



MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO THE MANGER

By Mary Dalton Crump

*Christmas leads us to the manger,
But it doesn't matter where
We go to find the Holy Christ
For He is ever there.*

*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.*

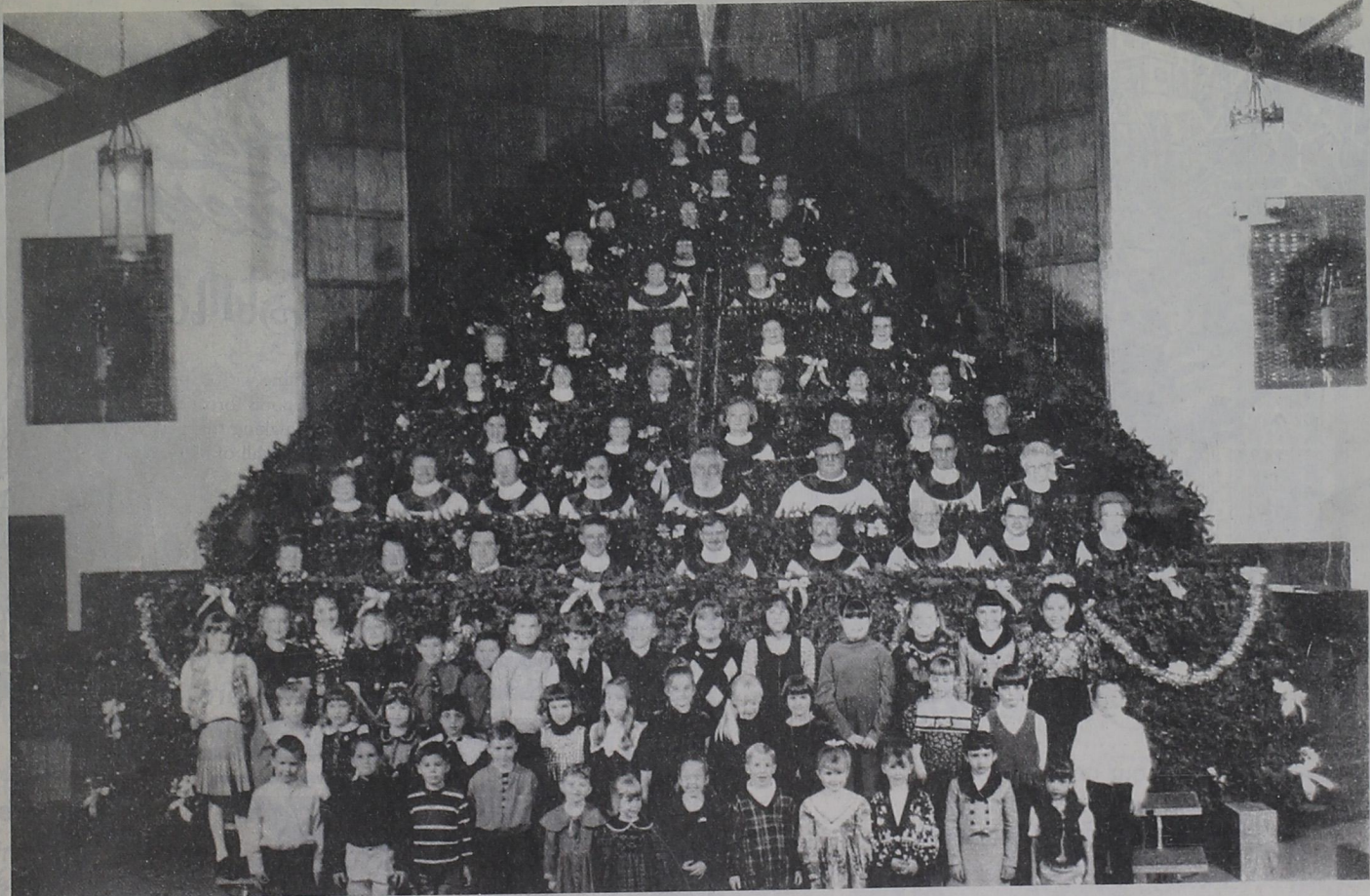
*As some earth people saw the glow,
The night the star sang low,
Some others slept on, unaware
That heaven sent that glow.*

*For at Christmas we remember,
That our God loved us so,
He sent Jesus to a stable,
And angels came to show*

*That Christ was King, without a crown,
'Ere halo changed to thorn.
He came to earth to light the way
The night that Love was born.*



CHRISTMAS IS FOR KIDS.....Santa is delighted and who wouldn't be with three smiling faces like these. Anticipating Christmas morning with twinkles in their eyes are, l-r, Caitlin Bronniman, Cheyenne Harris, and Megan Sharrock. (Ron Carr Photo)



FRIONA'S LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE....Members of the Living Christmas Tree Choir gave their third annual performance December 5, 6, & 7, under direction of Jim Parker, with Johnnie Walters as accompanist. Adult members of the choir are: (not in order shown in photo) Cherry Wells, Linda Griffin, Sandra Turner, Nola Faye Vestal, Lois Norwood, Pamela Pauling, Jayn Looper, Sabrina Landrum, Jeri Lynn White, Luann Hough, Amelia Taylor, Sharon White, Adabeth Smith, Pam Messer, Mary Joyce Barnett, Barbara Neely, Betty Renner,

Daphne Cunningham, Gerri Taylor, Nancy Edelman, Annie Mae Thomas, Ruby Stone, Tammy Spencer, Karen Renner, Doris Barnett, Wyona Clark, Connie Neelley, Claire Blanco, Marca Herring, Peggy Monroe, Alice Allen, Kelsey Welch, Nancy Roden, Charlotte Ratcliff, Kitty Gallman, Cheryl Weatherly, DeLinda Black, Sue Fiel, Rene Hough, Amy Stephens, Lesta Lee Neill, Faye Reeve, Tony Tasillo, Mickey Griffin, Charles Turner, Kirk Frye, Robert Wilson, Neely Landrum, Bill Neely, Alan Monroe, Ricky Rector, Dale Schueler, Kim Caffey,

Danny Black, and Harald Taylor.

The Friona United Methodist Church Bell Choir also performed: Rose Boren, Erin Barnett, Holly Santillan, Pamela Pauling, Margaret Duggins, Deke Kendrick, Kim Herring, Martha Mae Pruett, Jayn Looper, Deidra Ferguson, Sharon White and Cheryl Weatherly.

See listing elsewhere in this section of members of the Children's Choirs.

(Photo by Don Spring)

Local Folks Enjoy Bank-Sponsored Trip To See Branson Christmas Shows

A PERSON COULD GET SPOILED having a chauffeur to drive you around everywhere, being showered with entertainment daily, being served three large fabulous meals every day. Then you're dropped off at your door each evening, only to start all over again early the next morning. This was the schedule for those 39 folks who traveled to Branson, Missouri last week on the Christmas tour sponsored by Friona State Bank.

Everyone came home with memories to last a lifetime and cricks in our necks from looking up. There were exquisite and unusual Christmas decorations everywhere you looked, but none quite as beautiful as those on the ceilings of all the restaurants and theaters which were visited by the tour group.

Twinkling stars graced the ceilings and fabulous chandeliers were everywhere. The Bobby Vinton Theater is decorated with angels, not just at Christmas, but all year long. The ceiling at this theater, and also at the Precious Moments chapel, was painted with clouds, cherubs and angels. White doves flew over the audience in one show, and in another one, Santa Claus came down from the ceiling in a balloon.

Beautifully decorated Christmas trees were everywhere, ranging from eight feet to about 20 feet tall, which added to the "looking up" syndrome. One restaurant had three Christmas trees all decorated in a different theme, and all were hanging upside down from the ceiling.

Branson is a town almost exactly the size of Friona, 3700 year-round residents. But they annually get almost 20 million visitors to the "strip" lined with theaters just outside of town. They employ thousands of workers from all the towns around, even as far away as Springfield, to work in the shops, restaurants, motels, behind the scenes at the theaters, etc.

There were about 20,000 people in town during the time the Friona group was there. Every one of the 20,000 was wearing a Christmas sweater and no two of them were alike.

The tour group viewed eight shows in four days. Each of the Branson Christmas shows gives you about twice the amount of show that you get during the regular season. The first half of a show features most of their regular numbers and after intermission, you see the Christmas portion of the show. Each show had an elaborate grand finale finish.

The Dino Piano Extravaganza at the Grand Palace was our first show. If you are at all familiar with contemporary Christian music, then you have probably heard Dino's piano technique which is reminiscent of Liberace. In fact, Dino had managed to acquire one of Liberace's famous mirror-mosaic pianos.

The next show visited by the Friona tour group was "Jennifer" which could be called a country-western Christmas show. It was perhaps the most "down home" show of the entire tour. Singer-dancer Jennifer Wilson was backed by a seven piece western band and they put on an energetic, laugh-packed show.

The Lennon Sisters and Jo Ann Castle, backed by the famous champagne orchestra, are headliners for the Lawrence Welk Show, which brought back memories of "a-one and a-two" from the Welk TV shows of the 50s and 60s. All Branson shows are good wholesome family entertainment and

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



many of them feature second generation singers. The Welk show is no exception. We heard from a quintet of Lennon daughters and a trio of Lennon sons who are billed as The Cathcart Brothers.

Joe Feeney, that fabulous Irish tenor from the old Welk show, performed again and brought along his son, who currently sings with the San Francisco opera.

Andy Williams puts on a really laid-back show. Of course he's getting up in years. The music and production numbers were great. He features a husband and wife dance team from Paris that just knock your socks off. They start out doing a beautiful pas de deux and veer off into a comedy routine that leaves you laughing so hard your ribs hurt.

The Shoji Tabuchi Theater is so glamorous that you almost forget what a wonderful musician he really is. This little Japanese man plays memorable violin music. His orchestra consists only of musicians who have masters degrees in music. He features his pretty little 17-year old daughter in many of the production numbers. But I think many of us on the Friona tour would rather just sit back and listen to him play the violin without all the glitz and glamour.

The Bobby Vinton show was a real hoot for many reasons. He brought out his tiny little old elderly Mom, who did a little soft shoe routine. Plus his two lovely daughters performed in several numbers. This is a high energy show and Vinton likes to bop up and down the aisles working the audience.

When he passed by the rows where our Friona group was sitting he stopped and shook hands with a couple of people. Then Vinton noticed Marlene Drake asleep with her head leaned over on the back of her seat. Poor thing. She was tired. We were all proud of her for going on the trip in spite of having broken her arm just two days before we were to leave.

Well, imagine waking up with the star of the show leaning over you with a spotlight shining on you and a microphone in your face. It must have been quite a shock. "Wake up, lady! You can't sleep through my show," said Bobby Vinton for all to hear. We teased Marlene about it for the rest of trip. But that wasn't all.

The second time Vinton made a round through the audience, Alva Bedgood, Marlene's sister, got up and did a little polka out in the theater aisle with Mr. Vinton. It was quite a night for the Friona folks!

The Osmond show wasn't the glitziest one that we saw, but it was my personal favorite because of the variety. Four of the older Osmond brothers, plus Jimmy Osmond, the youngest brother, were the headliners. The second generation boys' quartet range in ages from about 14 to 24. They were all just adorable.

The Osmond theater has three stages. The center stage with a small ice skating rink, featured several lovely skating numbers. The two smaller stages on either side were for the instrumentalists. The show also had a trained dog act, which I loved, plus juggling and a magic act. The Osmonds all have large families. They mentioned that there were about 75 of their relatives working in the show, in the band and/or in the technical background.

Each time we saw one of the shows, we said they couldn't get any better than that. But, sure enough, they saved the best for last.

Eighteen members of the Radio City Rockettes dance troupe performed for us at the Grand Palace on our last evening in Branson. They did their famous "Parade of

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TIRED TRAVELERS...Most of the Branson tour participants dozed on the bus coming home. Then there was that frantic search for the right suitcase after they reached the Friona State Bank parking lot about 9 p.m. on Sunday.



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Folks Enjoy Trip To Branson....

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Wooden Soldiers" as well as several other numbers. Production numbers featured a little girl about age 13 and a little boy of about 9 or 10. They did a pared-down version of "The Nutcracker" with all the dancers being huge teddy bears. The closing number, "One Solitary Life," featured the Nativity with several live animals, a donkey, sheep and two camels, right up there on the stage.

Many of the shows would call out names of the tour groups in the audience and we noticed that several other bank groups were present at the shows. They also called out names of people who had birthdays and anniversaries. Meryle and Olive Massie were celebrating their 55th and the Good Old Boy and I are having our 39th this week, so we all got mentioned a couple of times.

On the way to Branson, the Friona group stopped and toured the grounds and the inspiring Chapel at Precious Moments Village just outside of Carthage, Missouri and then we had lunch at their fancy "Tiffany's" restaurant.

We also spent an hour or so shopping at the Bass Pro Shop in Springfield which is about an acre of shops all devoted to various sports; fishing, boating, hunting, golfing, skiing, running, auto racing, tennis, etc. I enjoyed the wildlife art gallery, the aquarium, a waterfall with live ducks, and many beautiful stuffed animals which added to the decor of the shopping areas.

Our super bus driver, Chuck Pierson of Trailways in Amarillo, added a lot to the enjoyment of the trip. He is friendly and likes to joke with folks, but takes his job of looking after his bus-load of humanity very seriously. He was more than willing to trundle us around on several interesting little side trips and he can squeeze that great big bus into sharp turns and parking lots that I would not have believed possible.

Other side trips included a bus tour through the mile and a half long Port of Lights at Table Rock Lake. This is



DELUXE PIT STOP...The Branson Bus Tour stopped at the second largest McDonald's in the world, located at Vinson, Oklahoma. The building straddles all four lanes of the freeway. The only one bigger is in Moscow, Russia. That's Claire and Marca Lynn posing out in front.

a lovely animated wonder- and with millions of lights and dozens of Christmas scenes.

The next night we had a second tour through another village of lights and animation sponsored by the Branson Chamber of Commerce. Both of the lighting tours were just breathtaking. Bill said the term "Words cannot do justice" was coined for these lighting displays because there is no way we could possibly describe them to you adequately.

My favorite shopping trip was to the Engler Block, which is a shopping area in Branson featuring crafts-workers of all kinds. There was quilting, lace making, jewelry making, weaving, glass blowing, candle making, leather work, sculpture, pottery, and many more. At each of these craft areas you could purchase handmade gifts and meet the artisans who made them.

Our last little side trip was a tour of the beautiful campus at College of the Ozarks where we visited a lovely old church, a greenhouse filled with orchids, and a working mill where the college students were at work weaving and making baskets. This college furnishes all the orchids and other flowers for most of the Branson theaters. Someone was playing the organ as we were touring

through the church, which made it even more inspiring.

The well-known star performers at Branson donate quite a bit of money to this college, because all of the young people who study there are on scholarships and none of them pay a dime to get their education at this college. All students are required to work on the campus in some capacity or other, such as: tending the grounds, doing laundry, working in the office, in the greenhouse, in the dairy, at the mill, etc.

Marca Lynn Massey and Delphine Wied acted as our tour hostesses from Friona State Bank. The were so sweet and looked after us all like little Mommas.

On the way to Branson, the group was all up-beat and excited, playing games and joking all the way. On the return trip home, it was quite a contrast. Everyone was tired and just napped or visited quietly and listened to music as we traveled the long road back to Friona. We all got on and off the bus 73 times during the six days of the trip.

We brought back enough memories to last a lifetime and can truthfully say "A good time was had by all." But Friona State Bank is already planning the very next bus trip for their customers. Be watching the Friona Star for notice of future plans.



Peace Be With You

May your spirit be filled with the inspiration and hope of that first Christmas, when a bright star blazed a path to the manger, thus heralding a new era of hope for mankind. To all our good friends, goes our deep appreciation for the goodwill you've shown to us. Noel!

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GLAD TIDINGS at Christmas!

Some things never change at Christmastime. Children still yearn for that special toy, and hope for snow in the forecast. We'd hope you got everything you wish for, this holiday season!

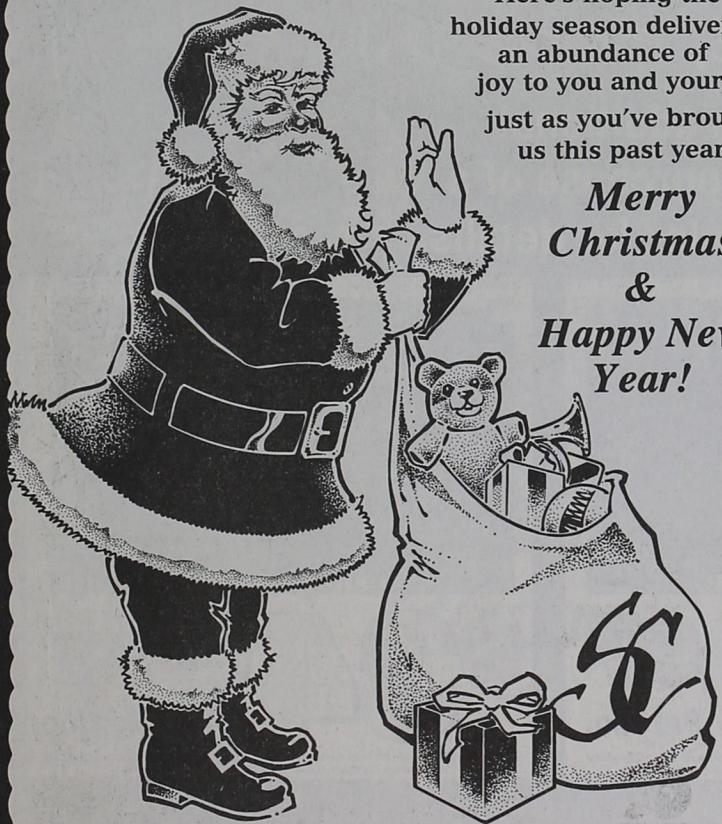
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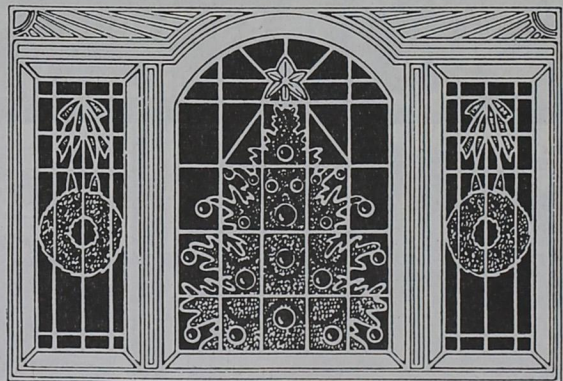
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SCOOTER'S SCOOPS

Christmas Letter Tells About Mysterious Lady

BY SCOOTER RUSSELL
Every year we receive Christmas cards with letters telling us about what has been happening to friends during the year and thought this one was worth sharing and perhaps some of us can relate to it.



SCOOTER RUSSELL

Dear Friends,
It is that time of the year when we sit down to write the annual Christmas letter to all of our friends and family and let them know what is going on in our lives and at our house.

A very weird thing has happened. A strange old lady has moved into my house. I have no idea who she is, where she comes from or how she got in. I certainly didn't invite her. All I know is that one day she wasn't there and the next day she was.

She's very clever. She manages to keep out of sight for the most part; but whenever I pass a mirror, I catch a glimpse of her there; and when I look into a mirror directly to check my appearance, suddenly she's hogging the whole thing, completely obliterating my gorgeous face and body.

It's very disconcerting. I've tried screaming at her to leave but she just screams back, grimacing horrible. She's really rather frightening.

If she is going to hang around the least she could do is offer to pay rent. But no. Every once in a while I do find a couple of dollar bills on the kitchen counter and some loose change on my bureau or on the floor or in the bottom of the washing machine, but that certainly isn't enough.

In fact, though I don't like to jump to conclusions, I think she steals money from me regularly. I go to the

ATM and withdraw a hundred dollars and a few days later it's gone.

I certainly don't go through it that fast, so I can only conclude that the old lady pilfers it. You'd think she'd spend some of it on wrinkle cream. Goodness knows, she needs it!

And the money isn't the only thing she's taking. Food seems to disappear at an alarming rate. Especially the good stuff—ice cream, cookies, candy—I just can't keep them in the house. She really has a sweet tooth. She should watch it; she's really putting on the pounds.

I think she realizes that, and to make herself feel better, I know she is tampering with my scale so I'll think that I'm gaining weight, too.

For a little old lady, she's really quite childish. She also gets into my closets when I'm not home and alters all my clothes. They're getting tighter every day.

Another thing; I wish she'd stop messing with my files and papers on my desk. I can't find a thing anymore. This is particularly hard to deal with because you know I'm extremely neat and organized; but she manages to jumble everything up so nothing is where it's supposed to be.

Furthermore, when I program my VCR to tape something important, she fiddles with it after I leave the room so it records the wrong channel or shuts off.

She finds innumerable, imaginative ways to irritate me. She gets in my newspapers, magazines, and mail before me—and reduces all the print so I have to wear glasses to be able to read it.

She has done something sinister with the volume controls on my TV, radio and phone. Now all I hear are mumbles and whispers. She's also made my stairs steeper, my vacuum cleaner heavier, all my knobs and faucets hard to turn off and my bed higher and a real challenge to climb into and out of.

Furthermore, she gets to my groceries as soon as I shelve them and applies superglue to the tops of every jar and bottle so they're next to impossible to open. Is this any way to repay my hospitality? I don't even get any respite at night. More than once her snoring has awakened me. I don't know why she can't do something about that. It's very unattractive.

As if all this isn't bad enough, she is no longer confining her malevolence to the house. She's now found a way to sneak into my car with me and follow me wherever I go. I see her reflection in store windows as I pass, and she's taken all the fun out of clothes shopping because her penchant for monopolizing mirrors has extended to dressing rooms.

When I try something on, she dons the identical outfit—which looks ridiculous on her and then stands directly in front of me so I can't see how great it looks on me.

I thought she couldn't get any meaner than that, but yesterday she proved me wrong. She had the nerve to come with me when I went to have some passport pictures taken, and she actually stepped in front of the camera just as the shutter clicked. Disaster! I have never seen such a terrible picture.

How can I go abroad now? No customs officials are ever going to believe that crone scowling from my passport is me.

She's walking on very thin ice. If she keeps this up, I'll just put her in a home. On second thought, I shouldn't be too hasty. First, I think I'll check with the IRS and see if I can claim her as a dependent.

We hope you don't ever have a weird old lady move into your house with you.

Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Bovinan Is Outstanding Tech Student

South Plains College has announced that Ezequiel Lara from Bovina has been named outstanding student in auto collision repair.

He is the 22-year-old son of Rosendo Lara and Hortencia Lara.

Lara was among 10 students majoring in programs from electronics service technology to welding who were named outstanding students in the Technical Division for December.

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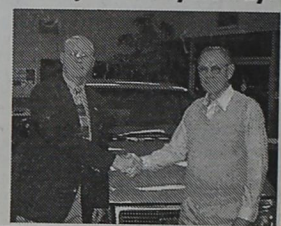


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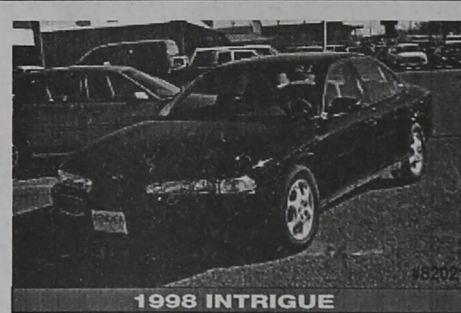
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Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs Ago-Dec. 23, 1927

The second car load of Jersey milk cows to be shipped here during the past two weeks arrived on Wednesday morning and are being placed on Parmer County farms this week. The cows are being bought by farmers of this county and are coming from the famous Bob Malone herd at Plainview. Most of the cows are being bought by farmers in the Friona neighborhood.

60 Yrs Ago-Dec. 24, 1937

While hunting over on Landergrin Ranch at Sand Point, several miles northwest of Friona on Friday of last week, L.F. Lillard experienced the rare sensation of bagging two large bobcats. Mr. Lillard was accompanied on this hunting trip by Jim Griffith and J.R. Roden, both of this locality, and the three were out for the prime purpose of bagging a few quail for their respective dinner tables. Mr. Lillard stated that he has hunted deer, wild turkeys, geese, ducks, rabbits and other large and small game here and in New Mexico, but this is the first time he has ever had the thrill of any fierce animals

such as the two bobcats were.

55 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1942

From the "locals"-Don, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reeve, who has been seriously ill at the McReynolds hospital the past two weeks, was sufficiently recovered to be taken home Sunday.

45 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1952

Dear Santa--Please bring me a set of guns and a cowgirl doll with lots of clothes. Bring all my friends the things they ask for. Jimette McLean.

Dear Santa Claus--I am 8 years old and tried to be a good boy. I want a BB gun and a football, and a pair of boots, a real pocket watch and a road grader. Larry Mabry.

Dear Santa--I want a cap rifle. I want a pair of guns and bring mother and daddy something nice, and bring John home. I want a football suit, too. Your friend, Mike McKee.

Dear Santa Claus--I want a sweetheart bracelet and a Tony Doll. Willene Baxter.

40 Yrs Ago-Dec. 23, 1957

Dear Santa--Please bring

me a gun and some Lincoln logs. I will try to be good. Love, Jay Potts.

Dear Santa--Please bring me a Lone Ranger set with his hat, and mask, and two guns, and a Roy Rogers set with guns and hat, and a machine gun and a punching bag. Thank you, Danny Kendrick.

Dear Santa--I would like for you to bring me a big horn, a bowling set, some candy and other toys. Your friend, Scott Lillard.

35 Yrs Ago-Dec. 27, 1962

Loyde Brewer, class of 1933, who served as vice president of the association for the past year, was moved up to the office of president of the Friona Ex-Students Association at the annual reunion Wednesday night at the school cafeteria. A crowd of over 140 attended the reunion. Mrs. Curtis Murphree was elected vice president, and Mrs. Billy Dean Baxter is secretary.

30 Yrs Ago-Dec. 21, 1967

Archie Tarter, retired farmer from the Lazbuddie area, was appointed Monday by the County Commissioners Court to serve as Parmer County Judge until the general election next November, at which time a special race for the office will be held.

25 Yrs Ago-Dec. 28, 1972

Gary Hicks was certified as Friona's and Parmer County's champion pheasant hunter in terms of longest tail feather entered in the competition.

Two Texas Highway Department employees were killed last Thursday afternoon in a spectacular wreck involving a cattle truck on the bridge across Running Water Draw, 12 miles south of Friona on State Highway 214. Wilford Sike, 45 was dead at the scene and Clemente Lopez, 41 was dead on arrival at Parmer County Community Hospital. The accident occurred when a cattle truck swerved to avoid hitting another truck and hit the two men who were making repairs just south of the bridge.

20 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1977

Dear Santa--I want a dirt bike and please fill my stocking full of goodies. And Mary Frances wants a rag doll. I have been a good boy. John Cass.

Dear Santa--We have been good boys. We would like to ask for some presents. My little brother, Corbin, would like a record player and a fire rescue truck. Brent Riethmayer.

Dear Santa--I want a stevostan and a gunset and a Mir. mouth and snoopes runway set and a long ranger and his horse and a transet. From Reese.

Dear Santa--I have to go. I want a dog, a diamond ring, a strawberry doll. You have been very nice to me. Merry Christmas. Love Lori Fulks.

15 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1982

Dear Santa--I want a cassette recorder for my stereo and then I want a Donkey Kong, Frogger, Defender for my Atari after that I want a stomper pulling set and a target rifle for my target shoots in 4H. Love, Shannon Cochran.

Dear Santa--I would like a three wiler. If you could get it please, please, please. Love, Boone Hand.

Dear Santa--My sister and I love you very much. We try to be good girls. Please bring us a go-cart, strawberry shortcake dolls and two Koala bears. We will leave you something for you to eat under the Xmas tree. Your little angels, Lana and Leslie Fangman.

Dear Santa--I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a strawberry baby doll, tape recorder, and a baton. I love you Santa, Amanda Taylor.

10 Yrs Ago-Dec. 26, 1987

Dear Santa, I would like a watch and some G.I. Joe men. I want some electric football teams too. I want some bible story men like David and Goliath. Love, Jeff Hamilton

Dear Santa, I would like a new ten speed bike, a new dog house, a sled, one of the new born cabbage patch kids and a new house for my mom and dad. Love, Amber Martin.

5 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1992

Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Massie will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, December 27, 1992. Meryle and Olive met in Lubbock while he was stationed at Lubbock Air Force Base (now Reese) and she was a student at Texas Tech. They were married December 27, 1942 in Wilson, Texas.



AW GEE, SANTA.....Santa visited the EMS banquet last week to give goodies to the volunteer kids. Layne Clark, son of EMS volunteers Shain and Sheila Clark, top, seems unimpressed while Kimberly Jones, daughter of Donice and Steve Jones, studies Santa's reaction to her Christmas list. (Ron Carr Photos)

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THANK YOU AND BYE BYE!.....Sabrina Clark was not so sure about this Santa thing but a sack of goodies helped out. She is the daughter of EMS volunteers Shain and Sheila Clark.
(Ron Carr Photo)

Sheriff Williams Arrests Murder Suspect in Farwell

BY RON CARR

Parmer County Sheriff Rex Williams was in Friona when the call came.

Mid-Afternoon on Thursday, December 11, a tragic and bizarre murder occurred at Red Prather's Playorama fruit and flower shop in Texico, less than 100 feet from Texas' Parmer County line.

Williams feels that the incident could be a candidate for TV's Dumbest Criminals.

The youths who committed the unnecessary killing fled to a ramshackle trailer home on the eastern edge of Farwell where they had been staying.

The killer, 18-year-old Michael Treadway told his two male friends to go back to the Playorama and call 911 if Mr. Prather's body had not been discovered.

The two complied, called 911 from the adjacent Town & Country and then tried to convince the police that they were only witnesses.

As their story unraveled, Curry County officials discovered that Treadway was in Texas, in Rex Williams' Parmer County jurisdiction.

Summoned from Friona, Sheriff Williams, with deputies Bryan Thurmond and Keith Payne, plus a Texas State Trooper and several Curry County officers went to the trailer.

Sheriff Williams and a Curry County officer were met at the front door by 17-year-old Kirsten Amundson, Treadway's girlfriend. She

told them he was not there and didn't know where he was.

However the officers observed him peeking out a window. Williams and the Curry County officer went inside where they arrested Treadway without incident.

Amundson who was also arrested for lying to the officers, took her purse with her to the Parmer County jail, where about \$1,000 worth of cocaine was discovered inside. She remains in Parmer County jail.

Williams said Treadway took him and the Curry County officer back to the dilapidated trailer home, and directed them to the murder weapon in one of the old wrecked cars that dotted the property.

Williams also said that Treadway's clothes worn in the murder-robbery, and Mr. Prather's wallet had been burned in an old tub in the back of the trailer. Ashes and remains of the evidence were still piled in the tub.

According to Sheriff Williams, Treadway said he shot Mr. Prather when he wielded a stick and picked up the phone to call the police during the robbery attempt.

The three male suspects are jailed in Curry County. Ms. Amundson remains in Parmer County jail under cocaine possession and obstruction charges. Further charges may be filed by Parmer County or Curry County officials.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I want a real dog and a tv a doll a real cat and a new bed and Santa if you are busy thats fine with me but please tell your elfs to get my toys ready
* * * * *
Venessa

Dear Santa
I want a nintedo 64. My sisters want a doll.
Love Kristen, Kayla, Kimberly Mercado
* * * * *

Dear Santa,
I really I'm woudring if you would get me the talk with the Barbie for christmas
Love CeCe
* * * * *

Dear Santa,
I want a remote ctrlrye race car. I want a bike and a dalls cowboy hat. I want a candle and a mountain bike I want a jersey T-shirt I want a play stasen with games. I want a book and a swimming pool.
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Aaron Sena

Dear Santa
What I a barbie house and a dentist barbie 4 more thas I what a bicyclin Stacie and potty training Kell.
Cassie's Christmas List
* * * * *

Hi Santa!
It's Erin writing for Laci. Laci would like a barbie jeep.
Love Laci and Erin
* * * * *

Dear Santa,
I hope you don't get sick. Do you want some malk. I want a barbie. I want a gandnicklis.
* * * * *
Love Mari

Dear Santa
I want a bike for christmas and lots of babie dolls I beliven Santa I want to talk to you I want you to give money to my mom a lot.
Love Yvette Garcia
* * * * *

Dear Santa
I want a monster truck and a gegel pet and a neu bike.
Love Jodi James Gonzales
* * * * *

Dear Santa
For I want a Mountain bike and a gig a pet. I also want some figernell polish. and a bene baby and Molly Smantha Felicity and Jostafina and Addy and all thir book's.
* * * * *
Morgan Anthony

Dear Santa Claus,
I nsga l titl agutornadsao n o sretwo rsn nsdcl otwo
Love Ray Gonzalez

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a talking nanohe pet an cool shopping barbie an a little ketchen barbie to an baby cat an a cumpuder five t-shirts an a cumpuder game
love Stefanie Tirado
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Dear Santa
For chrstmas I would like a: Go Kart, and a Jetski and a giga pet. P.S. I would like to go to your whorkshop.
love Phillip Smith
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Dear Santa
I whanta white Cristmas I want a giopet for Cristmas and a brushinteth baby and a bick to I hope you have a nice Cristmas
Britney Madlonado
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Dear Santa
What I want for Christmas is on movie the one is Mary Poppins and lots of candy
love Emily Allen

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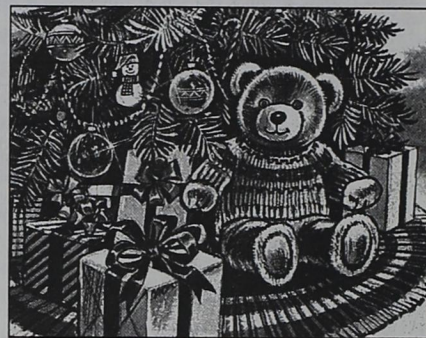
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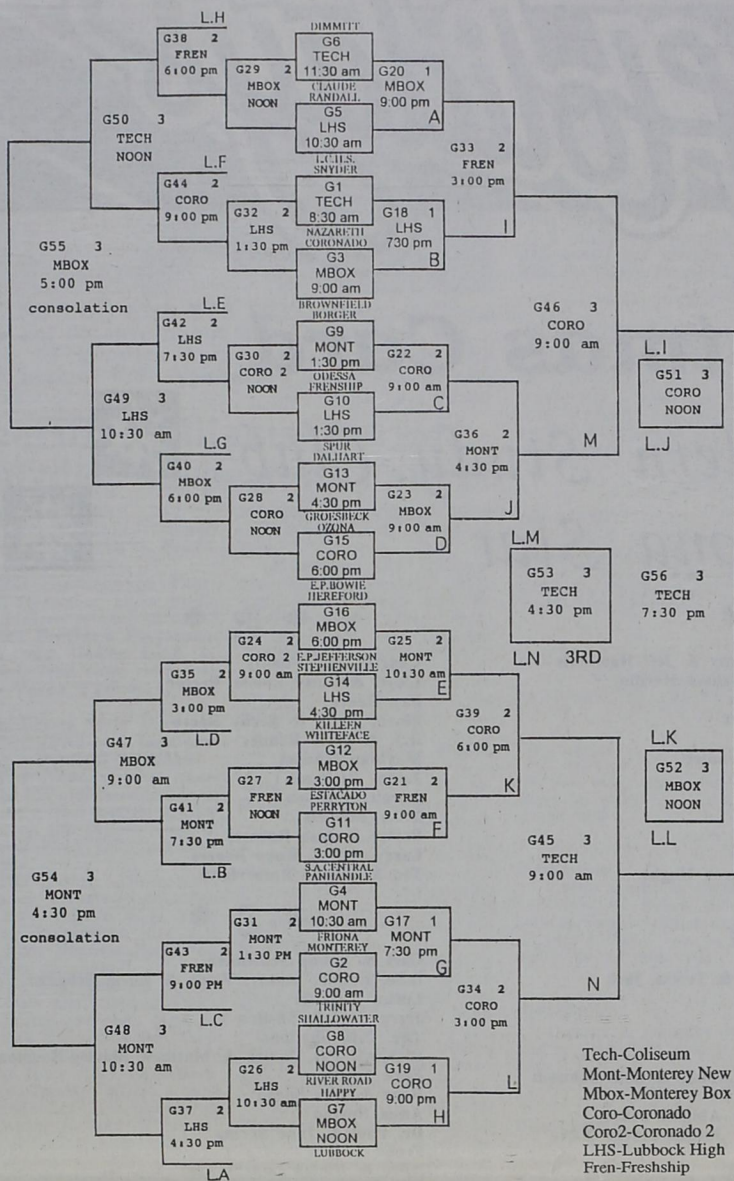
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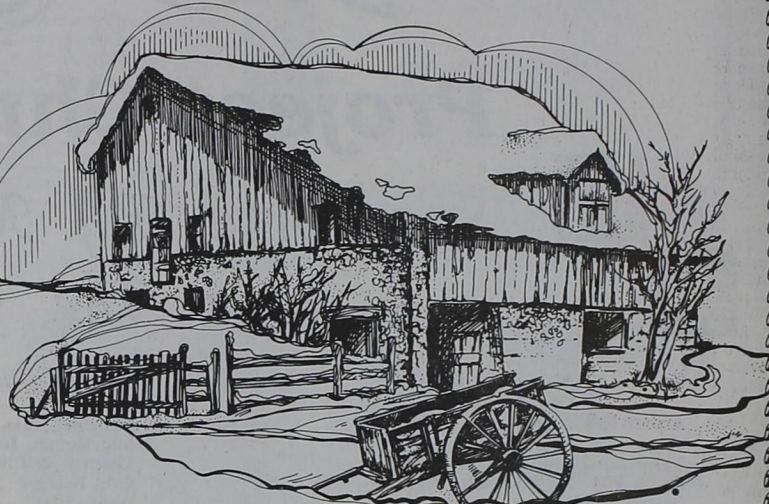
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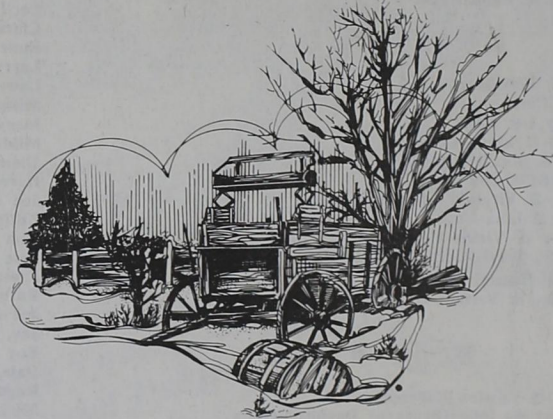
IT'S NOT TOO FAR Mary Dalton Crump

*It's not too far from Bethlehem
to the star on a Christmas tree.
The special light that shown that night
gave us hope that we could see*

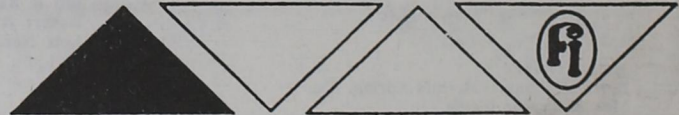
*Across the years that span the times,
from the shine of that glory light.
We seek peace of the angel's song
that was heard on that holy night.*

*The wise men, bearing gifts, gave us
a true way, guiding us to share,
through gifts that we give to others,
we can show our Love and our care.*

*Remembered Love from then to now,
as our God wanted us to be.
It's not too far from Bethlehem
to the star on a Christmas tree.*



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December 29--Bob Clark, Holly White Schueler, Mabel Jones, Alan Monroe, Zora Gaede, Heather Smith Schueler.

December 30--Jerry Goen, Larry Sanders, Jessie Gonzales, Jianna Davenport, Sarah Hendley.

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

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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.

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



EXCITEMENT AT VINTON SHOW....Bobby Vinton came down into the audience and shook hands with Wyona Clark and others of the Friona group. He then noticed Marlene Drake asleep with her head on the back of her seat (lower right hand corner) and shouted at her "Wake up, Lady! You can't sleep through my show." She has been teased quite a lot about this.

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lov Maria
* * * * *
Love Manuel

Dear Santa,
I like you. I want a gigat
and a motrsikol.
* * * * *
Love Manuel

Dear Santa,
I wont a bicke and I
wont a casse cart well and a
ball and a jorue and bock's
and a vest with hare's and a
barbie house and a pack of
marker's and a pack of
craon's.
* * * * *
Love Stephanie Barber

Dear Santa
I want the America doll
Kirsten. And some clothes of
America doll. I want glitter
to put on my face. And I
want Molly the America doll
nail polesh and a blaket with
cats on it.
* * * * *
Jordan Monroe

Dear Santa,
How ro you doing? I have
bine good this year. I hop I
git what I wot some
American girl clothes. I wont
a gigapet a night stand for
my American and a stereo.
* * * * *
Love McKayla

Dear Santa,
I would like a gigat
and a motrsikol.
* * * * *
Love Manuel

Dear Santa,
Hac a good trip. How iz
Miss Cloz? Mistr Santa, how iz
Rudolph? I wot a Sega
Saturn and Sedes.
* * * * *
Luv Andres

Dear Santa
How good I am. I love
you Santa. I wot a drt bic
and a gigpat.
* * * * *
Love Tyler

Dear Santa
I would like a Dallas
Cowboys wach. I would like a
mountainbike.
* * * * *
Noel Hernandez

Dear Santa
I want for christmas is a
real cat, a Christmas dress, a
beatyfull doll, see my real
dad on Christmas Eve, a my
size barbie, for my mom is a
long sleeve's her size is m, for
my brotheris a train and for
my sister is a train too!
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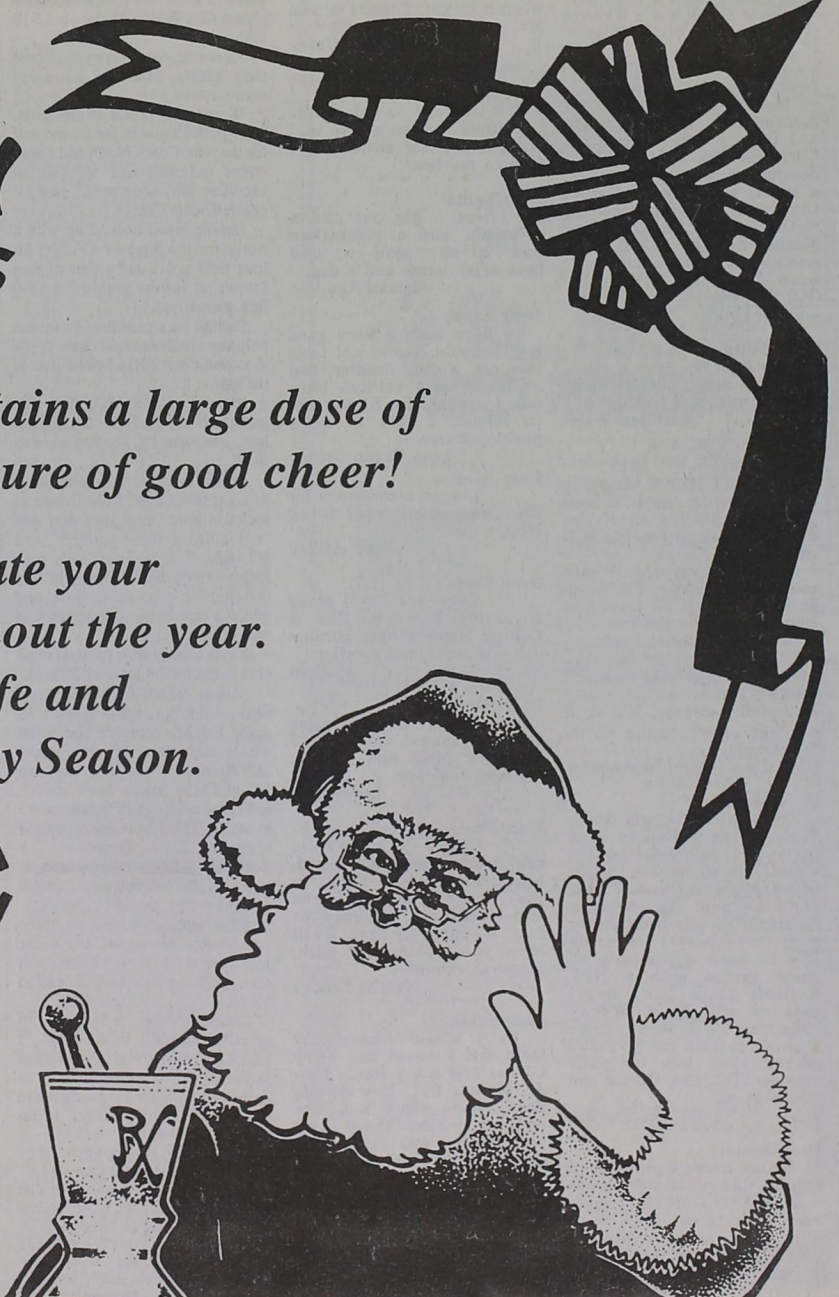
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DEFENSIVE BATTLE

Squaws Top Dalhart In District Opener

by BILL ELLIS

The varsity Squaws opened District 1-3A competition with a hard-fought 33-25 win over visiting Dalhart Friday, Dec-ember 19.

The two teams had battled tooth and nail with neither team holding more than a three-point lead in a very low-scoring contest, until the Squaws took control of things in the late stages of the third quarter.

The teams had gone to halftime tied at 11-all, in a game whose scoring could have been kept on a business card at that point.

"We decided to turn up the pressure on defense. This caused some turnovers on their part, and it also helped us on offense. The officials let the game get real physical, so we decided we needed to do this," said Coach Richard North.

Dalhart had taken their only lead of the second half, and their longest lead at 20-17 with just under two minutes to play in the third quarter.

At this point the Squaws' full-court pressure began to pay off. Paced by junior Whitney Ellis, Friona scored 12 unanswered points, taking a nine-point lead

with 4:08 remaining in the game.

"I was real proud of the girls--the way they stepped up to the challenge. They showed their determination to win. It was a game we could have lost, as close as it was. It (the game) was really rough on the inside, where they had a big height advantage. We were able to overcome that," Coach North said.

The Lady Wolves scored their only field goal of the first quarter to take a 2-1 lead with 5:54 left in the opening quarter.

Miss Ellis made a follow-up shot to give the Squaws the lead at 3-2, and Sandra Gonzales' long set shot made it 5-2 with 37 seconds left in the quarter. Dalhart's Lang made one of two free throws, accounting for the 5-3 first quarter score.

Tammy Spencer's layup gave Friona a 7-3 lead to begin the second quarter, but Dalhart rallied, scoring three straight baskets to regain the lead at 9-7. R. McClesky nailed a pair of free throws with 3:16 left in the half to give the Lady Wolves their only two-point lead of the half, 9-7.

Sheri Fiel made a layup to tie the game at 11-all with 2:32 left before intermission. Miss McClesky sank a layup to give Dalhart an 11-9 lead, but Amanda Pope scored for the Squaws with 45 seconds left, to send the teams to halftime tied, 11-all in an ultra-low scoring game.

Amanda Pope made a layup for Friona to begin the third quarter, for a 13-11 Friona lead. Dalhart tied it back up, and Miss Ellis nailed a turning jump shot for a 15-13 lead with 6:07 left in the quarter.

Miss Lang's hook shot tied it for Dalhart, but Amanda Pope came back with a layup for a 17-15 Friona lead with 5:33 showing.

At this point, Dalhart had their last real scoring flurry, making five unanswered points to take a 20-17 lead with 1:45 left in the period.

At this point, Whitney Ellis took scoring matters into her own hands. She stole the ball and drove for a layup with 42 seconds left, and a few seconds later Crystal Dow got a steal off the press, made a good pass and Miss Ellis' layup gave Friona a 21-20 lead just prior to the third-quarter buzzer.

The Squaws continued their newfound success to begin the fourth stanza. Miss Ellis grabbed a rebound and put it back for a basket (23-20); ripped the net with another goal from the free-throw line (25-20), and then converted a short jump shot for a 27-20 lead with 5:35 to play in the game.

When Miss Spencer made a layup with 4:08 left to play, Friona had scored 12 unanswered points (six goals), bringing the team from a 20-17 deficit to a 29-20 lead.

April Pope's three-point attempt went in and out, and would have made it 32-17, and might have silenced the Lady Wolves.

Dalhart tried to answer, as Miss McClesky made a follow shot, was fouled and converted the three-point play to trim Friona's margin to six, 29-23 with 3:17 to play.

But the Squaws were determined. Both coaches used time outs to plot their strategy. Miss Gonzales sank a jump shot for a 31-23 Friona lead with three minutes to play.

Dalhart's Kristin Jessop made a hook shot for a 31-25 score with just 58 seconds left. Friona began to work the ball and force Dalhart to foul.

April Pope went to the line twice in the final 33 seconds, making one shot for a much-safer 32-23 Friona lead with 20 seconds left, and Miss Spencer was one for two in the final seconds for the final margin.

The Squaws made 35 per cent of their field goal attempts, and three of five (43 per cent) from the line.

SQUAWS 33, DHS 25

April Pope 0-1-1; Sandra Gonzales 2-0-4; Sarah Hendley 0-0-0; Whitney Ellis 5-1-11; Sheri Fiel 1-0-2; Amanda Pope 5-0-10; Tammy Spencer 2-1-5; Crystal Dow 0-0-0; Christina Santellana 0-0-0.

Squaws' JV Win District Opener

The Squaws' junior varsity won their opening district game against Dalhart, 58-30 last Friday, December 19.

The team's overall record is 9-5, but it should be pointed out that three of the losses have been to varsity teams.

The visitors were able to make a game of it for the first half, which ended with Friona holding a 22-16 lead.

After that, the Squaws outscored their guests, 36-14 to run away with the win.

"I was real proud of the girls. They pulled away in the second half for the win. Coach North and I both stress defense, and we did an excellent job on defense," said JV coach Connie Comer.

Jamille Hand opened up with a flurry for the Squaws' JV. She hit four field goals and a pair of free throws as Friona grabbed a 15-6 first quarter lead.

Dalhart outscored the JVs for the only time in the second quarter, 10-7, to make it a 22-16 Friona lead at the half.

It was still a six-point ball game, 26-20, early in the second half, when the JV Squaws went to work.

Friona used the full-court press to great advantage. M'Kell Jarecki nailed a long jump shot that was "not quite a three-pointer," and V'Lynda Wilcox went on a tear. Miss Wilcox made layups in two consecutive trips downcourt, and added a free throw as Friona's lead was stretched to 33-20.

Kayla Smiley then put a rebound shot in the basket for a 35-20 lead.

Dalhart scored only their third field goal of the quarter at the 3:13 mark, but Miss Smiley countered with a jump shot, Misses Jarecki and Hand each got long shots to fall, and Miss Smiley again scored, as Friona ran its third quarter score to 44-23. Friona had outscored their opponents, 22-7 in the quarter.

Dalhart outscored the Squaws, 7-5 to open the fourth quarter, and it must have riled up the Friona girls.

Miss Smiley scored on three straight trips downcourt, and Kriste Jack rang the bell on a three-point shot as Friona stretched its lead to 58-30.

Coach Comer was able to substitute liberally in the game. "I have been able to send in from three to five players at a time, in order to keep fresh girls on the court. We're not a one or two-player team."

SQUAWS JV 58, Dalhart TV 30

Diamond Aguirre 2-1-5; Lesli Fiel 1-0-2; M'Kell Jarecki 2-0-4; Kriste Jack 1*-0-3; Jamille Hand 5-3-13; Kayla Smiley 9-1-19; V'Lynda Wilcox 5-2-12; V'Laura Wilcox 0-0-0; Audra King 0-0-0; Belen Torres 0-0-0. *3-point basket.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa

How do reindeer fly? How do you get down the chimney? I want a giga pet for Christmas. I also want a laptop computer. I will leave you Cookies and milk. I will leave Carrots for the reindeer. Love Cierra Henry

Dear Santa

How are you? I want a guitar. I want a Microphone. I want a jam-box. I also want Batman and Robin. How do reindeer fly? Merry Christmas! Love Travis Thurston

Dear Santa

How are you? How do reindeer fly? How do you know when some kids are naughty or nice? I will leave you Cookie sand milk and Carrots for the reindeer. I want for Christmas is a Talking Barbie and a yoke n Barbie. Love Apryl Escobedo

Dear Santa

How are you? How do reindeer fly? I want a trampoline and a barbie and an ice cream maker. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love Elisa Martinez

Dear Santa

How are you. How do reindeer fly? Bring me nintendo 64 game and a T-Rex, giga pet. Have a merry Christmas. I will leave you Cookise and Milk and some carrots for the reindeer. Love Justin Echevarria

Dear Santa

How are you? How do reindeer fly? Merry Christmas! I want a trampoline and Pool. I will leave you carrots for reindeer. Love Kelly Woodruff

Dear Santa

I like you red suit and your soft beard. How are you? How do the reindeer fly? How do you now when some kids are naughty or nice? I will leave you Cookies and milk. I would like a Gigapet and Trampoline. Love Lucy Mendez

Dear Santa

How do you know when some kids are naughty or nice? I want a mik Ro maShen. Merry Christmas. Love Victor.

Santa

How are you? How do reindeer fly? I will leave you cookies and milk. Bring me a gigapet and a barbie for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love Sadie Armendariz

Dear Santa

I like you red slede. Haw are you? How do reindeer fly? I will leave you Cookies and Milk. I want a gigapet for christmas. Love Kiesha Aragon.

Dear Santa

How are you? How do Reindeer fly? Presents giga Pet, Rex T, will leave you cookies and milk. Carrots for reindeer. Love Cody Prieto

Dear Santa Clause

I want a barbie and a Baby Doll. I also want a jamboc and music for it. I would like some candy for my stalking. Another thing I would like is a sticky ball like my brothers. And mabe if theres room in your bag some cloths and shoes. That's all want. Your Friend- Kelsey Jo White

Dear Santa

I love your reindeer and your beard. How are you? How do reindeers fly? How do you know when kids are naughty or nice? I would like a barbie and an ice-cream maker. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love Melissa Gallego

Dear Santa

How do reindeer fly? How do you know when some kids are naughty or nice. I want a trampoline and a Giga pet. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love Rachel Pipes

Dear Santa Clause

I want a computer cd1 cd2 cd3 a giga pet book of dinosaurs and a dino game! Joey

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the wonderful presents. for christmas I want a porclain doll thats all I want for christmas thank you Angelica Arellano

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a guitar with a microphone together in a box. I want a big present. I want a Goosebumps video. I want a scooter and a big truck to play with in the dirt. I also want a remote control car that glows in the dark. I also want a George of the Jungle movie. It comes out on Dec 5th. The Lost World toys and Batman and robin toys. That's all I want Santa. I hope I have been a good boy. Your Good Boy - Travis (P.S. I brushed my teeth!)

Dear Santa Clause

How are your reindeer? What about you and your wife. I want a digital watch, an Electronic Hot Shot basketball game, a B-17 Flying Fortress model with paints, a remote control car, a Metal Molder set, a Lamborghini Diabolo model, a B-B gun, a Lost World race track. That is what I want for Christmas this year, tell Rudolf to shine his nose brightly. Sincerely, Tyler Thurston (P.S. Get my parent's something)

Dear Santa

I want a race car. I want a truk. I want the movie Anshtasha. I want a westen jacket. I want a tool set. Love Carey

To: Santa From: Monique Sierra

I want a dog for Christmas. I want a bike to. I want a pool for christmas. I want a toy bear.

Dear Santa

I wot a gig pat and a symeplu and a plastathan and a car and a nou hamearish hame and a dog. Marisol Aguilrea

Dear Santa

I have been a very good boy. I would like a cool tools race car, a color doodler, and a Hot Wheels volcano blow out. I am in Mrs. Ellis' room in school. I love to draw pretty pictures. Love Bryan Baxter

Dear Santia

I wont a computer for Chrismas and I wont to be Happy Love Ashley

Dear Santa

This year I will make it easier. I would like a talking bubba ginger porslyn doll and super nail creations by Erin

Dear Santa

I want a spaw figer and the spanw voide. ps I want my Mom and Dad to get back together. Love Chris

Dear Santa

Can I ples have a dog? I have tried to be good. I like to reindeer How are you? How do you know when some kids are naughty or nice? I want a giga pet. I will leave you cookies and milk. Merry Christmas Kaysha Crozier

Dear Santa

I would like a toy train and I would like a toy GI Joe and a toy lion. How do reindeer fly? How do you know when some kids are naughty or nice. I will leave you cookies and milks and carrots for your reindeer. Andy Bentley

Dear Santa,

How are you? How do reindeer fly? Can you bring me a boom box and a Giga Pet? Love, Staci Fair-weather



Glory to the Newborn King!

May you and the ones you cherish, enjoy all the many gifts this precious season has to offer. We really appreciate the gift of your friendship.



FM 106.3 AM 860



THE ENTERTAINERS....Jacob and Caleb Miller performed an amusing vocal duet, "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer," last week as part of the entertainment at the Lions and Modern Study Club combined Christmas Party. The boys were accompanied by their cousin Clint Mears.

Winners Are Named From Chamber's Holiday Promo.

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- Sylvia Cabrera
- Nina Trevino
- Elsa Galaviz

\$100 Winners--
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EMS OF THE YEAR.....At their annual banquet, EMS volunteer Larry Martin was honored for his service and presented a plaque for EMS Volunteer Of The Year. His award was presented by Paramedic Donice Jones. Martin has been an EMS volunteer for 15 years.

Warm Christmas Wishes

May your stocking be filled with joy and laughter, throughout the season and forever after.

Thanks for filling our year with the warmth of your friendship.



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THIRD GENERATION....These youngsters, who are great-grandchildren of Roy and Eva Miller, entertained a large group at the Women's Club House last Tuesday night with Christmas songs and instrumental numbers. They are: Andrea, Amy and Amanda Gerles, and Jacob and Caleb Miller.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I want a nintendo 64 Morowkart 64 game and crash back car.

From Randall

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo 64 with Didi Kong racing and with Mario Kart 64. I would also like a spray effects, and Aliens. Also a domino Rally motorices set, color doodle and a K'nex solar set and a Game boy with Game and watch galley. The last thing I want is a Bop it, and a Spiderman web blaster

Love Bryan

Dear Santa Claos,
Have you have a good yier I've bin very good ples sind a hors that I can pant and a cat and pant brusis.

Loran Polson

Dear Santa Claus
I like you becaus you bring a bike. I lika you.

Erika

Dear Santa Claus
Cowlo you breg me a big bike and I love you.

From Jamie Garza

Dear Santa Claus
I hoop you and yore randiyre are doowing up in the northpole and I wnte a wokery BreBee and a toogerig BreBee.

Luye Hannah Warren

Dear Santa
And I bind good i already reet you a letre sod breg me 1 of a grille teng weston will wut a racre.

Love Kathleen Wyley

Dear Santa Claus
Merry Christmas I believe in you Santa I wish fo a volcano blow game.

Jose Morales

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Rainey. I've been a good little girl and I mind my Mommie a lot. For Christmas please bring me a Christmas Tree with an angel on top. I will leave a cup of hot cocoa to warm you up because it might be cold outside.

Love, Rainey Williams

Dear Santa Claus
How wr you I wishig four a Saga Saturn and a giga pet and a bike.

John O'Brian



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Stop by the Chamber office to purchase your afghan today!



DAVID RAMIREZ
New Officer At Friona PD

The Friona Police Department has a new officer, David Ramirez. Ramirez is a native of Muleshoe and attended the South Plains' Law Enforcement Academy.

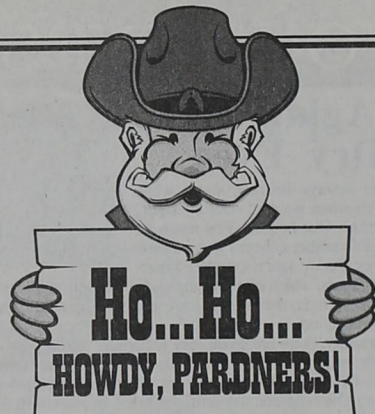
Members Of Children's Church Choirs Are Named

Children's choirs from First Baptist Church and Friona United Methodist performed at the Living Christmas Tree performances a couple of weeks ago.

The Methodist youngsters were directed by Carol Boyd, Becky Jones, Ada Beth Smith, Rose Boren, Leigh Monroe, Kim Herring and Christie Herbert.

The Baptist choir was directed by Claudia Hanes, Sheri Taylor, Sarah Gerles, Annette Frye and Linda Welch.

Those who participated in the musical performances were: Jared Boyd, Devin Boren, Allison Jones, Ralee Stockstill, Tell Stockstill, Lindsey Neill, Morgan Leal, Alex Ferguson, Gabriella Santillan, Briana Wright, Crystal Garcia, Kyndall Whitely, Matthew Whitely, Kelby Monroe, Jordan Monroe, Lauren Hughs, Sasha Estrada, Kayla Estrada, Morgan Anthony, Erin Anthony, Jessie London, Paige Herbert, Joslyn Turley, Sheldon Turley, Hollis Gurley, Alex Gurley, Brooklyn Moore, Bre'anna Valenzuela and Michelle Martin.



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Political Calendar

The Friona Star is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to next spring's primary elections:
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 DISTRICT JUDGE
 Gordon Houston Green
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 PRECINCT 2
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 8 P.M.
 7th & Ashland
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 For farm sale in early January. Call or contact John Tannahill at 247-3336 or 265-7902. 5tc

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 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Letters To Santa Claus

 How are the reindeers, How is Rudolph? I have been good. I have been good at school. I want a truck. I want a train. I want a bouncing ball. I will leave you milk and cookies.
 Love Chase Timms * * * * *

Dear Santa Claus
 How are you Feeling? How are the reindeers? I have been good at school. I am good to my teacher. I want a nano puppy for Christmas. I will leave you milk and cookies.
 Love Richi Salinas * * * * *

Dear Santa Claus
 How is Rudolph? How is Mrs Claus? I have been good. I want Star war stugg. I will leave chicken noodle soup.
 Love Taylor Jenkins * * * * *

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The contractor's attention is directed to the fact that a prebid conference is optional and prospective bidders do not have to attend in order to bid. The prebid conference will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lubbock District Headquarters, Lubbock. 2tc

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Star Reminds Folks To Get Photos

The Friona Star wishes to remind all parents and grandparents to take pictures of their youngsters while everyone is at home during the Christmas holidays.

The Star's annual Valentine picture page, featuring photos of kids and grandkids, has gotten to be quite a popular attraction over the past few years.

Christmas is a good time to snap those photos or get studio shots taken for the special February page coming up in less than two months.



KIDNAPPIN' SANTA?....These young men surrounded Santa at the EMS banquet. They exclaimed "give us the goodies Santa." We didn't get their names but if you see them, please call the North Pole.



JODY MULLINS

FHS Student Is Program Participant

By **JODY MULLINS**

I am the daughter of Donna and Daniel Mullins. I am a senior at Friona High School and seventeen years of age.

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This program gives students an opportunity to be educated as well as work and gives students a good work experience as well as on the job training.

I would like to give special thanks to Sherrie Stanberry and Mike Hutson for giving me a chance.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa

I say, I want a book in I want a boy in I want a pizza in I want a prent in I want a christ.

Love Brittany Rubio

Dere Saita Clace

I rily like scool and Christmas to but I want to tell you that I have bena good at scool. Mrs. A. is viry good in the class rome but I just have so mane thing's to tell you Saite if you are the mose Saite there is in the Taxes Friona to make the children so macc.

Love Rosa Aguilar

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I want a electronial bingo game, a barbie hairstyler for the computer, talk whith me barbie, 8 in 1 pet, fingernail styler, and some benie babies, not very much because my mom might by some for me. Thank you for the presents from last year. They ar great. Thank you again

Sincerely, Brittany Anthony

Dear Santa

I want a bike and a sister like my friend Desiree and to wish my dady a merry chrismass. And tell him I love him.

Your friend, Emmie

Dear Santa Claus

I would like three remote control cars for me and my brother named Antony, and my other brother Mattew, oh make that four for my sister April but make it a dinkey dinp it is like a gegu pet.

Love Alex

Dear Santa

I whant a gigi pet or a Nano I also whant a dress up barby with close I also whant beaty jeweley set.

Teresa Garcia

Dere Santa

For Christmas I want some Boots

Love Yesenia

Dear Santa

I have been good. I want Jordan cologne

Love Abraham

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BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON



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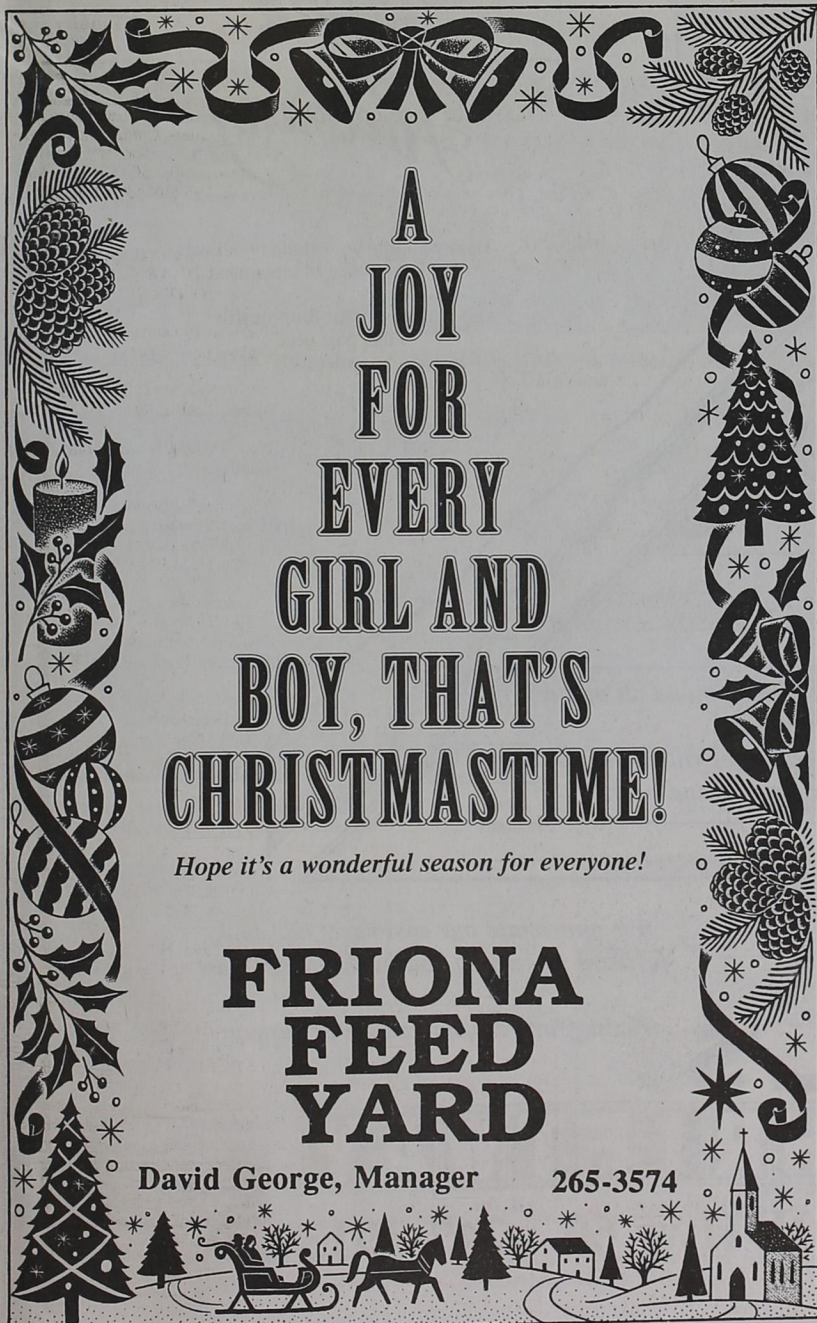
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JOY
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EVERY
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BOY, THAT'S
CHRISTMASTIME!

Hope it's a wonderful season for everyone!

FRIONA FEED YARD

David George, Manager 265-3574





A COUPLE OF SIDE TRIPS...The Branson tour group stopping at the Bass Pro Shop (top photo) for a quick shopping excursion. The Britos chatted with a student who was working on a weaving loom at College of the Ozarks.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa
 I want a cunprutr and a birbe car and a trick of birbe and a sretr. And a bicke and a 100 colors form 101 domash dog. And ABC cords. And a baby doll. And a move graci. park. And a bribe boy. And a stokin.
 Elizabeth Sanchez
 * * * *

Dear Santa
 I love you Santa. Do you want a new class today. Do you want malk when it's christmas. I will go to earth today. Where do you live. I am a lit are you. Will you bring me a baby doll. I love your couths. I love your swoes I love your bag of priseses. Do you hav a house. Do you have a bed and a blacet.
 Love Mari.
 * * * *

Dear Santa
 This is what I want. A Christmas doll, a Christmas dress, a Christmas bird, a Christmas sweater, a computer, a cooking book for my mom, a Christmas songs, a Christmas drawing from Santa and a Christmas books!
 by Desiree Cordova

Dear Santa,
 May you bring me sum of your toys cus I has bin good. May you please bring nine dou's and six buses.
 Love Rachel

Modern Study Club Hosts Lions Dinner

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:13, 14.

This Christmas season was special for the Modern Study Club ladies who hosted a dinner for the evening Lions, their wives, the club ladies' husbands and the amazing "Music Millers." President Nellie Shelton welcomed the members and their guests for a joyful evening.

Program director Eva Miller introduced the Christmas program, "The Music Millers," who are Jacob and Caleb, sons of Curt and Kathi Miller. Also Amanda, Amy, Andrea and Ryan Gerles, children of Randy and Sarah Gerles. The children are the

grandchildren of Nelda Bengé and Sam and Donna Mears. Great grandparents Roy and Eva Miller and Mildred May were present to enjoy "The Music Millers."

The program consisted of Christmas music played on the piano, autoharp and the cornet. Vocal numbers were sung and a skit was presented. Clint Mears accompanied the children with several musical numbers.

The dinner meal was hosted by Donna Mears, Sandra Turner and Mary Johnston, along with the study club social committee: Carmaleet Truitt, Lois Norwood, Deanna Duke, Allo Reeve, Eva Miller and Norma Thompson.

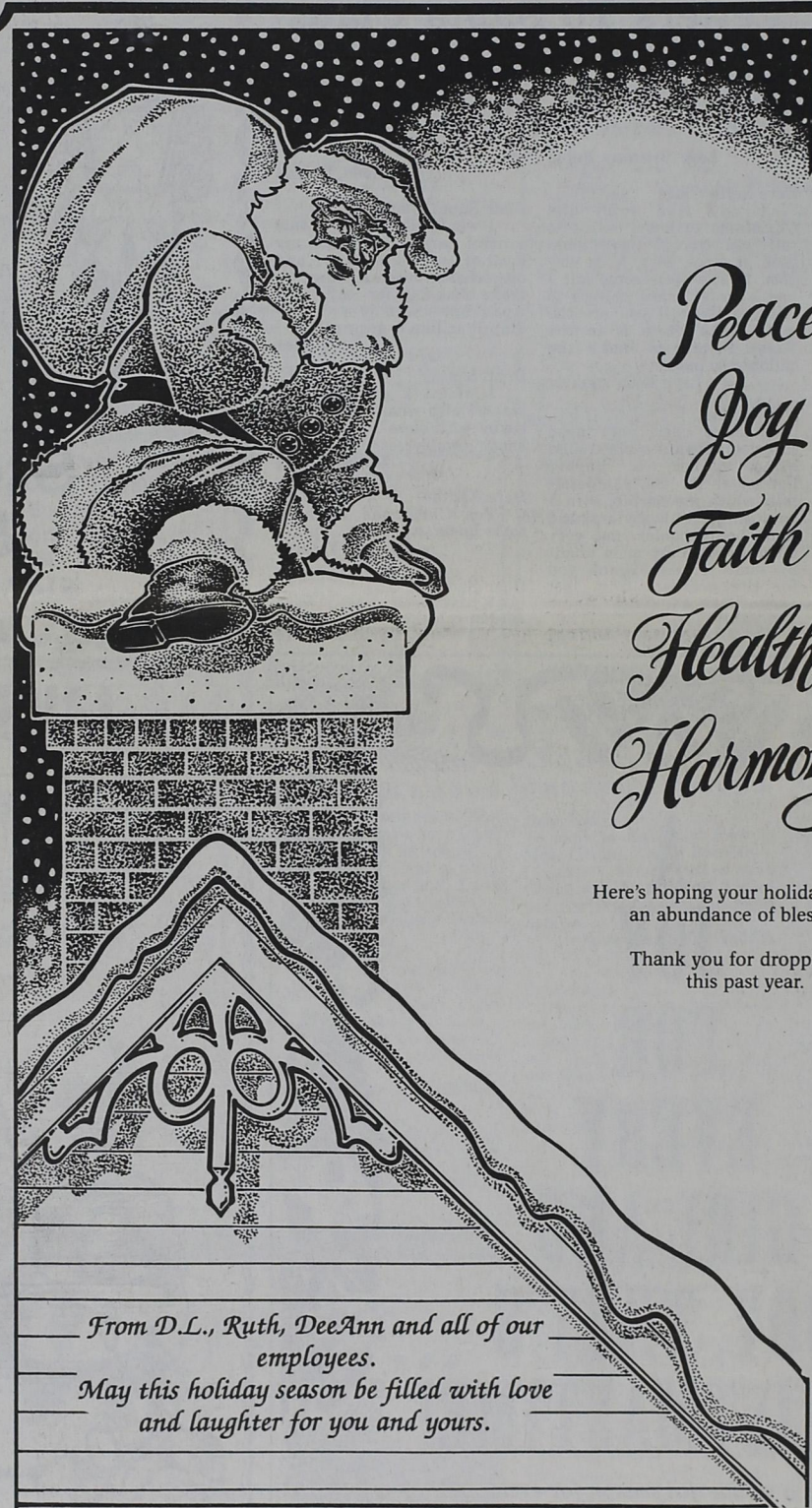
We all wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Old Man Winter Dumps Big Snows

Winter arrived in a big way in the area, with a five-inch+ snowfall on Saturday-Sunday, and another five to six inches Monday night.

The snow, accompanied by sleet and freezing rain, has had a moisture content of 2.37 inches, and makes December's total moisture 2.79 inches, making the month possibly the wettest December on record locally.

Low temperature dropped to 14 Monday morning. More snow was expected at the Star's press time.



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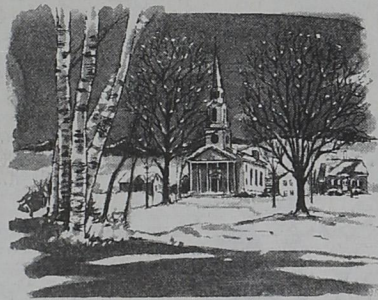
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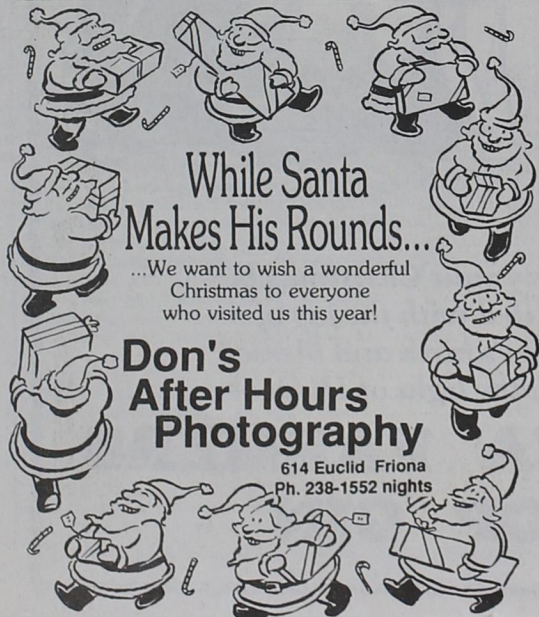
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Jinx and her sister Evelyn at Precious Moments.

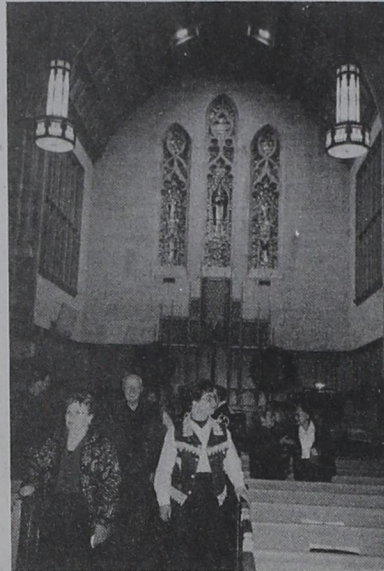
Olive and Meryle Massie pose with Santa.



Nola Faye, Anne, Patsy and Claire.



Marlene checks out the old mill stone at College of the Ozarks.



Touring the old church at The College of the Ozarks.



Sisters Ina and Patsy pose in the ladies room at the Tabuchi Theater.



Alva dances the polka with Bobby Vinton.



Hurrying through the snow to another show.



Wyona loved the large gingerbread house at Andy Williams' Theater.



Mary and Marty in lobby at Bobby Vinton Theater.



Delphine at the Precious Moments Chapel.



Lunch is what we do best. Marty, Mary, Marca & Delphine.



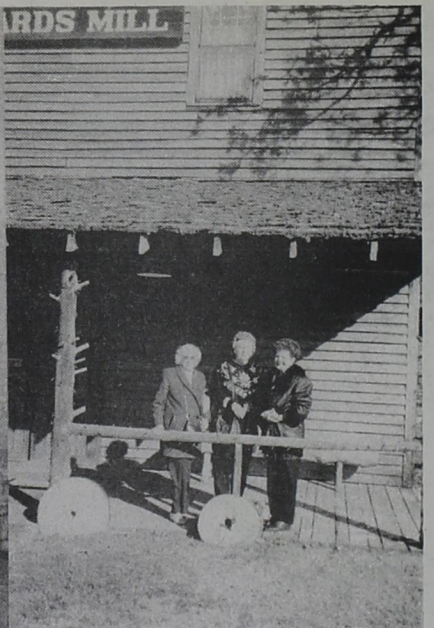
Katherine and Barbara look over decorations at one of the theaters.



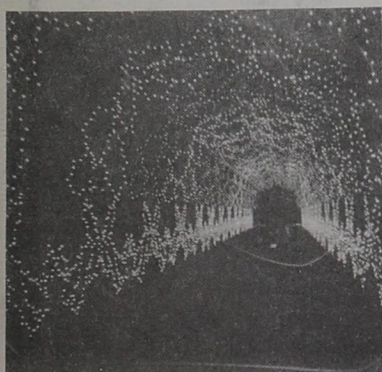
Lorna and Joyce at Shoji Tabuchi's Theater.



A group of ladies at the Church on College campus.



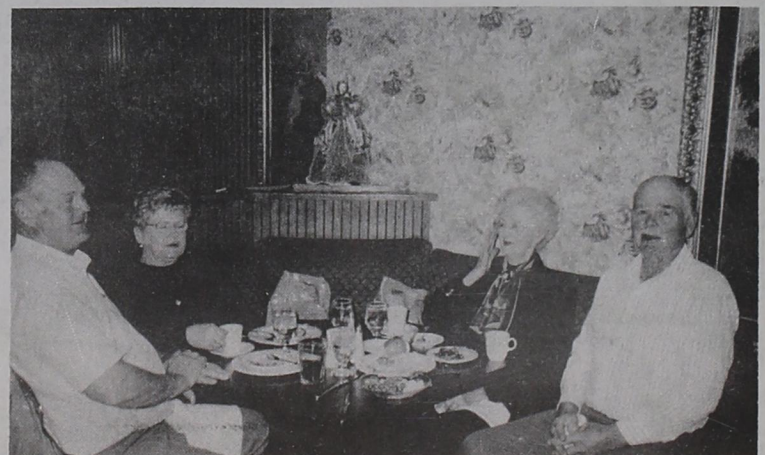
Alo, Ina, and Wyona at the Old Mill.



A tour through the "Tunnel of Lights."



Gene and Mary Rose beside the bus decorated with scenes from the Palo Duro Canyon TEXAS play.

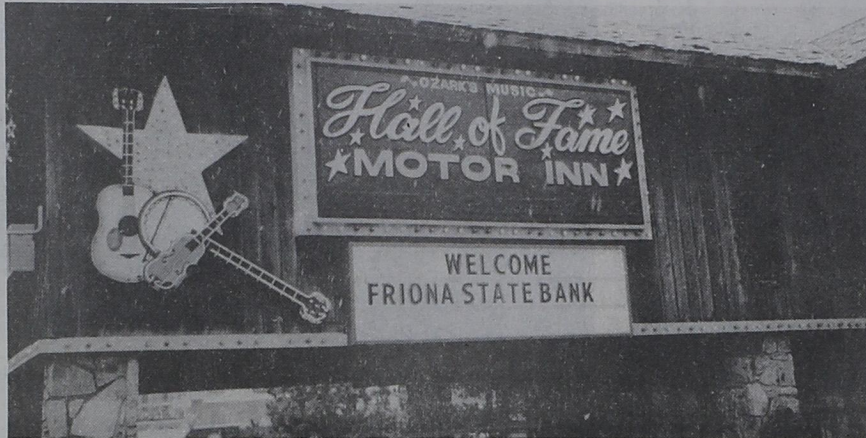


Two generations of Fryes having lunch at "Tiffany's."

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It's A "Community Thing" With Friona EMS Volunteers

Answering the call can bring pain--and priceless rewards.

By JIM STEIERT

(From West Texas Rural Telephone's Co-Op Connection)

Emergency medical service to a 922-square-mile area of countryside and rural communities in Parmer County rests on the shoulders of seventeen Friona-area volunteers who share common concern for the well-being of their neighbors.

These trained volunteers staff Friona's Emergency Medical Service (EMS). They're in-the-flesh proof of the time-honored country tradition of "neighboring" that is at the heart of volunteer emergency services in rural communities like Friona.

Small-town budgets for fire and medical protection are tight. It's a long way to major medical facilities. Volunteer fire and ambulance services are proven rural life-support essentials.

Friona has fielded volunteer ambulance service since the late 1970s, but it's only in the last two years that Friona-based mobile intensive care ambulance service has been available. MICU service means full advanced care--comparable to a hospital's--given on-the-go by trained emergency medical volunteers.

Handling volunteer training and coordination in Friona is Dana Hendrix, a veteran of nearly twenty years in EMS, and Friona's EMS director for a year.

Dana came to Friona from Knox City, where she worked EMS in remote ranching country. Her EMS career began in 1978-79 at Brownwood, shortly after Texas took ambulance service away from funeral homes. She helped establish the North Lake Brownwood volunteer ambulance service, the first for that area.

She comes from a family tradition of rendering medical assistance. She lived with her grandmother, a "medicine woman" who tended neighbors and delivered babies, at Mudlark, Oklahoma.

"I got the idea that you are supposed to help people. You'll burn out fast on lights and sirens and adrenalin. Maybe those who stay in have a feeling for it--a calling. I get great fulfillment being in this job and helping when I can," she says.

Friona is a prime location for well-trained ambulance volunteers.

"We work a lot of trauma cases here because of Highway 60 and Highway 214, and people traveling them in all kinds of weather. We have railroad and packing industry-related accidents, and we have quite a few respiratory and cardiac cases due to our elderly population. We don't handle the volume of calls that some ambulance services get, but we take a high number of trauma calls," Dana explains.

Friona's volunteer ambulance personnel include two certified paramedics, three intermediates training in advanced care, twelve basic emergency medical technicians and one emergency care attendant in beginning training.

Basic EMTs are trained in respiratory administration and in assisting with other procedures. They also receive training in advanced first-aid, extricating auto accident victims and obstetrics and gynecology.

"Each volunteer is qualified and trained in



FRIONA EMS VOLUNTEERS... Like many rural communities, Friona fields a volunteer ambulance service to answer emergency medical calls in a 922 square-mile area. Among Parmer County residents who serve as volunteers with the ambulance service are: (front row, left to right) Randy Gerles, intermediate EMT; Sheila Clark, Cliff Daniel and Bryan Harris, basic EMTs; and Larry Martin and Donice Jones, intermediate EMTs. In the back row (left-right) are: Lynnies and Shain Clark, basic EMTs; Chuck Teague, emergency care attendant; and Dawn Widner, Rogelio Ortiz and Don Shepherdson, basic EMTs. WTRT subsidiary WT Services, Inc. recently donated eleven Motorola Keynote pagers to help Friona's EMS with a pressing need for more pagers that came with the growth of the ambulance service. (Photo by Jim Steiert)

Rejoice... A SAVIOUR IS BORN

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STEADY TRAINING....Dana Hendrix, Friona EMS director, gives instruction in correct medical procedures to volunteers who staff the ambulance service operating out of Friona. Ambulance service volunteers meet regularly each month to keep current on their skills. While the overall number of ambulance calls isn't high for Friona's ambulance service, there are quite a few trauma cases that volunteers must respond to.

It's A "Community Thing"....

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certain areas. We have two crews on standby all the time. A crew is one advanced person with two basics, so that we can always provide advanced care. We rotate driving duties and everybody has taken a sixteen-hour offensive and defensive driving course in emergency vehicles.

"We're a team. We run everybody with a purpose and a set of skills. If we all perform our skills, we reduce our on-scene time at calls. Our average scene time for medical calls is fifteen minutes and our trauma time is under twenty minutes."

Members of Friona's volunteer ambulance service team are:

Donice Jones, dispatcher with the Friona Police Department, an intermediate EMT, will soon be certified as a paramedic.

Larry Martin is a Friona city employee and intermediate EMT.

Bryan Harris, a Friona resident who works at West Texas Tire, is a basic EMT.

Randy Gerles, Friona's chief of police, is an intermediate EMT.

Shain and Sheila Clark are WTRT members on the Hub exchange. Shain is employed at Friona Feed Yard and Sheila works at Farwell Convalescent Center. Both are basic EMTs.

Lynnis Clark, who is Shain's mom, works at Sparkle Cleaners of Friona and is a basic EMT.

Rogelio Ortiz, a Friona resident and Excel employee, is a basic EMT.

Cliff Daniel, who works at Friona's Production Credit Association, is a basic EMT.

Chuck Teague, an employee of the City of Friona, is an emergency care attendant.

Don Shepherdson, an Excel employee, is a basic EMT.

Dawn Widner, an employee of Prairie Acres Nursing Home, is a basic EMT.

Rick Clayton, safety supervisor at the Friona Excel plant, is a paramedic.

Glen London, a WTRT customer on the Hub exchange and a cattleman, is a basic EMT.

Kathy Ortiz, who recently moved from Friona, served as a basic EMT.

"Friona is fortunate. Most places don't have this many people willing to give their time to a volunteer ambulance service. Very few communities have this many volunteers who are this well-educated in what they're doing. Volunteers in small rural communities like this have a lot of camaraderie," says Ms. Hendrix.

What motivates an individual to volunteer for the physically and emotionally demanding work of manning an ambulance?

"It's a community thing," says Donice Jones. "We care about the community, the people we know and love, and we want to take care of them. We've lived here all of our lives, and we know that there is a need."

Working on the ambulance crew with her son and daughter-in-law, Lynnis Clark, says all three family members share a common motivation.

"When we started, Shain and Sheila thought this kind of training wouldn't be a bad idea, since they have a two-year-old daughter and an infant son at home. There's no denying that there's an adrenalin rush with this, but we've discovered it's nice to help people. We like it. All three of us are hoping to take the training and become paramedics."

Ms. Hendrix says volunteering for ambulance service in a rural community like Friona carries pain and pleasure.

"You're going to cry in this job—you just don't let anybody see you cry. It's difficult for a lot of people to deal with the things you see—the injuries you see."

"In a rural area, you know a lot of the people that you're working with. They're family and friends. A tragedy hits home harder—but it's also rewarding when you help somebody and they come back to you."

"I was on an ambulance call back in November and had to hand-off an eight-month-old baby that I didn't expect to make it. I saw her a few weeks ago. She was bouncing and healthy. Those kind of results make it all worthwhile."

Getting Rid Of Flubber

BY RON CARR

Maybe you have noticed that McDonald's is promoting Flubber these days. There is a new Flubber movie starring Robin Williams.

According to TIME Magazine, flubber was the subject of an original movie, The Absent-Minded Professor.

There was a toy version of the rubbery goo called flubber. It was manufactured in the early 1960s by Hasbro as a tie-in to the Absent-Minded Professor movie.

More than 4 million units of the bouncy stuff were sold nationwide before a bad rebound hit the company: the substance irritated immature hair follicles and caused minor rashes in some children.

Hasbro announced a recall of flubber. Then, faced with thousands of returned globs, it embarked on Operation Kill Flubber. How to get rid of it.

Hasbro executives first sent the substance to a city dump for burning but the material produced a huge black cloud.

The company then contacted the Coast Guard and received permission to weight down the goo for dumping at sea.

The next day though the Coast Guard called to say the globules had resurfaced and were floating all over Narragansett Bay.

With some help from local fishermen, the balls of flubber were rounded up and taken—Hasbro no longer remembers where.

Some say the flubber went to a landfill, but a story persists that it was buried under a parking lot at a company factory.

Wherever the old Flubber may lie, a new, modern, fully-tested version is now out. It is manufactured by Mattell who says, "We stand by our flubber."



DANA HENDRIX

WT Services Provides Pagers For Rescuers

Friona's volunteer emergency medical service technicians are all getting the call to action quickly and reliably now, thanks to the donation of eleven Motorola Keynote pagers to Friona EMS by WTRT subsidiary WT Services, Inc.

Friona's mobile intensive care unit ambulance service began with five volunteers two years ago. The crew has blossomed to seventeen volunteers under the supervision of full-time director Dana Hendrix.

While the original five volunteers each has their own pager, only one working and one semi-functioning pager were available to the remaining volunteers. Until recently, volunteers were passing those two pagers around as their shifts changed. Ms. Hendrix often had to phone to locate EMS volunteers.

WTRT Manager Tom Hyer learned of the Friona EMS' pressing need for more pagers while attending a meeting of Friona's city commission. Ms. Hendrix told Friona city commissioners that most of her volunteers were making-do with "one-and-a-half" pagers.

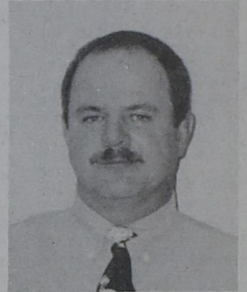
Hyer spoke with Ms. Hendrix after the meeting and arranged to remedy the ambulance service's pager problem by giving eleven top-of-the-line units featuring both tone paging and voice message storage.

Thanks to the gift from WT Services, Inc., every Friona EMS volunteer now carries a pager—and can be reached immediately.

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We extend our heartfelt best wishes to you and your family as you ring out the old year and welcome the new.

From the board of directors, manager and employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative

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by RON CARR



"SEASON'S GREETINGS"

This time of year, Season's Greetings is the quickest and fastest way to get your message out. Christmas cards arrive with "Season's Greetings" emblazoned on the front in all sorts of styles.

To me, "Season's Greetings" is a lazy way to wish someone well. Instead of saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, or trying to pick your favorite from Joy to the World, Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men, or Silent Night, we can just say "Season's Greetings" and cover everything in two words.

It is sort of a fast-food drive thru wish. A Long John Silver's Grab and Go greeting. A joyful Happy Meal with a Jesus toy for only 99 cents.

"Welcome to McChristmas, may we have your greeting please?"

"I'll just have a Season's Greetings."

"Would you like any 'joys' or 'peaces' with that?"

"No thanks."

"How about a Jesus's Birthday for only 99 cents?"

"Nope. Just Season's Greetings."

Selecting cards and greetings is just one of the pressures of the season.

Most of us want to send a generic card that will convey our message but not offend anyone. That is why a simple Happy Holidays or Season's Greetings is so popular.

And we sure don't want to get too heavy on the religion. Pray tell, they might think we are some kind of religious nut or something.

Every year as you read through the cards you receive it is obvious that some folks don't spend a lot of creative time picking out their annual greetings.

In addition to the greetings inside the cards there is usually an explanation on the back about what is on the front. The words on the back are not warm greetings, just facts.

For instance, my buddy Tommie Weemes at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative sent out a very nice card this year. I'll critique it for you.

The picture on the front is of a buck and a doe standing in a snow-covered forest near sunset. The sun is glowing through the trees just before it sets behind the majestic mountains.

I wasn't sure what a couple of deers in the woods had to do with the season. But inside at the top of the card it said, "The light has come into the world. John 3:19."

A nice simple message that explains the bright sun reflection through the trees. (Sometimes you have to work at it to understand the true meaning of a friend's message.)

The main message on Tommie's card said "May this Christmas touch you with the light of Christ's peace and the wonder of God's love."

A nice message don't you think? Pointing out the "light" symbol again and the wonder of God's work in the buck and doe illustration.

Besides, Tommie signed the card himself. I like it when a card sender takes time to write something on the card. (By the way, Tommie's boss, Steve Louder signed the card too.)

It is a pretty card. It is so pretty in fact that in fine print on the back is a warning from the artist, Jeff Tift, who copyrighted this deer scene in 1993.

The picture is licensed by Seiffer & Associates, Inc., in Bethel, Connecticut for greeting card use only.

It says, "Please respect

our agreement with the artist which prohibits commercial (for resale) framing, tiling, decoupage, etc. The scripture quotation on this card is from The New King James Version."

The card itself is printed by Leaning Tree, Inc. of Boulder, Colorado on recycled paper. In the lower right hand corner is the number 3567.

See, Tommie's card has it's very own number in case you want some more copies from Leaning Tree. Instead of calling up and saying "do y'all have any more of them deer cards?" you can say "I wish to purchase a box of 3567s."

I was going to frame Tommie's deer card, and hang it in my living room near the stuffed pheasant I bought at a garage sale. Then next summer I had planned to sell them both at my own garage sale.

I know Tommie wouldn't mind if I sold his Christmas card at a garage sale, but the artist says I can't do that. Think I'll try it anyway.

We received another card here at the newspaper that said "Thank You for your friendship and may God give you a precious Christmas, etc. It was from "The Guidos."

No one here at the paper knows who the Guidos are, but thanks for remembering us. The one from Texas Senator Teel Bivins was a nice burgandy color with silver printing. Inside was a picture of the Bivins children, Andrew, Katie and Will. It said "the Teel Bivins family."

On the back, in silver print at the bottom, it said "not printed or mailed at state expense." Aw man, for a minute there I thought I had found a scandal.

A friend sent me a small card that said "In my father's house are many mansions. I (Continued on Page 8-A)

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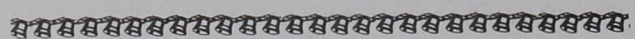
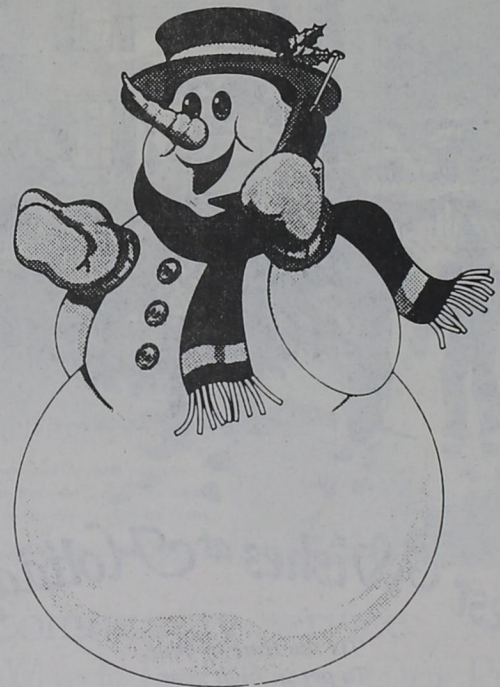
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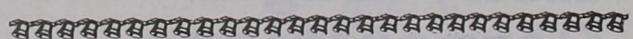
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NOVEMBER 24

Banquet Honors "Gold Star" Kids

Forty outstanding youth from across the South Plains were honored Monday night, November 24 at the 40th annual South Plains District 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.

In those forty annual banquets, 1,560 winners have been honored with the Gold Star Award in the presence of more than 14,300 guests.

Joining the youths at the event at the Koko Palace were parents, government officials, Extension Service faculty, fellow 4-H'ers, educators and other community leaders.

In a special presentation, the Texas 4-H Foundation presented its Citation for Outstanding Service to 4-H to Speaker of the House James E. "Pete" Laney and his wife, Nelda, of Hale Center, for their many years as 4-H volunteer leaders and supporters. Presenting the award was Dr. Chester Fehilis, executive associate director of the Extension Service, and David Hicks, executive director of the foundation.

Dr. Marvin Cepica, executive associate dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University, urged the youths to consider things which filled their lives to make them complete. Using a clear cylinder, he inserted rocks to

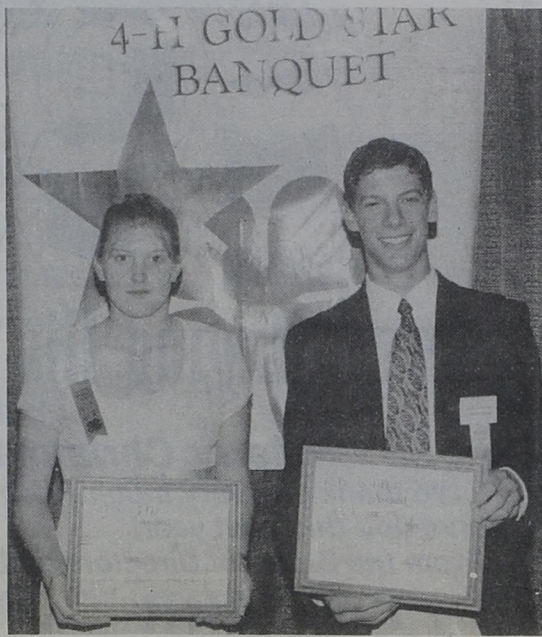
symbolize various elements in a "full life."

When the cylinder appeared full with such components as leadership, support of family and 4-H leaders, team work and community involvement, Cepica poured in sand to fill the gaps around the rocks. That, he said, represented hobbies, sleeping, eating and social time. "What would have happened if we'd put the sand in first?" he asked. "Always make room for the rocks in your life first," he cautioned.

Among those honored at the banquet were Clint Patterson and Ginger Sides of Farwell, Parmer County's Gold Star 4-H recipients.

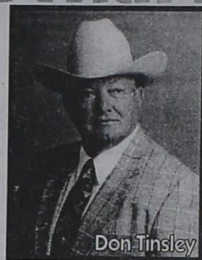


TOP PD EMPLOYEE....At the annual Friona EMS, Fire and Police Banquet last week, each group presented an award to its outstanding volunteer or employee. Friona Police Chief Randy Geries honored dispatcher Juanita Carrasco as employee-of-the-year. On November 20, 1997, Chief Geries said she had a 911 call from Bovina about a one-year-old baby choking. She was able to dispatch Bovina EMS and assist the panicked mother by instructing her on how to dislodge the object from the baby's throat. By the time the Bovina EMS arrived, the baby was breathing normal again.



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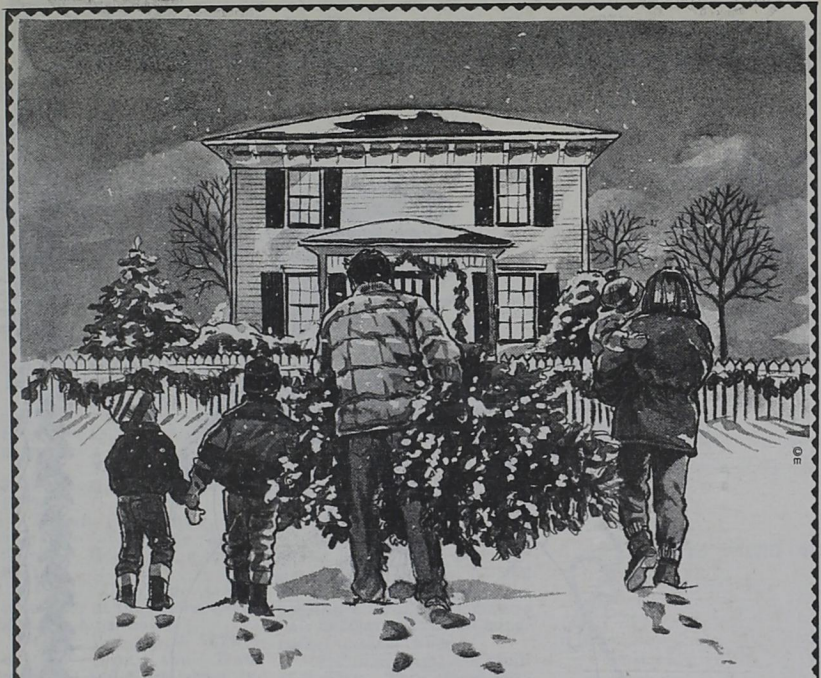
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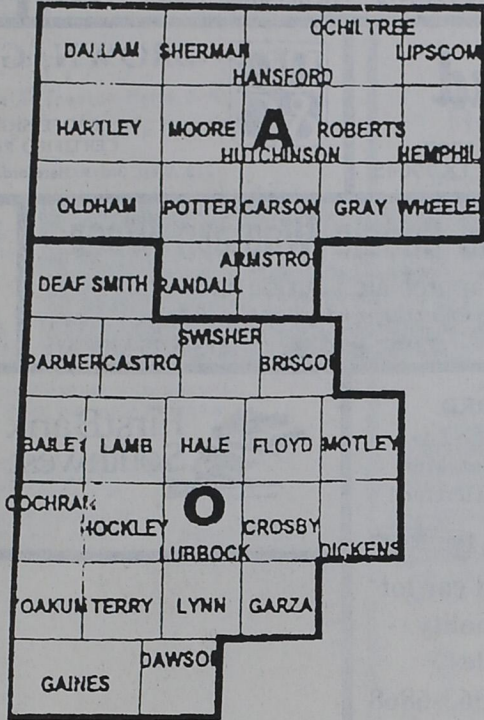
Eleven persons have been nominated to represent area water interest groups within a planning region created under Senate Bill 1, passed by the 75th Texas Legislature earlier this year.

Senate Bill 1 divides the state into at least sixteen separate water planning regions. Each region will have a coordinating body with at least one representative for each of the water interest groups as outlined by the legislation. Water management plans from each of the regions will ultimately be included in the Texas Water Plan, which addresses the development and conservation of state water resources.

The law requires that persons be nominated to serve as initial members of the regional planning groups by January 16, 1998. The Texas Water Development Board in Austin will name the initial members on February 19, 1998. Once appointed, the groups will have until September 1, 2000 to create a water management plan for the counties in each respective planning region.

Those nominated to serve on the initial coordinating body for Region "O" are: Dr. Lloyd Urban, Texas Tech University Water Resources Center, public sector; Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer, counties; Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer, counties; Ches Carthel, City of Plainview Public Works director, municipalities; Steve Perry of Austin, Altura Energy, industries; and Dr. John Abernathy, Dean of the Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, agriculture.

Also, Jim Steiert of Hereford, environmental issues; Don McElroy of Muleshoe, Irrigation Pumps and Power, small business;



Bill Harbin of Floydada, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative board member, electric utilities; Kent Satterwhite of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, river authorities; A. Wayne Wyatt of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, water districts; and Bruce Blalack of the City of Lubbock Water Utilities, water utilities.

These nominations were made during the December 11 quarterly meeting of the High Plains Ogallala Area Regional Water Management

Plan's planning group in Plainview.

Planning Region "O" includes Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum counties.

Comments regarding these nominations may be directed to A. Wayne Wyatt, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405, or by calling (806)762-0181.

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Bob Stallman was re-elected to his fifth one-year term as president of the Texas Farm Bureau during the closing session of the state's largest farm organization's 64th annual meeting in Arlington.

"It's been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the past four years," Stallman, a rice farmer from Columbus, said. "This is the best job in the world because I have the opportunity and the privilege to work with the best people of the world—the members of the Texas Farm Bureau."

Delegates restated opposition on the national level to the American Heritage Rivers Initiative on the final day. Pushed by the Clinton Administration, the initiative is attempting to restore rivers with historical significance with the goal of enhancing economic opportunities for communities along those rivers. Citing possible violations to private property rights, delegates voted to oppose any waters in Texas being designated to the initiative.

Also in the final session, delegates opposed giving USDA more power to close meat packing plants and opposed any new regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency that is not supported by scientific evidence, that is not necessary, or is not in the best interest of United States citizens. Also, because of its possible affect on agriculture, TFB delegates urged elimination of EPA funding for the Air Quality Control Program.

Stallman reviewed the historical significance of this convention, where candidates for lieutenant governor, agri-

culture commissioner, controller and land commissioner gathered to seek Texas Farm Bureau members' support.

"We heard from many candidates for statewide office," Stallman said. "I don't know of any other organization that has the respect to bring that many candidates together in one place. They want and need our support."

Also making appearances at the convention were Gov. George W. Bush, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, former chairman of the House Agriculture Committee Kika de la Garza, who received the organization's Meritorious Service Award, and U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm.

Re-elected as vice president following the business session was Donald Patman of Waxahachie, District 4. Re-elected as secretary-treasurer was Delmas McCormick of Floydada, District 2.

Two new directors were elected to fill positions vacated by directors who had served three two-year terms, the maximum allowed by Texas Farm Bureau. Elected to District 7, replacing retiring director Leo Williams, was Regan Kirk. Elected to District 13, replacing retiring director David Krebs III, was Dale Jeske, Kirk, from San Saba, runs a cattle, meat goat and hunting operation. Jeske is a citrus producer from Alamo.

Also re-elected to their second two-year terms as directors were the following: David Noble, District 1; L.C. Harrison, District 3; James Maxton, District 5; Jim Smith, District 9; and Curt Mowery, District II.

Letters To Santa Claus

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I want a nano fo Christmas. U aksi wbat star fairys. Mery Christmas to you! We Love you! I aways loved Christmas!

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Hollis

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike for christmas and some more winter clothes. Thank you,
Monica Lynn Madrid

Dear Santa
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Love Cynthia

Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa
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Dear Santa
How are you? I wnat the mermai Barie. I love Santa.
Vanessa Ortega

Dear Santa
I Bengood. I Like a gigapet.
Love Teresa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this yir. I wot a gigapet.
Love Heather

Out Here...

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hope yours is next to mine." Inside was the verse, ".....I will come and get you, so that you can always be with Me where I am." John 14:3. I really liked that card.

I especially liked one we received from Mary Katherine Cox. On the front was a snow scene with a tree and two redbirds sitting in it.

Inside she wrote "Wishing you a joyous Christmas. Thank you for sending me The Friona Star." You are sure welcome, Mrs. Cox. Thank you for remembering us.

In this modern age, we get all hung up on how bad (or good) all the retailers are doing during Christmas season. Thanks to television, we are often more concerned with finding a Giga Pet, Barbie's new outfit, or a snoring Ernie than remembering the reason for the season.

It is the season when we remember to do good for others less fortunate. I like the stories about the people who do good all year.

But no matter how you get the message, or what it says, it is always nice to be remembered. That is what the season is about. Remembering.

In this final column of 1997, I thank you all for reading. We will be back with our next Star issue on January 9.

Until then, here are my "Season's Greetings" to you from a card I found that says what I want to say this year. Remember:

Jesus Loves You.
He always has.
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Wishing you the blessings of his love this Christmas and in the new year.

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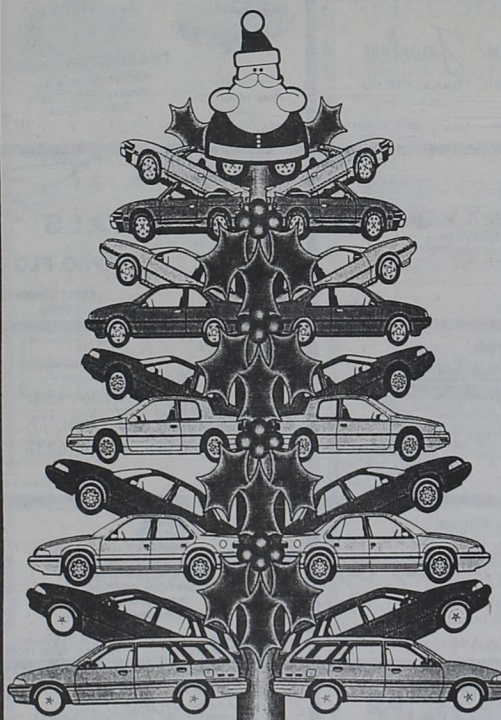
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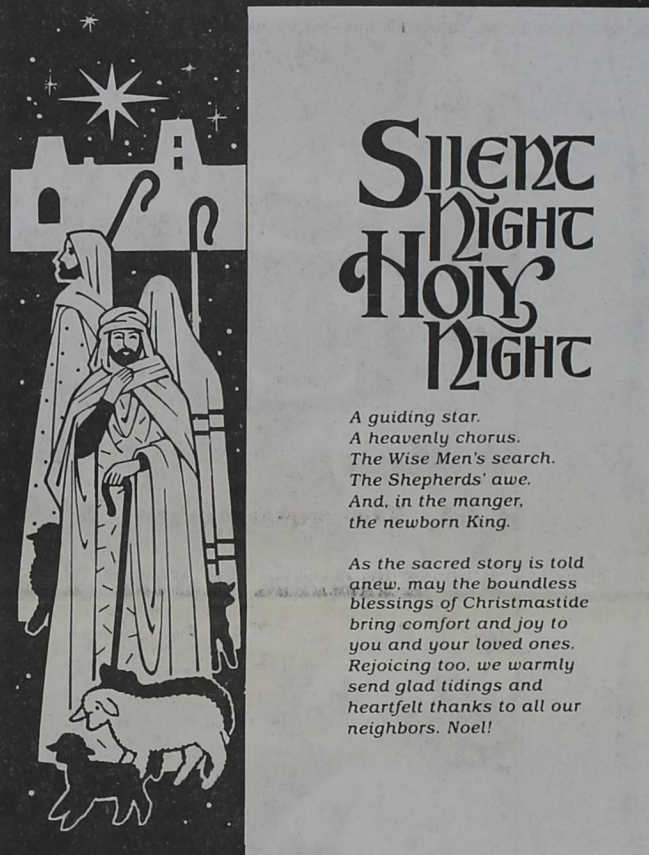
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