatrician warns.

'Toy related accidents result in approximately 1,200 deaths each year and more than 120,000 injuries,' Marc Hanfling, MD, a Baylor pediatrician, said. 'Half of the deaths are caused by small toys or pieces of toys that get stuck in the windpipe and result in suffocation.'

About 90 percent of the toys on the market are labeled with the age group for which they are designed. Hanfling said, however, that all toys should be checked for suitability since a child's motor skill development may vary from others of the same age.

Missile-type toys such as bow and arrow sets, BB guns, darts and non-powder firearms are a major cause of injuries. Parents should determine when a child is old enough to play with this kind of toy rather than relying on the manufacturers recommendation, Hanfling said.

'These can be very powerful weapons and should never be given to unsupervised children,' he said. 'Parents should treat them almost as though they are real firearms.'

He said parents may want to purchase protective goggles for children playing with missile-type toys or for older children using chemistry sets. The goggles will protect the eyes, which are the most vulnerable area to injury.

Once the holidays are over, Hanfling advises that all toys be periodically checked for broken parts. If the toy can't be safely repaired, discard it immediately, he said.

'Explain to children how to properly use and care for all new toys,' Hanfling said. 'Children learn safe play habits from safety-conscious adults.'

Hanfling offers these other tips for buying safe toys. Check toys for sharp or pointed edges. Do not give toys with small pieces to children younger than age 4.

Avoid toys with strings or ropes attached that could cause strangulation. Look for the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) symbol of safety on electrical toys. Be sure the eyes and noses of stuffed animals are well attached before giving them to infants and toddlers.



'A Visit From St. Nicholas' ('Twas the night before Christmas...') was written by Clement Moore in 1822 as a Christmas gift to his children.



England's first modern circus was established in 1769 by an ex-cavalry sergeant in Lambeth, London. No admission was charged, but a collection was taken after each performance.



You'd better watch out, Santa Claus is coming to town.

Homemakers Install New Officers

The Coleman County Extension Homemakers Annual Council meeting and Installation of Officers was held Wednesday, December 12. Agnes Taylor, County Extension Agent installed the new officers for 1985. A brief officer training was presented during this time.

New officers include Chairman, Mary Ann Coursey; Vice Chairman, Becky Wiginton; Secretary, Peggy Garrett; Treasurer, Ruby Martin; Parliamentarian, Anna Jenkins.

Incoming TEHA Chairman for 1985 is Mary Francis Smith. Extension Homemaker Clubs incoming Presidents were also recognized. These include: Centennial, Lela Mae Moore; Good Neighbor, Joan Anderson; Gouldbusk, Carolyn Wilson; and Rockwood Club Betty Dues.

New council officers and incoming Extension Homemaker Club Presidents were presented a silk flower represented the club flower which is the zinnia and decorated with the club colors which are blue and white. The Extension Homemaker National Emblem was used for the installation of officers and its meaning and history were presented by Mary Francis Smith.

Benefit Dance

The Santa Anna Half Century Club is having a benefit dance on December 21 at the National Guard Armory. The dance will be from 7 until 11 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 per person. Dick N' Judy and the Country Music Makers will play.

Proceeds of this dance go to little Chad Fields. Chad was born on February 14, 1984 with many problems. He has had several surgeries and more to go. One surgery is scheduled in January. With these surgeries there is every hope that this child will eventually lead a normal life.

Everyone is asked to bring some sandwiches, chips, cookies or any kind of goodie to be served at intermission. Punch and coffee will also be served.

Tickets are being sold at Simmons Feed Store where you may buy one for \$1.50 and get one free.

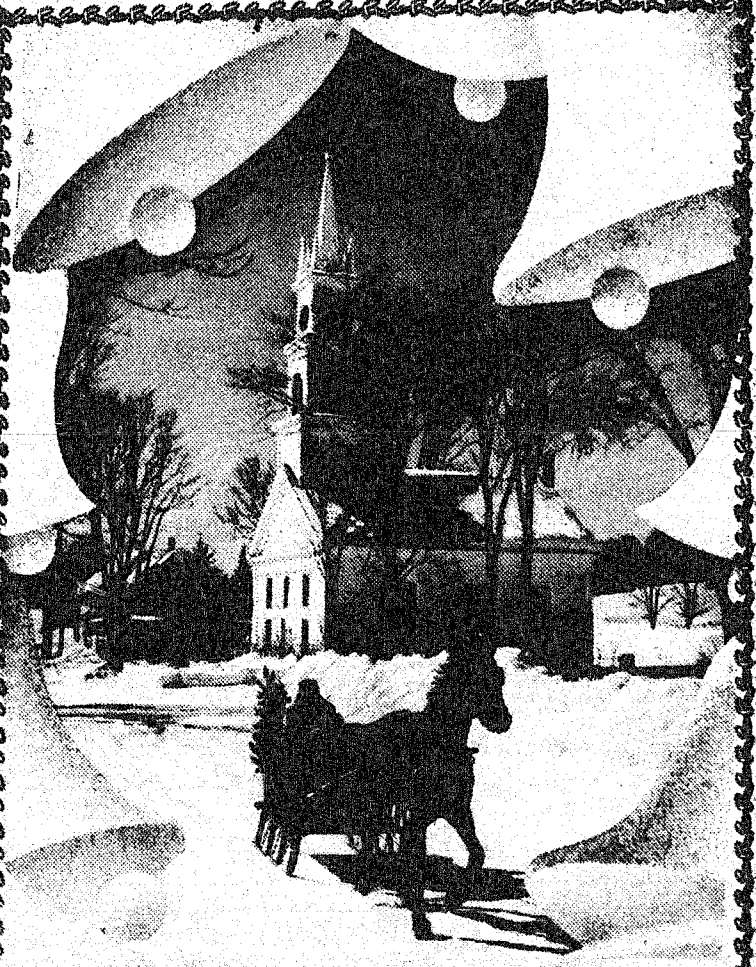
Come on out and help us help Chad.

ATTENTION HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS

FUR Buyer will be in Santa Anna at Fina Station Each Tuesday 9:15am till 9:30am, Beginning Dec. we buy green and dry furs of all types. Case skin all furs (like Opossum). we also buy Deer hides.

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christmas greetings

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| Richard Cook | | Pam Corett |

Henderson Funeral Home



Best wishes for a holiday season filled with happiness and good cheer. And sincere thanks for your patronage.

Pearce Veterinarian Clinic. DR. Kathy Pearce

Ranger Park Inn

By Annie Mae Brimes

Living Center

Lots of Haines visitors this week were Jewel Hosch, Gussie Wise, Ollie Pembroke and Alma Webb.

Jimmy Watson was visited by Walter and Dorothy Hodges, Sadie Mae and Pete Hendricks and Garland Morgan.

Jackie Jennings visited her mother, Edna Wells.

Minnie Greer was visited by Nealita Ellis of Abilene, Alma Webb and Dorothy Brown. Mrs. Greer and Edna Wells went to Coleman shopping.

Sarah Bomar was visited by Walter Bedell, Louise Gordon and Lula Jo Holcombe.

Cody Mathews visitors were Pauline Eubank, Annette Clark, Vera Shields, Amanda Perry, Ollie Pembroke and Jean Culpepper. Nursing Home

The residents had the most exciting time Tuesday, December 11th at the shopping spree. The store came to them and had a wonderful selection of gifts to choose from.

The items were provided by the Santa Anna First Baptist Church, Mexican Missions, Valera Baptist Church, Rockwood Baptist Church and Glen Cove Baptist Church. The ladies helping the residents shop were Mrs. T. L. Pond, Betty Henderson, Ada Hale, Leanna Hartman, Oma Dean Horner, Mary Horner, Beulah Helm, Helen Laws, Mrs. H. B. Bryan, Mrs. Jesse Williams, Letha Saunders, Wanda Wallace and Bertha Allen. It is great the joy our residents received from this treat.

We express a sincere thank you to all that helped. We are looking forward to next year.

Thank you Ann Stiles for all the nice things you have done through the year.

The singing was enjoyed by the residents Tuesday evening. Thanks to Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Lindley, Mrs.

Keeney, Sandra Steffey, Jay Irvin and Helen Wright.

The residents were so happy to have Bro. Scott and Marge Bell conduct a devotion Wednesday afternoon and visit with them for awhile.

Thank you Margaret Ann Mobley for the Turkey you gave the nursing home. The residents will enjoy this Christmas dinner.

Thank you Kathy Pearce and Betty Day for the nice clothes you shared with our residents. They will enjoy them very much.

Thank you Carmen Donham for the nice pumpkins and honey you gave the kitchen. It will be enjoyed by all the residents.

The Volunteer Fire Auxiliary gave a beautiful party for the residents Thursday, December 13th. They served a variety of home baked cookies and punch after singing several Christmas songs. Those helping were Edith Dodson, Janette Strickland, Dorothy and Beth Eisenhower, Carmen Donham, Gail Horner, Nikki Donham and Syble Huggins. They also gave a box of facial tissues to each resident.

Our hearts were made sad to learn of the death of Mr. Walter Stacy. We enjoyed each visit he made to the nursing home and each song he sang. We will miss him.

We are sorry Era Taylor and Johnnie Simpson are in the hospital. R. V. and Maedelle Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bullock, Eula McCary, Everette Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wilborn Taylor visited Fannie Bullock.

Jane Hawkins visitors have been Barbara Moore and Glen Moore. Delbert Teague visitors were Maria, Olivia, Yolanda, Manuel and Vincint Frausta.

J. D. and Marcile Hoffman visited his mother, Mary Hoffman.

Ethel Mathews visitors have been Mavis Satterfield, Evelyn Young, Marie and Virgil Lancaster.

Ila and Jack Todd visited Lillie Knotts.

Mr. Eli Rozzile lived with us several days. His visitors have been Lounette Alexander, Ronny, Robin and April Alexander, Donnie Heald, Darlene Hanley, Jewel Martin and Bro. Milton Langston. Mr. Rozzile has moved to Bangs.

Debbie Strength and Wayne Alford visited Cecil Drake.

Ollie Pembroke, Mary Shields and Michelle visited Dave Shields.

Lily Fox visitors were Fannie Gilbert and Sylvia Herring.

Bessie Thomas visitors were LaVerne Simmons, Kevin Morgan,

Sadie Mae Hendricks and Doris Morgan.

Linda Childress visitors were Walter Bedell, Louise Gordon and Lula Jo Holcombe.

Mable Burrage visitors have been Dorothy Harris, Amanda Perry, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Hall, Bro. John Stanislaw, Ruby Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutherford, Blanche Harris, Elgean Harris, Imo Herring, Etheleen Stewart, Marge Bell, Lula Jo Holcombe and Syble Huggins.

Ora Caldwell was visited by Charles and Jean Caldwell, Dan and Bobbie Caldwell, Julian Kelley and Frankie McCarthy.

Jay McCoy visitors were Bobbie Guthrie, Jean Culpepper and Clarence Hipp.

Bro. John Stanislaw visited Marcie Manley.

Ethel Wilson was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cobb, Gladys Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson, Woodrow and Willie Mae Wilson, Pearl White, Rita Day, Tina and James Pickett, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Franke.

Mr. and Mrs. Solon Seale were visited by Dorothy and Ray Liles.

Pearl Etheridge was visited by Ruby Howard and Verna Russell.

Beulah Hyden was visited by S. D. and Lula Bell Conner, Margie and Scott Bell and John Cross.

Major and Nell Mulanax were visited by Margie and Scott Bell, Syble Huggins and J. C. Brimes.

Willie Mae Rider visited her mother, Zuda Burton.

Pearl White visitors were Willie Mae Rider, Clarinda Menges and Ethel Matthews.

Robert Stewardson and Mildred Strothers were visited by Erin Day and John Will Stewardson.

Clarinda and Nancy Menges were visited by Ann Spence, Wanda and Henry Barkemeyer.

Bertha Allen visited Jessie Lewis. Nyla Simmons and Ursulla Shelley were visited by Clarence Clifton and Oscar D. Williams.

Linda Baggett and Brenda Rambo visited Annie Barrington.

Mrs. Maude McCarrell was visited by Garland, Neva and Carolyn McCarrell, Justin and Amy McCarrell.

Bro. John Stanislaw visited Marcy Manley.

Clyde Watson visitors were Pete and Sadie Mae Hendricks, Garland Morgan, Walter and Dorothy Hodges.



Try this recipe out on the family right now—they're sure to love it and want it again over the holidays.

PINEAPPLE CRANBERRY CROWN

- 1 can (20 oz.) Dole Crushed Pineapple in Syrup
- 2 cups cranberry juice
- 6 whole cloves
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 1 package (3 oz.) orange gelatin
- 2 medium Dole Bananas, peeled, sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- Crisp lettuce leaves

Drain pineapple. Heat cranberry juice, cloves and cinnamon to boiling. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Remove cloves and cinnamon. Stir in gelatin until dissolved. Chill until slightly thickened. Fold in pineapple, bananas and nuts. Pour into 1-1/2 quart mold. Cover and chill until firm. Unmold onto platter garnished with crisp lettuce leaves. Makes 6 servings.

Courtesy Dole, Castle & Cooke.

EQUAL EGG NOG

- 1 cup non-fat dry milk powder
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 24 packets Equal, low-calorie sweetener*
 - 1 teaspoon brandy extract
 - 1/2 teaspoon rum extract
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 2 cups skim milk
- Combine dry milk, water and Equal in blender.

Blend on high for 5-10 minutes or until smooth and creamy. Add extracts and egg; continue blending. Add nutmeg and milk until well mixed. Refrigerate. Serve with sprinkle of nutmeg.

Makes 1 quart or 8 servings, 4 ounces per serving.

Calories per serving: 88
Diabetic exchange: 1-1/2 non-fat milk, 1/2 fat

*This recipe was developed especially for Equal low-calorie sweetener (Nutra-Sweet, brand aspartame sweetener). Success cannot be assured if other sweeteners or preparation methods are used.



MULLED CIDER

(8 one cup servings)
One tsp. whole allspice
Two 2-inch sticks cinnamon
One tsp. whole cloves
One 64 fl. oz. (2 quart) Mott's Cider '84
Ground Nutmeg

Tie allspice, cinnamon, and cloves together in a cheesecloth bag. Simmer Mott's Cider '84 with spice bag in saucepan. Bring to a slow boil, reduce heat and continue to simmer with spice bag for 20 minutes. Remove spice bag. Serve piping hot. Add a dash of nutmeg if desired. If cheesecloth is not available, simmer cider with loose spices, removing spices before serving.

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GREETING THE HOLIDAY

As the silvery sounds of Christmas herald a holiday of unbounded joy and contentment, we extend our deep gratitude to our many wonderful friends.

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Plant Place

by Edith Martin



I asked for your questions a few weeks ago and, since I have received a few, I will try to answer them in this column.

Q. I can't seem to grow the Aloe Vera plant. It just rots at soil level. What am I doing wrong?

A. As a rule, the Aloe Vera is easy to grow as they can tolerate heat, drought and neglect. They do great in three to six inch pots in a sandy soil mix that drains well. They thrive in direct or indirect sun light. Be careful not to over water. I'm inclined to think that you have over watered your Aloe Vera. It is best to only moisten the soil, never soak or let the pot set in water. It is easy to know when to repot the Aloe Vera because they just grow out of the soil. If you want a large individual plant it is best to remove the side shoots as soon as they grow a good root system. Just remove the shoots and place in potting soil and you have another plant to enjoy or share with a friend.

Q. My asparagus fern needs to be repotted. Should I repot this time of year?

A. If there is room in the pot for extra soil, I would not advise to repot this time of year (late fall). Spring and summer are the best times for repotting ferns. If you can not add fresh soil, ease the plant from pot and place it in a size larger pot so as to work fresh soil around the root system. One of the most common

complaints about the asparagus fern is that the needle-like leaves turn yellow and fall. A lack of humidity can cause this. To help prevent it from happening, mist daily. When the fern sheds its leaves, cut the long runners at soil level. Continue to care for your plant and it will soon put up new runners and you have a beautiful plant again.

Q. When do I put out my peonies? How should I prepare the soil?

A. It is getting a little late in the season to put out peonies but if you have the roots, I would go ahead and put them in the ground (It is best to plant peonies in October or early November).

Peonies require rich garden soil and sunny locations. Before planting, prepare the soil by digging deeply and work decomposed cow manure or bone meal into it. If soil is acid, work in one lime.

Peonies are very hardy and do not freeze. They should be left in the ground year after year. They do not like to be disturbed and very seldom bloom for a year or two after being disturbed. If planted too deep, peonies will not bloom as the "eyes" or the blooms or buds are already set as they come through the ground in early spring. Set the roots so the "eyes" will be two inches below the soil.

More questions and answers will come next week. I would like to hear from you readers so keep the questions coming. Call me at 752-6484.



Joy at Christmas

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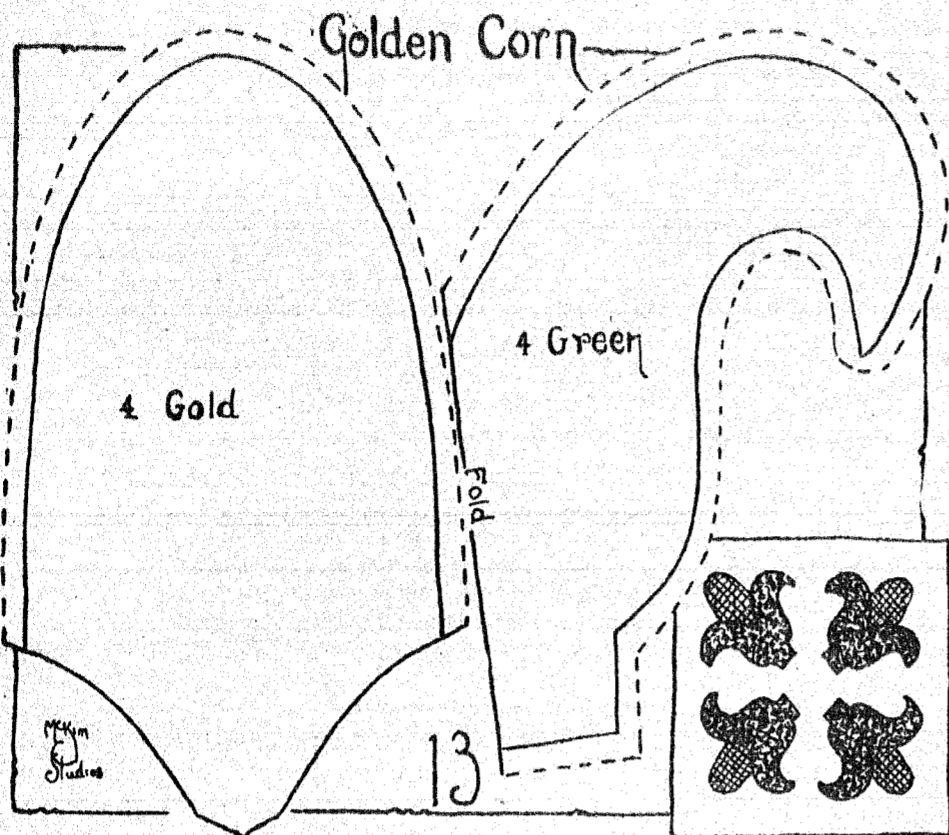


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THE STATES PATCHWORK QUILT PARADE



Quilt for Iowa

Golden Corn

What could be more like Iowa or even America, than our own native corn to conventionalize? And the design is really lovely in white or ivory for the background with green, and gold or yellow. The plan we suggest uses 14 inch blocks set together and surrounded by green lattice strips cut 3 inches wide. Three-inch squares of white or of gold are in-

teresting at the intersections, while a plain border of white 8 or 9 inches wide allows for fancy quilting around the edge. A lining of light green with a binding of darker green or gold would be suitable. To make a block of the Golden Corn Quilt, cut 4 green and 4 gold motifs on dotted line. Baste back a seam and sew the yellow ear under

the green shuck. When 4 are carefully creased and basted, place them on a 14-inch block to form the pattern. The green blades may or may not touch as you prefer. These pin, baste, then blindstitch down, using colored thread so the stitches do not show. The yardage required is five of white, 4 1/2 green and 1 gold.

Holiday Care for your Pet

Along with the festive spirit of the holiday season comes a host of potential hazards for pets and family alike. The American Animal Hospital Association, the leading spokesgroup for small animal veterinary medicine, advises pet owners to be alert to many special wintertime dangers.

In general, AAHA notes, safety precautions are simply good common sense, for children as well as family pets. Pet owners may want to keep these suggestions handy:

Holly, mistletoe and poinsettias are all extremely poisonous when eaten. However, you can enjoy their beauty in safety by placing these plants well out of reach of curious pets.

Make sure your Christmas or Chanukah tree is well secured. If you have a tree-climbing cat or large dog in the house, anchor the top of the tree to a wall, using strong cord or rope.

Police the area around the tree frequently, since pine needles can puncture a pet's intestines.

Sharp or breakable tree ornaments, yarns and ribbons, 'angel hair' and icicles all should be handled with care, as these fun playthings easily can lead to injury. Hang your risky ornaments high on the tree and make sure your packages are securely wrapped.

Your holiday feast will tempt pets and people alike. Properly dispose of bones and roasting strings. And resist the temptation to indulge your cat or dog with nuts or rich foods.

When the holidays are over, however, the cold is usually just beginning. AAHA veterinarians offer recommendations to follow all winter long:

While pets are more tolerant of cold than heat, frostbite is the number one winter pet hazard. Cats should stay indoors and owners should shorten their dogs' walks if the temperature takes a real nose dive.

Anti-freeze, which contains ethylene glycol, is both tasty and deadly. Store antifreeze in a safe place, never use a bowl to catch antifreeze leaking from a radiator and always wipe up spills. Antifreeze attacks a pet's kidneys and will be fatal if not immediately treated by a veterinarian.

You can prevent paw irritation from rock salt if you rub a bit of baby oil and sprinkle some baby powder on your pet's feet before going out. Clean off the residue once inside.

Many a cat has found a warm nest for the night atop a car engine. Avoid disaster by honking before you start up in the morning. The noise will scare away any critters.

A good brushing will help control dandruff caused by dry winter air.

You may want to consider a bath with a bath oil (the human kind) rinse.

Dog's toenails grow in the snow without a hard surface to wear them down. A winter clipping is the solution.

Just like people, pets burn more calories in winter. Your vet can help determine if your pet's diet is adequate and balanced.

It's a new year for your pets too, visit your veterinarian for a check-up and shots for a good start.

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Blessings at Christmas

We sincerely wish you every blessing that the season holds. May you and those dear to you rejoice in contentment and love.

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Turn the night before Christmas when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring except for one louse

Who entered a home that hadn't a prayer

Of stopping his stealing whatever was there

He took all the presents from under the tree

He took cash and jewelry, he took the TV

A typewriter and radio went into the sack

He greedily filled and put on his back

But not before throwing a butt on the rug

And snickering, snidely "Bah and humbug!"

Here from the professionals at ADT Security Systems are some practical ways to keep Christmas Scrooges from saying "Bah! Humbug!" to your holiday season.

When you're out:

- Leave lights on in several



For a safe holiday, turn off Christmas tree lights at bedtime and when you leave your home

rooms attached to timers turning them on and off at varying intervals. Also leave a radio on turned to an all talk station.

- Leave drapes and shades open to reflect normal household patterns.

- Don't leave lawn furniture, ladders, etc. lying around.

- Turn down the volume of your phones. Constant ringing advertises your absence.

If you're going to be away for an extended period, leave a car parked in your driveway. Make sure your grass will be cut or the snow shoveled.

Let. Cancel all deliveries such as newspapers, mail, etc. Have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail and use your trash cans.

During the holiday season, fire can also be a threat to your property—and your life. You will have a better chance of keeping your family safe at home if you follow these Christmas fire prevention hints:

- Keep Christmas trees away from open flames.
- Turn off Christmas tree lights when you go to bed and when you leave your home.
- Keep the tree well watered.
- Don't put a tree near space heaters.
- Be sure all electrical appliances and tree lights are UL-listed.

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FESTIVE FRUIT PUNCH

- 1 can (46 oz.) Dole Pineapple Juice
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen raspberries
- 1 can (6 oz.) pink lemonade frozen concentrate
- 1/4 cup grenadine syrup
- 1 quart lemon-lime drink, chilled
- Lemon slices
- Ice cubes

Combine all ingredients in a punch bowl. Makes 3 quarts.

Dole pineapple juice spokesperson Joan Benoit, who won Olympic Gold for the U.S. in the women's marathon, has done a fitness brochure. For your copy, write Dept. JHM, Dole, P.O. Box 7758, San Francisco, CA 94120.

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Dear Santa,
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I would like some Go-Bots, Starriors, He-Man and Star Wars for Christmas. Also Crossbows and Catapults.
I have a brother and a sister, please bring what they want.
Since I don't know how to write, my mom is writing this for me.
I love you Santa!

Kenton

PS. I want Go-Bots the most.

Dear Santa,
I love you.
I want a bike.

Johnny Diaz

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle.

Ricky DeLeon

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a good boy. I would like a car and a puppy and some clothes and a train.
Santa Clause how is Mrs. Clause? See you soon.

Love,
Johnnie Lawhon

Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. Thank you for my presents last year and especially for my new daddy I got. He is very special and I love him alot.

This year I would like a new baby doll, some clothes and anything you think I might need. Also something for my grandparents Taylor who lost everything in fire recently, my parents and my Uncle PeeWee.
God Bless and may you be safe this Christmas

Cassie D. Duvall

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a cabbage patch kid and clothes, a grumpy care bear, walkie-talkie telephones and a crazy combo.

I have been a good girl this year and so has my sister, Brandi. Please bring her a Jam Box so that she doesn't have to borrow mine all the time.

Your friend,
Britana Horner

Dear Santa,
I want a three wheeler and a train set. I love you Santa.

John Myers

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and books too. I want a bike and a stuffed animal, a three wheeler and a game. I do not know what else.

Sally McIver

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a cabbage patch.

Bertha Frausto

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas. I want a baby skate for Christmas too. I love you Santa Claus.

Asucena Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Three wheeler, Rainbow Bright, Baby skate, stickers and sticker book, cabbage patch bella.

Brandi Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a nather mantech and I want a batman and I want some clay.
I love you.

Bobby Malaer

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas. I want a football, too. I want a ball for Christmas. I want tennis shoes for Christmas.

Jason Smith

Dear Santa,
I want some toys.

Albert Jesus Villareal

Dear Santa,
I want a hot wheels and I want a train with a track. I love you Santa.

Willie Datino

Dear Santa
I want a cabbage patch and a short cake doll nail polish.

Jennifer Grote

Dear Santa,
I want a doll animal cabbage patch.

Virginia Thomas

Dear Santa,
My name is Elsa. I been a good girl. I study very much in school and I do my best in home work. I love my mom and my aunt so you see I'm good.

So will you give me a firefly, a baby boy from cabbage patch also my little pony stable and ponies. Would you bring my nephew Jason a truck and a mickey mouse talking phone. Bring my teachers something nice because they are good.

I will leave some cookies and milk near the fire place.
I love you Santa.

Elsa Garza

Dear Santa,
I love you.
Please bring my little pony.

Love,
Beth Eisenhower

Dear Santa Clause,
How have you and your wife been doing? Fine, I hope! I am doing OK and I have been a pretty good boy. I have some things I would like to have for Christmas, if you can afford them. Here it is: Some clothes, a basketball, some toys like HeMan, GI Joe, and a BB gun, but I wouldn't use it without Dad with me.

Would you please send or bring something nice for my mom and dad. They work hard and never have time together. And bring something for my brother too. I hope you can come to my house because Santa Anna weather is crazy sometimes and you wouldn't find my house. If I can, I will put a white flag out on the roof so you can find my house. I will have to say good bye for now but take care and don't get sick. Love you a whole bunch Santa.

Love,

Zackary Lawhon

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a three wheeler.

James Jones

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old, I have been pretty good. I would like to have a race set and a bike and some match cars and some games with two glowing eggs and some blocks and some shoes and a watch and some puzzles and a football and a bat, ball and gloves and a pinball game and a Mr. T Van.

Artie Michon



KIDS CORNER

The Night Before Christmas

Hiding in this puzzle are twenty-one words and phrases from the poem *The Night Before Christmas*. They read across, up and down, on a diagonal—even backwards! How many can you find?

1. CHRISTMAS
2. STOCKINGS
3. CHIMNEY
4. ST. NICHOLAS
5. SUGARPLUMS
6. REINDEER
7. DASHER
8. DANCER
9. PRANCER
10. VIXEN
11. COMET
12. CUPID
13. DONNER
14. BLITZEN
15. TOYS
16. BEARD
17. GOOD NIGHT
18. SNOW
19. SLEIGH
20. ELF
21. ROOF

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N I Y Z G M K J I R I C I R S
C G H Y T R N D A L K E E D L
E L F I A I P E Z C R L O D
R A K W F R L Y B O X S I B
D O N N E R O B M N T T P A R
K S A L O H C I N T S U P O R
T U B E C V R U B A C I M N E
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Greetings

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I like,
Donna

Bradley Lumber

Hert
Sandy

GREETINGS

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Earl, Barbara, and Pat

BASKETBALL

In a quick run down of the boys varsity basketball action we found that Tuesday's games with Rising Star brought home a win and a loss. The Varsity team won 79-42 with the JV losing 34-17. High point players in this game were Doug Warnock with 35, Craig Duquette and Russell Williams with 12 and John Morris with 10.

In the Rising Star Tournament the boys won third place in the tournament. Doug Warnock was named All Tournament.

The team's first game was with Cross Plains JV were the locals brought home a win of 59-21. High point players were Doug Warnock with 16, Corey Tuttle with 13 and Craig Duquette with 12.

In a tougher struggle Santa Anna's Varsity faced Cross Plains Varsity and fell 64-55. Leading scorer in this game was Doug Warnock with 30 points.

The last game of the tournament was with Moran Varsity. Santa Anna managed a 68-61 win. High scorers in this game were Craig Duquette with 23, Doug Warnock with 20 and John Morris with 15.

The team's season record stands at 6-2. Results of the games with Talpa and the Evant Tournament were not available at press time.

The Lady Mountaineers opened district play Tuesday with a 41-18 win over Talpa. Dilcy Kirven had 11 points and Deveda Bible 10. Shanna Hensley was the leading rebounder with 8.

Thursday found the ladies matched against Lohn in the Evant Tournament. With four girls in double figures, the ladies coasted to a 65-42 victory. Miss Bible was the leading scorer with 13. Melissa Buse, Yolanda Kirven and Dilcy Kirven had 10 each. Brenda Jackson had 12 rebounds.

Goldthwaite overwhelmed the locals 43-70 in the second round. Dilcy Kirven led the local effort with 12 points and 7 rebounds.

In the third place game the girls outlasted a pesky JV squad from Gatesville, 41-36. Deveda and Dilcy led the scoring with 14 and 12 points while Yolanda grabbed 7 rebounds. Deveda Bible was named to the All-Tournament Team.

On Monday, the varsity and JV played in Miles. Rosa Castillo and Leslie Martin had 8 and 6 points, respectively, in a losing effort for the JV. The varsity girls avenged an earlier loss by beating Miles 42-36. Deveda led the scoring with 11 points and 9 steals. Yolanda had 10 points and Dilcy collected 12 rebounds.

Our next game will be Thursday night at Rochelle. This is a change from the previous schedule. The JV boys will begin at 5:00 and be followed by the varsity games.



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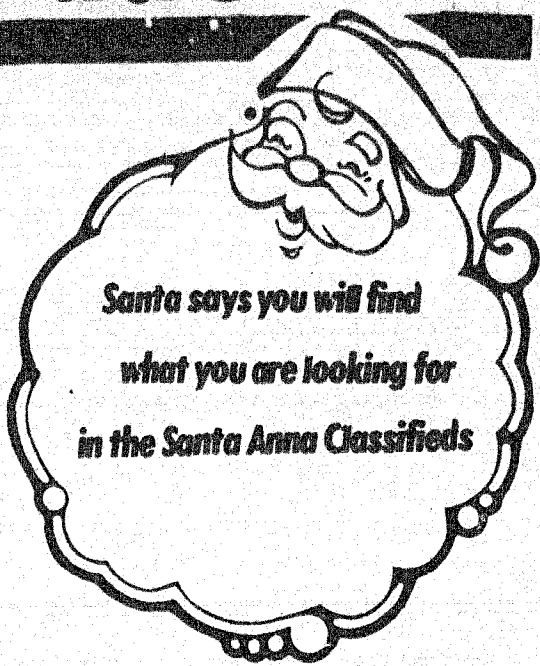
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Trickham

By Mrs. O. R. Bessie

Rev. James Gilbert of Denton preached at 11 O'clock Sunday morning.

Sunday dinner visitors with Hilburn and Leona Henderson were Bro. Gilbert, Mrs. Hene Haynes, Lou Vaughn, and George and Goldie Haynes.

Visitors with G. K. and Novella Stearns last Sunday were Pat Stearns, Grady James and son, Mike of Ft. Worth, and Jack Ogletree of Bangs. On Friday evening James and Mildred Ford visited awhile.

Last Thursday Seth and Joda Jenkins of Bangs and Mrs. Charles York of Brownwood visited with Jessie Earl and Ann York.

Visitors with the John Dockerys last Saturday evening were Tanya and children and Rodney and Tammy and baby. They all stayed for supper.

Last Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Livingston of Riverside, California were supper visitors with LaVerne and Talmage McClatchy. On Thursday Darrell came back and spent the day with them.

Friday evening Ilene Haynes visited with Lou Vaughn and spent the night. Sunday afternoon visitors with Lou were Earlene Dockery, Tammy and baby, Michael.

Rankin McIver visited with Bryan Shield and Mary Boenick Saturday night. Natalie's mother, Mrs. I. N. Anderson, is staying a few weeks with Natalie and Rankin.

I returned home from Brownwood Regional Hospital after having surgery. I had a new left knee put in. It was worn out. I was in the hospital over two weeks and came home last Friday morning. Thanks to everyone who was so good to send get-well cards, flowers and visits and for every kindness shown me.

Visitors since I came home were Genia McIver who brought food Friday morning. Visitors Saturday with Bryan and me were Vera Shield, Annette Clark and Pauline Eubank of Santa Anna. Rankin McIver visited Saturday night.

Sunday morning Brother James Gilbert, the Presbyterian minister from Denton, visited me and Bryan.

After church Carrie Stacy and daughter, Marjorie Sullivan came and brought a beautiful basket of flowers. Bryan had dinner ready and they ate dinner with us. Also Doug Perkins visited Sunday evening.

Thanks to Gertrude Martin for writing the Trickham news for the last two weeks.

A funeral service for Walter Stacy was held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the Trickham Union Church. Burial was in the Trickham Cemetery. Walter and Carrie had been married for 64 years. He will be missed by us all. He and Carrie raised a nice family.

Cleveland

By Clara Cupps

Those visited the L. V. Cupps over the week were Gladys Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Welch of Abilene, Jerry and Joey Cupps, Bill William.

Lance and Dena Rasch of Brownwood spent the weekend with the Cavlin Campbell.

Hardon and Lee Ray and Syble Huggins went to San Angelo. Leon Phillips was operated on Tuesday. He is doing well now. He will be going out to spend a few days with his daughter and family.

Bill and Joyce McDonald of View came by Friday night and had supper with her parents, the Buck Mills. They were on the way to Brownwood to play basketball.

Josh Daniel spent the day Friday with his great-grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baugh went to Bangs Monday and Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. Mae Flores.

Jamie, Joe and J. C. Bible visited the Dick Baugh family Sunday evening for awhile.

The Emil Williams visited Virgie Cupps Sunday evening. Charlie and Thelma visited Saturday evening for awhile with Virgil.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ropp of Houston came Friday to visit her parents, the Doug Moore family. They returned home Sunday. They had part of their Christmas while Linda and her husband were here.

Ronnie and Iris Seaton of Brownwood visited Sunday night with the Charlie Fleming. Kenneth

and Peggy Sikes came out for awhile.

Tuesday, Maurine Blair, George and Goldie Haynes came for the day with the Benjy Allison family.

They played dominoes. Wednesday George came back and visited for awhile. Iona Moore visited Wednesday afternoon. George and Goldie visited Sunday afternoon.

C. E. Wise visited with the Adolph Kelly family Tuesday morning. Vera visited Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Brooke visited the e. A. Densman Sunday afternoon. Weldon Perkins of Abilene, J. B. Brooke visited Tuesday evening with the Coy Brooke. Lorraine Beeler visited one evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hartman went to Bangs Sunday afternoon to Sannon Boyle 4th Birthday party. Also there were Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Boyle of Coleman, Sandra Walker Stacy.

Jerry and Cathy Ellis, Bryce and Jamie were dinner guest Sunday of the Cecil Ellis family.

Ruby Howard and Lora Russell went to Ranger Park and got Pearl Etheridge and drove to Bangs to visit Lois Havner Sunday evening.

Ruby Hartman visited Iona Moore Thursday.

Lou Pierce visited Cindy Pelton and girls two or three times this week.

Mr. Walter Stacy of Trickham was laid to rest Friday at the Trickham Cemetery. We all send out sympathy to the family and kin.

Those visited Mrs. Tavy Ford were Peggy Lancaster, Judy Straughn, Mary Jackson, James, Mildred, Judy spent couple of nights with Tavy. She returned Sunday. They were all here for the funeral.

Shane Cupps spent the night with Betty Joyce Cupps.

Sunday, Lee Ray and Syble Huggins and Mr. and Ms. Joe Elliott of Brady had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Mildred Cammack. Weldon Priest went by Mr. Ruby Howard Sunday night and visited for awhile.

C. E. and Vera Wise went to Abilene Thursday night brought Tallion home with them. He spent a few days with his grandparents. Charles came Sunday and had lunch with them. Tallion returned home with his dad. Vera visited the Adolph Kelly Monday night.

Shane Watson is spending Monday night with his grandparents, the O. H. Watson family.

Mrs. J. L. McDaniel of Carbon came down to her mothers, Mrs. Beulah Fleming and Margie. Charlie visited his mother Tuesday morning. Sunday night, Margie, Phillis and Eddie Dillard, Gail Fleming and children went down to Brownwood to see Jason Manson in a little Christmas play.

I want to thank everyone who gave me your wishes for 1984. Best wishes for this holiday season and for the year ahead. I also want to thank the Santa Anna News employees for the Coleman employees for the Christmas holidays and to thank them for the Christmas and hope all have a nice Christmas everywhere. Hope to see you again in 1985.

Whon

By Mrs. Tom Rutherford

After this week when you receive The Coleman County Papers, another Christmas will have come and gone. And then we will soon be facing another year of 1985. The years really do seem to be passing fast. Seems from all who make any remarks concerning Christmas, seem to feel Christmas passes so much faster than it did in life before they reached the age of 15 or 16.

Please accept my thanks from myself and my family for your support. And the comforting things you did for us during the year of 1984. I really feel I can speak for the entire family should they express themselves. This has been the saddest and unwelcomed year of our lives since we lost the man of the home. And the Backbone of our family. Life has not been so pleasant for us Without your help, encouragement in so many ways, I don't know if I could have made it to this time. Such a big vacant place in our home that we cannot ever forget. I trust that as long as I have life in my body, I will never

forget. Over 51 years of my life, with all the joy and love we had, just maybe it helps to make the dark and sad spots not show so plain.

I really trust that each dear one who may read our Coleman County Papers and my news column will have a very nice Christmas Season.

And the year of 1985 will be a good year for you, and no shadow will form over your home and your lives. Again I will say as I have so many times without your help I could never make the News Columns each week. I have enjoyed doing my little part on keeping our very small little community news in our weekly papers, and without your help I could not keep the work going. Again, let me say I do not send but very few, if any, Christmas cards. I do try each week to do or write something that you will be thankful for my effort to keep our news coming. May the richest and most blessed Christmas Season be each of yours. And remember, I don't only do this for myself, but for you--and you--and you. 'A Very Happy Christmas is my wish for you.'

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick attended the Postal Christmas Party in Santa Anna Friday night, held in the Firemans Hall. A covered dish supper was enjoyed by all and a good attendance.

Melanie, Stephanie, and Alicia Lovelady of Brownwood were weekend guests with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lovelady in Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Randel Lovelady came for the girls Sunday afternoon and were supper guests with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris were in Brownwood Wednesday in the home of Mr. Morris niece, Mrs. Barbara Morgan and helped Mrs. Morgan celebrate her birthday. Mrs. Doughty Avants and son of Brady were dinner guests with their grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Avants in Santa Anna last Tuesday.

Mrs. Floyd Morris visited with me briefly this morning. Thanks so much Jamie for the gifts she brings Santa Claus each time she drops by.

A Big Merry Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rocky Morris of Brady visited with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris and grandson Rusty Garner visited with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris on Sunday.

Saturday was a very nice day for me. A son Thomas and daughter, Patsy and Lynda called and we visited by telephone. Then other sons, Hilary and Loyd and son, Todd came. Thanks to Mr. Lee Abernathy for stopping and assisting Hilary in unloading a washing machine.

Mrs. Darwin Lovelady and her sister Juanita Minia of Santa Anna visited today, Monday, with a sister Mrs. Elva McDaniel in Brownwood.

All enjoyed a early Christmas Session together. We do wish for Mrs. McDaniel to soon be feeling better.

Mrs. Janie Morris visited Monday morning with Mrs. Imogene Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Loyd Rutherford had guests during the week from Kilgore. Also Mr. S.D. Fellers of Early. Loyd Rutherford visited with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Fellers on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Lee and Lydia Morris of Smithville were guests of his parents from Wednesday to Sunday the past week.


Thanks to Mrs. Floyd Morris and Mrs. Ed Schradder for their subscriptions to the Coleman Paper, both for themselves and for gifts.

Mr. Floyd Morris was in Brady on Saturday and visited with his sister Mrs. Al Michillotte who was dismissed from the hospital on Monday.

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By Mrs. John Hunter

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Elec Cooper spent Sunday at Snyder with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper.

Mrs. Leno Siler and Mrs. Georgia Turner of Melvin visited with the R. J. Deals Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Robert Perry of Baton Rouge, Louisiana had a phone visit with her parents, Saturday. Joe C. Deal of Santa Anna was Monday dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummins Arnold of Moore, Oklahoma visited Linnie Box Sunday. Other callers were Leno Siler and Georgia Turner and Dick and Johnnie Deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caldwell of Mason visited Mary Emerson Thursday. Other callers were Ella Gray and Lillie Box. Phone visits were with Gertie Wiss in San Antonio and Oran Harkey, Mrs. Ruth Harkey of California and Mavis Campbell of Ft. Worth.

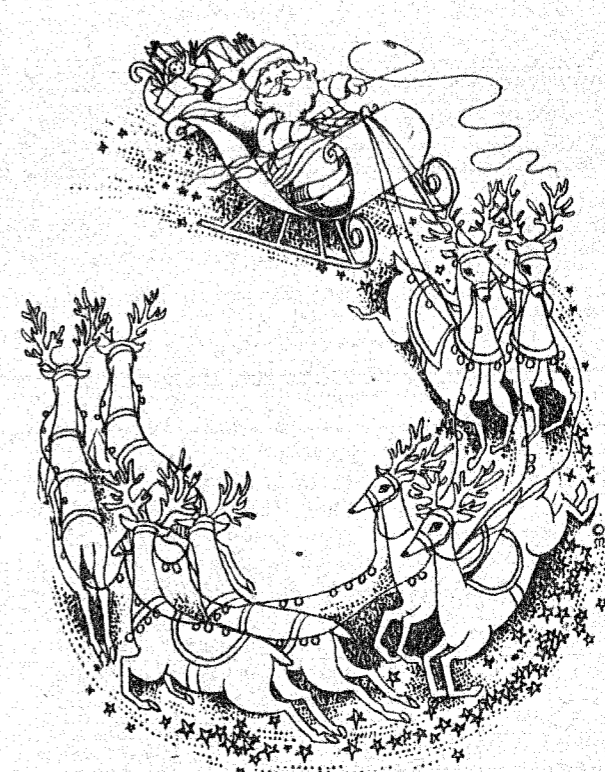
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan were in Brady Thursday visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ulstad. Wednesday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ulstad and Mrs. Doris Crouch of Buchanan Lake. The Bryans were in Brownwood Monday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hodges.

Mrs. Wayne Bray, treasurer of the Rockwood Cemetery Association reports cash donations received from Mrs. J. R. Stacy as memorial to Mr. Stacy. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Glenn Gardner made a cash donation in memorial of Loid Hallford.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dues and Robert attended the Christmas party in Santa Anna Saturday evening for the Coleman County Postal Employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wise were in San Antonio Sunday spending the day with his mother, Mrs. Gertie Wise. Bedtime visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wise were Mr. and Mrs. Benny Humphrie of Lohn and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ed Wise and Nathan of Santa

Anna. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cox of San Antonio visited with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey McSwain Sunday morning. Rolan Deal is spending the holidays and expects to go for further tests later.



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