

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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BY COMMISSIONERS

New Vet Officer, Road Study Okayed

Another Christmas season is here and we would take this opportunity to express our appreciation to our many friends and subscribers for a wonderful year. We would also wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

During the Christmas Holidays, the Stratford Star office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, which is our regular days for publishing the paper. Next week and the week of New Years, we will be open on Wednesday and the next two issues of The Star will be one day later getting to you in order that we may observe the holidays.

If you have news items to report, you may call our home phone at 396-5960, or the office will be open on Wednesday, December 26 to publish the paper of December 27, and again on Wednesday, January 2, to publish the paper of January 3.

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We understand that Congress, in all its wisdom, has passed a bill whereby the nation will be going back to Daylight Saving Time on January 6.

At this time we don't know how this will affect our area for the powers that be at the Stratford Schools are checking to see about what can be done to alleviate the situation of the younger school children having to get up two hours prior to daylight to catch a school bus.

Whether or not school will begin at 9:30 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m. after January 6 will be announced in next week's issue of The Star.

Frankly, we cannot see how Daylight Saving Time will result in the saving of much energy. Out here in our country we shall be burning the lights longer of a morning and again at night as a result of this new Congressional action.

The idea of getting up a kindergarten child, or first grader about 2 hours earlier than daylight on a cold snowy morning sure doesn't appeal to any of us and we are sure the school board and Supt. Bass will be doing what they can to keep this to a minimum.

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We are all aware of how the wind blows in the Panhandle at times. Last week was one of the days our Chamber of Commerce sure doesn't like to talk about for gusts hit 80 mph at times and the dirt was sumpin' to behold there about noon time.

In visiting with Roscoe Dyess the other day, he told us a story about the wind. Seems that Roscoe said that his son, Ernie, was all mad at him for killing one of his horses.

We bit and asked Roscoe how he managed to kill the horse [we knew Roscoe well enuff to know he didn't ride the horse that long.]

Roscoe replied that "I came in from working cattle at noon the day that big wind was blowing and tied the horse by his reins in the corral and went inside to eat dinner."

"While I was eating," Roscoe continued, "That wind kept on 'blowing and a'blowing. In fact when I went back out to get the horse he was dead...that wind had blowed the dirt out from under him there in the corral and he had hung himself there on the corral fence by his reins."

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This week The Star is happy to include many letters from our smaller friends where they have written to Santa Claus. We are happy to include

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A new County Veteran Service Officer was named, bids for a new car for the Sheriff's Office were opened and a cost study was authorized for the purpose of securing a right of way for a four lane highway north from the Moore-Sherman county lines to Stratford, occupied most of the day at the regular meeting of the Sherman County Commissioner's Court last week.

John Knight, who has served as Sherman County Veterans Service Officer for many years, submitted his resignation effective January 31, 1974. The name of Max Stephenson was submitted to fill the vacancy created by Knight's resignation and was named unanimously to fill the office effective February 1, 1974.

The Court opened bids for a new vehicle for the Sherman County Sheriff's Office. Bids were received from Corral Ford for \$3,875; from Duncan

Chevrolet for \$3,866.59 for a 1974 Chevrolet; and from Duncan Chevrolet for a 1973 Chevrolet for \$3,700.

The bid of Duncan Chevrolet for a 1973 Chevrolet was accepted.

County Judge W.S. (Bill) Frizzell Jr. was authorized to enter into a cost study agreement with the Texas Highway Department for the purpose of securing right of way for a 4-lane highway from the

Moore-Sherman county lines northward to Stratford.

The cause of this study is apparent because of the impending opening of the new beef processing plant at Cactus and traffic on Highway 287 is already building up to hazardous proportions.

In other business, the Court authorized the raising of salaries for county employees effective January 1, 1974, because of the increasing cost of living. The raise is about 15 percent for most county employees.

The Court authorized County Agriculture Agent Jimmy Allison to purchase a livestock dry blower for use in the county barns at a cost of \$149.50 and also for the purchase of a grass display at a cost of 135.

The Court sent copies of Resolutions to various state officials urging the Constitutional Revision Commission and the Constitutional Convention to preserve the constitutional commitment of highway funds in framing a new State Constitution.

All members of the Court were present at the meeting.

POSTOFFICE CLOSES FOR HOLIDAYS

Postmaster Frank Sutton announced Tuesday that the Stratford Post Office will close at noon on Monday, Christmas Eve, for Christmas holidays and open for business at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

The following week the post office will close at noon on Monday, December 31, for New Years Day, and open again at 8:30 a.m. January 2, 1974.

Local Churches Slate Services for Christmas

The Christmas season is upon us and local churches have scheduled many special programs in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

The Methodist Church has slated a special Candlelight Communion Service to be held Dec. 23 beginning at 6:30 p.m. and a Family Christmas Eve program scheduled for Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Special student recognition services will be observed on Dec. 30 at the regularly scheduled time.

The First Christian Church will hold their annual Christmas program at 6 p.m. on December 23. The program will include Worship, Scripture and Christmas carols, with presentations by the children and a visit by Santa Claus.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church will hold Christmas Mass and the Vigil of Nativity on Christmas Day at 9 a.m.

The Independent Baptist Church will sponsor a hayride and caroling group to leave from the church at dark on December 21. A dinner will follow the hayride and will be held in the church.

The First Baptist Church will have children's Christmas program at 7 p.m. and a Candlelighting Service on December 23 beginning at 7 p.m.

Looking back into last week, The First United Methodist Church choir presented their Christmas Cantata last Sunday at their morning services, while the First Baptist Church presented the cantata, "King of Kings" on Sunday evening.

The First Christian Church held a special program honoring J.R. (Bob) Pendleton at their regular morning services last Sunday.

The Assembly of God began their special Christmas services at 7 p.m. last Sunday.

Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:30 a.m. Social Security Representative-Court House
2 p.m. Ladies Bridge at Country Club
4 p.m. A and B girls vs Dalhart There

6:30 p.m. A and B boys vs Hartley there

7 p.m. American Legion meets at Legion Hall

8 p.m. Square Dance lessons at Legion Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

1:20 p.m. Band Concert in the High School gym.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Lieu Hoang's Birthday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS



SANTA VISITS PLAYSCHOOL--Santa Claus visited youngsters at Playschool last week and The Star photographer caught this picture. Shown above, left to right, Starla Keener, Stephanie Harrison, Kristi Kincaid, Mike Powers, Tim Cummings, Kevin

Blanford, Shelly Pickens and Matt Powers. The little girl in lower right is Kristi Chumley. Next row, Elaine Kincaid, Terrance Hager, Shawna Sadler and Melissa Steward.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1973

THE STRATFORD STAR

Tip Top Town in Texas

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TWO POINT MARGIN

Spearman Downs Elkettes

In PSC Tourney Finals

Spearman's Lynxettes squeaked by the Stratford Elkettes to claim the title in the Girls Bracket of the Panhandle State College's 50th High

School Tourney by a score of 37-35 Saturday afternoon.

The girls final game was marked by hard fought nip and tuck contest with the Lynxettes getting the final edge to take the top girl's trophy.

The Stratford Elks lost all three of their games in the tourney at Goodwell over the weekend.

The Elkettes had downed Felt 78-28 and Keyes 67-40 in their climb to Saturday's finals and another confrontation with the Spearman Lynxettes. Last Year the Elkettes only lost three games, all three to Spearman.

Recapping the final game the Elkettes were seemingly tight as a drum throughout the first half with the forwards unable to get moving. The three guards, Dalene Prescott, Melinda Zaricor and Betty Hacker played outstanding throughout the game but the forwards were unable to score ending up with turnover after turnover.

The Lynxettes jumped out in the first stanza with a 9-2 lead as the Elkettes forwards just put up the ball on three occasions. The Lynxettes continued to bomb the bucket in the second quarter and went into the dressing room at the half owning the long end of a 20-12 lead.

The Elkettes came back in the third quarter and settled down to play ball outscoring Spearman 14-11. The Elkettes pulled up to a 29-26 score and tied up the score at one time 24-24 during that stanza. Betty Hacker got in foul trouble on the Elkettes guard end and was spelled in the second half by Natalie Engelbrecht who came off the bench to turn in a fine performance.

In the fourth stanza the Elkettes tied it up again, but Spearman pulled out in front and continued to hold a two point advantage until with only

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Fort Worth Offer Declined By Bank

An offer by the Fort Worth National Corporation to acquire all of the stock of The First State Bank of Stratford in exchange for Fort Worth National Corporation stock expired on December 6 without having been accepted by the requisite number of shares held by First State Bank of Stratford shareholders.

The announcement was made today by J.A. Whittenburg, III, chairman of the board and president of The First State

Bank of Stratford. As a result, the offer to acquire the stock of the First State Bank of Stratford has been terminated.

The First State Bank of Stratford has deposits of approximately \$23 million and total assets of approximately \$26 million.

Whittenburg said it is anticipated that the policies of the bank and the services to the community will continue as in the past.

Christmas Card Project Raises \$937 for Library

Project Christmas Card has raised a total of \$937 for benefit of the Sherman County Library during the 1973 Christmas season, announced Mrs. Martha Mitts of The First State Bank of Stratford.

Project Christmas Card is held each year for benefit of the Sherman County Library and is a continuing civic project of members of the Prospectus Study Club.

Area residents are asked each year to donate the amount of money they would normally spend on sending Christmas cards locally to this fund. Names of donors are listed in a full page advertisement in the Christmas Issue of The Stratford Star. This year this advertisement can be found on Page 1 of Section 2 this issue.

Through the years this project has raised over \$10,000 for benefit of the library.

TOWN TALK

Dorothy Frizzell and sister, Daphne Womble of Fort Worth, along with two daughters, Mrs. Roy Stevenson of Fort Worth and Ruth Gannon of California, along with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frizzell of Stratford, all attended the funeral of their nephew and cousin Clay Martin in Las Animas, Colo., last Friday. Mr. Martin was hit by a car while crossing a street in LaJunta, Colo., on December 3 and died on December 11.

Mr. and Mrs. W.I. Lucas and Karen of Houston, Texas were visitors in the Dave McReynolds home last week.

Tom Lavake is in High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo again this week.



STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR--Members of the SHS Choir are pictured above at a program presented at the Mary Allen School at noon on Monday. The Choir, under direction of Bill Surface, will participate in the Mid Winter Concert in the high school gymnasium Friday at 1:20 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Shown above, front row, left to right, Mrs. Lorraine Mehner, Carol McGlothlin, Brenda Dodson, Terri Walker, Stephanie Summerour is hidden behind Bill Surface, Ava Griffin, Patti Stevens, LuAnn Sherrod, Kim Cotney, Tracy Hamilton, Dianne Romero, Patsy

Romero. Center row, Betty Sadler, Pam Rhoades, Paula Deckard, Verlie Ellison is hidden, Jeree Gilley, Cindy Stokes, Jode Lasley, Christy Husmann, Romero Juarado, Gloria Pleyer, Shirlyn Christian, Ginger Borth. Boys row, Jeff Pronger, Carol Sadler, Bobby Searle and Billy Adkins. Back row, Carrie Cummings, Kathleen Martin, Jan Wells, Debbie Crawford, Steve Coats, Timmie Bryson, Brady Heil, Steve Williams is hidden, and Mark Beaty.

NOTICE

Stratford Clinic WILL BE CLOSED December 22 - 26

Open For Business
On December 27
DR. CLAUDE HARLOW

OBITUARIES

Mary Roper

Services for Mrs. Mary Beatrice Roper, 73, were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the First Christian Church of Gruver. The Rev. Phillip Stallions, pastor, officiated at the service. Burial was in the Gruver Cemetery by Ed Brown and Sons Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Roper, a Gruver resident since 1917, died Thursday in St. Anthony's Hospital at Amarillo.

Her husband, Henry, preceded her in death on November 8, 1973.

Survivors include a son, Emory D. of Stratford; three daughters, Mrs. Otho Gammill of Gruver, Mrs. Jess Edwards of Cedar Vale, Kansas and Mrs. Denny Judkins of Stratford; a brother, Harry Lytle of Stratford; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

TRACK ...from Page 1

these letters in our Christmas Edition each year and hope you will enjoy them. Most of them can be found inside Section II of this issue.

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Monday was a beautiful day with temperatures soaring up in the high 50's but Tuesday night a new front was scheduled to move in bringing colder temperatures and we hope some moisture. We hope if it does bring moisture the snow falls down and not sideways!

Commodity prices Tuesday noon showed wheat selling for \$4.80 per bushel, grain sorghum at \$4.05 per cwt and corn at \$2.63 per bushel on local markets.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BASKETBALL ...from Page 1

seconds to go in the game when the score stood at 37-35 in favor of Spearman.

One of the Lynettes had a one and one shot with 6 seconds on the clock, but missed and Dalene Prescott got the rebound threw the ball downcourt to D'Lynn Brown. D'Lynn relayed the ball to Cindy Stokes and her pass to Gina Bass was wide and

Adult Ed Classes Set For Area

A series of four Adult Education Classes will be made available to residents of the area if there is sufficient interest, announced Supt. E.L. Bass.

The four different levels which will be offered include BEGINNING LEVEL—those who have not achieved at least a third grade education; INTERMEDIATE LEVEL—those who have completed the third grade but have not completed the sixth grade; ADVANCED LEVEL—those who have completed the sixth grade but not completed eighth grade; GED-HIGH SCHOOL—those who

the buzzer sounded giving Spearman the narrow victory.

Peggy Floyd of Spearman was high scorer in the contest hitting for 27 points while Phyllis Miller of Stratford lead the blue and white with 12. Cindy Stokes hit for 10, Miss Brown hit 9 and Gina Bass got 4 in the contest.

Recapping other games at the PSC Tourney, the Elkettes bombed Felt on Thursday 78-28 with five forwards hitting in double figures. Miss Brown hit for 21, Miss Stokes hit for 18, Miss Bass got 16, Debbie Crawford got 12, Miss Miller hit for 10 and Vicki Bell got a single as the Elkettes lead all the way 26-3, 44-17, 54-21 and won 78-28. Schnauer was high for Felt with 19 points.

In Friday's encounter, the Elkettes downed Keyes 67-40 with Miss Brown leading the scorers with 31 points followed by Miss Stokes with 11 and Miss Miller and Miss Bass got 10 each while Miss Bell hit for 3 and Miss Crawford got a pair.

The Elkettes lead all the way 14-4, 37-18, 49-30 and won 67-40. Sherri Reeves was high for Keyes with 21 points.

The Elks didn't fare quite so well at PSC this year as Coach Sam Brite's inexperienced crew played without the services of Ricky Howard, in the first two games and lost all three games.

The Elks lost their opener to eventual Tourney Champion Gruver 54-37 on Thursday. Stratford lead early 13-11 but trailed at the half 29-17 and 46-23 at the end of the third and lost 54-37.

Mark Beaty was high for Stratford with 9 points while

Laxson for Gruver lead all scorers with 17 points.

On Friday the Elks fell to Keyes 50-42 in a hard-fought contest. Keyes lead 13-8, 20-16 and 33-27 before winning 50-42. Lowe was high scorer for Keyes in the contest hitting 20 points while Darrell Doshier was high for Stratford with 10.

In the final game Saturday morning the Elks never got untracked against Felt and lost 54-43 with Schnauer and McDaniel sharing high scoring honors for Felt with 14 points each. Rick Howard was high for Stratford with 10.

This week the Stratford Elkettes will open District 1AA action against Dalhart on Thursday night while the Elks

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Dave McReynolds
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Band Concert Set Friday

The Stratford High School Band and the Stratford Elk Stage Band under the direction of Gary Laramore and the Junior High Band and High School Choir under the direction of Bill Surface will combine their

talents Friday at 1:20 p.m. to bring the public a fine concert.

The concert will be held in the High School Gym.

The following selections will be played by the High School Band "Bravura", "Sycopated Clock" and Jingle Bells Rhapsody".

The Stage Band will be playing the following numbers: "Moving Up", "Jamie" and "Drummer's Deal."

The Junior High Band will play the following selections:

"Commanding Officer", "The Water Is Wide" and "Spirit of Christmas".

The High School Choir will sing "White Christmas", "Silent Night", "Up On the House Top" and "Jingle Bells".

School will be dismissed for the holidays following the concert and will resume on January 3.

It was once considered unhealthy to eat food left out in the night air.

GREETINGS TO ALL CATTLEMEN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 was a good day for a cattle auction in Texhoma. The auction began at 11 AM Sharp Central Standard Time, and was completed at 4 PM, selling 2,451 cattle and calves thru the arena.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, has been advertised for some time as a "SPECIAL COW SALE" [The SPECIAL COW SALE we held here on December 7, we sold 872 cows of various classes]. Advise us of your plans for this FRIDAY, December 21.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, will be our last cattle auction in 1973. This particular sale has been advertised as a "REGULAR CONSIGNMENT SALE", Both for Jackpot and larger consignments.

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We take great joy at this time to express our sincere thanks to our many friends!

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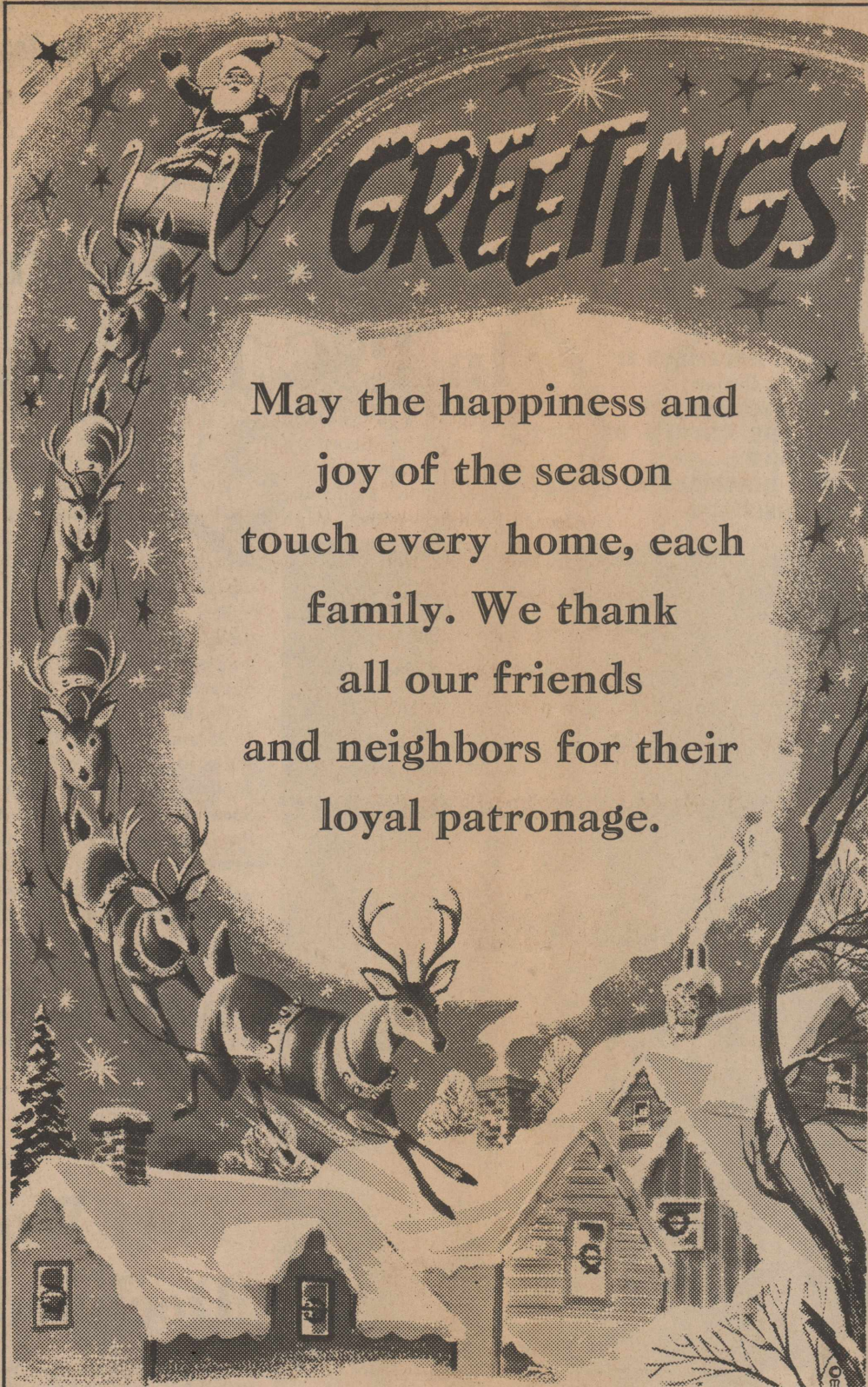
Will Be In Our Bank All Day

FRIDAY Dec 21

To Visit With His Little Friends

We Will Close At NOON December 24 For Christmas

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May the happiness and joy of the season touch every home, each family. We thank all our friends and neighbors for their loyal patronage.

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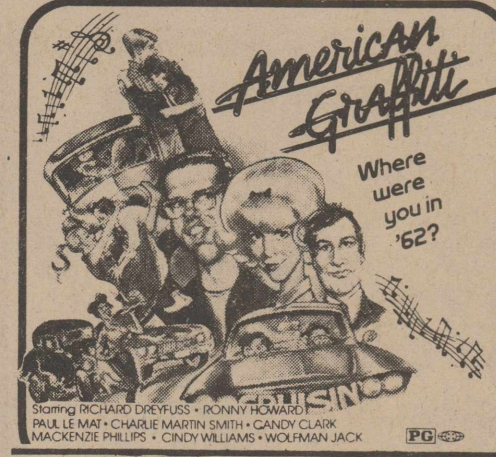


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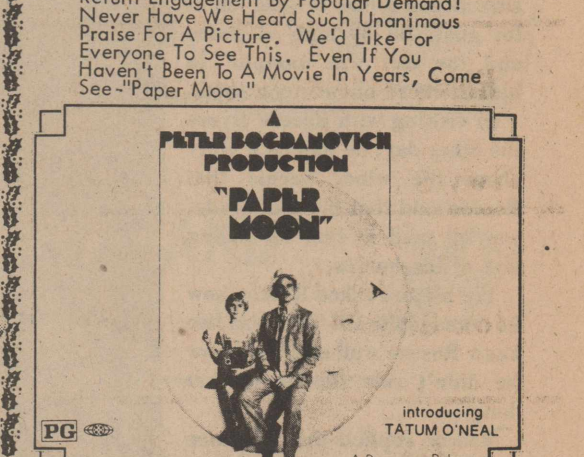
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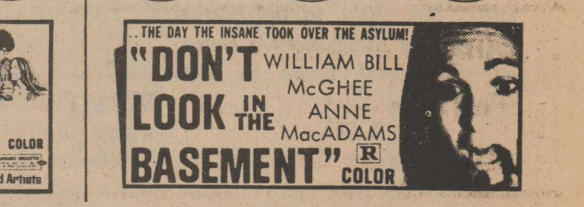
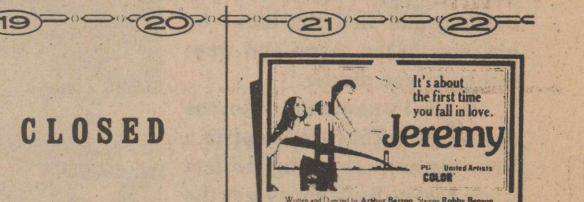
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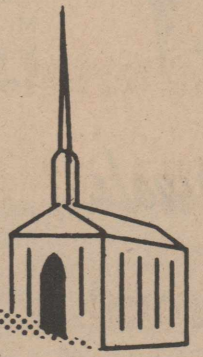
DECEMBER 1973
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DRIVE IN THEATRE
GUYMON, OKLAHOMA



"Thou wilt shew me the path of life:
in thy presence is fulness of Joy..."

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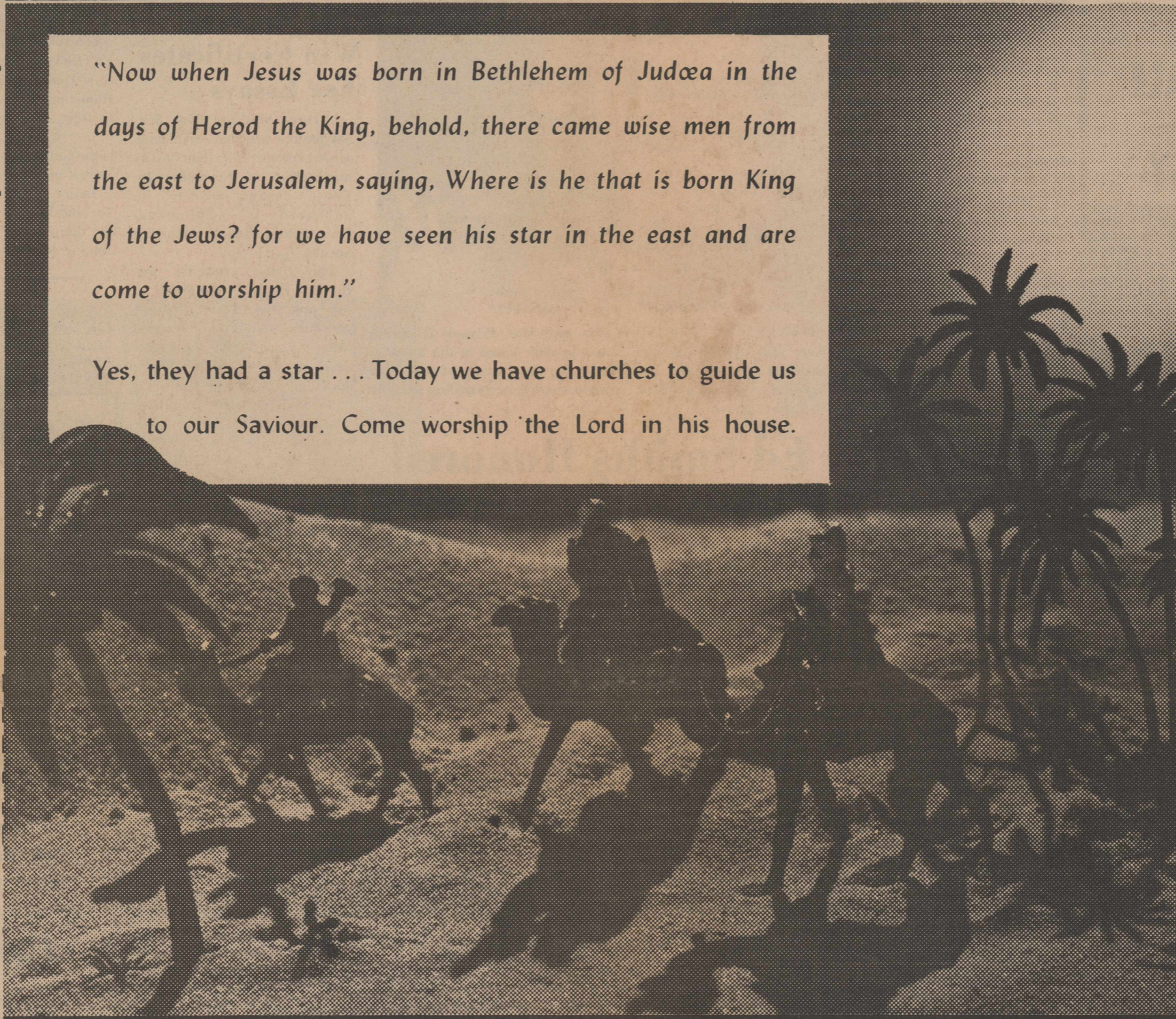
HERE IS THE PATH



They had a STAR

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa 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."

Yes, they had a star . . . Today we have churches to guide us to our Saviour. Come worship the Lord in his house.



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services.....8:00 p.m.
Rev. J.M. Ashley

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third at Chestnut Streets
Sunday Bible School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:55 a.m.
Ladies Bible Class (Tuesday).....9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes.....8:00 p.m.
Minister Bob Beaty

FIRST BAPTIST

Third at Fulton Streets
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Church Training.....6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services.....7:30 p.m.
Rev. Bruce Mitchell

**The Churches
Of
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Welcome Your Family

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

Main at Sixth Street
Church School.....9:40 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:50 a.m.
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Evening Worship.....6:30 p.m.
Rev. J. Frank Peery

FIRST CHRISTIAN

North Main At Fifth Streets
Church School.....9:50 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice.....8:00 p.m.
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INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

Sunday School.....10 a.m.
Church Services.....11 a.m.
Wednesday Nites.....7:30 p.m.
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Confessions Before Saturday
and Sunday Masses
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**This Series of Church Ads Is Being Published Through the Cooperation of the Local Ministerial Alliance and Is Sponsored By
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Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Duggan and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rex Tillery of Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Stacy are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Wayne Otis, on December 12, 1973 at 5:30 p.m. in the Dumas Memorial Hospital.

Wayne weighed 6 lbs. 10 1/2 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. He is welcomed into the world by his parents; two sisters,

Debbie, 15, and LaRonda, 12; his maternal grandmother, Mr. Leo Nichols of Anton, Texas; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. W.O. Stacy of Hereford, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Arnold of Dallas are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter, Jill Nichole, Jill was born December 5, 1973 in the Baylor Hospital in Dallas. She weighed 7 lb. and 14 oz.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Ena Hobdy of Seminole, Texas.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Odell Arnold of Stratford.

Great grandparents include J.E. Arnold of Truth of Consequences, New Mexico and Mrs. Mollie Price of Seminole, Texas.

Great-great grandfather to the new arrival is L.L. Arnold of Spur, Texas.

Embroidery Club Holds Annual Event

Embroidery Club held their annual Christmas party Thursday in the home of Mrs. R.C. Buckles.

The members enjoyed exchanging gifts and were served sandwiches, fruit cake and coffee.

The program consisted of singing Christmas songs and several readings.

Those members present included Mesdames: R.C. Buckles, C. O'Brien, John Kidwell, Melvin Seigman, G.L. Taylor, F.W. Butler, Leo Meek, H.T. Galloway, Nora Raney, Ben Biddy, Horace Sneed, Bernice Dortch and Sam Wohlford.

Singles Club Has Christmas Party Friday

The Stratford Singles Club held their annual Christmas party Friday night in the beautifully decorated home of Earnest Hubbard.

The 23 members present played all types of games, exchanged gag gifts, and enjoyed punch, coffee and cake.

Plans were finalized for the New Year's Eve Progressive Dinner. The dinner will start from Carolee Dean's with appetizers.

Kings Daughters Class Has Christmas Party

The King's Daughters Sunday School Class had their Christmas party at Mrs. John Lavake's on Saturday afternoon.

The members enjoyed visiting and the reading of a Christmas poem.

All those present exchanged gifts.

Enjoying the occasion were Lola Beall, Pauline Jones, Opal Springfield, Mrs. Fogo, Addie Taylor, Loretta Butler, Ione Reed and Corda Pleyer.



ANNIVERSARY ON SUNDAY--Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Smith were surprised with an Open House in their honor at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Smith, on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Smith is wearing her wedding dress in the photo above.

Ed Smiths Honored On 25th Anniversary

In observance of their 25th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Smith were honored with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Smith.

The event was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cozart.

Mrs. Smith was attired in her original wedding dress and wore the pen that she wore for her wedding 25 years ago.

The cake top was taken from their wedding cake.

The best man, Mr. H.B.

Turner was present for the occasion.

The former Charlene Bolster became the bride of Edward H. Smith on December 24, 1948, in the bride's home south of Stratford.

The Smiths have been residents of Stratford since their marriage.

Out of town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Warner of Elkhart, Kans; and Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Gaylord of Guymon, Okla.

Several guests from Stratford attended the occasion.

mans, Frank Peerys, Don Gurleys, Bruce Mitchells, Don Knights, L.G. Blakes, Jody Richardsons, David Harkers, George Bonds, Charles Durrs, Kenneth Kendricks, Cecil Wrights, Stanley Pleyers, J.M. Ashleys, Steve Dettles, Jim Cheshers, Bill Riffes, Floy Yates, Doug McBrydes, Doug Reeses, Jim Inghams, Miss Evelyn Cooper and Mesdames Lela Moon, Inza Lee Buckles, Mary Riffe, Kathleen King, Martha Harrison and Lorraine Mehner.

SHS Students Win Certificates For Essays

Three Stratford High School Seniors received certificates of Acceptance for their essay manuscripts on November 26. These essays are to be published in semi-annual "Anathology Young American Speaks."

The three students are Brenda Dodson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dodson; Alta Gross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Gross; and Patti Jackson, daughter of Mrs. W.N. Jackson.

Brenda's essay was entitled, "Sportsmanship; Alta's essay was entitled "What America Means to Me" and Patti's was entitled "Responsibilities."

The essay contest is sponsored by the National Essay Press held in Los Angeles, 34, California.

Two Stratfordites Among Honorees

Two former Stratford students have recently been named on the honor rolls at Texas State Technical Institute in Amarillo.

David A. Brown was named to the President's honor roll and Janice M. Willey was named to the Vice-president's honor roll, according to Lovell A. Pillow, general manager of the Amarillo campus.

Membership on the President's honor roll is attained by maintaining a 4.0 grade average and a membership on the Vice-president's honor roll by attaining a 3.5 grade average.

David is majoring in Agricultural Equipment Mechanic and



ENTERS WOOL CONTEST--Verlie Ellison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ellison, is shown above wearing the outfit she made in Homemaking class in SHS. Verlie entered the Make It With Wool Contest wearing the outfit in Lubbock recently.

is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Brown of Stratford.

Janice Willey is majoring in Technical Office Training and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Joe Willey of Stratford.

Greens Have Meaning

Greens that adorn home, streets and stores at holiday time entered the lore of Christmas from pagan rites of old.

The ancients believed that each green had its own significance, and an ability to do certain good—or evil—things.

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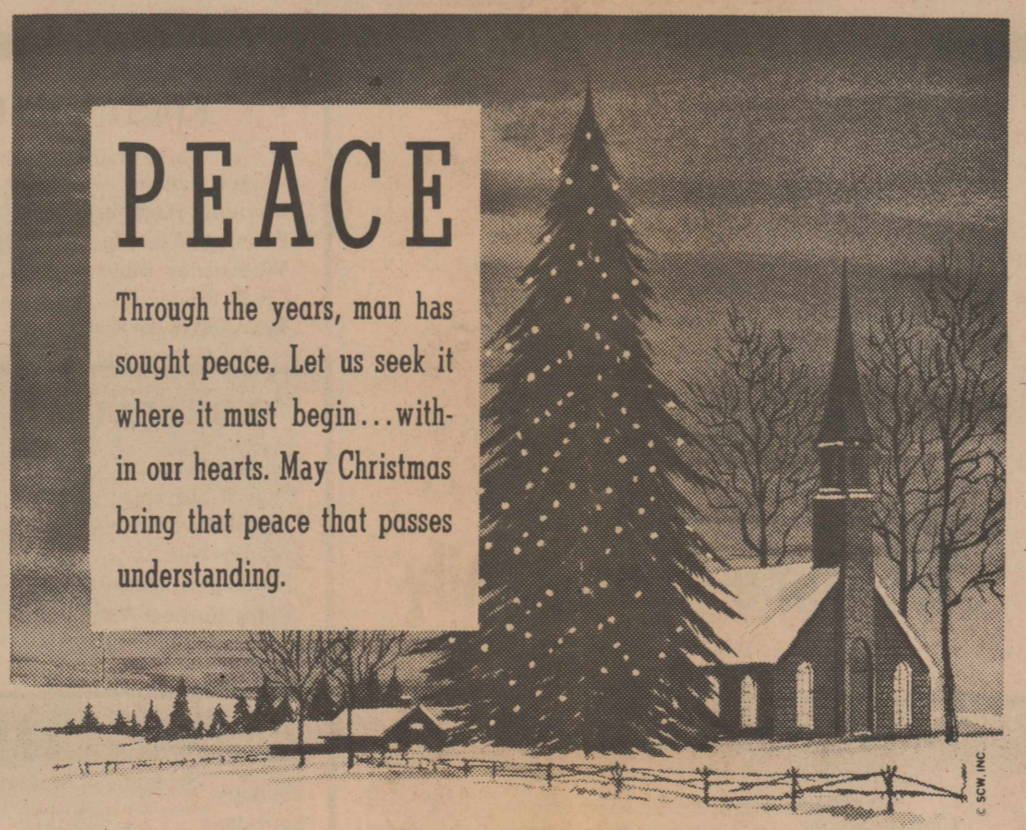
A Christmas Buffet in the beautifully decorated country home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronal Engelbrecht was enjoyed by about 65 Stratford Music Club members, their husbands, and special guests. Guests were welcomed at the door by Mr. Engelbrecht, Mrs. Jim Ingham, club president and Jim Ingham.

Following the buffet, traditional carols were sung by the group, led by Mrs. Gail McDaniel, accompanied by Mrs. Bob Boardman. The

Biblical Christmas Story was read by Jim Ingham.

"The Revelations of Amarillo," a gospel quartet, provided the entertainment. Inspirational and toe-tapping selections were sung by Mel Adkins, tenor, Larry Jones, lead, Jack Carter, baritone, and Leon Hudson, bass. Their pianist was Wayne Pitier.

Among those present were the Bill Borens, Gail McDaniels, Don Moons, Fred McDaniels, H.T. Galloways, Bob Board-



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Lady Vet Numbers Up

Women comprise 1.9 per cent of the nation's 29 million veterans, the Veterans Administration reported today. The figure includes 8,500 separated from military service in fiscal year 1973.

VA Regional Office Director Jack Coker said there are 542,000 women veterans, 305,000 of whom are credited with World War II service. Nurses who served during the Spanish-American War and

World War I women veterans total 15,000. Vietnam-era women veterans numbered 91,000 through June 30, 1973.

During World War I, women served as military nurses, Navy Yeomanettes and women Marines. The Women's Army Corps was not established until World War II.

Coker noted that with the military services recruiting greater numbers of women the percentage of women veterans should rise in coming years.

What's New At Your School. . .



FAIR CHANCE PACKAGES--These youngsters in the Stratford Middle School are shown with a portion of the used clothing collected to be sent to Fair Chance Inc., a non profit organization which makes items available for needy youngsters over the Southwest. Shown here, left to right, front, Lee Riffe, Rosa Escamilla, Chris Preston, Susan Preston, Shawna Summerour and Patti Dietrich. Back row, Anthony Slover, Leon Farris, Mark Keener, Laura Riffe, Melba Brooks and Kim Everson.



MUSIC CLUB HEARS REVELATIONS--The gospel singing quartet, The Revelations of Amarillo, provided entertainment for Stratford Music Club members and guests at their Christmas Buffet Dec. 11. The home of the Ronald Engelbrechts was the setting for the event. From left, Mel Adkins, Larry Jones, Jack Carter, Leon Hudson and seated, Wayne Pitner.

Blessings

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Holiday Menus Featured

Keeping in mind the food that is prepared and eaten this time of year, we decided to run a feature not on one good cook, but on several. We went through many papers and picked out a few of the good recipes we've used in the past year, so hope this makes your holiday baking a little easier.

Our first recipe comes to us from the December 14, 1972 edition of the Star and is the work of Cindy Summerour. Cindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Summerour and is a junior in Stratford High School.

RUM POUND CAKE

2 c. flour
1 3/4 c. sugar
5 eggs
1/2 lb. oleo [2 sticks]
1 t. vanilla
1 t. butter extract
1 t. rum extract

Cream oleo and add sugar gradually. Add eggs one at a time and mix well. Add extracts and mix. Add flour, a little at a time, until well blended. Pour mixture into a greased and floured bundt pan and bake at 325 degrees for one hour.

ICING

1 c. sugar
1/2 c. water
1 t. rum

Bring water and sugar to a boil. Cool and add rum. Using a pastry brush brush mixture over cake while still warm.

CINDY SUMMEROUR

CHARYLENE SMITH

Warm Christmas Wishes

A cozy setting makes home the place for every heart during the Christmas season.

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Our next recipe was taken from the January 20, 1972 edition of the Star and was given to us by Mrs. Willie (Charylene) Smith. Charylene has been teaching the fourth grade in the Mary Allen Elementary School for the past several years.

RAW PEANUT CANDY

2 1/2 c. sugar
2/3 c. white Karo Syrup
1 c. canned milk
3 c. raw peanuts

Bring to a boil and simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Beat and drop onto waxed paper.

Our third recipe was used in the January 4, 1973 edition of the Star and comes to us by way of Mrs. Dale (Becky) Mahan. Becky and her husband are the managers of the Headquarters Restaurant, starting their second year in Stratford.

HOLIDAY FRUIT CAKE

1 c. cocoa
2 1/2 lbs. sugar
1 lb. oleo
2 1/2 lb. flour
12 eggs
1/4 c. baking powder
1 pint wine

Put in mixer and mix until

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smooth, fold in a 1/2 pint of mixed fruit and bake in 375 degree oven for one hour. This serves 72 people so is a good idea for that holiday baking that you might do and use for gifts.

BECKY MAHAN

Our final recipe was used not long ago in the November 22, 1973 edition of the Star, but was so good we were afraid someone might have missed it, so here it is again. It is the work of Mrs. William (Clara) Penn, who is a retired school teacher and moved to Stratford only a few months ago.

CLARA PENN

ORANGE BREAD

1 large thick skinned orange-boiling water
1 c. raisins and chopped dates
1 t. soda
1 c. sugar
1 T. shortening
1 t. vanilla
1 beaten egg
2 c. flour
1 t. baking powder
1/4 t. salt
1/2 c. nuts

Squeeze the juice from the orange and grind the orange peel-add the raisins and dates to make one cup. Pour over peel mixture. Add the soda, shortening, sugar and vanilla. Add the beaten egg, then the flour that has been mixed with the salt and baking powder. Beat thoroughly. Add nuts and bake in a greased loaf pan for 50 minutes at 350 degrees.

Lung Seal Drive Lags

Sherman County program director of the American Lung Association of Texas Mrs. Shirley Plunk, said today that Christmas Seal contributions to support the Association's flight against emphysema, TB and other lung diseases is lagging badly.

Encouraging residents of Sherman County to answer Christmas Seal letters as generously as possible, Mrs. Plunk said that the Association is carrying on a massive program to overturn the popularity of cigarette smoking among the school age population in the Texas Panhandle.

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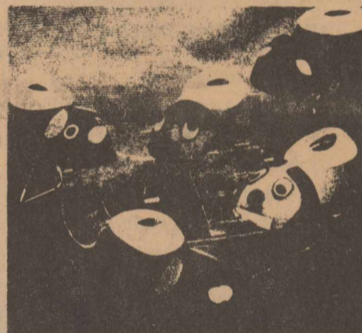


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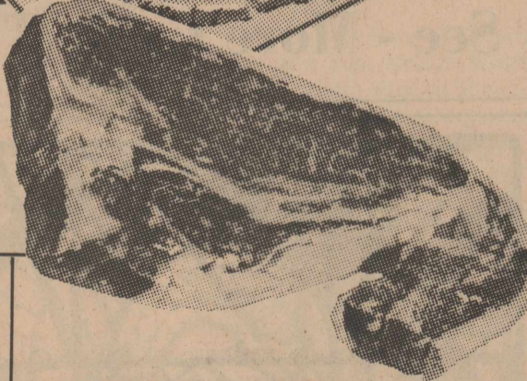
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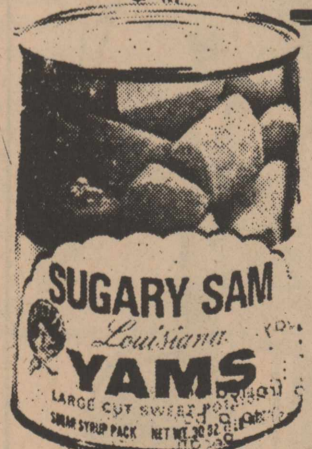
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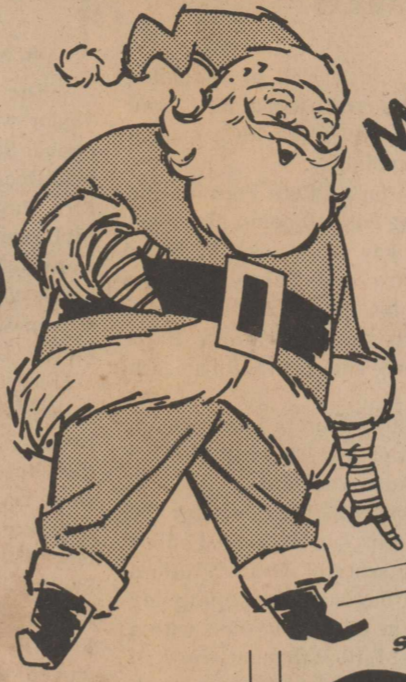
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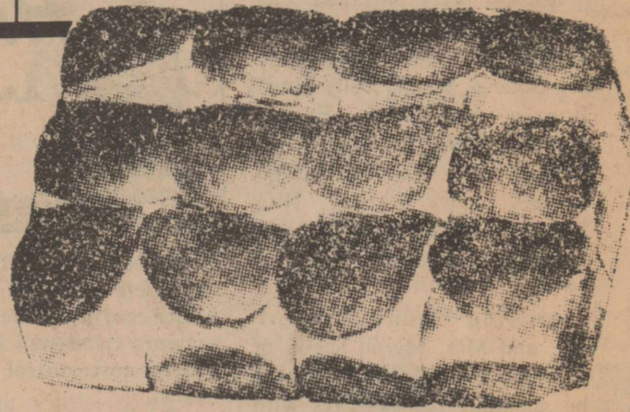


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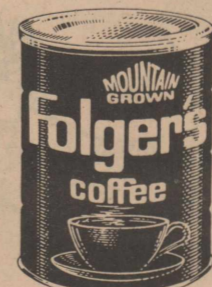


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PREP BASKETBALL

Two Wins Logged By Local Teams

Stratford's Freshman Boys, along with the 7th Grade Girls won their games this week while the 7th and 8th Boys and 8th Girls lost their contests this Monday night.

The Freshman won over Boys Ranchers by a score of 31-25 in a nip and tuck affair. Stratford lead 12-7 at the end of the first, went in at the half tied at 16-16 and lead 22-20 at the end of the third and won 31-25.

Bill Stroud lead the young Elks with 13 points followed by DanDec Hudson with 6, Tommy Ewers and Joe Zaricor with 4 each while Joe Albert and Leonard Duncan got a pair each.

The 7th Girls won over Dumas 33-10 in a one-sided affair as the Stratford 7th lead 10-2, 20-3 and 30-5 before winning 33-10.

Barrie Donelson lead the scoring for Stratford with 15 while Valerie Mitts hit for 12 with Jean Ann Keener and LaRonda Stacy getting two points each.

The 8th Girls (lost their game to Dumas after leading at the end of the third quarter by a score of 22-11. The 8th Grade Girls were all tied 2-2 at the end of the first stanza then lead 14-7 at the half and 22-11 at the end of three but lost the game in the final quarter by a score of 26-25.

Brenda Hawkins was high for Stratford with 11 points while Kay Lewis and Patti Dietrich got 4 each with Laura Riffe, Sherry Beavers and Patti Pool hitting for two points each in the game.

Stratford's 8th Grade Boys lost a hard fought battle to Boys Ranch 21-17 Monday night here. The Ranchers led 6-4, then Stratford led at the half 9-8 and at the end of the third 13-11 but lost in the final stanza 21-17.

Duane Gillenwaters and Taylor Johnson hit for 4 each while Jeff Howard hit for 3 with Ralph Keener, Donovan Ferguson and Max Plunk all sinking a pair.

The 8th lost the game at the freethrow line hitting only one charity point out of a possible 14 in the game.

In the 7th Grade Boys game Stratford and Boys Ranch battled to a low scoring affair in the first as the Ranchers led 2-0 at the end of the first stanza then led at the half 10-0. Stratford managed four points in the third and was held scoreless again in the fourth as they lost 16-4.

Noel Chesmer made all four points for Stratford in the game.

Recapping last week's prep basketball action, the 7 grade girls squeaked by Phillips 45-44 in a real thriller.

The Stratford 7 girls led 15-8 at the end of the first and went in at the half with a 17 point lead of 27-10.

At the end of the third, Stratford still had the lead by a margin of 12 with 39-27. Phillips outscored Stratford by 11 points in the last stanza and narrowed the final score to 45-44.

Barrie Donelson led the scoring for Stratford with 30 points while LaRonda Stacy put up 11 and Jean Ann Keener and Valerie Mitts each got a pair.

Phillips was led by Rankin with 31 points, 24 of which were put up in the last two stanzas. Poulain got 7 and Lewellyn scored for 6 in the game.

Stratford's 8 girls wholoped the Hawks with a score of 38-9. Stratford lead by 12-0 at the end of the first then 24-3 at the half. Stratford came back in the third

with a long lead of 24 points making the score 30-6 and ended the game with a margin of 29 points.

Stratford's Patti Pool led the scoring with 10 points, followed by Kay Lewis with 8. Brenda Hawkins and Sherry Beavers each hit for 6, while Connie Moore put up 4 and Patti Dietrich and Laura Riffe each sunk 2.

Phillips scorers were Hough with 4 points; Thompson with 3 and Adams sinking 2.

In boy's action this week the Stratford 7 won over Phillips with a score of 34-13. Stratford led throughout the game going in at the end of the first with a score of 10-3 then at the half they led 15-6. Stratford came back with the same vigor for the second half of the contest leading at the end of the third with 23-10 and won with a margin of 21 points.

Leading the scoring for Stratford was Toby Wisdom with 10 points. Toby was followed by Roger Wells with 5; Noel Chesmer and Rick Olson with 4; Rodney Oquin scored for 3 and Phillips, Hacker, Johnston and Ingham all put up 2.

Phillip's high scorer was Key with 5 points.

The Phillip's 8 boys pulled rank over Stratford with a score of 45-24.

Phillips proved to be too much, gaining a fast lead and holding it throughout the game. Phillips led 12-6 at the end of the first; 23-16 at the half; 41-18 at the end of the third and ended up beating Stratford by a margin of 21 points.

Phillips led the scoring with Yarbrough scoring 13 and each of five other players all scoring over 4 points.

Ralph Keener led the scoring for Stratford with 12 points followed by Donovan Ferguson with 4 and Jeff Howard, Taylor Johnson, Max Plunk and Ken Ingham all getting 2 points each.

The 9 boys got the edge over Phillips early in the game and held that lead to win 40-30.

Stratford led at the end of the first 11-5; 22-14 at the half;

Kerrick News

by Mrs. Fred McDaniel

The home of Mrs. Walker Taylor was the setting for the annual Secret Pal Salad Supper held Dec. 14. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Ray Taylor and Mrs. Fred McDaniel. Five quartet tables were set for the guests with single green tapers surrounded by miniature fruit centering each table.

Liverpool Rummy was played with Polly Durr winning the prize. The presents were distributed and Pals for 1973 were revealed. Names for the next year were drawn with three new Pals participating, Leda Stanley, Pat Boren and Anita Taylor. Withdrawing were Sherry Wagoner, who has moved to Hereford and Ruby McKee who will be moving south of Conlen, Lucy McKee and Donna Hamel who now lives in Stratford and Josephine Gruver.

Present were Miranda Florida, Jo June McDaniel, Lynn Wells, Pat Boren, Franny Taylor, Geneva Moon, Polly Durr, Bonnie Hayworth, Eunice Combs, Ruby McKee, Lucy McKee, Joy Naylor, Mabel Rogers, Leda Stanley, Nita Taylor, Rose Taylor and Marylou McDaniel.

Arriving Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Myron Leedy of Junction City, Kansas who will be spending the holidays with their daughter Mary Lou McDaniel and Fred. Mike McDaniel is expected home Saturday and Patti McDaniel late Christmas Eve. Both live in Denver.

Kerrick Community ladies served the Cimarron Feeders Dec. 13 for their annual Christmas supper. This was the third year the group has furnished this service as a fund raising project of the community. Seventy-two persons were served.

Santa will arrive at Kerrick Community Center Friday night, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. A program is planned with children and youth participating, then a Christmas play will be presented by Pat Boren, Marylou McDaniel, Jerry Hayworth and Hank Rogers. There will be treats for all.

Sunday visitors in the homes of Bill and Al Boren were Janet Kirchoffner of Keyes, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boren and sons, Mitchell and Barnett of Houston, Texas.

Texhoma Sale Cattle Report

2451 cattle were sold thru the arena at Texhoma last Friday. The market was very active thru out. Not to many choice quality steer and heifer calves were offered, but those that were here sold \$3.00 to \$5.00 per cwt higher than the previous week.

Some representative sales were as follows: 12 WF steer calves Av. wt. 315# at \$64.75 per cwt.; 6 Char steer calves Av. Wt. 352# at \$63.00 per cwt.; 14 WF heifer calves Av. wt. 412# at \$56.25 per cwt.; 63 Char heifer calves Av. wt. 428# at \$51.50 per cwt.; 74 WF steers Av. wt. 867# at \$42.80 per cwt.; 12 Blk WF heifers Av. wt. 656# at \$44.90 per cwt.

Next Friday, Dec. 21, has been advertised for some time as a Special Cow sale. At the time of this writing we don't know how many cows we will have, but we will have several consignments of calves at side.

Huge Tree Is Symbol of Man

A French story of the 13th century relates how a huge tree was discovered in a forest, its branches lit with candles.

Some branches rose straight up, while others were turned down. Atop the tree was a child, with a halo around his head.

36-24 at the end of the third and came out on the long end of the stick with a victory of 10 points.

Stratford led the scoring with Bill Stroud and RanDee Hudson both getting 11 each. Tom Ewers put up 9 followed by Will Allen with 7 and Leonard Duncan got 2 in the game.

Phillips high scorer in the game was Kohet with 14 points.



WELCOME, SECRET PALS--Rose Taylor, right, welcomes three new Kerrick Secret Pals last Friday night for their annual supper and party. From left, Leda Stanley, a new resident, Anita Taylor and Pat Boren. Eighteen Pals were present.

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of Dallas to the Texas Library and Historical Commission.

Talmage Whiteside is new vice-president for business affairs of the University of Texas school of nursing.

SHORT SNORTS

Credit life and disability insurance rates have been slashed 22.7 per cent.

A Democratic party rules committee held hearings here December 15 on delegate selection procedures for a 1974 mini-convention.

State Sen. Jack Hightower of Vernon announced as a Democratic candidate for congress in the 13th congressional district. Rep. Charles Finnell of Holliday announced for Hightower's senate seat.

The State Board of Control is developing a car pool plan for state employees.

Water quality management plans for the San Antonio, Colorado, Guadalupe and Sabine River basins have received federal approval.

Texas is one of four states joining in a federal court lawsuit to force release of \$55.5 million in funds under the higher education act of 1965. The Texas share of impounded funds would be \$3 million.

Legislators, led by House Speaker Price Daniel Jr., are still crowding for a special legislative session on energy matters, and key House committees have started hearings in preparation.

Rep. Ray Hutchison of Dallas is the newest Republican candidate for governor, and is apparently backed by some party leaders.

Boys Ranch Suit Drive Underway

The goal to provide each of the 368 boys at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch with a new suit or clothing package for Christmas began today.

"Although costs for new suits will exceed \$25.00, some of the Ranch's boys receive clothing packages for less than that amount," Virgil Patterson, Ranch president, said. "Amarillo merchants also help by making it possible for the boys to have suits at discounts. Suits and clothing packages will average about \$25.00 per boy."

The suits replace those that have been worn out or outgrown, and in many cases, they are the first new suits some of the boys have ever owned. The boys get to select their own suits from Amarillo department stores.

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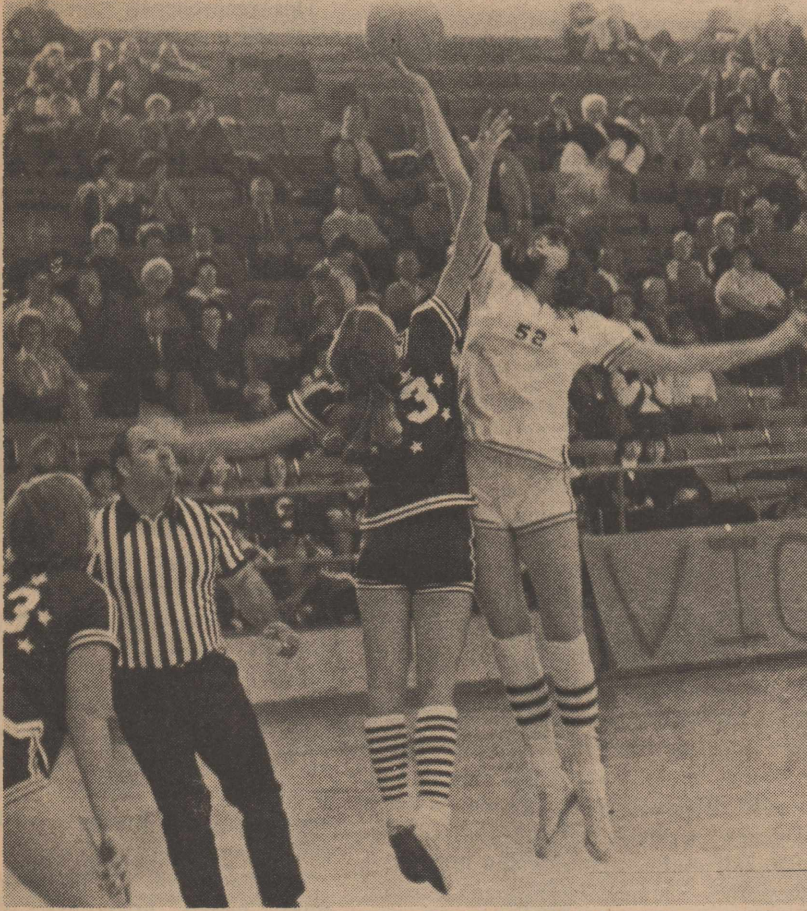
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D'LYNN BROWN GETS THE TIPOFF



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VARSITY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 20, A & B Boys vs Hartley, There, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 20 A & B Girls vs Dalhart, There, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 29, A & B Boys & Girls vs Texhoma, Here, 4 p.m.

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Monday, Jan. 7, 7-8-9 Boys vs Dalhart, Here, 5 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 7, 7-8 Girls vs Dalhart, There, 5 p.m.



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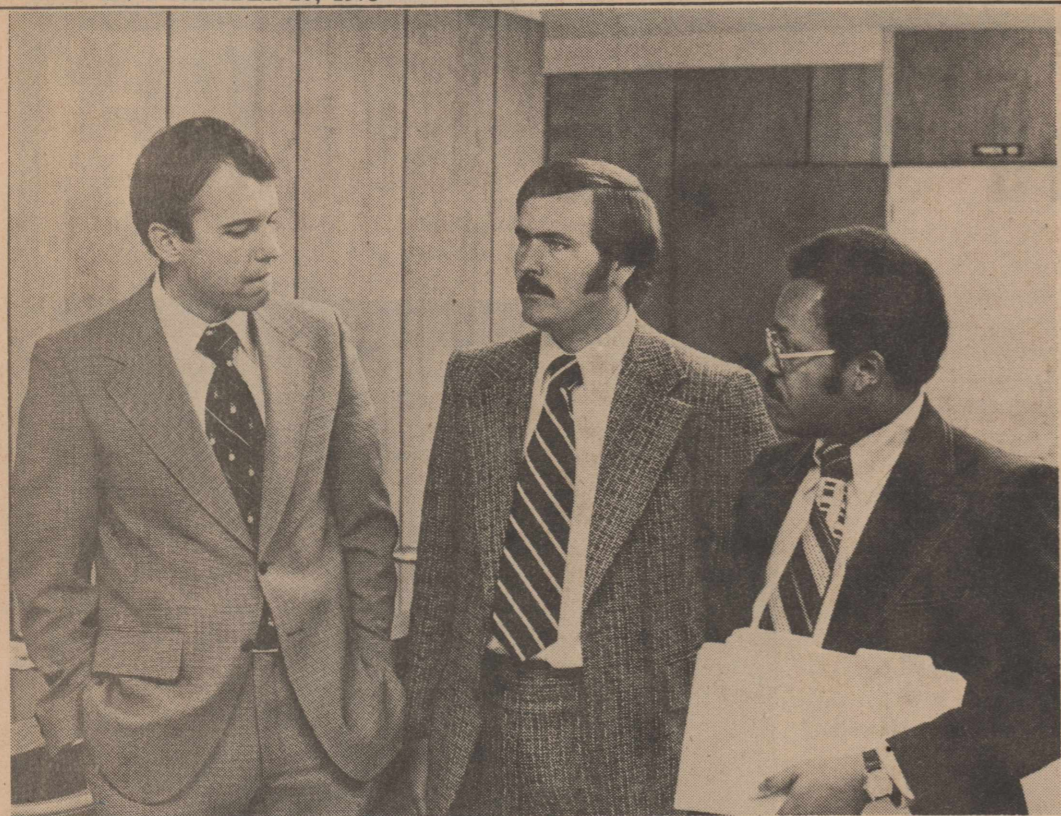
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INTERVIEWING GRADUATES—Charles Plunk, center, a native of Stratford and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Plunk, is shown with Gary Story of Hereford and Alan Roberts of Amarillo as the trio interview prospective students at WTSU in Canyon.

Stratford Ex Student Interviews WTSU Grads

AMARILLO, Texas—Three West Texas State University exes who are now businessmen, came back to WTSU last week to interview graduating students and alumni for prospective positions with their companies.

Charles Plunk, a Stratford native, and Alan Roberts from Xerox Corporation and Gary Story of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston interviewed students through the Public Services office of WTSU, which offers job placement service free to all WTSU graduates.

Plunk, who graduated from WTSU in May, 1970, with a degree in marketing, said his job in staff management at Xerox came as a result of an interview through the WTSU Public Service office.

Plunk is a graduate of Stratford High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Plunk of Stratford.

Roberts was graduated from WTSU in December, 1970, with a degree in physical education and a minor in business. He is a Xerox sales representative in Hereford, Canyon and Amarillo.

Story, a May, 1971 graduate, interviewed students for loan representatives with Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston and Production Credit Association of Texas. Story was 1970-71 Student Association president at WTSU.

"We're here," said Plunk, "to let people know that there are good jobs available with Xerox in this area for people with degrees or technical training. For instance, in Amarillo, of the six people in our sales office, four at WTSU graduates," Plunk said. "And at least four of the nine people in our technical office are enrolled at WTSU or attended there."

Interviewing people for jobs is one of Plunk's duties. For Roberts, it is good experience. The men praised Public Services' objective, because, it not only helps the graduate looking for a job or an alumnus

exploring the possibility of a job change, it is a help for companies who are looking for employees.

According to Jack Edmondson, director of Public Services, the office compiles records, personal data and recommendations for the students and prepares a file. It also offers information on how to apply for a job and prepare a resume. The service is registered with the College Placement Council and is affiliated with several placement organizations.

"We try to advertise which companies are coming when," said Edmondson. "All the soon-to-be graduate or alumnus need do is come in and register for an appointment."

"We sometimes know what kind of people certain companies are looking for," said Edmondson. "And this helps the student decide what job he should apply for."

Southwestern Bell, who was interviewing here this week, is constantly looking for student leaders for management positions, he continued. "In the past, we have had several students who were leaders of one sort or another hired by Bell."

Charles Plunk of Xerox said his company looks for "someone with willingness to work hard, is aggressive and interested in sales and has a good physical appearance."

We need someone who works easily with people, said Story, whose firm deals in agricultural business, and knows the financial end of agriculture.

Edmondson said the "peak" season for interviews is during the months of February, March and April for most jobs. For teachers, massive interviews are scheduled during the spring and summer months.

This office is here to help students find the kind of job they want, said Edmondson, "because this is the place where the student and employer get together."

Dalhart Man Named To Masonic Post

Stewart Johnson of Dalhart has been elected District Deputy Grand Master of the 103rd Masonic District replacing V.O. Lasley of Stratford.

Johnson is a deputy sheriff for Hartley county in Dalhart and a member of Rock Island Lodge 869 of the AF&AM.

He has served as Worshipful Master of Lodge 869 and he and his family are members of the Central Methodist Church of Dalhart.

He is a member of the Dalhart Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the board of directors of the Texas Panhandle Community Action Corp. Johnson is also a member of the board of the Amarillo Mental Health & Retardation Regional Board and serves currently as secretary-treasurer of the Five States Peace Officers Association.

Holiday Rush Called Big Traffic Hazard

Texas Safety Association reminds drivers that rushing is one of the greatest pitfalls of brief holiday travel.

The safety group offers these basic suggestions for a safe trip.

- 1) Plan the holiday trip, and get plenty of rest the night before.
- 2) Get an early start, especially if there is only one day for travel.
- 3) Drive at moderate speeds. High speed is a major factor in traffic crashes.
- 4) Take rest stops to ward off fatigue.
- 5) If you topped off the holiday feast with a few drinks, wait to start the trip home.

"A slight delay," says the TSA warning, "can do more to insure holiday fun than an extra 20 minutes with the family or making it home before dark."

IT'S RICH
Mince pie symbolizes the riches of the East, brought by the Wise Men.

SIXTH LARGEST BANK Fort Worth National Buys Trust Company

The acquisition of Exchange Bank and Trust Company of Dallas, the sixth largest bank in Dallas County, by the Fort Worth National Corporation, the state's sixth largest bank holding company, became effective today, it was jointly announced in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Making the announcement were Lewis H. Bond, chairman of the board, and O. Roy Stevenson, president, of the Fort Worth National Corporation, and Stuart Hunt, chairman of the board, and Charles Bird, president, of the Exchange Bank.

Exchange Bank and Trust Company has deposits of approximately \$118 million and total assets of approximately \$138 million. With the acquisition of Exchange Bank, total assets of the Fort Worth National Corporation now stand in excess of \$1 billion and its total deposits are now in excess of \$825 million.

Under the terms of the acquisition agreement, shareholders of Silco, Inc., a Dallas-based holding company

which owned the stock of the Exchange Bank, will receive 1.66 shares of Fort Worth National Corporation stock in exchange for each share of Exchange Bank stock transferred by Silco.

In their joint announcement, Hunt and Bird emphasized that the affiliation of the Exchange Bank with the Fort Worth National Corporation would "increase tremendously the ability of the bank to serve customers in the Dallas area. The additional financial services and increased resources of the corporation and its subsidiaries will broaden significantly the scope of the services and the lending capabilities of the Exchange Bank," they declared.

The Fort Worth National Corporation owns the Fort Worth National Bank, the American National Bank of Amarillo, Levelland State Bank, and Foster Financial Corporation, a mortgage banking firm. The corporation also owns approximately 25 percent interests in each of five suburban banks in Fort Worth.

Trees Flourish In Festivities

Of all the customs of the Yuletide, none flourishes more merrily than the Christmas tree. It's a happy holiday tradition to set up a tree, string it with lights, deck it with ornaments and crown it with a star.

Legendary suggestions about the origin of the tree are plentiful. Just about every country has one to offer.

The pine trees of the Roman Saturnalia, the great tree of Yggdrasil in Norse mythology and the evergreens the Egyptians used to adorn their homes at the winter solstice are but a few of the possibilities.

In Scandinavian mythology, the three roots of Yggdrasil bound together the home of the gods, the land of mankind and the netherworld.

Though where the Yule tree began can't be pinpointed, it first showed up as an accomplished fact in the 16th century. Strasbourg manuscripts of that era describe decorated trees as a regular, established part of the Christmas season.

The custom of the tree was probably brought to the New World by Hessian soldiers fighting for the British in the Revolutionary War.

The chronology of the Christmas tree in America reveals these highlights, as compiled by the editors of Encyclopedia International.

1856 First Christmas tree in the White House introduced by President Franklin Pierce.

1909 People of Pasadena, Calif. erected a towering tree on Mount Wilson.

1912 Community trees decorated in Madison Square Park, New York City, and on the Common in Boston.

1913 "Children's Christmas Tree" placed in Independence Square, Philadelphia.

1920 Giant deodar cedars create a mile-long panorama of lighted trees, on "Christmas Tree Lane" in Altadena, Calif.

1923 First National Community Christmas Tree inaugurated by President Calvin Coolidge.

1926 National Christmas Tree designated by U.S. Department of Interior. It's a "Sequoia gigantea," or coniferous evergreen, in King's Canyon National Park, Calif.

1933 First Rockefeller Cen-

New Texas Almanac Available Here

"The People of Texas," a study of the many nationalities and ethnic groups that have combined to make up the state's population, is one of many new features in the 704 pages of the 1974-75 Texas Almanac, published by A.H. Belo Corporation, publishers of The Dallas Morning News.

Copies of the new TEXAS ALMANAC are available at The Star office for \$2 each.

The article is by R. Henderson Shuffler, executive director of the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio.

"Texans have always come in assorted sizes, shapes and colors, with a wide variety of mother tongues and hereditary customs and traditions," Shuffler writes. He has capsuled this variety of cultures in the special Almanac feature.

The new edition also contains a comprehensive history of the livestock feeding industry in Texas, which now leads the nation in numbers of cattle fattened in feedlots. The article was written by Sam A. Thomas Jr., manager of agricultural development for Southwestern Public Service Company of Amarillo.

Two reports are of special interest to ecologists. One is a list of endangered plants and animals in the state, prepared by the exas Organization for Endangered Species. The other is a list of state agencies responsible for pollution control.

Among many other features not found in the previous edition are:

A history of banking in Texas by Sam O. Kimberlin Jr., executive vice-president of the Texas Bankers Association.

A list of leading Texas commercial banks, ranked by

ter Christmas tree erected—a 70-foot high Norway spruce with 1,200 colorful lights. Since then, huge Christmas trees—usually Norway spruce—have been a tradition in this New York business-entertainment complex. Tallest ever was a 90-footer, in 1948.

total deposits, prepared by the Federal Reserve Bank.

Developments in Texas Higher Education in 1972-73, by Dr. Norma Foreman, director of publications of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System

A history of paper making in Texas, by Bob Bowman, public relations director of Southland Paper Mills which built the South's first mill for the manufacture of newsprint from southern pine.

A history of Texas Public Lands, written by Commissioner Bob Armstrong and the staff of the General Land Office of Texas.

Election results, listings of county, municipal and state officials, amendments to the Texas Constitution, appointive boards and commissions, officials, amendments to the Texas Constitution, appointive boards and commissions, officials of state and regional civic and trade organizations and many other listings are expected to make this edition widely used as a reference for offices, schools, public agencies and homes.

A new Texas map, in color, with major highways, distances and other information supplements 254 county maps, updated from maps prepared by the Texas Highway Department.

The county maps are published with information about each Texas county supplied by chambers of commerce, county agricultural agents and others.

Tourism and recreating are featured, with listings of state and national parks.

Each of the 24 Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, the urban concentrations in which most Texans live, has an editorial page devoted to it.

1947 Minneapolis celebrated with a tree made of water-pipes. 135 trees placed in the pipes served as limbs.

1950 A Seattle shopping center set a record for the highest tree, with a 212-footer.

Canadians celebrate with a National Christmas Tree on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

New Book On Feeders Available

COLLEGE STATION—A New Texas Cattle Feeders Handbook has just been published by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

This comprehensive reference book was prepared in cooperation with Extension Services of nine Great Plains States, and provides information on all aspects of commercial cattle feeding.

The new publication is composed of 50 bulletins or fact sheets, 25 of which are Texas publications and 25 from other states, notes L.A. Maddox, Extension beef cattle specialist and project coordinator.

"The endeavor is a part of the Great Plains Cattle Feeders Committee Project. We plan to make available a wide range of technical material of higher quality than ever before. New and revised information will be mailed to subscribers from now through Sept. 1, 1975. Maddox adds.

Co-authoring the handbook with Maddox are Dr. John Sweeten, agricultural engineer in animal waste management; and Dr. Dennis B. Herd, beef cattle specialist-nutrition.

The handbook, B-1133, includes broad segments of information on nutrition, feed preparation and storage, animal health, feedlot management, feedlot planning and equipment, figures for feeders, waste management, and a section for miscellaneous publications and information, explains Maddox.

For additional information, contact your local county Extension agent.


Kiss, Don't Munch Under the Mistletoe

A sprig of mistletoe above the doorway is a good excuse for stealing a kiss, but the favorite Christmas decoration is not for tasting, warns the Texas Safety Association.

Though not commonly known, the waxy white mistletoe berry is highly poisonous. Adults as well as children have died from eating the harmless looking berries.



AROUND THE TREE—Their husbands were present also, but seated near the tree at Music Club buffet are from left, Ione Kendrick, Nita Mitchell, Cheryl Reese, Olinda Boardman and Pat Wright. Nearly 65 attended the event.



Come, Follow Me

Long ago three Wise Men
Were gazing at a star
That glistened in the Heavens,
Outshining all by far.

And so the Wise Men pondered
What could its message be,
For it somehow seemed to beckon
And say, "Come, follow me!"

So they readied for a journey,
And chose their gifts so rare.
Then they climbed upon their camels,
And turned them toward the star.


Long days and nights they traveled
With trials along the way,
Until they came to Bethlehem
Where now the Christ Child lay.

And there the holy Magi
Knelt before this tiny King;
They gazed in adoration
While hearing angels sing.

And then along with shepherds
They learned the reason why
They were beckoned by a message
That came out of the sky.


And they gave it to the ages
So that all good men might be,
Just as joyfully rewarded
By the words, "Come, follow me!"

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED TAXPAYING VOTERS OF GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 2, NORTH OF THE CANADIAN RIVER IN TEXAS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held within and for GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 2, NORTH OF THE CANADIAN RIVER IN TEXAS, on the 8th day of January, 1974, at the polling places hereinafter set out, within said District, in accordance with a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said District, as follows, to-wit:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River: I That an election shall be held within and for said Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River (hereinafter referred to as "The District") on the 8th day of January, 1974, in the election precincts hereinafter set forth and at the polling places hereinafter set forth, all within said Districts, at which election there shall be submitted to the qualified resident taxpayers voters of said District the election of one (1) precinct Director for Precincts One (1), Two (2), and Three (3) of the District, and the election of three County Committeemen from each county composing the District, for a two-year term.

II Upon each of the ballots used at said election shall be placed the names of the candidates for Precinct Director to be elected as follows:

Director's Precinct No. 1--Territory within the District which is situated in each of the following counties: LIPSCOMB and OCHILTREE Roy Stollings
Director's Precinct No. 2 Territory within the District which is situated in each of the following counties: HANSFORD and HUTCHINSON N.F. Renner
Director's Precinct No. 3--Territory within the District which is situated in each of the following counties: SHERMAN Luther Browder

III Upon each of the ballots used at said election shall be placed the names of the candidates for County Committeemen to be elected for certain counties included in the District, as follows:

- LIPSCOMB COUNTY**
Chris Miller, Jr
Gene Born
- HANSFORD COUNTY**
Dee Jackson
Robert Ferguson
Everett Vanderburg
- SHERMAN**
Duane Schafer
H.H. Caraway
Walter Lasley
- UCHILTREE COUNTY**
Dan Manning
Edgar Cooke
Dean Slaughter
- HUTCHINSON COUNTY**
Buster Kirk
Thane McCloy
Noble Watson

IV Blank spaces shall be left in order that the names of other persons may be written in. Each person (Voter) residing in Directors' Precincts Nos. 1, 2, and 3, as set forth above, shall vote for only one Director, namely the Director for the Directors' Precinct in which the Voter resides. All voters may vote for the candidate of their choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the name or by scratching or marking out all other names in that race and leaving the name of such Director on the ballot. All voters desiring to cast a vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot may do so by writing the name of the person in the blank space provided on the ballot and by placing an "X" in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all other candidates appearing on the ballot for Precinct Director. Each person residing in the counties composing the District, as set forth above, shall vote for three (3) County Committeemen for the county in which the voter resides. Each person may vote for the candidates of his choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all other names in that race and

leaving the name of the County Committeemen on the ballot. All persons desiring to cast a vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, may do so by writing the name of that person in the blank space provided on the ballot and by placing an "X" in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all but three (3) candidates appearing or written in on the ballot.

The area comprising the District is hereby divided into the following election precincts, to include all or that part of the county designated which lies within the District, such election to be held at the polling places indicated and conducted by the following election officers:

ELECTION PRECINCT NO 1 LIPSCOMB COUNTY
Polling Place: Community Center, Lipscomb
Presiding Judge: Bob Albin
Assistant Judge: Melvin L. Beck
Clerks: Mrs. Ruth Ella May
Mrs. Ben Johnson

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 1 OCHILTREE COUNTY
Polling Place: City Hall, Perryton
Presiding Judge: J.H. Kershaw
Assistant Judge: Harry Reimer
Clerks: John Mayfield,
Cecil Leicht

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 2 HANSFORD COUNTY
Polling Place: Hansford County Courthouse
Presiding Judge: Joe Day
Assistant Judge: John P. Vernon
Clerks: Mrs. B.J. Garnett
Merle Washington

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 2 HUTCHINSON COUNTY
Polling Place: Hutchinson County Pringle Schoolhouse
Presiding Judge: Eugene Weeks
Assistant Judge: Loy Hiller
Clerks Mrs. E.R. Robertson
Dean Lieb

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 3 SHERMAN COUNTY
Polling Place: Sherman County Courthouse
Presiding Judge: Mrs. Joe Billington
Assistant Judge: Mrs. W. J. Lowe
Clerks: Mrs. Ernest Cummings
Mrs. Ira Devine

IV That such election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of the District, in accordance with the general election laws of Texas, except as same are modified by the provisions of Chapter 25, Acts of the 39th Legislature of Texas of 1925, together with all amendments and additions thereto.

VII That the President and Secretary of the District shall give notice of this election by causing a substantial copy of this resolution or notice containing the same to be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation published in the bounds of the District, the first publication to be not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the date of the election.

PASSED AND APPROVED This 5th day of November, 1973.
Gaston Wells
President, Board of Directors
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Robert Thompson
Secretary
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Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of December, 1973, LETTERS TESTAMENTARY upon the ESTATE OF ARLYN HAILE, deceased, were issued to THE FIRST STATE BANK OF STRATFORD, which has its principal place of business in Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, and whose post office address is Stratford, Texas, in Cause No. 1490, pending upon the Probate Docket of said Probate Court. All persons having claims against said Estate being administered are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law.

December 1973
THE FIRST STATE BANK OF STRATFORD
Independent Executor of the Estate of
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(Published Dec. 20, 1973)

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- 12-10-73 James Morris 63 Pont. Blake's Used Cars
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- 12-10-73 Winkler Auto Supply 74 Ford Harold Barrett
- 12-10-73 Dan K. Johnson 74 Ford Corral Ford
- 12-11-73 Sherman County 73 Chev. Duncan Chev.
- 12-11-73 Darrel R. Fisk 74 Chev. Panhandle Chev.
- 12-11-73 Alfred Ince 65 Pontiac Corral Ford
- 12-12-72 Charles Sutterfield 71 Ford A.W. Martin
- 12-12-73 Marto H Comacho and Enrique Comacho 67 Olds Valentino R. Ochoa
- 12-12-73 Evaristo Terhorrio 66 Ford Jack Harris
- 12-12-72 Jack Pugh 74 Ford Corral Ford
- 12-12-73 Richard A. Stevens 61 Ford Corral Ford
- 12-12-73 Kenneth Borth 64 Jeep Baum Mtr. Co.
- 12-13-73 W.S. Frizzell, Jr. 72 Ford Duncan Chev.
- 12-13-73 Aubrey Sutton 74 Cad. Nash Bros.
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- 12-13-73 Dwayne Meil 72 Ford Reynolds Mtr. Co.
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- 12-14-73 Willie Blake 67 Chev. Norvell Blake
- 12-14-73 Johnie Schmitt 63 Chev. Balke's Used Cars
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HELP WANTED

WANTED--Need evening dishwasher to work 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. Contact Headquarters Restaurant in Stratford. 51-1tc

HELP WANTED--someone to live in with semi-invalid lady. Ph. 396-5588. 48-1tc

WANTED--dependable, experienced man for irrigated, stock farm operation. Must be able to take responsibility. Three wells, two elec. sprinklers. Good year around job for the right man. Salary open. Please furnish references. Residence option. Bill Allen, Box 827, Stratford, Tex. 396-2285. 48-4tc

LOST AND FOUND

LOST--a black and white female Dalmation--she is 7 months old, has no tags and was born deaf. She is friendly and would leave with anyone. She is our daughter, Casie's puppy and we would love to have her back. Contact Rodney Cathey or call 396-2024. 50-1tc

MIS. FOR SALE

King Equipment now has ALL METAL INTERNATIONAL TOYS for sale. 50-2tc

Decorate the outside of your home with fresh greenery. Beauty without using energy. We have spruce ropes, wreaths, fresh holly and mixed greens. The Bumble Bee. 48-4tc

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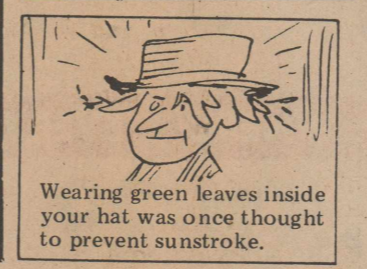
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We will be open--Mondays and Thursdays until 9 p.m. so watch for the "AFTER 6 p.m." SALES and register for a FREE Electric Timex Watch. VAN BOSTON'S. 5-2tc

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FREE prizes and Specials--Monday and Thursday nights--December 3 thru 20. Be sure and come by--until 9 p.m. these nights. The Bumble Bee. 48-4tc



RELIGIOUS REFLECTIONS by Loyce Brown

A synonym for merry is joyful. A joyful. A more common word, meaning almost the same, is 'fun'. Are you going to have a 'Fun-Christmas?' Do! About as many times as our Counselor said 'Fear not!' he also said 'Rejoice!' Just think! Our Creator, instructing us through His Book and the words of His Son, urges us to have fun! Psychologically, believers can afford to be merry because of promises like 'nothing can separate us from His love' 'Lo, I am with you always!', and 'all things work together for good...to, Lord-Lovers! Except for the concern over awaking and warning those 'blind and dead in trespasses and sin', Christians may 'relax' and enjoy the epe, wonderful, peace the accompanies God's unspeakable gift to Mankind!... (Salvation and Eternal Life! (John 3:16) If it is unspeakable (and it is) why do we try? We just gotta hum with the glorious joy of it all, don't we! Maybe some meaning will seep through...like in Music, Art or Speech. Oh, for utterance via the pen! The foolishness-of-preaching medium has been getting it across for Centuries! Oh the newness of life there is in Submission to the 'Boss-Ship' of the Living Christ! There is some satisfaction in speaking the words 'Glory to God!' There is the Opportunity all alive have to EXPERIENCE getting born into and being filled with God's Holy Spirit and to 'have fellowship' with his saints! Truly it adds a dimension to one's normal joy of living and causes people to know, personally, what Jesus meant when He said 'I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly.' Every meaningful moment of what's left of our earthly existences should be lived, enjoyed, had fun in, and victoriously accomplished with a mind to pleasing the One who subjected us here in Hope. Isn't fellowship with His Comforting Holy Spirit unspeakable sweet and secure!? Ah, Yes!

Chamber Collum

As the Christmas holiday nears there is little time left to place an entry in the **Decorating Contest**. However, if you have a special effort, or perhaps your decorating should be viewed before dark, call George Jeffcoat at the Chamber office, or Martha Mitts at The First State Bank to have your entry noted. Next year we plan to have more detailed, advance plans.

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The Womans Division held their first board meeting with all members present. These included Martha Mitts, Marillyn Albert, Bess Stone, Selma Pendleton, Wanda Woolsey, Billie Melton, Dorene Harrison, Mary Jo Cox, Sherry Wisdom,

Jeanette West, Leonda Fedric, and Lorene Wright.

It was voted to have the monthly meeting for Members of the Womans Division at 12 Noon on the last Monday of the Month. Plans are being made to arrange a meeting place, possibly in a local church, with each member bringing a salad.

Each business and individual who belongs to the chamber is entitled to one member of the Womans Division at no extra cost, and additional members at \$7.50 each. Make plans to have your business represented.

The Board agreed to assist the general membership in three of their projects. The Chamber Chariot, Christmas Decorating, and the annual Banquet.

Chairmen were appointed and they will be making plans for an active and fruitful year in 1974.

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As we come to the end of another year let each of us consider if we strived to improve our business, our city and our area. Perhaps we should offer more services, and more personal attention to our customers. What would you, the consumer like to see in our town? Let the merchants know, and working together we cannot fail to improve our shopping area.

Merry Christmas to each of you, and a most Happy New Year!

(Supplementary Medical Insurance).

Q. Do I have to enroll in Part B of Medicare and pay the premium for these benefits?

A. No. If you do not want Part B, you will have ample time after a notice has been mailed to you in which you may notify the social security office of your decision. This first opportunity to enroll for Part B is called your initial enrollment period.

Q. If I refuse the Medical Insurance during my initial enrollment period, will I have a later opportunity to change my mind?

A. Yes. You may enroll in the Medical Insurance during the first three months of each year.

For the past six weeks, the three Sixth Grade classes have been engaged in the study of Life on the Earth and Conserving our Resources. The teachers' and students of these classes would like to take this means of expressing our sincere gratitude to the Soil Conservation Service and to Mr. Jim Allison, our County Agent, for the excellent slides and films which added so very much to our study. Not only were these aids colorful and informative, but they helped to make this unit one we shall never forget and made each of us more conscious of our obligations in the protection and care of our natural resources.

The Sixth Grade Classes
51-1tc

Social Security News

Q. I have read that because I received social security disability benefits I can become entitled to Medicare. How would these benefits differ from the Medicare benefits received by my friends who are over 65?

A. Medicare coverage for the disabled is in all respects the same as Medicare for the aged. **Q. How soon may I become entitled to Medicare?**

A. The first month for which any disabled person under age 65 could have become entitled to Medicare was July, 1973. After you have been entitled to disability benefits for 24 consecutive months, you are automatically entitled in the 25th month to both Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B

CARD of THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for their kindness and patience through this latest illness of Wayne's. The visits, cards, the good food and other acts of prayers and love.

Wayne and Nettie Harding and family
51-1tp

CARD of THANKS

I wish to use this means to thank the people of Stratford who so kindly remembered me during my stay in the High Plains Baptist Hospital. Your cards, visits and prayers were greatly appreciated.

Becky Mahan
51-1tc

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Seven days a week dead stock removal please call as soon as possible
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Quality Foods

CHRISTMAS FEASTING BEGINS HERE



We Will Be Closed All Day Christmas Day. 24-hour stores Will Close at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve, Reopen at 7 a.m. December 26th.

Specials Good Thurs., Dec. 20 Thru Monday, December 24, 1973.

GOLDEN RIPE Bananas
lb. **10^c**

EXTRA FANCY RED or GOLDEN
Del. Apples 4 lb \$1

CALIF. NAVEL
Oranges 4 lbs. \$1

ZIPPER SKIN
Tangerines lb. **19^c**

FRESH GREEN Onions 2 for 29^c Fresh Green Parsley bu 9^c

GARDEN VARIETY Radishes 2 for 29^c WALNUTS • MIXED • BRAZIL Nuts 1-lb. Cello 89^c

CREAMY WHITE Coconuts 3 for \$1 SALAD FIXIN' Cherry Tomatoes ea. 39^c

SUGAR SWEET Pineapples 3 for \$1 FRESH OCEAN SPRAY Cranberries lb. Bag 39^c

LARGE FRESH Celery ea. 19^c Fresh CUCUMBERS lb 19^c

ALL PURPOSE RUSSET Potatoes
20-lb. Bag **\$1³⁹**

Swift Premium Canned Fully Cooked **Ham**
3-lb. Can **\$4³⁹**

SWIFT PREMIUM CANADIAN Fully Cooked **Hams**
Lb. **\$1⁵⁹**

fresh dressed USDA Grade A Chicken **Hens**
4-6 Lbs. Lb. **68^c**

Sirloin Steak
lb. **\$1¹⁹**

USDA Grade "B" Flavor Basted Hen **Turkeys**
12-16 lbs. Avg. Lb. **58^c**

Swift Butterball **Turkeys** Lb. **89^c**

Holly **SUGAR**
5-lb. Bag Limit One **59^c**

Brown 'n Serve **ROLLS**
5 Packs **\$1**

Bar S 12 oz pkg **FRANKS** **69^c**

BEEF RIBS lb **69^c**

T-BONE

STEAK **\$1⁴⁹**
Pound

MORTON'S Pumpkin or Mincemeat **Pies**
20 Oz. Pie **47^c**

Kool Whip Whipped **Topping** 9 Oz. **49^c**

Morton **Honey Buns** **39^c**

Trophy Sliced 10 Oz. **Strawberries** **29^c**

Kountry Fresh Half Gallon **Ice Cream** **69^c**

Jeno's **Pizza** **89^c**

Stove Top 7 oz **DRESSING MIX**
39^c

Del Monte Vak Pack Whole Kernel **CORN**
5 17 oz cans **\$1**

Del Monte Cut **Green Beans**
5 16-oz. Cans **\$1**

Del Monte Sweet **PEAS**
5 17-oz. Cans **\$1**

Kountry Fresh Soft **Margarine**
1-lb. Ctn. **49^c**

Kountry Fresh Cheese **Gouda** 8-oz. Pkg. **79^c**

Kountry Fresh Halfmoon Longhorn **Cheese** 10-oz. Pkg. **81^c**

Philadelphia **Cream Cheese** 8 Oz. Pkg. **39^c**

Kountry Fresh **Biscuits** 2 10-ct. Cans **19^c**

LOW DISCOUNT PRICES... EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK

Borden 32 Oz. Can **Egg Nog** **59^c**

Grade A **Eggs** Doz. **69^c**

Kimbell Cranberry **Sauce** 5 16-oz. Cans **\$1**

Folgers LIMIT 1 **Coffee** 1-lb. Can **99^c**

Gold Medal **Flour** 5-lb. Bag **79^c**

Lady Kim Paper **Napkins** 3 160-ct. Pkgs. **\$1**

Kim Paper **Towels** 3 Big Roll **\$1**

Lipton **Tea Bags** 100-ct. **\$1¹⁹**

EAGLE BRAND MILK 14 Oz. Can **39^c**

Kimbell Heavy Duty 18x25' **FOIL** **53^c**

SHOP WHERE... EVERY DAY IS DISCOUNT DAY

Kimbell Layer 19-oz. Box **Cake Mixes** **29^c**

Franco American 10 1/2 Oz. Can **Giblet Gravy** **19^c**

Libby 16-oz. Can **Pumpkin** **25^c**

Plains Whipping **Cream** 8-oz. **39^c**

Del Monte Whole **Green Beans**
4 303 Cans **\$1**

Soft Magic **Pantyhose** 2 Pair **99^c**

CX-126-20 **Kodak Film** 20 Expo. **\$1³⁹**

Reg. or Mint **Roloids** 90 ct. **\$1²⁹**

25 Ct. **Alka Seltzer** **63^c**

Dream Whip 4-oz. **Topping** **49^c**

Del Monte Fruit **Cocktail**
4 17-oz. Cans **\$1**

Del Monte Halves 16-oz. Can **Pears** **39^c**

Kimbell Peach 18-oz. **Preserves** **57^c**

5 lb. 4 Oz. Box **Tide** **\$1¹⁹**

Kountry Fresh 1-lb. Pkg. **Butter** **87^c**

BEST WISHES FOR A
CHRISTMAS
of peace

Project Christmas Card



The following residents have donated to Project Christmas Card and use this means of expressing their Holiday Greetings to you and yours. Proceeds of this project go for the continued improvement of the Sherman County Library.

LORD, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O, DIVINE MASTER grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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A project of the Prospectus Study Club of Stratford



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Have a jolly good holiday full of love and laughter!

Frederickson's Drilling

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Clause
My name is Serene Dale I would like for Christmas toy box, dishes, cook and Bake kitchen set, doll, fisher price music box, record player, like calls, fisher price. TV music boxes. Cash register and a chalk board.

Serena

Dear Santa
My name is chuck I am two years old. I would like a bike to take to the river and a train. I have three brothers Rusty is 9 and would like a yanchaw 80 and Brett would like a yamaha 100 but Leon would like a motor cycle Jacket.

Chuck Harbour

Dear Santa
Please bring me a locomotive and Green gost. Evel Knievel Magic Set and Big Jim fort Apache. mini bike and Airplane.

Bobby

and a wheat drill. I would also like an operation Game. Maybe I've been good enough for a walkie talky. I also need some train track for my train. My brother Don want a Astrex base station.

Love Scott

PS This was written by my brother Rex.

Dear Santa

I want a baby tender love I want a baby alive.

Dollie Melton

Dear Santa Claus
12345I hope you bring me a doll.

Tammy Thomas

Dear Santa,
I want a many bic and a gun and a vest and a jage and a new por of dots.

Rick Sherman

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Guitar and a walky talky set.

david naogle

Dear Santa,
I can tell time now so I really need a watch & maybe you bring a train & Tonka Shovel. Scott would like to have an airplane. I think. I live on the corner in Stratford, Texas.

Your friend
John Patrick Riffe

Dear Santa
I want a real watch and maybe some toys.

Tell your reindeers hi.
Doug Pickens

Dear Santa
I want a fire truck. We will leave you a treat by the Christmas tree.

Steven Pickens

Dear Santa
I want a horn and a record player. Your coke will be on the kitchen table.

Eddie Pickens

Dear Santa
Merry Christmas. I want a baby doll and bed. Thank you for my toys.

Shelly Pickens

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Mini Racer. I also want 4430 JD toy tractor

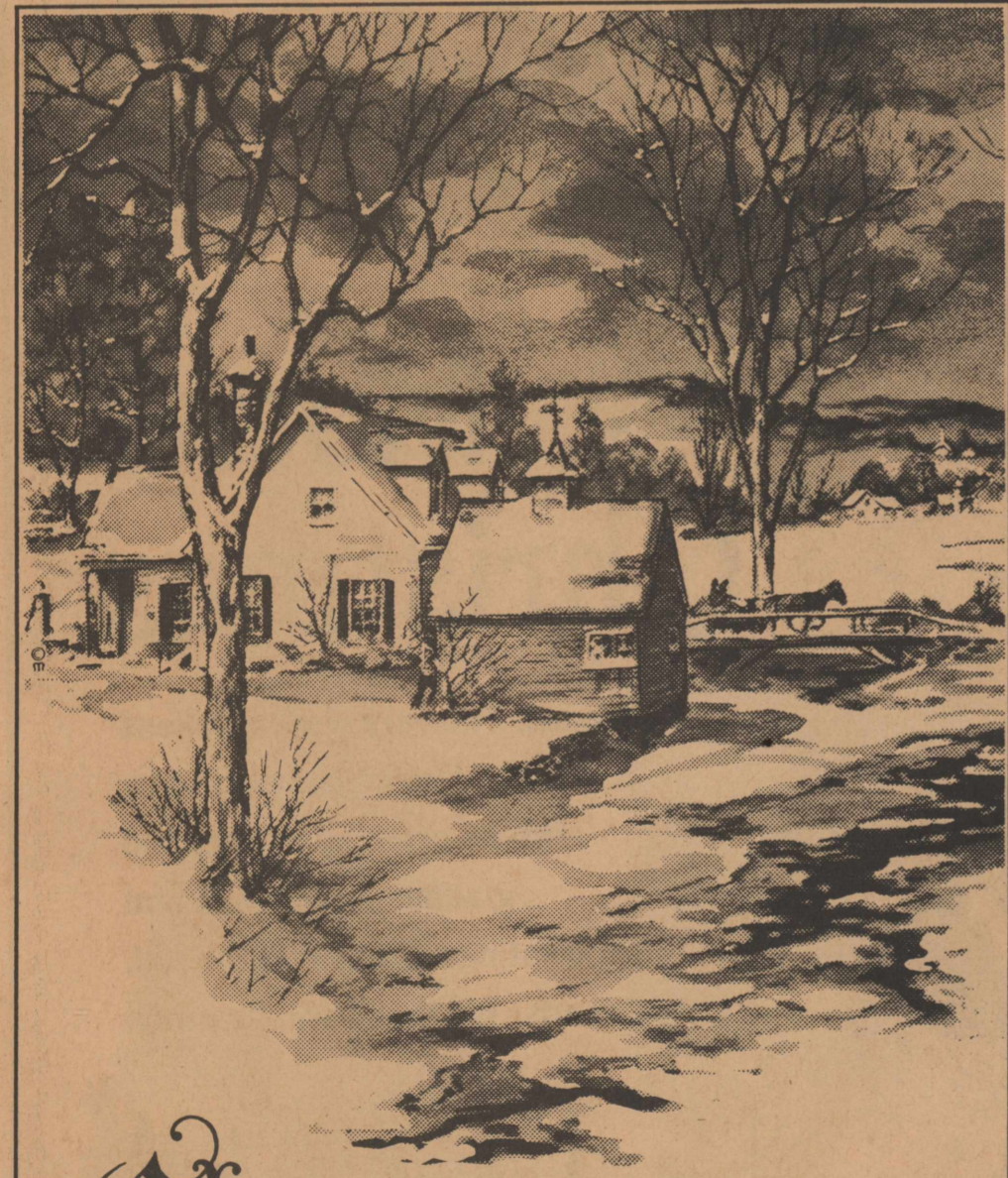
We're wishing that you'll enjoy warmth and peace at your hearthside this Christmas. It's our way of saying thank you for a truly fine relationship.

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Stratford - Dumas

Joy at CHRISTMAS

May you all share the true meaning of the Christmas season.

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Christmas greetings

In the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas we extend best wishes to all. We hope you and your loved ones share in the many old-time joys and blessings of the season.

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Greetings

WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND LOYAL PATRONAGE. IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO GREET YOU AND SERVE YOU. MAY YOU ENJOY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON TO THE VERY FULLEST... MAY EVERY MOMENT BE FILLED WITH BRIGHT ABUNDANCE.

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Ph 396-2261 Leon Guthrie, Mgr. Stratford

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa
How are you and Mrs. Claus?
Santa, Please bring me a
Trampoline, baton, Barbie Set
and Easy Bake Oven. Santa,
Please don't forget my sisters.
Thank You
Love Stacy Rolan

Dear Santa Claus
We are trying to be good!
Allison would like a dollie that
takes a bath, eats real food &
wets her pants. Shane would
like a GI Joe Tower. Our baby

sister wants a baby rabbit.
Thank You
Shane, Allison, & Alisha Dyess

Dear Santa
How are you? This year my
brother Travis and I would like
to have Bikes for Christmas my
sister Desine would like to have
some dishes and a trike. We
have tried to be good.
Thank You
Ricky Melton
812 N. Pearl
Stratford, Tex. 79084

Dear Santa
This is my first Christmas. I
have been very good. Please
bring me a baby doll, rocking
chair, and a red wagon. I love
you.
Shauna Sadler
PS Bring Daddy some cycle tie
downs.

Dear Santa
I would like a Baby doll and a
little bicycle. I am 3 years old.
Love Kristi Blake

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle,
racetrack and a 7-up machine.
Please bring all the other boys
and girls something nice.
Love Drew Blake

Dear Santa
Please bring me a new born
baby teddy bear and Baby Bath
Tub.
My sister Trisha would like
some dishes and a nice surprise.
Rox Ann & Trisha Tillery
PS PePa Roscoe said come your
self don't send your boy.

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie camper and a
big Raggedy Ann Doll. And some
pastel Pencils and a pad to draw
on. Shelly wants this a big
Raggedy ann doll and a snoopy
tooth brush. Merry Christmas.
From Krisann & Shelly Reese

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Barbie
Airplane and a Barbie Fashion
Center. I have a real good little
brother and he wants a
Fire-truck just like the one you
brought him last year.
We love you
Keitha and Brian Bornstein

Dear Santa Claus
I want a telephone and i want
houseshoes
Deborah Shehan
Thank You

Santa Claus
I want a doll and some shoes.
Thank you.

Love Melissa Williams,
Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll.
Love Delores Shehan

Santa Claus
12345 I want a bebee gun Ann
a game Ann a mini.
Love Obidio

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a race track
and a JI Joe
Thank you Cary Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas
and a crib for my doll. Record
player and a bike and a snoopy
tooth brush a Barbie Baby Alive
a flute and a drum.
Thank you. Sharon Muir

Dear Santa
I want a teddy bear a giraffe
and a doll snoopy toothbrush and
Barbie. Thank you and the End.
Sylvia Martinez

Dear Santa
I want a record pleyer and a
doll and a crib and baby alive
and magic doll and a flute and
bike and a clothes and a Barbie.
Anna Gomez

Dear Santa
I want a truck and a machine
gun and a Johnny West and gun
and GI Joe and train, and a
tractor and a snoopy toothbush
and a race track and two cars.
Merry Christmas Thank you,
Santa.
Albert Olivas

Dear Santa
How is Frosty the snow man
and Rudolph and I want a
mini-bike, and a drum set, and a
magic man.
Thank you,
David Kimer

Dear Santa,
I want a horse, and minibike,
sum guns, and a train and

trampoline.
Jamie Burkham thank you

Dear Santa
I want a baby alive, a doll
crib, the pappers to baby alive
doll clothes for baby alive, and
the food that goes with baby
alive.
Desiree Hayworth

Dear Santa,
I want a baby a live. I want a
New record player. I want a
trampoline and a bike and a new
and a barbie camper. Thank
you.
Lisa Zak

Dear Santa,
I want a truck and big Jim
mini-bike and a train snoopy
toothbrush, and magic set,
Johnny West and airplane.
Merry Christmas
Bobby Schertler

Dear Santa,
I want a truck a big mini bike
Birdy bird rescue ship trampo-
line.
Kent Harrington

I would like a baby a live and
a baby carriage and a Raggedy
Ann. Thank you, Santa
Nannette Boardman

Dear Santa
I want a talking baby beans, a
sew magic, roller skates and a
baby alive.
Thank you
Kamala Ford

Dear Santa,
I want a Johnny West, and a
electric guitar, but What I want
most is a set of drums.
Thank you
Roddy Perkins

Dear Santa
I want a gi Joe and some
drums electric bass and a Birdy
bird rescue ship and mini bike
and a electric train and
trampoline and arecord player.
Thank you.
Gregg Wright

Dear Santa
I want a GI Joe training center
and Birdy bird rescue ship and
OI record player and a Snoopy

toothbrush.
Tres Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a baby alive and a
trampoline and flute
Linda Lou Stoltman

Dear Santa Claus
I am ten I would like a record
player and a Barbie Doll
Love
Melody Roberson

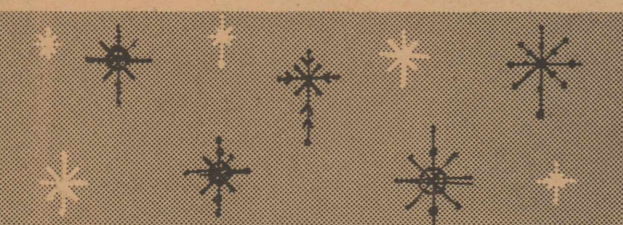
Dear Santa Claus
1234 I want a horse for
Christmas and a BB gun and
Christmas game and I want a
Mini bike.
Love
James Armstrong

I want my two frot teeth. I want
a dog, doll for Christmas. I want
a purse, I want a set of dishes
some water paints I want a set of
comb & brush I want some
polish
Barbara DeAnda

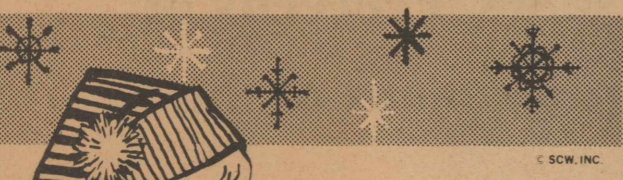
Dear Santa Claus
I've been a good boy most of
the year. I would like a
helicopter, farm set and walkie
talkies. My little brother, Brad,
doesn't talk to well but I know
what he wants. Please bring him
an airplane and a boat and jeep.
See you Christmas
Gared McBryde

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a barbie
house and a beauty shop also a
punch bowl. I have been good.
Love Jan Phelps

Dear Santa
How are you? I am ok. I have
been a nice girl all year round
my mommy and daddy will say I
have been a nice girl. Sanat for
Christmas I want a Big Mouth
singers, a ballerina tutu with the
ballerina case, a lite brite set a
typewriter Santa, please don't
forget my two sisters.
I love you very much!
Dorothy J. Rolan
PS Write to me soon.



SEASON'S BEST



Health, prosperity
and good cheer . . .
may these be yours at Christmastime!

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R.J. Hill
Stratford Representative

GREETINGS

To all our friends and
patrons we wish
the Merriest Christmas
ever. Your loyal support
has been deeply gratifying.
Have a happy holiday.

BUCKLE & BOW
N. Main in Stratford



SEASON'S GREETINGS

*May you Possess
that Peace,
Hope and Love
which is Christmas*

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Glenn Slaton
Kathleen and Lloyd King

Have a merry season full of love.



Serving you is a joy for us!

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Mini bike helmet football basketball ssp mini bike pool tabel BB gun train set stoper gun . boxing glvns bike sikel guns bonern : boxing robots. Thank You.
Richard Short

Light Brite Operation, Paddle Pool Pivot Pool Sleeping Bag Raggedy Ann. Fred Flintone game Amy Wisdom

Dear Santa
I want a wind breaker for christmas. I would also like a pair of walkie talkies.
When Christmas is here it will be a joyful time.
Jerry Vaughn

Dear Santa
Please bring me a sew magic and a pillow patterns and a bitles and a mod hair ken and a gain camping set and a country camper and a candle making set and bowl a matie
Love Lea

Etch a sketch chess set pouker bros qubic dart game pool table
Danny Short

Dear Santa
I would like a love me doll and a set of dishes and a doll crib sweet cookie to.
Brenda Hammersmith

Dear Santa Claus
I want an easy writer label maker. a John West camping set. a doctor kit and a lone ranger rifle outfit.
I am 6 years old and my name is Berry.
Berry Summerour
PS I have been pretty good
Dear Santa
I would like a doll and some dishes some mixes.
Sandra Hammersmith

I would like a combine, verti bird helicopter, tractor, and plow nd bible. I hope all the kids all over get something.
Thank You.
Micah Scott Woody

Dear Santa
I want a sw cookie and a bingo game and some dishes.
Zenity Burton

I would like very much for you to bring me a typewriter.
I am a 4th grader at the Mary Allen Elementary School and I have tried to be very good girl.
Donna Florene Morris

Dear Santa
I would like a record player, high heels, and a doll. I have been a good girl all year long See you Christmas.
Brenda Jean Phillips

Dear Santa
I would like a Lite Brite and a Barbie
Lisa Harris

Dear Santa.
I want a lite brite for christmas and a baby tender love.
Diann Riffe

Santa
I would like to have a car that will turn flips in the air. And I would Like you to give me a good christmas. If you can get my brothers and sisters. And my Neibad the Morris and fourberrs please. And to all the boys and girls that done have mothers and fathers to get them something to I was bad dont give me nothing and I was good to give me something ok.
Douglas Artho

Dear Santa.
For Christmas I want an orgen, doll buggy, a doll cradle, a pair of roller skates, a nd a chalkbord, and a little white kitten.
Kathy Payne

Dear Santa Claus
I would like to have a baby doll, Puppy games book. Have a happy christmas
Lori Thomas

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Shawn. I want a lunch box, mouse trap game, a snowcone machine, and a coke machine and thats all. I wish you a merry christmas. I have been nice. I have not cried.
Shawn Weiss

Greetings FOR Christmas



Special delivery!
It's a friendly message brimming with the best of holiday cheer. We hope this Christmas is the merriest and happiest for you and all your loved ones.

Lu Ann's
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At this holy season, may we take the opportunity to wish you every blessing!

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Insurance & Investments

Merry Christmas



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Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.
Harold Roberts, Mgr.

Merry Christmas



Christmas! The very word awakens a host of happy expectations, with its promise of gifts and gladness, greetings and treatings. Enjoy it to the full, good friends. We thank you, warmly.

Cimarron Feeders Ltd
Griggs, Okla

Letters To Santa



Stratford Cleaners
The Boners



O holy night...

The Star shone brightly to welcome the Newborn Babe. May your Christmas be filled with the Light of His Love.

FERN'S CAFE
Fern Gupton

Dear Santa Claus

I would like to have a operation game and a beauty center and pop checkers and an easy bake oven and a long dress size ten and a slinky kitten and a big bear to decorate my room and a basketball and a miss america set. I will have a present for you Santa. I made it all my myself.

Love Sally Ortiz

Dear Santa,

I would like to have Baby alive and peachy & her puppets and lullaby baby, a sewing machine, an easy bake oven, and a icee machine, a show & tell blender, mixer and a toaster a doll swing, bathinet play pen, cash register, the game of scance. I love you santa.

Patricia Oakley

Dear Santa

I am 6 years old and in the First Grade. I would like a race car set electric. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Your friend Floyd Keener

Dear Santa

I want a bab y alive and a lite brite and a trampoline and a baby with a cratie and a new house, and a barbe with cloths .

Donita Carole Gibson

Dear Santa

I want a bike with a basket to and a light bright, and a barbir, and a Baby Tender love thats all from

Kim Keener

Dear Santa

My name is Robbie Bullock I am 6 years old. I am in the first grade. My teacher is Mrs. Debord. I have been a nice boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a Big Wheel. Please and bring Doug and Sheri something they have been good I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Robbie Bullock

Dear Santa

I want a baby alive and a organ and a 3 speed bike and clothes and a barby and some clothes for her and a new coat.

Carol Powers

Dear Santa Claus

I want a watch and or pivot pool game. And a baby sossy. And a needle for my record, and a music box, and a stuffed dog, and a barbie and a Ken boy doll. Santa my brother has been very nice and he wanted a fire truck. A big one. So he could drive it. About the size of a wagon.

Tina McLaughlin

Dear Santa Claus

I want five things for Christmas I like Christmas Eve. Is Rudolph going to guided your

sted on Christmas Eve. I hope Rudolph does guided your sled tonight. I like you and other kids do to. I like you because you give as gifts.

Sandra Bell

Dear Santa Claus

I would like a doll and Jane and some clothes and some paints and some puzzle. We wish you a merry Christmas.

Reindy Plunk

Dear Santa Claus

I want a tape player and a projecter. And a stuff cat and a ring and a canble maker. Marry Christmas

Lynette Artho

Dear Santa Close

I went a big race car track I want a honda sl 70 I went some skis.

Scott Schuster

Dear Santa Claus

I want a Love me doll and a set of dishes and a doll crib sweet cooke to and a table and a glas reindeer.

Brenda

Dear Santa

I want a lot of toys. Why do you wear a red suit? Heres the toys I want, a electric train, a bee bee gun a football suit a drum , a evilkneivil stunt show and Solgers.

Scott L.

Dear Santa Claus I wood like you to bring me a bike and some cars and my brothers like a bike and football and a football helmet and some ears and electric train weth and some toy soldiers.

Michael Noble

Dear Santa Claus I have a baby

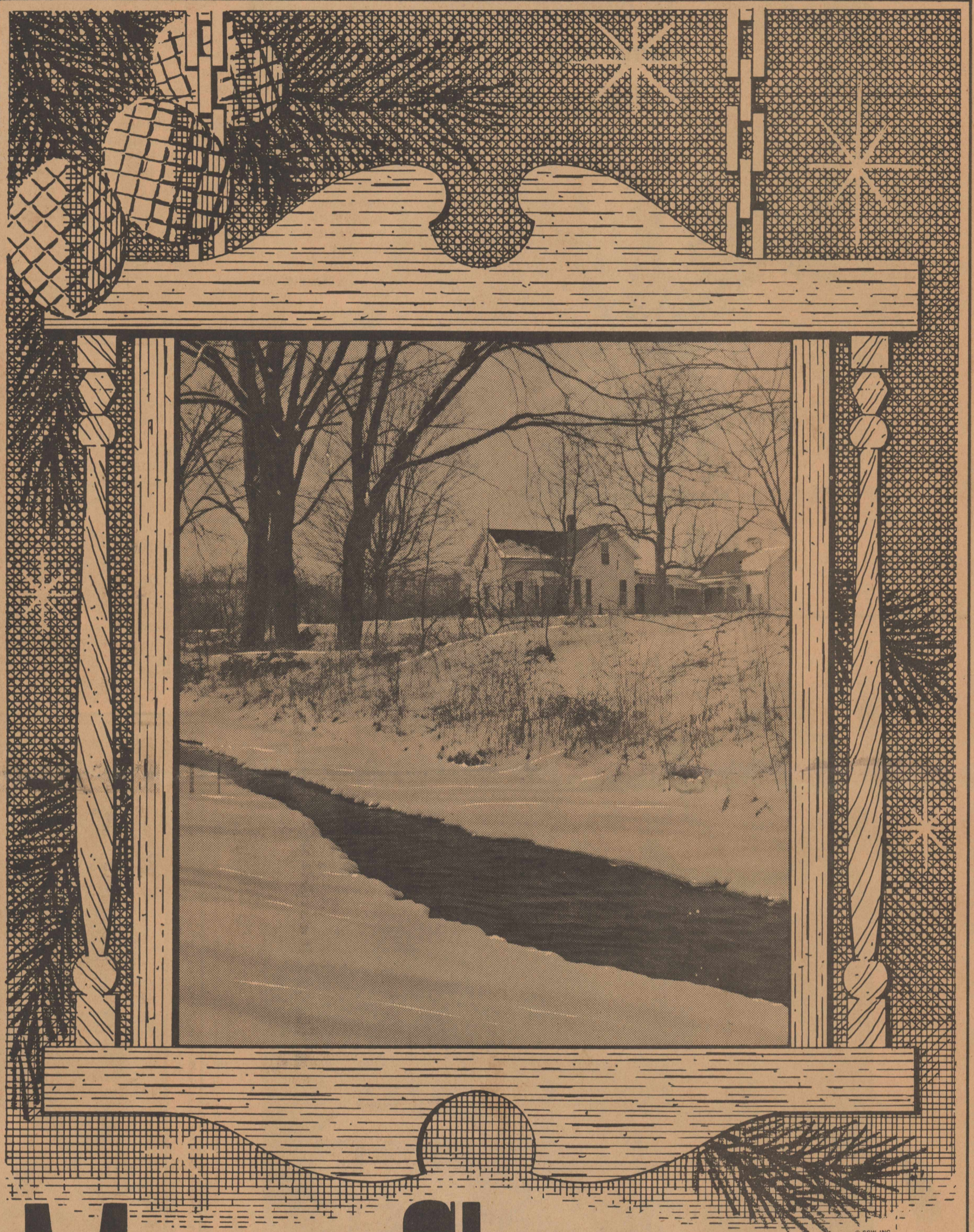
sister I wote you to get her a doll I have a brother could you get him a race car set and do get mother I wot you to get my Mother some flowers and my Dad get some new shires.

James Kirkham

Dear Santa

I want a bike and a set of dishes and please give my brothers a present and my sisters and my mother and father bring them good things to and my friends too Please give everybody presents to I love you Santa Claus

Ludivina Guel



Merry Christmas

Nature has covered the world with a mantle of white . . . making our thoughts turn back to other holiday seasons, when carols sounded joyfully around the piano and laughter rang out merrily around the hearth. We wish all the joys of past Christmases we have known, to each one of you.

STRATFORD GRAIN COMPANY

Stratford - Lautz

O Holy Night

May every heart warm to the radiance of the Star . . . and feel His glory today and always.



Van Bostons

Van, Olive, Jack & Gisele

DEAR SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I want electric train ok and a mini bike to.
for Tucker Garoutte
Santa Claus
I want a par of boots and I want a radeo
Love Karen

Santa Claus
I want a roeckm sockem set and a ketten. There well be a sandwich on the table.
Yours Rodeny

Santa Claus
I want a BB gun for Christmas and a pop gun to.
Sherwin Burton

Santa Claus
I am trying to be good but what I want for Christmas ia a barbie beauty center & more things I love you Santa.
Rosemary

Dear Santa
I can tell time now so I really need a watch & maybe you bring a train tonka sherrel. Scott would like to have an airplane, I think. I live on the corner in Stratford.

Thank you
John Patrick Kiffe

Dear Santa,
My is Darvin. I am 5 years old I would like for you to bring me a bike. Helmet, guns, trucks game. I don't want you to forget my brother michael.
Darrin Noble
Box 731
Stratford, Texas

Dear Santa Claus
123451 want a baby doll and I want some new shoes. Well you get me a telephone I want some house shoes. And I want a barby doll. I want a new ring. Will you bring me a table and chiar and I want a bike.
Joyce Melton

Dear Santa Claus
123451 hope you bring me a sewing machine.
Kim Newburn

Dear Santa
I want a 10 speed and barbie and tender love and a baby live. it cats baby food and my sister want's a baby live to and my brother wants. Thanks.
D'Dee Williamson.

Dear Santa
I would like to have a bb gun, with two little boxes with bb in it and I would like beouanarrow. with 5 arrows and I would like to have a pistel that shots out darts and one more thing I got to tell you Marry Christmas .
Isidro Guel Jr.

Dear Santa
Oh I hope you give me Gi Joe and a puppy and a truck and moter cycle and a lot of other stuf. Because i like you so much Santa.
Tommy Martinez.

PS I hope you won't get cold

Dear Santa,
I wot to have a snowmobil in a rakding bugran.
Larry Woody

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old. I have been good. I would like to have racetrack, rifle, guns, cars, a little track.

I would like for my daddy to have some brute.
Could you bring mommy a stapler with staples in it?
Kevin Cotney

Dear Santa
My name is Kely, I am in the 1st grad in School. I would like for you to bring me a record player some records a bike. Helmet, a set of guns, a football. I don't want you to forget all the other kids in my school.
Kelly Moble

Loads of
Good Luck
and Good Cheer to Everyone

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Darrell Cotney, Mgr.

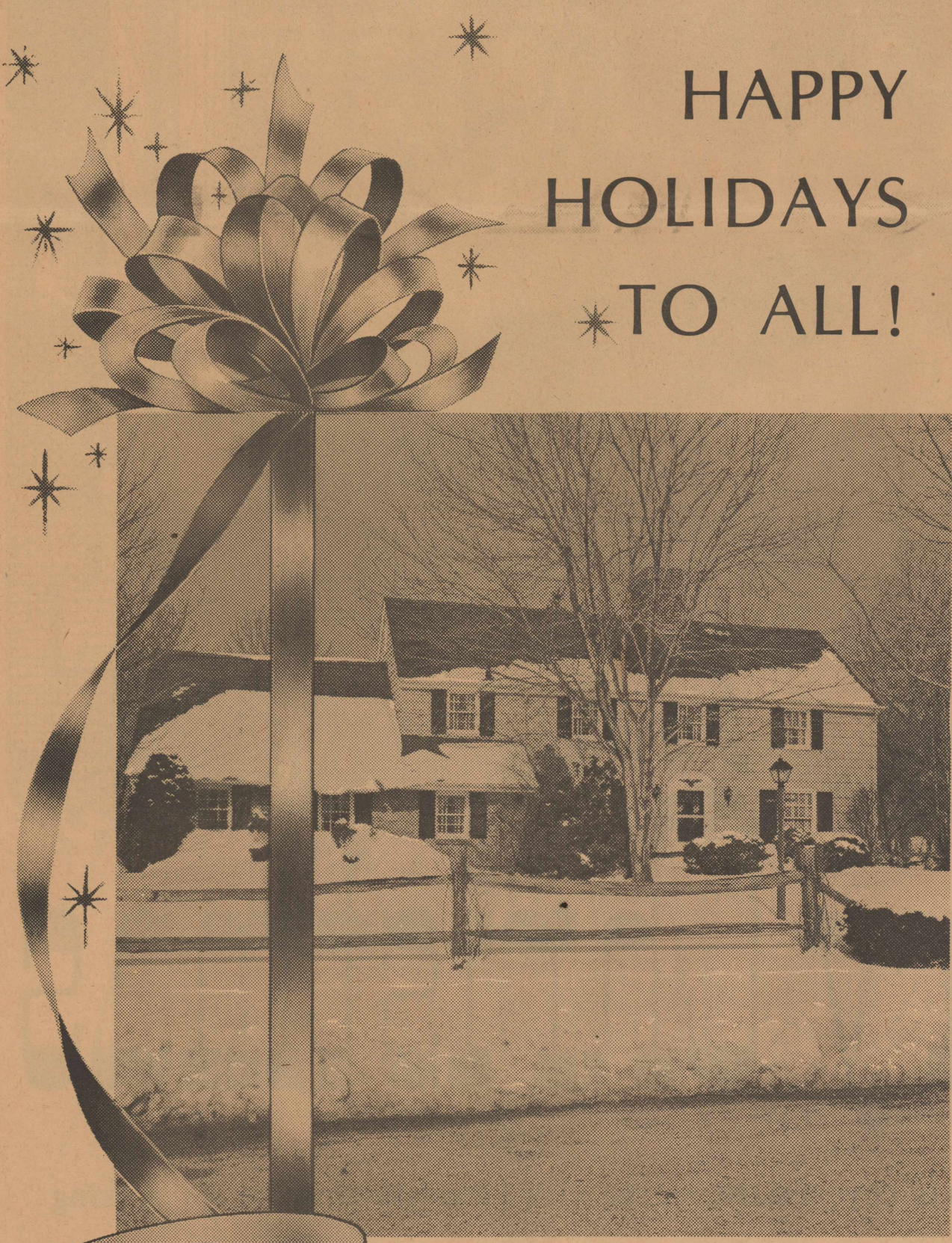


May the blessings of the first Christmas be yours to cherish now and always.

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Your .MM Dealers

GREETINGS

IN THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, WE JOIN ALL MEN OF GOOD WILL IN PRAYERS FOR LASTING PEACE. GRATEFULLY, WE THANK EVERYONE FOR THE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE THAT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO US.

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PEACE ON EARTH... GOODWILL TO MEN

Throughout the distant reaches of the Christian world, worshipers rejoice in the glorious rebirth of hope and faith as the celebration of the Birth of Our Savior begins. May this spiritual communion, inspired by the true meaning of Christmas, prevail everlastingly and guide us to peace through sharing love, compassion and understanding with our fellow man.

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Stratford, Texas

GREETINGS

Christmas is a warm holiday when families share in festive preparations... here's hoping yours is happiest ever.



Elk Barber Shop & Pretty Shoppe
Gene Sadler

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS...

Dear Santa
I would like a pocket camera. And I would like a Barbie Beauty Center and I would like a puppy. I would like a spin art set and the game Life. I would like an organ. The game of Which Witch and I would like some clothes I would like a horse.
Sona Hawkins

Dear Santa
I would like to have a snoopy tooth brush, a watch, a beauty case Chris my little sister wants a tricycle.
Shelia Robertson

Dear Santa
I would like a Dallas cowboys caps and some ski gloves a NFL bedspread and NBA sports shirt and a rekem sockem robots and a toss across game 24 in bicycle racer and base emblems sleeping bag and some overboot because my mother will not let play in the snow because my shoes are not waterproof and I would like a pocket camera.
Craig Sladek

Dear Santa
I want a per of spers and a hows.
David Duran

Dear Santa Claus
I've ben good I want a crane I want a Aerial Hook'n ladder
love Ronald Meyer

Dear Santa
This is the most exciting in the whole world. I would like to have a Candle maker, baby alive, paint set (oil paints), type a righter, film perjector, shoe skates and Santa Claus I pray to they name, let all poor get more money and let all the good children to get there goods and make sure the children get the presents. Amen
Your Eli
Sharla Wiselom

Dear Santa
I would like a 4-10 shot gun and a real pig for my daddy, and a cat for my sister, and a horse for my mother and most of all a lot of money for my daddy because he has a 15,000 dollars to pay to a man.
your friend
Mike Timpson

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been acting pretty nice. I do want some toys. Please bring me a dump truck and a Daniel Boone shirt with fringe and some Daniel Boone Moccasins with fringe. And maybe a gun. And bring my brother Brady a little toy too. Have a safe trip.
Love Brady and Tim Adams

Dear Santa,
I want a black rifle and some candy in my stocking. I had the chicken pox once.
love, Paul Lundberg

Dear Santa Claus
I've ben good, I want a Sandloader and I want a Rock'em Sock'em Robot Fighters and auto transporter.
love David Meyer

Dear Santa,
My brother and I have been good and I would like a cheerleaders suit and would you bring Mini-Bike Carey guns, cars, and trucks. Thank you.
Cammie and Carey McMullen

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy. Will you bring me a race track bike, new boat, pain of jeans.
Ronnie Melton

Dear Santa Claus, I love you I would like a miny bike, and a bushel and a lug sled and a big truck and a new per of gloves and a big car and I would like a new well for my bike and a

basket ball a colony out bit and a pistel and a pinit poll game and a new per of boots and would like a basket ball gold I move I want get all this so I want a menny bike.
love Curtess Keener

Dear Santa Clause
I want Mean Sam Cobra, Powered Transpor for mena cars, finger paint, nerf football, 776 drum, Magic 8 ball.
Melvin Irlbeck

Dear Santa Claus
Would you please bring a Barbies hair style, a girl doll from Afica. That is all I want Thank you. We will leave some cookeis and milk and a organ a candle maker.
Your Friend Kelly Dean

JOY AT CHRISTMAS



May your Christmas be bountiful, served with all of our blessings.

Hindquarters Cafe

PEACE



"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"

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BLESSINGS

MAY YOU AND YOURS

ABIDE IN PEACE & JOY



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Your John Deere Dealer

The E.R. Bells

LETTERS TO SANTA..

Dear Stana Clause
I like some cowboys boots and a organ and a fire truck, for my little brother who is two years old and I am 8 years old I am in the third grade and a car, and a trailerhouse for my mother, and a pool table and a house for my daddy.

By Lupe Basaldue

Dear Santa Claus
I wood like to have a 3 way base station.

I am sorry the papper is not red to. And my little brother wants a pout pout train. Please don't forget the stockings. But most of all I wish the poor people will have a Mery Christmas to.

Rhett Ragsdale

Dear Santa Claus
I will tell you what I want. I want a bottle cutter, candle maker, air hockey Gi jo, paint set, base station helicopter pool table.

Robbin Burkhan

Dear Santa Claus
I want a RV and some knights, and Alamo and a back plow and a happy new year with Christmas dinner, and GI Joe and woodstock bird.

Daniel Harker
Dear Santa Claus
I hope you have a nice Christmas I will leve some cookies and coffie on the table I love you i want you to get me a typewriter and some clothes and anything else just do not forget me ok.

Jana Dee Reed

Dear Santa
What I want for Christmas is a Ready Ranger outfit, some clothes, a nother GI Joe.

Steve Dyess

Dear Santa
I would like to have a Barbie head that you can style a radio to a stuffed bear.
My sister would like pots and pans with a hppy faces a Barbie head that you can style and a doll.

Teena and Diane Vaughn

Dear Santa
I would like the game called gun shoot I would like very bird rescue pilot I would also like a radio most of all.
Have a marry Christmas
Kevin Stanley

Art Spreads Story Of His Birth

The Nativity scene has always stimulated and challenged painters and sculptors.

In turn, great works of art depicting the story of the birth of Christ have, through the years, enriched the lives and enhanced the spiritual insights of millions.

Earliest Christian art was simple and graphic, as clear and easy to appreciate as a comic strip.

Later, religious paintings became stilted. Then, Italian Renaissance painters instilled renewed warmth and humanity into art, renewing, too, individual art appreciation, through their natural, lifelike creations.

Their work gained much from the stimulus of the changing times and the new approach to art, fostered by the support of the Medici and commissions for paintings and sculpture from the church.

For instance, Raphael, famous for the "Sistine Madonna," came to Rome from Florence to do a fresco decoration in the Vatican at the same time that Michelangelo was painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Artists from other countries, too, traveled to Italy, there to experience and be influenced by Renaissance thought and feeling.



May the Christmas season be filled with contentment and joy for you and your family.

Stratford Dept. Store
The Jeffcoats



Happy Holiday!

To our customers at this festive season we wish all blessings.

Oakley's FLORAL & NURSERY



Best Wishes this Christmas

Smiling faces. Family pleasures. Happy voices raised in joyous carols of the Christmas season. May we add an extra note of best wishes and thanks.

Smith Insurance Agency
B.L. (Chuck) Smith

Reddy so you can enjoy Christmas...



This Christmas, as in the holiday seasons past, key people in our service area are working to make sure that you have the power you need for all your electric needs. The picture above is just one of the many areas where activity never ceases. Information from every corner of the area we serve is at the fingertips of the people who staff our control center.

When the call comes for more power — even on Christmas Day our people act instantaneously to be sure you get that power. From the colorful lights decorating your home to the roasting of your Christmas bird, you can rest assured that the electricity you need is there — and every kilowatt is 100% usable — because we're working...



Your Future is ELECTRIC



A Star of wonder shone in the heavens, and Wise Men from the East came to worship a newborn King. May this spirit of reverence and rejoicing spread its wonder throughout your daily lives. Merry Christmas to all our friends and cherished patrons.



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Laughter, good cheer and kindness come from good friendships throughout the year. All this and much more is our Christmas wish to you and yours this happy holiday season.



Dave McReynolds

Bob Whitlock

K. Stovall

Belinda Bonstun

Ila Kingler

THE STRATFORD STAR

Tip Top Town in Texas

Color Flames

In Fireplace

COLLEGE STATION--A little work and preparation are the main ingredients for making the fireplace the center of interest during the Christmas season and on any cold evening, says Everett E. Janne, landscape horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

By log treating or paper log making, red, green, blue, orange or purple flames can be produced. The flame color depends on the chemicals used to treat the material burned in the fireplace.

Calcium chloride can be used to produce orange colored flames; copper chloride, blue; potassium chloride, purple; strantium nitrate, red; lithium chloride, carmine; and copper sulfate, emerald green.

Most of the chemicals can be purchased from chemical suppliers or local drugstores, points out the Texas A&M University System specialist.

Dry pine cones or small blocks or chips of wood soaked in these solutions will produce multi-colored flames when placed on a hot bed of coals.

To treat the cones or wood, a pail and an open mesh sack are needed, advise Jane. Place the cones or chips in the sack and immerse them in a solution containing one pound of chemical dissolved throughly in one gallon of water. Weight the bag down so the material is completely covered by the solution. Allow the cones or wood to soak at least 10 minutes. The drier the material before soaking, the better the results.

After soaking, allow the treated material to dry throughly in one gallon of water. Weight the bag down so the material is completely covered by the solution. Allow the cones or wood to soak at least 10 minutes. The drier the material before soaking, the better the results.

After soaking, allow the treated material to dry throughly. Use old newspapers to protect the floor or surface of the drying area. The treated material will be ready for use in the fireplace after drying overnight.

Christmas Greetings



TO OUR MANY FRIENDS
And along with our fondest wishes that every wish will come true for you, we also extend our sincere "thank you" for your loyalty during this year.

Buster's Boot Shop

Buster Whitlock

Merry Christmas to all

Happy carolers raise their voices to add a cheery Christmas note. It's full of good wishes and spirited hopes that this Yule is the best ever for all of you!

Nortex Feedlot Co.
- Dalhart, Texas -

DRESSING THE QUEEN

Once, it was customary for people to give their country's rulers clothing for Christmas, and Queen Elizabeth I acquired a large part of her wardrobe this way, historians say.



Season's Greetings
May your Christmas be everything you've been hoping for!

Best wishes for a jolly holiday from our entire staff!

TOC Motor Co.
Alex Coats, Mgr

Christmas Tree Magic Decorations

This year, have an "All-American Christmas" the family will never forget.

"Combine old and new ideas to start a Christmas-tree tradition," suggests Patricia A. Bradshaw, housing and home furnishing specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "Several tree-decorating ideas can work 'magic' during this special time of year.

Consider wrapping the tree with ribbon bows and ornaments such as satin ribbon and lace-covered styrofoam balls.

Or, cover the tree with lots of tiny rag, yarn or clothespin dolls for a delightful, unforgettable effect."

If a Southwestern theme is desired, the specialist recommended using Mexican woven "Gods'Eyes" and strings of bright plastic beads.

Or, cut ornaments from cowhide and decorate with geometric designs of contrasting leather, felt or beads. Add fringe for a special finish," she continued.

Cornhusks, cobs and other materials gathered from the land furnished ornament basics for early settlers. Modern-day decorators also can turn such items into toys and decorations.

"For example, soften cornhusks with water, then cut, pleat or stretch to make cornhusk butterflies. Additional husks or whittled balsa wood bodies --plus painted designs--complete the creation.

Also, create a giant angel the same way settlers made dolls. Use husks for body and wings--and corn silk for hair. If desired, tint husks with food coloring, Miss Bradshaw added.

Fabric scraps can be stitched into crazy quilt ornaments. After sewing the ornaments, stuff gently with old hose, foam or other soft material. Decorate with leftover trim or embroider designs onto the ornaments.

For a special tree, fill miniature wicker or straw baskets with dried flowers, nuts or toy animals, or soldiers. Tie handles with bows and hang on the tree.

Family and guests alike will enjoy discovering the baskets contents.

Don't let a lack of space prevent the family from getting a Christmas tree, the specialist emphasized.

Cut branches from one side of the tree and place flat side next to a wall. Decorate the remodeled tree as desired.

Use the cut branches for wreaths or other decorations.

In addition, a house plant such as Norfolk pine-- can be used as a Christmas tree. It adds pleasure year around and often solves the problem of finding room for an extra tree at Christ-mas.

Yule Lives In Legend And Lore

Twinkling on trees, glowing from windows, glittering everywhere, Christmas lights reflect, today, the candles of an earlier time.

A candle in the window can light the Christ Child on his way, says Irish legend.

Nativity scenes in homes and churches depict the animals of the Manger--and on Christmas Eve, the cattle, the sheep and all the animals present at the Nativity are given the gift of speech.

So says the lore of Christmas.

Blossoming on the holiday scene, greens and flowers spread their beauty and fragrance, reminding all of the living wonder of Christmas.

In legend, all flowers bloom at midnight on Christmas Eve, just as they did more than 2,000 years ago.

The legend and lore of Christmas expresses the simple faith that lies at the heart of this happy, holy time.

Some of the most delightful of legends are told in carols.

From France comes the "Carol of the Birds." Its words recount how the birds flew to Bethlehem to behold the Christ Child. Each bird, as it flew, sang a special song of praise and rejoicing.

There's a "Carol of the Flowers," too. Summoned to the presence of the newborn King, every flower blossomed, and each blossom was a symbol of the Little One's virtues.

Seafaring peoples, in their own way, related nature's wonders to the miracle of the Nativity, through carols.

"I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing" tells of ships crossing the sea on Christmas morn, bearing Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

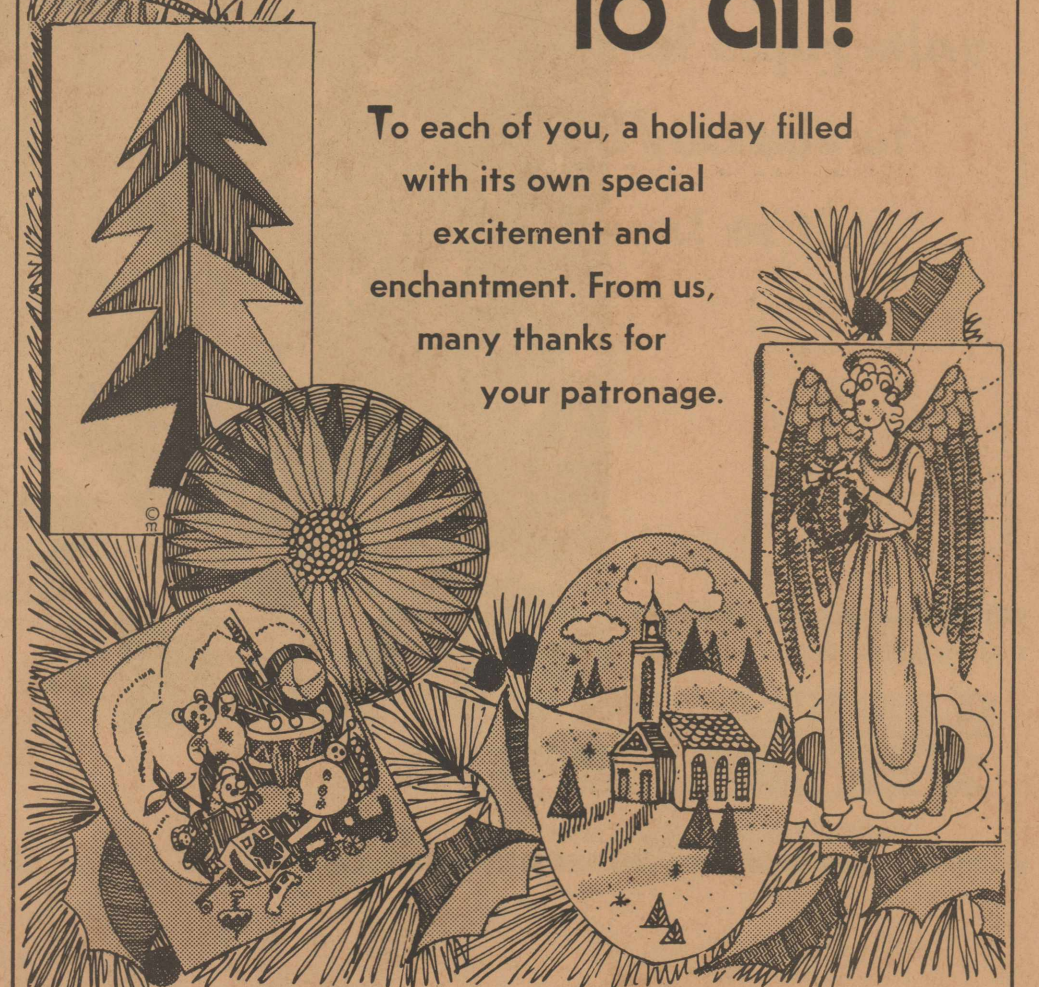
CHOOSING LOG

Ash was the wood chosen for some of the first Yule logs, because Christmas lore said that the Christ Child had been bathed and dried before an ash-wood fire.



Merry Christmas to all!

To each of you, a holiday filled with its own special excitement and enchantment. From us, many thanks for your patronage.



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Dalhart, Texas P.O. Box 950

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Let us follow the Star of Bethlehem, in search of that peace that passes understanding. May Christ's love abide with you and yours!

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Good Tidings of Great Joy!



We pray that your Christmas will overflow with health, wealth and happiness.

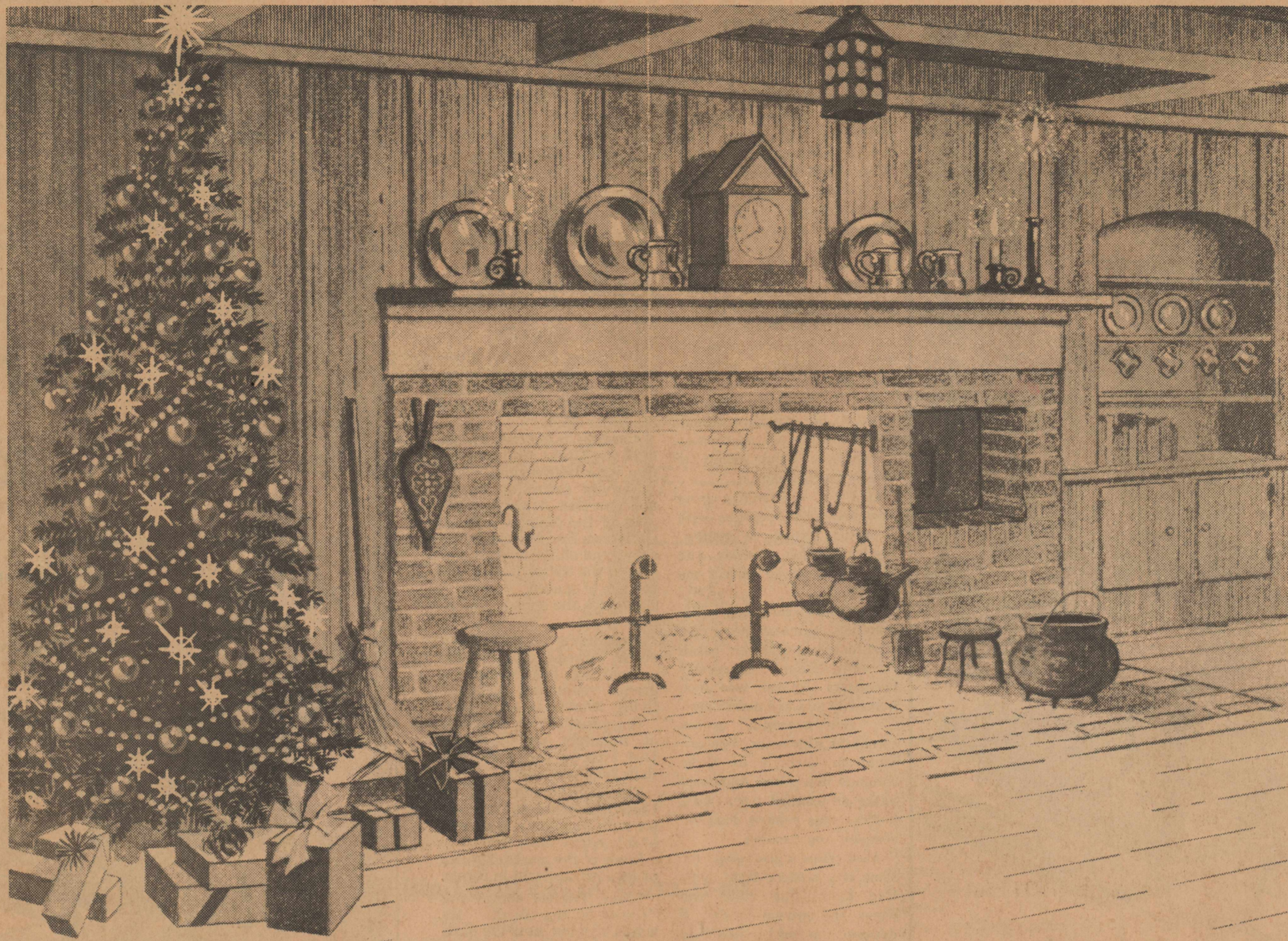
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May the beauty of the Season brighten your life, not only at Christmas, but always.

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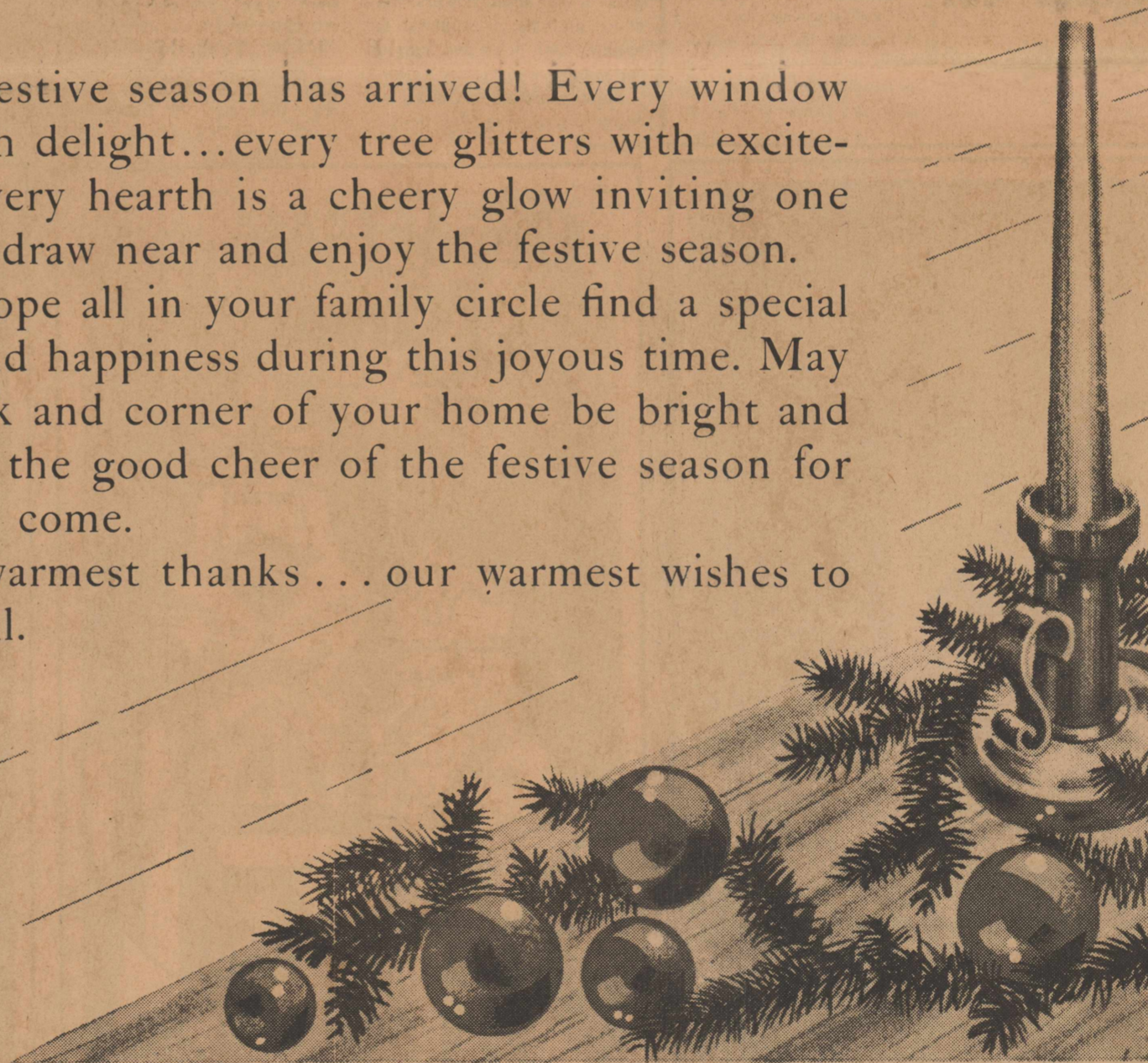


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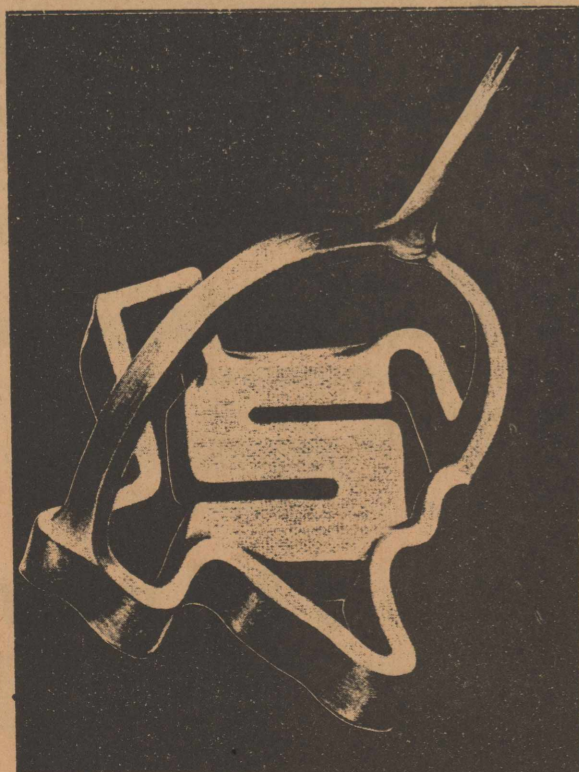
The festive season has arrived! Every window shines with delight...every tree glitters with excitement...every hearth is a cheery glow inviting one and all to draw near and enjoy the festive season.

We hope all in your family circle find a special warmth and happiness during this joyous time. May every nook and corner of your home be bright and alive with the good cheer of the festive season for all days to come.

Our warmest thanks...our warmest wishes to one and all.



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