

FRIONA STAR

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HOLIDAYS!

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TWO SECTIONS



ATTENTION READERS!
Friona Star Reminders

After the holidays, *The Friona Star* is planning to publish a special commemorative edition, honoring the 1996 Friona Chieftain football team and their accomplishments. The paper will combine many of the feature articles and photos which have been seen in recent issues, as well as numerous pictures which were left out due to limited space.

No advertising is being sold. This will be a souvenir edition similar to the *Star's* special tornado issue of June 1995. This will not be mailed out as a regular issue.

Remember to get some good pictures of your children and grandkids while everyone is home for Christmas, so that you will have pictures to put into the *Friona Star's* annual "Valentine Brag Page" next February. It'll be here before you know it.

Continuing a custom of many years, there will be no *Friona Star* issue next week. This is the issue that would have gone into newsracks on December 27 and in the mail on December 28. The management allows the newspaper employees the week between Christmas and New Year's to enjoy time for visiting with their families during the holidays.

You will not receive a newspaper next week. The next issue of the *Star* will be published January 11, 1997.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to All!

The Star
 By Mary Dalton Crump

*A Million stars were in the sky,
 God sent a special one for Him,
 So it could light the way across
 The time from here to Bethlehem.*

*The brilliance of a million stars
 Was not as bright as that one's glow,
 That spanned across eternity
 To bring us hope, for us to know*

*That even in the darkest times,
 We can believe, that Christmas morn,
 Of all the many stars, God sent
 A special one, when Christ was born.*



LIVING TREE MEMBERS....The Friona area's Living Christmas Tree favored local residents with the second annual Christmas season concert earlier this month. Members of the adult choir include Sharon White (under the star); 2nd row: Linda Griffin and Sandra Turner. Row 3: Nola Faye Vestal, Raye Gene London. 4th row: Jayn Looper, Jo Blackwell, Norma Thompson. 5th row: Cindy Simmons, Jeri Lynn White, Betty Phipps and Amelia Taylor. 6th row: Adabeth Smith, Judy Ichtertz, Pam Messer and Betty Renner. 7th row: Luann Hough, Gerry Taylor, Cherry Wells, Virginia Hidalgo, Amy Terry, and Mandy Daniel. 8th row: Mary Johnston, Doris Barnett, Charlotte Ratcliff, Nancy Roden, Karen Renner, Amanda Geries, and Sherrie Taylor. 9th Row: Wyona Clark, Donna Mears, Claire Blanco, Candace Ingram, Felicia Lafuente and Cara Evans. 10th Row: Kitty Gallman, DaLinda Black, Cheryl Weatherly, Marca Lynn Herring, Sue Fiel, Kathy Terry, Mary Joyce Barnett, Lesta Lee Neill and Connie Neelley. 11th Row: Annie Mae Thomas, Chris Richardson, Mickey Griffin, Charles Turner, Martha Mars, Kirk Frye, Mark Taylor, Bob Wilson, Virgil Ichtertz, and Porter Roberts. Front row: Jim Parker (director), Jerry London, Danny Black, Alan Monroe, Bill Neely, Greg Stockstill, Robert Jones, Kim Caffey, Dale Schueler, Dave Thompson and Harold Richardson.

Members of the children's choir (third through sixth grade) were (l-r) Hope Richardson, Timothy Messer, Kyle Jameson, Jacob Dominguez, Jeff Zamora, Stephenie Jones, Monica Madrid, Katy Welch, Chris Ureste, Keith Hunt, Crystal Garcia, Ashley Smiley, Haleigh Herbert, Kristin Butman. Front row: Ramey Alaniz, Brittany Anthony, Lindsey Neill, Breann Barnett, Maegan Ingram, Amy Geries, Andrea Geries, Candace Frye, Derek Fairweather, Matthew Whitely, Kimberly Jones, and Kelby Monroe. Not present was Brock Field.

Merry Christmas



AN IMPORTANT PART of the holiday season, the Christmas tree is as likely to reflect the traditions of each individual family as it is those of the world at large. In the Victorian era, people decorated trees with wooden toys, candles and streaming ribbons. (Photo courtesy of Winterthur Museum)

Squaws Win Pair Of District Games

The FHS Squaws won two of their first three district basketball games, and stood 2-1 in league play at the Christmas "break."

The Squaws beat Dalhart, 57-36 in a game played Friday afternoon. December 13, the day prior to the boys' semi-finals football playoff.

Tammy Spencer had a hot hand for the Squaws, sinking five three-point shots, and winding up with 19 points. Amber Martin was Friona's only other player in double figure-scoring with 13.

The team dropped a 46-42 game at Muleshoe Tuesday, December 17. The Squaws held a 24-20 quarter lead over the Lady Mules, but a cold third quarter cost them a win.

Misses Spencer and Martin scored nine and eight points respectively for Friona.

On Friday, December 20, the Squaws played host to Sanford-Fritch in their third district game, and scored a 59-26 win.

The Squaws jumped out to a 13-2 lead after the first quarter, and went to halftime up by 19, 31-12. Amber Martin scored 16 points and Sheri Fiel 14.

In the junior varsity game, Friona scored a 50-36 win.

Chieftains Drop District Opener

The Chieftain basketballers are trying to convert from football, as they got into their schedule due to a long delay thanks to the playoffs.

Virtually every member of the varsity team also played football.

The team opened at Lazbuddie last Tuesday, and with just one workout, fell to Lazbuddie by an 11-point margin.

Then on Friday, the Chiefs held a four-point lead over Sanford-Fritch in their opening district game, but suffered a five-point loss, 58-53, in their first district game.

The Chieftains compete in a meet at Clarendon during the Christmas break. The Squaws are entered in Lubbock's Caprock tournament.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep and a car and a ford pickup and some toys a 200 dollar. I wanta TV and a game boy and games and something good and anything.

I have been good this year.
Love, Chance Lewellen

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. How are you feeling. I would like a take care of me twins. Also I would like some country CDs. Also I would like a basket ball gole. Also I would like a chouch that folds. Also I would like a Nintindo game.

Love, Allison Jones

Dear Santa,
I was good. I want a bus bilgu and turbonane and a disc plaire and a raskcar track.

Love, Randon Payne

Dear Santa,
I ben so good I wont to get a row riter for Christmas and a pet bool that is a bool dog and a dinasor.

Love, Nestor

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want a gril power weel and low boy power weels and a teddy bear and a book of the night befor Christmas. A movy of Rodolph a little Santa soot.

Love, David

Dear Santa,
I what a bike that is an 10 spedar and a Barbe that is capping and dishes and a suff bear that has some bells and some ordmes and a comepeter with a Barbe disk and a cras and a fish for a pet and Merry crismas.

Love, Valerie Morales

Dear Santa,
I was good girl this year. How are you? I'm fine I'd really like the talk girl FX pen and a diary computer. the bath water Kelly, a teddy bear, a new night gown, the Barbie dream house, a swimin pool, a go cart. Oh one more thing 400,000 dollars.

Love, Jordan Jamerson

Dear Santa,
I hope you came to my house But I im going to my grandma I wot a bike for christmas.

Love, Micole Stokes.

Dear Santa,
how are you doing in the North Pole. Santa I want a D 2 dubol side. I ben bad and good.

Tafoya

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus is it cold over there. How is rudof and the uthrs. Can you bring me a bicke for Christmas

Kristen Mercado

Dear Sant,
how are you doen. how is mrs cios doen I wut a foil, I wut a rascar, I wut a falit.

Corey Davis

Dear Sant,
How is Mrs Claus and you I want a remote control car and a bike and a new penc

Love, Logan Lynch

Dear Santa,
a sleigh is fun to go in it and how is misis claus and would like ramo control car.

Noel Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How is the rendere and how is Mrs. claus I wot a bik.

Love, Arabel Vasquez

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Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1926
The front page of the Star carried an article tracing the growth of the Friona school system during the preceding five years, from a three-year to a four-year high school; from five teachers to eleven; from three buses to eight; from 98 students to 300; and from ten grades to eleven.

65 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1931
Owing to the 12 inches of snow which covered the ground Thursday morning of last week, the school buses were unable to get to school from the various parts of the district. Only three of the ten buses were able to make the trip Friday, and for this reason, there was a very small attendance which the departments of the school had prepared.

60 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1936
Canyon's high-flying Eagles made off with the first place trophy in the Friona Invitational Tournament, which closed here Saturday night. The Chieftains gave them a mighty battle in the final game, before losing by the heart-breaking margin of 28-27.

55 Yrs Ago-Dec. 26, 1941
Entirely satisfactory was Friona's response to the Red Cross relief call, according to a report made this week by J.R. Roden, roll call chairman in Friona. Roden reports that Friona raised \$11.72 more than its \$300 quota—a much better showing than in some of the larger cities throughout the state, he said.

45 Yrs Ago-Dec. 27, 1951
The Friona Skill Team of the local FFA took top honors in the Huntsville demonstration in March. The group demonstrated prevention and vaccinations and general care involved in hog cholera. Those who went were Keith Brock, Ralph Reid, J. Vonne Fulks, J.T. Gee, supervisor, Jack Redbearn and M.C. Osborn.

35 Yrs Ago-Dec. 28, 1961
Friona's Squaws won their first game in the Duncanville tournament at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon. This win entitles them to play again

at 7:15 Friday evening.
25 Yrs ago-Dec. 23, 1971
Tony Don Allen, six month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Allen of Friona, was first place winner in the recent baby contest at Foster's. He has red hair and blue eyes.

20 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1976
Letters to Santa included: Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus: I want a chalkboard and a knitting machine. Have a Merry Christmas. Yours truly, Karla Wright.
Dear Santa: I want a football suit and a nerf rocket and evel kenevel. Love, John Jarecki.

15 Yrs Ago-Dec. 27, 1981
Dear Santa: My name is Jennifer, and I am almost eight years old. I will be eight by Christmas. Please bring me a Merlin, a Baby Tippiie Toes, a sewing machine, and a Strawberry Shortcake doll. I have really tried to be good. We will be visiting grandpa and grandma at Christmas, so please come a little early this year. Please remember all my friends, especially my little sister, Jessica, and my little cousin, Eric. I love you, Santa, Jennifer Smith.

10 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1986
The Friona High School Squaws, boasting a 9-2 season record, are entered in the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock December 29-31. Two members of the Chieftains football team, Jeff Chaney and Sam Montoya, were honored this week with places on the Amarillo Globe-News Super Team.

The Friona Chieftains will be out to improve on their 1-6 season record when they enter the Frenship Boys' Invitational Tournament December 29-31.

5 Yrs Ago-Dec. 21, 1991
The Friona Junior High School has picked their students of the month. They were Vanette White and Brandon Stephen, sixth grade; Alicia Baker and Andrew DeLaO, seventh grade; and Bowie Hand and Christy Stephens, eight grade.



SNY VISITOR....Jason Berend, son of Roddy and Sandra Berend, is shown visiting with Old Santa Claus, during his stop-over during Christmas in the Park recently.



SNOW PEOPLE---This family of cutout snow folks greet the holiday season in front of the home of Cliff and Monda Daniel on Lela Street. Drive by for a look at the other cute decorations in the Daniel's yard.

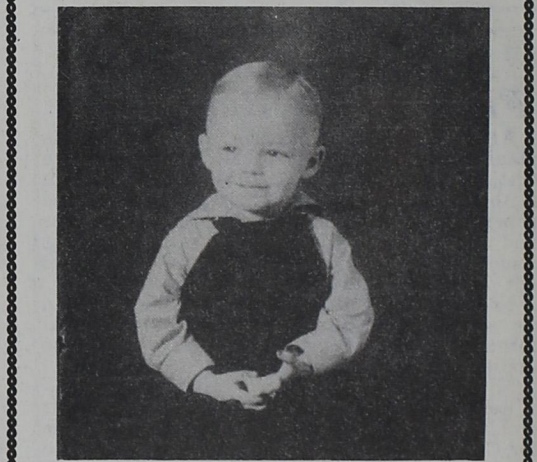
Dear Santa,
How are you doing and how is youre elves and reindeer. I will leev you and you reindeer a snack. I bet you are busy for Christmas. I want slumber partee kit and I want a woekman and snack time kabij pach and how is Mrs. Claus. How are you doing at the North Pole?

Dear santa,
I want a muuntine climber bick with differenert colers. A new jersy of 22. And some skates, and a telephone. I want a new Dallas coat, and a basketball a game boy.

Love, Isabel Romero

Love, Miranda Frye

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You've done a lot of living and You've lived a lot of time. So now, you've reached that SIXTY And you may be past your prime. If, in your heart, you're feeling young, Old as you're gonna get, I'll bet there still might be some steam Left in that Old Boy yet! You still have us who love you And wish you all the best, And maybe these first SIXTY years Are only just a test That God has sent to see just how You lived them all, before He arranged to COUNT 'em up And send you SIXTY more!

(Poetry by Mary D. Crump)

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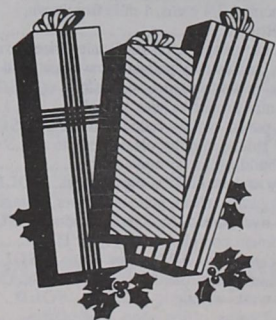
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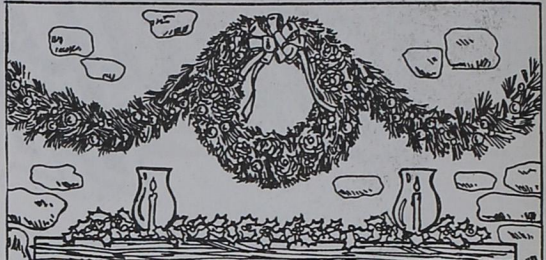
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Letters To Santa Claus

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 Love, Rocio Motanez *****

Dear Santa, I want a baby tumbel.
 Love, Desi *****

Dear Santa, I hope you got to my house safeley. I want a truck for x-mas and a red wagon.
 Love, Tyler Moller *****

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I would like to see your house someday. I would like a Jewethair mermaid barbee and a stuffed dog and a stufft cat and a stufft mows and anything in my stoking.
 Love, Erica Wyly *****

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I would like to see your house someday. How are you and your elves doing? I love Santa. I wonder how your elves are doing to da Santa. I would like a barbee. Good bye Santa. Good nit Santa.
 Love, Olivia Raymond *****

Dear Santa, How old are you Santa? Thanks for the bike.
 Ivan Loya *****

Dear Santa, I am good to now you now I am bind good. I want a doll that cis and pesto to and I want a Barbie to and a car to and the rest is what you want to givn me.
 Cynthia Lara *****

Dear Santa, I want a talk girl and a American girl doll clothes, dizzy dyer, Baby Go Bye Bye.
 Love, Brooke *****

Dear Santa, I want a Pocahontas Barbie and a nekles and a baker and a boomaker.
 Love, Edlyn Romero *****

Dear Santa, I have ben a good girl this year I have ben waiting for you. I hope that you make it to toun. I will giv the raindeer a snack. I would like to have a big playhouse.
 Love, Adrienne Osborn *****

Dear Santa, Is Mrs Claus fine? is it cold it the North Pole. I would like a hot rod.
 Love, Omar *****

Dear Santa, I want a Pocahontas Barbie and a basket and a play dog and a play cat and a barrett.
 Love, Ariel Duran *****

Dear Santa, I want a splish splash, bubble baby doll, book, bobbe socks, jeans and bluse with ribbons and bows.
 Love, Jennifer Sainz *****

Dear Santa, I wud like a doll. If you ket giv me a Samantha, red dress, dizzy dryer, bunny rabbit and cage and Baby ByBy.
 Love, Erin Anthony *****

Dear Santa, I want a Saga Nintendo 64 and a computer and a whole collection of the power ranger robots and two puppies and a go cart. I hope there will be milk and cookies at my house.
 Love, Norman Grumbach *****

Dear Santa, Have I been a good boy? I would like please bring me Santa Jesus Christmas.
 Love, Jesus Torres *****

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Have I been a good girl? I would like to see your house someday. How are you and your elves doing? Santa, I am a good girl. You brought my presents. You brought a book and is a book of a cat book and you brought a doll for my Christmas.
 Love, Marc Beliz *****

Dear Santa, How are you? Have I been a good girl? I wont to thank you for all of my toys. I wont a doll house.
 Love, Joann Mendoza *****

Dear Santa, I want a computer. My sesr wants a car. My mom wants a nets. My dad wants a shirt.
 Love, Jill Bautista *****

Dear Santa, I want a patr cat.
 Luv, Jeremy Mendoza *****

Dear Santa, I want a little tockar and I want one Space Jam toy! P.S. I left you som milk and cookys on my tabl. You are the best Christmas!
 Love, Omar Hernandez *****

Dear Santa, How are you? How are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Rudolph? I would like a baby that cries.
 Love, Sherry *****

Dear Santa, Have your elves ben working good? I want for Christmas a street and has four cars. Are the reindeers good?
 Alonzo Rojas *****

Dear Santa, How are you and your elves doing Santa? Thax for the toys last time.
 Love, Ryan *****

Dear Santa, How have you been? How is Mrs. Klas? I no yor randirs nam's Dasher and Dancer, Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen. Rudolph merry Christmas.
 Love, Michelle *****

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❄️ Letters To Santa Claus ❄️

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Your friend, Briana Wright

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been good and bad this year. I want a babby go bye bye, roller skates, barbie dream house, a locket with a picture of you and your wife in it, Space Jam basketball, Yak time recorder and a little piano. I more thing what you choice.

Sincerely, Katy Anthony

Dear Santa,
I want a Christmas tree and a bike. Please bring it.

Love, Brenda

Dear Santa,
You been a nise Santa and I'll tell you what I want for X-mas. I want a mysize barbe and I want a doll with a rose on it. I wish I can see you an weel live but I wach you on T.V. and you make my brother laghe. Well thats all by-by.

Your friend, Savanna Chavez

Dear Santa,
I want a tv for Christmas. I am 9 years old. My name is Monica Madrid. I do go to school. I have 5 teachers but my homeroom teacher is Mrs. Lane. Yes I did put up my Christmas tree. Do you really live in noruth pole. I am shere you do. Will have a Merry Christmas and all try to leave you milk and cookies.

Love, Monica Madrid

P.S. Tell Mrs. Santa Claus I said hi.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and the others. I hop thy are good. How do you make your reindeer fly? I have ben wanting a Nentendo 64 and a rac car trak.

Love, Eric

Dear Santa,
I want a small bike for Chrismus and a big tetty bear too and sterio with a cd player on it. And I am 9 years old and my birthday is July 28. And I am in 4th grade now.

Love, Crystal Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a ninja, two remote control cars one that has string and one that doesn't, ninge turtle and a tyco rebound one of those cars that you can crash it but it won't get hurt, a nintendo. I want a game for the super nintendo like Donkey Cong Country 3 Nintendo 64.

Sincerely, Gustavo Arenas

Dear Santa,
I am going to be good now. So I want for chimus a barbie and a coloring book and some pands and T-shirts and some pencils and crayons and a folder and a jaket and socks and some toys. And for my sister a barbie and a back pag. And for my brother a hat and a cup.

From Nohemi to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I'm asking Santa to bring a teddy bear and a Christmas hat and a Barbie and a princess doll with Bous on it and a Christmas pilow.

Ariel Duran

Dear Santa,
I want a Jerry Rice Jersey for Christmas. My name is Justin Mercado. I am 8 years old. I do got my Christmas tree up. Do you really live in noruth pole. I am shere you do. Will have a Merry Christmas and all try to leave you milk and cookies. Merry Christmas.

Love, Justin

P.S. I want to have a good Christmas.

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I want a toy.

Love, Chris

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Rudolph, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen. How is your wife Mrs. Santa Claus? I would like a big parrot a live one.

Love, Cece

Dear Santa,
What do you feed your Rudolph? I wish you can come and visit for Christmas. I want a Barbee.

Love, Mizetta

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer and I wish you have a Merry Christmas Santa. I want a bobee.

Love, Julissa

Dear Santa,
Is Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen a reindeer. I want a Baybe Bar.

Love, Monica

Dear Santa,
I want you tooy bime me a bik and a gkort. I wou livu sum cookies.

Love, Ivan Solis

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a sabord.

Love, Kaison Graham

Dear Santa,
I want a Nitendo 64 and Crusinging U.S.A., Super Mario and criss cross crash set. I'll leave you sum kukies and milk.

Love, Randall Zamora

Dear Santa,
I like my bike from last year. But this year I want a pair of roler skates and just bring me what you deside.

Love, Lauren Hughlett

Dear Santa,
I want a new two seat stroler and a new baby bot. I want cind uf bota I git and my brother wants a new legas.

Love, Jordan Monroe

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a dog go cart earrings. How you doing?

Love, Melissa Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Are you going to beg me a little legov and a puppey?


E.J. Franklin

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a bik and ceda.

Love, Stephanie Barber



HAVE A "B"-YUTIFUL CHRISTMAS.....Santa is surrounded by "B's" at the City Park Depot as Briar, Brenner, Breann, and Beau Barnett wish everyone a Merry Christmas. (Ron Carr Photo)



He's On His Way!

Hope Santa brings you all good things.

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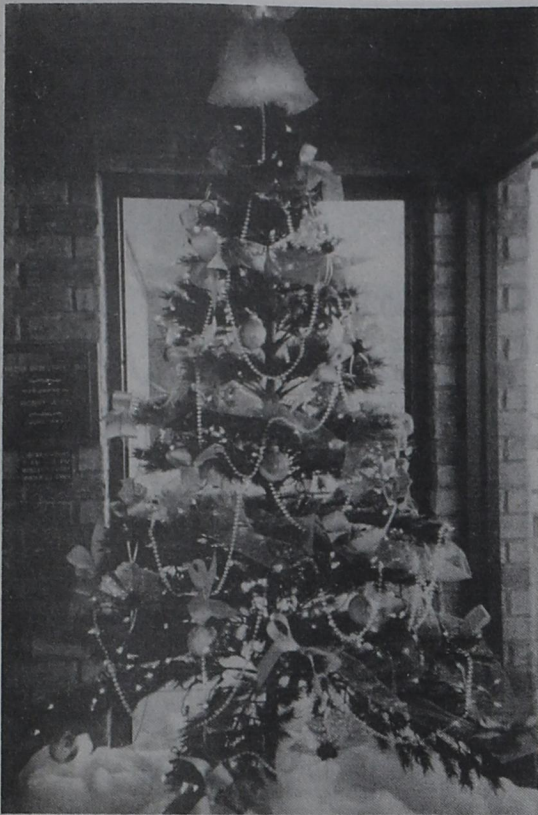
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CHRISTMAS READING.....Libraries are quiet and peaceful places, especially during the Christmas Holiday season. This pretty tree graces the entry to the Friona Public Library, denoting the beauty and message of the season. Support your library all year. (Ron Carr Photo)

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a cho cho train. I hope you read the paper. A reversibel doll. And some new sega games. And a new model car.
Love, Kryslyn Packard

Dear Santa,
I want a Christmas tree. And a van a riul van to go to Mexico pleas.
Love Santa, Brenda

Dear Santa,
I want a par of roller blades and some Saga Janeses gams.
Your friend, Eddie

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is 4 video games. I want is Donky Kong Country 3, NCAA Collage football, Nba basketball and a baseball game and a Nintendo 64.
Sincerely, Amador Rocha

Dear Santa,
I want Baby Tumble Surprise. Baby Headstand Surprise. New Eye Glasses. A Dallas Cowboy jacket. House Splepers.
Brook Presley

Santa,
I want a book and a barber and a bich mere Christmas. To Santa. I love love love Santa.
Anayeli

Dear Santa,
I love you for giveing me some presetes. They are wonderful. I wise I had a wise for Christmas. I think you are a ginyes!
Love, Erica Davila

Dear Santa,
Pleas I want a My Sise Barbie, a Barbie van, a geape some books and thats all Barbie.
Love Santa, From Sandra

Dear Santa,
Watever you bring to me you no that I like what you bring to me. When you come to my house you can bring enithing you want. I don't cer if you bring me toys or clothes. My anress is P.O. Box 323, Vagina. My phone number is 806-247-3434.
From Cindy Trevino

Dear Santa,
I want a double side car it has four big wheels and where it lands it is still on wheels and with a remote control with an antana note with a string. Thank you.
Sincerely, your friend,
Francisco Abran Tafoya

Dear Santa,
I want a Christmas tree and a video of Toy Story. But plaes bring it.
From Brenda

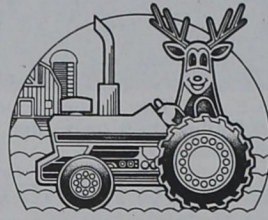
Dear Santa
I want a 15 spiter mouneten climer and close a Dallas Cowboy 22 jersy, a new jumprop. I think you are a gnes.
Merry Christmas, Isabell

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo (64) and I want a football and I want a dog and I want a bike. I want a gold fish. I want a control car and I want a book for reading and I want a Super Nintendo.
Thanks, Franklyn

IT'S CHRISTMAS DOWN ON THE FARM!

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Happy Birthday

Week of Dec. 29-Jan. 4
Friona and area residents having birthdays next week include:
December 29--Bob Clark, Holly White Schueler, Mabel Jones, Alan Monroe.
December 30--Jerry Goen,

Larry Sanders, Jessie Gonzales, Jianna Davenport.

December 31--Bill Ellis, Glenda Ellis, Kenneth Wilhelm, Keith Martin, Joel Landrum, Gwendolyn Maurer, Frankie Lindeman.

January 1--Hack Corbell, Gary Stowers, Jack Clark, Agnes Fulk, Richard Wilson.

January 2--John Bill McFarland, Sunny Horton Ratliff, Dr. Neil Veggeberg, Buford Hartwick, Jose Luis Prieto, Deanna Duke.

January 3--Vickie Kube, Jennifer Brockman, Baize, Marriott Vann Horton, Vondale Mann, Jeremy Reed, John Jarecki, Maxine Bolding, David Moseley, Jolynn Tongate.

January 4--Wanda Wilhelm Gibson.

Week of January 5-11

January 5--Courtney Stowers, Carolyn Kaufman.

January 6--Wesley Barnett, Mitch Massey, Randy Lee Sharpe, Megan Conlee.

January 7--Jeff Hamilton, Mike Lamb, Keta Dodson, Harold Taylor, Gloria Turner, Kelli Hamilton.

January 8--Dave Buske, Ruben Gomez, Betty White, Richard Allen Roberts, Sherry Dawn Widner.

January 9--Eva Miller, Joe Bill Jones, Jennifer Baker, Joel Hight, Cindy Weatherly, Anthony Nunley.

January 10--Chris Houlette, Ben Neelley, Loy Loafman, Joshua Snyder.

January 11--Harold Reed, Slade Clark, Sam Landrum, Michael Jeter, Cleburne Stokes, Angela Green, Leanna Grissom.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 247-2211 by Wednesday noon.



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By Paulino, Balli, Jr.
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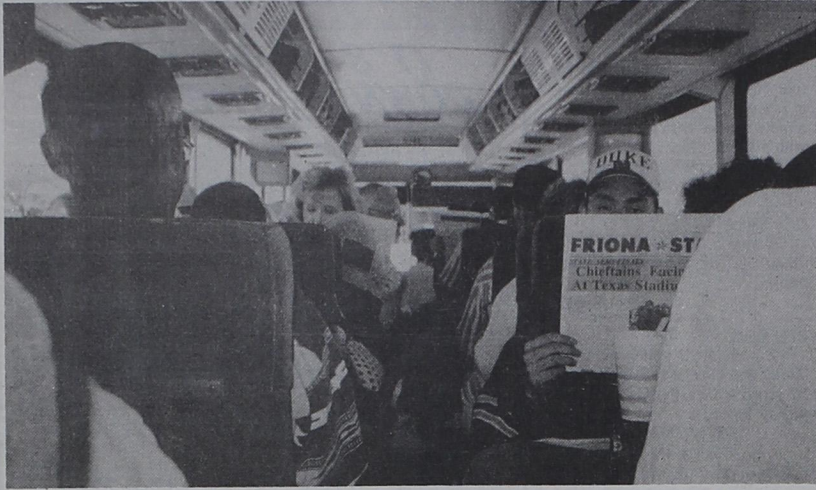
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We're wishing our friends from far and wide all the best of the season.



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TRAVELING IN STYLE.....What better way to head to the Chieftain state semifinal game in Dallas than on a nice comfortable chartered bus and a fresh copy of the Friona Star. (Rick Ellis Photo)

Chieftain Booster Club Takes Two Busloads Of Supporters To Dallas

The Friona Booster Club chartered two buses to the Friona-Tatum state semi-final game. A total of 94 fans, which was "load limit," rode the two special buses.

The buses stopped in Abilene both enroute to and returning from Dallas, for supper at Furr's Cafeteria.

Fans making the trip were treated to exquisite hotel rooms at the Holiday Inn's Centre Hotel off the DFW Freeway, near the DFW Airport.

"That was the only way to go," said one couple who took the bus. As a part of the bus trip "package," the supper meal, and buffet breakfast at the hotel was included. The fans went "Dutch treat" on the Saturday evening meal on the way home to Friona.

The buses even stopped in Lubbock on the way down to pick up one of the Chieftain fans, Noel Garcia, and again on the way back through the Hub City.

The buses had a special parking place at Texas Stadium, which allowed the fans to enter the stadium without much walking. The buses were equipped with TV

monitors which were attached to a VCR system, for the showing of movies. This helped to while away the time, since the "road" part of the trip amounted to about eight hours each way, exclusive of supper breaks.

We realize that hundreds, even thousands of folks from the Friona attended the playoff game, but since they registered fans attending the game via the chartered buses, here's a look at that group:

Tom and Bettye Jarboe, Bill and Ann Carthel, T.A. and Ann Kelly, Bob and Sarah Owen, Raymond and Frances Milner, Clarence and Wynona Martin, Rex and Chuck Blackburn, Gene and Mildred Welch, Matilda Baca, and Mercedes Williams.

Also, Matilda Caballero, Andy and Winifred Hurst, Harley and Francis Merritt, Baker and Margaret Duggins, Dale Houlette, Bernie Gowens, John and Evelyn Marrs, Katherine and Adabeth Smith, John, Courtney, Cameron and Debra Baxter.

Also, Davy, Andy and Kathy Carthel, Kevin, Katy,

Kelsey, Dillon and Linda Welch, Mary Lou Venhaus, Deda Jubay, Lynette Jubay, Andrea Solter, Lonnie and Eugene Ellis, Terry, Keith and Ashlee Hunt, Kenny Ford, Mike Wilson, Eric, Rebecca, Sarah and Linda Rushing.

Also, Eddie, Tyler and Debbie Miller, Terri and Clint Cox, Ray and Iona Cook, Meryle and Olive Massie, Dave and Norma Thompson, Dale and Donna Schueler, Delton and Betty Lewellen, Craig and Cathy Shields, Charla Chesher, Eric and Calvin Shields.

Also, Rick and Bill Ellis, Noel Garcia, Lynn and Janet Phipps, Terri Bails, Clifford Allmon, Cody Williams, Paulette Gardner, Thomas and Virginia Rhodes (of Bovina), Esther Alexander, Stephanie and Abraham Soto, Liz Williams, Don and Cindy Carthel.

The Carthels were instrumental in organizing the bus trip, and those who took part wish to thank them for their efforts, which allowed a large number of local fans to "carpool" in a big way.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I wot a video game.
Love, Elton

Dear Santa,
How dus the reindeer look like? How dus the reindeer walk? I want a big barbie and a teddy bear.
Love, Vanessa

Dear Santa,
How are you dooing? I whont new shoes and I like my sister.
Love, Sammy

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I lick Vixen, Dasher, Comet, Dancer, Cupid, Prancer, Donner, Rewdof, Blesn. For Christmas I want a netendo 64. Kylie want a boy Barbe.

Love, Jared

Dear Santa,
Do your reinder fly? How is Rudolph? I want a toy truck.
Lov, Ritchie



A SEASON OF JOY

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A Blessed Time

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his
name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty
God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*Of the increase of his government and peace
there shall be no end.*

—Isaiah 9:6-7

*May you and yours be blessed with peace
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Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Have I been a good girl? How are you and your elves and thac you fro thee toys. Please bring me a Bardes and scas and a soose sterech and a wetrn wesrt and a cat and a dice.

Love, Stefanie Tirado

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Have I been a good boy? Have a Mary Christmas. I wunt to have a lite toys. I wot a littl toy.

Love, Andrew Diaz

Dear Santa,
Iv been so good. How are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Rudolph. What do you feed them? I love Christmas and toys. Haden's bowrn now. He's cut. Christmas is fun. I what blue fengrenall polish.

Love, Blair

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I love you Santa. For Christmas I wot the Babe drem hasu and for my sister if you can beg!

Love, Cassie

Dear Santa,
How are yor radirs. Wot do you feed yor radirs? How is Mrs. Santa. I wut a bic.

Love, Jordan

Dear Santa,
What do you fed your reindeer? I wot a machruck and a dag.

Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
How are you and your wif? Wat I wut for Christmas is a good family.

Love, Curtis

Dear Santa,
This is Erin Austin. How are you doing? I would like a few things. One of them is Cabbage Patch snack time kid. 2. Gerber twins. 3. Fluffy my come here puppy. 4. Sand art. Ho! Ho!

Erin Austin

Dear Santa,
I want a Dallas jaket and a little Dallas jaket and a nekles for my mom and a Dallas shirt for my dad and a nekles for my Grandmy and a nekles for my sister.

Love, Gerald Padilla

Dear Santa,
I live at 602 Arrah Street. My house is a big house. It has blue list and it has FC with white list on it with a arrow had it has red list.

Love Sawyer Reed

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like to see your house someday. How are you and your elves doing? Have I been a good girl?

Love, Briar Barnett

Dear Santa,
This is Ashley Ingram. How are you doing? I want to ride your randirs. Do you mind if I can have a tarleenbalureenu barbee, and a live pupeeeye and can I hav a live cat and a bear and can you punt Kandeey on our tree again.

Love, Ashley Ingram

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. Have I been a good girl? Are your elves working hard? I would like to see you one day. I wunder what you look like. Thanks for the toys from last time. I wunder what the elves look like too and the raindeer look like too and your wife too.

Love, Ashley Conlee

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to you. Have you been working lately? I've been a good girl. You have reindeer yes 8 reindeer and a toy is fluffy my come here puppy.

Love, Hollis



STOP ME IF YOU'VE HEARD THIS.....Stocking caps are everywhere as a group of youngsters sing carols to entertain the Evening Lions at their Christmas meeting. Little Miss Friona, Briar Barnett, Santa, and Miss Friona Sheila Wiseman, greeted children as they visited Santa at City Park. Each youngster received a free picture with Santa and candy from the "Misses".
(Ron Carr Photos)

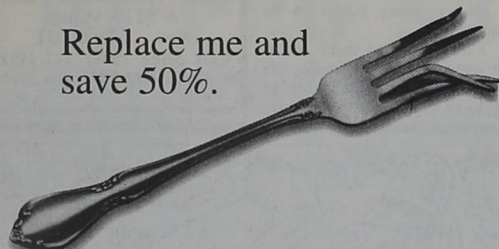


EXCEL AWARDS....Three Excel employees were presented safety performance awards last week. Mark Neill, left, Training/Ergonomics Director at Excel, presented the special jackets to James Rudd, Ester Cano and Floyd Canaday.



EMPLOYEES HONORED....Alan Peterson, shown at right, Corporate Safety Director for Excel Corp., Wichita, Kansas, was in Friona earlier this month to present a safety performance award to Excel's second shift slaughter division. Mark Neill, Excel's Training/Ergonomics Director, is shown at the far left.

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Sherley Anderson Rhea Elevator



COME ON, HURRY UP.....Santa arrived with a police escort and he almost needed it as the little ones surrounded him, tugging and shouting requests as the venerable old guy made yet another trip to the Depot at City Park to brighten the season for the most important people, the kids. (Ron Carr Photos)

Out Here

By RON CARR



Let's not get too heavy in this final Out Here column for 1996. To be honest, I have been sitting here staring at a blank screen for fifteen minutes trying to figure out what to write.

It is not that I have to write about anything, come to think of it, even though I have a long list of topics for future columns. There

are some interesting Parmer County people and places to investigate in 1997.

For now though, my colleagues and I here at the paper are tired and seem to be using this last burst of creativity to print our annual Christmas-New Year's edition.

As is the custom of the

Ellises, no paper will be printed next week. The next regular edition will be dated Saturday, January 11.

However, we will not be completely idle for two weeks. We are planning to publish a special tabloid extra which will commemorate the 1996 football season.

Stories, pictures, facts and figures, this souvenir edition will be a keepsake for anyone who followed the Friona Chieftains in 1996.

And I will be snooping around the county taking some pictures, talking to folks, and gathering information to fill more pages in 1997.

For now I want to sincerely thank all of you for your support and cooperation in 1996.

To those individuals who allowed me to write about them, I thank you.

To those readers that read my Out Here column throughout the year, whether you agreed with me or not, I thank you too.

For everyone who called us with story or picture leads, we appreciate your calls anytime, even though we are not always able to use the information. Don't be discouraged. Call often.

A special thanks from us to all the businesses and individuals who bought advertising in our papers. I called you often, especially during the football playoffs, and the response was better than good.

I believe this newspaper is a prime way to reach a lot of people at one time. Believe it or not, people do read our weekly issues.

So thank you ladies and gentlemen who advertised with us. I appreciate you and your courtesy. And I look forward to working with you more in 1997.

To anyone I left out, overlooked, or offended in 1996, I apologize. We will strive to do a better and more effective job in our publishing efforts in 1997.

Things were not perfect for many of us in 1996. Many of us had some bumps and bruises, some less than wonderful times, but as the year heads to a close there are, as always, many things to be thankful for.

I don't have to make a list. You know what there is in your life to be thankful for. Just be sure to stop somewhere between the aisles

of Wal-Mart and the gift return at Dillard's to say your own personal thanks.

My thanks to Bill and Carol Ellis and my co-workers for all their encouragement and confidence and especially for their diligence in seeing that I was where I was supposed to be when I was supposed to be there.

As I slowly run out of ideas for this last 1996 column, it is appropriate for me to wish you a holiday greeting.

But, as usual, I have a few questions. Like which greeting to use. Haven't most of our greetings become cliché's?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year are pretty self-explanatory, but Season's Greetings covers the entire period.

I always felt that Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year came too close together. If you try to celebrate all three, then have a football team that goes to the state semifinals and the girls basketball season starts, that makes a really pressured holiday season. Tough on the credit cards too.

But back to my greeting. I could use the old "Best wishes of the season", or "hope you and yours receive the blessings of the season."

Or how about, "Sorry you and yours can't come visit me and mine but it would be too crowded anyway and neither one of us can afford that many presents....."

Silent night. Peace on earth, good will toward men (haven't we been wishing that for almost 2,000 years?).

After five extra weeks of out of town football, maybe "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" is appropriate.

No matter what we say, the sentiment is still the same. It is the season to reassess, restore, and begin again.

I appreciate every one of you. With a lot of thought and sincerity, here is my personal season's greeting for all.

"Have a good one".

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I been good this year. I want a nintendo 64, a hockey stick, a car set, the fort legos, play moe a new compter game, and a G. I. Joe.

Love, Tolby Wilcox

Dear Santa,

Iv been very good. I want a guitar for Christmas and a baby racoon doll, and a chicken, and a my size Barbie Bride and a new bike.. And some Barbies, and a Barbie theater. I'm not sure if I want some candie canes. And I want my front tooth. I want a Nintendo 64. Thats about all. I'll be thinking about you during Christmas Santa.

Love, Kelsey McCoy

Dear Santa,

Can you bring me a vacuum cleaner for Christmas? Have I been good this year? If it snows I hop Rudof can make it? I will be a sleep when you come to my house at night. I wander if you are real but I think you are I dont no.

Santa, you are very good to kids and other gronups if they had a choice they would like to be you. Can our wishes come true Santa?

Love, Brandy Hutson

Dear Santa,

I want a Baby handstand for Christmas. You know what, Christmas is my best holiday. Is Rudolph doing good. I hope so. You know what Im singing in the Christmas program Im singing come on ring those bells.

Love, Krista Graham

Dear Santa,

Hou are you doaing. I want a me sise Barbee and a little cputer an sum jinp and a sum vest an sum close and 100 dalrs and a nou kichin set.

Love, Lucretia

Dear Sant,

I ben good this year and I want a teddy bear to sit on my bed and some tirs and toobs to go on my bike and som roller blads size 3 1/2 and the movie space jam and some nike sandles size 3 1/2 and some new seets to go on my bed that is blue and a new baby brother.

P.S. Love, Tiffany

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo 64 for Christmas. It is my favorite Nintendo. The game to go with is Super Mario 64 and I want a GI Joe. And a CD plaer.

Love, Guy Warren

Dear Santa,

I would like a real meadle sparkly golden ninja suit. I would like a silver and green buzz light year and woody. And a my size buzz light year. And a Carolina panther helmet.

Love, Eric Mendoza

Dear Santa,

I was good this yere fore Chrismis. I want a mushen heluicopter and a caputere and a copeer and a Nitindo 64 and a dnke gong cantry z and a new trampolene.

Love, your friend, Alan

Dear Santa,

I would like a hors with a white diamond on her neck and is all black.

I would name it thunder and love it but if you can't get me that you can get me a tiger. I would name it stripes and if you could not get me that then you can get me a snacke. I would name it preshus.

I would like a puppy to. I would like to name it pushy

Love, Nena Ortega

Dear Santa Close,

I want my dady for Crismise and a real Dalmatian puppy.

Derek Lowrie

Dear Santa,

Don't forget all my things. I love you Santa.

Alyssa

Dear Santa,

I want a doll and close and a teddy bear and a kechin set and a doll that can talk and sleep and a teddy bear that can dance and I want a doll that can slep and talk and sleep.

Kimberl

Dear Santa,

I have been good and I woud like 2 video game for Christmas and a radeo and a cuputer.

Joshua

Dear Santa,

I want a dog that dond shas cats a cat tm skatean lesens 2 barby 12 clos and a sled boy doll and now clos fo me clos fo the boy doll 8 dreses.

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Love, Paige Herbert

Dear Santa,
I would love a video game for Christmas called Donkey Kong, Country 3, Dixie's, Double Trouble, Donkey Kong Country 2.
Love, Bryan Baxter

Dear Santa,
For cressmus I want a skie danser.
Love, Yesenia

Dear Santa,
Christmas is coming around and I want the Alison doll from "The Magic Attic Club," C.D. player, Clein Dion "Falling Into You," and a Talk Girl. Thank you for getting me everything I want. Hope you have a fun Christmas! Ho Ho Ho!!
Love, Haleigh
P.S.--Love you lots!!

Dear Santa,
I bulev in you and my friends bulev in you to. Santa I love you.
Your friend, Adam

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been good this year realy better. I want a Barbie that has a whale with it. I want that other collectifill barbie. Her name is Little Boa Peep. I want the dolls around the world barbies. I want a desk where I could write or color something like that. Some books to learn about like school books. The art set that's in my magazine. That's all for now.
Sincerely, Brittany

Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 the new Nintendo not the old one. Bring me one and I will share with my brothers. Leave the games that go to Nintendo in my stocking. I need a toy gun in my stocking to. I have been a nice boy. I hope I get to see you this Christmas.
Tyler Shields

Dear Santa,
I want a Night Mare alley and a super van city and one more thing like a dragon flies. I like my brother and sister.
Love, Alex Gurley

Dear Santa,
I want a fluffy my come here puppy. I also like a my size dancing Barbie. I've also been good! Alex has been good also.
Love, Hollis Gurley

Dear Santa,
Hear is what I want if you can give me, ok. I want the dodle bear. Please I beg you and a van for my family. Can I see your reandeer if your real. I have heard all about you. They say you are not real. I do belev in you. Please can you give me the dodle bear and a van if you can for me and my family and my brother and sister and a computer for me. I love you Santa. You are so nice. You sing songs. It sounds like you. I am not sure if it's you. By-by Santa.
Your friend, Patricia



PSSST, HEY BUDDY.....Now look, Santa, write this down will you? Randi Cones of Friona gets her time with Santa to fill his ear with special requests of the season. (Ron Carr Photo)



NOW LOOK HERE.....Efficiency was the way to describe Devin Boren's visit with Santa at City Park. He brought along the Toys 'R Us insert from the Sunday paper and pointed out his selections. Was Santa paying attention? We hope so. (Ron Carr Photo)

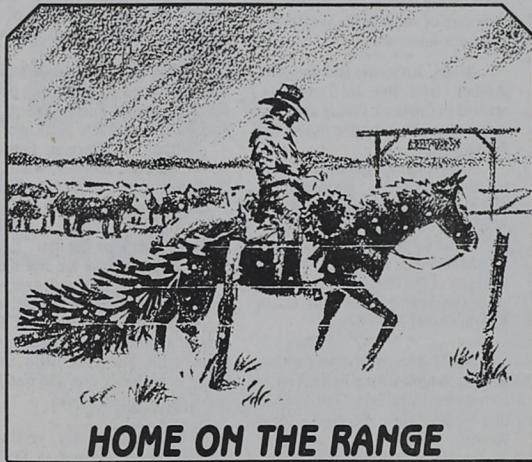
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By Mary Dalton Crump

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*The manger calls us all to know,
Not just at Christmas times,
That He brought hope to all the world,
A light in darkness shines.*

*As some earth people saw the glow,
The night the star sang low,
Some others slept on, unaware
That heaven sent that glow.*

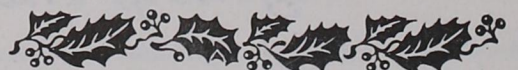
*For at Christmas we remember,
That our God loved us so,
He sent Jesus to a stable,
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*That Christ was King, without a crown,
'Ere halo changed to thorn.
He came to earth to light the way
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Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD

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Probably one of the most fun parties of the season is always the community wide women's party and ornament exchange which is held annually in the home of Helen Potts.

All the women of the Rhea community are always invited, so they come from Texas and New Mexico and have an exciting time. Each one brings her favorite holiday treat and a Christmas tree ornament—generally one she has created.

This year's party was held Monday evening. Those attending included Ona Patterson, Cecilia, Martha, Lorna and Donna Schueler; Lois and Becky Potts, Mona Ann Wilson, Wilma Jean Hughes and Sarah Dean.

Also, Mamie Lou Welch, Jean Stovall, Rachel Clark, Krista and Judy Potts, Jane Harrington, Velma Schlenker and Bertha Carnero.

After a session of carol singing and a program directed by Cecelia Schueler, who also read the Christmas story, refreshments were served.

Jeff and Heather Smith Schueler of Lubbock were weekend guests in the homes of their parents, Herbert and Cecelia Schueler of the Rhea community, and Doris Smith, who lives in Friona.

Last week was a fun one for Martha Bates. Early in the week, one of her granddaughters, Major Amy Bates Hampton, who is serving in the United States Air Force Reserve, spent a few days with her.

Then, these two went to Lubbock for a brief visit in the home of Amy's parents, Phillip and Gretchen Bates. Saturday evening several members of the Bates family including Amy and Martha, attended the commencement exercises of Texas Tech University. One of the graduates was

Melissa Swinford Bates of Dumas, who received her Master of Education degree with a language literacy emphasis. She's the wife of Rob Bates and teaches in the Cactus School System.

Martha returned to Friona Monday and Amy returned to her base, which is Shaw Air Force base, South Carolina. She and her husband, Major Dan Hampton, are both stationed there and have been a part of the Bosnia affair.

Randy Weatherley returned home Monday after a ten day stay in Central Texas. He spent some time with his mother, Owanna Weatherley, who lives in Celeste; attended the Friona-Tatum game and took care of some of his Weatherley livestock interests.

Stormi Roberson and daughter, Amber, who live in Tennessee, arrived in Lubbock Friday and were met by her sister, Leslee Floyd, and Jyl Grimsley.

They plan to spend this week visiting Stormi's grandmother, Minnie Knight; her mother, Martha Mars, and other kith and kin.

Other weekend visitors in these homes included Greg and Whitney Greeson of the Liberal, Kansas area. He's the son of Jim and Gayle Knight Greeson.

David Renner of San Antonio arrived Saturday for a holiday visit. He expects to be here until one day this week. He's the son of Iona Renner.

Several college students have arrived for stays of different lengths. Bonnie and Amy Israel are visiting their parents, Curtis and Mary Nell. Charlie Snead, who is attending Texas Tech Pharmacy School in Amarillo is a guest in the home of his parents, Kay and Gary Snead.

Rene Martis is spending some time with her parents, Mike and

Rita, and sister, Heather. Heather is making satisfactory recovery from her recent knee surgery.

Bill Stewart is home from the hospital, but has to have twenty-four hour care. His daughter, Billie Chandler of Santa Fe, New Mexico, has been here but expects to go home in a day or two.

Loy Loafman, who has been a medical patient at Hereford Regional Health Center for the past week, is making satisfactory progress, but expects to be hospitalized several more days.

Margie Herring hosted a pretty Christmas coffee in her home Friday morning. Several of her granddaughters assisted her with serving.

It was hard to realize that the tall slender red head pouring punch was the same Terri Carson we remember from a few years ago.

When the Carson family-- David, Carolyn, Jennifer, Wade, Jay Fred and Terri--moved to Howe, Texas, she was a bouncy little red head who always had a friendly smile for everyone she met.

It was good to see her again. The party was fun and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Kriste Herring Haile of Fort Worth, another granddaughter, was there with her two little ones. Holly is probably one and one-half and Conner is two weeks.

Sarah Floyd, my youngest granddaughter, arrived in Dallas, Saturday, of last week after flying non-stop from London. She was met by her parents, Gerald and Jana Floyd.

She spent a couple of nights last week with her Friona family members. Her mother was also here one day.

Sarah has been in Dublin, Ireland since early May and will

return at the end of this month.

Roger Wilcox of Hereford, a former Friona resident and businessman, had by-pass surgery in Baptist High Plains Hospital in Amarillo, Friday, and is reported to be doing very well.

Well, folks! That's it for this year. How did 1996 pass so rapidly? The year has been very good for me. Thanks to all of you for your in-put into Town Talk. It has been fun. Keep up the good works.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you!

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WHITE CHRISTMAS?.....Not this year, but we can remember the snowfall at Thanksgiving that beautified yards like this one at the Harry & Hannah Lookingbill residence, and be thankful for the blessings of Christmas and a New Year. (Ron Carr Photo)



REMEMBER THE REASON.....for the season. From a humble, anonymous birth in a stable, Jesus has touched the world. Gifts from the wisemen are presented in this manger scene at Friona State Bank. (Ron Carr Photo)

Modern Study Club Members Met Dec. 17

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accompanied at the piano by Eva Miller, Sarah Gerles and Clint Mears.

Those present recalled childhood memories about their Christmases. Some remarked of feeling of packages under the tree, trying to find toys or gifts that had been hidden; finding fuzzy houseshoes instead of fuzzy headed dolls, eating too much Christmas dinner and visiting relatives.

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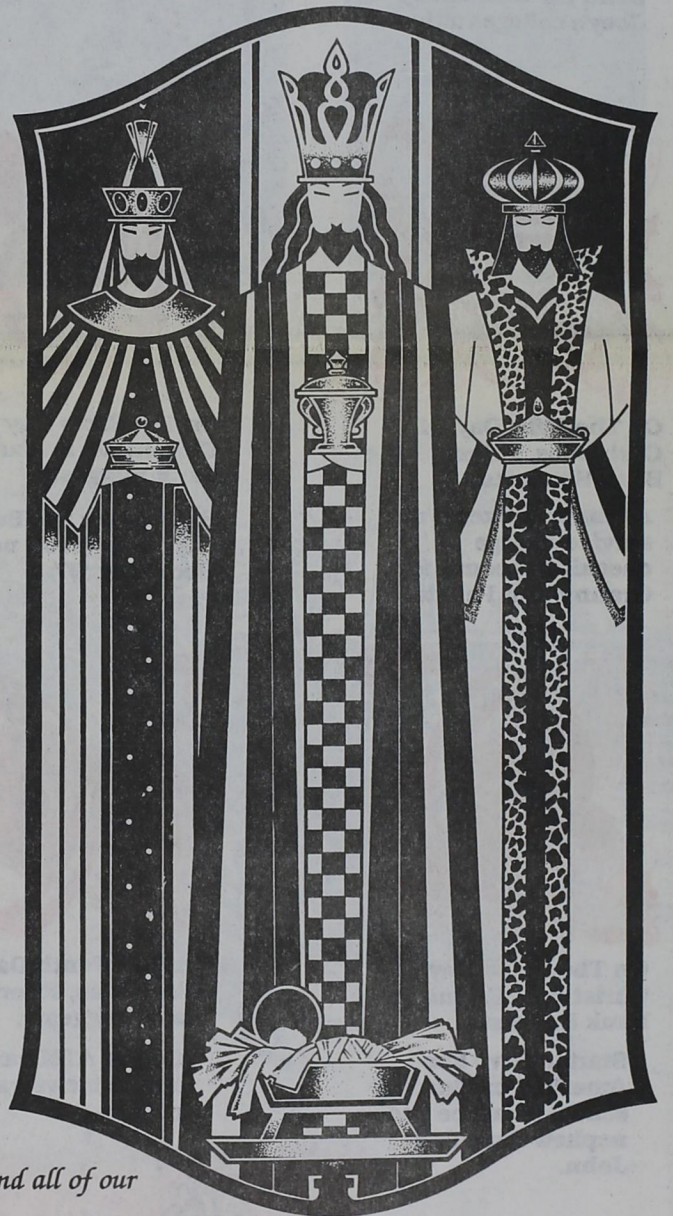
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On The Sixth Day Of Christmas, Friona State Bank Suggests:

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On The Seventh Day Of Christmas, Friona State Bank Suggests:

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On The Eighth Day Of Christmas, Friona State Bank Suggests:

Join up with the group going to see the TEXAS play in the Canyon next summer.



On The Ninth Day Of Christmas, Friona State Bank Suggests:

Start a "Save For America" program at school for niece and nephew Jane and John.



On The Tenth Day Of Christmas, Friona State Bank Suggests:

Get an ATM card for son Bob away at college.

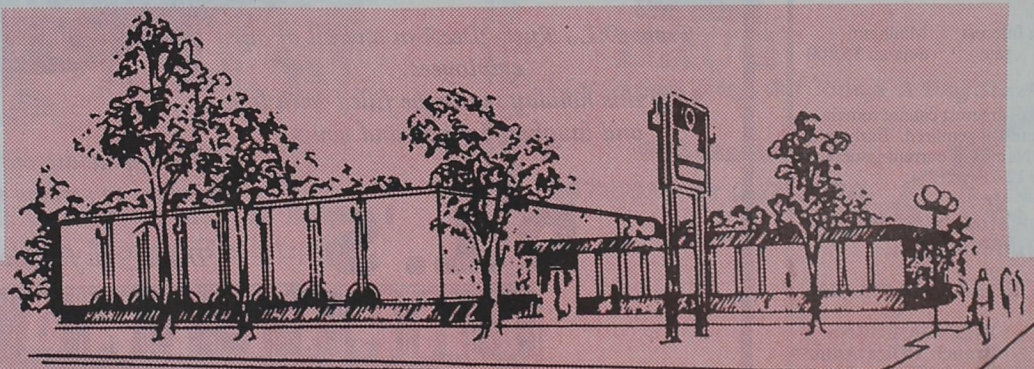
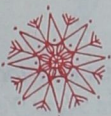


On The Eleventh Day Of Christmas, Friona State Bank Suggests:

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On the Twelfth Day of Christmas, Friona State Bank Wishes Every One In the Friona Area The Best Christmas Ever!



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Santa's Local Toymaker

Walter Schueler's Workshop-- The Stuff of Kids' Dreams

(Editor's note: The following article is being reprinted from the December issue of "Co-op Connection," the monthly publication for West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative.)

The article and photos are courtesy of Jim Steiert, who serves as editor of "Co-op Connection." Steiert is an award-winning writer and photographer.)

By JIM STEIERT

Elfin magic is going on at Walter Schueler's place at Rhea, northwest of Friona, these days. Like most employers, Santa is ever-eager to find good help. He's found one excellent helper in a semi-retired farmer.

Since toy-making skills come at a premium during the holiday season, you could say Santa has designated Walter's Woodcraft, Schueler's home-based toy making and wood crafting enterprise, as an official North Pole work station in Parmer County.

In a workshop just off of his home, this Parmer exchange customer crafts wooden toys that are a throwback to times past. His wife, Martha, paints the toys and helps with applying stains to the cleverly-made pieces.

Most folks might look at a chunk of wood and never imagine there was a toy hiding inside it...Walter has a knack for freeing the toy from the surrounding wood.

From blocks of pine and cedar, oak, walnut and alder, he extracts clever pull-toys in the form of egg-laying chickens, wing-flapping ducks, high-kicking grasshoppers, and yawning hippos. There are tractors with round-headed drivers, smooth-grained Model-A-type cars

with a spare on the rear, trucks, airplanes, and yes, even red fire engines with ladders, like kids from Christmases beyond memory have dreamed of.

Walter's hands and the tools that they wield transform pieces of cedar into nativity scenes that reflect the real message of the season. Flip over the mounting board for these scenes, place the pegs on the pieces in new holes, and peg-in a few other pieces, and the nativity scenes become fitting reminders of Good Friday and Easter.

Walter has fashioned toys, in a manner of speaking, since his childhood.

As a young boy, Walter made small cars and trucks from 2x4 blocks that he nailed wheels on.

Though the seeds of toy making were sown in his youth, they didn't sprout and blossom until Walter had health problems that forced him to lease out the irrigated end of his farming operation.

He still farms his dryland acreage part-time, but found himself with more time on his hands once the intensity level of his farming dropped off.

Walter made quite a few food and craft shows in the area with Martha, who has operated Martha's Candy, and marketed chocolates, caramels, and other ingredients for treats and gifts, and has conducted home demonstrations on how to use these ingredients to make these treats for 17 years.

While passing the time manning sales booths at these craft shows, Walter noted that there just weren't any toys for kids to enjoy at the events.

Advised by Martha that he'd best find something to

keep him busy, Walter looked around for options.

He had a shop right off the house, with saws, a lathe and drill press, router, sander--all kinds of woodworking equipment--and he remembered the joy of making toys.

What began as a time-passing hobby has now become a full-time trade for Walter the toy-maker.

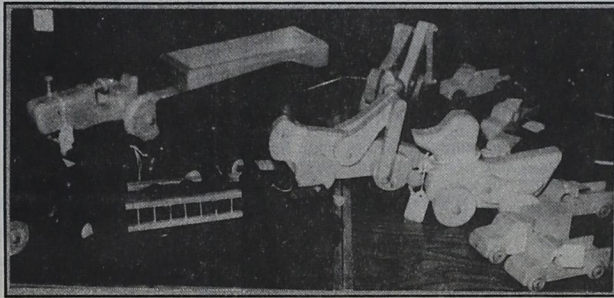
He started marketing his toys through a booth at the Crafter's Mall in Clovis earlier this year.

"I like seeing the pleasure that people take from the toys that I've built," says Walter. "I guess I'm a kid at heart, still. I can't get real interested in making furniture. I don't like to start off on stuff that I have to work a week on. It's fun making toys. I have to come up with my own pattern for some of these creations, and that's challenging. Our kids and grandkids have had some great ideas for things to build."

Toy crafting is not a high-speed, high volume (Continued on Page 2)



WALTER SCHUELER'S WORKSHOP




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Nativity scene at right doubles as a suitable Easter scene, left, by flipping over mounting board and aligning figures.

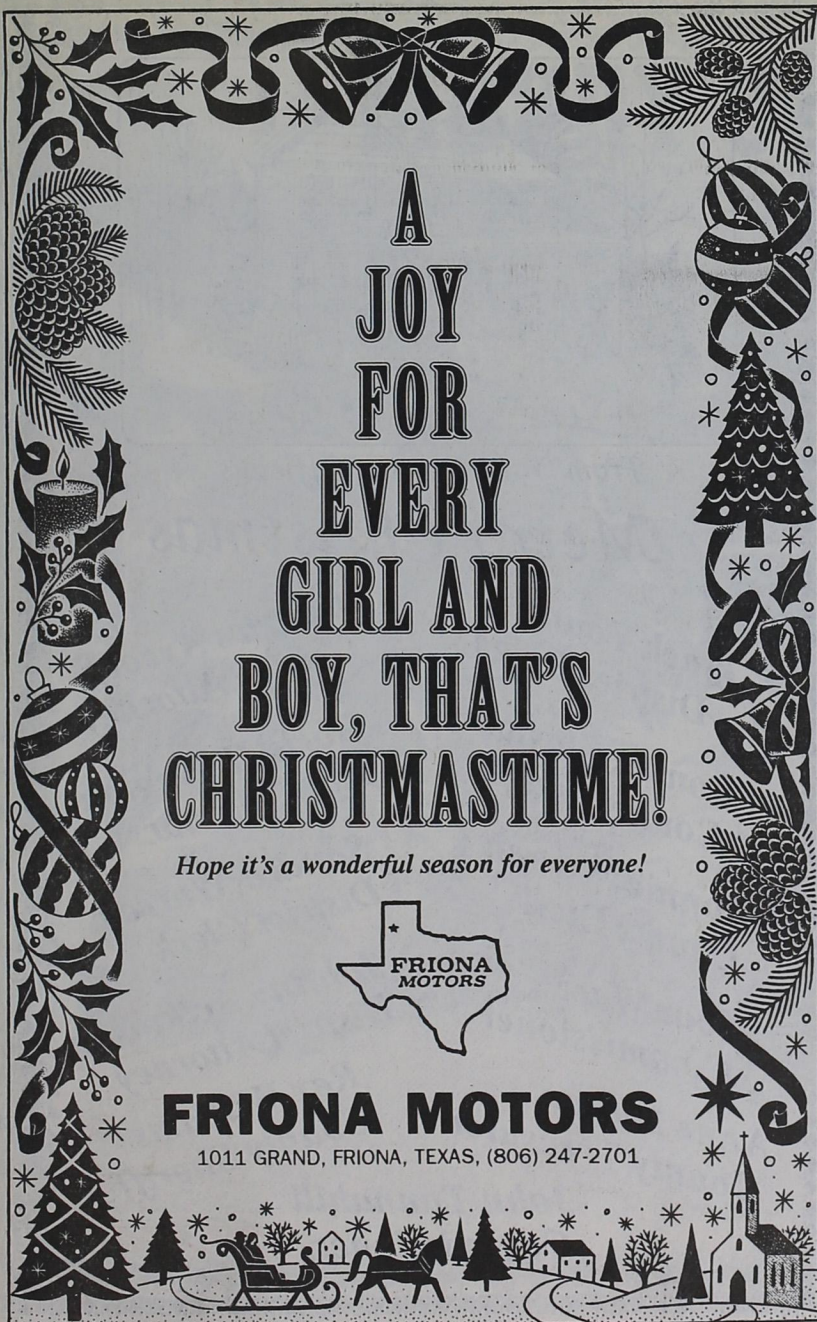
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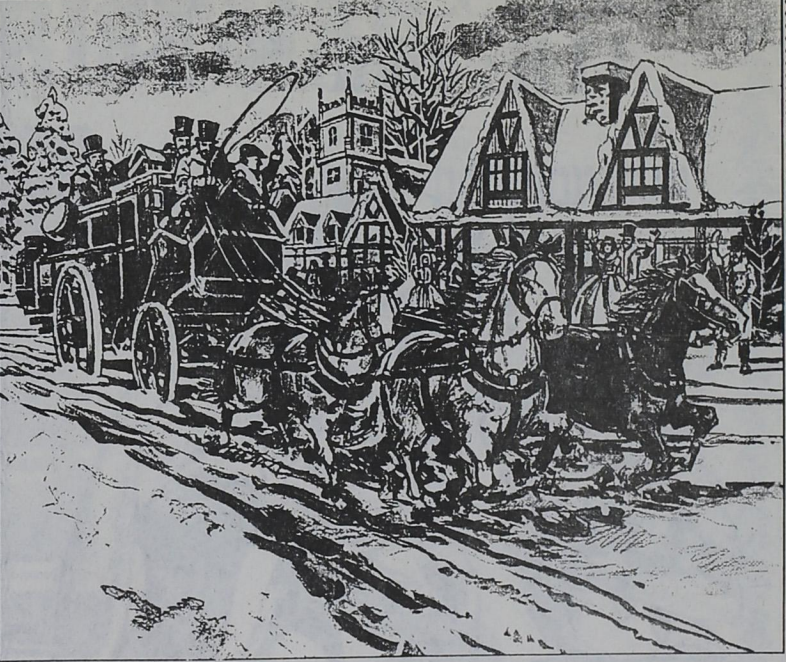
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Former District Mgr. Died October 29

Tom McFarland, 79, who was instrumental in the creation of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and served as its first general manager. He died October 29 in Austin.



McFARLAND

McFarland was born in Littlefield, Texas in 1917 and he attended schools in Drummond, Oklahoma.

He was instrumental in writing and passing laws providing the legal mechanism for creating and operating underground water conservation districts in Texas.

When the water district law was passed in the late 1940s, McFarland was serving as manager of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. It was in this capacity that he helped conduct public meetings and spoke for the creation of an underground water conservation district in the Texas High Plains.

After creation of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in September 1951, McFarland was appointed to serve on the District's original board of directors. The other board members persuaded him to accept the position of manager, in which he served until his resignation in August 1969.

During his 18-year tenure as manager, the District accomplished many things. Some of these include:

- *Protecting ground water quality by leading the fight to persuade the Texas Railroad Commission to pass a state-wide order halting disposal of oilfield brine in unlined surface pits.

- *Filing a lawsuit against the Internal Revenue Service to obtain a cost-in-water income tax depletion allowance for landowners who use ground water in the business of irrigation farming.

- *Development of a public information/education pro-

gram to inform area residents about their ground water resources and the need to conserve water.

After retiring as manager of the High Plains Water District, McFarland moved to Austin where he served as underground water advisor to Governor Preston Smith. He later worked at the Texas Water Quality Board and the Texas Department of Water Resources, from which he retired in June 1980.

Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter and two step-grandsons.



Every kid needs a plane.

Santa's Parmer County Toyland...

(Continued from Page 1)

enterprise, and Walter isn't in a hurry. When busy, he may cut-out and build two or three toys a day. Once he begins a toy, this Parmer County craftsman usually stays with it until it's finished. He's anxious to see the completed product.

"I don't push it. I like to take the time to build these toys right," Walter explains. "You can pass a lot of time making these toys. I prefer doing this to sitting around in front of the television set."

He works mostly with 2x4 and 2x6 pine stock and uses a lot of 1x12 pine that he layers for proper thickness.

Martha does most of the toy painting, using a couple of coats of "kid-proof" water-based, non-toxic paint, or polyurethane for a clear, natural finish.

Walter accepts some custom woodworking projects, and often works from pictures to devise creations. He sometimes sits at the kitchen table and draws up patterns for toys.

He and Martha say they "can't keep enough made up," when it comes to little wooden airplanes and trucks, especially during the holidays.

"I like making the pull toys, tractors, and trucks. I

got the ideas for some of the pull toys from books, and I drew up the patterns for the tractors and trailers," Walter says. In addition to toys, Walter also fashions candle holders, chalice-like candy trays, and pen holders, and has made a few items of furniture—although he says he's such a kid that he's too interested in toys to work on furniture.

Does Martha's candy draw the toy customers at craft shows, or do Walter's toys draw candy customers? "They're mutually attractive. It has worked well to have them together," Martha says.

If you have a special toy project in mind, you can contact Santa's helper, Walter Schueler, at (806) 295-6597. You can also contact head candy maker, Martha, at that number. She can arrange for a demonstration of that fine art in your home or for a club or other organization.

Walter just might be able to see that toy you have in mind hidden in a block of wood.

Martha's candy is guaranteed to sweeten your disposition if you decide to pay a visit to Santa's shop in the Rhea community.

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Two County Youths Earn Top 4-H Awards

Forty outstanding youths from across the South Plains were honored in Lubbock Monday, November 25, at the 39th annual South Plains District 4-H Gold Star Banquet.

The Gold Star Award is the highest honor which can be earned by 4-H club members at the county level. Four-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, an arm of the Texas A&M University System.

The district banquet has been sponsored each year by eleven area electric cooperatives: Bailey County, Caprock, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Lamb County, Lea County, Lighthouse, Lyntegar, Midwest, South Plains and Swisher.

This year's event at the Koko Palace, brought to 1,519 the number of young leaders honored in the district. Some 14,000 guests--family members, community leaders and officials from the two-county area--have honored the recipients at the banquets.

"We count it a privilege to have sponsored this event for 39 years," said Delbert Smith, general manager of the Lamb County Electric Cooperative, as he welcomed this year's group on behalf of the cooperatives. "It's really an opportunity to encourage the honorees and say, Hey, we appreciate what you're doing."

"What you're doing is important," he told the Gold Star winners. "What you're really doing is growing up, learning skills that will help you be outstanding citizens."

Smith also paid tribute to the winners' parents. "You're raising young people, giving them a focus, something they can keep the rest of their lives. Our hat's off to you," he told the adults.

Grant Key, Borden County delegate to the district 4-H Council,



EARN GOLD STAR AWARDS...Kirk Gober of Farwell and Joni Johnson of Friona received the Parmer County 4-H Gold Star Award. They were recognized at the District Banquet held recently in Lubbock.

responded to Smith's welcome. "Think how important the electric cooperatives are to our 4-H program," he urged the 4-H members and leaders.

Trent DeLeon of Lamb County, council president, was master of ceremonies. Tawnee Matthews of Castro County, council first vice president, reported on the 1996 state 4-H Congress. This is a mock legislative session at the State Capitol in Austin and is held every other year. Special recognition was given to key volunteer leaders and to 4-H members whose project record books won state awards, earning them a trip November 29-December 1 to Washington, D.C.

Receiving the Gold Star award from Parmer County were Joni Johnson of Friona and Kirk Gober of Farwell.

The Legend of the First Christmas Tree

One clear, cold Christmas Eve, a man walked through the snow toward his home. As he looked up through the branches of the evergreens along the way, he saw hundreds of stars twinkling like silver jewels. He was enthralled and wished he might share this beauty with his small daughter, who was an invalid. He hurried home to fetch his axe and returned to find a beautiful evergreen with full branches. He chose the loveliest of all and took the tree into his home.

On its branches he placed lighted candles, so that his daughter would know something of the beauty of the stars shining through the branches of the trees. It was almost as if the light of heaven was within their small home.

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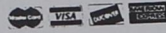
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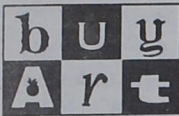
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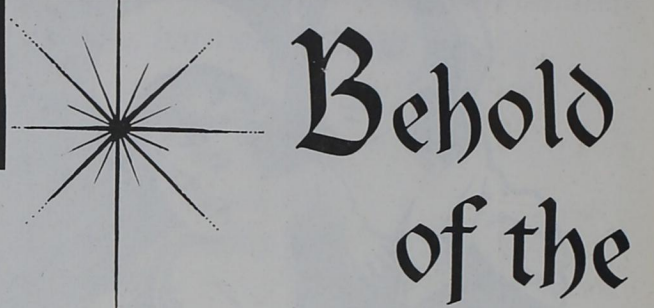
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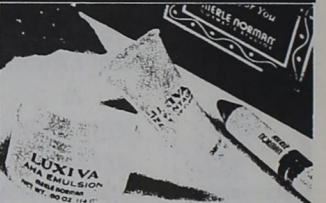
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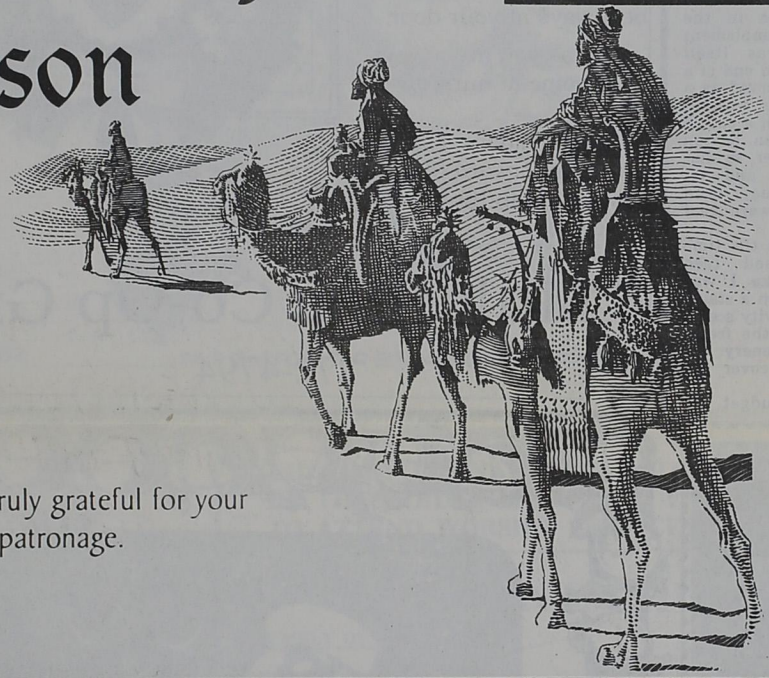
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(Editor's note: the following article by Jim Steiert appeared in this month's issue of "Co-op Connection," monthly publication of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative.)

The article appeared in the December issue, under the heading of "On the Turnrow," Steiert's regular column.)

By JIM STEIERT

"I just hate to see 'it' coming any more," the grandmotherly lady sighed as we exchanged greetings and steered our shopping carts to pass side-by-side in the narrow aisle that the giant retailer had left between piled-high cartons of wrapping paper on one side, and a mind-boggling assortment of ornaments and varied junk on the other.

Ever shopping-wary, and now shopping-weary, I knew the overwhelmed feeling she was expressing. Here came the holiday season, bearing down like a runaway train. She was probably already in frenzied planning and preparation for what she hoped would be a memorable blow-out for the family. The tasks that lay before her, whether real or imagined, must be completed before Christmas. She was already feeling the pressure.

We hadn't even laid in the turkey for Thanksgiving at our house yet, and here we were, elbowing our way through the consumer mayhem of all of this. We were trapped in a shopping hell, surrounded by mountains of tin and tinsel, bulbs and bows, fake renditions of pine and fir, the electric-driven animation of elves and Santa and snowmen, the ceaseless bombardment of tinny music from figurines.

The wind-up and battery-driven jangles mixed but ill with the stuff blaring over the public address system that was supposed to be music. The casual shopper was quickly rendered deaf, or numb, or both, by what I

suppose was intended as marketing gimmickry to soothe, and put shoppers in a holiday spirit of spending.

I watched young parents drag their small, gawking child through this mass of confusion. He seemed as stupefied by it all as I was.

What kind of impression of Christmas, what sort of wide-eyed wonder at the season was a kiddo to draw from all of this?

When had Christmas, the childhood favorite season, been reduced to an "it"? When had Christmas become something to be dreaded, rather than anxiously anticipated?

We bumped and jostled, dodged and weaved and fought and clawed our way through the crowds. The store was so congested that over-eager cart-pushers were clipping my heels in their excessive zeal to get to the next "must" deal. At long last, we got finished with this foray, then ran for home.

I wondered at what was wrong with this picture on the drive back to small town civilization.

Back home and unloaded, I made a trip to the alley to dispose of some of the day's accumulated trash.

I guess it was the wind of the previous November evening that had ripped a heavy upper branch from one of the many-and-marvelous blue-needled cedar trees flanking the south side of the alley. I like that row of evergreens. They dampen the road noise and give us a little privacy on the back 40. They are a haven for colorful birds from mourning doves to bluejays. They ease the burn of the southerly sun in the summer, and buffer the blasts of fitful winds in the spring.

I'm proud of whoever had the foresight, many years ago, well before we came to the neighborhood, to plant that row of them there.

The soft-needled upper-most parts of the wounded

branch hung by a sliver of bark, wedged between the trunk and other branches. Boisterous freeze had wreaked its havoc in the night, when the likelihood of anyone walking beneath the tree was remote. The broken branch was nearly as big-around as a small man's leg. Had it fallen on someone's cabeza, it would surely have inflicted a substantial el cabongo.

I got a saw and big pruning loppers to take this dangling hazard down before it could nail the neighbor lady.

A few minutes of pushing the saw heated me up, despite the brisk temperature. The branch broke free and crashed to the ground. I wrestled it around where I could work it down to manageable size. I used the loppers to whack off all of the branches that I could get its jaws around.

Some flexes of the wooden handles, some gashes by the business end of the tool and fresh, tacky, skin-tarring sap was oozing. The odor from the work was familiar. It was that of Christmases years back, when trees were real and shopping malls weren't.

A noseful of this and I thought about how Dad used to lug in a soft-needled Christmas tree that would stand in the hole in the middle of an old implement flywheel, that was itself placed in the bottom end of a steel barrel that served as a water pan. The pan was cut from the barrel with a chisel, and the edges then beaten down with a hammer, so that they were smooth and not sharp. The tree, and Christmas itself, were real enough then.

I thought about the time that Pancho used tree branches much like I was lopping off to fashion a stable for the church nativity scene, and how we used the fresh, sweet-smelling greenery left from his work to cover the stable roof.

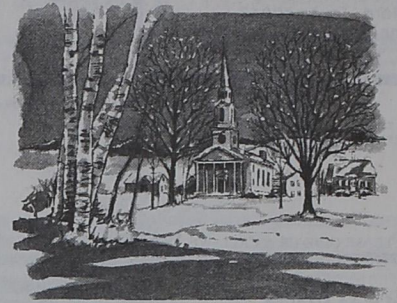
We had no budget for

church decorations that year, but were able to bum some leftover Christmas trees from a couple of local stores. We banked those trees in staggered heights behind the table holding the nativity scene at the front of the church, and decorated the trees with what we had. That Christmas surely looked and felt real.

I decided that in the cool weather, I could save some of those branches that I was trimming off. It's been a while since our home has smelled of such a real thing of Christmas.

I almost had to be bonged on the cabeza by an evergreen branch to be reminded that with Christmas, it's better to just keep it simple, stupid.

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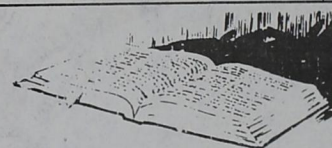
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