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"The Baptist Hour" not older, but better

At 40, you don't get older, you get better. At least that's what's happening to a radio program produced in Texas and distributed weekly to 425 radio stations in this country and around the world. "The Baptist Hour," a modified worship service that crams 60 minutes of uplifting into 28 minutes of listening, marks its 40th year in January. The initial 13 sermons heard on a live hook-up of 17 radio stations in 11 states has grown to a taped production aired weekly on 425 stations in 50 states and 11 countries. The Radio Commission, which produced that first program in 1941, has developed into the Southern Baptist Convention's giant Radio and Television Commission, considered the world's largest producer of religious radio and television programs for airing on free time. The Commission's seven major radio programs, four television programs and numerous

New patrolman sworn in by city

Ron Curry, of Burnett, has been employed by the Winters City Council as a patrolman on the Winters Police Force, Mayor W. Lee Colburn announced this week. Curry's appointment will raise the number of people in the local police department to four.

Curry went on duty Sunday, Dec. 21.

Curry is a state certified law enforcement officer, taking his basic law enforcement courses at Central Texas College. He also has an Emergency Care Attendant certificate from the Texas Department of Health. He completed a Crisis Intervention Course at the Center for Juvenile Delinquency Prevention at Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos,

and holds a certificate. He also completed a Criminal Law Update course at SWTSU, and holds a certificate.

The new patrolman has had eight years military service, was with the Texas State Department of Corrections a year, and was on the Burnett police force for a year.

He is married and he and his wife have two children. His family will join him in Winters when housing is available.

productions for other Baptist agencies are heard more than 5,000 times a week on more than 3,000 stations.

In 1949, "The Baptist Hour" went on the air full-time on a paid basis. It was on the American Broadcasting Company's network of 132 stations in 21 states. But the network arrangement soon failed for lack of funds. In 1951, the program was transcribed and circulated to independent stations for public service (free) broadcasting. "The Baptist Hour" has been aired continuously each week since that time.

In 1969 "The Centurymen" choir was formed and joined the show. The all-male group, which blends the voices of 100 Southern Baptist ministers from 21 states, not only gave the program a distinctively new sound, but led to the creation of another radio program, "Sounds of the Centurymen," currently on 131 stations. The number of stations airing "The Baptist Hour" has grown, the number of listeners has mushroomed, the sound of the music is somewhat different from that 40 years ago, but the message of Jesus is the same...and that is not expected to change.

Animal Control Officer resigns

Franklin O'Dell, who has been Animal Control Officer for Winters for more than a year, said Monday morning he had submitted his resignation to the city council.

The resignation will become effective Friday, Dec. 26.

O'Dell made no announcement of his plans for the future.

No successor has been named; the council had not taken official action on O'Dell's resignation the first of the week.

"When the stomach is full, it is easy to talk of fasting."
 St. Jerome

While Europe has fewer than 100 tree species, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park has about 150.

Greetings
 May the peace and love of Christmas reign in your house forever more.



Pete Sudduth

Poinsettia pointers...

There are some medical and plant experts who think old Ebenezer Scrooge must have started the story sometime before that memorable Christmas Dickens wrote about. It's the fable that still pops up once-in-awhile this time of year about some mysterious danger that lurks in the most popular of all Christmas flowering plants, the poinsettia.

An office of the U.S. Government, leading research scientists, and the people of the American Association of Nurserymen might very well summarize their findings on the matter with Scrooge's traditional words: "Bah, humbug!"

Here is what spokesmen for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare have written: "Although there are a number of reports including the ingestion of parts of the leaves and berries of the poinsettia, we have yet to find mention that a child became ill, except for a few cases where vomiting was reported." Translated by the nursery people, that means that a little person might possibly get an upset tummy from eating poinsettias — or all sorts of things a little person ought not eat.

But poisonous? Bah, humbug! This holiday season, as for many Christmases past, more than 25 million poinsettia plants will decorate American homes. Be sure yours has the right amount of light and water. An easy rule of thumb is to place the plant in a room with enough natural light to permit a person with reasonable eyesight to read fine print. Avoid direct sunlight. As for water, poinsettias appreciate quite a bit. When the soil feels dry to the touch, give the plant a drink, but remove excess water afterwards.

WHS Class of '71 plans 10-year reunion Dec. 27

The Winters High School Class of 1971 will hold a 10-year class reunion Saturday, Dec. 27, beginning at 7 p. m., at the Winters Country Club.

Class members who have not been notified may contact Dane Bishop of Winters.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Texas Legislature will be appropriating more money to build update prisons this session, an expenditure it has long avoided.

Last week a federal judge ruled the Texas prison system, largest in the nation, violates the constitutional rights of its inmates in virtually every aspect.

Among the violations cited by U.S. Dist. Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler are routine beatings, other forms of violence, poor medical treatment, unsafe working conditions, and unsanitary living and eating quarters.

The cost of making the sweeping changes ordered by Judge Justice is expected to run into millions.

Spokesmen for the Texas Department of Corrections poit out they have not been able to initiate improvements on their own because the Legislature has repeatedly turned down requests for higher budgeting.

Justice's findings are not unexpected in a state where soft treatment of criminals is an unpopular stance with voters. Still, the depth of his court-ordered reform caught many Texas officials off-guard.

His 248-page opinion, which he took over a year to write, notes that the TDC system also violates several state laws and many of its own rules and regulations.

In apparently the first such ruling in Texas, the judge held that state job and safety laws apply to the 18-unit, 25,000-inmate system.

His latest ruling is not the first controversy in Judge Justice's long legal career. In the past his rulings have desegregated Tyler schools, forced a Tyler junior college to accept students with long hair and forced a Tyler high school to stop using the Confederate flag for school emblems. Recently he ruled a Tyler school district must educate the children of illegal aliens without charging tuition.

Texas Atty. Gen. Mark White said he will wait until a final judgment is handed down in February before deciding whether to appeal the TDC case.

\$536 MILLION

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said the Legislative Budget Board is recommending the Legislature approve \$536 million for TDC over the next two years.

"The prison system is overcrowded. Basically, it is a system built for 16,000 prisoners and it now has 29,000," Hobby said.

"That there are deficiencies in the system is unquestioned."

Texas is not the only state to come under heavy criticism for its penal system. Eleven other states have been similarly chastised by findings.

ELECTION MISCUES

The outcomes of some state elections are still up in the air.

State Rep. Al. Brown, D-San Antonio, who lost his reelection bid to a retired military man, has charged discrepancies among the election's mailed in absentee ballots. The House of Representatives will decide which candidate to seat when it convenes next month.

Another legislator who won a state district judgeship may have to go to court to keep his new post. State Rep. Melchor Chavez, D-Harlingen, was declared ineligible to occupy the bench by Texas Secretary of State George Strake. Strake said Texas law prohibits Chavez from holding the judge's office, since as a member of the 1979 Legislature he voted for a 19 percent pay hike for district judges.

Chavez may seek an appointment from Gov. Bill Clements or a ruling from the Texas Supreme Court.

Clements has already called a Jan. 10 special election to fill the House seat being vacated by Rep. Chase Untermeyer, R-Houston. Untermeyer, a well-respected legislator, is resigning to become an aide to Vice President-elect George Bush. Several candidates are expected to seek that office.

LEGAL FUNDS GET NOD

Strake ruled last week that House Speaker Bill Clayton can use contributions from his officeholder's fund to defray legal and other expenses incurred in his defense in the Brilab prosecution.

Clayton had sought the ruling because of his \$500-a-plate dinner a week earlier, which was well attended by state political movers and shakers to pay off Clayton's Brilab costs.

Strake said the fact that Clayton was acquitted rather than found guilty enabled him to use the funds for activity in connection with his office, since illegal activity is unquestionably not a part of official duties.

Merit System Council affirmative action for handicapped program

The Texas Merit System Council is now providing accommodations for handicapped applicants. These accommodations are part of the Merit System Council Affirmative Action for the Handicapped Plan.

The program provides for waiving written examinations for applicants who are physically unable, due to a handicapping condition, to compete independently in the examination process. This includes handicapped applicants who cannot test without the aid of an interpreter, marker, page turner, reader, etc.

Special scheduling of examinations is provided for applicants who can test independently but whose handicapping conditions have ancillary effects that necessitate special testing accommodations. For applicants with communication handicaps, the Merit system Council plans to install a telecommunication device, commonly known as a TTY or TDD, to allow those applicants to communicate by telephone with Merit System staff.

Other aspects of the

program include general information materials for handicapped applicants, awareness training for supervisors, and an information sharing service concerning printed materials, advocate assistance, and compliance information in the area of "affirmative action for the handicapped" for other State agencies.

Interested handicapped individuals desiring employment through the Merit System Council should contact their local Texas Employment Commission office or the Merit System Council in Austin for details concerning these new policies of accommodation.



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Nutmeg

Beat egg yolks until very light. Beat in sugar till thick. Stir in milk and rum. Chill 3 hours. Pour into punch bowl. Or, simply combine 12-oz. gold Puerto Rican rum with a quart of prepared eggnog mix. Top with nutmeg. Serves about 12 this way. Fills about 24 small mugs.

GLAZE FOR ROAST TURKEY
1 small can jellied cranberry sauce
3 tablespoons light corn syrup
1/4 cup dry white wine

Combine ingredients. Cook and stir over low heat until sauce melts and mixture is smooth. Spoon over turkey during last hour of roasting.

GLAZE FOR ROAST HAM
1 cup orange juice

1/2 cup white Puerto Rican rum
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon ginger
Few whole cloves

Combine ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer about 30 minutes, or until syrupy. Strain. Brush over ham several times during last hour of baking.

MINI-MINCE PIES
About 18-24 tart shells
1 jar (28 oz.) prepared mincemeat
1/3 cup gold Puerto Rican rum

Make and bake tart shells using packaged pie crust mix; or, buy ready-to-fill tart shells. Arrange shells on a cookie tin. Mix mincemeat and rum and fill shells. Cover with foil (so filling won't get too dry) and bake in a moderate oven, 350°, for about 20 minutes. Serve warm with a generous dollop of hard sauce. Makes 1-1/2 or 2 dozen, depending on size of tart shells.

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A Christmas Present For Mary's Teacher

By Keith Douglas
Medford, Mass.

"Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow,
And everywhere that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go..."
Her full name was Mary Sawyer and she lived on a farm in Sterling, Mass., during the early years of the 19th century.

She was the family favorite. Her father adored the girl, and enjoyed taking her on long walks around the 150-acre farm.

It was during one of these strolls, in the spring of 1814, when 5-year-old Mary encountered the lamb destined to make her famous.

There were two newborn lambs in the sheep pen. One was full of life, but the other was frail and seemed to lack the strength to survive. Mary adopted the little lamb, bottle fed it, and nursed it to good health. She loved the little white creature, and named it Snow.

In the fall, Mary began to attend classes at the Redstone School, a half-mile from her home. Before leaving for school in the morning, she always dropped by the sheep pen to pet Snow. The lamb often attempted to follow her, but Mary closed the gate before the animal got loose.

One morning, Mary's brother, Nathaniel, left the gate open to see if the lamb would follow her. It did—all the way to the little red schoolhouse.

Miss Polly Kimball, the teacher, allowed her scholars to play with the animal for a few minutes, then locked Snow in a shed at the rear of the school for the rest of the school day.

There was a budding poet in the class named John Roulstone, and he took great delight in the friendly creature's antics that happy school day. At Christmas that year, John, who was only 13, decided to write a poem about the lamb as a gift for his teacher.

All of the students brought "special Christmas surprises" to the school for Miss Kimball. The girls baked cookies and cakes or made aprons. The boys tried their hand at carpentry.

In those days, practically all Christmas gifts were labors of love, made by hand. Young Roulstone's was a poem.

It went:

"Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow,
And everywhere that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go.
He followed her to school one day,
That was against the rule.
It made the children laugh and play
To see a lamb at school.
And so the teacher turned him out
But still he lingered near
And waited patiently about
Till Mary did appear."

The boy gave Miss Kimball a copy of his poem. It is believed he gave her the only copy of the poem. Four years later, while a divinity student at Harvard University, John Roulstone collapsed and died in class one day. He never knew he had written a poem that would become a classic.

The years flew by, and Miss Kimball's Christmas poem remained buried beneath a pile of papers in her desk drawer. In time, the teacher married and went away. But the poem remained in the desk drawer at the Redstone School.

In 1830, Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, editor of *Godey's Magazine for Ladies*, revealed to her subscribers she was busy at work on a book of poems. She requested readers to send poems to her. One arrived in the mail from Mary's home town of Sterling. It was from the teacher who had replaced Miss Kimball. The teacher's name is not known.

"My offering is about a child and a lamb," wrote the teacher. "I do not claim authorship. I found the poem in a desk drawer when I first arrived at the school where I now teach. It is a sprightly little verse. Please use it as you see fit."

Sarah Hale decided the poem needed some additional verses to give it "a moral." She added three verses to the Roulstone original:

"And then he ran to her, and laid
His head upon her arm,
As if he said, 'I'm not afraid
You'll keep me from all harm.'
'What makes the lamb love Mary so?'
The eager children cry.
'O Mary loves the lamb, you know,'
The teacher did reply.
'And you each gentle animal
In confidence may bind,
And make them follow at your call,
If you are always kind.'"

Parents recited the verse to their children back then, when the book was first published. They still do it today.

Antique cards illustrate Santa Claus's merry mythical trips

Santa's mode of transportation wasn't always as lightfooted as his eight happy reindeer. Matter of fact, Santa didn't meet up with Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Blitzen, Donder, Cupid and Vixen until 1822, when Clement Clark Moore penned his popular poem "The Night Before Christmas."

Before the Reformation, Dutch children pictured St. Nick riding about on his pony "Swarte Piet" (Black Pete). The Pennsylvania Dutch turned the animal into a white mule and called the rider Kriss Kringle!

Antique cards in the Hallmark Cards Historical Collection, show Santa riding everything from a rocket ship to a "Pennyfarthing"—essentially a unicycle with a small back wheel. The father of the American Christmas card, Louis Prang, showed Santa pedaling through the snow with a holly branch in hand and reindeer in pursuit.

Santa himself has been portrayed in many shapes and sizes. He is alternately pictured in Christmas archives as a white bearded, priestly looking man, a black bearded buccaneer, a roly-poly elf and a gaunt old man!

Whatever his means of transportation, Santa is Santa, beaming and jolly, and Christmas would surely not be the same without him!

Martha SS Class meeting recently

Martha Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met recently in the home of Mrs. Eula Cooke. Gifts were exchanged from a Christmas tree. Mrs. Cooke was in charge. Mrs. Pearl Jackson gave the devotional, and roll call was answered with Bible verses.

Present were Mmes. Pearl Jackson, Charlie Poe, Erna Marks, Margarite Gideon, Flora McWilliams, Effie Kornegay, Alyce Compton, Thelma Mayo, Perrie Carwile, Eula Cooke, and Miss Eunice Polk.

America's First Carol Written For Indians

As far as it is known, the very first Christmas carol composed in America was written for an Indian tribe by their missionary priest. The priest, Father Jean de Brebeuf, was born in France in 1593 and came to the New World in 1626 to spread the Gospel of Jesus.

Preaching Christianity to the Huron Indians, Father Brebeuf sought to convey the meaning of Christmas to his parishioners by composing a carol that the Indians could sing in their own language. The priest selected a popular 16th century folk song from France, "Une Jeune Puceille," for his tune and wrote new words for the Indian worshippers.

The French priest had been very impressed by the Hurons and their comprehension of the Nativity. In his writings, he describes how the Hurons had built a small chapel of cedar and fir branches to house the manger of the Christ Child, and how they prepared themselves to receive the Infant Jesus into their hearts on Christmas Day by performing some sort of penance. He wrote, "Even those who were at a distance of more than 2 days' journey met at a given place to sing hymns in honor of the newborn Child."

Father Brebeuf wrote the lyrics to his carol in 1641; on March 16, 1649, he was martyred by the Iroquois, along with other prisoners. But after the villages of the Hurons had been destroyed by the Iroquois, the surviving parishioners of Father Brebeuf resettled near Quebec, preserving the carol along with their tribal traditions. Later on, the Catholic Mohawks, who had settled south of Quebec, learned the hymn from the Hurons. The carol has since been translated into English, retaining a few of the original Indian words.



HO-HO-HO!
Hope
your
holiday's
crammed
with
goodies!



The Bakery

Power packed ideas for the holidays

Chances are that among the gifts you give or receive this holiday season many will be battery-powered. So, plan ahead. Stock up on batteries now and avoid a last-minute energy crisis.

With a good supply on hand, you won't be disappointed by gifts that don't come supplied with batteries, or be unable to revitalize a youngster's new toy when its first set of batteries runs down.

Here are a few suggestions to help keep your holiday bright:

1. Be sure to find out whether the gift you are buying comes with batteries or if you will have

Literary, Service Club met

The Literary and Service Club met Dec. 18 in the home of Mrs. Floyd Sims for their Christmas party. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Hudon White Sr., Mrs. Lee Harrison and Mrs. Jake Smith.

A Christmas Prayer was given by Mrs. M. G. Middlebrook, and a Christmas Story, The Santa Within Me, was presented by Mrs. Bill Russell. Christmas In Song was presented by the Sweet Cider Quartet from the Ballinger Community Choir, with Gloriana Tadlock, Joanne Cheshier, Delpha Caudle and Barbara Wilson. A gift exchange followed.

Present were members Mmes. Marvin Bedford, R. E. Dorsett, Lee Harrison, Bert Hunble, Joe Irvin, Marvin Jones, Roy Laoughon, Max Lewis, Royce McDorman, Elo Michaelis, M. G. Middlebrook, Loyd Roberson, Bill Russell, Floyd Sims, Jake Smith, Barry Sullivan, E. E. Thormeyer, Hudon White Sr., and guests, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Richard Tadlock, Mrs. Barry Cheshier, David Caudle and Robert Wilson.

Power packed ideas for the holidays

to purchase them separately.

2. If batteries are included, check them to determine that they are still fresh, or, if you buy batteries separately, be sure you get the right size and quantity.

3. You might also decide whether you want standard batteries, long-life or the heavy-duty alkaline type. The battery salesperson should be able to advise you on the best choice. While you're at it, it's usually a good idea to pick up an extra

set for replacement use.
4. The most popular battery sizes are "AA" (penlight), "C", "D" and 9-volt rectangular, so keep a good supply of these on hand.
5. Store your extra batteries in the refrigerator and they'll stay fresh over a longer period of time.



Christmas GREETINGS

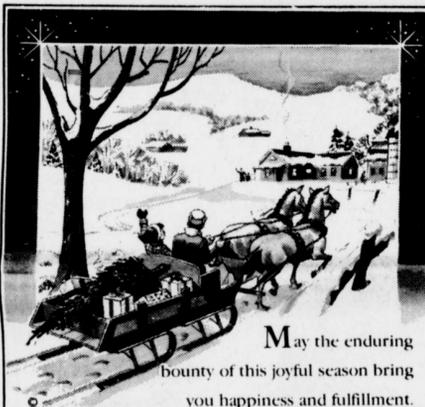
A winter wonderland of happiness and quiet contentment awaits all our dear friends and neighbors.



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HAPPY CHRISTMAS
Bob Loyd LP Gas Co.
Bob Loyd — Gene Wheat

GREETINGS

Devoted friends, here's to a holiday filled with the sentimental old-fashioned joys that mean so much at Christmas.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bahlman
Mr. and Mrs. Nelan Bahlman and Staff

Hi at Christmas

We take pride in our many satisfied customers and want to express our appreciation for their continuing trust and confidence.

HOPPE TEXACO

Glenn, Gladys, and Employees

Yuletide WISHES

The holiday brings no greater pleasure than a chance to express our sincere thanks for your trust and patronage.

May all your Christmas dreams come true, and our friendship be as lasting as the endearing traditions of Christmas.

MCDORMAN Furniture & Appliances

Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDorman and Staff

Poe's Corner
BY CHARLIE POE

Christmas All Year Long

"Why couldn't it be Christmas every day of the year?" has been voiced many times by people who have had an especially happy time of giving and receiving not only gifts, but expressions of love as well.

The spirit of Christmas can prevail throughout the year and the West Texas Rehabilitation Center is such a place where there is love, concern and enthusiasm for all people who have special problems. Here there are no sad faces for no matter what the condition, everyone is going toward a goal of becoming a more normal functioning person.

I became a member of the board in 1971, and have periodically kept up with the progress of the Rehab Center since that time, but the services have grown to such an extent that it is difficult to know all about what is going on.

The WTRC staff and executive committee are aware of this and scheduled two days for board indoctrination this week. I attended Wednesday morning as it was followed by a luncheon and regular board meeting.

After coffee, Executive Director Shelley V. Smith introduced the guests. Then Bill Snowden, Chief of Restoration Services, gave a resume of the work and introduced department directors.

Bill said, "You have to be dedicated to stay here. Many newcomers get scared when there is a deficit, but in the 17 years I've been here, we always have one and we haven't gone under yet."

People are treated without cost and there are always more people needing assistance. Some need treatment from several departments. In the first 10 years, the center served 10,000 people, now it serves that many each year.

In 1970 there were 19,000 visits to the center and this year 60,000.

While no accounts are kept on each patient, there is a mailing list of 59,000 names, for 68 percent of funding is from donations.

Any business is known by its information center, and Clarence Tucker, Comptroller, says his office is the hub of the building, and with the help of five young ladies "his angels", they manage to keep up, but need a more sophisticated data system. There is a Christmas door decorating contest among the departments and these young women have used a "Clarence's Angels" theme.

Jay Holland, chief audiologist, has four persons with Master's degrees on his staff, and all have from 9 to 15 months internship. They make an assessment of the type of disorder and extent of hearing loss and what can be done to overcome this loss. They also select and dispense hearing aids and are now fitting 300 hearing aids a year. The sound suite consists of a control room and a test chamber with thick insulation to keep out noise and vibration. They are now seeing about 25 people a day and it takes about an hour for an evaluation. The department is now open on Saturday because they are two months behind on appointments. Mr. Holland says that one fallacy he hears over and over is that "people with nerve damage can't be helped."

James McBride is in charge of the shop where bracing and supporting equipment is made. They design and develop many kinds of supports and have learned that plastic is better than metal. The shop was opened three years ago and is now serving 650 admissions. There are six full time employees and they do everything from wheel chair adjustments and repair work to lifts for vans, caring for equipment and air conditioning of the buildings.

Linda Vealy, chief occupational therapist, with a staff of six, says that six years ago they were seeing 20 people a day and not it is 60 or more; 60 percent are children. Their goal is making people more independent and helping them adapt in small ways. A mirror above a stove will help a wheelchair patient see the top of the stove while seated. And a board with a nail will enable a person with the use of one arm to peel a potato by putting it on the nail.

Karen Kline directs the academic program where the child is prepared for school. They now have 55 children between the ages of 3 and 18, in six classrooms with a staff of six teachers and twelve aides.

Cathy Black, chief physical therapist, has seven full time workers and they see 160 people a day; 30 percent are children. Mary Lou Garrett, granddaughter of Mrs. Albert Sykes, works in this department. Their aim is to help patients regain functional status. This is the science of orthotics. They use exercise and patient education where cold, heat and electricity are used in a hospital. A wide variety of problems are treated, such as broken bones, arthritis, joint problems, strokes, head injuries and brain tumors. They also see patients who have severed nerves, Bell's palsy and complaints of pain.

Juanita Cole, chief of social services, says that when people become ill others become involved also. They have problems and we try to help the whole family. Not that we know all the answers but we lend an understanding ear and make referrals when necessary.

Linda Boeshart, chief speech pathologist, has seven workers and they are now located in several different places, four rooms on one side of the building and three on the other, but they will soon be in a new department upstairs, hopefully by the first of the year. Patients are seen from two to five times a week, while many of them are children, some are adults who have had strokes. About half of the adults with strokes have speech problems.

Ronnie Agnew is in charge of the day care center, which is licensed for 15 children and now has 12, and the transportation system of three vans where 800 handicapped people a month are transported for treatment. One criteria for establishing any service is that there is no other way. No one else would, or could, take on these services.

Adrian Campbell, psychologist, has joined the staff for individual and family counseling. The service has a high standing here as well as in California, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus!

A little girl's curiosity has led to a bit of Christmas philosophy that has since become a Christmas classic.

One day—in December—in 1897, Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the New York Sun.

"I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. My papa says, 'If you see it in the SUN, it's so. Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?'"

Because we believe the reply with its message of keen, spiritual insight deserves reading again and again—we show it here. It was written by Francis E. Church, a writer for the old Sun.

Here it is:

"Yes, indeed!"

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intangible capabilities of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

The newest member of the staff is Karen, a rehabilitation nurse, who acts as a liaison between staff, patient and doctor. She also treats patients in an emergency setting and plans to set up an emergency crash cart. Other duties are to assist in in-service for the staff in nursing homes and schools. She sees patients when they enter the door and takes them to the proper department as soon as possible.

Snowden said, "One goal we all work for is to become problem oriented. You saw one thing here today: 'Enthusiasm'. It's going to grow and it's going to cost more."

Since I've been on the board the center has grown from enlarging the building to purchasing the Elmwood Medical Building, west down to Bowie St., and improving it. Many other services have been added, and an upstairs department.

Shelley Smith told us at the luncheon that the Jan. 10 telethon would include 27 acts and be televised on 15 stations and broadcast on more than 20 radio stations. The Civic Center has been rented and there will be a hall of quilts on display all week as well as other items to be auctioned, and he hopes they get plenty of quilts.

We can all help, one way or another, in keeping Christmas all year long!

Legend of The Lamb

offer to this Holy Child. Quickly, the lamb nestled by the Child, sheltering Him from the cold.

There is a beautiful legend concerning one of the creatures in the stable where the Infant Jesus was born. It seems that there was a little lamb sharing the Blessed Child's first abode. As the animals all gazed in silent adoration upon the Holy Babe, this little lamb felt badly because it had no gift to offer the Newborn King.

Suddenly the lamb noticed how thin the Babe's blanket was... surely the Infant must be cold! The straw upon which He rested offered very little warmth. The little lamb knew then that there was indeed something it could



Greetings
Santa stops for a minute to wish you a beautiful, bountiful Christmas!



TOM POE
Real Estate

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!"

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children or men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real? ... Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

—Francis E. Church.



We have a sleighful of Yuletide wishes for all our friends and patrons who have been so kind and thoughtful throughout the year...the very best of Christmases to one and all! True peace, love and joy!

Blackerby Construction Co.
Newt, Betty, Kelly



Barnes Radio-TV

...and now, we'd like to take time out for a special message of thanks to those fine people we've had the pleasure of serving.

Have a Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas...
May your holidays be adorned with the welcome sights and sounds of a better than ever Christmas!
Our sincere gratitude to all.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce

Here's to a **CHRISTMAS** that sparkles with good times and happiness!

SWATCHSUE ELECTRIC

Christmas Greetings

It's all spelled out for you to see... a holiday filled with large doses of Peace, Love and Happiness. Capsuling our feelings in one word, we say thanks.

Smith Drug Co.

PEACE

EARTH

Today, and always, may you enjoy the unbounded spirit and transcendent joy of Christmas. Our thanks to gracious friends.

Winters Funeral Home
Ted Meyer — Mike Meyer

Pointers on how to buy the perfect gift

Here are some pointers for buying a special person (and everybody is special) a perfect present:

1. Don't buy a present that you'd like to receive—but something the recipient would appreciate.
2. Gifts that are practical yet have pizzazz go over big.
3. Quality is more important than quantity. You'll get more value if you purchase a gift that's the best in its class rather than a so-called bargain.
4. Give something that the person wouldn't think of getting for himself, but "something I've always wanted."

If you follow these hints, you're likely to make a lot of people happy this holiday season.

The tiny island of Iona in the Scottish Hebrides is known as the "blessed isle" because it was the center of Celtic Christianity.

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Blackwell

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lee visited last Sunday in Roscoe with their grandson and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Taylor for their Christmas get together early. Other visitors in the Taylor Home were his mother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and children, Brad, Buford, Brenda, Beth and Lawrence and his girlfriend, Diana Dyess; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Taylor and his brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Taylor and daughters, Karen and Judith of Blackwell. His aunt and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moore of Sweetwater and their daughter, Debbie Moore of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bond of Port Aransas visited Monday thru Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Flora Sanderson, other relatives and friends.

The Women's Missionary Union of the Blackwell First Baptist Church met at the church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 for their final meeting for 1980, with eight ladies attending.

Mrs. E. K. Finley called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was voiced by Mrs. Olin Corley.

Mrs. Corley also pre-

sented the program, "Peace in the Middle East" and was assisted by Mmes. L.W. Lemon, Charlie Strickland, and Thelma Smith.

The scripture and calendar of prayer was read by Mrs. Corley.

The prayer for the missionaries was given by Mrs. Finley.

Those attending were Mmes. Finley, Corley, Strickland, Smith, Lemon, Gordon Montgomery, Willie Burkwick and Ninnie Kinard.

Their next meeting will be January 6.

The cold weather arrived in Blackwell Friday afternoon, but by Saturday morning it was lots colder with a low of 24 degrees.



"For unto us a Child is born..."

Let us remember that it is the celebration of His birth.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE ADUDDLELL

Mr., Mrs. Aduddell note 60th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Aduddell were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday at a reception in the fellowship hall of the Church of Christ in Winters.

Hosts for the event were their children, Louise Chumbley of Denton, Edwin of Grand Prairie, Betty Colburn of Winters, Jimmy of Winters, Robert of Hobbs, N. M., and Jack of Lovington, N. M.

Recalling 60 years of marriage, George and Pearl remembered some of the experiences. Pearl's parents, James V. and Zona Kelleet Risner, moved three miles west of the Buck Creek School in Collingsworth County, in January of 1920 from Elk City, Okla. They had four boys and four girls who walked the three miles to school and were always the first ones there.

Those were the "good old days" when the children hoed the weeds out of the cotton patch and in the fall took their cotton sacks and pulled cotton. When the cotton gins were able to gin the cotton out of the burs their job went much faster. So many children were working in the fields that school would let out till the harvest was over. "Oh the joy we felt when we could go back to school," Pearl said.

Her last school was at Buck Creek and her teacher was Bill Stafford. The school was the hub of the community activities and had a good baseball team. George would come every Friday to play ball. This is where George and Pearl met.

George's parents, George Thomas and Naomi Towry Aduddell moved west of Memphis in September of 1913 from Oklahoma. They lived there four years and Naomi passed away, leaving three boys and five girls, the youngest only two years old. In 1918 the family moved close to the Buck Creek School. George attended the Buck Creek School under teacher, Tommy Jo Starkey. He then went to Peacock Military Academy but his father came down with the flu and George had to return home to take care of the farm and his brothers and sisters.

George's father had a one-horse buggy and a beautiful horse to pull it. George would take Pearl to church, singings, parties and ball games in the buggy. Then on January 1, 1921, they drove to Wellington to the preacher's home and got married.

George continued farming with horses and mules until 1937 when he bought their first tractor. They raised corn, maize, cotton, alfalfa and wheat. They had a few cattle, hogs, chickens and turkeys.

Pearl had a big garden. They didn't have canners

open, many anxious hours till the recovery.

The Aduddells lost their youngest son Joe, who passed away in 1974 from an injury received in the service. Joe is buried in Winters. The Aduddells moved to Winters then from California where they had been caring for their son. He was injured in 1965.

George and Pearl remember what a busy and exciting time it was when it was time to kill the hogs. George would kill the hog and scald it in a special hollowed out log, then scrapethe hide. They cut it up and cured the hams and bacon in their smokehouse. They took the fat and put it in the old iron pot and rendered it out. Some of the fat was stored for use in cooking and doctoring. They would add water and lye to the fat and stir till the mass was clear. Pearl said they had to watch the fire and keep it just right so it wouldn't boil over. Then they had the nicest white soap. She said it really cleaned the clothes and rusty hands too. They took the "cracklings" and made crackling cornbread. The pieces of crackling that were crisp they would eat as a special snack.

The Aduddells still continue their lifetime pattern of staying busy and doing for other people. They are active members of the Church of Christ in Winters.

CARD OF THANKS
We thank each of our friends and relatives that attended our fiftieth wedding anniversary, which made the day much happier. Thanks to the many, many friends and relatives that did not get to attend. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Drury P. Hathaway for the unusual gift, our wedding license in a frame. — With Love, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bryan.

"Appearances are often deceiving." Aesop

R. W. Floyd got degree December 19

Ronnie Wayne Floyd, son-in-law of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Thomas of Winters, was among 275 candidates receiving degrees Dec. 19 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Ft. Worth.

He is married to the former Jeana Sue Thomas, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Floyd of Yoakum. He attended Howard Payne University at Brownwood, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in 1977. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Milford.



'Tis the season to be jolly! Here's our jolly good wishes to you and yours... enjoy!

O. J. Murray named to Maronic office

O. J. Murray of Winters has been appointed district deputy grand master for Masonic District 105. The appointment was made Dec. 6 during the annual Grand Lodge meeting in Waco by the new Grand Master.

J. H. Dry died Tuesday in Big Spring

James Howard Dry, 24, of Kingsland, formerly of the Winters-Novice area, died Tuesday of last week in a Big Spring hospital after a long illness.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Friday in Winters Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Dwight Reagan, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kingsland, officiating.

Burial was in Atoka Cemetery near Novice.

He was born Aug. 24, 1956, in Stamford. He had lived in the Winters-Novice area most of his life. He moved with his family to Kingsland in late 1975.

Survivors are his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Cherry Dry of

743; past high priest of Chapter 401 Royal Arch Masons of Winters; past high priest of Council 333, Royal and Select Masons, of Winters; and past commander of San Angelo Commandry 28, Knights Templar; and is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Masonry.

Kingsland; three sisters, Beverly Barehill of Port Aransas, Betty Merkel of Llano and Cheri Dry of Kingsland; four brothers, John David Dry, Jeffery Dry, Joel Dry, and Jason Dry, all of Kingsland; and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

Pallbearers were Don Emmert, Billy Moore, Joe Irvin, Connie Gibbs, J. A. Henderson and Chester McBeth.



CHEERS

That festive holiday spirit is in the air with hearts filled with excitement, we say Merry Christmas, and thanks.

BAHLMAN JEWELERS

Bright notes of harmony and joy fill the crisp, Christmas air. We join the happy chorus to carol our thanks and to wish you A HAPPY HOLIDAY!

BURGER HUT

Bobby Mayo and Staff

As we gather to light the Christmas tree, we wish our friends A Bright and Merry holiday

Triple "J" Stores
Annie B. West and Staff

Happy YULETIDE

Hoping your home and hearth will shine with the bright hopes and joys that are Christmas. Thanks for your enduring faith.

Senior Citizens Nursing Home
Johnny and Janice Merrill and Staff

Hearts sing in appreciation of cherished friendships as we share the spirit of this festive holiday. In harmony and gladness we say "Merry Christmas" to all.

Bishop & Sons
Dirt Contractors, Inc.

Christmas season inspires various interesting customs

Charming customs add to the beauty and meaningfulness of Christmas in Bulgaria. The kravai, a large round cake decorated with pastry birds, flowers, and a cross, is brought out with the appearance of the first star on Christmas Eve. The cake is lighted with a candle, and incense is burned while prayers are offered. Then the father and mother of the household break off a piece of cake for good luck.

On Christmas Day, the Yule log is brought in by the father, while other members of the family sprinkle him with corn. This is to insure good health for all and a bountiful crop. The corn is also placed in a stocking and sprinkled upon the doorstep to insure a happy new year. The Yule log is then lit and the children of the family make wishes as they strike the log.

After church services, Bulgarian children receive their gifts from Grandpa Koleda, the equivalent of our Santa Claus. The parents in turn receive gifts from their youngsters on the last

day of the year.

In Rumania, on the day before Christmas, young boys visit neighboring homes to sing a Christmas greeting, Colinde. They are rewarded with apples, nuts, and coins by the listeners. The singing visits begin at dawn and last until after sunset. One can imagine some rather stuffed little boys at the end of the day!

In an ancient Rumanian custom, villagers gather at a river bank clad in biblical costumes, to sing Christmas carols. A young boy is selected to break the ice that has formed upon the river and a wooden cross is thrown

into the water. A scramble then ensues, for the rescuer of the cross is assured of good fortune in the coming year, according to the custom.

Just as in other parts of the world, feasting is an important part of the holidays in Rumania. Roast pig is the center of attraction of the holiday table. It is served with turta. The latter is a cake made of layers of thin, dough, shaped to form leaves, and symbolic of the Infant Jesus' swaddling clothes.

Yugoslavia also has some interesting customs with which to celebrate Christmas. On the day before Christmas, the men in Yugoslavian families rise early to look for a Yule log, the Badnyak. This is no simple task, for many strict customs must be observed in bringing in the log. It must fall toward the east at the moment of sunrise and its branches must not touch another tree, as that would mean bad luck in the year ahead.

When the log is brought in, the men are greeted with singing and food. Later, fire is made

and the family gathers around the log to await the arrival of the polaznik, a village lad. He must be the first to enter the house on Christmas morning. As he enters, he throws a handful of grain at each member of the family, asking a blessing as he does. The log is then struck so that many sparks will fly into the air; this means many sheep and other livestock for the household.

The polaznik next throws some wine on the log, leaving a coin at one end. This assures the family of prosperity in the coming year. After the ritual of the log is completed, the polaznik is feted by the grateful family for the rest of the day.

In Mexico, colorful customs add to the festive atmosphere of the holiday season. The most popular custom, as far as the children are concerned, is the tradition of the pinata. This is an earthenware bowl, decorated to resemble animals usually, and filled with fruit, candy, nuts, and coins. The pinata is strung up and the children gather around it as one youngster is blindfolded.

The blindfolded one now takes a swing at the pinata with a stick. If he can't break the pinata, another youngster attempts. At last one of the children breaks open the earthenware bowl and its contents spill out for the delighted youngsters.

Customs may vary from country to country, yet they all have one common denominator... a joyfulness of heart, in celebration of that most wonderful of seasons... Christmas.

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Bret Harte Story Tells Of Western Christmas

A poor mountain cabin housing a group of rugged characters forms an unlikely setting for an excellent Christmas story by Bret Harte, famed for his writings about the Gold Rush days. Set in 1862, in the Sacramento Valley, "How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar" is considered one of Harte's best stories.

The story centers around a little boy, Johnny, who is ill in bed on Christmas Eve. His home is a poor cabin at Simpson's Bar, a cluster of similar cabins huddled around a little store, situated on Table Mountain.

Little Johnny is wise beyond his years due to his rough-and-tumble environment but when he

hears about Santa Claus, he is mystified. So when Johnny's father comes home with some drinking companions, Johnny asks his father a very natural question. Just who is "Sandy Claws?"

His father brushes the question aside but one of the other men, Dick Bullen, is moved by the boy's ignorance. He borrows a mare, Jovita, and sets out to find some Christmas presents for the youngster.

Unfortunately for Dick Bullen, it's not a propitious time to run errands. It's been raining heavily, and the river has overflowed its banks, while the creek is impassable. He reaches his destination, the town of Turleville, where he awakens some disgruntled shopkeepers to do his last-minute shopping.

The return trip is even harder for poor Dick. When he gets to the creek, he finds it has become a river. Undaunted, Dick discards his coat and boots and saddle and rides the mare bareback through the rushing waters.

It is dawn before he reaches the mountain cabin at last; when he arrives he is half-naked and exhausted. But he has carried his cargo of toys to place Johnny's father to tell Johnny's father the gifts in Johnny's stocking.

"Tell him Sandy Claws has come," he says, and so ends a marvelous story written in the best tradition of Bret Harte.

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MERRY MERRY MERRY Christmas



Winters Flower Shop



Bedford Insurance
George Mostad
Margaret Baldwin
Marvin Bedford
Joy Bishop

With special thanks for your warmth and friendship we wish you a very Merry Christmas

Slim and Rosalie Albro

May your home be wreathed with the glow of holiday gladness, and filled with the fun of this bright and festive season.

Strickland Real Estate
Winters, Texas

Warm Wishes

May your holiday be full of the little things, so precious to us all, that make Christmas so special.

May it also include our thanks for your trust and understanding.

HEIDENHEIMER'S

Harry Denges died Sunday in hospital

Harry F. Denges, 71, of Winters, died at 7 p. m. Sunday in the North Runnels Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Winters memorial Chapel, with the Rev. Fred Thomas, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

He was born April 28, 1909, in Fort Worth and lived in an orphanage for several years. He moved to Winters in the 1930s, where he lived for a few years before moving to Austin. He was a butcher.

He married Zelta Carroll Dec. 6, 1943, in Austin, and they moved to Hereford where they lived for 13 years. He then moved to Vega where he lived 14 years, and he moved back to Winters in June 1972.

Survivors include his wife of Winters; a brother-in-law, County Commissioner David Carroll; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Pete Davidson, W. J. Briley, Gary Price, Joe Pritchard, Van Ray Whitteberg, and Johnny Wilson.

Mrs. J. Moore died Saturday in her home

Mrs. Jefferson H. Moore, 66, of Winters, died about 3:30 a. m. Saturday in her home.

Services were at 2 p. m. Monday at Main Street Church of Christ with Bruce Black officiating.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, under direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Born Fairye Bess McCaughan June 15, 1914, in the Wilmet community west of Winters, she married Jefferson Moore March 5, 1939, in San Angelo. They moved to San Antonio, where they lived until 1976, when they returned to Winters. Her husband preceded her in death Jan. 15, 1977.

She was a member of Main Street Church of Christ in Winters.

Survivors include a son, Billy Moore of Utopia; two daughters, Rebecca Yarbrough of San Antonio and Mary Sue Spiess of Longview; a cousin, Clemetine Holstine of Galveston; and a granddaughter, Karen Moore of Utopia.

Pallbearers were W. D. Waggoner, Roy Young, W. T. Davis, Marvin Bedford, Lannie Bahlman, Jim Jones, Fred Young and Pat Gray.



HE'S HERE!

Jolly Santa makes his rounds making magic dreams come true. We send hearty thanks to spirited friends.



MELBA'S
Arts, Crafts, Gifts
EMMERT GARAGE
Melba and Joe Emmert

Joy to the World this glorious Christmas day. We extend sincere gratitude for the treasured gift of your continuing friendship.

MANSSELL BROS.
JOHN DEERE FARM MACHINERY

Shepherdess first to see the "Star" that heralded good tidings

She was the first to notice a strange light in the sky. The other shepherds around the campfire paid scant attention to the girl and her flock or to the night-black dog at her feet.

Rachel adjusted the shawl which had slipped backward on her head, then drew it more tightly around her shoulders. Nights could be chilly in these Judean hills. She turned so that her back rested against the furred warmth of the dog. The light brightened and fused with the thousands of stars in the clear night until it shone on the shadowy figures of the sheep with a brilliance like moonlight. But there was no moon.

There was a cry from one of the other shepherds who had moved away from the brightness of the campfire and saw for the first time the unearthly light in the heavens.

"It is the judgment," shouted one. "The judgment!" "The judgment. Fall on your face. Your sheep will be scattered."

Rachel was sorry they seemed so afraid. She got

up from her knees and walked toward the men, surrounded by light.

"Don't be afraid," she said. "There is nothing to be afraid of. Remember the psalm: 'Praise ye the Lord; praise ye Him, all His angels; praise ye Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars of light.'"

One shepherd got to his feet and pointed toward the sky. "Did you ever see anything like that before? I don't like it. It's an omen. Something will happen. Something terrible."

Why is it men understand so little? Rachel thought. A woman knows instinctively, perceiving more than she sees, hearing beyond the sounds of the night. Was that a voice echoing her thought? The murmurings in the air intensified and one shepherd shrieked again, "The judgment is coming closer. The wrath of God is upon me."

"Fear not," a voice as triumphant as Rachel's own spirit spoke from the midst of the light. "I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very night in David's town, your Savior was born—Christ the Lord."

The shepherds looked at each other and at Rachel. They could not understand. But Rachel repeated, "Christ the Lord? How did it happen? How shall we know Him?"

The angel's voice spoke with compassion for their finite minds that found it so hard to accept the simple truth. "This is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Rachel heard the words. They flowed over and around her as if she had been hearing them for a long time, as if she had always known that this is the way the Messiah would come. Her heart sang the words as the sounds of the night rose to a crescendo of praise until it seemed that the very heavens were rejoicing in a new psalm, "Glory to God in the highest heaven!" And they faded again to a quiet murmur: "And peace on earth to men—with whom he is pleased."

Rachel felt the dog's cold nose touch her hand and she stroked his neck. The light was gradually absorbed by the darkness again, and the stars pricked through, sparkling with a newly polished brilliance.

"Did you hear that?" one of the shepherds called to her. "The Savior. The Savior's come at last. And right here in Bethlehem. We must go into town immediately and find him."

"But the sheep," Rachel cried. "How can we just go off and leave the sheep?"

"We?" laughed the shepherd. "This is for men to whom the angel spoke, not for a simple shepherdess."

Rachel looked again at the stars where the light had been. "Peace on earth to men," the angel had said. But surely it meant 'mankind,' not merely 'men.' And joy to 'all the people.'

"I shall go," said Rachel firmly. "And what about the sheep? You said yourself you couldn't leave your sheep. You can look after ours, too," he finished with a sweep of his arm to encompass the flocks barely distinguishable in the starlight.

"My dog will care for the sheep. He will watch over them all until we return. It is not far, westward less than an hour's journey."

Rachel heard them muttering and in the reflection of the firelight, they shook their heads. They were rough men who tolerated her because her dog was useful to them and they had none of their own. But they did not see her as a woman, not indeed as a human being with thoughts and feelings, but only as a shepherdess, a tender of sheep like themselves, but of a lower order, not one of them in any sense. They would never let her go with them.

But they were not unkind. "We'll bring you back some straw from the manger," they joked, hardly knowing what they said in their excitement. "The angel spoke to us. We're expected to go. Come on, let's hurry."

Rachel stood watching them until they disappeared in the darkness. In spirit she walked with them, running a little to match their long strides. If only she were a man. If only she could see the child in the manger. The angel had spoken to them all. And she was the first one to see the light appear and to hear the heavenly voices. Wasn't that a sign that the Lord expected her to see the child, the good news for the world?

Why should she obey the shepherds? True, they were men; they were older. She was only a girl. She had been taught carefully that men make the decisions; that women do as they're told. She sank down by the fire and poked at the embers. She threw a branch on the coals and soon a twig blazed with a quick, vigorous flame. Smoke curled around the branch, and with a puff, a lick of fire enveloped the branch. Rachel watched without seeing, her thoughts in Bethlehem. The longing to be in Bethlehem swelled within her until it burst into defiance.

She called to the dog. "Take care of the sheep for me. I won't be gone long."

She started walking as fast as she could in the darkness, stumbling occasionally on the uneven slope. After a few minutes her steps seemed to be echoed by sounds behind her. She could just see

blurred shapes and then the unmistakable bleating of a lamb.

"No!" she cried. "Take them back. Take them back."

But the black dog herded the flock, following Rachel at a leisurely distance. How could she make him understand that this time the sheep must not follow the shepherdess?

"Stay there," she ordered. But the sheep paid no attention and the dog crossed behind them, keeping them together in his expert fashion, following his mistress. Each time she tried moving forward he would stir the flock from their grazing and follow her.

Now she could see the town silhouetted on its plateau against the western sky. Stars disappeared into the gray light, all but the brightest one. Somewhere beneath that sky, below that star, was the child in a manger. She was near enough to see the city, to hear a cock repeatedly announce the coming day. But she could not take the sheep into the town. And they would not stay here without her.

To be so near and not to see the Savior... Rachel's eyes burned with unshed tears and she leaned against her staff. Why were privileges given to some and denied to others?

The dawn wind brought her no answer. Just a few people would see this child tonight. But if he really was the Savior, his life would make a difference to the world. Many others, in the years ahead, stretching to infinity, would come to know about his birth. But she had been one of the first to know and one of the first to praise.

The sheep depended upon her, especially the least ones. The only gift she could offer the Savior was the simple one of continued devotion, of service in His name.

The star, still bright above Bethlehem, shone its benediction upon her as she turned back to her sheep. Virginia Veeder Westervelt, Redlands, Calif.

CRANBERRY LIME SPARKLE

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| 1 large can jellied cranberry sauce | 1 teaspoon vanilla extract |
| 2 1/2 cups water | 1 cup gingerale |
| 1/2 cup sugar | 1 cup club soda |
| 1/2 cup lemon juice | 2 sliced limes, studded with cloves |

cherries

Into a saucepan over low heat, crush can of jelly and add water with beater, adding sugar — cool. Stir in juice, extract, gingerale and soda. Chill and add lime slices and cherries just before serving. (If liquor is desirable, 1/2 cup vodka and 1/2 cup white wine may be added.) Serves 12.



With thanks for many friendly favors, we send warm greetings to you and your family.

Merry Christmas

Runnels Co. Farm Bureau Ins.
Dub McMillon Ballinger 365-2476



Your friendship adds to the variety and spice of our life. So we extend greetings of the season and thanks to you all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sears Catalog Store
Robert and Betty Paschal



Merrily, merrily, we sing a song of Christmas and hope its love will add a bright note to your celebration.

Frankie & Mary Berryman
Runnels County Clerk

GREETINGS



We're in a spin over this happy holiday! May you enjoy the merriest Christmas ever.

HERSHAL HALL

Runnels County Sheriff's Office

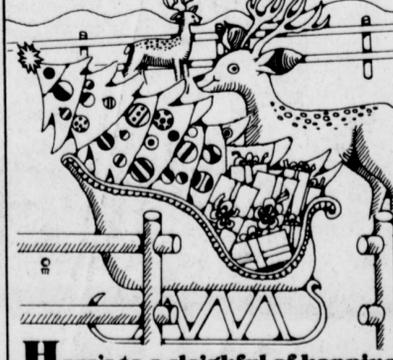
MERRY CHRISTMAS



It's time to gather in friendship and good will to celebrate the memory of good times, good cheer. Our holiday best to you.

Security State Bank
Wingate, Texas

GREETINGS



Here's to a sleighful of happiness this Christmas. May you enjoy its many pleasures and treasures.

Runnels Co. Tax Assessor-Collector
VaRue McWilliams and Staff

Deck the Halls...

Delivering a message of cheer and gratitude to all our wonderful friends.

Winters Sheet Metal & Plumbing



A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The beauty of Christmas lies in the thought that we live in the memory of our friends. We think of you with warmth and appreciation and wish you a bright and glowing holiday season.

ROBINSON CHEVROLET CO.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Puritan ban on all Christmas celebrations was enforced in the New World by the Massachusetts Bay Colony in this decree reprinted from its legislative record of May 11, 1659.

For preventing disorders arising in severall places wthn this jurisdiction, by reason of some still observing such ffestivals as were superstitiously kept in other countries, to the great dishonor of God & offence of others, it is therefore ordered by this Court and the authority thereof, that whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing of labour, feasting, or any other way, upon any such accounts as aforesaid, euery such person so offending shall pay for euery such offence five shillings, as a fine to the county. And whereas, not only at such times, but at severall other times also, it is a custome too frequent in many places to expend time in vnlawfull games, as cards, dice &c, it is therefore futher ordered, and by the Court declared, that after publication hereof, whosoever shall be found in any place wthin this jurisdiction playing either at cards or at dice, contrary to this order, shall pay as a fine to the county the some of five shillings for euery such offence.



Santa visits

Santa Claus visited Wingate School last Friday afternoon, and joined the party for the entire school

population before classes were dismissed for the Christmas holidays.

Peanut supplies short, but prices will be up

Such All-American favorites as peanut butter, peanut candy and salted peanuts will cost consumers more in the months ahead. Why? Because peanut supplies are short due to this year's drought. "Peanut products will not only be higher at the supermarket, but some may even be scarce," points out Johnny Feagan, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. He expects this situation to last until new crop peanuts start coming in next August. Just how short are peanut supplies? Production of edible grade peanuts is down about 50 percent in the United States this year, points out Feagan. Texas production should drop about 45 percent. Supplies of edible grade peanuts for the 1980-81 marketing year, which ends next Aug. 31, should total about 2.5 billion pounds, down from 4.4 billion pounds the past

year.

With normal demand, usage of edible peanuts during 1980-81 should be near 3 billion pounds — 2.1 billion pounds consumed in this country and 800,000 pounds exported. So, when compared with the total supply, this means a deficit of about 20 percent.

"Such a deficit is considerable but it's nothing to cause manufacturers and processors to panic," assures Feagan.

What will be done to increase peanut supplies in 1981?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will lift im-

port controls to allow more foreign peanuts to be shipped into this country, notes the economist. Also, grower allotments will be increased by about 8 percent, or 125,000 acres above the 1.614 million acres allotted this year. Texas' allotment will increase from 358,063 to 385,794 acres.



DESSERT WITH A HOLIDAY FLAIR



Chocolate Peanut Butter Crunch Dessert is a show-off, and it looks as if it took hours — not minutes — to prepare. On-hand ingredients are the secret of this special dessert. Creamy smooth instant pudding and pie filling is layered alternately with a luscious mixture of Cool Whip non-dairy whipped topping flavored with crunchy peanut butter.

CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER CRUNCH DESSERT

- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons chunky peanut butter
- 1 cup thawed frozen whipped topping
- 1 package (4-serving size) chocolate flavor instant pudding and pie filling

Blend milk into peanut butter, stirring until smooth. Fold in whipped topping. Prepare instant pudding as directed on package. Alternately spoon whipped topping mixture and pudding into parfait glasses. Chill 15 minutes. Makes about 3 cups or 6 servings.



Let's hear it for a Christmas season filled with the sounds of happiness! Its been a pleasure serving you.

Alderman-Cave Milling & Grain Co.

Shop for "safe" Christmas gifts

Keep safety in mind when shopping for Christmas gifts this season.

Choosing the right gift means giving close attention to its safe design as well as selecting the right product for a person's needs, points out Dr. Gary Nelson, safety engineer with the Texas A&M University System. Many injuries result from use of defective, poorly designed or unsafe products as well as from using products for other than their intended design. So, before making a purchase, check a product for any potential hazards and make sure you get the right product for the right use, cautions Nelson.

Inform yourself about products by checking information brochures, catalogs and consumer product rating publica-

tions. Inspect the product for quality of workmanship and proper shielding of hazardous parts, advises the engineer. Read the warranty and look for labels stating that the equipment meets certain standards.

Since the advent of the Consumer Product Safety Act, product safety has generally improved, contends Nelson. The Act basically states that consumer products must be free of hazards encountered during normal intended use as well as during reasonable foreseeable misuse. This means that a product must not only be free of sharp edges, electrical shorts, pinch points and other hazards encountered during normal use, but manufacturers must also anticipate common abuses of their products and design them accordingly or warn consumers of misuse hazards.

By being an informed consumer and shopping for products wisely, you will protect those on your Christmas gift list and make their holiday season even more joyous.

Our simple wish that you may find the joy of Christmas in your heart this glorious holiday season.

Judge & Mrs. Bill B. Stultz

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Rejoicing in the eternal gift of Christmas, we give praise and thanks.

Naida's

Naida Barker and Employees



Holiday Menu

Appetizers

- Hearts of Love
- Seasoned Greetings
- Dash of Cheer

Entree

- Large Cup of Joy
- Generous Portions of Kindness
- Casserole of Happiness

Desserts

- Cherished Friendship — Assorted Delights

Beverage

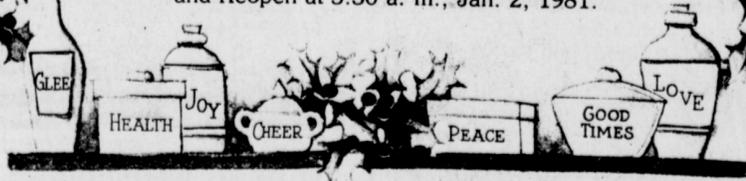
- Old Fashioned Merriment

★ Best Wishes For the Happiest Holidays Ever!

Gary, Michael and Susie Price, and All the Employees of

Taylor's #2

We will close at 2 p. m. Dec. 24, for the Holidays, and Reopen at 5:30 a. m., Jan. 2, 1981.



CHRISTMASTIME!

Deck the halls and sing with glee as we welcome an enchanting, fantasy filled holiday.

WESTERN AUTO

Associate Store
Wes and June Hays



"...and the children sang." Members of the Pre-School Class of St. John's Lutheran Church sang for the residents of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home last week. The residents also sang for their visitors.

Pre-schoolers sing at Senior Citizens Home

Approximately 35 children from St. John's Lutheran pre-school brought Christmas joy to the residents of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home last Wednesday.

The youngsters, three and four year olds, raised their voices in song with their renditions of Christmas favorites such as, "Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Jingle Bells," and several other songs.

The children's choir, under the direction of Mrs. Sue Keene, wife of St. John's pastor, Lawrence Keene, closed their musical program by singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," to which the residents

responded by singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

After passing out fruit, much to the delight of the Senior Citizens, the children returned to St. John's for refreshments and a surprise visit from Santa Claus.

Santa was assured by one and all that they "had been good" (although one little girl, Misty Hicks, tried to swallow her fist and looked for a place to crawl into when she called attention to herself, and was actually noticed by Santa.)

Santa had gifts for all, and with a promise to return, laid his finger aside his nose and disappeared.



Decisions, decisions... Christopher Dry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Dry, can't make up his mind which gift he would like to have, during the Christmas party for the Pre-School Class at St. John's Lutheran Church last week.



Wishing you everything you need to make your Christmas a memorable one. Thanks to you, loyal friends.

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS
Higginbotham's
Hardware - Lumber



Julia Kay Whitlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Whitlow, chats with Santa. Julia Kay was second runner-up in the Little Miss Sno Queen contest during the Christmas celebration last week.



Misty Gayle Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hicks, presents an apple to Mrs. Bertha Tharp. Misty was first runner-up in the Little Miss Sno Queen contest last week.

HELLO...

From our vantage point, we forecast clear skies and a high-flying season ahead. Enjoy, all!

K. W. Cook Construction

Merry Christmas

Santa's here with a pack crammed full of the joys of Christmas!

Grenwelge Texaco

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We're happy to be of service and thankful for the opportunity to extend a battery of good wishes for holiday happiness to you all.

JOHNNY'S
Shell Station

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hope your holidays beat the band! Thanks all.

SHIRLEY HORD
LETA NESBIT
and Employees of
Dairy Queen



Amber West, daughter of Jim and Janice West, presents a new friend with an apple during a visit by the Pre-School Class of St. John's Lutheran Church to the Senior Citizens Nursing Home last week.

St. Nick's generosity responsible for stocking custom

The custom of hanging up a stocking by the chimney on Christmas Eve probably evolved from a legend surrounding the generosity of St. Nicholas. In the saint's hometown, there lived a man who had lost all his money through a string of unlucky events. This man had three daughters but, since he could not provide a dowry for any of them, it seemed doubtful that they would ever marry. St. Nicholas learned of their predicament and resolved to help them. Since he wanted no recognition or credit for his deed, he quietly came to their house at night and tossed three bags of gold, one for each girl, down the chimney. Each time, the legend tells us, the bag of gold landed in a stocking that was hanging by the fire to dry.

"We rarely find that people have good sense unless they agree with us."
La Rochefoucauld

'Tis the Season... to hope every day is trimmed with everything bright and merry!

Kozelsky's
Cabinet Shop
Joe and Doreen

We carol a message of thanks to dear friends and wish them all, the best of everything.

HARRISON'S
AUTO PARTS

PLANTS
ARE FOR EVERYBODY
COME THE HOLIDAYS

ORDER YOUR
POINSETTIAS
The Christmas Plant
and
Christmas Cactus
for the Holidays!

To all our Customers and Friends -

Merry Christmas
Calvin and Cecilia Holloway
FLOWER CENTER

Celebrating this hallowed holiday, we send everlasting prayers for a blissful Christmas.

Bissett's Tire Store
8th & Strong Ave. Ballinger

GLORY!

At this wondrous time, we wish you the hope and happiness that are so much a part of this miraculous season.

Pool Well Service

Crews

You are an average person if you wait until Christmas Eve to do your Christmas shopping.

Our sympathy goes out to the Horace Stokes family due to his brother's death on Saturday. Hubert Stokes of Talpa was buried in the Talpa Cemetery on Saturday.

Sure hope the Allen Bishop family will all be feeling better by Christmas.

Bro. and Mrs. Tackett and children were Sunday dinner guests with the Marvin Gerhart family.

Congratulations to the Robert Hills who have a new grandson. Reed Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hill of Boston, Mass., was born on Dec. 19.

Melissa Faubion spent a couple of days in the Jerry Kraatz home this week.

Having supper in the Noble Faubion home on Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Faubion and granddaughter, Crystal of Saudi Arabia. On Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. Rod-

ney Faubion and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Prater of San Angelo, Mrs. Jerry Kraatz and children ate supper with the N. L. Faubions.

Mrs. Armantina Faubion and daughters moved into her own home on Truett St. in Winters on Friday. We are all happy for her.

Norval Alexanders brother-in-law, Jay Archer and a friend of Glendale, Calif. flew in with his plane and spent a while with the Alexanders. On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Alexander and son, Blue, of San Angelo spent the day.

Ray Cooper of San Angelo and Dean Nesber of Midland spent the weekend with the Earl Coopers.

Nila Osborne brought dinner and spent the day with me on Friday.

Mr. O. Z. Foreman was transferred from Hendrick Hospital to Happy Haven Home in Abilene. The Coleman Foremans were up to see him Thursday.

Mrs. R. C. Kurtz and I ate dinner Thursday with the Bill Villers in San

Angelo. Afterwards I saw my doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McBeth spent the weekend in Monahans in the Lyndon McBeth home for an early Christmas so all the family could be together.

Round the table for dinner in the Sam Faubion home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tyree, Jana and Sammie and Todd Kozart of Ballinger.

Hopewell Church had their Christmas supper Wednesday night with a money tree for Bro. Cecil Tackett and family. Children exchanged gifts.

Mrs. Alta Hale attended the annual Hale Christmas party in the Play Brevard home Saturday night in Ballinger, with 15 enjoying the luncheon. There was a tree and gifts were exchanged.

On Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Faubion, Mrs. Lemma Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Brevard and Mrs. Alta Hale ate out in Coleman then gathered afterwards for 84 in the Brevard home.

The Gibbs family had their reunion with a Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Gibbs on Sunday with 24 present, including people from Cisco, Brownwood, and Rising Star.

Those enjoying coffee and snacks Wednesday night with Mrs. Alta Hale were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Faubion, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Brevard and Noble Faubion.

Merry Christmas, everybody and thanks everybody for helping me with the newsletter this past year.

The Great Smoky Mountains were so named by the Cherokees because of blue-gray haze that often shrouds their summits.

Trying to prevent the old 'January Blues'

Oh, you better watch out
Or you might just cry
You better be prepared
I'm tellin' you why...
Jan-u-ary blues
maay appear.

The December holiday season is followed by a period of depression known as the January blues, says Cindy Wilson, a family life education specialist.

This depression period often occurs because of the heightened amount of activities most people enjoy during the season and because of a variety of other factors, the specialist says. Taking a few steps to prevent or at least soften the January blues can be very effective, she adds.

Mrs. Wilson is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Here are her suggestions for preventing or softening the January blues:

- 1) Plan ahead to avoid commitments to too many activities during the December holiday period.
- 2) Stay within your budget during the season rather than incurring heavy debts to keep up with the Joneses, or to have a "happy" holiday period. Material possessions do not mean the holiday season will be a hap-

py one. Avoid going into debt.

3) Be realistic in your travel plans. Too much travel during a short period of time is not only dangerous to your health but can tax everyone's relationships when the travelers are weary.

4) Be aware of and work to avoid stirring up old conflicts within the family or between friends.

5) If unable to be with family or friends who live some distance away, make arrangements to be with nearby friends. This can help avoid the feelings of loneliness and depression. However, if you are one who chooses to be cheerfully alone during the holidays, don't feel pressured into joining others.

6) Realize that some people have particular problems during this period of the year. Perhaps a loved one is sadly missed, or perhaps memories of holidays gone by bring out inappropriate behaviors. Accept these people and their problems and work toward helping them enjoy the holidays. Be cautious yourself in your behaviors and reactions during the holidays.

7) If you travel during the holiday season, plan at least one day back at home prior to returning

Start a new tradition with baby's first Christmas

If there's a new member in your family this Christmas, you, like many new parents, may want to start a tradition that grows as the baby grows. It should be something lasting and something that the child will remember through the years.

This special tradition can take many forms. It might be a special ornament for the tree, his or her very own. It might be one present to open Christmas Eve. Or, it might be a special prayer you read

each Christmas morning.

Whatever you choose, the child care experts recommend you remember that this first Christmas is a totally new experience. The sparkling lights, glittering tree and houseful of relatives all are strange. The newest member of the family needs to get used to it gradually.

Show Reassurance
You can help by showing the wee one constant reassurance that Christmas is a wonderful time, full of love and the joy of giving. Allow Baby to explore the excitement at his or her own pace and with calm and comfort, and your child will soon have the "holiday spirit" like everyone else.

One of the most memorable of holiday moments is the lavish Christmas dinner. Even the youngest can and should share in the warmth and companionship that flow around the family table. For the child, there can be a banquet of variety of convenient, nutritious strained meats, vegetables and fruits. These special menus help teach appreciation of color, texture and flavor in foods. They help the infant develop socially and personally as he or she shares the joy of family involvement.

Easy Gift-Giving
Parents and grand-

Aliens must register in January

According to Richard M. Casillas, district director of the San Antonio Immigration and Naturalization Service office, the information furnished by aliens in reporting their addresses has been declared confidential by statute.

These reports must be submitted during January each year by all aliens in the United States, with few exceptions. Forms on which to submit the reports are available at any post office or office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Persons who are unable to pick up a form because of illness, or other reasons, may have a relative or friend obtain a card for them.

The card should have a 15 cent postage stamp affixed and placed in the mail.

Parents or guardians of aliens under 14 years of age submit reports for such children.

to work and school to recuperate from travel and the holidays. This will ease you and the family back into their regular routine and allow some transition time.

8) Remember, by preventing the January blues, you can work toward having a truly happy New Year.

Advice for airbound Santa Clauses

If you're flying back home to visit relatives or friends for Christmas, or celebrating the holiday season in some exotic port of call, travel service experts advise that you pack your gifts in luggage, and wrap them after you arrive at your destination — not before.

This hint is based on two regulations: First, airlines discourage passengers from boarding with bundles of prewrapped presents because of safety reasons and limited storage space. Second, if you must clear customs, you may be required to open your prewrapped gifts.

The following tips will prevent delays and embarrassments.

- 1) Save space in your luggage for unwrapped gifts and collapsible department store boxes for each present.
- 2) Protect glassware or other breakable gifts by wrapping them in heavy garments or even hosiery.
- 3) Rolled wrapping paper

can be unwrapped, folded and packed into neat squares.

4) Packing soft yarn and flat ribbons is better than taking fancy, ready-made bows.

5) Adhesive decals require less space than tape holders.



BLOSSOM SHOP

May this be a holiday to remember, filled with the charm of cherished traditions... new-found hope and happiness.

Merry Christmas
Milton's
Hardware & Auto Supply

Hooping the rafters of your home echo with the cheer and laughter of your loved ones.

We appreciate your kind patronage and wish you well.

Foxworth-Galbraith
105 N. Church - 754-5318 - Winters

Our Wish For You... Have the merriest Christmas ever!

BEAUTY CENTER
Merle Norman Cosmetics
Will be closed Dec. 23-29,
Open again Dec. 30.

NEWCOMER

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cotter of Wingate are parents of a son, Randy Brian, born Dec. 12, 1980, at Shannon Hospital, San Angelo. The baby weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Suvern O'Dell of Wingate. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cotter of Ballinger. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Phillips of Wingate.

WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your blessings increase and may your home be filled with happiness. In appreciation... thanks.

John's International

a Christmas Message

Underwriting a holiday full of health, happiness and prosperity for our valued friends.

Jno. W. Nor
The Insurance **MAN**

Warm Wishes

mid the old-fashioned pleasures of Christmastide, we remember those who've been most dear... loving family, devoted friends, loyal patrons. For them all, we sing a chorus of resounding gratitude.

Winters Farm Equipment
E. E. Thormeyer

THE COURT of Winters District of the State of Texas... Said

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF WATER CONTROL DISTRICT DIRECTORS ELECTION
 THE STATE OF TEXAS)
 COUNTY OF RUNNELS)
 To the resident qualified voters of Valley Creek Water Control District:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 17th day of January, 1981, at the places, in the manner, and for the candidates for the office of said district, as set forth in the attached copy of an order for directors' election, duly entered by the Board of Directors of said above mentioned district on the 24th day of November, 1980. Said Attached Order for Direc-

tor's Election is made a part of this notice for all intents and purposes.

FRANK K. ANTILLEY
 President,
 Board of Directors
DUNCAN HENSLEY
 Secretary,
 Board of Directors

ORDER FOR DIRECTORS ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
 COUNTY OF RUNNELS)
 On this the 24th day of November, 1980, the Board of Directors of Valley Creek Water Control District convened in called session open to the public with the following members present, to-wit:

Frank K. Antilley, President; Mardell Shedd, Vice-President; John W. Bird, Carl W. Moore, Edd Poehls, H. O. Polk, Lester

Schaefer, Duncan Hensley, Secretary; and the following absent: None, constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following: Whereas on the 17th day of January, 1981, there will be elected 4 directors for this district:

Whereas this Board by order dated the 24th day of November, 1980, established the procedure for candidates who desire to file for said election:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VALLEY CREEK WATER CONTROL DISTRICT:

That an election be held in said district on the 17th day of January, 1981, for the purpose of electing 4 directors to the Board of Directors of said District;

That said election shall be held at the following places 2 in said District, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election.

1. For Election Precinct at Drug Store Building, in Wingate, Texas, within said District with David F. Bryan as Presiding Judge.

2. For Election Precinct at Dave Compton Residence, in Norton, Texas, within said District with Mrs. Dave Compton as Presiding Judge.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on election day be open from 7 o'clock a. m. to 7 o'clock p. m.

D. F. Bryan is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at Wingate, Texas, within the boundaries of the above named district and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for absentee voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. on each day for said absentee voting.

The above described place for absentee voting is also the absentee clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent. Notice of said election shall be given publication of a copy of this order once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the district is located, or if none is published in said county, in the nearest county thereto; the first publication shall be at least 21 days prior to the date of the election, and not more than 35 days prior thereto. Immediately after said election has been held, the officers holding the same shall make returns of the result thereof in triplicate, one being retained by the Presiding Judge, one delivered to the President of this Board, and one delivered to the Secretary. The ballot box and other election records and supplies shall be delivered to the Secretary at the office of the District and be preserved as provided by law in said office. It is further found and deter-

mined that notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting was posted in accordance with the terms and provisions of Art. 6252-17 at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of this meeting and that the terms and provisions of said Article 6252-17 have been complied with and copies of said postings and return shall be attached to this order and become a part thereof. The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: John W. Bird, Carl W. Moore, Edd Poehls, H. O. Polk, Lester Schaefer, Mardell Shedd, and the following voted NO: None.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of November, 1980.

FRANK K. ANTILLEY
 President,
 Board of Directors

DUNCAN HENSLEY
 Secretary
 (Dec. 18, 24, 1980, Jan. 1, 1981)

AVISO del DISTRITO de CONTROL de AGUAS MEJORAS ELECCION de DIRECTORES
 EL ESTADO DE TEXAS)
 CONDADO DE RUNNELS)
 A los residentes votantes capacitados del Distrito Control de Aguas y Mejoras:

TOMEN NOTA que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia 17 de January de 1981, en los lugares, en la forma, y por los candidatos al puesto de dicho distrito, como lo indica la copia anexa de la orden de eleccion de directores, debidamente aentada por la Junta Directiva del ariba mencionado distrito el dia 24 de November de 1980. Dicha Orden de Eleccion de Directores anexa se considera en todo caso se parte de este aviso.

FRANK K. ANTILLEY
 Presidente,
 Junta Directiva
DUNCAN HENSLEY
 Secretario,
 Junta Directiva

ORDEN de ELECCION de DIRECTORES
 EL ESTADO DE TEXAS)
 CONDADO DE RUNNELS)

En este dia 24 de November de 1980, La Junta Directiva del Departamento de Control De Aguas y Mejoras Valley Creek Distrito de Control de Aguas se convocó en reunion called, abierta al publico con los siguientes miembros presentes, a saber:

Frank K. Antilley, Presidente; Mardell Shedd, Vice Presidente; John W. Bird, Carl W. Moore, Edd Poehls, H. O. Polk, Lester Schaefer, Duncan Hensley, Secretario; y los siguientes ausentes: None, constituyendo un quorum, y entre otras actas tomadas por dicha Junta Directiva se encetro lo siguiente:

En vista de que en este dia 17th de January, de 1981, seran elegidos 4 directores para este distrito;

En vista de que esta Junta por orden fechada el 24 dia de November, de 1980, establece el procedimiento a seguir por los candidatos que deseen clasificar en dichas elecciones;

FOR LO TANTO, SE ORDENA POR LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE CONTROL DE AGUAS Y MEJORAS DE VALLEY CREEK.
 Que se lleve a cabo una eleccion en dicho distrito el 17 dia de January de 1981, con el proposito de elegir 4 directores a la Junta Directiva de dicho Distrito; ue dicha eleccion se lleve a cabo en los siguientes lugares 2 en dicho Distrito, ye que las personas a continuacion se nombran sion designadas oficiales para dicha eleccion.

1. Para el Precinto Electoral en el Edificio Drug Store en Wingate, Texas, dentro del mismo Distrito con David F. Bryan como Juez Presidente.

2. Para el Precinto Electoral en el Dave Compton Residence en Norton, Texas, dentro del mismo Distrito con Mrs. Dave Compton como Juez Presidente.

Los sitios de votacion en cada uno de los lugares arriba designados se mantendran abiertos el dia de eleccion de las 7 a. m. a las 7 p. m.

D. F. Bryan se le designa Secretario para Votacion Ausente. La Votacion Ausente para la eleccion arriba citada se llevara a cabo en Wingate, Texas, dentro de los limites del rencionado distrito y dicho lugar de votacion ausente permanecera abierto por los menos ocho horas diarias para votacion ausente no siendo sabado o domingo o dia festivo oficial de Estado, principiando 20 dias y continuando hasta el cuarto dia anteriores a la fecha de dicha eleccion. Dicho lugar de votacion permanecera abierto entre las horas de 9 a. m. y 5 p. m. en cada dia de votacion ausente. El lugar arriba descrito para votacion ausente, es tambien la direccion postal del secretario ausente a la cual podran ser enviadas por correo las solicitudes para boletas electorales como tambien regresar las boletas con votos.

Aviso de dicha eleccion se hara por medio de publicacion de una copia de esta orden una vez por semana durante tres semanas consecutivas en un periodico de circulacion general publicado en el condado en que se encuentra este distrito, o si no se publica ninguno en dicho condado, en el condado mas cercano; la primera publicacion debera ser por los

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Happy Wishes for Christmas



Jolly Santa's near, bringing lots of cheer!
 May his hearty spirit light your holiday!

Motel Winters
 R. Q. and Doxie Lou

May the heavenly sounds of Christmas bring our grateful message to you all . . .

PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN!

MAC Oil Field Co., Inc.

Christmas trees

Their boughs may not be laden very often with snow, but Christmas trees can be grown in South Texas, suggests a recent graduate of The University of Texas Graduate School of Business.

Christopher Krause, in a report prepared for his M.B.A. degree, cites the Mondell pine as the best prospect for cultivation in South Texas, for it likes a hot sunny climate and can withstand long periods of drought.

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The folks at 108 South Melwood want to send their thanks and warm Holiday Greetings to all the people of the Winters Area.

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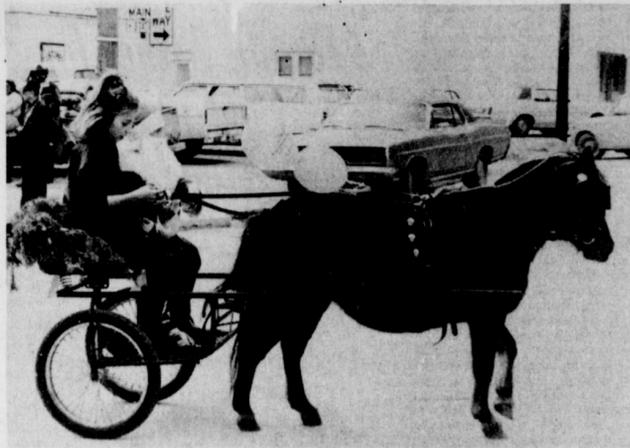
At This Gay Holiday Time Let Us Offer You All The Best Wishes From Our Staff!

Mrs. & Mrs. R. C. Thomas
Kelley Thomas

Joie Osborn
Sandra Radford

The Winters Enterprise

Scenes from the Christmas Parade



Merry
Christmas



As you and those you hold dear gather in the warm embrace of the holidays, we extend our thanks and warm wishes for your happiness all the days of Christmas and throughout the coming year.

Personnel of the

WINTERS STATE BANK

500 So. Main

Member Of F.D.I.C.

Winters, Tx. 79567

Happy Holidays



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

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