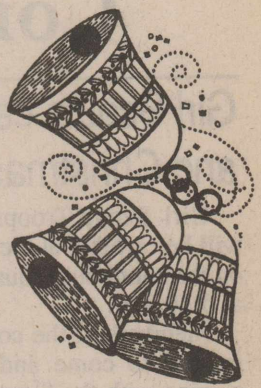


Merry Christmas

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REJOICE... for our Saviour is born!

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was: as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins."

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel," which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him and took unto him his wife, Mary.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth into Judea, unto the city of Bethlehem to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, who was great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

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

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. Saying, "where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him."

When Herod the king had heard these things he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, "in Bethlehem of Judea for thus it is written by the prophet. And thou Bethlehem in the land of Judea art not the least among the princes of Judea, for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

Then Herod, when he had called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child and when ye have found Him, bring me word again that I may come and worship Him also."

When they had heard the king, they departed and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother and fell down and worshipped Him and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh.— from Matthew and Luke in the Holy Bible.

May Peace and Goodwill dwell in every person's heart throughout this holiday season.

Best Wishes and many thanks!

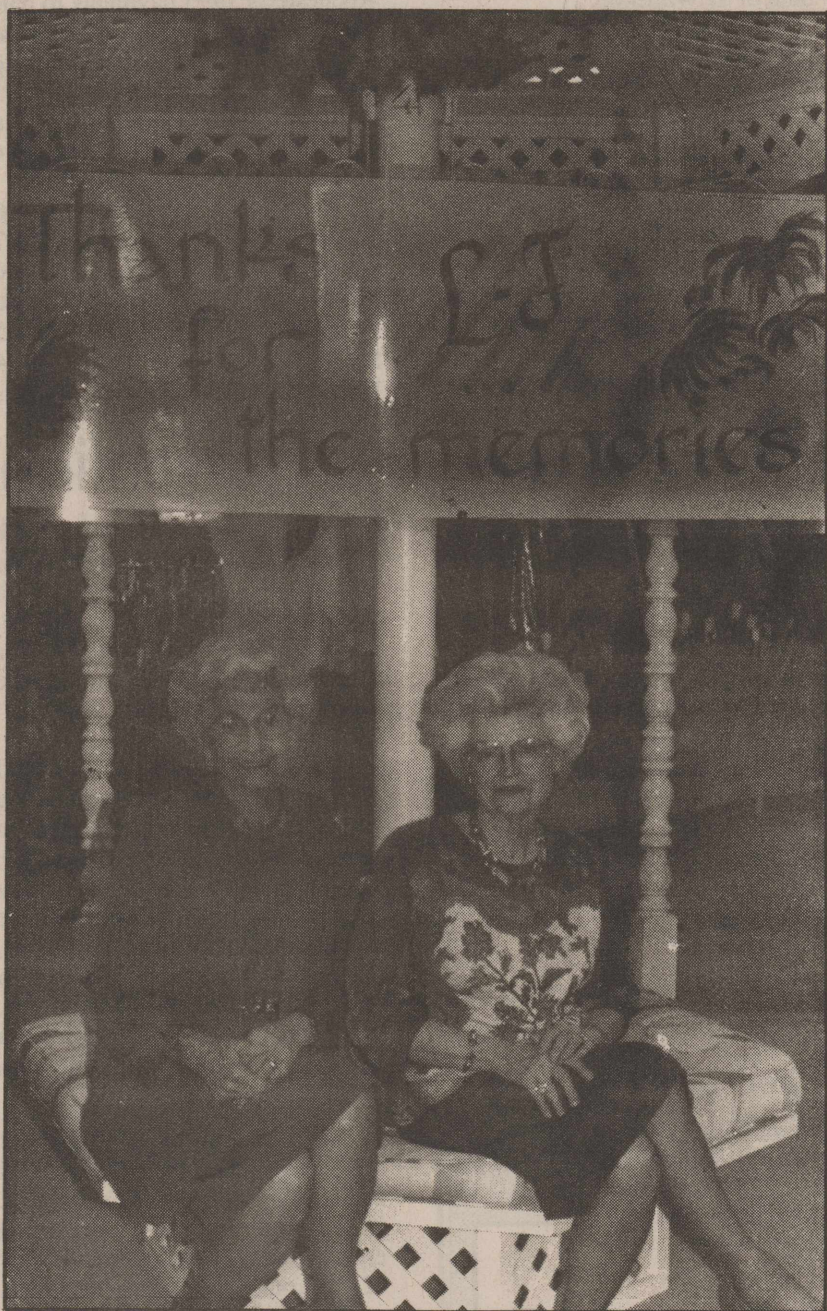
By Joyce Jones, Editor

Christmas has many meanings for many people. For the children, it means Santa Claus is coming and the hopes of toys and other gifts under the Christmas tree; for the parents, it means stretching the budget to see that their children have a good Christmas; for some, it is a lonely time of year caused by the absence or loss of loved ones; for others, it is a happy time with relatives and friends all sharing Christmas dinner and the exchanging of gifts; but to all of us it is the time that we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

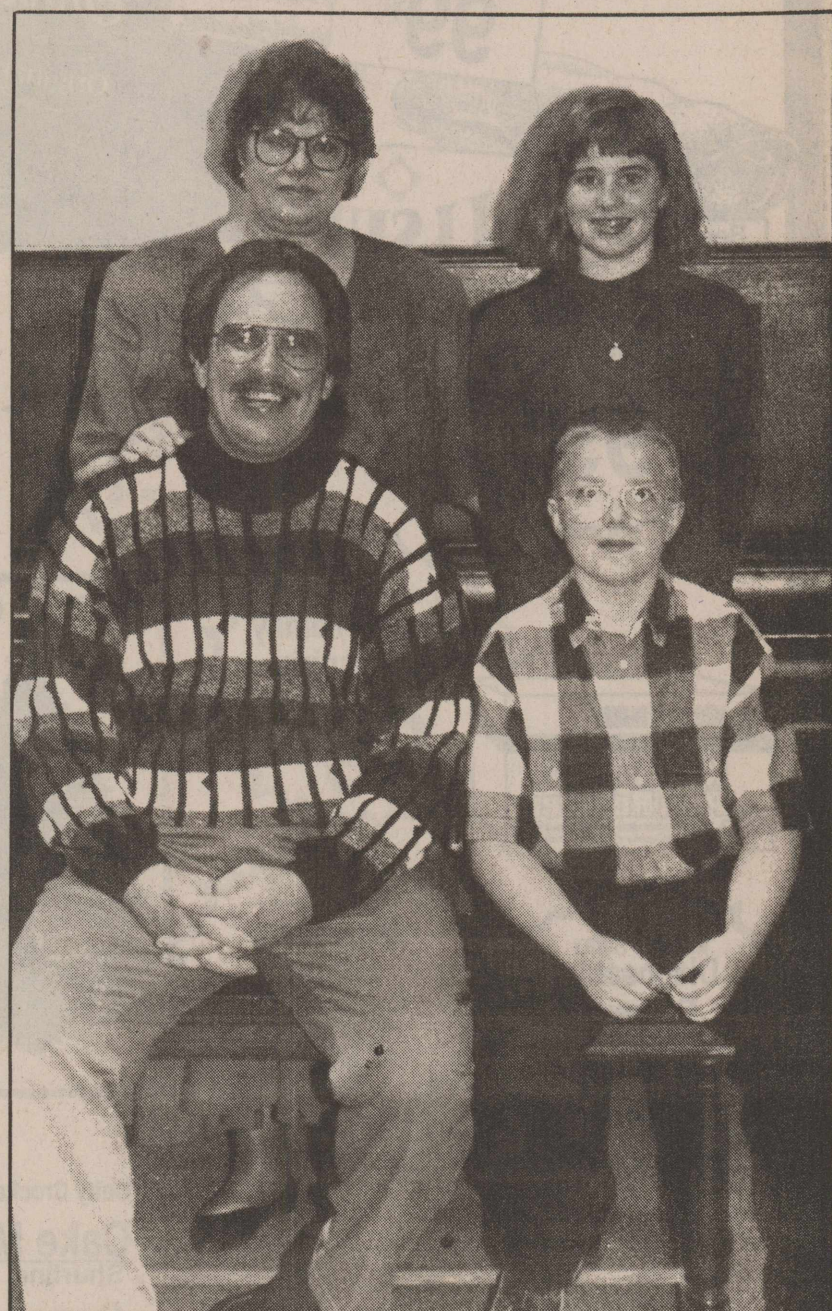
I would like to encourage each of you as you sit around the table on Christmas day enjoying all the good food, to pause and reflect on the less fortunate: the hungry little children around the world who would be happy to have a piece of bread to eat, much less a Christmas toy; the homeless who would be glad to have a roof over their heads and a warm bed to sleep in; the old people who have been left alone or abandoned by their loved ones who do not care; and the service men and women who cannot be with their families, because they are serving their country abroad in a foreign land. Let us give thanks for all the rich blessings that we, the more fortunate, have to celebrate this Christmas.

Christmas has lost its true meaning, it has become too commercialized, everyone thinks about the gift that they will receive and the expensive gifts they must give. But the richest gift that anyone can give to another human being, the gift of love and friendship, doesn't cost a cent. So this Christmas, reach out and give a welcome handshake to a stranger, give that child or relative an extra hug to let them know they are loved, go by and visit an old person or a shut-in who doesn't have many visitors, call that friend or relative who cannot be with their loved ones during the holiday season, drop a card or a letter in the mail to that service man or woman who is away from home or invite that lonely person, who has no family, over to share some Christmas Cheer. Give of yourself this Christmas; remember it is more blessed to give than to receive.

We, here at *The Haskell Free Press*, would like to thank all of our readers and advertisers for their continued patronage through this past year and we wish all of you in the Haskell community, surrounding areas and all of our readers everywhere, a very Merry Christmas and the richest of all blessings in the coming new year.



MERRY CHRISTMAS from Lane-Felker—"After providing a unique selection of the best in ladies apparel with the finest service in West Texas for fifty years, we at Lane-Felker, are very happy to announce our retirement. We could not have continued our business all of these years without the best customers in the world. Please come in and allow us to thank you for your business and friendship over the years. *Thanks for the memories*"—Frances Lane and Mattie Felker English



FAREWELL, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN—A farewell reception was held Sunday night at the First Baptist Church for Youth Minister, Randy McLelland & family. The McLellands are moving to Kaufman where he has accepted a new Youth Ministry. Standing, Robbie McLelland and daughter, Rachel McLelland; front, Randy McLelland and son, Reid McLelland. (See story page 3) "I love this community, I have poured a lot of my life into it. I have an incredible amount of peace in my heart."—Randy McLelland

Coming Events

Girl Scouts caroling and Christmas party

Girl Scout Troops of Haskell will be caroling at the new Gazebo on the courthouse square, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Members of the community are invited to come and join in the singing with the Scouts.

Immediately following the caroling, the girls will have their annual Christmas party at the Haskell National Bank Community Building.

Soc. Security rep to be in Haskell

A Social Security representative will be in Haskell at the City Hall annex on the following dates:

Experienced Citizens Calendar and Menu

Monday, Dec. 25
Merry Christmas, ECC closed.
Wednesday, Dec. 27
10:30 a.m.—Exercise
Beef stew, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookies, fruit and cornbread
Friday, Dec. 29
Lunch—Steak, gravy, potatoes, mixed vegetables and peaches
All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

Thursday, Jan. 4 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 18 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 1 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 15 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Mar. 7 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Mar. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Noah Project needs actors for play

The Noah Project—North is in need of amateur actors for their annual Mystery Dinner Theatre to be held in February. If you would like to participate in the play, please contact Sheila McMeans at 817-864-8513 and 817-864-3414 or the Noah Project office at 817-864-2551. Your help is greatly appreciated!

HBA drawing winners

The following is a list of winners from the second Saturday HBA Christmas drawing:

Sheree Branch—\$100—Carpet Express; Mary Dewey—\$200—Modern Way; Manuel Villarreal—\$100—M System; Troy Culpepper—\$100—G&G Carpet; Patricia Wilson—\$100—M System; Sylvia Torres—\$100—Heads or Tails; Ruthie Randle—\$100—M System; Lupe Rivera—\$100—Modern Way; Curtis Weise—\$100—Haskell Butane, Inc.

The third and final drawing will be held Saturday, Dec. 23, at the Gazebo on the courthouse square.



OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING—Headstream Mental Health Center and New Frontier Clubhouse staff conducted an Open House and ribbon cutting on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Staff members, Debra Laird, Alice Andrade, Travis Solomon and Nick

Ortiz cut the ribbon, as members of the community, Chamber Directors, Steven Foster, Doris McMeans, Fred Hernandez and Shane Hadaway and Chamber Manager David Middleton participate in the ceremony.

Nothing that was worthy in the past departs, no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies or can die.
—Thomas Carlyle

Obituaries

Thurman E. Lusk

AMARILLO—Services were held for former Haskell County resident, Thurman E. Lusk, 91, Monday, Dec. 11 at the First Baptist Church Chapel of Plainview with Rev. Jack Lusk of Haskell officiating. Burial was in Parklawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Lusk died Friday, Dec. 8, at St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo. He was born Aug. 28, 1904 in Wise County. He moved to Haskell County as a teenager. He graduated from Rose High School and farmed in Haskell County until 1956. He married Lillie Wynona Johnson on Nov. 24, 1938 in Seymour. He moved to Plainview and worked in the Maintenance Division of the Texas Dept.

of Transportation and retired in 1969. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and was secretary of the Men's Bible Sunday School class. He moved to Amarillo in 1993.

His wife preceded him in death on Aug. 3, 1993 in Amarillo.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Jean) Lindemann of Amarillo; one son, Glynn W. Lusk of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Anthony's Hospice Life Enrichment Center of Amarillo or the the Keiva Shrine Transportation Fund of Amarillo.

Brenda Blizzard

PORT ARTHUR—Services were held for Brenda Blizzard, 44, of Port Arthur on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Clayton-Thompson Funeral Home in Groves with Rev. John Grubburg of Bethel Baptist Church in Port Arthur officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves under the direction of Clayton-Thompson Funeral Homes.

Blizzard died Saturday, Dec. 9, at Mid-Jefferson Hospital in Port Arthur. She was a retired licensed vocational nurse and member of Bethel Baptist Church.

She is survived by her parents, Doris and Kenneth Larned of Port Arthur; and many cousins, aunts and uncles, including Alta Faye and Jack Harvey of Haskell.

Decrease in Dec. sales tax rebates

"Sales tax rebates to Texas cities and counties are only up slightly, as Texans remain cautious of their spending going into the holiday season," State Comptroller John Sharp said recently, as he sent a total of \$126.6 million in sales tax rebates to 1,069 Texas cities and 115 counties.

Sharp said Texas cities received \$115 million in local sales tax rebates, up 4.1 percent over last December's payment of \$110.4 million. Counties received a total of just over \$11.5 million for their monthly rebates, 1.3 percent below the \$11.6 million payment of one year ago.

This month's payments include taxes collected by monthly sales tax filers in October and reported to the Comptroller in November.

Haskell County had a 21.15 percent decrease in sales tax rebates with \$16,036.91 compared to \$20,392.25 in the same period of 1994. 1995 payments to date of

\$319,441.93 is a 25.65 percent increase over 1994 payments to date of \$254,215.05.

The City of Haskell had a 20.15 percent decrease in sales tax rebates with \$15,349.84 compared to \$19,224.55 in the same period of 1994. 1995 payments to date of \$289,156.16 is a 30.20 percent increase over 1994 payments to date of \$222,078.68.

The cities of O'Brien, Rochester, and Weinert did not have any monies reported for this period in 1994 or 1995. O'Brien's 1995 payments to date of \$2,177.68 is a

15.84 percent increase over 1994 payments to date of \$1,879.78. Rochester's 1995 payments to date of \$6,961.48 is a 6.79 percent decrease from 1994 payments to date of \$7,469.37. Weinert's 1995 payments to date of \$1,972.25 is a 11.31 percent decrease from 1994 payments to date of \$2,223.92.

The city of Rule had a 41.16 percent decrease with \$687.07 compared to \$1,167.70 in the same period of 1994. 1995 payments to date of \$19,174.36 is a 6.75 percent decrease from 1994 payments to date of \$20,563.30.

Korean veterans convention

St. Louis, Mo. has been selected for the 12th Annual National Reunion of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., (KWVA) a national organization of over 15,000 armed forces veterans who served during the Korean War.

Themed "St. Louis '96," the five-day gathering is scheduled for July 23-27, 1996, beginning with registrations on Tuesday, July 23, and ending with ceremonies marking the 43rd anniversary of the Korean War Armistice (July 27, 1953).

Between 1,500 and 2,000 KWVA members are expected to attend; advance registrations in September had already reached 500, with delegations planned for every state. Official headquarters will be the St. Louis Adams' Mark Hotel, adjacent to the famous 'Gateway to the West' Arch Monument. Additional hotel space has been reserved at six other St. Louis area first class hotels.

In addition to election of national officers, the program will include a variety of activities, including live musical entertainment, a banquet and tours of St. Louis' numerous museums, parks and other attractions, including the internationally famous Missouri Botanical Gardens (Shaw's Garden). The entire program was chosen to provide members and their spouses with a relaxing, enjoyable visit to one of America's premier tourist cities.

Additional information regarding the 1996 Reunion of KWVA is available by contacting KWVA, 117 Mark Drive, Fairview Heights, Ill. 62208, or calling 1-800-603-6555.

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LIFESTYLES

McLellands feted with going away reception

By Joyce Jones

A special going away reception was held for Randy McLelland, the Youth Minister at First Baptist Church, and his family, Robbie, Rachel and Reid, Sunday night at the Fellowship Hall at the church.

McLelland began his ministry here at the Haskell church on Aug. 10, 1986, his first full-time ministry. His last service was Sunday night and his last official act at the church will be a lock-in/Christmas party with the youth Friday night at the church. He will begin his duties as Youth Minister at the First Baptist Church in Kaufman on Jan. 2, 1996.

Amid rumors around Haskell that McLelland is being forced by some church members to leave his position, he had this to say, "I would like to lay those rumors to rest, I would like for everyone to know that no one or any single group of people are pressuring me out of town. There have been disagreements with some members of the church, but I have went to those individuals and have made peace with them. I am going to Kaufman as the Youth Minister because we feel that's where the Lord is leading us."

"I had been contacted before about ministries in Oklahoma and Athens but when Randy White contacted me about the ministry at Kaufman, I felt a peace come over

me. I have an incredible amount of peace in my heart. There is no bitterness or no angriness in my leaving."

"I love this community, I have poured a lot of my life into it. I know that people don't always agree with me. I don't always agree with what my youth do, but I don't point a condemning finger at them."

McLelland has worked extensively with the youth of Haskell, not just at First Baptist Church. He said, "The youth are a joy to me. I know where they stand now. They're not standing on sand, they have a good foundation. It's good to know that I have seen positive things in their Christian life. All I can tell them is—you're going to be okay."

The going away reception turned into a very emotional two hours of tributes to the Youth Minister and his family. McLelland said, "It was absolutely a wonderful service, very moving."

Nelda Lane and Dr. Frank Cadenhead both gave tributes to McLelland and his work. Patsy Blakley, Debbie Miller and Jo Nell Trammell presented a tribute of songs to the McLelland family. Emcee for the service, Sid Winn, and the youth of the church presented a very emotional song tribute. Winn sang the words while the youth sang in sign language,



PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE—Rev. Jim Turner presents Randy McLelland with a service recognition plaque at Sunday night's going away reception for the McLellands at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

trying hard to keep their composure, but finally succumbing to the tears.

Along with his Youth Ministry, McLelland has also been a member of the Haskell School board for a year and a half and has worked at KVRP since 1988, with his own a.m. Sunday gospel program.

McLelland said that their first several weeks at their new ministry will be just finding out what is there. "We've never been in a large church like that, it is a whole new world out there being so close to

the metroplex. We plan to build a ministry there like we have here, loving the kids."

As for his ministry with all people, not just the youth, McLelland said, "I'm going to do what I can to enjoy life one day at a time and help everyone to realize there is a better life waiting for them when this life is over here on earth. I am going to try to help them make the right choices. Christianity isn't just feeding the people, it's helping them to lead a Christian life."



LEONARD AND FRANCES WEISE

Weise anniversary party to be held Saturday, Dec. 30

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard and Frances Weise will host a celebration in honor of their parents' 50th wedding anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 30, at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

The couple were married Dec. 1, 1945, in the Haskell First Baptist Church parsonage. They are both members of the First Baptist Church. Frances is an employee of

Rice, Springs Care Home and Leonard farms.

The couple have three children, Randell Weise of Terrell, Tim Weise of Haskell and Susan Anderson of Columbia, Md.; and two grandchildren.

Friends and family are invited to join in this anniversary celebration for Leonard and Frances. No presents please, your presence will be your gift.

Happenings

By Lois Redwine

"No Happenings until next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all."—Lois Redwine

Holiday hints may prevent tragic home accidents

What you can do to make the holidays safer at your house. Safety is an important issue during this time of year. Children are out of school, out-of-town friends and relatives visit, and parties occur more often. As you get ready to celebrate the holidays, keep these safety tips in mind:

•Candles: Don't leave burning candles on a tablecloth that could be tugged by a toddler and keep candles away from curtains, paper, plants and anything else that could catch fire.

•Fireplace: Make sure your chimney is clean. Use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from flying, and never leave small children unattended in a room with a lit fire. Use only firewood and uncoated paper in the fireplace. Coated wrapping paper and evergreen branches can cause sparks.

•Christmas Tree: Discard lights with broken or cracked sockets, frayed wires or loose connections and don't put indoor lights outside. Use a maximum of three sets of lights per extension cord and never run extension cords under the carpet. Turn off lights when going to bed or leaving the house. Choose a fresh tree and keep it watered. Place it away from fireplaces and heating vents and don't block doors, hallways or stairs. Artificial trees should be fire resistant. Ensure your home is equipped with working smoke

detectors and fire extinguishers.

•Holiday Plants: Poinsettias can irritate the digestive tract, and holly and mistletoe berries can be poisonous if ingested. Keep them out of the reach of children and pets.

•Food Poisoning: Clean up after a party before going to bed; toddlers who rise early could become ill from leftovers. Follow safe cooking guidelines when serving turkey, and never leave food standing at room temperature for more than two hours.

•Medication poisoning: Ask guests to keep any medications they are carrying in purses or luggage out of reach of the children.

•Toys: Spend extra time with the kids to make sure all new toys are safe and used properly.

Submitted by Lou Gilly, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent—FCS.

Marriage Licenses

Dennis Dwayne Hale, Claremont, Okla. and Pansy Wilcox Russell, Rochester.

Justin Eric Sanders, Rule and Stacy Deann McGhee, Rochester.

Don Phillip Dixon and Charlotte Ford Denton, both of Goree.

Jaime Contreras, Stamford and Claudia Faye Green, Avoca.

Fidelis SS class has Christmas party

By Lois Redwine

The Fidelis Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas party, Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the beautifully decorated B.O. Roberson home.

Class members told of past Christmases that held special memories for them. Billie Cadenhead read the Christmas story and carols were sung.

In lieu of exchanging gifts, non-

perishable food was brought for the Goodfellows Christmas campaign.

Cookies, coffee and punch were served to the class teacher, Billie Cadenhead, Allene Wheatley, Lorene Adams, Pauline Derr, Iola Henshaw, Emma Bland, Grace McKelvin, Violet Earles, Earnel Bevel, Faye Gray, Juanita Rhea, Vivian Roberson, Billyjo Roberson, Lois Redwine and special guests, Sammie Turner, Susie Kreger and Donna Cole.

Library Notes

By Joan Strickland

Business at the library has slowed to a crawl as everyone is getting ready for Christmas. This has given me an opportunity to catch up on a great deal of my "to do later" business.

We have been certified again this year by the Texas State Library by meeting all of their state requirements I am happy to say. We could not have made our certification if not for all the wonderful people who have donated to our library in this past year. We had to raise \$1,500 and we did it with money to spare. Now this coming year, I am sorry to say we have to try for \$2,000, but I feel confident we will reach this goal also by Sept. 30, 1996.

Since I just finished our state report for this past year, I thought you might find some of the figures interesting. We house 16,200 titles and volumes of books in our small library. We also have around 6,000 paperbacks. We have 85 video tapes and 50 microfilm that are located in our genealogical library, along with a great many books on this subject. We checked out 15,780 books from our library this past year. We had 430 reference transactions and

around 4,000 visits to our library. This is only a little of the information that has to go into the state on our yearly report, but since these figures seem almost staggering to me, considering the size of library and our town, I thought they should be passed along to you. After all it is your library and I want you to be as proud of it as I am.

Memorials:

Ethel Lou Shelton, Mrs. Buford Cox, John Hawkins, Carl Anderson—Stamford, Mary Drinnon, Elmer Hilliard, Ryan Meier, in lieu of Christmas cards—Joan Strickland.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you each a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year. Judge Roberson, have a wonderful retirement and thank you for making my job the most enjoyable and rewarding job I have ever held. We will all miss you!

See you at the library next year.—Joan Strickland, librarian.

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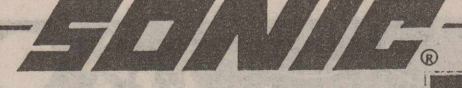
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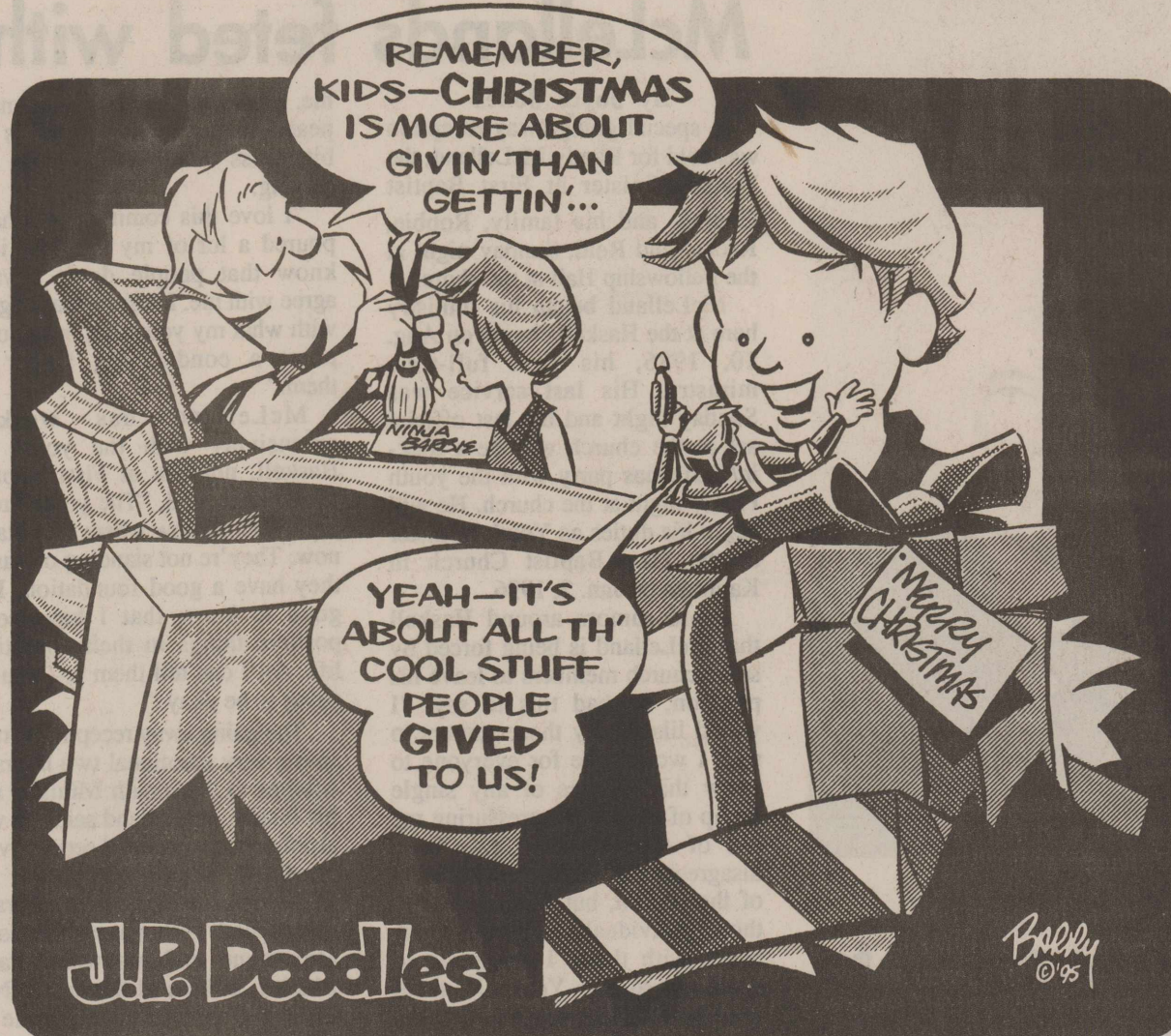
OPINION

The night before Christmas

by CLEMENT C. MOORE

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And Mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away, all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the housetop the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL,

... And To All A Good Night!



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago
Dec. 18, 1975

The annual Christmas party for members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. and their wives was held Dec. 15, in the Haskell Steak House. Following the invocation given by Belton Duncan, Chief Tom Watson gave a short welcome. Desmond Dulaney was recognized as having a perfect attendance at 26 drills, 25 meetings and 61 alarms. The five other firemen with the best records were Olen King, Tom Watson, Ray Lusk, E.J. Stewart and Chester Hodgins.

The Haskell Gin Report for Haskell County showed 32,843 bales of cotton ginned. Haskell Coop Gin had ginned the largest number with 6,025 bales of cotton and Farmers' Coop Gin next with 5,584 bales.

30 Years Ago
Dec. 23, 1965

Three break-ins, all on North First Street, Haskell, occurred sometime Friday night. Texas Ranger Homer T. Melton, Haskell County Sheriff Garth Garrett and Deputy Sheriff Pete Mercer, investigating officers, said apparently the burglars were looking only for money. Gilmore Implement Co. was entered through an east window, by knocking out the glass; Humble Oil and Refining Co., was also entered by breaking out a window in the back of the building; and entry into the Haskell Farm Store was also by way of a rear window.

Dr. Frank C. Spencer, son of Mrs. Frank Spencer, of near Haskell, has accepted the position of Professor and Chairman of the

Dept. of Surgery at the New York University School of Medicine, effective on Jan. 1, 1966. The medical school is located only a few blocks from the United Nations.

Haskell Goodfellows, confident that the money still needed to provide Christmas baskets and toys for needy, unfortunate families in the community will be forthcoming, are now packing food baskets. Although there is not enough money on hand so far, in the Goodfellow Fund to pay for the baskets needed, Royce Adkins is still optimistic about the Lions sponsored project and expressed confidence that additional gifts between now and this weekend would be sufficient to underwrite cost of the Christmas baskets. Expense of the project will exceed \$1,000.

60 Years Ago
Dec. 19, 1935

From the Haskell War Whoop...Bill Reeves is the typical school sport, with more freckles than you can count, curly hair and a friendly retort for everyone. Bill is one of those fellows that you can depend upon at all times, whether it is on the gridiron, on the cinders, or just a friend.

Dear Santa Claus: Christmas is so near I think I should tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a small dump truck like those at Fout's. Also an airplane and a train, a horn and any other toys you may bring. Santa, I am not such a good boy, but I am awful sweet, I am 3 years old...Daddy's partner, Billy Mack Taylor.

Dr. Gordon Phillips, recently of Wichita Falls, has moved to

Haskell and will enter the practice of medicine and surgery here. His office is in the Oates building on the street just off the square.

70 Years Ago
Dec. 18, 1925

Mr. W.E. Bland of Center Point, besides raising enough turnips for family and neighbors use, has recently bedded about four or five bushels for his winter supply.

Report from the ginners of Haskell County show a total of 15,181 bales of cotton ginned up to Wednesday noon counting round bales as half bales.

While returning from a ballgame at Bunker Hill, a car driven by Norman Nanny and another car driven by Glen Stanford collided. Fortunately no one was hurt. Gladys Hisey who was in the Stanford car got one of her legs bruised and also hurt one of her feet.

90 Years Ago
Dec. 23, 1905

Mr. W.T. Newson killed four 8-month-old hogs the other day that averaged 250 pounds each.

Mr. J.E. Wilfong says that there is a stray sow at his place and he would be glad for the owner to get her and pay for this notice.

Postmaster J.B. Baker is building an office building just north of the northeast corner of the public square. This building besides the postoffice will be occupied by the Haskell Real Estate Co.

Mr. Hollis Fields is now with the Haskell National Bank. The telephone office is now located over the Haskell National Bank. Mr. J.F. Vernon is assistant cashier and bookkeeper at the Farmers National Bank.

DPS estimates larger number of deaths this holiday season

The Texas Dept. of Public Safety is estimating more Christmas and New Year's traffic deaths this year due to high traffic volume, long trips and the probability of increased speeds because of the higher speed limit.

"With this increase in the speed limit, motorists are going to have to drive even more carefully this holiday season," said DPS Assistant Director Lt. Col. Dudley Thomas.

Based on federal law changes, Texas' speed limits Dec. 8, rose to 70 m.p.h. during the day and 65 m.p.h. at night. However, the Texas Dept. of Transportation is conducting safety studies and speed limits will be set lower in some areas.

"Texas motorists should continue obeying the posted speed limit signs until the Department of Transportation changes those signs," Thomas said. "During 1994, speeding contributed to 21 percent of all traffic fatalities in Texas. Motorists should be particularly careful during this

holiday season, when traffic will be heavy on our state's highways."

The DPS is estimating as many as 35 people might die on Texas roads during the Christmas holidays, compared with 32 who were killed during the same time period last year. For the New Year's holiday, the estimate is 40, compared with 33 fatalities in 1994.

During both holiday periods, all available DPS troopers will be on the roadways looking for traffic violations and assisting motorists.

"In addition to excessive speed, drinking and driving continue to play a major role in Texas' traffic

death toll," Thomas said. "Don't get behind the wheel if you have been drinking. That's a fast way to tragedy, to jail and to lose your license through the Administrative License Revocation program."

Thomas also urged motorists to wear safety belts and use child restraints. "If you do get involved in an accident, being buckled up gives you the best chance of escaping injury," he said.

Also, the DPS is encouraging motorists to call its toll-free number, 1-800-525-5555, if automotive problems leave them stranded on the roadside this holiday season.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Headstream Mental Health Center and the New Frontier Clubhouse staff would like to say thank you to everyone who helped make our Open House a success.

A special thanks to Ann Kiser,

Billye Snyder, Wanda Thompson's third period 8th grade boys for the cookies and the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

Headstream Ment. Health
New Front. Clubhouse staff

Give the gift of self this Christmas

TRADITIONALLY, Christmas is a time for gift-giving, family gatherings and good times. Children look forward to the holidays with a sense of eager anticipation. Families draw closer together, and count their blessings.

In keeping with this holiday spirit, we would like to remind you that children desperately need and deserve the love and support of both of their parents — not just during the holidays, but all year round.

Parents work hard throughout the year to feed, clothe, educate and provide shelter for their families. Paying child support, for many parents, means providing financial care. For the children involved, it can mean the difference between having a new coat and going cold for the winter.

Parents Are Important

In Texas, one of every four children lives in poverty. Although many factors lead to poverty, children often suffer because a parent fails to make child support payments.

Children derive a sense of identity from their families. It is important for a child to have a relationship with both parents, even if one is unable to contribute financially. The only exception, of course, is when contact with a parent is clearly against the child's interest.

The Gift of Paternity

Because we are the state's child support enforcement agency, one of our primary purposes is to establish paternity. Simply defined, paternity is the legal establishment of fatherhood.

Why is that important? Under Texas law, a child born to unwed parents does not have a legal father until paternity is established. Without a legal father, a child has no legal relationship to a male role model nor does he or she have any possibility of receiving child support or medical insurance from the father.

Establishing paternity can provide access to important medical information about the child's heredity that could be helpful in identifying genetically linked diseases. The child also may gain legal access to future financial benefits that may come to him or her through the father, such as social security, veteran's benefits and inheritance.

But perhaps the most important reason to act is because establishing paternity is one of the greatest gifts a father can give his child. Children learn about themselves and acquire values from their parents. Children look to their parents for the rules they are to follow, for comfort when things go wrong, and for the sure sense of being loved. But without that established parent, children are left with a void in their lives.

The Gift of Self

Another very important gift you as parents can give to your children is yourself. Spending time with your children and sharing your love is perhaps the most precious gift imaginable. With a strong foundation of responsibility and affection to build on, they will be able to pass on the same expectations of behavior to their children in turn.

I urge you to give out of love and not out of lawful necessity. Make your New Year's resolution early this year. Your children are worth your time. Become an active participant in their lives.

For More Information

We're here to help. If you have any questions, or if you need assistance with a child support matter, call our Child Support Division at (800) 252-8014.

Remember, children have the right to know who they are. Give them that special gift this Christmas.

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WAGONS HO—Ashton, Weston and Brittany Rutkowski take a ride around Haskell in a horse drawn wagon on Saturday. The rides were sponsored by the Haskell Business Association. Serving as wagon masters are O.L. Bowden and wife of Electra.

Free trip for local contest winner

An all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. next June will be awarded to one lucky young person from this area by the Stamford Electric Cooperative, Inc., according to Jerry Terrell, General Manager of the cooperative.

Mr. Terrell said the winner of a speech contest would be awarded the trip which is set for June 6-18, 1996. The contest is open to any student enrolled as a sophomore or junior in one of the following high schools: Anson, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Lueders/Avoca, Paint Creek, Rochester, Rule or Stamford.

Contest entrants will be required to present a six to eight minute oral presentation on the subject: "How Does Stamford Electric Cooperative, Inc. contribute to the economy of the area it serves?" Resource materials that may be helpful to contestants are available from the cooperative's office,

according to Gay Burk, who is in charge of the contest.

The speeches will be judged on knowledge of the subject, speaking ability, poise, personality and appearance. All contestants will compete in the same contest. Each speaker will be asked one or more questions by the judges. These questions will be taken from the "Questions and Answers" furnished to each entrant.

All entry forms must be received by Stamford Electric Cooperative no later than 5 p.m., Jan. 12, 1996. The contest will be held at the City Council Chambers at City Hall in Stamford at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25, 1996.

As a Youth Tour participant, the local contest winner will travel by bus to Washington where he/she will spend five days visiting places of historical interest, members of Congress and participating in rural electrification education seminars.

A highlight of the Washington

trip is the Rural Electric Youth Day, during which a special program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) will feature speeches by high government and rural electric officials, participation in an "Energy Battle," competition comparable to the 1960's television series "College Bowl."

Contest winners will be eligible to compete to represent their state on NRECA's Youth Consulting Board. Members of the YCB will attend NRECA's February annual meeting and participate in a variety of other activities throughout the year.

Approximately 1,100 Youth Tour participants from 37 states will meet in Washington, D.C. for the 32nd National Rural Electric Youth Tour.

For more details about the Youth Tour program, contact Gay Burk, Stamford Electric Cooperative, 225 W. McHarg, Stamford, TX or 915-773-3684.

HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush has a panel of experts looking for ways to raise more than \$9 billion in state taxes that could offset the need for local school property taxes.

The panel, composed of number sleuths and crunchers with ties to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the House and state comptroller, is to report its findings — and make no recommendations — to the governor by the end of January.

Bush has ruled out traditionally unthinkable sources of revenue, namely state property taxes and income taxes, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

"If you don't have an income tax and you want to get rid of the property tax, there are only a couple of places to look," said Jared Hazleton, head of the Center for Business and Economic Analysis at Texas A&M University and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's representative on the panel.

That leaves a sales tax on consumption or a tax on products used to make consumer goods. But the specter of such a tax evokes complaints that taxes on consumption are "regressive," hitting the poor harder than the wealthy.

To replace the \$9.8 billion in taxes used to fund Texas schools, the state would have to raise its sales tax from the present 6.5 cents to about 12.5 cents.

Other taxes being studied are the gross receipts tax, which would require companies to pay a percentage of their gross income to the state, and the value-added tax, which taxes consumer goods at points of manufacture, shipping and wind up built to the retail price.

Conducting a revenue hunt without making strong suggestions to the Legislature makes sense, given Texas voters' record of showing little mercy to tax-raising officeholders.

Fields to Leave After Term

Jack Fields, an eight-term Republican U.S. representative from Humble, announced at a news conference in Humble that he would not seek re-election to a ninth term.

Fields, 43, said he feared he

would miss out on the childhoods of his 5-year-old daughter and 15-year-old stepson. He and his wife, Lynn are expecting another daughter in January.

Bryant Seeks Senate Seat

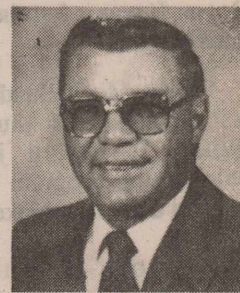
U.S. Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, said he would give up

his congressional seat to seek his party's nomination for the U.S. Senate seat of Republican Phil Gramm, who is running for re-election and president under Texas' "LBJ Rule."

Bryant, 48, calls himself a "populist Democrat."

TAX PLANNING

Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE IRS?

•Due to budget constraints, the IRS has postponed indefinitely its Taxpayer Compliance Measurement Program (TCMP) audits. These exhaustive, line-by-line audits are used by the IRS to measure the level of compliance with the tax laws and to provide guidelines for selecting tax returns for future audits.

The IRS has indicated its intention of gathering data on taxpayer compliance by increasing use of "economic reality" audits. In an economic reality audit, revenue agents compare information on the tax return with the taxpayer's financial circumstances and lifestyle. Any discrepancies are targeted for further investigation.

•As of October 1, 1995, recordkeeping for business travel and entertainment expenses has been made a bit easier. The IRS increased to \$75 the threshold for requiring receipts to substantiate business travel, entertainment, and gift expenses. The previous threshold was \$25. Receipts will still be required for all business lodging expenditures, regardless of amount.

•Household employers will need ID numbers for 1995 filing requirements. Payroll taxes on household help, such as maids and gardeners, are due if annual wages of \$1,000 or more are paid. To get an employer identification number, household employers should file Form SS-4 with the IRS. Numbers will be needed by January 31, 1996, when W-2 statements must be given to household employees.

•Beginning with 1995 tax returns, taxpayers who file their returns on paper can request direct deposit of their refunds. To request direct deposit, a Form 8888 (Direct Deposit of Refund) must be attached to the tax return when filed. The form requests the name of the taxpayer's financial institution, the institution's routing transit number, and the taxpayer's depositor account number. Direct deposit has been available in previous years for those who file electronically. This is the first year the option is available to those who file paper tax returns.

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Brazos Art Club

By Gladys O'Neal, Reporter

The Brazos West Art Club met Dec. 8, in the bank Community Room. It was a fun time and share goodies affair.

Randy McClelland entertained with songs and music on his guitar. It was a joyous and entertaining program with Randy singing and telling jokes.

Everyone brought a gift to exchange and a Christmas goodie.

Crafts were also shown in a "Show and Tell" manner. The refreshment table was set bountifully with Christmas goodies.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 8, with a guest artist presenting the program. If you're interested in art or drawing, you are welcome to come.

Those present were Fern Livengood, Jennie Lyckman, LaQuita Wilfong, Peggy Middlebrook, Martha Spitzer, Iva Lee Gipson, Dorothea Monroe, Doris Jordon and Gladys O'Neal.

Rochester Hobby

The Rochester Hobby Club met Tuesday, Dec. 5, with a luncheon and a day of quilting which was enjoyed by everyone attending.

Members present were Joveta Ellison, Helen Cox, Ida Pack, Stella Carver, Evelyn Underwood, Eda Fay Pounds, Myrtle Townsend, Tenna Mae Short, Johnnie King, Emily Wilson, Annie Marshall, and Laverne and Truett Kuenstler.

Garden Club

By Gladys O'Neal, Reporter

The Haskell Garden Club had their Christmas luncheon Thursday, Dec. 14, at the home of Gladys O'Neal. The menu consisted of salads, casseroles, desserts, coffee and punch.

The theme for the day was "Listen to Our Garden Sing." Mona Gibson, the president, gave the invocation for the meal.

The house was decorated for Christmas and the beauty of Madonnas and Angels was given by five women who had made Madonna arrangements. They were Martha Bruns, Mollie Carlisle, Florence Peden, Juanita Rhea and Gladys O'Neal.

Mona Gibson presided for a brief business meeting following the luncheon. She led in a "Sing-Song" of Christmas carols, and gave the history of the poinsettia with interesting hand-outs for everyone.

Those present were Wanda Ham, Wilma Pruitt, Mollie Carlisle, Mary Kammenga, Dee Sprayberry,

Florence Peden, Helen Cox, Margie Dornier, Martha Bruns, Lorene Dewey, Ozelle Frierson, Neat Bevel, Ruby Holt, Linda King, Juanita Rhea, Mona Gibson and Gladys O'Neal.

The next program will be Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Community Room. Mrs. Becky Tubbs, the gourd lady, will present the program. Please feel welcome to come. It will be a program you will not want to miss. Mrs. Tubbs will have a beautiful exhibit of gourds.

Progressive Study

By Oleta Cornelius

A Kaleidoscope of Opportunities in International Affairs was the theme, when members of the Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

To carry out the theme, as members entered the room, a table laid with a green cloth was to the right of the door and on it was dolls from around the world dressed in their native costume and the book entitled, *Christmas Around the World*. Also, a music box of a small mountain near a village which showed scenes of the village with a miniature train running through the mountain while the music box played, "Winter Wonderland."

To the left of the door was a table laid with a red cloth and decorated with Mr. and Mrs. Claus preparing for Christmas with an elf and small animals around them. A picture with the greeting, "Merry Christmas," was on a small stand. Gifts brought by members to be donated to the Child Welfare Dept. were on display.

On the piano was a large arrangement of miniature poinsettias with white filler and large white candles. In one corner of the room was a Christmas tree decorated with golden bells, red apples and medium poinsettias. Behind the speaker's stand was a small green tree with miniature white lights with a basket base which hung on the wall.

President Nancy Toliver welcomed Mary Eleanor McCollum, guest of Gladys O'Neal and Frances Bowen, guest of Ruby Holt. Greeting members, she invited all to look and listen for the sights and sounds of Christmas and remarked on customs and different ways people observed Christmas the world over.

Sandy Forehand led the pledge to the Texas flag and Erma Liles reported federation news that greetings had been sent to the club from the Texas Federation Women's Clubs executive committee and also, State President, Dorothy Kemp.

Mary Kaigler introduced Donna Byrd of Rochester, guest speaker for the evening. Byrd is a twenty year resident of Rochester and for the last fifteen years, has had her own decorator/catering shop.

Byrd presented her program, "Santa's Workshop," and suggested ideas to members for different ways to decorate for the holidays. With a little of this and little of that, she

created beautiful swags and table decorations. She encouraged members to look around and use different materials from their yards, trees; even weeds and cotton bolls. Along with the beautiful swags, she created a large Christmas ball for decoration; an angel out of coffee filters; a candle with cinnamon sticks; and arrangements made with magnolia leaves. Questions were asked and answered during the demonstrations. At the conclusion of her program, Jerrene Couch presented a gift to Byrd from the club in appreciation of her program.

President Toliver reminded the nominating committee they were to report at the January meeting, and nominating chairman, Francine Johnson asked her committee of Mona Gibson, Billie Gannon, Judy Patterson and Dorothy Hartsfield, meet following the meeting. Report Chairman, Mary Kaigler, reminded members that all reports would need to be in by Feb. 1, and reports would have to be typed. They will be handed out at the Jan. 11 meeting. Bettie Wainscott volunteered to type reports for those who did not type if they were handed to her ahead of time. Appreciation was expressed to her for this.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

The serving table was laid with a white cloth with white net overlay with Christmas trim of bells, greenery and decorated Christmas trees on the net. Mr. and Mrs. Claus were centered on the table on a mirrored tray, surrounded by small crystal Christmas trees. Candles in clear globes were on each side of the mirrored tray.

Refreshments of cherry tarts and hot spiced tea along with nuts, mints and candy were served to members and guests. Hostesses for the evening were Kay Croft, Billie Cannon, Dorothy Hartsfield, Francine Johnson and Kathleen Parsley.

The club will meet next on Jan. 11, 1996.

FCE Clubs

The Haskell County Family and Community Education Clubs met on Wed., Nov. 15, at the County Extension office with ten members and eight guests present. Chairman Jane Smith called the meeting to order.

Club presidents gave reports from their club meetings which were held in October. Minutes of the last council meeting were read by Betty Sanders, Secretary and approved. A treasurer's report was given by Lennie Blankenship. Reports from the standing committee were given.

It was announced that the district meeting will be held in Henrietta on April 10.

Each club was reminded to get their membership forms into the office, and articles, which are due in April for Haskell County, for the *Messenger* need to be worked on.

Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent, presented a FCE Club update and training meeting to all club members. Items that were

discussed included the new FCE Clubs standing rules; guidelines for choosing the FCE Club Woman of the Year and Rookie of the Year; the 1995-96 FCE Club recommendations; as well as training material for all officers, council delegates, committee members and all club members.

Refreshments were served to club members by the Josselet FCE Club.

The council meeting on Jan. 17, will be hosted by the Weinert FCE Club.

Submitted by Dolores Medford.

Philadelphian Club

By Oleta Cornelius

"What my mother always made at Christmas," was the roll call for the Rule Philadelphian Club at their Dec. 14, meeting. Various things that were named included: lutefish and boiled potatoes, taffy, fresh coconut cake, special fruit cake, shelled toasted almonds, cherry date loaf candy, special fruit salad, sugar cookies, mincemeat pie and fresh apples and oranges.

Following the roll call, President Orheana Greeson presided over the business meeting. Secretary Marilyn Cloud read the minutes of the November meeting which were approved. President Greeson reported gifts totaling \$36.79 had been sent to Wichita Falls State Hospital from members of the Philadelphian Club. Also, Mr. Chris Bissett, WTU engineer who spoke at the November meeting, had declined a fee for speaking and suggested instead that a donation be given to a favorite charity. On a motion by Frances Campbell, seconded by June Biffle and carrying members voted to donate the money to the Rule School Library.

President Greeson reminded the nominating committee they would need to meet before the January meeting. She announced members participating in the Rule Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest, needed to have lights on before dark as judging would be the Thursday, Dec. 14. Also, of the city wide drawing on main street on Saturday morning.

Presiding next was Program Director for the day, Swede Kitley, who led members in the pledge to the United States flag. Federal News was given by Nell Estes who read a Christmas card from the Texas Federation Women's Clubs executive committee mailed to club members. Estes introduced Toni May who presented the program. May read from the new King James version of Luke, chapter two, verses one through twenty and concluded with the prayer.

For their "Tasting Bee," each member told of the dish of food they had brought and why they chose to make it. Also included, was the recipes for each member.

The program was concluded with members reading the club collect and then adjourning for the "Tasting Bee" and fellowship.

The Clubhouse was decorated with various Christmas decorations. The serving table was covered with a plaid tablecloth with a centerpiece of a red and white crystal vase on a mirror tray and holding red Christmas balls with bows of red ribbons and streamers.

Hostesses for the day were Opal Grice and Ruth Eaton.

Members will meet next on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m. for their annual business meeting. Program director for the day will be June Biffle.



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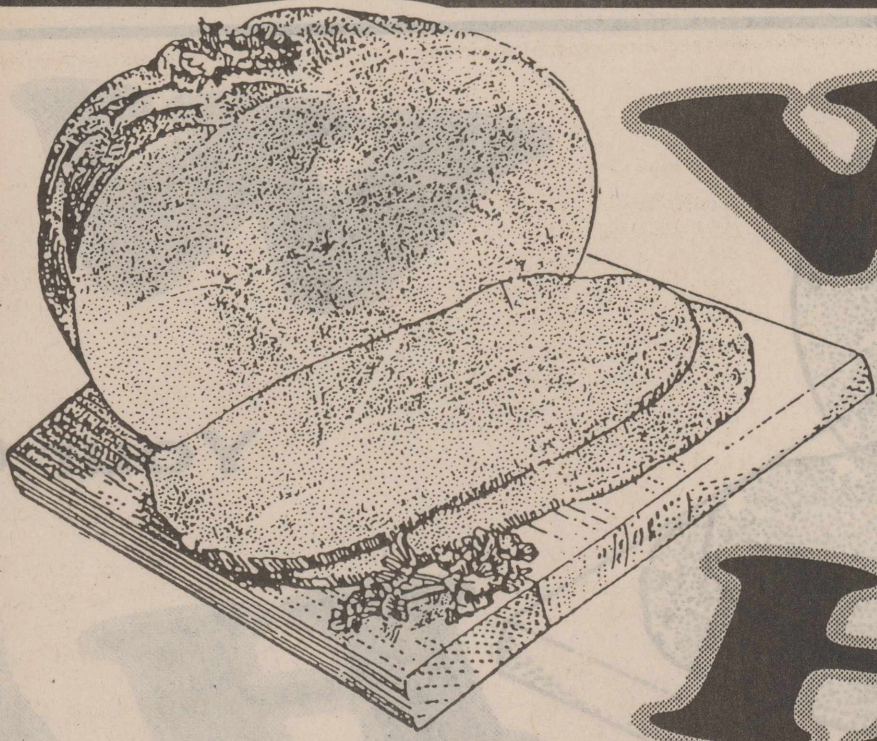
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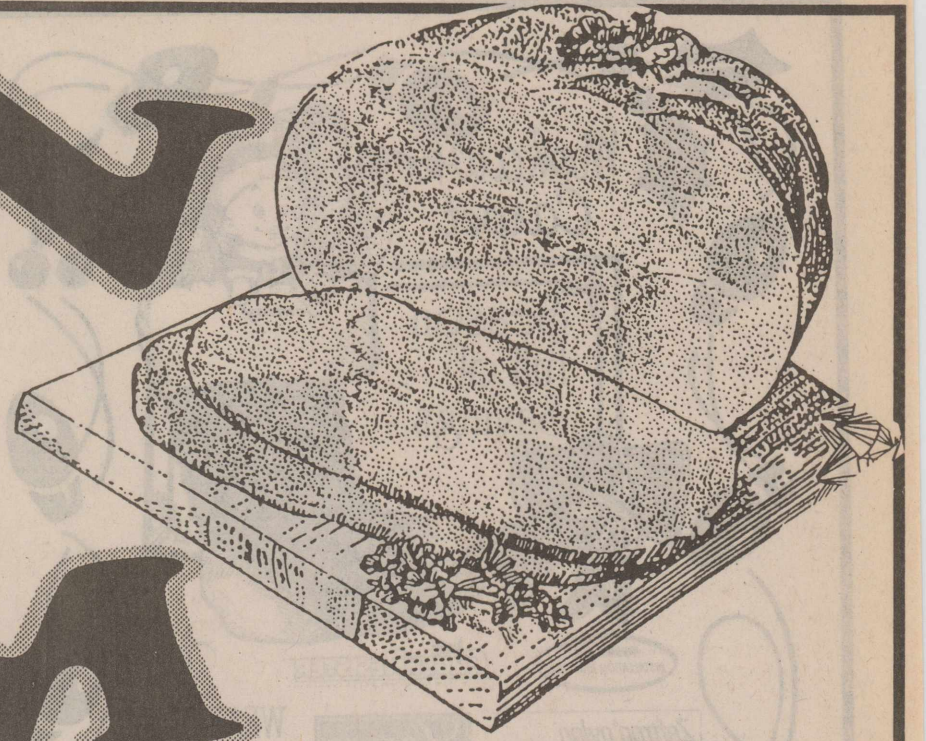
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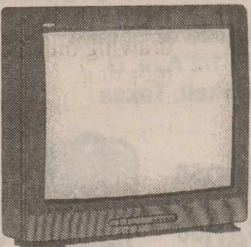
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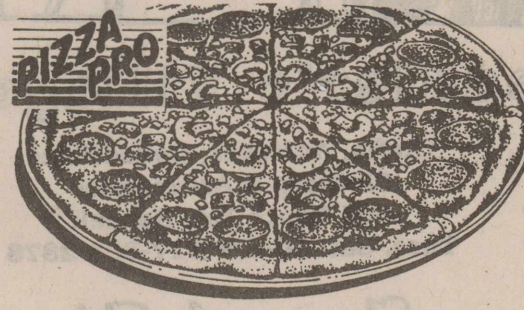
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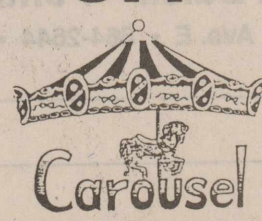
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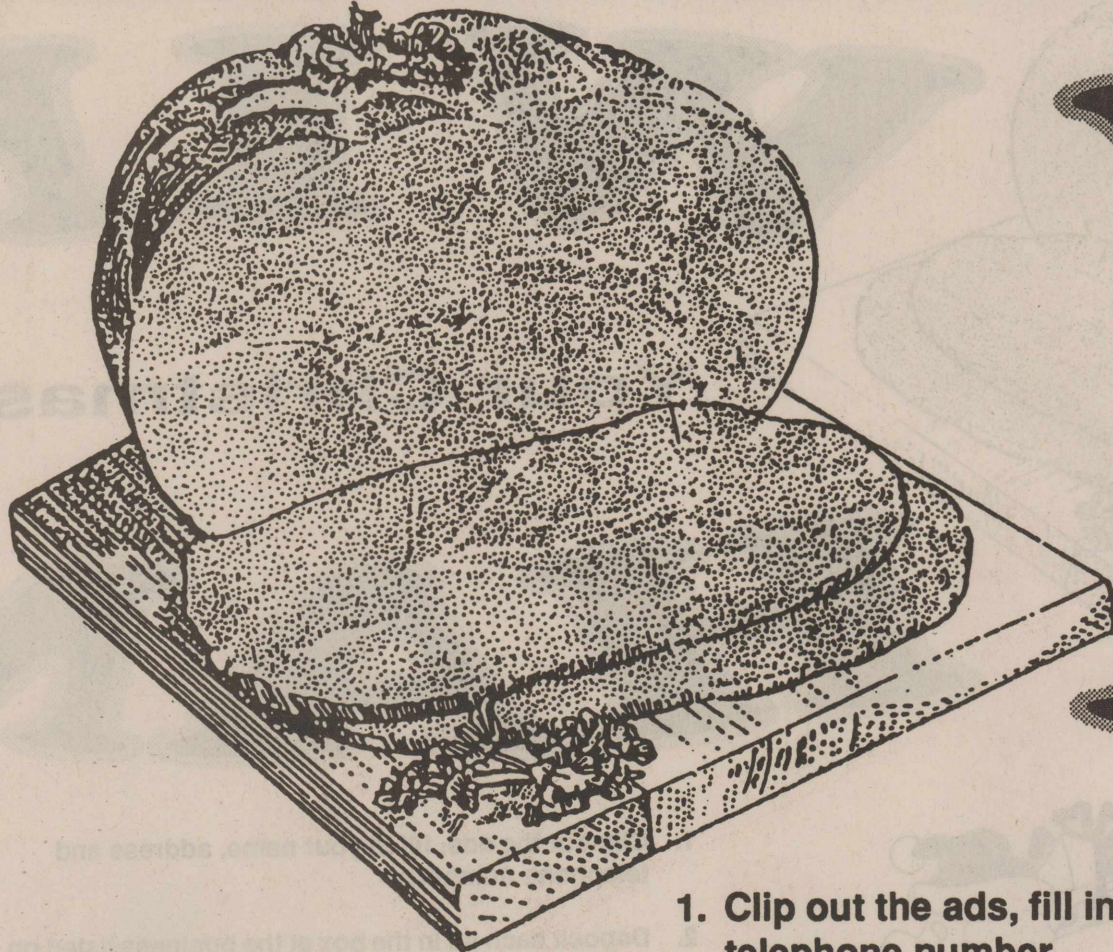
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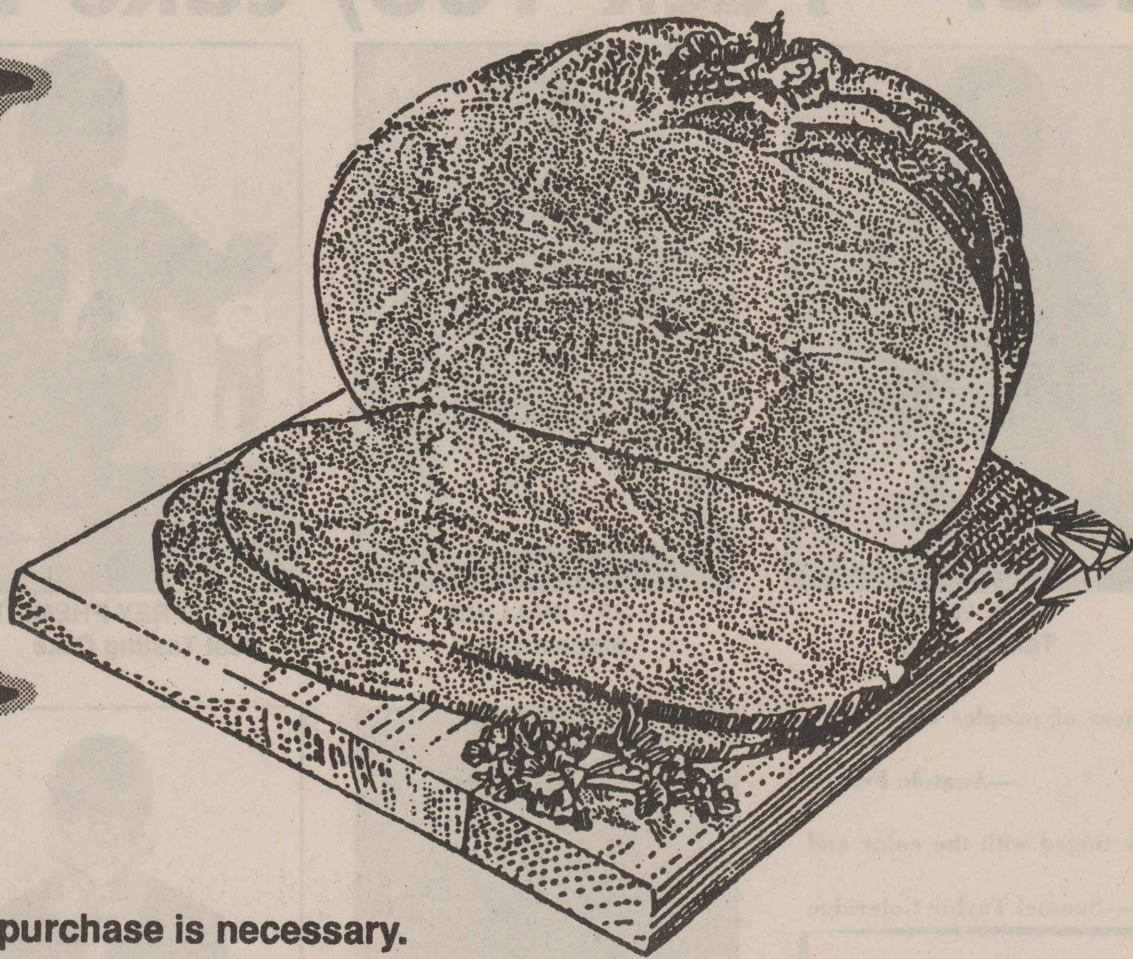
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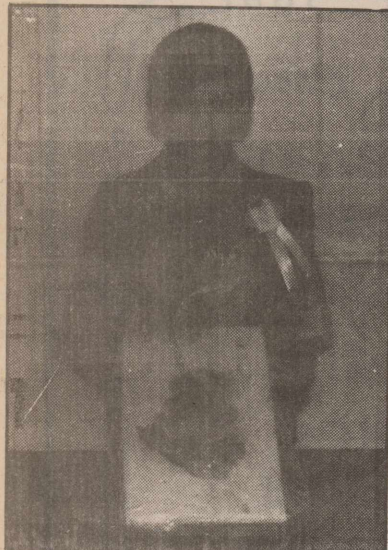
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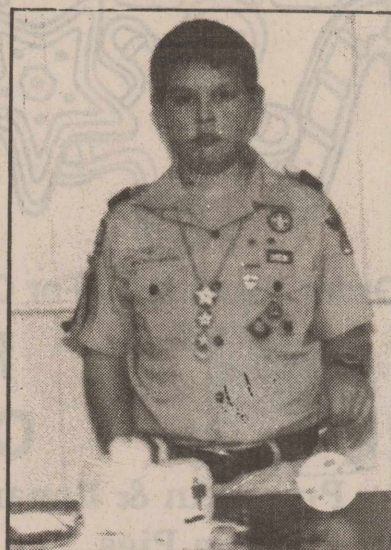
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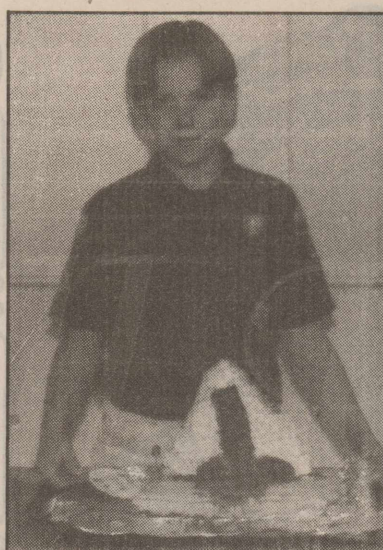
Winners of Cub Scout – Pack 136, cake bake sale



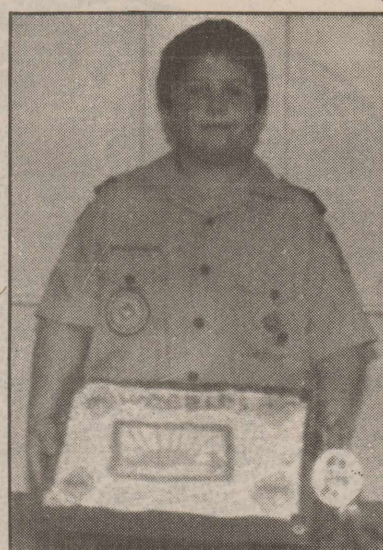
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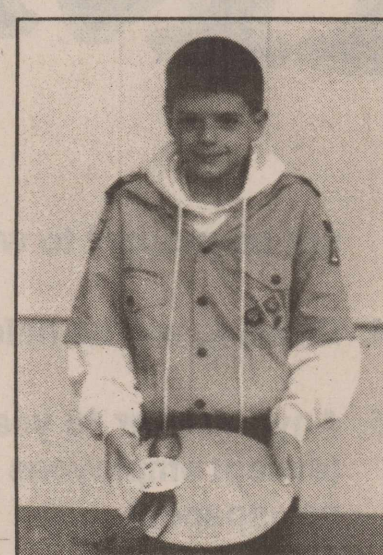
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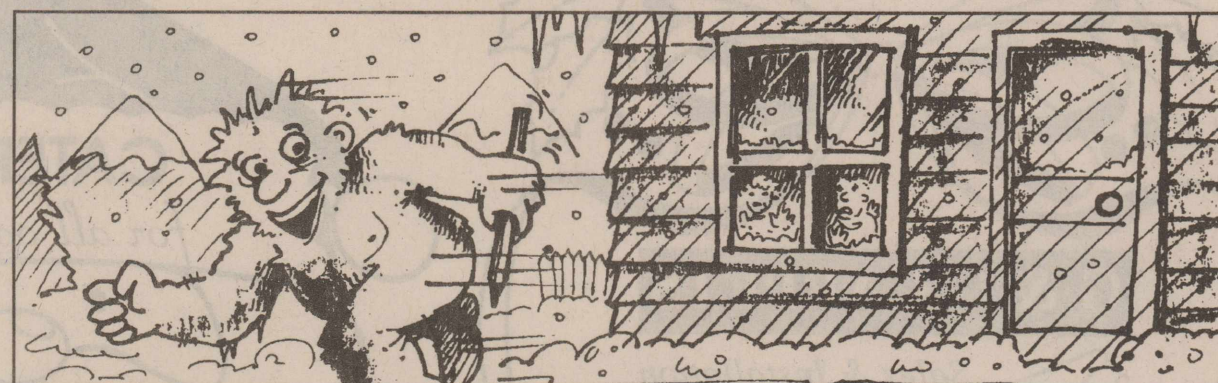
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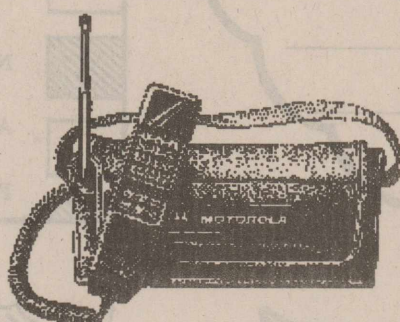


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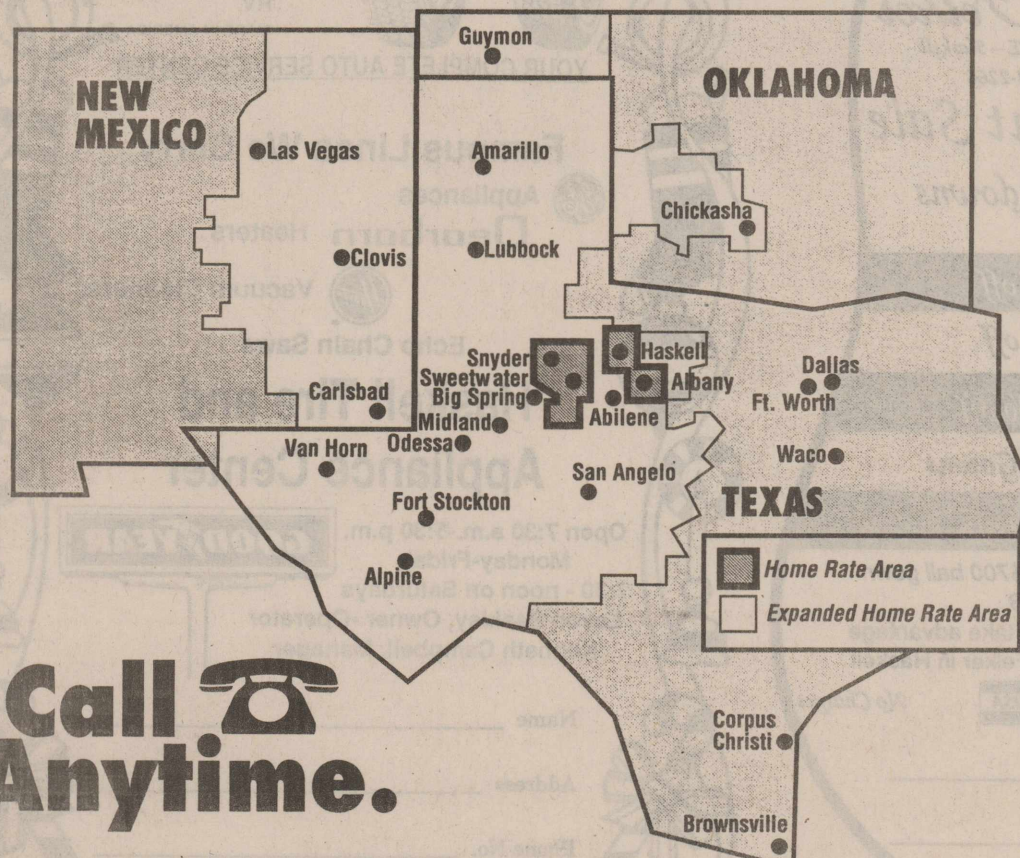
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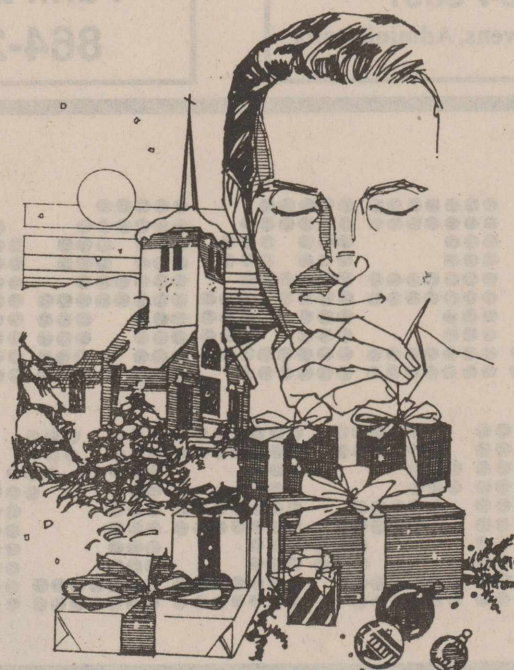
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New Life Baptist Mission

Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Matt Harrington, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p.
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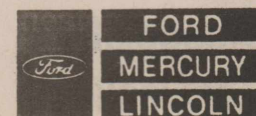
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Haskell School Menu

Jan. 1-5 Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served with all breakfast menus.

Monday & Tuesday: No school

Wednesday: Breakfast pizza

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy and sausage

Friday: cereal, buttered toast and jelly

Lunch

A choice of baked potato with ham and cheese, salad bar or hamburger

and fries plus milk and tea are served daily at the high school. Milk and juice are served daily at lunch at the elementary school.

Wednesday: Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, buttered hot rolls and sliced peaches

Thursday: Chalupas, grated cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, Mexican style corn and Sunshine bars

Friday: BBQ on bun, French fries, pickle spears and cinnamon rolls

Students in Who's Who

A total of 77 students from Haskell County are included in the 29th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1994-95. Traditionally, 99 percent of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97 percent are college bound.

Area students selected include:

Heather Guess, Shannon L. Sanford, Stephanie L. Alsbrook, Jennifer L. Andress, Christie M. Blocker, Brandi Briles, Brian Casey Burgess, Melissa Chapman, James T. Cowperthwait, Amy Cunningham, Jacy L. Cypert, Mik P. Everett, Jeremy J. Futch, Michelle Green, Charissa L. Huff, Micca Jordan, Beau S. Klose,

Casey P. McDaniel, Raven D. McDougal;

Misty D. McMeans, Crista A. Mendoza, Vanessa K. Miller,

Gavino Ortiz, Angela A. Palacios, Julie Patterson, Chancey Pogue,

Leigh Ann Reel, Greg A. Rodriguez, Capella Tsoodle,

Melanie Alvarez, Cody Blair, Corey A. Breckel, Jason E. Briles,

Jose A. Fuentes, Cory T. Green; Cindy C. Howard, Philip D.

Huff, Shannon D. Jordan, Justin A. Lisle, Betsy McDermott, Brandon

McFadden, Chris T. McSmith, Melanie L. Michaels, Joshua W.

New, Marcus Overton, Jaime A. Palacios, Dacia G. Phemister,

Anita D. Rapp, Brandon R. Rodela, Sherita R. Tidrow, Audra N. Dale,

Joel Ledezma, Sheri A. Wilson, Amanda Hollingsworth;

Stefani Stephens, Danielle R. Bass, Isabell Baez, Christopher A.

Boger, Megan Jones, Michael D. Murray, Allison Pike, Susan E.

Saffel, David K. Trussell, Jaclyn D. Wilson, Kacy F. Baitz, Nicole

Holcomb, Lisa Macias, David M. Pace, Cory W. Robinson,

Stephanie D. Stegemoeller, Denise Wilson and Angela Wolf.

Patients input on doctor visit

The most important step in having a successful doctor's office visit is to find a physician with who you can communicate. According to the American Society of Internal Medicine, 70 percent of a correct diagnosis is based on information that the patient tells a doctor.

When you arrived for an appointment, come armed with written lists that will help to jog your memory. First, prepare a list of your symptoms, related problems and medical history. Write down which medications you take, how much and how often. Include both prescription and over-the-counter medications. You also may want to include answers to the following questions:

- when you first noticed the problem.
- Where on your body the problem is located.
- Exactly how it feels.
- How often does it occur and how long it lasts.

Continue your list-making while in the doctor's office. Writing down a simple outline of your doctor's advice will help you recall what the physician said. Use the following questions as a guide when talking to your doctor:

- What is the problem?
- What caused it?
- Can it be prevented in the future?
- Is further testing, treatment or medication necessary?
- What treatment do you recommend?
- What other options do I have?
- How long will this condition last?
- Where can I learn more?
- Do I need a follow-up visit?

During an office visit, ensure all your concerns are answered. Don't be afraid to ask for the results of your evaluation, and if you don't understand what test results mean, ask your doctor to explain them. It's important that you understand what's happening to you.

Submitted by Lou Gilly, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent-FCS.

Hospital

Admissions

Dixie Bradley, Goree Wanda Thompson, Haskell Kelsey Smith, Haskell Lessie Moore, Haskell Bobbie Sharp, Stamford Jack Martin, Haskell Robert Giddens, Haskell Maude Kuykendall, Haskell

Dismissals

David Martindale, Sandy Cabrera, Thomas Hamilton, Molly Estrada.

GREETINGS!



Students at Rotary

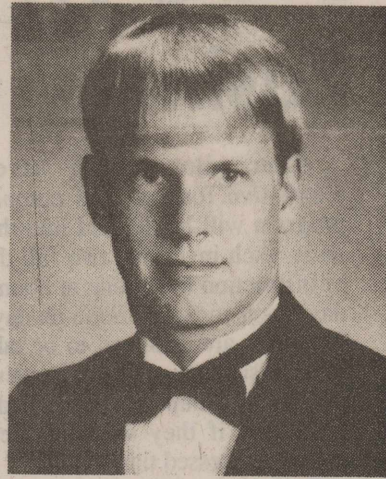


SABRINA MCKINNEY

Sabrina McKinney, a senior at Haskell High School is the daughter of Bob and Laurie McKinney of Haskell. She is a member of the Baptist Church.

In school activities, Sabrina has been a member of the yearbook staff for three years; the editor of the yearbook in her 3rd year; and a member of FFA for three years. Her hobbies and pastimes include spending time with friends and working on the yearbook.

After graduation from high school, Sabrina would like to attend a junior college at least two or three years, possibly Cisco Junior College or TSTC.



JACE YATES

Jace Yates, a senior at Haskell High School, is the son of Joe and Caron Yates of Haskell. He is a member of First Baptist Church.

In school activities, Jace is involved in football, NHS, Science Olympiad and UIL. His hobbies and pastimes include skiing and hunting.

His special awards and recognition include: 4-year honor student; Regional UIL writing; State Science Olympiad team; 1st team All-District Defense-2nd team Offense.

His future plans are to attend Texas A&M College.

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 2-5

Tuesday, Jan. 2 is a teacher's work day, no school for students. Breakfast and a salad bar lunch will be provided for the teachers.

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served with all breakfast menus.

Wednesday: Toast with jelly

Thursday: Cereal

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk and tea are served with all lunch menus.

Wednesday: Chicken pot pie, creamed potatoes, blackeye peas and fruit

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, gravy, pea salad, fruit, scalloped potatoes and hot rolls

Friday: Hamburgers, lettuce, onions, pickles, cheese, fries and ice cream

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TO: Kevin Eric McLane, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 39th District Court of Haskell County at the Courthouse being located at One Avenue D, in the City of Haskell, Haskell County Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, the date for answer being the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1996, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24th day of July, A. D. 1995, in this cause, numbered 10,548 on the docket of said court and styled Willie Rodriguez, III, Plaintiff, vs. Kevin Eric McLane and B. J. Smith, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: suit for personal injuries suffered by Plaintiff arising from automobile accident which occurred on 8/1/93

near the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas, as a result of the negligence of Defendants.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, Carolyn Reynolds, Clerk of the 39th District Court of Haskell County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at office this the 1st day of December, A. D. 1995.

(SEAL)
Carolyn Reynolds Clerk,
39th District Court
Haskell County, Texas
P. O. Box 27
Haskell, TX 79521
NOTICE

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

Michael F. Payne
705 8th St., Suite 920
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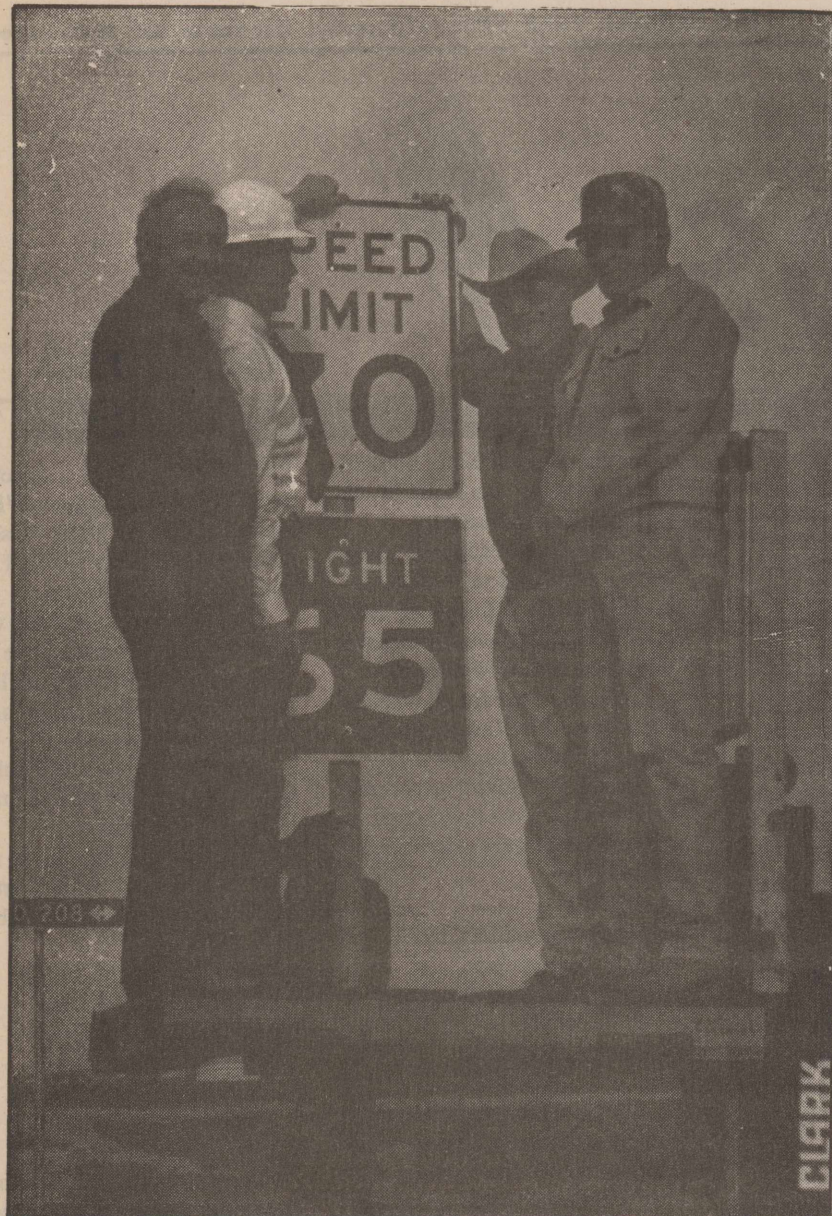


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Tips for grandparents

Maintain a positive relationship with your grandchildren by:

- Writing letters or calling them on the telephone to talk about what they want to talk about.
- Keeping a journal or scrap book of letters and art pieces they share with you.
- Sharing events of your past through storytelling.
- Sharing affectionate thoughts and feelings.
- Helping them develop a skill (needlework, woodworking, cooking, writing, art, etc.).

•Sending your favorite recipe and explaining what occasions made it special.

•Telling them about your family life, values and favorite activities.

•Sending love packages (special small packs of stickers, notes, small trinkets or I.O.U.'s or coupons for future activities).

•Listening—sharing your time and your thoughts with your grandchildren.

Submitted by Lou Gilly, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent—FCE.

As we begin this edition of the news, we can hear a light mist falling. The farmers who are stripping cotton do not like this and the farmers who are finished with the cotton crop are wishing for more than a mist for their wheat and pastures. Crops were generally very poor this year and we are all hoping for a brighter 1996. The people of our little community wish everyone who reads this paper a very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of God's richest blessings.

The ladies of Faith Circle met at the church last week for their annual Christmas party. Secret prayer sisters were revealed and delicious refreshments were enjoyed by Mary Neinst, Helen Lehmann, Ethel Quade, Laverne Stanhope, Loretta Connally, Marie Zell, Barbara Nauert, Dorothy Toney and guests, Pastor Jeff Zell and Marchel Nauert.

Everyone is reminded of the

Friendship Club Christmas dinner at Faith Lutheran Church, Wednesday night, Dec. 20.

Upcoming events for the week of Dec. 24, at Faith Lutheran Church include regular morning worship and Sunday School Sunday morning and a Christmas Eve service with Holy Communion at 6 p.m. Christmas Day service will be held at 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion. Everyone is encouraged to attend both services to worship the Christ child whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas.

Shonda Apple of Stamford has been staying with her grandparents, the G.W. and Ophelia LeFevre's and helping with the housework, etc. since Ophelia's knee replacement. Her help has been greatly appreciated. B.B. and Elizabeth Young of Abilene visited in the LeFevre home Sunday.

Dewayne Monse and Barry Smoot of Abilene spent Sunday with Dewayne's parents, Jack and

Lois Monse.

Members and guests of the Sagerton Methodist Church met Wednesday night for a program and fellowship. Bobby O'Neal of Rochester presented a program of Christmas songs. He is the brother of Peggy Tabor. Those attending included G.W. and Ophelia LeFevre, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Hazel Letz, Eunice Guinn, John L. Brooks, Charles and Dorothy Clark, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Wilma Teichelman, Andrea Kittley, Herbert and Christine Stremmel, Beatrice Pubela and her children, Mrs. Perez and Crystalle, and Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal. The congregation expresses its thanks to Mr. O'Neal for the program.

Alvin and Evelyn Ulmer

attended the annual Christmas dinner at the Cliff House in Stamford last Thursday night for the Soil Conservation members of Haskell County. Approximately sixteen members and wives attended. Alvin is director for this zone.



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Letters to Santa Claus.....

Dear Santa
Hi my name is Justin Lee Schoepf of Lubbock. I am 7-years-old. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like any Power Ranger toy, Deon Sanders and Emmett Smith jersey. Thank you. There will be strawberry milk and cookies on the table.
Love you,
Justin Lee Schoepf
P.S. Don't forget my mommie and NeNaw and PawPaw Daniels of Wolfforth.



Dear Santa
I'm 3-months-old so I don't know what I want. I like anything that keeps me full, warm and dry. I like bright colors, clothes or a toy. I like my big sister even if she's bossy and my grandmas so bring them something.
Love,
Emmett

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. I want chicken limbo, baby tumblers, food and plates for my kitchen and kitty kitty kittens. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Macy Robison

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Andrea Anderson. I am 4-years-old. I'm trying to be really good. I know you're watching me everyday. I don't mean to aggravate my sister, Tabitha. She's also been good, please bring her a telephone number of her own and some new roller blades and clothes. I want some play clothes and shoes for dress-up, a talking baby doll, a sewing machine, a guitar, a tape player, a cash register and a vacuum cleaner that has batteries. I'll leave you and Rudolph some cookies and milk and some hay for the other reindeer. I love you, Santa!
Love always,
Andrea Anderson

Dear Santa
I want a Ken Barbie doll and a computer and that's all because there is other kids, not just me.
Sincerely,
Christina Ramirez

Dear Santa
Hi my name is Ronnie Gene Lynch of Lubbock. I am 4-years-old. I have been a good boy. I would like Power Rangers, boots, cowboy hat and anything else you want to bring me. There will be strawberry milk and cookies on the table. Tell Rudolph hi.
Love you,
Ronnie Gene Lynch
P.S. Don't forget my mommie, NeNaw and PawPaw Daniels of Wolfforth.

Dear Santa
It's me Zach. I think I've been pretty good this year, so please bring me something I want. I would like to have some legos, a racetrack, a toy farm, a tractor and a yellow moving truck for me and Vance to live in. Bring Bryson, mommy and daddy something too. I guess they have been good too. Be sure to go see Vance in Arizona and tell him hi for me. I'll leave you something good.
Love,
Zachary Trussell, age 3

Dear Santa
It's me again, Bryson. I really have been good this year, well maybe not all the time, but more good than anything else. Well bring Zach something and mommy and daddy too. Take something to J.T. in Arizona, he's a good boy too. Okay here goes my list. 1. a remote control car, 2. legos, 3. race tract, 4. board games, 5. art center. I'll leave you something good to eat by the fireplace.
Love,
Bryson Trussell, age 5

Dear Santa
I want to come to the North Pole cause I want to see elves and reindeer. Can you come get me Christmas? I'm going to sleep in my sweatsuit so I'll be warm. I'm 4-years-old and I want Barbie boat and a bubble Barbie. Also a computer toy and anything in the toy catalog. Don't forget my little brother. We've got reindeer food and a snack for you.
Love,
Veronica

Dear Santa
Please bring me a doll, a coloring book and a basketball and basketball goal. I'm a good four-year-old girl. Thank you for all the presents from last year.
Love,
Aubrey Bassett

MERRY CHRISTMAS



*'Tis
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to kindle the fires
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During the holiday season, it's difficult to resist special treats. But if you make up your mind you can stay away from those extra calories by saying no to such treats as regular eggnog, everyday snack foods like nuts, potato chips, rich crackers and nut coated cheese spread on regular crackers.

Other foods to avoid include breaded and fried hors d'oeuvres, like cheese sticks, Buffalo chicken wings, fried shrimp, vegetable

sticks, cocktail sausages, high-fat cold cuts, cheeses, regular bottled salad dressing, gravy made with pan drippings and poultry with skin.

Also, do not eat oversized portions or full-size portions of "seconds." Resist temptation to eat leftovers waiting to be put away. Avoid desserts that you want to stop eating, heavy cream and foods that you really don't like.

*Submitted by Lou Gilly,
Haskell Co. Ext. Agent-FCS.*

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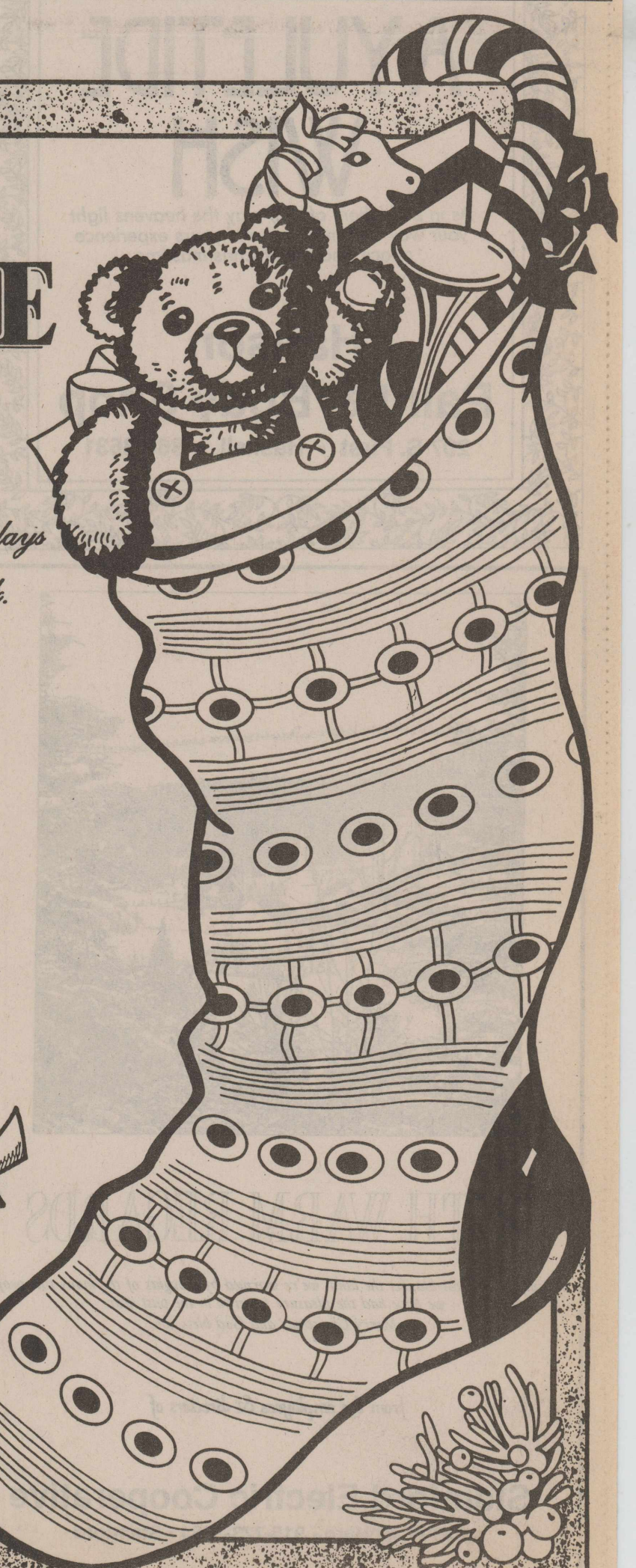
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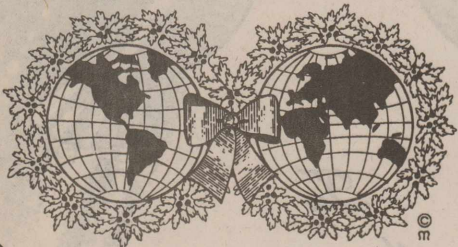
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SCENES OF CHRISTMAS AND THE HOLIDAY SEASON—The Christmas decorations at Allie Belle Smith's home and yard are a splendid mixture of Christmas old and new, from the Nativity Scene to Santa Claus and the reindeer.

Happy Holidays



MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS OF ??—The Progressive Study Club's Miss Merry Christmas of an unknown year poses with four other contestants and a young Mr. Santa Claus. No identification on original picture. Photo from the files of The Haskell Free Press

Be a smart giver this holiday season

MOST TEXANS dig deep into their pockets to help people and causes in need. Charitable groups fighting cancer, heart disease, child abuse and other scourges are all deserving of our time, attention and money. But there is one group that does not deserve a penny. This unscrupulous group is composed of con artists, fast talkers, and just plain thieves who fraudulently pocket charitable contributions.

How do you know who is

worthy and who is wrong? We at the Office of the Attorney General have put together the following examples of some of the latest scams.

Sweepstakes

We have seen an increase in sweepstakes telemarketers that throw in a charitable pitch. Typically, a telemarketer will call an elderly person and tell that individual that he or she has won a cash award or grand prize.

During the call, the telemar-

keter might ask when it is convenient to come to take pictures of the "big winner." The solicitor may even ask the consumer to pick out the color or style of the prize.

The catch? In order to qualify for the final round of prizes, the "winner" must make a sizable contribution to the alleged charity. The victim will be told to make out a check immediately, as the offer will expire in 24 hours. They will suggest using an overnight service, such as UPS or Federal Express, or they may even send a courier.

Of course, what they are really doing is avoiding the U.S. Postal Service and prosecution under tough federal mail-fraud laws.

If you hear any of these tactics, beware. Some seniors have lost their entire life savings to such swindles.

Reloaders

Recently, a new breed of telemarketer has evolved. Called "reloaders" or "recovery room marketers," these unscrupulous types prey on victims of previous scams. Pretending to be private investigators, these dishonest individuals contact the victims and offer to track down the previous con artist and recover the lost money.

What they really do is charge a healthy fee in advance, skip town, and pass on the victim's name to a new round of reloaders.

Law Enforcement and Veterans "Organizations"

Literally hundreds of associa-

tions in Texas use the words "police," "sheriff," "fireman," "trooper," or "veteran" as part of their business name. Though most of the entities use these titles legitimately, an alarming number of scam artists take the names to steal money from well-intentioned Texans.

But you can protect yourself. Police and veteran groups in Texas are required to register with the Texas Secretary of State. If you want to check on a representative asking for donations for a police or veterans group, call the Secretary of State's Office at (800) 648-9642 to make sure the group is registered.

Other Ploys

Other common deceptive fund-raising practices referred to the Charitable Trusts Section of our office are:

- "Charities" with names that are deceptively similar to that of an established charity or government agency.

- Programs which do not exist or are simply in the "planning stages."

- "Overhead" or administrative costs as high as 90 percent of donations. Some charities hire fund-raisers which pocket up to 90 percent of solicited funds.

For More Information

For more information or to check on a potential charity, contact the Better Business Bureau's Philanthropic Advisory Service at (703) 267-0100; the National Charities Information Bureau at (212) 929-6300.

We're sending
holiday greetings
your way.
Merry Christmas!



Smitty's

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to you for making our year
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Season's Greetings

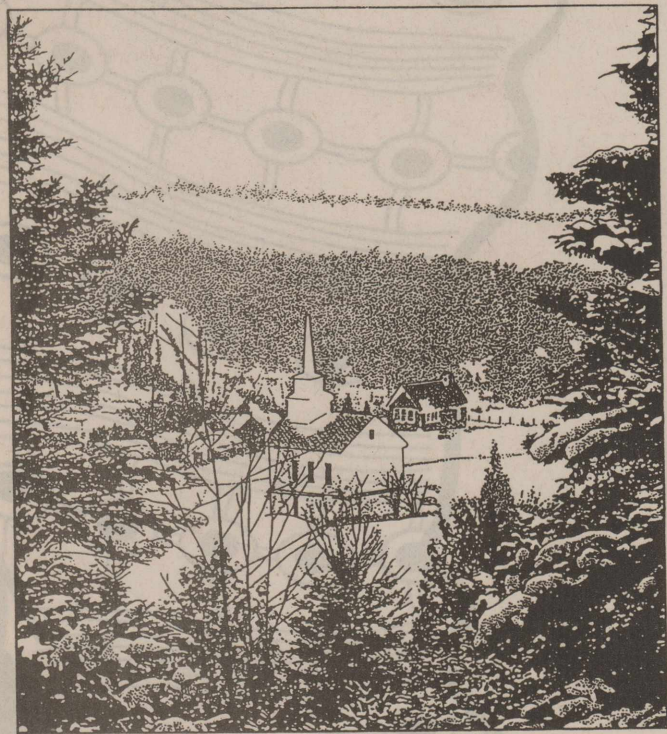
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LET IT SNOW...! LET IT SNOW...! LET IT SNOW...!

Hope you receive a blizzard of happiness and
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Merry Christmas
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Dear Santa Claus.....

Dear Santa
Hi, this is Shelby, I have been a good girl this year. As you know I am 6-years-old now. I would like a Dance moves Barbie, a sky dancer and maybe some tapes for my tape player. Please remember all the boys and girls.
Love your friend,
Shelby Morrow

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I want a riding International tractor and the Power Ranger movie. Please bring Morgan a doll. Don't forget that we will be at Mimi's house for Christmas.
Love,
Ethan Ross Frierson, 4-years-old

Dear Santa
My name is Callen and I'm 4. I want some more little bitty tractors, play cat, pirate ship, race track and some surprises. I want my Bubba to have a race track like me. Please bring my daddy a knife to cut the deer. Moma needs some new pants. I've been pretty good. I will leave you hot chocolate and cookies. You might be thirsty and hungry. Don't forget my cousins, Scott and Melody.
Love,
Callen Pittman, age 4

Dear Santa
My name is Trey Larned. I am 13-months-old. My mom and dad say I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a new hammer. I broke my old one helping my DaDa. Don't worry about my clothes because mom takes care of that. I would like a toy boat for the river. Don't forget my cousin, Aaron Waggnier as he has been a good boy too.
Love,
Trey Larned, New Braunsfel

Dear Santa
I want to let you know just a few things that I want for Christmas. I want a new bicycle, a Crossbow nerf gun, the games Chicken Linbo, Don't wake Daddy and peanut panic.
See ya 'round,
Travis Adams

Dear Santa
My name is Brennan Medford and I am 4-years-old. For Christmas, please bring me a Cool Tools Tow Truck and tools, a fire truck, Gator Golf, a rescue helicopter and a surprise under the little tree in my room. I will leave your favorite snack (and mine) Gingerbread men and milk. I've been a very good boy this year, and I help my mommy and daddy a lot. Please bring a lot of toys, because I will have to share with my baby sister pretty soon.
Love,
Brennan

Dear Santa
Hi, my name is Preston and I am 1-year-old and I have tried to be good this year, but it is sometimes hard at my age. Please bring me some Mega blocks, a pull train and a toy truck. Do not forget all the boys and girls.
Love your friend,
Preston Morrow

Dear Santa
My name is Ashley, this is my first Christmas. I have really enjoyed the lights and presents. For Christmas, all I want are toys that make noise and soft toys to squeeze.
Merry Christmas,
Ashley Adams, 9-months-old

Dear Santa
My name is Austin Green. I am 3-years-old. I've tried really hard to be a good boy this year. For Christmas, I would like a Little Tikes truck, Power Ranger toy, gloves, sword, Batman figure toys and a big truck with a motor in it.

Please bring my mommy some new socks and clothes for work. Don't forget my daddy in Mass., bring him back to Texas. If you have time, swing by my grannies, NeNe, PaPu, and all my aunts, uncles, cousins and friends in Haskell, Tx.

I will leave you a glass of coke and French Fries. I love you Santa. Tell Mrs. Clause I said hi!
Your friend,
Austin Green, Haskell

Dear Santa
My name is McCauley and I am 3. I have been a good boy. I want Mr. Bucket Game, a pirates ship, a Timmy tooth toy, and a toy for Scooby and Schotzy.

Love,
Mac

Dear Santa
My name is Scottie Villa. I am 4-years-old. I've been a really good boy this year. For Christmas, I would like some Power Ranger toys, sword, truck, Batman figures, remote control race car and anything else you want to give me.

Please bring my daddy some new blue jeans, socks, shoes and a new truck. Please go by and visit my sisters Lindsey and Lezli in Knox City and Sara in Oklahoma. Don't forget my NeNe, PaPu, Homey and all my uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends in Haskell, Tx.
I will leave you a glass of coke and some French fries. Be careful Santa. I love you!
Your friend,
Scottie Villa, Haskell

Dear Santa,
My name is James Paris Dolton Williams. I am 3-years-old. I've tried really hard to be a good boy! For Christmas this year, I would like a Robin cycle to put my Robin figure on, Batman figures and friends, Batmobile, Batman figure with open and close wings and also another Batman that has a big cape that stays open, new Danny shoes, Mr. Bucket game and a big tag to ride on.

Please bring my mommy some new socks and earrings, Daddy needs new clothes and new pool stick. Don't forget to go visit my PaPa and family in Rochester, PaPu, NeNe, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends in Haskell. Also my uncle David and aunt Janie in Winter Haven, Fla., please bring them a new baby, that's if you can! Oh don't forget my Uncle Terry, he lives with me, he'll like anything you bring him.

I'll leave you some cookies and a glass of tea! Be careful Santa. I love you!

Your friend,
James P.D. Williams, Haskell



WILL IT SNOW FOR CHRISTMAS?—These Snow Men along with the other holiday decorations in this yard could well be anticipating a white Christmas.

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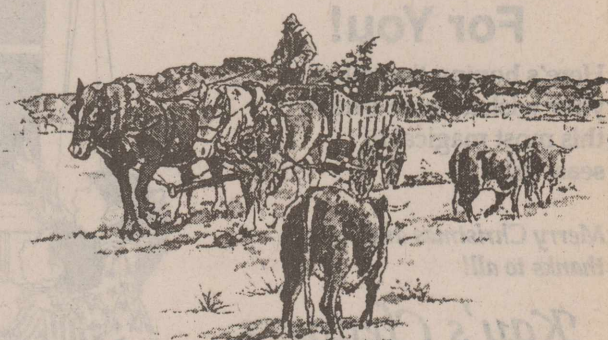
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We hope your season delivers everything you've ever wanted.

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Dear Santa letters from yesteryear.....

10 Years Ago
December 1985

Dear Sant,
I want to get a puter a real 4 wheeler. I love you Santa we will get you some food, chocolate milk and a naller wafer.
I want it to snow. Thats all.
Love, Paul McGuire
P. S. Some wrenches for my daddy.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some roller skates, please bring me a robot, please bring me a ball, please bring me a football. Please bring Misty some dishes. Please bring Kristen some toys. Please bring Mother and Daddy a new car. Please be careful coming back in the sleigh.
I love you,
Brandon Rodela

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. I'll be at my grandma's house and she lives in Pecos. I'm gonna buy a candy cane for you and I'm going to set out some orange juice.
I want a Cabbage Patch. I want a My Little Pony Castle. I want a Huggabunch doll. I want a picture of you.
If you ever see Rudolph, tell Rudolph "hello". This is what I want for one of my cousins, it's a charm necklace. She doesn't have one.

I want a little necklace that has Rudolph on it and says "Rudolph with Shiny nose". I want a T-shirt that says Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. That's all. Thank you. I will leave a not that says "I love Rudolph and I love Santa Claus". I know all of my alphabet.
Thank you for my presents.
Kaki Stapleton.

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice girl this year and I would like you to bring me a cheerleader suit pom poms & baton. I would also like you to bring me a Cabbage Patch Doll. Earlier I had asked for a T.V. and telephone for my room, but I guess I'll have to wait til I'm older right!
Dacia Phemister

20 Years Ago
December 1975

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a six million dollar man and a Big jim pack.
Darryl Hoover

Dear Santa, I want a Bless You Baby tender Love and some New breakable Dishes.
Love, Kristen Sue Campbell

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to you. I am 6 years old. Please bring me a G. I. Joe seawolf, submarine, drum set, and a cross country bike. I bet you have big muscles from carrying so may toys. Good Luck in 1976.
Love, Blake Liles

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. My brother has been a good boy too. I would like a Rubber Band Gun, please I got my brother a Racing Track. My mother reads books about you. My mother said your stomach shakes like jelly.
Your friend, Andy Griffith

30 Years Ago
December 1965

Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade. I want some Susy Cute clothes and a Susy Cute swing set and dresser. I want a "Thing Maker." I want a Baby First Step doll. I hope I get it.

With love, Jo Morrison
P. S. Santa there will be a glass of milk waiting for you.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 4 1/2 years old, and my sister is 2 1/2 years old and named Shelly. We have been pretty good boys and girls. Please bring my sister a talking doll and please bring me a gun with some bullets and a trick-track.
Love, Tommy Long

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years of age and in the third grade. I think I have been good. I would like to have a real watch and Suzy Cute's clothes and swing set. I would also like a Baby First Step. That is all. Please do not forget the other children.
With love, Kathy Perrin

Dear Santa,
These are some of the things I would like for Christmas: a jewelry box, and an overnite case, and a stuffed toy dog.
Please remember all the other little children throughout the world.
With love, Gina Grand

40 Years Ago
December 1955

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old. As it isn't very long until Christmas, I would like to have a pair of gloves and a ball, and a pair of overshoes. I have a little brother and his name is Ed. He wants a tricycle for Christmas and a gun. Santa I will thank you if you will give me them.
Love, Edith and Ed Murray

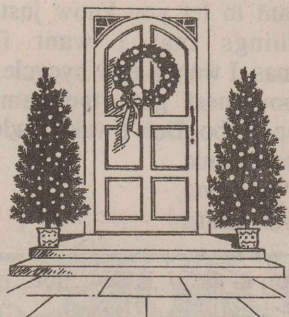
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old, and I want you to bring me a doll that bends its knees. I also want a sewing machine and a farm set with lots of animals. I want some candies and fruit too.
Oh! yes, Santa I have a little baby sister and I want you to bring her something a little baby girl will like. Thank you Santa.
Love of love, Martha Henderson

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Please bring me two guns, Davy Crockett suit and a truck. Don't forget my little brother, Philip, he wants a rocking horse.
Love, Johnny

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old and I have a little brother who is three. We have been very good and I would like a doll bed, a doll chair, and a doll with a blanket. My brother would like a tent, train, and guitar. We would also like some fruit, nuts, and candy.
Love,
Barbara and Randy Foster

YULETIDE WISHES

May your season be special.



SEASON'S GREETINGS
To Our Customers and Friends

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A Christmas WISH For You!

Here's hoping that all of your wishes come true in this most magical of seasons!

Merry Christmas and thanks to all!

Kay's Cleaners
Haskell

A SEASON OF HOPE

Now is the time for mankind to rise to the occasion and display a generosity of spirit to one another.
Peace To All!

from the residents and staff of

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Sandra Givens, Administrator

CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL

Big or small, the holidays fill everyone's hearts with smiles and laughter. We share this excitement in wishing you a very, merry Christmas. Many thanks.

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TO OUR "BEST" MANY FRIENDS

We're pulling for you to have a simply splendid season.
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To all our Great Patrons

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All the Best to You On Christmas

Here's hoping your holiday is stuffed with the gifts of family, friends and good fortune. We appreciate all you've given us throughout the year and look forward to continuing to serve you in the future.
Happy Holiday and many thanks.

Rule Co-Op
Gin and Elevator
John Pike, Manager
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WE'RE MAKING A LIST...

We'd like to thank each of you personally, but we've made too many good friends in the past year to find the space to list them here.

So to all of you, our very best wishes go - for a very Merry Christmas and a ho...ho...ho!

Double A Drive In
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MEMORIES OF YESTERYEAR—Santa Claus and children, a tradition the world over that will not soon be forgotten. These Haskell kids of some yesteryear line up to have a chat with Santa,

perhaps to give him their Christmas wish list. Photo from the files of The Haskell Free Press.

A YULETIDE BLESSING
 May you and yours enjoy a memorable and peaceful season of sacred celebration.
 We appreciate your support and friendship.

Fieldan Inn
 A.K., Usha, Nisha, Mira, Krishna
 864-2251 or 864-2568

Safe Christmas toys and the law

DID YOU EVER wonder why so many products are plastered with warning labels? Even toys carry advisories. That is because holiday happiness can turn to tragedy if children play with unsafe toys. While the overwhelming majority of toys sold in Texas are safe, too many children are injured each year as a result of playing with defective or unsafe products.

In order to help prevent problems before they occur, we at the Office of the Attorney General have come up with the following tips and information to help insure your family enjoys a safer holiday season this year.

Choose With Care

When making your purchases, read all labels for safety information, and heed all warnings. Sales representatives or store managers often can give you safety tips or steer you in the right direction.

Also, do not overlook the manufacturer's recommendations on age-appropriateness. Something perfectly harmless for an 8-year-old may not be so safe in the hands — or mouth — of a toddler. Although sharing is a virtue, sometimes it may be necessary to teach older children to keep their things away from younger siblings.

Babies are especially vulnerable because of their habit of putting things in their mouths. It's just their way of exploring the world around them. Infant toys, rattles, squeeze toys, and teethingers should be too big to swallow. Toy balloons are especially dangerous: more children have suffocated on

uninflated balloons and pieces of broken balloons than on any other type of toy.

Avoiding Danger

Look for quality design and construction in all toys. Be sure that garments and other fabric products are flame retardant and resistant, and that they contain no toxic materials. Also, stuffed toys and dolls should be made of washable and hygienic materials.

Be wary of toys with sharp edges, small parts and sharp points. According to federal regulations, new toys intended for children under 8 should be free of sharp glass and metal edges. And do not forget that over time, toys may break, exposing sharp edges and leaving parts small enough to be swallowed or to become lodged in a child's windpipe, ears or nose.

What the Law Says

Under two federal statutes, the Hazardous Substance Act and the Consumer Product Safety Act, toy companies must manufacture their products to meet regulations set by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The law bans small parts in new toys intended

for children under 3. The ban includes small, removable parts, such as the eyes and noses on stuffed toys and dolls, and squeakers that can be pulled out of squeeze toys.

Manufacturers may be liable for accidents that occur because their products are unsafe or fail to carry needed warnings. Under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, our office has filed several lawsuits on behalf of consumers to obtain changes in unsafe products, or to force manufacturers to provide warnings on their products.

For More Information

For more information or to report a hazardous toy or product, call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission hotline at (800) 638-2772. Be a smart consumer: choose your children's toys carefully.



Cecil's Country Meat Market & Grocery
 wishes all a
**Merry Christmas and
 a Happy New Year!**
 Cecil and Sue



*You know, this is my favorite time of year.
 But in my eye there's a tear.
 I wonder what God thinks of man
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 If man only knew how to treat his brother
 You see, what God wants is first to love one another.
 To love and care with all of our might
 And if we did that we wouldn't have time to fight.
 Say "Yes I love you" and "Yes I care"
 That's the kind of courage each one must bear.
 Love is free, doesn't cost a dime.
 It just takes a little of your precious time.
 Say hello to your neighbor and give 'em a hand.
 Help someone new each day, that's God's plan.*

Happy Holidays from Hartsfield Insurance Agency
 South Side of the Square in Haskell
 This message from them should tell you they care.

Hartsfield Insurance Agency



Front row (left to right): Mary Ann Boone, Jo Ann Meeks Harris, Cheryl Hannsz, Lisa Mahler, Aimee Bowman. Back row: Ermalinda Jacques, Henry Reid, Pam Mathis, Tammy Bishop, Barbara Haggard, Suzanne Jones, Debbie De Los Santos, Nancy Brueggeman.

Happy Holidays Outreach Health Services

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CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT—This Boy Scout float in the annual Christmas parade is a reminder of the good ole days when Haskell still had Christmas parades. Photo from the files of The Haskell Free Press.

Humility is the most difficult of all virtues to achieve, nothing dies harder than the desire to think well of oneself.

—T.S. Eliot

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OUR VERY BEST WISHES ARE ON THE WAY.

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Mrs. Middleton

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Here's hoping your home is filled with sweet tidings, tasteful festivities and delicious memories this holiday season. It was really a pleasure serving you. Thanks for making our year a piece of cake!

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May the warmth of Christmas glow in your hearts and keep you toasty all season long. We appreciate your valued business.

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Letters to Santa Claus...

Dear Santa
Please bring me a water baby and a bath baby and a Sip and Slurp baby. I also want a dress-up table. I'm going to have some milk and cookies for you.
I love you Santa,
From Kristy Judd

Dear Santa
My name is Emily Richardson and I'm 3-years-old. For Christmas this year, I want a Baby Tumble Surprise, a Baby Sip-n-Slurp, Polly Pocket, Star Castles, Bundle of Babies, a LiteBrite and a trampoline for my brother Bryan and me. Also bring snacks for my cats, Tiger and Gus. It's pretty hard, but I'm trying to be good.
Love,
Emily Richardson

Dear Santa
Please bring me these things. 1. Super van city, 2. a 6 speed bike, 3. a four wheel drive tractor, 4. night attack playset, 5. Nerf razerbeast. I've tried hard to be good.
Love,
Casey Judd
P.S. My sister and I left some food for your riander. Could you leave me a bell off the sleigh.

Dear Santa
I love you and thank you for my presents last year. Please bring me a Pochahontas suit, a Power Ranger suit and a Power Ranger doll. Also, I would like some play food and a Princess Wishing Star doll. Please get me some new

clothes, a wind suit would be nice. Don't forget my family, we've all been very good! I'll leave you some cookies and milk on the table.
Love,
Candace Brister

Dear Santa
My name is Bryan Richardson and I am 5-years-old. I am really ready for Christmas! Please bring me all the stuff I told you about when I saw you at the mall. I want a Matchbox Zero G, Hot Wheels Auto City Garage, MicroMachines Night Attack, a Mousetrap game, a trampoline and an orange. Please remember my sister, Emily and my Mom and Dad, too.
Love,
Bryan Richardson

Dear Santa
My name is Carson Hadaway and I am 15-months-old. Last year I wasn't very excited about Christmas, but this year I love it all! Every night Mommy and Daddy take me driving to see the Christmas lights and they are so beautiful. I am such a big girl—I haven't bothered the tree or the presents underneath.
OK, this year what I really want is a boo-woo (a Schnauzer or Cocker Spaniel would be nice) and a basketball. I would also like a Little Tykes Play Yard, Shopping Cart and Rocking Chair. Some new books for Daddy to read to me and some Disney videos. And of course I want some new clothes.
Please don't forget all my friends and family. They have really been good this year and deserve everything on their wish list. Make sure you stop in Kermit and visit my boyfriend Judson Kinzy. Peace on earth and a Merry Christmas to all!

Carson Hadaway

Dear Santa
My name is Jenny and I would like the diary tipe computer and please bring me some clothes and please bring me a watch with an add and subtract on it and please bring me a fantastic sand maker. My age is 11.
Love,
Jenny
P.S. I have not been so good this year.

Dear Santa
I just turned 4-years-old and I have tried to be a good girl this year. It is sure hard sometimes. Please bring me a Rosie doll, a barbie doll, a computer with a pen, and a cash register.
Also please remember my cousin Sydney and my friends at Smittys. I will leave you a surprise at my house on Christmas Eve.
I love you,
McKenzie Barrington

HI!

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year!

Carolyn Reynolds
District Clerk
Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Carolyn Reynolds.

WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY SEASON
With heartfelt thanks from all of us.

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Dear Santa
Santa, I want you to see what I want you to bring for me for Christmas. 1. Real Baby Alive, 2. Medical Trolley, 3. Wild 'n Wacky paint, 4. Clothes. Santa that is it. Remember this letter is from Paige.

Santa I want to go to the North Pole sometime and see your reindeer.
Love,
Paige LeAnn

Dear Santa Clos
I want a T neclis and more. My name is Chambray and I love you.
Love,
Chambray

Dear Santa
Hello! I've been a good girl this year. I hope you have lots of toys for me this year. I would like a Barbie, a Baby Sip 'n Slurp, a puppy that wags his tail and a bike. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. Ashley, Kris, Paula, Casey and Kristy are waiting for you too. Don't forget to bring what they want.

Have a safe trip and tell Rudolph hello.
Love,
Chelsea Bullard

Dear Santa
If you take my sister to the North Pole to see your reindeer, I would like to go, too.
I want a Baby So Real, Grocery Store, Clothes and an Ironing Board like Mommy's. That's all. Santa, I'm so excited about Christmas that sometimes I start jumping up and down. My sister asks my Mommy why and she tells my Mommy to make me stop.
I love Santa,
Kelsie Reed

Dear Santa
My name is Kayla Mullen. I am 4-years-old. I've tried really hard to be a good girl! For Christmas, I would like a doll house, baby doll, wedding Barbie with purple necklace, My Size Barbie, pretty dress that I can play with, Lamburny to drive.
Bring my brother Gage a Winnie the Poo night light, Mommy needs some new makeup, Daddy wants new cologne, a new comb to comb his hair. Don't forget to visit my Mema Betty, Grandpa and Leetha, and all my aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and even my new baby cousin girl, Bailey.
I will leave you some cookies, hamburgers and cherries to eat and a glass of coke! I love you Santa!
Your friend,
Kayla Mullen, Haskell
P.S. I will leave a pretty flower so you can give it to Mrs. Clause.



THANKS FOR THE CANDY SANTA—This young lady of some yesteryear is clutching her bag of candy, but doesn't seem to

sure about that jolly ole man with the red suit and the long white beard. Photo from the files at The Haskell Free Press.

Season's greetings

May
Peace On
Earth
Prevail

Gina Brown
Justice of the Peace
Lynn Dodson, Clerk
Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Gina Brown

May the
timeless
spirit of
Christmas
warm your
hearts this
season and
always.

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Crime prevention tips for the holidays

WHILE THE HOLIDAY season should be a time of joy and family, it unfortunately has a dark side, too. Crime rates soar during this time of year, according to the police departments in Texas' four largest cities. Home burglaries and car break-ins skyrocket.

We at the Office of the Attorney General hope you all enjoy the holidays, but we also urge you to exercise a little extra caution. To paraphrase the old song, don't let others have themselves a merry little Christmas at your expense.

Safer Shopping

The vast majority of assaults occur when the victim is alone, so plan to shop with a friend or in a group. Let someone know where you are going, the route you will be taking to get there, and when you expect to return. If you have a cellular phone, take it with you in case your car breaks down or you get lost. If you do not have a cellular phone, keep a few quarters and a list of important phone numbers handy. If another motorist stops to offer assistance, say that the police have been called and are expected momentarily, then offer them a quarter and ask them to call someone on your list to let them know your whereabouts.

When you arrive at your destination, park in a well-lighted area and as close to an entrance as possible. Lock your car and roll up the windows, even if you are only going to be gone for a few minutes. Don't leave packages visible in the car; lock them up safely in the trunk.

Once you are in the store, hold on tightly to your purse or wallet. Better yet, leave it at home and keep your credit cards, driver's license and money in a front pocket. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible. Try to carry only those credit cards that you intend to use and make sure that you have all of your card numbers recorded and stored in a safe place at home. Always keep your eyes on your children. If, however, they become separated while shopping, teach them to go immediately to a store clerk or security guard for assistance. Also, caution them never to go into a parking lot alone.

Children, of course, are not the only ones who should avoid deserted parking areas. Don't be the last one to leave a store. Finish your shopping 30 to 45 minutes before the store closes and have your keys in hand when you return

to the car. When taking your purchases from the car to your house, don't leave the car unlocked with packages inside — not even for a minute.

Holiday Safety at Home

As sad as it sounds, December is a peak month for home burglaries. Safeguard your home by taking some precautions. Don't display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway. Be diligent about locking your doors and windows every time you leave, even if it is only for a few minutes. When going out to holiday parties, turn on a few lights and a radio or television to make the house look occupied.

If you plan to travel during the holidays, take these steps to protect your home while you are away:

- Get automatic timers for your lights.
- Turn down the ringer on your phone and the speaker on

your answering machine, if you have one.

- Arrange for a neighbor to accept packages while you are gone, or cancel all deliveries until you return.

- Store gifts out of sight, in a safe place, before you leave.

- Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your house, pick up the mail and newspapers, and park a car in your driveway from time to time.

For more crime-prevention tips, please contact your local police department or sheriff's office. Have a safe and happy holiday.

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THE SEASON
WITH CHEER!

Many thanks for making our year.

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Lavon Beakley, Kenneth Campbell, Chester Lamb, JoAnn Carroll,
Jimmie Darden, Larry Bailiff, Danny Payne, Joe Camacho



A WAGON RIDE WITH SANTA—No it's not a sleigh, but these children seemed to be enjoying the wagon ride with Santa anyway, on Saturday in downtown Haskell.

Dear Santa Claus.....

Dear Santa
Hello again! Do you remember seeing me last Saturday at the new gazebo? I decided I had better remind you not to forget to bring Azile and me a kitty cat. I have been a good girl this year. So has Chelsea.

If you have room in your sleigh, I would like to have a Baby Sip 'n Slurp, a telephone and answering machine and a bicycle. Don't forget Chelsea, Casey, Kristy, Paula, Kris and Kelly. They've been good this year too! See you Soon!
Love, Ashley Bullard

Dear Santa
I would like anything you bring, so just bring me anything.
Love,
Leon

Dear Santa
My name is Brittany. I'm 7 now. I live at 5 S. Ave. G. I have

not been very good this year. So, if you have any leftovers, when you come to my house, just send them down. Thank you. I will try to be better next year.
Love,
Brittany

Dear Santa
I want a puppy and a buden-buden for Christmas.
Love,
Brett Shelton
P.S. I'll leave you some juice and tookies by the tree.



Inefficient heaters can cause carbon monoxide poisoning

According to Texas health officials, carbon monoxide poisoning causes hundreds of illnesses and some deaths each year, usually during cold weather.

The source of the odorless gas usually is poorly ventilated coals or flames of heating appliances. Automobiles running to warm the engines in closed garages also can dangerously raise carbon monoxide levels inside houses and closed buildings.

In 1994, the Texas Dept. of Health's (TDH) Vital Statistics Bureau, which analyzes the state's death certificates, recorded 25 accidental deaths linked to the invisible gas.

Dr. David R. Smith, Tex. Commissioner of Health, said, "The numbers of carbon monoxide poisonings sharply increase with the severity of cold weather, when some people must sacrifice fresh air to stay warm."

Dr. Smith explained that carbon monoxide is the by-product of inefficient burning, whether it is natural gas, kerosene, gasoline, fireplace logs or other fuel. "Smoldering coals in fireplaces and flickering flames from clogged gas jets in space heaters are common producers of carbon monoxide," he said. He added that charcoal in barbecue grills is among the worst sources of the lethal gas. "No one should ever risk trying to warm an enclosed space with a portable grill," he said, "but people sometimes feel they have no other choice."

Many people may unknowingly have suffered the early effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. Anyone who has awakened with a headache or dizziness after sleeping in a tightly closed room heated by an unvented space heater may have been mildly poisoned. In such cases, Dr. Smith explained, the carbon monoxide has only begun to replace the normal oxygen level in the victim's bloodstream. In more severe cases, rising carbon monoxide levels cause proportionately reduced oxygen levels, which result not only in headaches and dizziness, but also weakness and drowsiness, nausea and convulsion which can lead to coma and death.

A contributing factor in carbon monoxide poisoning is that people suffering symptoms caused by the gas often are impaired by their drowsiness and may fall asleep. Anyone who suspects the early symptoms of poisoning from the gas should immediately go outside for fresh air, then make sure all others who might also have been exposed to the gas are safe. A qualified person should check all fuel-burning appliances for proper settings and ventilation.

People most at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning are infants, pregnant women, the elderly and those with histories of heart or lung problems. In severe cases of carbon monoxide poisoning, victims should be treated immediately by emergency personnel. Even after treatment, it may take a victim several hours or days to regain normal oxygen

levels in the blood.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has recommended that all new dwellings be required to be equipped with carbon monoxide detectors, which are similar to smoke detectors.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



May joy, prosperity, peace and goodwill visit your home this holiday season.

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Dale Bullinger,
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*'Tis covered with snow,
O'er hills and below,
Just in time for the big day.
And hearts are aglow,
Because they all know,
St. Nick's on his merry way!*

Season's Greetings

