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## YULETIDE GREETINGS

May the Holiday Season inspire Peace and Love within all of our hearts...and the hope for Peace within the years to come. May we truly enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Don, Nene, Jennifer and J. J. Comedy  
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Alice Ballard

STATE CAPITAL



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN -- The current storm at the Texas Capitol picked up intensity last week.

As Gov.-elect Ann Richards prepared to take the reins of state government, the status quo is cracking from the House chamber to the courtrooms to the University of Texas tower:

■ Word spread through Capitol halls that more subpoenas would be handed down in a grand jury probe of legislator-lobbyist coziness;

■ Embattled House Speaker Gib Lewis, the chief target of the probe, filed suit to stop the district attorney from "spoon-feeding" grand jurors;

■ A state district judge ruled that the Texas sodomy law, which outlaws homosexual acts, was unconstitutional; and

■ Richards was expected to appoint the first black ever, Rep. Zan Homes of Dallas, as a regent of the University of Texas System.

Lewis Fires Back

Speaker Lewis filed a lawsuit to force prosecutors to make public all secret subpoenas issued in the probe and to lift the order preventing witnesses from

discussing the investigation. Lewis said District Attorney Ronnie Earle is "spoon-feeding jurors and abusing their power."

"The speaker of the House is a very powerful person and he knows who the witnesses will be, that will have a chilling effect on those witnesses," Earle responded.

The grand jury is looking at whether Lewis acted improperly when he took a free luxury vacation to Mexico in 1987 with members of a San Antonio law firm which later paid a share of his delinquent tax bill.

Of the six women, including a topless dancer, who accompanied them, two reportedly have been subpoenaed and one testified last week.

Lewis hired Glenn Smith, campaign manager of Richards' primary campaign and a former Houston Post reporter, as his spokesman.

Hannah Appointed

Richards, who has yet to comment on the investigation, spotlighted the issue by announcing former federal prosecutor John Hannah as her secretary of state.

The secretary of state's office keeps reports on lobby gifts and donations to lawmakers and on campaign and office-holder expenditures.

Hannah, who helped rewrite ethics laws as a '70s legislator, signaled he will keep strict tabs on lawmakers when he said, "Every public official has an absolute duty to conduct themselves ethically at all times in their public affairs."

Meanwhile, speculation was that Richards will name her general election campaign manager, Mary Beth Rogers, as chief of staff, and Austin attorney Jane Hickie as appointments secretary.

J.P. Doodles



plain talk

BY WENDELL FAUGHT

There are 10 million bricks in the Empire State Building. Wonder who counted 'em?

Definitions:

Decade: A period of 10 years.  
Century: A period of 100 years.  
Nowhere does a dictionary define a decade as any particular 10 years, nor a century as any particular 100 years.

Thus, a letter writer to the Abilene Reporter News the other day was a bit off base by chastising people for saying a new decade began last Jan. 1. In reality, a new decade can begin at any time. Ditto for a new century. (May 22, 1990, through May 21, 2000, is a decade; 1990 to 2090 is a century.)

Now, if you're talking about the particular decade of the 90s, that's the decade running from Jan. 1, 1990, through Dec. 31, 1999. And if you're talking about the 20th century, you're talking about the century that began Jan. 1, 1901 and ends Dec. 31, 2000 (with the 21st century beginning Jan. 1, 2001). But that doesn't mean that Jan. 1, 1900, through Dec. 31, 1999, is not also a century.

Along the same line, a lot of people are always confusing whether 12 noon and 12 midnight should be p.m. or a.m.

The instant a clock strikes 12 noon, it signals the end of a.m., meaning 12 noon is the final instant of a.m. Not until the clock passes 12 noon does the time become p.m.

By the same logic, 12 midnight is p.m., the last instant of the 12 hours which make up p.m. So not until it is past midnight, does a.m. begin.

There are those who maintain, with some logic, that the end of a.m. and the beginning of p.m., and vice versa, occur simultaneously. In such a case, 12 noon and 12 midnight could each be both a.m. and p.m.--or neither. Take your pick.

The confusion could be eliminated if the country (or the world) would adopt a 24-hour clock and use military time terminology where noon is 1200 hours and midnight is 2400 hours.

When you write your congressman on this subject, you also might consider trying to get him to endorse a universal time--one time zone for the entire country, so when the time is 3 o'clock in New York, it's also 3 o'clock in Haskell and Los Angeles and Timbuktoo.

Then when the TV announces that a certain program will be coming on at 9 o'clock, we won't have to wonder if it means EST, CST, MST or PST.

Who cares if New Yorkers go to work at 4 and eat lunch at 8? Or if Californians go to bed at 3?

Strange it is that every town is unique.

Van Horn, Texas, out in the middle of nowhere, boasts 17 motels, 17 gas stations, 22 restaurants and four RV parks.

And while small towns capitalize on their uniqueness, the bigger ones become more and more like each other.

There's virtually no difference between the shopping malls of Abilene, Bryan, Wichita Falls, Odessa, Tyler and those of countless other cities of comparable size.

Not only the malls, but the highway approaches of every city in the country are dotted with look-alike businesses--McDonald's, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Holiday Inn, Midas, Century 21, etc.

No wonder Rep. Marvin Leath of Waco is retiring in January after 12 years in Congress.

He'll draw a pension of \$33,217 a year.

But that's not all. He gets to keep \$477,960 in campaign funds he has accumulated. Congressmen are permitted to keep their excess campaign funds as long as they pay taxes on them.

He says the money will be "a nice little vehicle to have" to remain active in his community, in politics and as a donor to Texas charities.

--From Out of the Past--

From the Files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago  
Dec. 17, 1970

The Haskell Indians lost a heart breaker against the Iowa Park Hawks by a slim 14-13 margin in the semifinals of the state playoffs.

"Love Transcending," a Christmas musical cantata by John W. Peterson, will be presented by the Church Choir of the First Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cox of Haskell will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday at which time their children will host a reception in the Fellowship Hall of the Paint Creek Baptist Church.

Harwell "Tex" Chatwell of Lubbock, a former Haskell resident and a 1945 graduate of Haskell High School, has written a new Christmas peace song, "There's Nothing Like Christmas Day," that is being promoted across the country. Copies have been donated to Bob Hope for his overseas Christmas shows.

The courthouse square and the entire downtown section of Haskell were again packed last Saturday for the second awards program presented by Haskell merchants, followed by the second visit of Santa Claus.

30 Years Ago  
Dec. 22, 1960

H. R. Collins of Haskell was awarded the top prize in Saturday's Christmas drawing, receiving \$50 in cash given by Haskell merchants through the Chamber of Commerce.

Selection of Covell Adkins as office deputy in the sheriff's department after Jan. 1 was announced today by Sheriff-elect Garth Garrett.

S. M. (Shelly) Royal returned the last of the week from Denver where he attended the annual convention of the National Farm Bureau.

W. R. (Roy) Johnson, vice president of the Haskell National Bank; Tom Barfield, president of the Chamber of Commerce; and Carl Wheatley, State Representative-elect, represented Haskell at a regional meeting of the Texas Industrial Commission in Abilene Dec. 15.

50 Years Ago  
Dec. 13, 1940

Equipment is being installed in the Gay Building east of the square for the National Youth Administration's wood working shop.

Application for setting up a government food stamp program in Haskell County was filed Tuesday with James S. Allen of Dallas, regional administrator of the program.

Two Haskell students at Texas Tech have been included in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities for 1940. They are Mary Eleanor Diggs and Geraldine Conner Lam.

At the meeting of the City Council this week, J. H. Ivey was appointed special police and traffic officer, and Raymond Stewart was employed as assistant nightwatchman.

Robert Thompson, student in Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, spent the weekend with

his parents, Mr. and Ms. Carroll Thompson.

60 Years Ago  
Dec. 25, 1930

Rev. and Mrs. E. Gaston Foote left Tuesday for Stephenville, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Foote's parents, Judge and Mrs. A. P. Young.

The Rev. G. Robert Forrester, minister of the First Christian Church for the past seven years, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Christian Church in Coleman.

Judge Bruce W. Bryant returned Saturday from Brownwood where he has spent the week presiding in 35th District Court.

80 Years Ago  
Dec. 17, 1910

Mr. and Mrs. Alvy Couch of Weinert were in the City Wednesday. Mr. Couch is cashier of the Weinert State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Whitman spent several days this week visiting in Fort Worth.

Chester McFatter has accepted a position as bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Rule.

Ten carloads of immigrants' effects have arrived at Haskell in the

past few days. These things belong to people who are moving in to occupy Haskell County farms. Most of the newcomers are from Bell County and that part of the state.

The Symphony Club met with Mrs. J. B. Baker Wednesday for chorus practice. It was their last meeting until after the holidays.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 14, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pace, Mr. Chas. L. Killingsworth and Miss May Pace were united in marriage with Rev. Bruce Meador, pastor of the Methodist Church officiating.

90 Years Ago  
Dec. 22, 1900

Mr. Laughlin and family arrived here yesterday from McLennan County. He was out here a few weeks ago and bought a section of land about four miles west of town and has come to improve and occupy it.

Messrs. Walter and Will Tandy left Tuesday for Woodward in Oklahoma Territory to spend Christmas with their parents.

B. L. Frost returned Monday from Arkansas with his cattle. He says he is done with Arkansas now for a while.

Bunk Rike returned Wednesday from Louisiana where he made satisfactory disposition of a shipment of mules.

-LETTERS-

Tournament

Editor: Haskell Indian Booster Club would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the club's Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Our success is made possible by all of you, those who kept the gate, worked the concession stand, brought food and numerous other jobs that go into a tournament. A special thanks to the coaches for all their hard work on this tournament.

Thanks again for the support given our athletes.

Indian Booster Club

celebration

Editor: Trinity Lutheran Church is expanding their traditional Christmas Eve worship schedule this year. On Christmas Eve, there will be two options for worship as a family.

At 7 p.m., there will be a Eucharistic Worship service. This being a celebration of communion, we invite all who believe that Jesus Christ is truly present with us at His table to share in the reality that Christ was born to save us all.

At 11 p.m., we will be having our traditional Candlelight and Carol Service which has come to be an expected part of Christmas in Haskell.

Whether you worship in your home, at your regular church, or with us on Christmas Eve, may the presence of Christ be refreshed in your life this Christmas and may His angels guide your journey in the year to come.

The People of Trinity Lutheran Church

Seatbelts improve changes

A safety belt won't keep you from having a wreck--but it will improve your odds if you do.

"Buckling up can make the difference between being a survivor and being a statistic. Members of the Texas Safety Belt Survivors' Club can attest to that," said George R. Gustafson, president of the Texas Safety association and a spokesman for the Texas Coalition for Safety Belts.

Two hundred fifty Texans joined the survivors' club in 1990. Each survived a potentially life-threatening crash through the use of safety belts or child safety seats. Eight survivors had the extra protection of air bags.

"But a safety belt still gives the best all-around protection for adults, even if there is an air bag," Gustafson said. "We encourage all Texans to buckle up and survive this holiday season."

Top buyer

Predictably, Texas' neighbor to the south is the largest buyer of Texas exports.

Mexican clients bought more than \$11 billion worth of Texas products in 1989, just under 29 percent of all the state's exports.

Mary Kaigler:

From the Inside Out

In this amazing era of instantaneous communication--this fax-it-now time of technological development--the world is getting smaller every day. With all of us hearing and seeing the same news of events, fashions, fads, trends, literary and entertainment offerings, there is more universal awareness than ever before in memory of history. Never have so many of us known so much about what the rest of us are doing, saying, thinking, wearing, eating and becoming. In many ways we are being homogenized.

But, we're not there yet! Even in a state where the natives have so much in common--their eternal Texanisms--one quickly realizes, on coming in off of the six-lane freeway of commercialism on to the two-lane farm-market road of small-town living, that there are more differences here than just the heights of the buildings and the time it takes to get across town.

There is a wonderfully efficient communication system operating in a small town that rivals the most modern inventions for "getting things around." A combination of grape-vine, phone line, ESP, honest caring and plain old curiosity keeps information of all sorts, both vital and trivial, moving and shaping the daily affairs.

It is inherent in small places that folks tend to know everything there is to know about each other, but the redeeming grace of that phenomenon is that at least they

know each other. Strangers in town don't have to stay that way for long.

Coming from the impersonal congestion of city driving, a drive around the courthouse square, on our first morning in Haskell, gave us a feeling of belonging as we made our way from the water department to gas and electric companies, paying our deposits. The custom of waving in greeting to every driver met or passed--making eye contact and speaking to every person within eyesight or hearing--is contagious. Exchanges of news of weather and family, politics and the price of cotton, can turn a trip to the post office into a social event or a business deal.

On my first trip back to the oncologist in Austin I felt foolish to find myself waving, smiling and nodding to strangers. I found this to be exhausting and physically impractical when practiced in the city. Besides, it can get you looked at funny! Failure to do it in the country can earn you the repugnant reputation of being "uppity and stuck-up" virtually a country epithet.

In their manner of taking time to look at things in a down-to-earth way--a trait not always cultivated in more crowded, hurried areas--most small town people believe and practice the same straight-to-the-point philosophy of the writer of Proverbs 18:24, "A man who hath friends must show himself to be friendly."

Vive la Difference!

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# Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a shotgun, 3-wheeler and a cowboy hat. My brother Dustin would like his two front teeth. Bring me some new jeans and dad a new hat. Bring Mondue a new pillow and nanny some candy for me and granddad some tools to fix the tractor.  
Love, Joshua Barbee, 2 years  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a doll, a 3-wheeler, and a big bunk bed. Bring my brothers some trucks and my dad some jeans. My grandmother a necklace and granddaddy a new truck. Please remember all my little friends. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa and the deer have a safe trip!  
Love, Morgan Acosta, age 3  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you a hamburger for your snack!

Dear Santa,  
I've been very good would you please bring me a new pair of church shoes, guitar with strings, a teddy bear and a new pair of boots. Bring Joseph a new belt, Deshae a

new pair of tennis shoes, Dacia some Barbie clothes. My mom a new dress and Dad a new pickup truck to deliver mail in. Please remember all my grandparents and all my friends. Thank you and Merry Christmas.  
Love, Geoffrey Phemister, age 4  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you cookies and some of my supper!

Dear Santa,  
I've been good all year and so has my brother Bow! Would you please bring me a new doll and a new playhouse with dishes. Bow would like a new skateboard and Nintendo games. Please remember my grandparents. My mom would like new shoes and a dress and Dad would like new boots.  
Have a Merry Christmas. Give Mrs. Santa and the deer a hug for me!  
Love, Cassie Hise, age 4  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you some chicken strips and bread.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Baby Alive and earrings and a bag. My Daddy needs

a new stocking and Mom needs a new washing machine and Jeremy my big brother would like a skateboard. My MaMaw needs a new pillow. Gramp needs new pants. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Give Mrs. Santa and the deer a hug for me. Have a good safe holiday.  
Love, Lynzie Harlan, age 5  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you a Dr. Pepper, corndog, and cookies for your snack!

Dear Santa,  
I would like new toys for me and my sister Melissa any kind would be OK! My Mom would like a new ice box and Dad would like a new baby boy. Oh yes a new doll would be nice and dishes too! Give Mrs. Santa a hug and the Reindeer some food. Happy holidays.  
Love, Monica Buerger, age 3  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you a sandwich and chips!

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a real horse and a saddle and a video game. My Mom would like a new

ice box and Dad would like a new lawn mower. My sister, Shannon, would like a new rocking horse. Maxine would like a new stocking! Don't forget my special grandparents. Happy holidays to you and Mrs. Santa and the reindeer. Have a safe trip. Thank you.  
Love, Adam Greenwood, age 4  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you cookies and a coke!

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Baby Alive and a puzzle and a book and dishes. My mom needs jewelry and Daddy needs a lighter and my brother Keith needs a skateboard. Gran needs new glasses and Doc needs a new pillow. MaMaw needs new dishes and DaDa needs a new pipe. Julie Ann would like some new pink tennis shoes and Gates needs a new stocking! Thank you and Merry Christmas.  
Love, Lee McDonald, age 5  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you candy, chips, and a big coke!

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Ninja Turtle Nintendo. Drew my brother needs a Ninja Turtle doll. Mom needs a new bed and Daddy needs a new car. My new baby needs a doll and her needs a pillow for her bed. My family would like a new TV. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa and the reindeer. Have a safe trip!  
Love, Jordan Coffman, age 4  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a new Baby Alive, new shoes, new gown and a new shirt.  
Scott my brother needs a new bed and shirt. My Daddy would like a new stocking and some new boots and belt. Mom would like a new dress and new dishes. Ross would like new boots. My Joe needs new pants and new boots. Minks needs new glasses! Don't forget MaMaw and PaPaw at Rule! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Love, Melody Kennedy, age 4  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you cookies and a corndog.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Scott and I would like a big bike as big as the sky! I

would like a rope and a truck I can drive and games and some nice toys and a gun! Melody my sister would like a baby doll. My Dad would like a fire gun and Mom would like a real turtle. My Ross would like a bullet gun! Uncle Rex and Aunt Cam need dishes and a fire gun! Have a safe trip and a Happy Holiday.  
Love, Scott Kennedy, age 4  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you a hot dog and pizza.

Dear Santa,  
How are You? I am just fine!  
Would you please bring me a Ninja Turtle Watch and a Mickey Mouse watch and a Hot Wheels set. Travis my brother would like a new bunk bed and Mom and Dad would like a new bed too! Give my love to Mrs. Santa and the reindeer! Have a safe trip!  
Love, Drew Garison, age 4  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you a corndog and milk.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Go-Go Walking Pup, a Magic Nursery, and a New Kids on the Block Bag. My Mom would like some new lights for the house and my Dad would like a new pickup. Sharie would like some new shoes and boots. Give Mrs. Santa and the Reindeer a big hug for me. Happy holidays!  
Love, Olivia Messenger, age 5  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you cookies and coke!

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a saddle, a cowboy suit, an airport and some chaps. My mom would

like a necklace and dad some boots. My Evan and Pate are in Abilene so please don't forget them. They 'have been nice and good boys just like me. Please don't forget my grandparents they could use lots of good stuff. Thank you and you and Mrs. Santa and the deer have a Merry Christmas.  
Love, Cameron Short, age 3  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you cookies, candy, a coke and chips for your snack.

Dear Santa,  
I've been good all year just for you. Would you please bring me a doll, a teddy bear, and some doll clothes. My sister would like a little tiny mouse. Please bring my mom a dress and some jewelry. My dad a fishing rod and some fish would be nice!  
Please remember all my nice friends. My grandparents have been good too! Did you know I like you very much! Have a happy and safe holiday. Give my love to Mrs. Santa and the deer.  
Love, Amanda Ray, age 4  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you a roll and juice for your snack.

**Cork costs up**  
Rising insurance costs for state employees and workers' compensation helped push spending for state employee benefits up by 30.1 percent to more than \$1.2 billion in fiscal 1990.  
Also contributing to the increase were the effects of a general 5-percent salary increase, more than 2,000 new employees to administer prisons, about 1,300 additional employees in the Department of Human Services and increases in the state's Social Security contribution rate.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the spirit of Christmas bless you and yours, bringing you all the joys of the Holy Season.

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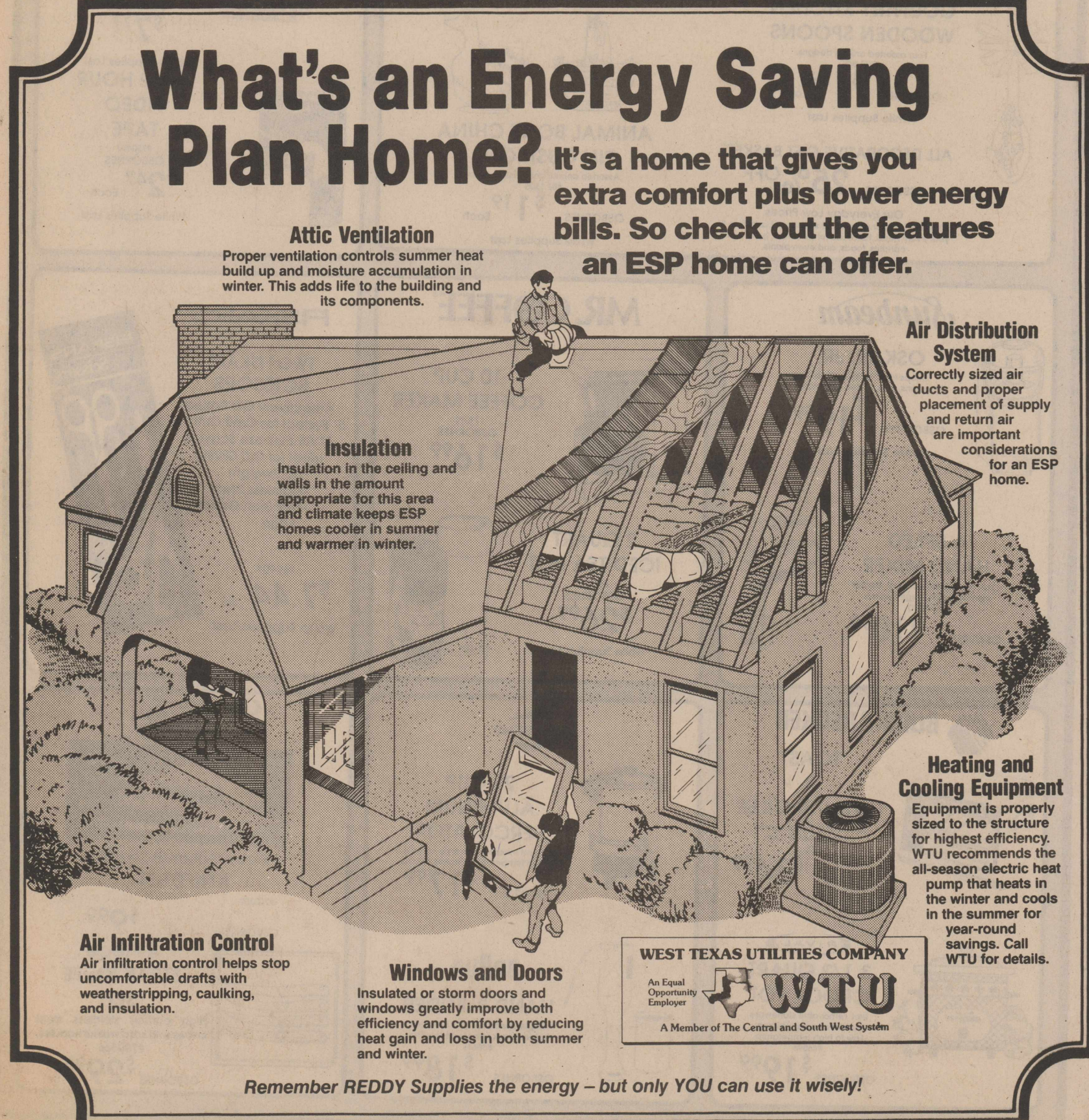
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

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# Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,  
I am in Mrs. Cunningham's first grade room in Haskell. Thank you Santa for the presents last year. I have tried to be a good girl. I would like a Barbie Power Wheels, Magic Nursery Baby, Go-Go My Walking Pup, a jam box, and Little Miss Magic Hair.

I will leave you some milk and cookies. Please remember my sister, Anna. Be careful on your trip. Thank you, Santa.  
Love, Jessica Rieger

Dear Santa,  
My mommy is writing this letter to you because I am only 2 years old.

If you would, please bring me a Mickey Mouse car, a baby doll and a surprise.

I have really tried to be good this year, but at 2 years old, it is really hard to do.

My sister and I will leave cookies and milk on our table for you. Hay for the reindeer will be at my Paw Paw's house at 1005 S. 3rd. He won't care if you take a bale or two.

Please remember my sister, Brittany, she is 9 and wants all that big girl stuff.

Love, Chambray Paige Bartley

Dear Santa,

My name is Brittany Bartley. I'm 9 years old. I want a clear phone, some jewelry, some nintendo tapes, some Simpson VCR tapes, a real store cash register, a electric guitar, some new clothes, some white board markers this is what colors I want blue, black, red, green and purple. A new bike, some teacher stuff. A clock with Bart Simpson's family on it. Please don't forget my little sister her name is Chambray Bartley she is 2 years old. Please bring her the little stuff.

Love, Brittany L'Shae Bartley

Dear Santa,

My name is Krysta Dickerson. I am 4 1/2 years old. For Christmas, I would like a Rub-a-dub dolly, clothes, jewelry and perfume. Please don't forget my little sister, Kelsey. Remember all the other boys and girls. By the way, we will be a Mimi's house on Christmas Eve.

Love, Krysta

Dear Santa,

My name is Kelsey Dickerson. I

am 15 months old. For Christmas, I would like a doll, some clothes and anything else you want to bring me. Please remember that I will be at Mimi's house Christmas Eve. Please don't forget my big sister, Krysta and all the other boys and girls.

Love, Kelsey

Dear Santa,

My name is Kourtney LeAnn and I am 2 1/2 years old. This year for Christmas I would like a new baby doll. I would also like a Barbie Townhouse and some new clothes for my Barbie, my mommy and daddy said that I have been a very good girl.

I will leave milk and cookies out for you.

Love,  
Kourtney LeAnn Russell  
Age: 2 1/2 years old

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a remote control tractor with a plow and an electric train set.

Also remember my baby sister, Candace. Please bring her a new rattle and a new toy to play with. Remember my Mother and Dad. Bring a tool set for Greg and some new clothes for my Mom.

Please bring a remote control airplane that really flies.

Thank you.

Your friend, B. J. Opsahl

Dear Santa,

I am 22 months old and although I'm a mischievous little boy, I am good most of the time. I am anxiously waiting for Christmas Eve. I'm going to leave some homemade candy and coke by the tree for you. (Since you will be out all night I thought the caffeine would help you stay up.) I would like for you to bring me a tractor, truck, car, ninja turtle, and a boat. My big brother, Trey, would like a bike and my big sister, Amber, would like a Little Miss Dress-up doll. I wish you and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love, A. J. Rogers

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring me a new bicycle, a baby stroller a pair of boots, tent and sleeping bag (so I can go fishing with my daddy). Please bring me a doll with hair so I can braid her hair. I have been good and so has my sister. Please

bring my daddy a pair of house shoes, and my papa a new bow shooting hat for good luck.

I love you Santa,  
Lesli Isbell, age 5

Dear Santa,

I have been a good little boy this year. Please bring me a farmer says-see n say, a Ninja turtle bicycle and a climb and slide treehouse.

I will be in Haskell at MaMa and Grandpa's house again this year.

Thank you.  
Love, Todd Scheffel  
Lubbock

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I like Christmas very much. I would like a doll, a pet Rabbit. My Mom and Dad will not get me one. I would like a baby one. I would also like some books. I would like to read. I would like some Nancy Drew ones. And some pop-outs. I would like girl lego blocks. I would like some clothes. I want two Nintendo games. I would like a Rogger Rabbit Nintendo game and Chip and Dale game. Have a merry Christmas!!!

Love, Courtney Williams, age 8

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I like Christmas very much. I would like a doll, a pet Rabbit. My Mom and Dad will not get me one. I would like a baby one. I would also like some books. I would like to read. I would like some Nancy Drew ones. And some pop-outs. I would like girl lego blocks. I would like some clothes. I want two Nintendo games. I would like a Rogger Rabbit Nintendo game and Chip and Dale game. Have a merry Christmas!!!

Love, Courtney Williams, age 8

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a New Kid on the block doll, Jordan, the hot pink Barbie

doll, Kevin, the Barbie, New kids on the blok dasiner set, a bell from your sleigh and a little puppy a lier one put it in my bed with me. milk and cookies will be out by the tree

Tabitha Coker,  
Haskell, Texas  
I love you.

Dear Santa,

I have tried very hard to be a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a Nintendo, baseball, and some chaps like cowboys wear. Please bring my daddy some cowboy things and my mommy a dress. Santa tell the elves to get to work on all these presents. Merry Christmas.

Love, Ross Bullinger, age 5

Dear Santa,

My name is Traci and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like a Baby Alive, Lite Brite, Barbie 57 Chevy, Wedding Fantasy Barbie, Train, a Peter Pan tape and an All Dogs Go To Heaven tape. I would also like a fire truck that I can share with my brother, Dustin who is 1 year old. He would also like a piano, some stuffed toys and a farm play set.

We have both been very kids this year.

Love, Traci and Dustin

Dear Santa,

Hi my name is Chasity Brittany Mitchell. I'm 6 years old and in the first grade. I've been a good girl. would you please bring me a Barbie Dream house, Magic Nursery Baby,

pj Sparkles baby Cabbage Patchsippin baby Doll pizza party game. I'll be at Tasha house for Christmas. Please bring my mom a newer car cause cliff's tired of working on it. I Love you I am going to Leave you some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa Claus,

This is my first Christmas and am I ever excited! I am enjoying my daddy showing and telling me all about the colors of the Christmas lights. It is nice to hear the Christmas stories read to me by my mother and the Christmas songs she sings to me.

As I am only 3 months old, any soft cuddly doll will be okay with me. I will be a my cousins' house in Portland, Texas, so please remember to bring Ashley and John Ross something too! Oh, and don't forget my uncle Walter!

Merry Christmas to everyone!  
Love, Niki DeAngelis  
Temecula, CA

Dear Santa Claus,

I haven't decided what I want for Christmas yet, but maybe a Ninja Turtle bicycle or a fire truck with ladders. Just pick out something for me. I've been as good as a 3 year old boy can be.

My sister, Ashley, has been good too, and she would like anything about horses or some Nintendo games.

Don't forget to bring me new cousin, Niki, a surprise. She will be at my house for Christmas. I'll leave some milk and cookies

on the fireplace. And, don't be afraid of my caribou hanging over the mantle, he was a friendly reindeer from Alaska.

Merry Christmas,  
Love, John Ross Watson  
Portland, TX

Dear Santa,

I want a Hula Hoop and a jump rope. I also want a Sweet Valley High game and a Barbie and a remote control car. Also, a purse and a new bike and a stuffed animal.

Love, Erin Parker, age 7

Dear Santa,

I love you. This Christmas I would like for you to bring me a house for my Barbies. For my sister, Jerrica, please bring a Pop-up pals with Mickey Mouse. Thank you for the bike you gave me last year. I have been a very good girl this year. My baby sister has been a good girl too.

Love Jacklyn Escobedo, age 6

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a pink and purple ten speed. Also a surprise. I'm leaving you some cookies and milk your welcome to them.

Love, J.J. Comedy

Dear Santa,

I am nearly 7  
I want a baby Alive  
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My Brother Charlie is 3 He wants a new toy gun and a new toy car

Thank you  
Jennifer and Charlie Smith

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# Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,  
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Sincerely  
Saphron Roydson

Dear Santa  
Hi santa how is Mrs. Claus doing and how is the reindeers. I want for Christmas is nintendo games spy hunter and batman.

And I want some batman toys I want a radio control car and I want a ten speed bike and I want some Hot Wheels and some micro machines and I want nintendo games dick Tracy.

Sincerely,  
Josh Roysdon

Dear Santa,  
Hi. My name is Blake Billington. I will be 3 years old next month. I have tried to be a good boy. For Christmas i would like a remote controlled firetruck, a Little Tikes football chest for my toys, and some more clothes, shoes and socks.

If there is anything else you think i need or deserve, you are more than welcome to drop them off at my house or at my

grandparents house. Also Santa, if you can, try to leave something nice for all of my relatives, especially my cousin Cassandra in Dumas.

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Thank you Santa.  
Love ya, Blake

Dear Santa,  
I would like the Lego Big Rig Truck Stop and Police Command Base.

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We will leave you a snack under the tree.

Please remember my brother A.J. and bring him something nice!

I love you Santa,  
Jason Shaw, age 8

Dear Santa,  
My name is A. J. Shaw. I am 4 years old. Please bring me a remote control firetruck without a line. Please bring me a surprise. I would also like a light bar with a blue light and a red light, and a Mama kitty for Alvin, he's my new friend. I also would like a toy Rudolph that has a shiny nose with D cell batteries. Have a good Christmas.

I love you Santa,  
A. J. Shaw

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old. I have been a

good little girl, or I think so. Would you please bring me a walking doll, Baby Bubbles, Barbie dolls, doll clothes, spurs, ropers, clothes for me, Duster coat. dishes for my store and slap bracelets.

I will leave milk and cookies for you.

I love you,  
Judith Adress, 710 S. 12th St.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a watch, Legos, Sewer Samurrai, Leonardo, Dr. Mario or Super Mario Bros. 3, and Slash.

Please don't forget my brother Michael and sister Jennifer. I have tried to be good. Tell everyone at the North Pole hi for me.

Love, Jeffrey Murray, age 7  
Rule, Texas

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Baby Tummy Talks, play lipstick, a play stove, and some dishes. Please remember all good boys and girls. Mommy said I have been good.

Thank you for last year's presents. Don't forget Michael and Jeffrey. Tell Mrs. Claus and the reindeer hi.

Love, Jennifer Murray, age 3  
Rule, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I have been 'pretty good. Please

bring me dinosaurs, roller skates, and a Dr. Kit for Christmas.

Also, please bring toys for all the other kids so they can have a good Christmas too.

I love you Santa and all your reindeer too. Merry Christmas!  
Christopher Washburn  
age 4 1/2

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy! Would you please bring me: Power-Wheels, Batman Nintendo game, Donkey Kong and Blaster-Master. And a choo-choo train that works better. We'll be in New Mexico at Granny's. You don't have to bring me everything.

Be careful Santa Claus. I love you.

Josh Sorenson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me a little Mrs. Magic hair, a little Mrs. Makeup, triple change Mrs. makeup, Super Maro Bros. 2, Super Mario Bros. 3, and Doctor Mario for Christmas. I love you.

Love, Jessie Sorenson

Dear Santa Clause,  
I have been a good boy this year. There have been a couple miss understandings. But I have been good boy. I want a hot keys guitar, nike pump shoes, a big cap gun, spy tech long range microphone spy tech motion atracter.

PS and a couple surprises.  
Your friend, Kevin McSmith

Dear Santa,

Hi! How is Rudolph doing? Do you know where Texas is? I want a remote control barbie doll car, Baby Shivers, and a Minnie Mouse watch. That's all! I have tried to be good, but it is hard!

Love, Hattie Dee Walton, age 6  
Paint Creek, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Mickey Mouse watch, Barbie doll clothes, and the game Life. I don't want much I just want you to bring my mom (Darlene Walton) a Video camera! Thank you.

Love, Halee Walton, age 9  
Paint Creek, Texas

Dear Santa,  
My name is Shelby and I am 15 months' old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a dolly and buggy to push her in and a rocker and red wagon of my own. Please be with all the family's that will not be together for Christmas. Do not forget mommy and Daddy.

Love, Shelby Morrow

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the presents you gave me last year.

This year I would like a My Little Pony, a Magic Nursery Baby, clothes for my Barbie Doll, and some gloves. Thank you.

Love, Jaclyn Drinnon

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy this year, and all I want for Christmas is a safari jeep, Ninja Turtle tent and a bicycle with training wheels.

Please don't forget my sister and all the good little boys and girls.

I'll leave milk and cookies for you.

Love, Ryan Ashley, 3 years old

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is William Brueggeman. I am only 7 months old so this is my first Christmas. I would like a guitar made for a little boy my age. I would also like any surprises you might want to leave me. Remember my two older brothers, Justin and Sam and all my cousins and all the other boys and girls.

Love, William

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a three minute ice cream maker. Oh! and I want a Santa Claus hat.

To Santa Clus, from Sam

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want two things for Christmas. I want four cartridges for my computer and I want a Santa Claus hat.

To Santa Claus,  
From Justin Paul Brueggeman

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Baby Uh-Oh, remote control pink car for my Barbie, and a red leash and collar for my kitty, Prissy. Bring Sissy some new clothes.

I love you Santa.  
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My sister Jillian, and I would like a doll that crawls and one to take a bath with me. My mom would like some new dishes and dad wants some new tools and a new tractor.

Please remember all my sweet grandparents and all my little friends.  
Have a Merry Christmas and thank you very much!

Love, Eden Thomas, 4 years old  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I will leave you a good supper!

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a basketball goal, a barbie suitcase and a teddy bear. My brother C.J. a bear to sleep with. Bring my mom a dog and dad a pair of shoes. Grandma would like some perfume and Papa would like a new watch.

Please remember all my special friends at Discovery World. Have a

happy and safe holiday.  
Love, Monique Hollaway, 3 yrs.  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you coke, candy, and a sandwich for your snack!

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girl and can't wait till Christmas to see you! Would you please bring me some more blocks, candy, a doll and some baby clothes. Whitney would like some blocks, too and Coy would like a truck. My mom would like a dress and my dad a shirt.

Please don't forget all my grandparents. They have been good too! Please give Mrs. Santa and the deer a hug and kiss for me! Happy holidays.

Love, Erin Hise, age 2 years  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you some cereal and milk!

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a shotgun, some ninja turtles and a big truck. For my mom a dress and my dad a shirt. Bring my grannie some toys for her house and for PaPa a shotgun. Bring my nannie a dress! Give Mrs. Santa a hug for me! Have a safe and happy holiday.

Love, Kory Foster, age 3 years  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you cheese gold fish and a coke.

Dear Santa,  
I've been very good just for you! Would you please bring me a Baby Alive, baby clothes, Baby Bubbles. My sister would like Baby Alive, too. My brother would like some cars and trucks. My mom would like a ring and dad a shirt. My brother Mark would like a new car! Give the deer a hug for me and Mrs. Santa too! Happy holidays!

Love, Destiny Jones, 5 years  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas

P.S. I'll leave you cookies and juice.

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me some dinosaurs, roller skates, a doctor kit and a elephant. My mom would like some new dishes and a dress. Dad would like some new shoes and a shirt. Please remember all my little friends and my grandparents too! Have a good and safe holiday.

Love, Chris Washburn, age 4  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me some playdough, Barbie's and clothes, and a doll that crawls. Heather would like a Barbie case and some clothes. Wes wants some guns. My dad wants a dad breakable thing and Mom needs an angel. Please remember all my grandparents and aunts and uncles because they have been good too. Don't forget Lori and Betsy they live here in Haskell!

Love, Samatha Steele, 4 years  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa, my name is Chambray and I've been good all year just for you! Would you please bring me a Mickey Mouse car, a Bart doll and new clothes. My sister Brittany wants some Nintendo games and new clothes. My mommie wants some jewelry and Dad wants a new pair of boots. PaPa wants a saddle and Kako would like some earrings, and please don't forget my Aunt Tina. Merry Christmas and have a safe trip.

Love, Chambray Bartley, age 2  
Discovery World  
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P.S. I'll leave Pizza out for your snack.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Nicolas just like your nick-name St. Nicolas. I've been good all year just for you. Would you please bring me a yellow truck, yellow crane truck and a road grader. Chris would like a crane truck too. My mom would like a new dress and dad wants a new workshirt. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa and the reindeer. Have a good safe holiday!

Love, Nicolas Crosson, age 4  
Discovery World  
Child-Care Center,  
Haskell, Texas  
P.S. I'll leave you donuts and juice.

Dear Santa,  
How are you! I am just fine. Please bring me a new choo-choo train, Ninja turtles, and a candy cane. My mom would like a new ring and Daddy some new cowboy boots. Granddad needs a new telescope and Grandmother needs a

new coat. My puppy needs some dog food and a new collar. Give Mrs. Santa a hug for me and have a safe holiday.

Love, Ross Hairgrove, age 5  
Discovery World  
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P.S. I'll leave you pizza and a coke.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new horse, a rope and a saddle. Jennifer would like a new talking doll and fire truck with 2 ladders. My mom a dress and dad a new shirt. Papa needs a new shirt and grannie wants a dress! Thank you. Have a nice Christmas and give Rudolph a hug for me!

Love, Charlie Smith, age 3  
Discovery World  
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Haskell, Texas  
P. S. I'll leave you cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,  
Hi, I've been a good boy all year! Please bring me some popguns, a 3-wheeler, some cars and a jeep. For my sister, Megan, a new doll and my dad some work boots and mom a new dress. Bring my friend Joyce and Jessica some dresses and Jim work boots. And Andrea some new shoes. My friend Mik needs a new bike. Thank you Santa. Hope you and Mrs. Santa and the deer have a happy and safe holiday!

Love, Jamie Markey, age 3  
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**FOR RENT: 2 or 3 bedroom house,** fenced yard, extra nice neighborhood. Call 864-2491. 50-1p

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**Merry Christmas**

May all your Christmas wishes come true!

Haskell Free Press  
Classifieds

# Letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas Spy-tek. Bat-man. Micro-Machine. Car-Wash Tractor-plow. Watch. I have been a little good. Thanks for everything.  
Your friend, Loren Cole

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Ninja Turtle and a talking phone. I've been a good boy all year. Just ask my Grandoll and Meme.  
Love, Joshua Granada  
3 years, Waco, TX

Dear Santa,  
This is my first Christmas. Mommy and Daddy say that you are going to come to my house. I would like a Today's Kids Toddler Playground, Precise Moments Indian Doll, Baby Puffalumps, and to meet by cousins, J and Josh. Please remember my other cousins, Chad, Paul, Mandy and Travis. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
I love you, Paige LeAnn Adams

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brad Blanks. I just turned 4 and have tried to be good this year. Please bring me a 'mote control motorcycle, and a Ninja Turtle tent for the backyard or den. Bring something for my brothers, Matt and Jeff, and my cousins, too. I'll leave you some mashed 'atoes to eat.  
Your friend, Brad  
P.S. If your elves didn't make the things I want, bring something else, please.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hello! I am only 4 weeks old, so my God-Mother is helping me out a little with this letter.

This is my first year at asking for presents, so I'll leave you a big list by the Christmas tree, but I'll cut it down some for the letter.

I would like to have more clothes, toys, and all the things little boys my age likes. One thing I really want is food. I love to lay around all day, and eat.

For my mommy you can get her some sleeping pills or ear plugs,

cause I wake her up every time she goes to sleep, and she doesn't like to hear me cry.

My daddy is a truck driver, and he is gone most of the time, but he will be home for Christmas, so you can bring him a new baby tote, so he can take me on the road with him.

While you are shopping, you can grab my grandma some new clothes, too.

I'll have my mommy leave some milk and cookies for you by the tree.

I love you Santa Claus.  
Love always,  
Justin Conroy King

Dear Santa,  
I would like a punching bag and some boxing gloves, please say hi to Rudolph!  
Love, Ross Short, age 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tyler and I am ten months old. For my very first Christmas I want a police car to ride on, Shape-o-Blocks, and my two front teeth.

Don't forget my brother, Cody. He wants a football suit and a football Nintendo game.

There will be brownies and a diet Coke for you.  
Love, Tyler Stone

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy so I want lots of presents. What do you want to eat cookies, fruit, cake or milk? I want a football suit, some nintendo games, 3 snickers with peanut butter in the middle. By the way the nintendo games I want Tecmo bowl, Wheel of Fortune, Super Maro Bros. 2 and 3 and a game boy. I want tons and tons of candy and a jamin basketball. I know it sounds like a lot but let me go on. I want some video tapes Home Alone, Ghostbusters 2, Back to the Future part 2 and 3 and I want a Texas Tech T-shirt and some warm-ups.  
Your friend, Cody Stone

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like Baby Burps and Hands Down, Oh yes, I

want Shark attack, little Mermaid Video and cassette.

Please bring Mom houseshoes and a wreath, and my sister a Dr. Mario and a Tech T-shirt.

Nansy a new pair of tennis shoes and a robe. For Paps, cat food for his cats and new shirts to wear to the farm. Grandpa Joe shirts and new boots.

For Mam Maw a heating pad and clip on earrings.

For Cam folders for school and jeans.

Four wrestling tickets for Joe, and a wooden Santa Claus for Florene.

Thank you,  
Love, Trac Mathis, age 7  
607 S. 6th

Hi Santa,  
My name is Sara and I'm almost 2 years old. For Christmas I would like to have a Little Tykes kitchen and Baby Uh-Oh. I've tried to be very good this year.

I will leave you and the reindeer a snack on the table.

Love, Sara, 21 months  
P.S. Please remember my Aunt DeeDee. She has been real good this year, too.

Dear Santa,  
I'm 10 years old. For Christmas, I want some socks, shoes, under pants, jeans, shirts, slap-bracelets, cordless truck, reversler tractor, travler connect four, watches, Monster truck, rack-track cars, nintendo games for my sister Regina, wrestling buddies, and skateboard. I'll leave you milk and cookies.

Your pal, Kevin Billington  
Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Niki, I'm 3 months old and I live in California, which is a long, long way from my Mimi and Papa Mac. I'd like a Discovery Bunny and a few toys to play with. I've been a very good girl. I'll watch for you and Rudolph on Christmas Eve (around 3:30 a.m.)  
Love, Niki DeAngelis

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Ninja Turtle Pizza Thrower, a remote control car, and Double Dragon II. I live in Amarillo but will be at my Mimmie and Paps house. I also would like a picture of you.  
I love you, Chase Bedell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like lots of Barbie stuff and real cookin. Another baby to take care of would be nice. I live Baby Alive. Chase and I will leave you Rice Krispie treats to eat and puppy chow for Rudolph.  
I love you, Kenzie Bedell

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kira Poteet. I have been a good little girl. I have lots of toys. The things I want is jamebox, Magic nurse toddler, Little Miss Triple change, pompoms, hulabhop, baton, The new born baby Christina. My mom wants jewelry. My dad wants tools. My brother wants turtle blimp. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I have already got what I've wished for. So all I really want it that everyone has a warm place to stay and enough food to eat for the holidays!  
Sincerely, Paula Harvey

Dear Santa Claus  
would you please bring me a walkman (am&fm) Tape Player and Some Pencles, erasers and a trapper, underwear shirts, blue jeans, skirts, earrings, 2 packs of Trident gum and some lipstick eyeshadow blush, foundation blue mascara. and could you bring me some bracelets and some socks hairspray moose, notebooks yard, double AA batteries, crayons, paints colors, glue scissors, scotch tape, construction paper, rock and roll tapes country tapes and 50 & 60 rock and roll tapes. Tell Mrs. Claus hy fore me.  
Sincerley,  
Wendy Cowperthwait, 15 1/2

Dear Santa  
I would lik a remote control car and Some clothes and some little men and a radio and a micromechene. and maby a new bike and a heman Toy  
Thank you.  
Sencerley,  
James T. K. Cowperthwait  
P.S. and maby Beatejuice

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Syreeta Billington. I am 11 years old and in the 6th grade. For this Christmas I want 3 pair of sweats, pants, sweaters,

bows, earrings, flute, jump rope, church shoes, socks, M C Hammer poster and the M C Hammer tape, Barbie doll with a pool, radio, pump shoes, a curl on my hair, wish my hair wasn't so thick, finger nail polish, hope I do good in school. Good-bye Santa.

P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies when you drop by. I hope Rudolph still has that shiny nose.

Your pal, Syreeta Billington  
Rt 1 Box 45  
North Ave A 8st  
Haskell, Texas 79521  
Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a remote control train, and remote control typhoon. I would also like a remote control car and a remote control fire truck and Ninja Turtle stuff.  
Pleas don't miss my house.  
Love, Travis Poteet

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 6 years old. My name is Fredrick Tyrone Billington. For this Christmas, I want a new bike, walkie-talkies, guitar, drum, a race track with trucks with it, skateboard, tractor, a watch, a comb, brush and a new set of keys for my mom where she wont lose them. Well, Good-bye Santa Claus. See you Christmas day.  
P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies when drop by. And I

hope to see Rudolph. and a new pair of Tee Nage Mutant Ninja Turtles shoes and the Simpsons.

Your pal,  
Tyrone Billington  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

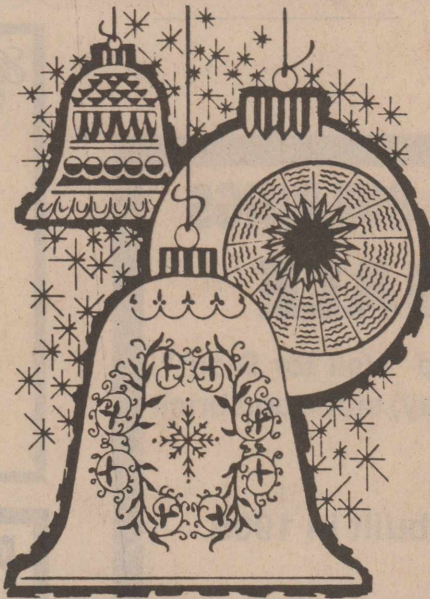
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a jam-box and makeup set, high tops, sleeping bag, New kids tape, M C Hammer tape and Vanilla Ice tape and a diamond ring. I have been good. Please bring my Papa a cowboy belt and bring my daddy a pair of boots.  
Love, Stefanie Isbell

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new bike, trampoline, boots and make-up some nintendo tapes, pencils and sharper. New Kids pens and pencils I would like a new western belt and buckle. Please bring my mother a set of glasses.  
Love you Santa,  
Angela Isbell, age 9

Dear Santa this year I want a mote control car, clothes, men, a radio, micromachines, and a new bike, and a heman. Our adress is 901 N. Second.

Love, James Cowperthwait  
P.S. Plus betlejuice. Love you Santa Clause.

Thank you for reading The Haskell Free Press.



## Happy Holidays

Ringin in the Holiday Season with Greetings and Best Wishes.

We will be closed Mon., Tues., Wed. Dec. 24, 25, 26 Will reopen Thursday, Dec. 27

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# MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## Modern Way Food Store

1202 N. Av E -- Haskell, Texas  
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Craig McCormick

## McCormick joins staff at land bank

Craig McCormick has joined the staff of the Federal Land Bank Association of Haskell.

As assistant vice president of the association, McCormick is involved in the making and servicing of loans.

Dale Bullinger, president of the association, said the addition of McCormick to the staff will enable the bank to offer better service to its customers.

McCormick moved to Haskell from Pampa. He has been with the Federal Land Bank system for the past four years, working in Pampa, Amarillo and Dalhart.

He is a graduate of Paris High School and Texas Tech University with a BS degree in agricultural economics with emphasis in finance.

He and his wife, Janet, are the parents of a 23-month-old daughter, Lauren.

The Federal Land Bank Association of Haskell serves the four-county area of Haskell, Baylor, Jones and Knox counties. One of 44 associations in Texas, it has approximately 700 outstanding loans in the amount of \$36 million.

## Early deadlines for next issue

All deadlines for the Dec. 27 issue of The Free Press will be noon Friday.

These deadlines will apply to news, advertising and classified.

The Free Press will be printed on Monday of next week and the newspaper office will be closed the rest of the week.

## City landfill to close 2 days

The Haskell regional landfill will be open until 5 p.m. on Saturday and will be closed on Monday and Tuesday for Christmas. It will re-open on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

City offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, but a standby crew will be available if needed.

## \$4,000 to be given to Haskell shoppers

Four lucky Haskell shoppers will share \$4,000 Saturday at the annual Christmas drawings of the Haskell Business Association of the Chamber of Commerce.

Top prize will be \$2,000. In addition, there will be another prize of \$1,000 and two of \$500 each.

The drawings will be at 3 p.m.

on the courthouse square. Winners must be present to claim their prizes.

Owners or managers of local businesses and their families are not eligible to win drawing prizes, whether or not they are participants in the program.

Employees may win with tickets

from businesses other than those where they are employed. All tickets must be stamped on the back by the businesses distributing them.

Prizes will be awarded in \$20 denomination certificates, redeemable at the following participating businesses:

Sears Merchants Store, Sue's Flowers, Gifts and Photography, Boggs and Johnson, Slipper Shoppe, Perry's, Frazier's Appliance and Furniture, Aladdin House, Lane-Felker, Pogue Grocery.

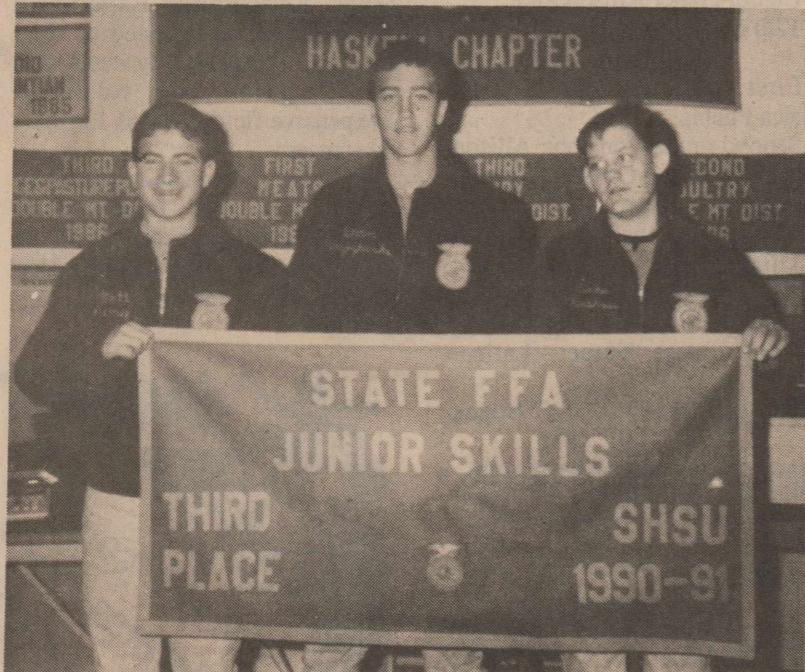
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The Drug Store, Anderson Tire and Appliance, The Hayloft, Jones-Cox, Kay's Cleaners, Bailey Toliver Chevrolet, Modern Way, B&B Automotive, Cecil's Grocery, Rodriguez Inn, KVRP, Haskell Free Press, Lyle's Jewelry and Richardson Truck and Tractor.

In addition, others have made donations to the Christmas drawings, but are not distributing tickets. This group includes Sherman's Antiques, Holden-McCauley Funeral Home, First National Bank, Haskell National Bank, Lanco Insurance and Evelyn Cobb (H&R Block).

Lois Richardson is chairman of the Christmas drawing committee. Other committee members are Dorothy Hartsfield, Ken Lane, Jerri Buerger and Doyle High.



## Third in state

The Haskell FFA Junior Skills team took third place in the state contests held recently at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Team members are Blake Henshaw, Brian Brzozowski and Matt Perry.

## Indians take title Maidens win third

The Haskell Indians added another trophy to their display case last weekend by capturing first place in the Booster Club Invitational Basketball tournament with three impressive victories.

The Maidens had to settle for third place with two victories in three outings.

Rusty Stocks scored 71 points in the three games as the Indians bested Rule, 61-47, on Thursday, defeated Paint Creek, 67-45, on Friday and then edged 3A Childress, 55-54, in the championship game

## Varsity to play Breck

Varsity basketball teams will host Breckenridge Friday night in a pair of games just added to their schedules.

The Maidens' game will begin at 5 o'clock. There will be no junior varsity games.

Breckenridge boys are ranked No. 11 among 3A teams in the state. The Haskell boys this week were ranked No. 17 in 2A.

Going into Tuesday's game against Hawley, the Indians had an 11-4 record. The Maidens were 10-5 before the Hawley contest.

The Haskell teams each had a 2-0 record in district play.

Saturday.

Stocks, voted the tournament's most valuable player, scored 25 points against Rule and Todd Vaughn added 10. Chris Tanner had an individual season-high 14 assists in that contest.

Against Paint Creek, Stocks scored 20 points and Tanner had 11. Against Childress, Stocks scored 26 and Todd Vaughn scored 10, while Coleman had 12 rebounds.

The Maidens opened tournament play Thursday with a 70-35 victory over Rule. Shelia Unger scored 17 points and Regina Dever added 12.

In Friday's semifinal round, the Maidens lost to 3A Ballinger by a score of 76-62 despite a 25-point output by Unger. Shana McKenzie scored 10 points. The loss broke a seven-game winning streak for the Maidens.

In the third-place finals, the Maidens defeated 3A Childress, 49-32, with Unger scoring 14 points and Misti Bartley adding 12.

Vernon beat Ballinger girls, 56-55, in the championship finals.

## Indians, Maidens post wins

Haskell basketball teams boosted their district records to 2-0 last Tuesday with victories over Winters.

The Maidens won, 49-26, and the Indians triumphed, 62-47.

The Maidens jumped out front, 15-9, in the first quarter and were never threatened, outscoring their opponents in every period.

Shelia Unger scored 14 points while Regina Dever and Amanda Diaz scored 11 each to pace the Maidens.

The Indians started a little more slowly. They trailed, 15-14 at the end of the first quarter but managed to pull ahead, 24-20, by halftime. A big third quarter, in which the Indians outscored the Blizzards, 18-6, put the game away.

Rusty Stocks paced the scoring with 22 points. Adam Coleman added 20 and Chris Tanner had 12.



## Surprise party

County Clerk Woody Frazier was honoree at a surprise party at the courthouse Friday afternoon. Courthouse personnel paid tribute to the longtime official who is retiring from office next month.



## New manager

Garry Beam, right, has been named manager of Perry's in Haskell. He is shown here with district manager Mickey Cook of Stephenville. Beam succeeds Lana Grand, who served nine years as Perry's local manager. The new manager, along with his wife Lonnie and their daughter Micki, moved to Haskell from Vernon where he was assistant manager of Perry's.

## School funds to be slashed

The Abilene Reporter-News reported Tuesday that Haskell Independent School District stands to lose \$23,842 in state funds as a result of a \$109 million shortfall in state monies.

The decreased funding, which resulted from provisions of the new public school finance law now under attack in the Texas Supreme Court, will be reflected in the monthly payments that will go to

the school district between Dec. 26 and next August.

Haskell Superintendent Bill Stewart said he has received no official notice of the amount of the decrease, although he does expect a decrease.

The Abilene newspaper also reported that Rochester would lose \$12,508; Paint Creek, \$7,516; and Rule, \$6,905.

## Hundreds attend bank open house

Haskell National Bank's big 100th birthday open house party Sunday afternoon was a huge success.

Bank officials estimated that 450 to 500 persons attended the event.

The open house climaxed a year-long celebration of the bank's 100th

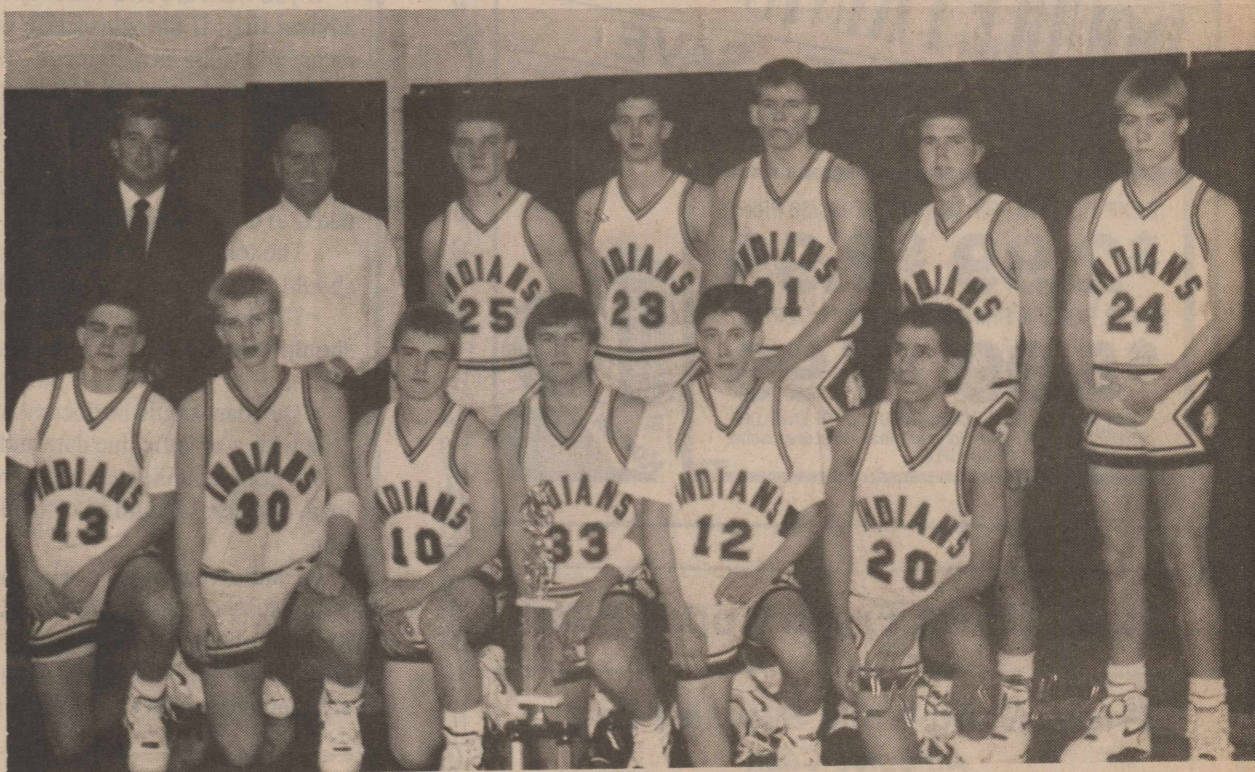
birthday. The bank was founded in 1890.

The bank also announced that Mrs. Buelah Toliver is apparently the bank's oldest depositor. She and her late husband, Lynn Toliver, opened their first account at the bank in 1917. Hill Oates has been a depositor since 1920.



## Big crowd

Hundreds came Sunday afternoon to Haskell National Bank's open house, celebrating the bank's 100th anniversary.



## Champions

The Haskell Indians won the Booster Club Tournament last weekend. Team members are, front row from left, Craig Hanson, Todd Vaughn, Cole Callaway, Dusty Burson, Chris Tanner, Johnny Rodriguez; back row, Coaches Mark Coffman and Alan Phillips, Cody Josselet, Adam Coleman, Rusty Stocks, Chad Gibson and Mitch Mayfield.

## --Rice Springs Care Home--

By Debra Medford  
Activity Director

Our trees are trimmed, our hearts are filled with joy and hopes of a very Merry Christmas. Our resident Christmas party will be Dec. 22 at 1 o'clock. Santa will be here to help deliver presents.

This month we have had Tiger Scouts, Girl Scouts, FFA, Haskell 8th graders, Paint Creek 3rd and 6th graders visit with us. Our residents really enjoyed each program presented.

The 17th, Johnnie Boatwright of the Country Band Canyon presented Christmas carols. We really had a big turnout for this sing-along. We appreciate him taking time out of his busy schedule to visit our home. The 18th, the Kiwanis

presented gifts to the residents. Patsy Blakley's piano students will be here Dec. 20.

Celebrating birthdays this month are Leora Graham, Virgie Bledsoe, Nerva Oates, Ethel Neatherly, Catherine Clifton, Nellie Ash, Nannie Miller, Frieda Nehring and Flossie Rogers. We all wish them a very happy birthday.

New residents are Johnnie Carroll, Oleta Pennington and Hilda Newmann. We want to welcome them to our homes.

Leaving our staff will be Juanette Martin. We will all miss her and wish her the best where she goes.

Congratulations to Elna Weise on the birth of her granddaughter, Kimmie Lynn.

## Garden Club has meeting

The Haskell Garden Club met Dec. 13 at the Community Room of the Haskell National Bank. The theme for the day was "Joyous Christmas Time."

Leone Pearsey presided in the absence of the president, Marian Carlisle. She introduced Mary Kaigler who told an interesting Christmas story which she had written. The characters were two girls, Mrs. Kaigler's mother and her friend, Yettie Cummings Meadows, who was the daughter of Dr. D. L. Cummings, a doctor in Haskell during the 1930s and 1940s. Yettie's daughter, Martha Meadows, is a member of the Haskell Garden Club. Many nostalgic thoughts permeated the room. Mrs. Kaigler also gave an interesting history of the poinsettia.

Christmas goodies were served to nine members. Guests were Vivian Robertson and Georgina Meadows and her mother, Mrs. Clause from Rhineland.

The Jan. 13 meeting will be a casserole luncheon at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Lou Gilly, who will explain re-cycling. Guests are always welcome. Please come if you are interested in helping the economy by re-cycling.

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## Rule honor roll

**A Honor Roll**

First grade: Kami Baitz, Kyle Falkner, Bobby Flores, Paige Jeffrey, Jessica Macias, Abby Navarette.

Second grade: Justin Coker, Lorie Martinez, Jeffrey Murray.

Third grade: Christina Baez, Jazmin Garcia, Grant Hisey, Michelle Stegemoeller, Gena Robinson.

Fourth grade: Bobbie Alaniz, Lezli Jenkins, Cinda Martinez, Lindsay Pike, Eric Robinson, Erika Sanders, Deborah Wilson.

Fifth grade: Kayla Allison, Angie Guadalcazar, Justin Halliburton, Amy Hisey, Megan Jones, Jennifer Lehmann, Brigida Macias, Maria Martinez, Khalilah Mason, Matthew Ramirez.

Sixth grade: Micahel Murray, Stephanie Stegemoeller.

Seventh grade: Kacy Baitz, Cory Robinson, Denise Wilson.

Eighth grade: Allison Pike.

12th grade: Paul Leonard.

**A-B Honor Roll**

First grade: Janice Beltran, Jessica Puebla.

Second grade: Jonathan Allison, Wendell Buerger, Candace Kendall, Tony Navarrette, Josh Smith, Stephanie Stephens.

Third grade: Jeremy Hertel, Mandi Hunt, Brian Lehmann, Kara Pierce, Allen Puebla, Tiffany Rameriz, Jesse Threet, Latisha Trussell.

Fourth grade: Adam Boger,

## Cancer Society has free phone for questions

The Texas division of the American Cancer Society is now operating a toll free phone line to provide the public and patients with a consistent, accurate, up-to-date source of information about cancer and the American Cancer Society.

Volunteers will answer the information line from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (CST).

Callers will receive information on a variety of questions, one of which is how to make a contribution to the American Cancer Society in memory of a loved one.

The toll-free number is 1-800-ACS-2345.

## Testing device aids safety check

A new diagnostic testing device developed by scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station promises to speed up food and feed grain safety tests and permit quick and relatively inexpensive field analysis for toxic substances.

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Written By  
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If you want to borrow money from your corporation, talk to your tax advisor first. If the transaction isn't structured properly, the IRS may recast your loan as a dividend - creating taxable income to you and no offsetting deduction to the corporation. In addition, some states and corporate charters restrict loans to corporate directors, officers or owners.

To help avoid dividend treatment, the following steps should be taken to document your loan:

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- The loan should be shown as such on the corporate books, and it should carry a fair rate of interest (as determined by the IRS's current rules).
- The loan should be documented in writing by signing a promissory note with a specific due date and definite repayment terms.
- If collateral is usually required by the bank for the amount of your loan, collateral should be offered to secure the loan from your corporation.

In addition to these factors, the IRS will scrutinize the corporation's past history of paying dividends, whether the loan terms were adhered to, and whether the borrowing was reasonable based on the credit worthiness and net worth of the borrower. Your tax advisor can help you structure your loan to stay clear of IRS scrutiny.

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# --Sagerton--

by Alice Bredthauer  
week of Dec. 13

Mrs. Mary Neinast spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. Roy McEwen and her husband Roy and grandsons, Dustin, Daryle, Doug in Tuscola.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer, Mrs. Adela Nierdieck went to Aspermont Sunday to eat lunch then went to see Mrs. Tennie Graham who live north of Aspermont. Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer used to live by them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer, Clarence Stegemoeller, Erna and Walter Schaake enjoyed playing 84 in the home of Mrs. Lena Schaake Friday night.

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Alvin Bredthauer, Pastor Mel Swoyer sang in the Messiah Sunday night which was held in the Stamford school auditorium. There

was a large crowd there.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Monse ate lunch in the home of Mrs. Doris Lehmann Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gibson spent some time in their mobile home here.

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week of Dec. 20

The Friendship club met Dec. 13 in the Fellowship hall of Faith Lutheran Church with a nice group attending. Mrs. Delbert LeFevre and Mrs. J. B. Toney cooked the turkeys which Clarence Stegemoeller donated.

Those who attended were Mrs. Sylvia Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre, Betty Rudd, Polly Baiz, Charles and Dorothy Clark.

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Faith Circle of Faith Lutheran Church held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. J. B.

Toney on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 11. Pastor Mel Swoyer gave a devotional on the birth of Christ. Christmas carols were enjoyed by the group.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Fred Schonerstedt, Mrs. Will Stegemoeller, Mrs. Otto Schaake, Mrs. W. F. Tredemeyer, Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer, Mrs. Glyn Quade, Mrs. E. J. Neinast, Mrs. Arthur Knipling, Ms. Erna Schaake, Pastor Mel Swoyer and visitors, Marcia Swoyer, Mrs. Delbert LeFevre, Arthur Knipling, Walter Schaake and the hostess.

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The Sagerton Hobby Club entertained their husbands and guests at their annual Christmas party at the Sagerton Community Center on Dec. 4. Wilma Teichelman, Velma Lou Lammert and Christine Stremmel were hostesses. Margie Hertel and Aline Summers led the group in various games.

Turkey and dressing and all the trimmings were served to Bro. Rickey Carstensen, pastor of the Sagerton Methodist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ulmer, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hertel, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stremmel, Mr. and Mrs. John Teichelman, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Toney, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Knipling, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lammert, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wendeborn, Aline Summers and her guest, Mozell Manske, Mrs. M. Y. Benton and her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, and Mrs. Geneva Carlton and her guest, Ruby Carpenter of Stamford.

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Delbert LeFevre, whose birthday

was Dec. 12 and his grandson, Kit LeFevre, whose birthday was Dec. 11 were honored with a birthday dinner in the LeFevre home on Dec. 9. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kent LeFevre and Kit of Tuscola, Mr. and Mrs. Larry LeFevre and Shane of Rule, Mrs. Louise Stegemoeller and Delbert and Joyce LeFevre.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Monse, Sr. were hosts of the home communion group at Faith Lutheran Church last Friday morning. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mrazek of Aspermont, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Knipling, Lena Schaake, Louise Stegemoeller, C. E. Stegemoeller, Joyce LeFevre, Dorothy Toney, and Pastor Mel Swoyer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ulmer were hosts for the annual Ulmer family Christmas gathering at their home on Dec. 9 with 48 family members attending, including Mrs. D. A. Ulmer of Hamlin and all her children.

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The Christmas program will be held at the Sagerton Methodist Church Wed. night Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. The music will be presented by Larry LeFevre of Rule, Dickie Greenwood of Haskell and Charles Clark. The public is invited to attend.

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Ricky Carstensen, Buster and Norma Tredemeyer, Reece and Frances Clark, Cato Macias, Glyn and Ethel Quade, Carrie Bredthauer, Anita Dozier, Dorothy and J. B. Toney, Andrea Kitley, Hazel Letz, Louie and Adeline Spitzer, Leona Schonerstedt, Dan and Oleta Rinn,

Martin and Selma Follstaedt, Anton and Evelyn Teichelman, Pauline Dick, Mrs. M. Y. Benton, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Aline Summers, Walter and Erna Schaake, Pastor Mel Swoyer, Rev. Bruce Adamson and Mary Adamson, Ricky Law, Arthur and Frieda Knipling, C. E. Stegemoeller, Herbert and Christine Stremmel, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Monse.

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The Bredthauer Christmas get together was in the home of Mrs. Adelia Nierdieck Sunday afternoon with just Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bredthauer of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bredthauer of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer of Sagerton. The afternoon was spent

in playing 84. After supper had the Christmas present drawing.

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# --Weinert--

**by Myrtle Phemister**  
 Saturday night seemed the perfect ending for a fabulous week as just over an inch of rain fell softly over our area of the Big Country.  
 To list a few things that happened to lift our spirits an enthusiastic Mogul team defeated the Valley Mills team on Sat., and advanced to State play-offs, to be held this coming Sat.  
 Vernon also headed for state because of their victory. Congratulations to both schools!  
 A few farmers finished their cotton harvest—a few got their wheat seed drilled—some got their cattle to the last sale of the year, 1990, it was a great week, and a grand finale, the rain!  
 Our sick are doing very well. Moneta Hix survived a very lengthy brain surgery, and is recovering in Hendricks Hospital.

Our prayers continue for her as she awaits her further treatments.  
 Our college students are home for the holidays and our school children are eager for the end of the week to arrive when they too will have a few days from the schoolroom.  
 During this week we will sing the birthday song to Dale Carroll, Woody Turnbow, Kenneth Sanders and Jordan Hacker (granddaughter of Doris and Jerry Walker).  
 Celebrating anniversaries are W. R. and Joyce Hager, Kenneth and Brenda Sanders, and Ted and Faye Jetton. Congratulations to each!  
 Congratulations to several of our young people whose names are listed in the National Who's Who of Young Students, 1990.  
 Shanna Murphy, Tina Herricks, and Corrina Jimenez, daughters of Ed and Mary Murphy, Rex and

Tinka Herricks, and Gilbert Jr. and Ruth Jimenez, respectively.  
 Corrections, corrections and apologies! It was reported that the Weinert Home Extension Club had made nine quilts to be donated to the Abilene Rehab Auction, when it was actually twelve quilts! So since 1978 the club members have been involved in this worthy project, with plans to keep up the good work, we commend them.  
 The members of the First Baptist Church were treated to an inspirational service in song and slides as they commemorate the birth of the Lord on Sunday night with their annual musical program.  
 Betty Sanders coordinated the program, and Alton Sanders was music director.  
 After the program, a fellowship hour was hosted for members and friends.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Troy Culpepper of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Wade and Taylor of Kermit were among the out-of-town guests at the church as were the college students home for the holidays.  
 Francis Mahan enjoyed a visit from her daughter, Ruby La Rogue of Odessa on Sat who came for an early Christmas with her mother.  
 Tammy and Bernie Kimmel were in Ft. Sill, Okla., for the weekend to visit a good friend of Tammys who has orders to report for duty in the Gulf.  
 Rene Vojkufka, Bennie Horan,

Thelma Boone and Merle Alexander were in Haskell on Sunday to help with the Christmas party hosted by the nursing center for their residents.  
 Ima Stewart and Harvie Griffis are our former residents who now reside there at the nursing center.  
 Several from Weinert were in attendance at the 100th anniversary party for the Haskell National Bank on Sunday afternoon.  
 Among the group were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Phemister who have been customers of the bank since 1933, which is 57 of those 100 years.  
 Weinert extends congratulations to the bank.  
 Sympathy is extended Jones-Cox Furniture who is in the process of closing its doors after these many years of serving our area with fine furniture, friendly service and faithful attendance to honesty in business. We shall miss them.  
 R. S. and Betty Sanders were in Winters last week and took her father, Ras Gideon, to San Angelo for a visit with some relatives, and later to Snyder for a family get-together.  
 R. S. is gathering information for the family history he is compiling of the Gideon family, which will be the fourth book the Sanders have authored.  
 Members of the Weinert Foursquare Church were guests of the Knox City Church on Sunday night where the youth of both congregations presented a Nativity program for the audience.  
 Donna Byrd and Donita Hudgens, with help from several others, coordinated the drama and the musical part of the program.  
 A fellowship hour was enjoyed by all after the devotional.

May each of you have a happy and healthy holiday season.

## -Goodfellows-

Haskell Goodfellows will deliver Christmas boxes on the morning of Dec. 24.  
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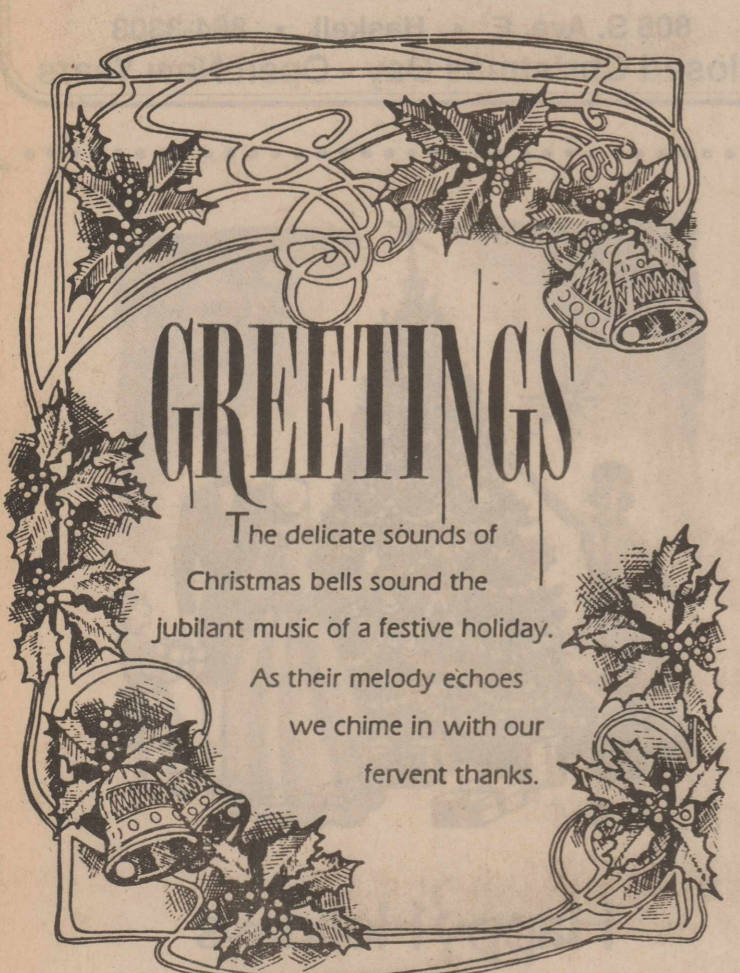


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Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bassett

## Kim Guess weds Tommy Bassett

Kim Guess and Tommy Bassett were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, in the First Baptist Church in Haskell. The Rev. Jim Turner performed the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Rebus Guess of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Bassett of Houston.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a gown of candlelight satin, a fitted bodice with alençon lace and pearls, featuring ruffled tulle far off the shoulders. She carried a bouquet of burgandy and white roses sprinkled with baby's breath. To complement her gown, the bride wore a string of pearls.

Traditional wedding music was provided by organist Nelda Lane. Vocal selections were presented by

Alexia Mayfield Rimmer, cousin of the bride, titled "The Wedding Prayer" and "One Heart." The bride's brother-in-law, Brian Burgess, provided the solo, "This Is The Day."

Following the ceremony, a reception was given in the home of Brian and Jennifer Burgess. Mrs. Burgess is the sister of the bride. The bride's table was adorned with a brass candle fixture with tiered red candles. The wedding cake and punch were served on brass table service. Also served was an assorted buffet of ham, turkey, cheese, cakes and other goodies.

The couple will make their home in Richardson.

## Phemister named Monthly musical to honor society to be Saturday

Randy Phemister of Haskell is one of 23 McMurry University students who have been inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, a national education honor society.

Membership in the university's 40-year-old Eta Epsilon chapter is based on scholarship and approval of current members.

The monthly Old Glory Musical will be Saturday night at the Community Center.

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## Notes From The Rolling Plains

(Note: The following is one of a series of stories by noted wildlife photographer Wyman Meinzer offered by Haskell Save-A-\$ for your enjoyment.)

Way back in the buffalo hunting days of the 1870's a rifle manufacturer came to the aid of the professional bison hunters on the plains of Kansas and Texas. Hunting animals whose weight sometimes exceeded 1500 pounds, these rough plainsmen needed a rifle that would shoot accurately for several hundred yards and still retain the power at these distances to inflict a mortal wound on a heavy and potentially dangerous buffalo bull. No, it was not Winchester or Remington. Ballard and Henry's fell short on the order as well. The big gun on the range whose thunderous roar echoed across the pages of history was none other than the Sharps. Sharps... the very name spread fear throughout the wild Indian tribes of the plains. The famous Comanche war chief Quanah Parker described it as "the gun that shot today and killed tomorrow." The Sharps was destined to write the script for the subjugation of our Great Plains frontier. Not only was the Sharps the most effective rifle on the buffalo range but its accuracy during the International Long Range shooting matches of the 1870's is legendary. Shooting against the fine English rifles of the times the Sharps won, hands down, the 1000 yard matches conducted at the time. Even today the Sharps is remembered as the rifle that made the west safe for the Winchester. To hold one of the well made rifles is a joy to anyone who appreciates the feel of a precision instrument. To shoot one is to experience a piece of history that died when the last bison fell in the mid 1880's on the cold plains of Montana and Wyoming. The replica of the original Model 1874 Sharps are being made by Shiloh Rifle is hand built and the popularity of this rifle is such that they are back ordered up to 18 months. I recently matched one of these Sharps rifles against four custom built, scope sighted rifles on a 1000 yard target. The Sharps was open sight and the modern caliber rifles were topped with fine optics specifically for long range shooting. When the dust settled the only marks on the 1000 yard target was made by the Sharps. With each resounding whang of that big bullet on the metal target I was reminded that even today a few things are still being made that the owner can claim with great pride. Thank you Shiloh Sharps.

Wyman Meinzer

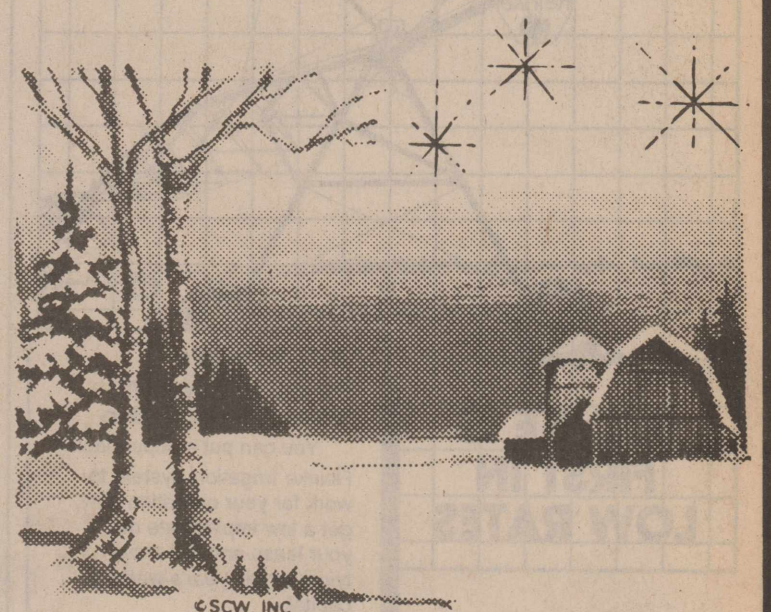
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## LeFevre named player of week

McMurry's Larressa LeFevre from Rule was named women's basketball player of the week in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association last week.

LeFevre scored 30 points in a 97-78 loss to Concordia Lutheran and 8 points in a 63-29 win over Trinity.

For the two games, LeFevre was 13 of 24 from the field and 12 of 15 from the foul line.

## Christmas mass

St. George Catholic Church will celebrate mass at midnight on Christmas Eve, and again at 9 o'clock on Christmas morning.

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# --Rule--

by Vicky Anderson  
There certainly appears to be a bountiful cotton crop this fall. Nothing is prettier than a field loaded with cotton just waiting to be stripped, is there? (Guess you can get the "gal" out of the country, but not the country out of the "gal", huh?) Too, there seems to be a great pecan crop around here.

Tori Jenkins and her grandmother went to Abilene following the basketball game with Trent on Tuesday night, and spent the night with her sister, Nikki Kittley, Danny and Luke. The following morning they kept a doctor's appointment, did a little shopping and ran some errands before returning to Rule.

Nona Norwood and her daughter, Ivis June Powell were in Lubbock this past weekend. The ladies participated in an Arts & Crafts Fair.

Your correspondent had a good visit with Bobby Anderson of Stamford on Dec. 10.

Bertha McQuinn, her daughter: Charlotte Westbrook and grandson, Johnny Ike Westbrook were in Lubbock on Tuesday. They went at this time for Bertha's checkup with Dr. Barry, vascular surgeon. Then, on Thursday, Bertha had to go to

San Antonio for her annual checkup with Dr. Philip Randolph Cravens, orthopedic surgeon, who did her surgery in 1981 following an automobile accident. Vicky Anderson accompanied her. On their way home on Fri., the ladies went by the home of Jeanie and Jim Neff, cousins of Mrs. Anderson. The Neff's houseguest was Marjory Johnson of Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Johnson's sister, Valeta Mullins, is a patient at Wilford Hall on Lackland AFB following eye surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner had as dinner guests on Dec. 16 the following ladies: Ludora Neeley, Ethel Greeson, Belle Turner, Dovie Anderson, Delanie Camp and Allie Mae Anderson.

Sympathy is sent to the family of Margaret Lewis.

The hill country is beautiful this time of the year with the liveoaks, post oaks, sumac and other trees in their bright reds, oranges, and dark greens and were breath-taking, making a person realize that Texas has their own fall foliage to brag about!

If you haven't been by Slim Sorrells park after dark, please go. Thanks to A. B. Arnett, Danny Hisey, other City of Rule employees, Faye Dunnam, the

Chamber of Commerce, Linda Guadaluca for the lights, the Rule Compress for the "snow" and may other citizens for their untiring efforts in making the Park such a pretty place. There are even Christmas carols to listen to--so please drop by!

This past Sat. was spent in one of my favorite past-times--"shopping" in the company of two of my daughters. Although my shopping had been completed early (for the first time in my life), it was an enjoyable day just watching the crowds, looking at all of the pretty Christmas decorations and eating out, too.

Don't forget the Christmas drawing at 10 a.m. in Rule tomorrow Dec. 22 in downtown Rule. In case of bad weather, it will be held at the high school auditorium. You must be present to win! Then, at 3:30 p.m. Haskell merchants will have their drawing in downtown Haskell where again, you must be present to win!

Congratulations to Bernice and George Rhoads upon the arrival of their first grandchild on Nov. 23 in Amarillo. Also, to Nora Offill as this is her first great-granddaughter.

Surely do hope that most of the farmers have their cotton in as I woke to the sound of pouring rain on the carport roof on Sunday morning.

Greetings and thanks to Mrs. Cora Hambright of Stamford whose recipe for chow-chow I recently borrowed from Mrs. M. L. Powell of Rule. (Apparently, my chow-

chow turned out okay at the rate it has been eaten around here.) Also, thanks to Nona Norwood for the green tomatoes and to Ruth Wilcox for the onions that were used to make said product.

Think about it: "The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will and the other from a strong won't." (From: Rule Reminder)

Congratulations to Jack and Kathryn Buske, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 16 with a come-and-go reception in the home of their daughter, Sandra Rhea. They were married in Stamford, and have lived in the Tuxedo community for 45 years. Their son, Jackie and wife, Kay of Hamlin were also hosts.

To all the faithful readers of the news of Rule: I wish for you and yours a happy "yule", and as you enter the new year of 1991, here is wishing for you much happiness and fun!

Merry Christmas and happy new year to all!

## -HOSPITAL-

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Margaret Jones, Harvie Griffiths,  
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Ten flags have flown over Louisiana during different times in its history.

# Make full use of small appliances

By Lou Gilly  
Haskell County  
Agent-Home Economics  
(Second in a Series)

Since a lot of you will be receiving small appliances as Christmas gifts I thought the following might be of interest to you to help you make full use of your small appliances.

Do your cupboards look like an appliance "graveyard" where an electric wok and fry pan, blender, deep fryer, food processor or other kitchen gadget sits gathering dust?

Or maybe you actually use all your appliances--every six months.

Most manufacturers try to make their appliance as versatile as possible to increase sales. But consumers tend to use appliances over and over again for only one purpose.

So it's not unusual for a family to use a blender only for mixing milk shakes for example, an electric fry pan only for frying chicken. If you use your appliances like that, however, it means you miss out on the energy savings and convenience these products can provide.

You must break old habits and take deliberate action to expand your use of an appliance. The use and care manual that came with the appliance is a good place to start looking for new ideas and recipes.

Recipe books and magazines will often feature new ideas and recipes appropriate for an appliance.

Or you can analyze your favorite recipe to see how you can use portable appliances to prepare it faster or more conveniently. A blender or food processor, for instance, can often combine several processes and save you clean-up time.

Portable appliances can also save energy costs when compared to larger equipment. For example, many cakes can be "baked" in an electric skillet rather than a large oven.

It would be to your advantage for you to take time to learn more about the portable appliances you have.

## Watson memorials

Latest memorial contributions to the Tom Watson Firemen's Training School include those from:

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- Mary Dixon of Arlington
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# Club hears talk on Boys Ranch

The Progressive Study Club met Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the beautifully decorated home of Elbert and Francine Johnson for another VIP program. Visions in Perspective: Better Child Care was the subject.

Charlie Jordan, director of Ben Richey Boys Ranch, gave example after example of better child care for Big Country kids living there. He said the emotional needs are not neglected but that learning to know the difference between right and wrong, to follow instructions, and to engage in good honest work is also important.

The boys know how to dig prickly pears, cut mesquite and dig postholes. These are necessary jobs on the ranch, but the doing can help relieve frustration. The boys take care of livestock and build fences, but also learn to cook and sew on buttons.

One punishment is "sitting on ground-zero", when a boy's daily good points have been erased. He must sit in the living room with

the other boys but with a book to read and his back to the television until early bedtime, 8:30. When a task is assigned, such as using a grubbing hoe on a square of land, the boy may play at the job, but he still has to do it. Boys will model other boys as they teach each other.

Mr. Jordan said the aim is to let each boy become an independent person, skilled in a job so as to be a taxpaying citizen instead of costing taxpayers. He has been with Boys Ranch for four years. He praised the Haskell Kiwanis Club for the five livestock and supplying most of the funds for a tractor. He also complimented Vergil Smith for his work.

Soon, another cottage will be completed and nine more Big Country boys will be chosen from the 30 applications.

At the conclusion, Mr. Jordan was presented a small ranch house containing gifts of money from club members. The money had been placed in a slit in the roof. The

house had been created by Curtis Jordan for that purpose. A huge box containing socks collected by the Win-All Class of the First Baptist Church, and a number of articles from Johnson Pharmacy were also presented to Boys Ranch.

Preceding the program, Reatha Mullins, program director, gave the welcome and invocation. A hot turkey salad, English peas with water chestnuts, cranberry salad, miniature biscuits and a variety of cookies were served by the Social committee, Lois Richardson, Faye Stiewert, Kay Croft, Jane Coston, Donna Cole and Billie Cannon, and Yearbook committee, Mary Martin, Reatha Mullins, Francine Johnson, Sammie Turner, Doris Reeves Jordan and Mary L. Kaigler. Tables had been set up in the living room, dining room and den and covered with handmade Christmas mats.

## Couple marks 50 years

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Arthur and Frances McDonald helped them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 16.

They have, two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. All were present for the weekend and the dinner on Sunday at the Cliff House Restaurant.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Art McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Greg McDonald, Spencer McDonald and April of Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Prater of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Unrein, Kay and Christopher of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Westbury of Wolforth and Laverne McBeath of Midland.

## --Market Report--

Haskell Livestock Auction

The market was steady on all classes at the weekly sale Saturday at Haskell Livestock Auction.

The sale, on a run of 1,591 head of cattle, was the last sale this year.

Next sale will be Jan. 5.

Cows: fat 46-50; cutters 48-54; canners 35-45.

Bulls: bologna 57-65.50; feeder 65-75; utility 48-55.

Steers: 200-300 lbs. 120-140; 300-400 lbs. 100-116; 400-500 lbs. 90-105; 500-600 lbs. 85-95; 600-700 lbs. 82-87; 700-800 lbs. 77-85; 800 lbs. up 70-75.

Heifers: 200-300 lbs. 110-120; 300-400 lbs. 97-107; 400-500 lbs. 82-90; 500-600 lbs. 80-85; 600 lbs. up 70-79.

Cows with calves: young to middle age 725-1020; small or aged 530-610.

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HIS 132-828	US His 1865-	M	6:30 - 9:20		
HIS 233-827	Texas History	W	6:30 - 9:20		

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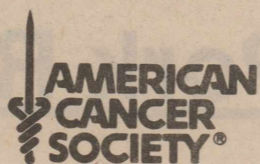
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## Weinert club has party

By Faye Jetton  
The Weinert Extension Homemakers Club members and husbands met Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the First National Bank Community Room for their annual Christmas party.

All enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner on beautifully decorated tables.

After dinner, Christmas gifts were handed out. A big round ring was formed by all and Jimmie Weinert read out the game of "Right and Left" as members had fun trying to follow or keep up, going right or left.

Installation of the 1991 officers was conducted by Myrtle Phemister:

Jimmie Weinert, president; Alta McGuire, vice president; Alice Yates, secretary-treasurer; Cordie Cunningham, council delegate; and Faye Jetton, club reporter.

Good-byes were said until next year. The club will meet with Jimmie Weinert in her home at 2 p.m. on Jan. 8.

Those attending the party were R. S. and Betty Sanders, Toby and Alice Yates, Jimmie and Harlan Weinert, Ted and Faye Jetton, Marvin and Myrtle Phemister, Alta and Floyd McGuire, Agnes Winchester, Cordie Cunningham and a new member and her husband, Estalyn and Howard Liles.

Members of the club attending the reception hosted by the Texas Rehab Center in Abilene Dec. 8 and seeing all those beautiful quilts donated by different clubs were Jimmie Weinert, Alice Yates and Alta McGuire.

## Rochester honorees

Mindy Ballard and Brad Bevel were chosen sweetheart and hero of the Rochester Steer football team and were crowned at the final home game of the season. Miss Ballard, a junior, is the daughter of Don and Alice Ballard. Bevel, a senior, is the son of Joel and Pam Bevel.



Helen and Bill Wiseman

## Wiseman couple to celebrate 50th

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Helen and Bill Wiseman, their children and grandchildren invite friends and relatives to a reception on Saturday, Dec. 29, at 4:30 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Civic Center.

Their children are Kay and Ken Cheatham of Spring, Debby and Terry Trippett of Dallas, Jan and the late Billy Wiseman of Temple and Lynne and Bill Harris of Salado. The 10 grandchildren are Cherelle and Chance Cheatham, Tripper and Taylor Trippet, Emily, Will and Sarah Wiseman, Heather, Erin and Katie Harris.

Helen is the daughter of Floy and the late Ernest Coleman of Stamford. She was born in Haskell

County and lived here until she and Bill moved to Temple in 1967. She graduated from Haskell High School in 1940. Now retired, she managed the college bookstore at Temple Junior College for 20 years.

Bill is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wiseman of the Sayles community. He was born in Haskell, attended school here and farmed in the area before moving to Bell County. He had a tractor and equipment company in Temple for several years. He retired in April from Delta Centrifugal.

Bill and Helen were married Jan. 4, 1941, in the First Baptist parsonage in Haskell. The Rev. H. R. Whatley performed the ceremony. They now reside at 1707 S. 15 St. in Temple.

X-rays of the Mona Lisa show there are three earlier versions beneath the final product.

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# Letters to Santa...

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Love, Will Cullers, age 5  
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Dear Santa,  
I will call you when your phone gets hooked up. For Christmas I would like an Oopsie Daisey, a Magna Doodle, a Bubble lawn Mower, Lights Alive and a new coloring book. Bring Mom a new pan to cook on and a new spoon and a new fork and a knife. Bring Dad a new lawn mower. Tyler wants a new belt and a purse so he won't fight about mine.  
Love, Tiffany Kramp, age 4  
ABC Day Care

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a remote control car, a Nintendo and a new jacket. I think Daddy will like a big wheel truck. Mom would like some material. Brad would like a bottle for a baby and a G. I. Joe.  
Love, Brennan Peel, age 3  
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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Play Tin Soldier, a train, and a bear. Bring Kade a little Tin Soldier and my mom a big Tin Soldier. Bring Dad a candy cane.  
Love, Kolt Kittley, age 3  
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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a HeMan Trampoline. Clay would like baseball cards and football cards. Bring my mom a new dress and my dad a rope deal.  
Love, Ryan Hannsz, age 3  
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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a rocking horse, a fire engine and a

bear, a train and a stocking. Bring my mom a Christmas jacket and me dad a leg brace.  
Love, Blake Goss, age 4  
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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a baby with a pink dress and clothes and a bottle. Also a bear. Bring Justin a choo-choo train and a horse. Bring mom some clothes and bring Dad a stocking.  
Love, Courtney Vaughn, age 4  
ABC Day Care

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like some Barbie's and Pretty Purple Pong. Will wants a pool table and guns. Bring Mom a glass break bear and bring Dad a break bear.  
Love, Amy Cullers, age 3  
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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a baby and diapers and a plate. Bring my mom a dress and my dad a shirt.  
Love, Kourtney Russell, age 2  
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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a choo-choo train and a Santa Claus. Bring Tiffany paper and bring my mom a stocking and my dad a stocking.  
Love, Tyler Kramp, age 2  
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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, please bring me some toys and candy.  
Love, Justin Vaughn, age 2  
ABC Day Care

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me bears. Maybe Berenstain Bears. Bring Brennan some bears, too.  
Love, Brad Peel, age 2  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a doll, bubble gum and a sucker.  
Love, Sarah Garcia, 21 months  
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Dear Santa,  
I don't talk much to my teachers yet, so I'll just leave it up to you to bring what I'll like best.  
Love, Frankie Enriquez, 21 months  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to come to my house and bring me a toy.  
Love, Kade Kittley, age 2  
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Dear Santa,  
I just want to say thank you for what ever you are going to bring me.  
Love, Otis Thomas, age 5  
ABC Day Care

Dear Santa,  
I have a big beautiful smile and know you can't resist bringing me something.  
Love, Jasmine Thomas

Dear Santa,  
I want a Little Miss Magic Hair and a Barbie on the beach.  
Love, Christina Sammons  
ABC Day Care

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me some Ninja Turtles, a remote control car, new shoes, Batman suit and 2 walkie-talkies from Radio Shack. Emily would like some Barbie dolls. Bring Dad a massager and Mom some new earrings.  
Love, Jay Walling  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like a fort, some race cars and jogging pants. I want bones for my dog and

a ball. I have been good. Melanie wants games. My mom wants clothes and my dad wants golf clubs.

Love, Kyle Michaels  
ABC Day Care

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a shirt like Kyle's (Michael Jordan), cleats, basketball, pellet gun, 10 pencils, a basketball goal to go in my room, a puppet Santa Claus, colors, a box for school, a new belt, jogging pants, and paints. Paul wants some black faded pants. Mom needs some slippers and Dad needs new boots. Mom needs a Paint Creek flag. I need a new blanket for my bed. I have been very nice.

Love, Cliff McGuire  
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Dear Santa,  
I really want a shirt for Christmas and a wedding dress Barbie.

Love, Jill Watson  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Lakeisha Roberson. I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like to have a doll that cries, wets, and says mama, Super Mario

3, a talking pony, a kitchen set and a new bicycle. Also please bring my mama a washer and dryer.

Thank you, Lakeisha Roberson  
P.S. I need a comb, brush, shampoo and bathtub for my baby dolls. Love you.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Timothy Roberson Jr. I would like for you to bring me a Mike Tyson Punchout, remote control car, Super Mario 3, Renegade, electric train set, a new bicycle, and most of all 2 18 wheeler trucks just like my uncle James Ray. Please wish all the children with broken homes a very Merry Merry Christmas.

My mama wants a new car.  
Love,  
Timothy (T.J.) Roberson Jr.

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be extra good this year. I would like a red firetruck (you know which one) if there is room in your sleigh.

Please tell the elves and Rudolph hello. I will leave you your favorite Christmas candy on the table.  
Merry Christmas!  
Love, Taylor Melton

Dear Santa Claus,  
I think I have been a good boy this year. Since Taylor has a sleeping bag, I would like one of my own, a Big Bird and Sesame Street one.

Tell Mrs. Claus hello. I will leave you a surprise on the table.  
Love, Brady Melton


Dear Santa,  
I am 7 yeras old and my little sister is 2 years old. I would like a pair of hiking boots and coat. My sister would like for you to bring her a doll. We have tried to be good this year. We will leave you milk and cookies. We love you.  
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Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a police car and helicopter and a safe for money and a remote control truck. Jason, my brother wants a safe for money. My mom would like to have a new stand for her Christmas tree and Dad would like some lights for his antenna.

Please remember all the other good little boys and girls in Haskell Texas and my grandparents too!

Have a safe and Happy Holiday.  
Love, A.J. Shaw, 4 years old  
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P.S. Give Mrs. Santa and the deer a kiss for me. I'll leave you cookies and coffee.

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# Navy officer speaks at dedication

The following is the text of the address delivered by Capt. Jon R. Geer, USN (Ret.) at the Oct. 20 dedication of the veterans' memorial monument in Rule.

General Chesney, Mayor Cannon, Chairman Hertenberger, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. The invitation to speak on this occasion represents the greatest honor that I have received during my lifetime. As a native of the Rule community, I am proud and humble to be with you today.

We are gathered here to honor the members of the United States Armed Forces from this community who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country. There can be no greater expression of patriotism, selflessness and love of country than to lay down one's life to protect the many freedoms that you and I enjoy every day.

We have heard the reading of the Honor Roll of War Dead. We should ask ourselves: What manner of men were these heroes? Why were they there when they were killed in battle? What does their sacrifice mean to us here today? I have chosen to review the experiences of just three of these men on this occasion. Their stories are typical of all the servicemen from this community who did not

return home after the battles were concluded.

On the 11th of December 1943, First Lieutenant Merle Cloud was serving as bombardier of the lead aircraft in a large formation of B-17s making a raid on Emden, Germany. His aircraft was hit by enemy fire and the crew was forced to abandon the plane. Lieutenant Cloud apparently was unable to bail out. His body was not recovered.

On the 3rd of October 1944, Private Billy Yarborough, an infantry rifleman, was at an outpost one hundred yards ahead of his company line near Florence, Italy. An enemy force, supported by a tank, made four determined counterattacks upon his position. Although exposed to the heavy and unceasing fire of the enemy force, Private Yarborough continued to assist in repelling their onslaughts until he was mortally wounded by machine gun fire. His body now lies in a military cemetery near Florence.

On the 21st of February 1945, Lieutenant Marshall Rogers, a Navy medical officer, was at his battle station in the sick bay of the USS Keokuk, attending to the needs of the sick and wounded. His ship was part of a Navy task force involved in the assault on Iwo Jima, not far from the Japanese

homeland. A Japanese kamikaze pilot rammed his bomb-laden aircraft into the side of the Keokuk. The bomb exploded in sick bay and Lieutenant Rogers was killed instantly. His body was buried at sea.

What did these men--and the others whose names appear on our Honor Roll--have in common? They were not professional soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. They were citizens of the Rule community who responded to their country's call for service in the armed forces during wartime. Although none of them was anxious to die, each of them was willing to do whatever was necessary to protect us from those who would deny us our freedom, our homes and our way of life. Each of them was strong of mind and body. Each of them loved his country, his neighbors and his family. And, each of them was from a small-town community.

Perhaps you may have wondered why my talk today is entitled: "Small-Town America: Bulwark of Freedom." We all know the small-town communities in our vicinity--Haskell, Stamford, Rochester, Sagerton, Old Glory, Aspermont, Knox City, Hamlin, Rotan, Spur and dozens of others. But how many of us have heard of Cool, California? Big Sandy, Montana? Caribou, Maine? Logan, West Virginia? Small-town communities number in the hundreds--yes, even in the thousands--in the United States. I have found that these small communities are remarkably alike in many respects. They are populated with friendly, patriotic, hard-working, honest folks. It has long been my belief that these small communities are, indeed, the true backbone of this nation, particularly when national emergencies arise. When the Rule Community Memorial Committee invited me to speak here today, I decided to see whether my intuition was correct.

During this century, the United States has been embroiled in four major armed conflicts: World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Of these, World War II appears to provide the most meaningful statistics for our purposes here

today. Slightly more than 16 million men and women served in the United States Armed Forces from 1941 to 1945. That represented 11.9 percent of the nation's population. Slightly over 292,000 service personnel were killed in combat--1.9 percent of those on active duty. Now, let us turn to local figures. At the beginning of World War II, the population of the Rule community, including the surrounding rural area, was around 1,500. Buddy Lewis tells us that our community provided 373 individuals to the Armed Forces--24.9 percent of our population. Fourteen of our servicemen--or 3.8 percent of the total--were killed in action. From these figures, we can see that our community provided more than twice the national average to the Armed Forces, and about twice the national average of combat deaths. I would venture to guess that similar statistics could be derived from other small-town communities throughout the country.

Now, why should there be such a disparity between the observed contribution of small-town communities and the contribution of the urban population centers? I suggest to you that the very character of small communities is clearly superior to that of the big cities. For example, my wife and I live in Virginia Beach, Virginia. It is a city of about 400 thousand people. It is a nice place: clean, prosperous, well-managed, replete with cultural and recreational facilities. But, I do not know but five of the 11 families who live on my short dead-end street known as Sam Snead Court. That would be unheard of in Rule!

In a small community, everyone has a sense of belonging, a genuine desire to be helpful to his neighbors. When my cousin, Joe B. Cloud, was severely injured in a farm accident near Rule a number of years ago, his neighbors immediately saw to it that his land was worked and that his crops were tended. That is small community character! I doubt that such an outpouring of unselfish support would have occurred in Virginia

Beach.

On another front: small community citizens are patriotic. I cannot recall an instance of flag-burning in a small community. Rather, the flag is revered and honored. That is small community character.

Another thing: A Couple of years ago, a group of Rule community citizens decided that a memorial should be erected to honor all the servicemen and women who had served in our Armed Forces during wartime, with particular emphasis on those who had been killed in combat. An enormous amount of effort was involved in such a project. But, like Nehemiah and his compatriots who rebuilt the Wall of Jerusalem in Old Testament days in record time, Malcolm Hertenberger and his supporters were up to the task. Plans were made, funds were solicited, and the site was selected, the ground was prepared, the

monument was selected and procured, this dedication ceremony was arranged, and many other detailed tasks were completed on schedule. The support of the community and former residents has been most gratifying. There can be little doubt that all these efforts have been worth it. The magnificent edifice that we see on my left is one of the finest that I have ever seen. That is small community character! It proves--once again--that small communities can accomplish anything when their citizens pull together toward a common goal.

The Rule community had its beginning shortly after the turn of the last century. After a rather slow start, the town's incorporation was validated by an act of the Texas State Legislature in March 1909. The succeeding years saw the community blossom into a thriving, dynamic town of which its citizens were justifiably proud. Rule was blessed with a truly significant number of stalwart pioneers: farmers, business men and women, bankers, professionals,

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I would like to say thanks to all my friends and relatives that helped make my 80th birthday so special. For all the telephone calls, cards and gifts and most of all your presence. A big thank you to Marsha Whittemore for the beautiful cake she made and to the other hostesses, Kent, Karen, and Mekenna Smith, Larry, Tommie, Joshua Barbee, and Dustin Threet, Gene, Doy, Shana and Shayne McKenzie. May God bless each of you in a special way,  
Viola Tidwell

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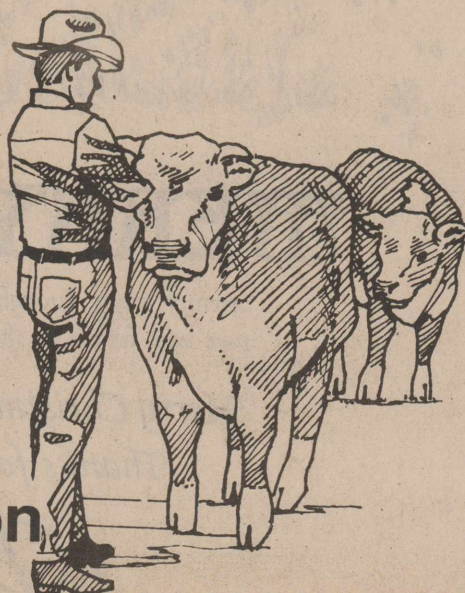
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## Dedication...

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laborers and others. Although the names and faces changed as the years went by, each succeeding generation produced superb individuals who contributed to the overall well-being and progress of this prairie community. Each of us can recall the names of people who have influenced our lives. With your indulgence, I would like to share with you my recollection of some of the local people who profoundly influenced my life. It is a rather long list of names, but not an exhaustive one:

Frank B. Hill, Bill Yarborough, Arthur Fouts, Charlie Jackson, James E. Lindsey, Claude Norman, Claude Cole, Dr. J. D. Westbrook, Lennis Jones, Miss Della Foster, Floyd Gauntt, E. B. Harris, Sr.

Alvin Pruitt, David Crockett, Uncle Joe Cloud, S. L. McDonald, Mrs. James A. Lisle Sr., Leroy and Joy Denton, Morris Neal, Tom Watson, Bus Hill, Server Leon, Mrs. Kate Whorton, Porter Campbell, Jess Place, J. R. Barbee, Raymond Denson, B. F. Neely.

Novis Ousley, Will Kittley, Dr. M. W. Rogers, Uncle Tom Denison, A. C. Foster Jr., Lee Norman, Winfred Cole, Charlie Davis, Douthitt Payne, Oswald Cole, W. V. Almond, R. E. McCandless, Jim Hager, Clarence Leon.

Ed, Henry and Joe W. Cloud, Charlie Powell, Earnest Hunt, T. E. Sollock, Paul Mercer, W. L. Hill Jr., Carroll Leon, Enmon Morgan, M. C. Dyer, Homer Chambers, Roy Shahan, Joe Bullock, Audie Verner, Mrs. J. E.

Geer.

Unfortunately, a large percentage of the people I have just named are no longer living. However, the legacy that they left us remains alive even today. Let us all revere our individual "role models" and dedicate ourselves to their ideals. The Rule community has a rich heritage. Let us all seek to perpetuate it by working together to ensure its continued good health.

Now, let us return to the occasion of the day. As one of those whose names have been chiseled into the stone of this beautiful monument, I want to thank the many individuals involved in its creation. One is always at risk when he attempts to acknowledge the efforts of those responsible for bringing to fruition a project such as this. Suffice it to say that this has been a community-wide program. I do think that it is appropriate to name those who have served as officers and committee chairmen of the Rule Community Memorial Foundation. Under the able leadership of Malcolm Hertenberger, A. B. Arnett, Delwin Vernon, Mrs. J. E. Geer, J. C. Lewis, Sam Turner, Pete Kittley, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pool and Jack Westbrook have provided the nucleus around which the Memorial foundation has functioned. They are deserving of special accolades at this time, as we dedicate this memorial to God and Country.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my opinion that small-town America is, indeed, the Bulwark of Freedom. I am proud to call Rule my hometown, and I would bet that you are, too.

## Fidelis class has party

The Fidelis Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church held its Christmas party Dec. 11 in its Sunday School room.

Tables were centered with large red candles and greenery. Miniature lighted Christmas trees were on small tables. The buffet table was covered with a red cloth and held an arrangement of poinsettias.

Mattie English welcomed the members. The group sang carols, accompanied by Ellen Reiger and led by Iola Henshaw. Lois Redwine read some thoughts on Christmas and Ethel Lou Shelton read a Christmas prayer.

After the benediction by Billie Cadenhead, sandwiches, chips, cake, coffee and punch were served to Emma Blank, Veta Furrh, Vivian Roberson, Mattie English, Allene Wheatley, Ozell Frierson, Pauline Derr, Grace McKelvain, Ethel Lou Shelton, Leone Pearsey, Juanita Rhea, Lorene Adams, Nettie McCollum, Alice Wootan, Helen Oates, Frances Lane, Olivia Leonard, Faye Gray, Virginia Henshaw, Billie Cadenhead, Clara Biard, Lois Sherman, Clariss Jones, Claudia Mae Bland, Pearl Walker, Earmel Bevel, Iola Henshaw, Ellen Reiger and Lois Redwine.



## Surprise visit

Santa Claus came for a surprise visit Tuesday to the Sunshine Patch Pre-school at the Church of Christ in Haskell.

## Students get gift books

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## Rochester band in inaugural parade

The Rochester Steer Band will participate in the Governor's inaugural parade.

The parade will be Jan. 15 in Austin.

## Rule church plans service

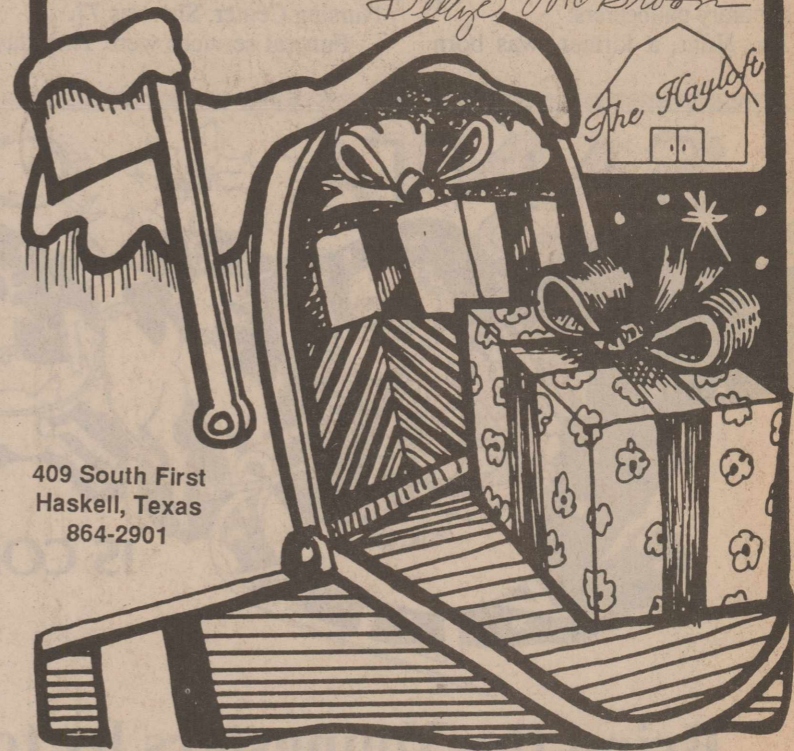
The First United Methodist Church of Rule will have a candlelight and communion service on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. It begins at 6 p.m.

# GREETINGS

We will be closed Monday, December 24th, but open Wednesday, December 26th for the final days of our "Going Out of Business Sale". All merchandise is 50% off regular price as we must sell all merchandise and fixtures.

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# --Obituaries--

## Delia M. Tidrow

Delia Mae Tidrow died Saturday at Haskell Memorial Hospital. She was 84.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the First Assembly of God with the Revs. J. C. Amburn and Paul Cheatham officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery, directed by Holden-McCauley Funeral Home. Grandchildren served as pallbearers.

Mrs. Tidrow was born July 27, 1906, in Picket County, Tenn. She had been a resident of Haskell since 1920 where she was a member of the First Assembly of God and the Senior Citizens Center. She married B. C. (Alf) Tidrow in 1924 in Haskell. He died May 15, 1965.

Survivors include a daughter, Zetta Lee Dutton of Haskell; three sons, Joel C. Tidrow, Wayland B. Tidrow and Gaston Tidrow, all of Haskell; three brothers, O. L. Crouch of Granbury, Vergil Conner of Haskell and Elmo Conner of Fort Worth; 14 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a brother, Lloyd Conner; three sisters, Joel Ella Conner, Edna Parsons and Emma McMillian; and four half-brothers.

## Clyde Hunt

Clyde Hunt died Monday, Dec. 10, at Haskell Memorial Hospital. He was 67.

Funeral services were Wednesday afternoon (Dec. 12) at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial, under direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home, was in Willow cemetery.

Pallbearers were Felton Everett, Rebus Guess, George Fouts, Bobby Howard, Elton Klose and Jack Rousseau. Members of the Business Men's Bible Class served as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Hunt, a farmer, was born

Jan. 23, 1923, in Weinert and was a lifelong resident of Haskell County. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Business Men's Bible Class.

He was married June 12, 1959, to Ruth Tomlinson in Big Spring. She survives him.

Other survivors include three sons, Jerry Hunt of Aspermont, Bobby Hunt of Irran and Phillip Hunt of Midland; four step-children, Jean Fenner and Dixie Hill of Abilene, Patsy Henderson of Lueders and Linda Hill of Albuquerque, N.M.; seven grandchildren; 18 step-grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

## Margaret Lewis

Margaret Fay Lewis of Rule died Saturday at North Hill Hospital in Fort Worth. She was 78.

Funeral services were Monday at Sweet Home Baptist Church with the Rev. Matt Harrington officiating. Burial, under direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home, was in Rule Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jack Sellers, Glen Pierce, Jerry Butler, Doyle Sorrells, Marcus Mathis and Luther Meier.

A long time resident of Rule and a member of the Baptist Church, Mrs. Lewis was born April 10, 1912, in Blooming Grove, Texas. She married Samuel E. Lewis Sr. on Dec. 23, 1933. He died in May 1953.

Survivors include two sons, Robert B. Lewis and Ronald E. Lewis, both of Fort Worth; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, a son, Samuel E. Lewis Jr., also preceded her in death.

## Mary B. Russell

Mary Beth (Mrs. Cub) Russell died Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Haskell Nursing Center. She was 77.

Funeral services were Thursday

afternoon (Dec. 13) at East Side Baptist Church with the Revs. Paul Cheatham and Jimmy Griffith officiating. Burial, under direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home, was in Masonic Cemetery in Seymour.

Pallbearers were Tommy Ballard, Donald Cunningham, James Bevel, Wallar Overton, Robert Weaver and Melvin Hill. Honorary pallbearers were Floyd Rogers and Wallace Bird.

Mrs. Russell was born in Baylor County on Nov. 6, 1913, and had been a resident of Haskell since 1945. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. She married H. (Cub) Russell on Jan. 30, 1933, in Baylor County. He died Aug. 18, 1975.

She is survived by a daughter, Cynthia Wallace of Abilene; two sons, John H. Russell of Carlsbad, N.M., and Bill Russell of Brownfield; a brother, Walter B. Self of Eldorado, Ark.; two sisters, Billie Harkness of Corpus Christi and Mildred Corn of La Mesa, Calif.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

## 80th birthday celebrated

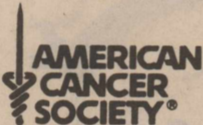
Viola Tidwell celebrated her 80th birthday Sunday in her home from 2 to 4.

A beautiful cake made by Marsha Whittemore was served to 54 people.

Hostesses were Marsha Whittemore, Tommie and Joshua Barbee, Dustin Threet, Karen and McKena Smith.

Dustin Threet met guests at the door and Joshua Barbee escorted them to the registration book. McKena Smith served cake and punch. Marsha and Tommie and Karen filled the plates and cups.

All left wishing Viola many more happy birthdays.



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