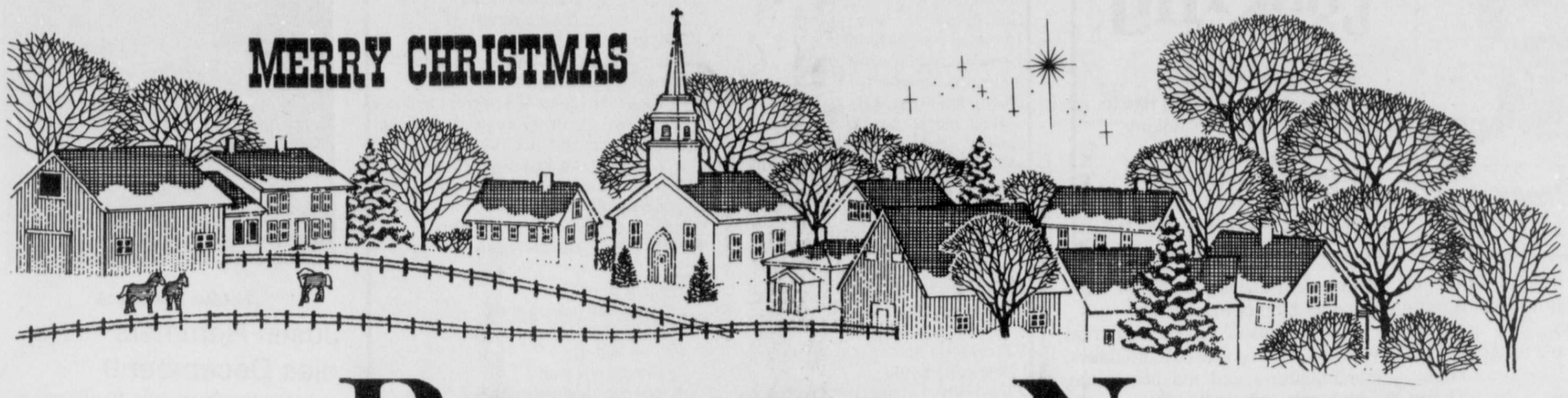


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Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
Is it still Magic?

It's almost Christmas and excited children are verywhere. I know that the toys have changed a lot, and there is certainly more "hype" and more peer pressure to have "the" toy of the season....but is it still magic?

I can remember childhood Christmas seasons filled with special moments. When school let out for the Christmas parade and we all walked downtown it seemed so exciting, so different from our everyday routine. We would stand in line, jumping up and down in excitement waiting for the floats and cars, horses and fire truck. It was as thrilling as the biggest parade New York could ever put on!

Then there was the joy of making Christmas cards, snowmen and so many other projects at school. How we loved it! Our teachers let us use glue, colors, cotton balls and glitter in abundance, patiently enduring dozens of requests to "Look at this" and no doubt cringing as materials littered the floors.

The day school dismissed for the holidays was filled with parties, food in the classroom (what a treat) and gift exchanges.

The highlight of that day would be getting home to give mom and dad the special cards we had made, or to take our Christmas snow scene to grandmother and granddad.

Then the days slowed down...indeed they seemed to stop, as December 25 appeared as far away as a summer day.

My great-aunt sent me a Christmas candle one year, and each evening I was allowed to light the candle and would sit, enraptured by the glowing flame and slowing melting wax as it burned down yet another numbered day closer to the holiday.

Homemade gifts, packages wrapped with care (and lots of help) delicious secrets from my brothers, or shared with my brothers made it a season of perpetual delight.

Trimming the tree was always something my mother and I did together. All the bright and shining ornaments, all the homemade little things seemed as perfect as a tree from Neimen Marcus.

Christmas eve was endless, and the presents were always well-shaken as I prowled beneath the tree making guesses as to what was there.

And oh, that magic Christmas morning, when all sleepy eyed I stood in the living room to see what Santa had brought. I don't recall every being disappointed, even though I might not have received what had been on my list.

It was indeed a special time, filled with magic only children can feel.

So do they still feel it? I suspect they do. You see, I passed a school yesterday, and in the windows were Christmas snow scenes with cotton balls. And a little later I looked up from my computer to see three small children, standing watching our Santa Claus climbing up and down his ladder in our office window. And those eyes were so bright, and their attention so rapt that I have no doubt.

Some things may have changed about the season, but for the young it is still as magic as it was for me. I'm glad.

Merry Christmas, everyone.

An update for Christmas

Last week I wrote a column about wanting to provide some Christmas for a family or person who needed it. I was told several times that I would have more on my hands than I could deal with.

Instead, my faith in human nature has been restored.

Instead of a flood of calls, I received a flood of people saying "if I can help, let me know" or "What can I do to help?".

Instead of people asking for things for themselves I received calls from people saying "I know of a family that can use some help"....and then they would tell me about it. Not a single person asked for themselves, it was always for someone else. The people who called me weren't financially or physically capable of helping the families they told me about. But they took the time to call and try and get help.

I know of at least two people who were told of a family in need. Instead of passing the information on to me they said "don't bother, I'll take care of this" and did. I suspect that there were more than two people who did that, but I will never know for sure.

I went shopping for two children.....which is another story all by itself, since I don't know a single thing about shopping for children. As I asked questions of other shoppers about sizes, and what little girls like, I was amazed by the response. At first people were puzzled and would ask why I didn't know a child's shoe size when I did know her clothing size. After I told my little story two people pulled out twenty dollar bills and handed them to me to use for the project. One of these people I know quite well, the other I've never seen before!

Several people have gone through their children's clothes to bring good, nearly new clothing to me for a family. Another family has purchased dolls for Santa to bring, while yet another family is providing new shoes. Gift certificates for food are forthcoming for several families.

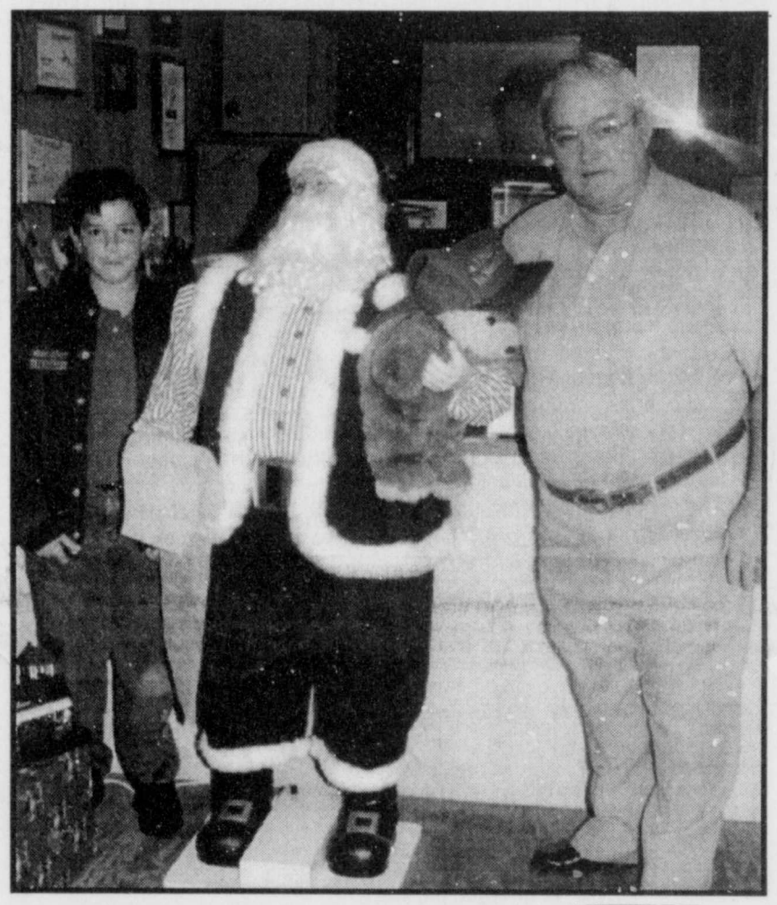
Each and every person I have spoken with says exactly what I said -"we have so much". And we do. It doesn't mean there aren't bills to pay, and debts to deal with. It doesn't mean there aren't family problems and worries to keep us all awake at night. But it does mean that on Christmas Day we can sit down with family or friends to a hearty meal. We can watch our children, or grandchildren, nieces or nephews tear into their packages and exclaim in delight at what "Santa" brought. And we can give (I hope) several moments to pondering the true meaning of Christmas, the original gift of love that prompts the celebration, and how wonderful it is.

Did we do much good? I don't know. Did we solve any big problems? Of course not. All we do know is that we feel better as we enjoy our bountiful holiday. I don't suppose we gave very much to those who received our offerings. But we gave ourselves a priceless gift.... the joy of giving.

Arrests made in burglary near Bogata

According to Red River County Sheriff Bob Edrington's office a burglary of the Buck Knight resident in Bogata on December 9, 1996, in which over $5000 in merchandise was stolen was cleared with the arrest of Christopher Ronnie Dale Faulkner, AKA Ronnie Dale Tucker by Investigator Larry Spangler of Red River County Sheriff's Department.A second arrest was made later, that of Dustin Lee Baer.

According to Sheriff Edrington "The speedy arrest and the recovery of a large amount of the merchandise was due in part to the help and cooperation of citizens in the Bogata area".



SHEL and David Winkley stand with the welcoming Santa that is animated and has a voice recording welcoming all visitors to the display. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Santa(s) are alive and well in Detroit

By Liz Irwin

When you think of Christmas, you think of smiling children's faces aglow with the wonder of Santa Claus. Visions of the toys and goodies that have been hoped for each year. Each child has his own version of what Santa should look, be and act like. But if you ask David Winkley of Detroit, his version of Santa, it will be a very wide variety of answers. You see David is no child, but he does have a fixation for Santa! Over 2300 of them in fact.

David and Donna Winkley moved to Detroit in August, where Donna took up the post of Elementary Principal in the Detroit ISD school system. They have two children. A son Shel is 11 and in the 5th grade and Samantha is a sophomore and 15 years old. David started his addiction some eight years ago with a Santa he and Donna rather fancied. From there it mushroomed. You see, they not only collect Santa's, they collect eagles, angels, cups, saucers, music boxes, all types of stained glass(complete villages I might add) and a variety of other items. I commented to David that he must be a mover's nightmare and received a hearty laugh.

They purchased the Nelson place in Detroit as much for the workshop out back as anything. It has been renovated with shelves, free standing and along the walls to accomodate this massive collection of Santa's. As you enter the shop, you are greeted by a lifesize replica talking Santa that welcomes all visitors to their home and wishes them a joyous Christmas. He is complete with his wish list for the children. Overhead, lining one wall is Donna's doll collection and across the room is the Family Christmas Tree, accompanied by, none other than another three foot Santa. There are also Santas ridng a reindeer, riding a polar bear and in a sleigh with Rudolph and a small Santa Train Station. Keep in mind that these are not miniatures, they are well over a foot tall and can be set in motion.

Through the door into the workshop, you are greeted to the musical collection of various types of Santas playing a variety of Christmas music. They are all set on timers and play carols at different increments with the music constantly changing.

To the right is a complete farm village along with a Coca-Cola village and the complete scene from Night Before Christmas. David says that this depicts his family on Christmas Eve. Each member is represented, including grandfather, children and parents, even the mouse(or family of mice having their own Christmas celebration). The North Pole Village is complete down to the smallest detail, with once again many one-of -a-kind and retired pieces. Lining the wall above the villages is a row of Santas from the famous Polish artist Pipka. These a a special numbered series and many are one of a kind. Above this shelf, begins the collection of Santa plates. They go around two walls and add a striking touch to the villages.

Next to the villages are small Santa figurines from Emmitt(the clown, not the football star), to cowboy Santa's, old world Santa's, to many from foreign countries and any type you can imagine.

On a standing shelve is his collection of (keep in mind that most of these are over l-l/2 feet tall) animated Santa's doing a little bit of everything. Feeding the reindeer, playing golf, sleeping,reading, eating, playing musical instruments and a variety of many more, all in motion.

In one corner, there is a lifelike Santa playing the piano, or should I say the "choir director", S. Claus. As the music begins, you look to your right and there are Santa's after Santa's lined up as if they are ready to sing carols on Christmas Eve. Any type you can imagine. Many of these are over one to two foot tall. It is as if they are on risers in a church choir raising their voices in exhaltation. Another standing shelf displays two foot Santas adorned in wonderful, colorful Christmas attire. Many of these are handmade by renown artists such as Lynn Haney, Stone Soup, Timeless, Sierra Art and Donna, just to name a few. Once again,many of these are numbered and one-of-a-kind.

David related the stories about the many time at the "negotiating table", bargaining for these prized possessions. Many of these were in local restaurants, small shops and places that only buyers would know of. He would not even begin to account for the number of gallons of iced tea and cokes that he has consumed while bargaining for an item and said that four hours was a short time for him to negotiate a sale, if it was a certain piece that he wanted. He stated that the bargaining was the best part of the purchase. I believe, just from talking to him, that he was a "horse-trader" in a former life!

Adorning the side wall across the room is another assortment of animated Santa's, including a Santa bust with a wreath of mistletoe, a Santa in a gold-embossed robe with gold adornments and staff.

Below on the floor and surrounding shelf is another group of animated Santas bathing, soaking his tired feet and much more. Lining the walls as you go out is his collection of numbered and limited editions of Santa's. He also has Santas lined up by country and dated, a collection of gold and white Santas, mercury Santa's, and Santas depicting any activity related to the holiday season.

David plans to leave these on permanent display in his "workshop" for others to enjoy. Before moving to Detroit, they were packed and repacked each year for the holiday season only. They would begin around 7:00 a.m. after Thanksgiving and begin the unpacking and by Tuesday of the following week, the kids were thinking that they really were not sure about this Santa thing. Putting them away was another matter entirely. David says that he would start on or about the 10th of January and the last one would be packed by the end of March!

Their vacations consist of checking out Christmas shops wherever they go and they travel extensively. The kids know if they want to take an extra break, just find mom and dad a Christmas shop! Some of their favorite's are Christmas Cottage in Melbourne, Florida, Rudolph's in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and of course, the North Pole in Oklahoma, City. He has pieces from all over the United States and as far away as Russia, Norway. Poland and many other foreign countries.

Along with the Family tree, they have the Formal Tree in the Formal Living Room inside the house and a small Christmas Tree is on a table and is used on Christmas Eve to add the ornaments that are bought and placed each year and never used again until the children are out on their own. Then they are given the ornaments and can be used in their homes for their families.

Several of the classes from Detroit and Blossom have visited Mr. Winkley and his Santas. David extends a hearty welcome to anyone who wishes to view his collection and we thank him very much for his hospitality.

He is constantly adding pieces and just last week added eight new ones. Several times as I was there the phone would ring and David's eyes would light up, knowing that the call might be from a prospective "seller" with another one for him to "haggle" with!

Look for more pictures of the Winkley's colleciton of Santas and Holiday items throughout the pages of the paper this week.

People 'n Things

Thursday, December 19

Bogata Lions Club will meet at 7:00 P.M.Christmas Party.

Third Tuesday of Each Month

Commodities will be distributed from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. at the Bogata Community Center.

Notice

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 P.M. in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rec. Room in Clarksville. Everyone is Welcome.

The Rivercrest Cheerleaders have **tattoos** and **ribbons** on sale at the Talco, Bogata and Rivercrest campuses on Thursdays and Fridays. Either item is .50 cents and may be purchased in the school offices. Support your cheerleaders while supporting your team.

Get your Rebel Pride **bumper stickers** and support the school in all activities. They can be purchased at Rivercrest High School for $1.00 each.

The Talco-Bogata Tax Office will be closed Dec. 23 to Dec. 28. The office will be open Dec. 30 and Dec. 31. It will be closed Jan. 1 and Jan. 2 and will reopen on Jan. 3 to being the new year.

The Rivercrest Seniors are reminded to turn in their **baby pictures** by **Jan. 10** for the year book.

Johntown MBC to hold New Year's Eve Celebration

The Johntown Missionary Baptist church and Dr. Bobby Clark invites everyone to join them in a night of Praying, Praising and Preaching on December 31 from7:00 p.m. to 12:15 a.m.

There will be featured singers, including Mark Black from Sheridan, Arkansas, Joy Clark from Forrest City, Arkansas.

Featured speakers will be Jerry Miller, Pastor and Evangelist from El Dorado, Arkansas, Neil Clark, Pastor and Author from Daingerfield, Texas, and Bobby Clark, Pastor of the Johntown Baptist Church.

There will be food and fellowship and everyone is invited.

Johntown MBC to have Live Nativity Scene

The Johntown Missionary Baptist Church and pastor, the reverend Dr. Bobby Clark, will present a live Nativity Scene from 7 to 9 PM on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, December 19, 20 and 21st. Everyone is invited to come and view the live animals every night.

Bogata trash pickup changed

For one week only the trash pick up schedule in Bogata has been changed.

There will be no pick up on Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day). Instead, the trash will be picked up on Saturday, December 28. For more information, call Bogata City Hall.

Papers will not publish next week due to Christmas holiday

Due to Christmas falling on a Wednesday of next week the papers will not publish that week.

It is rare for the holiday to fall on a Tuesday or Wednesday, the only two days whichcause a problem.

Publisher Nanalee Nichols says that "to get out a paper that week would mean having all our employees work Saturay, Sunday, Monday and all of Tuesday. This isn't fair since Christmas is such a family-oriented holiday."

The offices at Deport and Bogata will be open Monday, December 23 and until noon on Tuesday, December 24th so that subscriptions can be renewed. They will also be open on December 26th until noon.



Country Cooking

Liz Irwin

If there is someone you'd like to see in the Country Cooking column, call 982-5829.
Look for us on the internet!

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This week, in keeping with the holidays, we are featuring some recipes for the season. They are from Charles Prices 7th and 8th grade Life Skills class on the Blossom campus. They have the opportunity to bring recipes several times each semester and they have to prepare it, bring the dish, read the recipe and tell how they made the dish. Then everyone gets the chance to sample the food. They love this part of the class and have came up with some really good items.

Members of the class are Andi Gillie, Ashley Athas, Chastiti Nation, Matt Oliver, Trista Bensonm David Smith, John Merrill, Nicole Benson, Brittany Bailey, Amie Love, Eric Loveless, Kelli Hamil and Jordan Hunold.

Chastiti Nation has prepared Frozen Dessert and consists of fruit mixed with cream cheese and Cool whip along with other ingredients.

Trista Benson made Christmas Wreaths. They consist of corn flakes, marshmallows and red hots along with butter and vanilla.

Brittany Bailey cooked up some Revel Bars with oatmeal, chocolate chips and sweetened condensed milk.

Who says boys can't cook? Matt Oliver whipped up this Cherry Cream Cheese Pie along with John Merrill's Pumpkin Pie and David Smith' Chocolate Pecan Brownies.

Andi Gillie added the chocolate touch with Chocolate-Pecan Fudge and Eric Loveless takes all the work out of it with No Bake Cookies.

We, here at the newspaper, hopes that everyone has a safe and very, Merry Christmas and we will see you in the kitchen!

Things have been a little confused here at the papers. We had planned on using the ladies who hold an annual cookie swap as featured cooks this week, but didn't quite have room for all their recipes. Here are their Cooky Recipes, tried and tested and delicious. More recipes and a story will follow in the new year.

CHOCOLATE MALTED COOKIES
Patsy Norrell

1 Cup butter flavored shortening
1 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup malted milk powder
2 Tbl. chocolate syrup
1 Tbl. vanilla
1 Egg
2 cups all purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chunks
1 cup (6 oz.) milk chocolate chips
In mixing bowl combine first five ingredients, beat 1 minutes, add egg. Combine flour, soda, salt. Gradually add to creamed mixture, mixing well after each addition.
Stir in chocolate chunks and chips. Shape into balls, place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 12-14 minutes or until golden brown. yields 2 1/2 dozen.

CHEWY PECAN COOKIES
Ann Lee

1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 cup sugar
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
3 eggs
1/4 cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 Tbl. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pumpkin pie or apple pie spice
2 cups quick-cooking oats
2 cups raisins
1 1/2 cups chopped pecans
In a large mixing bowl, beat butter, sugars, eggs, milk & vanilla. Combine dry ingredients; add to creamed mixture & mix well. Stir in oats, raisins and nuts; mis well. Drop by Tablespoonsfuls onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until light golden brown Remove from baking sheets to cool on wire racks. Yiels 5-6 dozen

ALMOND BARK COOKIES
Juanita Taylor

2 pounds almond bark
2 cups dry roasted peanuts
3 cups Rice Krispies
1 cup chunky peanut butter
2 cups mini-marshmallows
Melt almond bark in 200 degree oven. Stir in peanut butter until smooth. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well.
Drop by spoonsful on waxed paper.

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Charles Price's Life Skills
Blossom

Frozen Dessert
Chasiti Nation

8 ounce cream cheese
3/4 cup sugar
Cool Whip
15 ounce can pineapple
10 ounce frozen strawberries
2 mashed bananas
1/4 cup nuts(optional)
Beat cream cheese and sugar until creamy. Add 1 cup Cool Whip. Mix well. Mix pineapple, bananas, strawberries and nuts into your cream cheese mixture. Put into 8 x 12 pan and freeze. Cut into bars and serve.

Christmas Wreaths
Trista Benson

1/2 cup unsalted butter
4 cups corn flakes
3 cups marshmallows
1/2 teaspoon green food coloring
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 teaspoons red hots
Melt butter and marshmallows, stirring constantly for approximately 6 minutes or until all marshmallows are melted. Remove from heat and add coloring and corn flakes. Stir until melted, Grease fingers and form mixtureinto wreaths on waxed paper. Decorate immediately with red hots. Serve and enjoy.

Chocolate Revel Bars
Brittany Bailey

1 cup margarine
2-1/2 cups flour
2 cups packed brown sugar
2 eggs
4 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking soda
3 cups rolled oats
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1-1/2 cups chocolate chips
2 tablespoons margarine
1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
In mixing bowl, beat margarine with mixer til softened. Add half of flour, the brown sugar, eggs, 2 teaspoons vanilla and baking soda. Beat til thoroughly combined. Then beat and stir in remaining flour. Stir in oats. Set oat mixture aside. In medium saucepan, heat milk, cocolate pieces and 2 tablespoons butter til chocolate is melted. Remove from heat and stir in walnuts and remaining vanilla. For crust, pat 2/3 of oat mixture into ungreased 15x10x1 inch pan. Then spread chocolate mixture on top of crust. Drop remaining oat mixture by teaspoonsful on top of chocolate layer. Bake in a 350 oven for 25 minutes or till top is lightly golden brown. Cool in pan on wire rack.

Cherry Cream Cheese Pie
Matt Oliver

1 prepared graham cracker crust
1 package cream cheese
1 can sweetened milk
1/3 cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 can prepared pie filling
Let cheese stand at room temperature. Beat cheese until fluffy and gradually add milk. Stir well until mixed. Add lemon juice, vanilla and stir well. Chill for three hours and garnish with pie filling.

Fumpkin Pie
John Merrill

2 eggs
1 can Pumpkin Pie mix
1 can evaporated milk
Preheat oven to 425 degrees and in a large bowl slightly beat eggs. Add pumpkin and milk and mix thoroughly. Pour into 9 inch unbaked pie shell and bake for 15 minutes and reduce heat to 350 and bake for additional 50 minutes.

Chocolate Pecan Bars
David Smith

3/4 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 cup sugar
1/3 cup butter
2 tablespoons water
12 ounces chocolate chips
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 large eggs
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease 9 inch square baking pan. Mix together flour and baking soda. In small saucepan, combine sugar, butter and water. Bring to a boil over medium heat and remove immediately. Stir in 1 cup morsels and vanilla until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Transfer mixture to medium bowl. Cool completely. Stir in eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually stir in flour mixture until smooth. Stir remaining chocolate and nuts into batter. Pour into prepared pan. Bake until toothpick inserted comes out clean.

Chocolate-Pecan Fudge
Andi Gillie

1/2 cup butter
3/4 cup unsweetened chocolate
1/2 cup evaporated milk
4 cups confectioners sugar
1-1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla
Microwave butter in 2 quart bowl. on high for 1-1-1/2 minutes or until melted. Add cocoa; stir until smooth. Stir in sugar and vanilla; blend well(mixture will be dry and crumbly). Stir in milk and microwave on high 30-60 seconds or until mixture is hot. Stir until smooth; add chopped pecans. Pour into dish and garnish with pecan halves and cool.

No-Bake Cookies
Eric Loveless

2 cups sugar
1/3 cup cocoa
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups oats
1/2 cup milk
1 stick butter
Cook sugar, cocoa, butter and milk slowly until sugar is melted. Boil for 5 minutes and remove and add peanut butter, stirring until melted. Add oats, mixing well and drop by spoonsful on waxed paper.

ORANGE SLICE COOKIES
Dot Nichols

1 1/2 cups brown sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. soda
1 pound orange slice candy
1/2 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup shortening
2 cups sifted flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Cream sugar, shortening, eggs until light and fluffy. /Sift 2 cups flour with soda and salt. Blend into creamed mixture. Dice orange slice candy. Mix with 1/2 cup flour and add candy mixture to first mixture. Stir in chopped nuts and oats. Roll into 1 inch balls. Place on greased cookie sheet and press with fork. Bake at 325 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 6 doz.

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2 cups brown sugar
3 eggs
1 cup shortening
4 cups flour
1 tsp. slat
1/2 tsp soda
Mix well, use hands if necessary. Work in pecans, walnuts, cherries, milk chocolate chips, coconut and brazil nuts (a good handful of each)
Chill dough for better handling.
Drop onto greased cookie sheets and bake at 350 degrees until lightly browned. Check after 5 to 7 minutes. Remove from oven while centers are soft. Do not overbake. Add whatever you like the name "boo boos" comes from a mess up on date pinwheels!

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Card Of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for the nice cards, telephone calls and visits while I was in the hospital and while I have been recovering at home from the balloon surgery I had.Thanks to the First Baptist Church for their concern and their prayers. I'm sure they helped. Thanks to my children, my wife, brother in law and brother and sisters for being with me at the hospital.

Thanks again
J.C. (Jake) Smith

Card of Thanks

The family of Robert Smith, Jr. would like to thank everyone for all the acts of kindness and love shown us at the sudden loss of our loved one.

Our Pine Creek Volunteer Fire Depatment and Lifenet gave their all to save him, but God had other plans for Robert. Tho our loss is great, God's love is shining thru the work of his angels here on earth. God bless you all.

The Smith and Abney Families

Obituaries



Justin Remmers

Justin Remmers dies December 9

Justin Remmers, age 10 of Terrell died Monday, December 9 in Wills Point.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 11 with family services held Tuesday, December 10.

He was born April 9, 1960, in Terrell, a son of Allen and Debbie Remmers, who survive. He was preceded in death by one sister, one brother, and an aunt.

Surviving other than his parents are sisters Michelle, Dena and Brittney; an aunt, Nell Sprouse; grandparents Frank and Lezett Remmers; and great-grandmother, Fannie Crump Lamb of Deport. He was the great-grandson of the late V.A. Crump of Deport.

Charlene R. Whitley dies December 14

Charlene R. Whitley, age 39 of Detroit died Saturday, December 14 at the home of her parents.

Services were held Tuesday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m. in Bright-Holland Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Hamm and the Rev. David Farmer officiating. Burial was in Detroit Cemetery.

Mrs. Whitley, a homemaker, was born April 24, 1957 in Dallas to the Rev. C.R. and Joyce Newton Bridgers. She married Alan K. Whitley on April 24, 1987 in Red River County. She was a 1976 graduate of Paris High School, a member of Clarksville Church of God and of the House of Prayer in Deport.

Surviving are her husband; her parents; four children, Stacy, Stefanie, Sara and Robert Whitley, all of Detroit; two sisters, Wanda Dean of Paris an Georgia Wilhite of Biloxi, MS; seven nieces and nephews; her mother and father-in-law, Jerry Vaughn Whitley of Detroit. She was preceded in death by a sister, Donna Mae Bridgers.

Pallbearers were Timmy Michael, Ronny Michael, Joey Hamm, Lawrence Whitley, Murl Whitley and Chris Whitley.

Robert Smith, Jr. dies December 13

Robert Smith, Jr. of Bagwell died Friday, December 13 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Local arrangements were under the direction of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith was born in Lamar County on October 19, 1932, a son of Robert and Lillie M. Nowell Smith-Abney, Sr. He married Barbara Jean Anderson December 23, 1959 in Pocatello, Idaho.

He served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, in both the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War, and retired as a reactor inspector for the Atomic Energy Commission, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Energy.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Robert Shawn Smith of Idaho Falls, Idaho; three daughters, Kathleen Marie Newmann and Barbara Lynn Blau, both of Twin Falls, Idaho and LaDawn Elaine Smith of Idaho Falls; 11 grandchildren; one sister, Sarah Cross of Texarkana; two half-sisters, Wanda Parker of Bagwell and Eddie "Kit" Yvonne Short of Tyler; one step-brother, Osco Abney of Lubbock; one uncle, two aunts and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and step-father, Ed Abney; two brothers, Albert and Kenneth Smith and a step-brother, John Orval Abney.

Dennis C. Weaver dies December 7

Dennis C. Weaver, a retired employee of Atlantic Richfield Company, formerly of Woodsboro, died December 7. He was 92 years old.

Mr. Weaver was born in the Shady Grove community of Lamar County, a son of Cal and Maude Weaver.

Survivors include two daughters, Norma Burrow of Farmers Branch and Mary Weaver of Coppell; a sister, Inez Creed of Arlington; a brother, Frank Weaver of Paris; two granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held at LaRosa Cemetery with Moore Funeral Home, Refugio in charge of arrangements.

Paul Wood dies December 11

Paul Wood, age 94 of Deport died Wednesday December 11 in Red River Healthcare Center, Bogata.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Friday, December 13 in Deport Presbyterian Church where he was a member. Wood Funeral Home made burial in Highland Cemetery.

Mr. Wood was born March 4, 1901 in Rugby to John Douglas an Emma Grant Wood. He married Ruba Ella Chesshire on September 17, 1922. She died February 16, 1984. He was a retired carpenter.

Surviving are two children, Paul Wood, Jr. of Irving and Dorothy Mobley of Livingston; a sister, Mrs. Francis Franklin of Deport; two brothers, Lawrence Wood of Rugby and Carl Wood of Bogata; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two children, Noel Douglas and Elizabeth Wood.

Richard Duane White dies December 17

Richard Duane White, age 59 of Pattonville died Tuesday, December 17.

Services were held at Victory Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 19 with the Rev. A.C. Joyner, the Rev. Glynn Renfro and the Rev. James Elsom officiating. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery, Deport. The family received friends from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of arrangements.

Mr. White was born June 28, 1937 in Rosalie, a son of Richard D. and Betty Ann Ray White. He attended Deport School. He was a member of the Pattonville Baptist Church and the Deport Masonic Lodge #381. He served in the U.S. Air Force, and worked for Paris Milling for 13 years before retiring. He married Betty Lowery on December 30, 1955.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Danny White and his wife Linda of Reno; three daughters, Donna Crossland and her husband Willie of Pattonville, Debbye Urbano and husband John of Paris, Diane Weddle and husband Randy of Deport; one brother, Hubert White of Sulphur Springs; four sisters, Pauline Guertler of Azle, Maurine Davis of Mt. Pleasant, Alice Sanders of Sulphur Bluff and Darla Hornick of Rainbow; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Mary Lou White.

Bearers were Danny Eppers, Kenneth Burks, Billy Porter, Homer Smith, James Winters and John David Newman. Honorary bearers were Jarvis Howard and Harry Wilson.

Joe Bailey Day dies December 13

Joe Bailey Day, age76 of Paris, died Friday, December 13 in McCuistion Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday in Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Paul Bruhn officiating. Burial followed in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Day was born February 6, 1920 in Blossom, a son of Levi Cummins and Mary Russell Day. He was a lifelong member of the Shady Grove United Methodist Church, was a retired employee of Lone Star Gas Company and Cooper Butane Company. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Blossom Masonic Lodge No. 303.

He married Dorothy Richards on November 22, 1952 in Texarkana, AR.

Survivors include his wife; son and daughter-in-law, Tommy Joe and Diane Day of Dallas; daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and James Erwin of Paris; grandchildren, Debbie Johnston of Paris, Melany Mitchell of Plano, Sarah Bowen of Dallas, Eric and Lisa Dixon of Dallas; and great-grandchildren, Jacob Teehee of Denver, Erin Mitchell of Cookeville, TN, Danielle Johnston of Paris and Shawn Bowen of Dallas. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Rachel Elizabeth Day. Survivors Ruby Jones, preceded in death by a brother Charlie Day, Susie Day and Virgie Day.

Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Bro. L.J. Stotts and wife, Dorothy of Pineville, LA spent December 10-12 with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dugger, Jr.

Monte and Shelley Rodgers, Melissa Arriaga and Betty Rodgers attended the benefit show at Prairiland Saturday night.

Karen Baker and Larry Parker attended the Mike Grigsby show at Paris Saturday night.

Clovis and Katy VanDeaver attended the county water Christmas party at Clarksville Saturday night.

Kay and Butch Peek attended the benefit program at Prairiland School Saturday night.

Mother asks for son's work to be republished

Louise Bean's son, Henry Bonds, wrote the following four months before his death in 1974. Mr. Bonds was killed when his home exploded. His mother requested that we reprint the article at this Christmas season.

Remind Me Lord

The things that I love and hold dear to my heart are just borrowed they're not mine at all.

Jesus only let me use them to brighten my life, So remind me, remind me Dear Lord.

Pull back the curtain of memory now and then. Show me where I could have been. Remember I'm human and humans forget, so remind me, remind me Dear Lord.

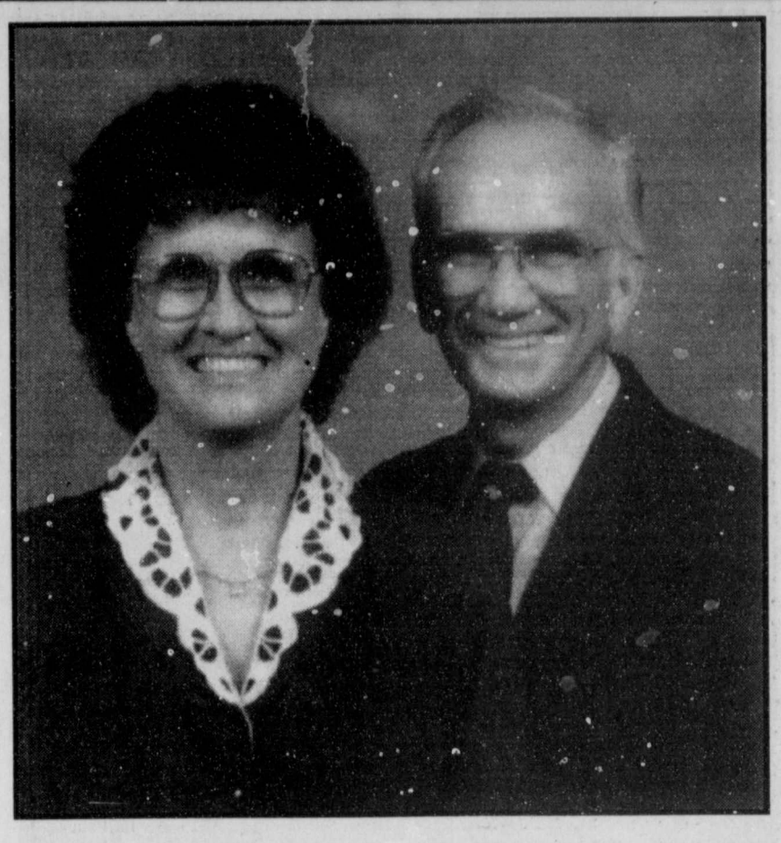
Nothing have I done to deserve to call on your Son. I'n not worthy of calling his name, but he chose the road to Calvary to die in my place--why He loved me I can't understand.

April, 1974
By Henry Bonds

What a 10th anniversary present for Harold and Kathryn!



We wish you forty more, Pam



Mr. & Mrs. Harold Verner

Verners to observe anniversary

Harold and Kathryn Verner of Detroit will celebrrate their wedding anniversary December 31, 1996 quietly at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Verner were married December 31, 1946.

There will be no formal celebration.

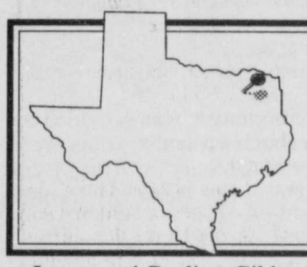
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JOHNTOWN LOCALS

By Jana Hawkins
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James and Pauline Gibbs visited with Mark, Jana, Haley and Heather Hawkins.

Jana Hawkins and Allix and Darla Brunson enjoyed shopping in Paris Saturday.

Tommy Lee, Joyce and Glenda Cox, Victor Lynn and Patsy Cox, Patti and Ladona Couch along with approximately 20 other guests attended the birthday party of Sean Robertson at McDonald's on Saturday. Everyone enjoyed cake, ice cream and games.

Clay Pirtle traveled to Shreveport, Louisiana Tuesday and returned home on Friday. Clay visited in the home of Carmelo Grenier and in the home of Judy Attaway.

Sunday lunch guests of Steve and Kathy Hawkins were Robbie Hawkins, Mark, Jerry Ann and Blake Richardson, Payden Franks, Mark, Jana, Heather and Haley Hawkins.

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Mrs. John Wayne Cope,
the former Carla Danette Bishop

Bishop-Cope vows exchanged

Carla Danette Bishop of Clarksville and John Wayne Cope of Paris were married in a double-ring ceremony on Friday, December 13 at Paris Church of God Family Center. The Rev. Johnny Wheat performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan A. Bishop, Sr. of Clarksville. She is the granddaughter of Carl and Blanche Childres, Mary Ella Bishop and the late Austin Bishop, Jr., all of Clarksville. She is the great-granddaughter of Elsie Faye Bolger of Sulphur Springs.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Cope, Sr. of Paris and the grandson of the late Charlie and Carrie Cope and the late Claude and Myrtle Page, all of Paris.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her brother, Dan A. Bishop, Jr., and given in marriage by her parents. For her wedding, she wore a Victorian style long waisted gown designed by Sabrina. The bodice featured a scalloped neckline trimmed in Victorian lace and seed pearls and long Victorian sleeves adorned in the same manner. The back was inset with sheer fabric from the neckline to the middle of the back and highlighted with pearl buttons and set off with a satin bow. The swirl of the church length train was embellished with seed pearls and Victorian motifs. The bride chose a Victorian style hat enhanced with seed pearls and Victorian motifs around the rim with sheer lace gathering in the back falling to the waistline.

Wedding music was provided by Sharon Hatcher, pianist. Songs were "Keeper of the Stars" by Tracy Byrd and "I Cross My Heart" by George Strait.

Attending the bride were Tameria Poor of Bagwell. Bridesmaids were Sheila Moore and LaDeanna Morgan, both of Paris. Flower girl was Missi Sugg, cousin of the bride. Ringbearer was Talon Bishop, nephew of the bride. Candle lighters were Carrie Cope and Judy Exum, sisters of the groom. Julie Childres, aunt of the bride, was wedding coordinator and floral designer. Tonya Bishop, sister-in-law of the bride, presided at the registry.

The best man was Lee Furry of Greenville. Joie Cope, brother of the groom of Paris and Tem Exum, brother-in-law of the groom of Paris were groomsmen. Ushers were Brian Exum and Tony Exum, nephews of the groom.

A rehearsal dinner, catered by Tommy's Barbeque, was given in honor of John and Carla by the groom's parents Thursday evening at the Family Center Gym.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Family Center Gym hosted by the bride's parents. Country and western music was played during the evening, requested by the couple.

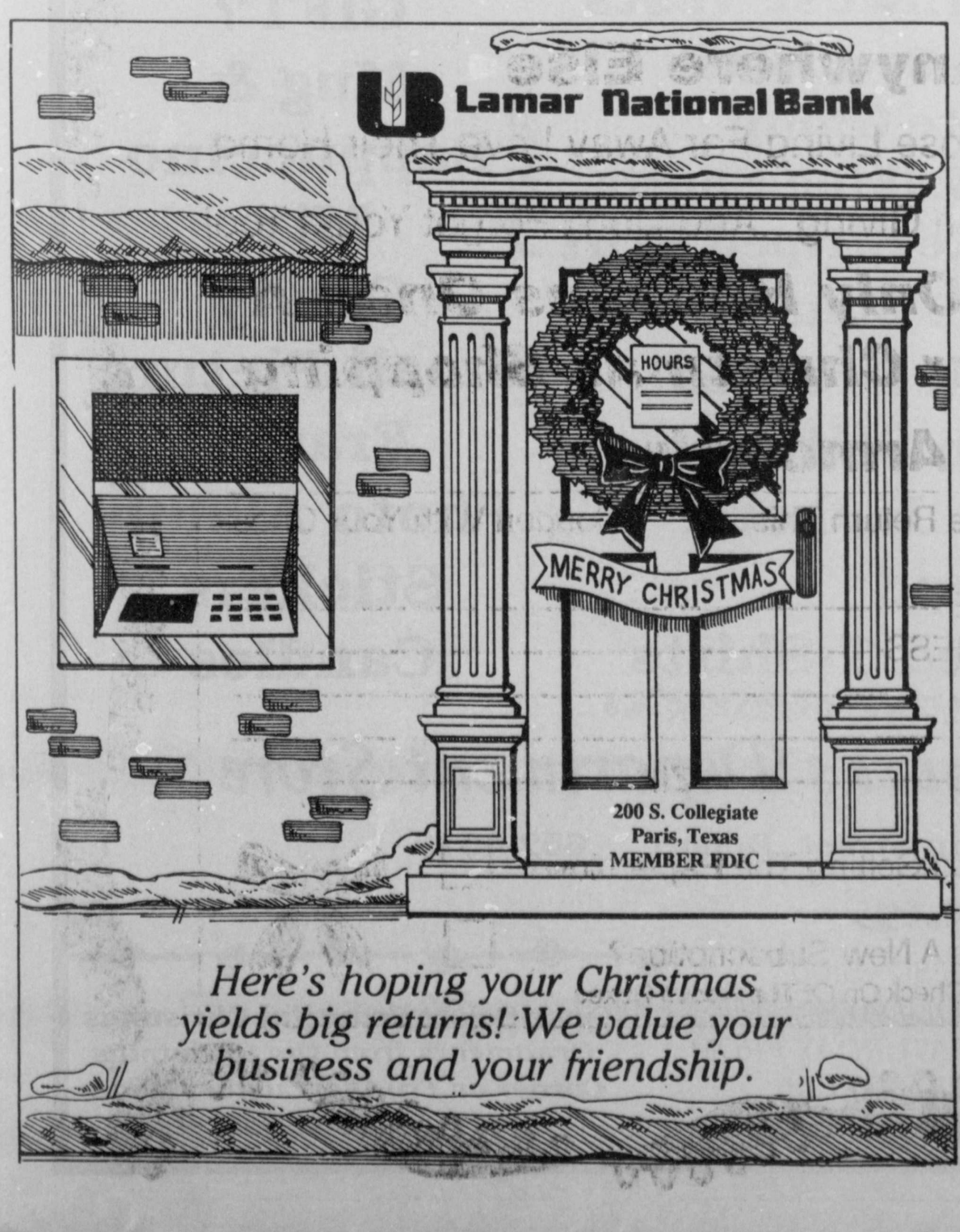
Houseparty members included Melissa Exum, Beth Cope, Tonya Bishop, Sharon Booth, Julie Childres, Tracy Davidson and Lisa West.

Prior to the wedding, the bride was honored with showers in Clarksville at the Lone Star Methodist Church given by Julie Childres, Sharon Booth, Tameria Poor and Brenda Russell. Another shower was given by Beth Cope, Carrie Cope and Judy Exum at Gene's Party Room.

After a wedding trip to Shreveport, LA, the couple will reside in Paris.

The bride is a graduate of Clarksville High School and is employed by Diamond C Custom Welding as a personal secretary. The groom is a graduate of Paris High School and is the owner of Diamond C Custom Welding.

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Veterans stories will be run in January

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During January, when things are "slower" we plan on putting together another round of stories, look for them then.



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Marilyn Glover
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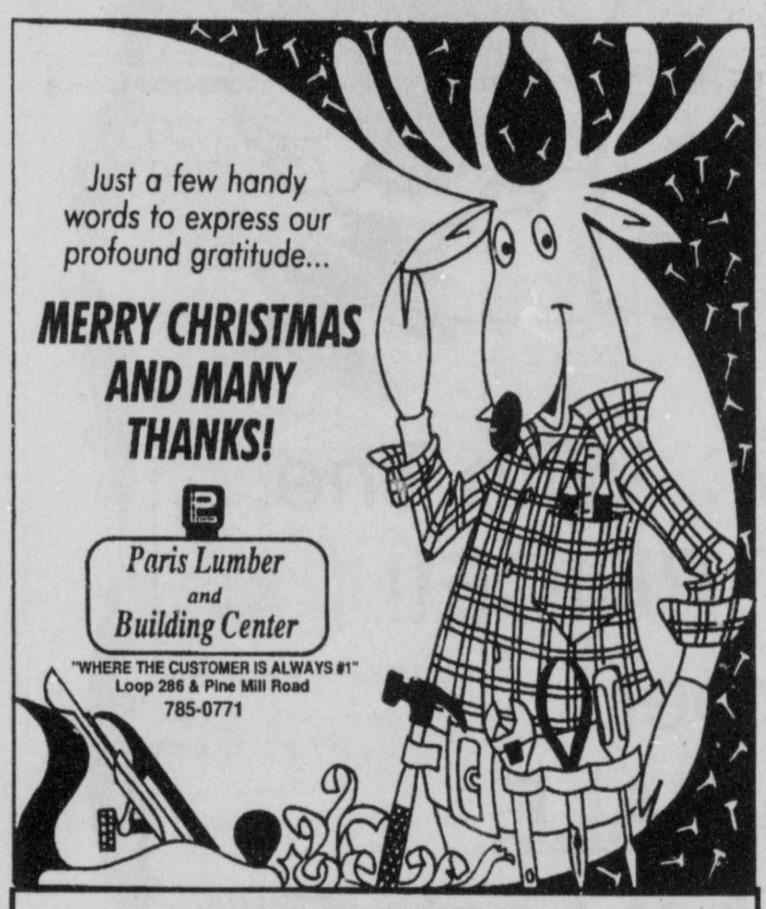


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Love,
Sarah Beth Jean

Dear Santa,
Beneath the tree, please put these special gifts for me: Nintendo 64, Race Track, Remote Control Car, Coveralls and clothes.
Aaron Rolen

Dear Santa,
Beneath the tree please put these special gifts for me: Roller Blades, Clothes, Barbie, Hiking Boots, Tweety Bird Backpack and a Barbie Car.
Dara Williams

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a talking Bubba. I want an eating Cabbage Patch. I want a Ice Skating Barbie. I want a real live baby.
Love,
Ashley Horton

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, I want a skate board and a little remote control car. I want some spurs. I want a big ball. and Dear Santa, I want a race car track for me and my brother.
Thanks , Love,
D.J and Dustin Gentry

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and tree house please. Let it snow again. Don't forget to bring Alison a car and a Dr. Kit.
We will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Lauren

Dear Santa,
My name is Kristen Clark. I have been good this year. Please bring me these things: 1. Trail Blazer Barbie 2. Barbie's Trail Blazer Horse 3. New Bicycle, 4. Christmas Bear 5. Barbie Clothes 6. Some games 7. New Books.

Dear Santa,
I wish you would bring me a remote control airplane, a remote control jet that shoots missiles, a ceramic horse, a TV and a saddle.
Colton Crawford

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaylee and I am almost 7 years old. I want a tape case, real guitar, cool fashion avenue, red belt, Homeward Bound 2, Calendar, Barbie and Keiko, Teacher Barbie, Shaving ken and some clothes.
Love,
Kaylee McIntire

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a trampoline, a couple of Barbies, a TV, Easy Bake oven, a Watch that glows in the dark and some new Nike shoes and clothes. With a housecoat, house shoes and gown for Christmas.
Thank you,
Christin Holland

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year, and under my tree I would like Talking Bubba, Baby real baby, Barbie Dream house, Barbie Car (Large) Shaving Ken, my size princess, bean bag, kick ball, punchballs, bouncing Kelly doll, some new clothes, boots, some games (horse nibbles) plenty of candy, nuts and fruit, a can of popcorn, something nice for PaPa and Nanna, maybe a trampoline, OK?
I love you,
Chrystal Anderson

Dear Santa,
I want a suit of clothes, dolls, chicken little, the twins, my size, Breshaza the cook, the brite lit, wonder wear, borbecperdt 101 dalmation puppies.

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a pretty good boy. I would like a batman, boots, pellet gun, TV, basketball hoop, Match box car wash, a tent, clothes ana a carhart jacket, drums, pinball machine, Karate fighters, Don't sink my battleship, I will leave out some cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Kyle

Dear Santa,
I would like ZEO power mega Zord, 5 speed bike, transformer, remote control XRC car, toy rifle, copperhead BB's, GI Joe, Air Devil.
Thanks,
Coty Townes

Dear Santa,
I want Santa to bring me a My size Barbie and a Swish Swash taking a bath baby. I want a trampoline too, I want a million Dollars, too, I been wanting a fly dancer too.
Kirby Needham

Dear Santa,
I want a new kitten. I need a good bed for my kitten. I love toys. I want a new bike. I want some play dough please.
Thank you,
Misty Seat

Dear Santa,
I want a beanbag, Nikes, fish, TV and windsuit.
Love,
Anthony

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Nintendo 64 with the game, Super Mario 64, I want the mask, video game for Super Nintendo.
Kelsey Stringfellow

Dear Santa,
I want a walk waller and a Go cart and I want a Nike Hat and Nike shoes. That's all I want.
Thank you,
James Johnson

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a remote control car with 100 dollars in it. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Please put who's it is from. My name is Edwin Halloway. Do not come through the roof because it is a fire going on. Come through the door.
Love,
Edwin Galloway

Dear Santa,
I would like a my size Barbie, a four wheeler a light up phone, a pair of shoes, a windsuit, You would have to go through the smoke stack.
I will have some cookies and milk for you when you come.
Love,
Tiffany Giles

Dear Santa,
I've been a very good girl. I don't care what you bring me. What I really want is, Henry and clothes and a secret diary and $1,000 dollars. Ho Ho.
Love,
Sarah Hare
P.S. Ho! Ho!

Dear Santa,
Would you get me thing for Christmas. A telephone, a Mousetrap game, Sorry, Chicken Little, a Simon and a new TV and anything else you want to give me.
Love,
Miranda Mauldin

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy and helped my mom alot with my new sister Ashlyn. This year I would like to have new baby swing and play pen for my mom, toy story belt, fishing pole, tackle box, remote control dump truck, and all the toy story army guys. I also want a tractor, Buzz Lightyear an Woody Airplane. I love my mom so be sure to bring her stuff first. I will wait for you as much as I can.
Your friend,
Brady Kennedy

Dear Santa,
Since I had Christmas last year I won't ask for much. Just bring anything my daddy would like and we will play together. My mom will bake cookies for you if and if my daddy don't eat them all I'll leave you some
I love you,
Hailey Brown

Dear Santa,
I'll level with you, this year I've been a good boy but don't ask around because some people may tell you a different story. So don't give my toys to the needy cause I need toys. I do have a big brother Ryan and I don't imagine there will be any cookies left so go to Hailey Brown's house first and get all you need there.
Love,
Chris Kennedy

Dear Santa,
My brother and I have been good boys. I like books and my brother likes his bottle. We will like anything you bring us.
Love,
Tyler and Austin Easley

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Bogata Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and I hope you bring me a three wheeler and a bunch of toys and I wish for a go cart to and I want a BB gun too.
By Jake Needham

Dear Santa,
Could I please have a 4X4 four wheeler. I don't care if I don't get it or not either.
From,
Adam Horn

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like lights out and light three. I think that I deserve these, because I have been good. But if you can't get them, I will be happy with whatever you get me.
Love,
Wendy Stewart

Dear Santa,
Guess what I want for Christmas. I want a cross ring and a five speed and a pager. I want my pager blue and green and I want a green cellular phone.
Love,
Janie Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want gun, toys, back pack, little plane, little train, little school bus, little track shoes, G.I. Joes, baseball mitt, Basket doll, football, soccer ball, hammer, belt, socks, etc. hot wheels, remote control car.
Brian

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a silver Buzz Light-year, a Buzz Light-year spaceship, socker boppers, some space jam toys, some Batman toys, a pirate ship and a Dallas Cowboy uniform.
Please bring my little brother, Wesley, a Jack in the box a play farm some trucks and tractors and Winnie the pooh toys. He has been good this year too.
We will leave you some milk and cookies. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Jarol Davidson, age 5

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a ten speed bike or a package of C batteries for my doll. She has to have two and she says her ABC's. She also blinks her eyes while she is saying them.
Love,
Angela Brown

Dear Santa,
I really want some CK 1,
Along with Fingernail fun,
And a go cart
Would not hurt my heart,
And also Mario All Stars
That can be played on Mars.
A necklace and a ring,
Would be the thing for me.
Kyla Jo Harville, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a race track with some cars and trucks. I would like a billfold and a new cowboy hat. I would like a toy dog with a chain. I have been a good boy. I hope you bring me these things. I love you Santa.
Love,
Lloyd

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control truck, an 8 ball fortune teller, a new bike, a sega, some new clothes, a jeep, a new computer. That's all folks.
Matthew Austin, first grade

Santa dear, beneath the tree, please put these special gifts for me: Dancing Barbie, Barbie Bike, Baby go bye bye, doll house, a puppy, Donkey Kong, cane and lipstick.
Courtney Lemme

Santa,
Please bring me these things: Taz Nintendo game, BB gun, Soccer Bobbers, Telescope, Coveralls and watch. I really want all these things.
Love,
Jesse B.
P.S. What kind of cookies do you like?

Dear Santa,
I want some books and new bed and I want my own bed room and my won TV and my own dress and some toys too, and a sega and that is old.
William Vaughan

Dear Santa,
I want Doodle bear and Chicken Little.
Love,
Tara

Dear Santa,
I want some rubber boots, house shoes, bike, roller blade, clock, remote control truck, double barrel 410.
Jesse Hanna

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, sister, quilts and Sunday shoes.
Erica Tucker

Dear Santa,
A small motorcycle would be good, a drum set and blow gun if you could. I've wanted a hockey set all my life. A gun case, rifle and a pocket knife. A gas helicopter would be tough. Gak Machine, Nintendo, tapes, sneakers and stuff.
I could sit in my room and say thanks for my glory.
With Oliver and company and Toy Story.
Thanks Santa. I love you,
Lee Jordan

Dear Santa,
I have been good boy. Please bring me a 69 nintendo and a little puppy and a TV and VCR and a dirt bike and remote control boat. I'll leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Mark Allums

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart and a bike and a jewelry and a ring.
Eva Barrett

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year, and I just want to ask for a few things. A Bryer horse, a phone, a TV and one more thing, to see you.
Mandy Crawford

Dear Santa,
I can't wait for Christmas to come. I will have some milk and cookies for you. You might want to look out for my dog! You can get me anything you like to. Bye Bye.
Jason Davis

Dear Santa,
I want a Sega game player, jean, games, clothes, stockings, boots, rubber boots, shotgun 410 gauge, Toy Story movie and Space Jam movie.
Lillian Baird

Dear Santa,
I want an Easy Bake oven, LaBaby gift set, Baby go bye bye, Juice and cookies, Baby alive, Baby born, dog, Toss across, Barbie Movie Theatre and my size dancing Barbie.
Shyla

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Staci. For Christmas I would like a tape player, a set of drums, a train set, a big doll, a Barbie house with a lot of Barbie dolls, a Bubba the bear that talks, a My size Barbie, a Kangaroo doll, a car, a choosy baby, a skating Barbie, a camera, a lucky ducks game, a Fraidy cats game, a Barbie Nibbles horse, a Pet Doctor Barbie, a Shopping; fun Barbie and Kelly Playset, Fluffy, My Come here Puppy, Cabbage Patch Snack time kid and a juice and cookies baby alive doll. I have been a good little girl.
Love,
Staci

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a pair of skates that are size 3 1/2 or I don't care. The next thing I want for Christmas is a doll that is called a baby feel so real.
Love,
Kacy Harper

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy horse, semi-truck, toy ranch, toy dog and a feed wagon to go behind my tractor. I have been good so has my brother Colton. So please leave him toys too for he will not play with We will leave you milk and cookies. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me.
Love,
Derek Pettit

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a new jacket and a TV and VCR a new dresser, a telephone, some clothes and shoes and a new bedroom set.
Love,
Heather Hawkins

Dear Santa,
I want a radio and a new bike for Christmas. I also want a new pair of shoes. I also want to be with my family.
Love,
Gina Lindsey

Dear Santa,
I would like a new set of books, and a little tiger doll, one that purrs. A new computer disks and my own room. A couple of bland tapes, a tape recorder, a microphone, a video camera, a TV and a set of real makeup, a Christmas tree, my own, some earrings and a new set of dresses.
Sincerely,
Courtney Ashley

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a camera, jeans, some flannel shirts, a pair of bell bottoms, and shirt, a pair of Nike shoes, a real birthstone ring and anything else that you think would be appropriate.
Thank you,
Kellee

Dear Santa,
I want a Super van city, a dog , my two front teeth, a new sister to go outside this year.
Ryan Lashuay

Dear Santa,
I've been a nice girl. I hope you will get to come to my house. I would like a CD player and that is all.
Love,
Lynann Sivard

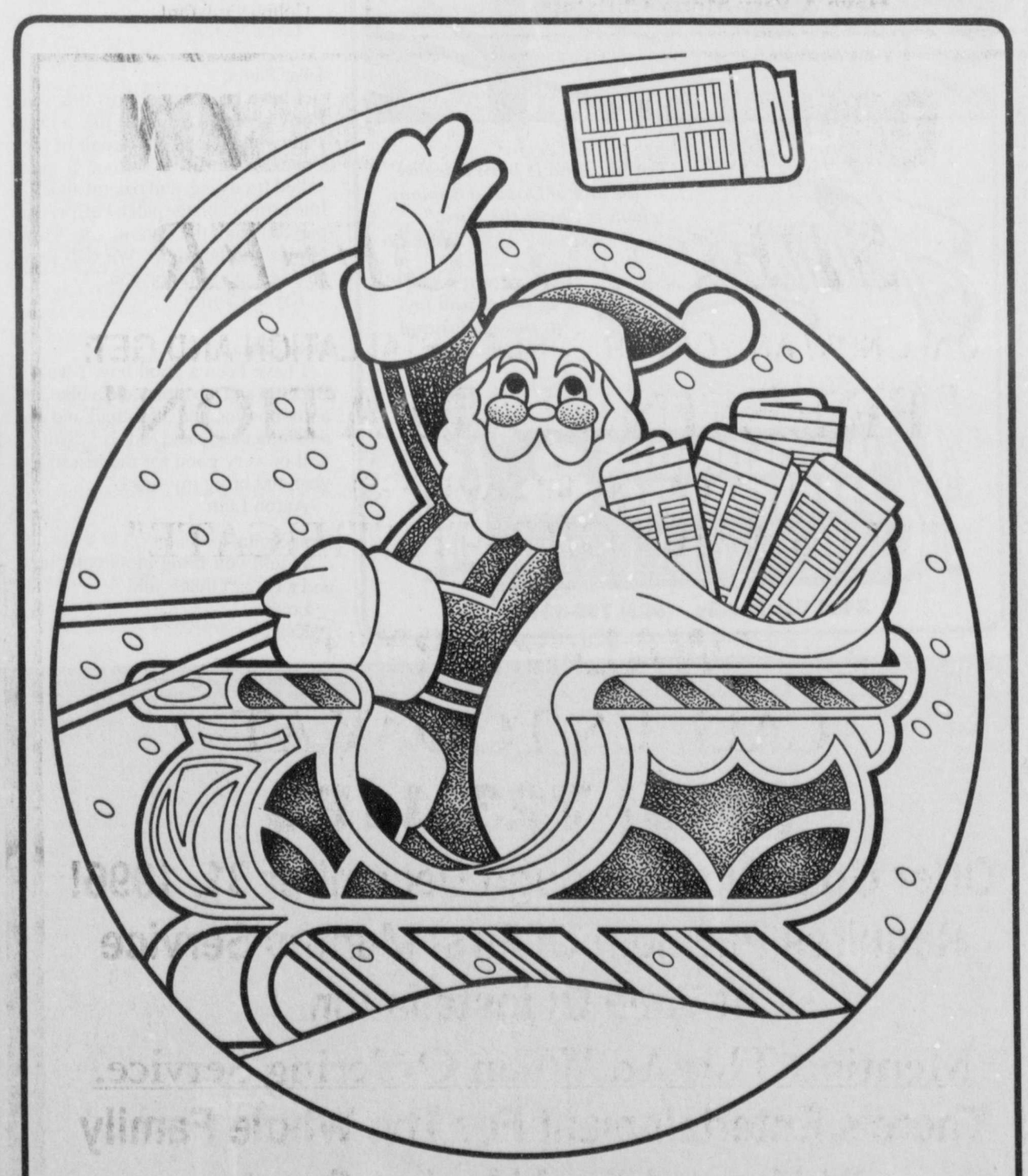


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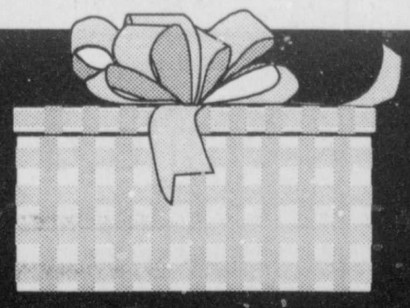
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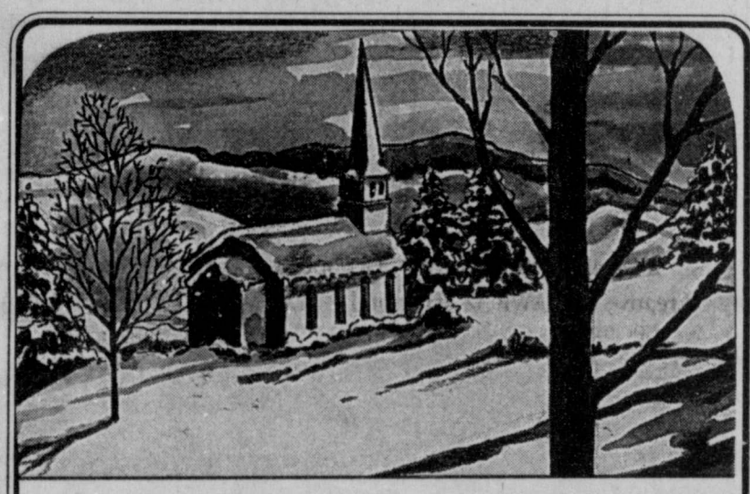


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Bogata Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

Do you know what would be nice?
I would like some antiques, but watch the price.
I would like a stuffed animal big or small,
Oh! I also would like a basketball.
I would like an art set,
And a barrette.
I'd scream with glory
For the movie Toy Story.
I'd like some skates,
To sail by my gates.
Oh and I'd be on a hook,
On something you call a book.
Get me some hair bows,
To go in rows,
Oh, Get me some clothes too,
But only a few.
I'd like a toy car,
So I could be a racer All Star,
I'd like some money for my collection,
They do get my affection.
Well, that's all,
Please don't bawl!
Thank you,
Kristen Simmons, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike that would be so cool,
And a Sony Play station that would really rule.
A remote control airplane would be real nice,
I could place a camera in it and see all the mice.
A go cart would be fine,
and a RC racer that could really climb.
A TV set I could really use,
And a computer I would rather choose.
And a bike if you may,
Then I could ride it to school from day to day.
Michael Johnson, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I've been a really good girl this year and I'm looking forward to your visit. I know you can't give me everything, but could you please try to bring me a few things on my list. That will make me very happy. I want a camera, fashion designer (Barbie), nail making set, jewelry making set and a Pocahontas doll, Esmerelda bank, midnight waltz Barbie, Gymnastic Stacey Barbie, Baby Carriage, Barbie Gentle Witch, Hot tub for Barbie. Try not to get sick while your out giving presents to the children around the children around the world.
Love and Kisses,
Erica Moreno

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like a computer with E-mail also a pair of pink skates, a wheel of fortune a game called fraidy cat, and peanut attack, a lunchtime cabbage patch kid, my ears pierced and the movie the Three Ninjas and bookclip. We will leave cookies and milk for you.
Krystal Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a BB Gun and a batman and a bike and a trampoline and a football and and a fishing tackle and rod reel. Santa, I will be very good for the rest of the year and bring my sister.
Aaron Lum

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a computer and a go cart that is all.
Love,
Kelsey

Dear Santa,
I will play with my new game, Clue,
So that I can find out who.
And I will wear my clothes on summer and winter day,

In all different ways!
I will also play with my new game, 13 Deadend Drive,
That just makes me thrive.
Tweet Houseshoes, P.J.'s and robe to keep me warm,
But I cannot keep them til I'm old enough to wear them in a dorm
And I will also play with my new puppy,
so that I won't be grumpy.
And I will wake up and look in the backyard and see
A horse with a saddle, bridle and everything else tied to a tree.
I will ride her every place
With the wind in my face.
Sincerely,
Stephanie Williams, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
While I'm asleep,
and while you devour the cookies I gave you to eat,
Please bring me these wonderful things if you may.
I'd like a dunebuggy to ride around in all day,
And if I don't get stuck,
A remote control truck.
And if you are able
Please bring me a pool table.
If you bring me these things, I even bet
That you would bring me a TV set.
Please show no shame
And bring me some Sega games.
My ears are very keen
So you better be quiet if you bring me a pinball machine.
Sincerely,
Micah Chaloner, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
While we have now met,
What I would like for Christmas is a hockey set,
And a hatchet, maybe a camouflage jacket, a camouflage coat
And a car with a remote,
I'll be on my knees
for a pool table please.
A twenty two would be nice
to shoot little mice.
A CD player if you could,
Toy Story the movie if you would.
It would be a sight
If you could give me all these things Christmas night.
Sincerely,
Brent Middleton

Dear Santa,
I want a bedspread and a saddle and coat and lots of clothes. I want a bike and a TV and VCR. I want lots and lots of ponytail holders.
Your friend,
Jillian Shirley

Dear Santa,
In my backyard I wish I could see a swimming pool.
When I get a swimming pool it will be very full
That would be very cool to see a pool.
Sincerely,
O.W. King

Dear Santa,
What I want is too big for the tree,
I want it to be my size you see,
I want a bike...
So than I won't have to hike.
Joe Lindsey, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I will watch everything I see
On my brand new T.V.

I'm going to listen to many tapes I know,
On my new stereo.

I will travel very far,
Yes, I'm talking about a remote control car,
Plus maybe a VCR.

I will be a good little boy,
And you can bring me lots of toys.
Lance Bush, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a VCR
wit a great big star.
And a great big shell
if only it had a shell.
A Nintendo 64 would be great,
And a baby doll named Kate.
I would like a horse,
And a red Porsche.
Get me some clothes
But only a few.
Kim Young, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I will stay up all night with nothing to do
Whole waiting for you to come to my room.
I am a honey,
so bring me money.
I want some shoes,
And some bell bottoms too.
I need some clothes,
but not any bows.
I want some tight shirts,
But not any mini skirts.
That's what I want for my Christmas.
Brittany Brown, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
Hello. I have tried to be good this year. I won't a nintendo 64 with Mario world. I also want a phone to go in my room. I will leave you treats on Christmas eve.
Sincerely,
Clinton Glasener
P.S. Don't forget my mom and dad.

Santa,
I've tried to be good this year. Oops, didn't work, just real good, but I'll be better if I can have two Cabbage Patch dolls for me and my Sissy, Kimmie and a big set of dishes. And bring maybe surprise that's all because other boys and girls need toys too.
Crystal & Kimmie
P.S. We love you.

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. Please bring me a Ricochet car, a police truck with sirens, hammer and Nails, soccer ball, Batman Pajamas, Chalkboard and chalk and most of all, bunk beds for my room.
Also please bring my car, Sassy, a toy too.
I will leave you some milk and cookies.
I love you,
Bryan Keith Chapman

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like for you to bring me a twirling Barbie, Ballerina Barbie, Clothes, Bicycle and some books. My brothers have not been as good as I have but please bring them some presents.
Thank You,
Valerie Vaughan
P.S. We will leave you a snack.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Kelly Doll, a sewing machine, Barbie Moving van and Barbie House.
I love you,
Tara Raulston

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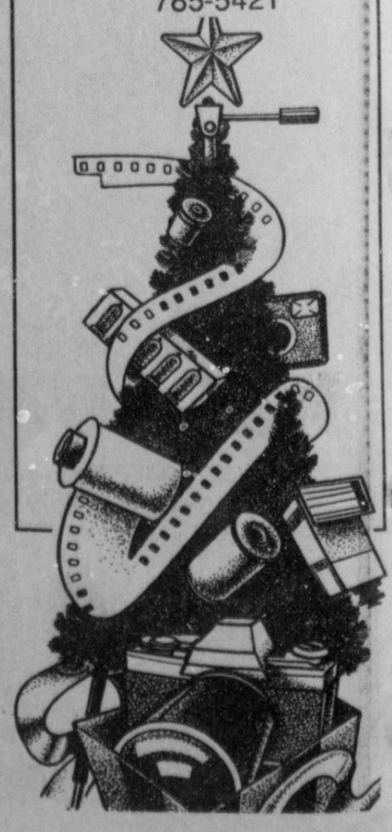
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More Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Play station
that I can play on my vacation.
I want a Super Nintendo so I won't be bored
I want it to have a really long cord.
I would like a Game Boy,
I don't want it to be a toy.
I want a Saga Saturn,
So you see now I have a pattern.
I want a pool table,
and a T.V. with cable.
I want some CD's and a CD player,
give me all that and it will answer my prayer.
Jason Jones fifth grade

Dear Santa

I've been a very good boy.
Please bring me a very special toy.
It doesn't have to be much.
Maybe a Dodge Viper remote control car.
They're fun and they can go far.
But I don't care, as long as I get a car.
Jeffery Abernathy , fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a horse,
And a go cart of course.
A cat would be nice,
It would catch many mice.
I would like a mug
with a great big hug,
A typewriter's cool,
And so is a game of pool.
Crystal Burruss, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Game Boy,
I would really like that toy!
A go cart would be nice
and some skates to skate on ice.
I want a Play Station,
that would be fun for my vacation.
I want some clothes,
and some socks that cover my toes!
I also want a new bike,
so that I can take a hike.
I want the movie Toy Story,
and Woody the toy.
I want the movie Mighty ducks #,
When I watch it I would drink some tea.
I would make a bet,
that you would buy me a hockey set,
a pool set,
and I also want a pet.
Want a CD of Gart Brooks,
and at least but not last, I would like some books
Donnie Burns, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a BB gun and a pocket knife,
because someday it might save my like!
Please bring me a bicycle,
but please not a tricycle.
To walk down the street with my puppy
would be so neat.
A stereo and CD player so I can listen to the beat!
A wave runner would be nice and it would even add a little spice.
Wouldn't that be nice?
A horse, of course
and a monster truck would drive my dad mad
Candy and pickles would be delicious,
but it would make my sister very vicious.
Video games and Nickelodeon Gak would drive my mom up the wall
and down the hall!
A 4 wheeler and go cart
would be as fun as art.
Mindy Riffle, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
II have tried to be a good girl. I hope you can bring me a doctor Barbie and a baby that eats. Also a bear that talks. I will leave you some goodies to eat.
I love you,
Samantha
P.S. Don't forget about my mommy.

Dear Santa,
I would really like a video game,
And I have always wanted a toy train,
Some roller blades would be real cool,
And if you wouldn't mind could you put out school?
A toy car would be nice
if only I could play with it on ice.
I really don't need another coat,
but I would like to have a toy boat.
I would like to have a pellet gun,
it would be a lot of fun.
Some new shoes would be great,
Especially ones with metal plates.
I would also like to have another cat,
just make sure he's not fat.
I would like to have more dogs,
just make sure they're not hogs
Just make double sure
you don't buy them from the store!

Thank you,
Alex Davidson, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I want a pellet gun with a clip,
But you better hide it or my Mama might flip.
I want new hunting caps,
You better bring one with ear flaps.
I need some fishing twine,
So I won't run out of line.
I wish you would bring me a Super Nintendo,
I want some Super Nintendo games,
They better not be lame.
I need some 30-30 shells,
But instead you can send some silver bells.
Those are my many wishes,
So please don't bring any switches.
Sincerely,
Chance Belcher

In my house I want a pair of quad drums.
So I can keep the beat with a soft hum.
I also want a crossbow,
So at bow season I can shoot a doe!
Even better a 357 magnum gun,
Some bullets and arrows so I can have fun!
A 3 wheeler would be nice,
so I can glide on the cold ice.
Sincerely,
Keith Perry, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I want to see a stereo in my place,
On the ceiling I want to see a blue or black light bulb shining in my face.
This would be even more neat
If I had roller blades on my feet.
Sincerely,
Gena Haggard, Fifth Grade

Dear Santa,
I know this is a busy time,
So a trampoline would be just fine.
Nike shirt, you can't top that,
Unless you have Nike shoes and hat.
I want roller blades and a ten speed even though it's cold,
And I hope that a Dallas Cowboy jacket and the video of Toy Story is not sold.
Go carts and four wheelers all take gas,
My mom will give me money for that, just so I don't have to let it pass.
A Sega Genesis I think is cool,
And I would like a Game Boy to take to school.
Sarynthia Lawson, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a go cart,
That would be very special to my heart.
I would also like a bike to ride to my house.
I promise to be as quick as a mouse.
A go cart and bike would be so cool
so that I can ride them to school.
Sincerely,
John Brown, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a necklace like my mama's and a watch.
I love U,
Niki Lewis



Greetings!

A Wish For A Happy Yuletide With Trimmings

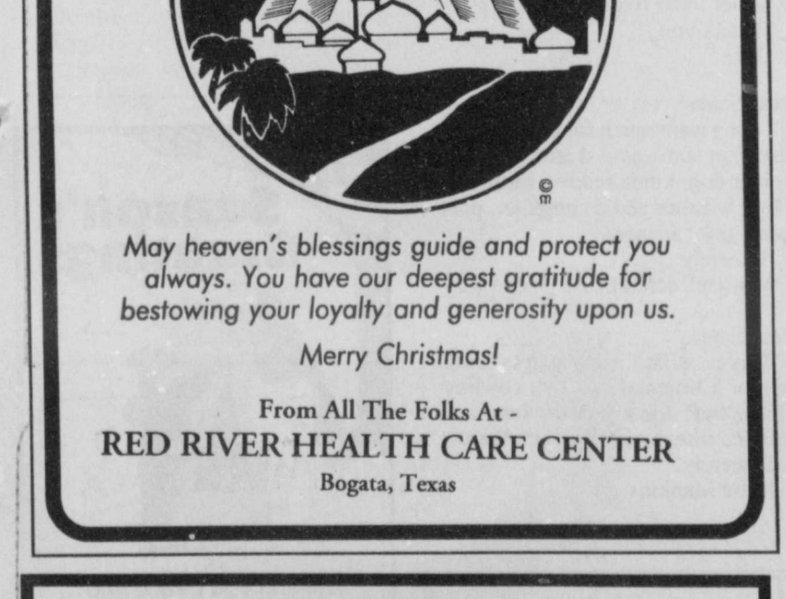
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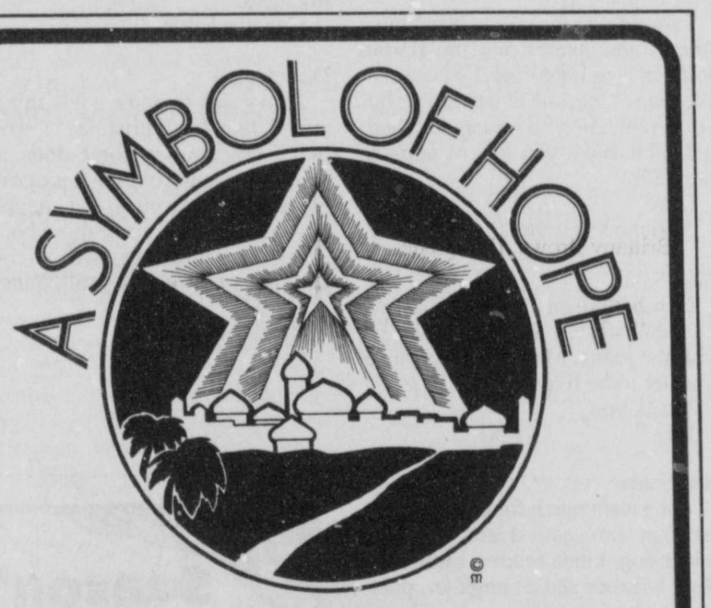
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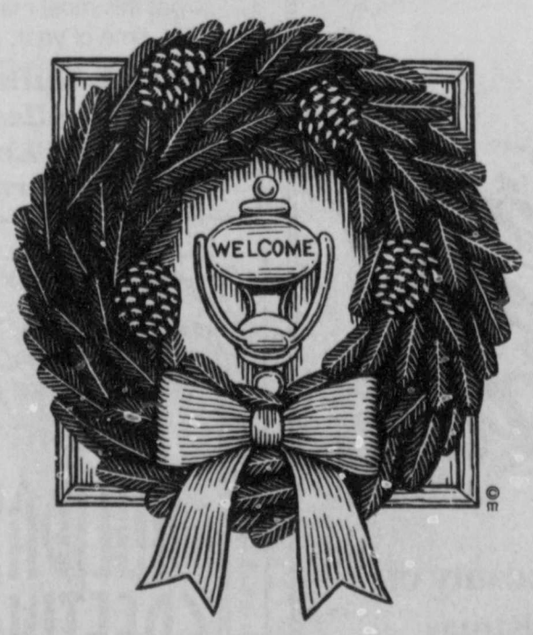
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Hey Santa,
Be a dear, leave all these things here.
Nike Air Shoes
and a big canoes,
I also want Levis
that don't go past my thighs.
and a trampoline
So I can jump like a queen.
A bunch of fingernail polish
so my nails won't look demolished.
Last, most important, rollerblades,
Elf made
Courtney Brown, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me some clothes,
without any holes.
A 4 wheeler would not be bad,
If one I had
A 30-30 rifle would not be bad,
If you brought me one like my dad's.
A Sega Genesis and games.
Like my cousin James.
I want remote control truck with a lot of stuff,
I would like a deer stand with a heater,
because I'm not so tough.
Cody Cheatwood, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I want a bike,
So I won't have to hike.
I want to cruise
In new white top shoes.
Joe Lindsey, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
I know it's not very long till your on your way,
Coming to my house in your wonderful sleigh.
I don't want very much this year,
Just odds and ends that will bring lots of cheer.
Oh, Santa, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Angela Lester, fifth grade.

Dear Santa,
Send me some shot gun shells,
maybe some silver bells.
A CD Rom
for me and my Mom.
A cat
and a hat,
and some space
to put everything in its place.
Anthony Hearn, fifth grade

Dear Santa,
PLease bring me a football goal, football and Kicking tee and a big round green ball. I have been nice and I haven't been mad.
Thank you.
Love,
Seth

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like you to bring me an electric guitar, Nintendo games, an RC Racer that goes in mud. A train track that will go around the tree.
Love
Ethan Meredith

Dear Santa,
I have been nice all year. I want lots of toys and clothes and lots of shoes too. I want to know if you have real reindeer and sleigh. I hope everybody has a good Christmas and New Year too. I wish everybody a Merry Christmas. Well I better go!
Merry Christmas
Casey Hammonds

Dear Santa,
I want a talking Woody and a football goal, football and kicking tee. I have been good Santa Claus.
Love,
Seton

Dear Santa,
I want a panda bear, a pair of roller blades and rod and reel combo with tackle box.
Love,
Ethan Tucker

Dear Santa,
I, Jonathan Nieto, would like you to bring me a Pterodactyl Transformer, street shark, a basketball and a basketball goal, a computer with a CD Rom, Lion King, power rangers Zeal, a Goofy Movie, Toy Story tape, Oliver and Company. Would you please sent my sister, Kylie, a baby doll, Mermaid Barbie doll, and baby clothes and a bicycle with training wheels.
Love,
Jonathan
P.S. I will make you some cookies and leave you a glass of milk on the table.

Dear Santa,
I want a VCR, clothes, jewelry, boots, make up. Please bring my cousins some toys.
Love,
Micah Upchurch

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me some outfits and dresses. I also want a new board game like: Payday, Life or any other board game. I want a new Nintendo game and some headbands. I want some new pairs of jeans and some books to read. I want a new watch and some earrings. Please bring me some of these things.
Your friend,
Lindsey Robertson.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a CD player and CD's to go with it. and a Baby Born Doll and a necklace and a telephone. Santa, I've been good this year and please don't forget my mom and dad and two sisters, Callie and Taylor.
Love,
Jordan Stafford
P.S. I'll have milk and cookies out.

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a basketball, some skates, dolls, sleeping bag. I want a bunkbed a canopy bed. I want a chalkboard with chalk. I want a sega with a sonic tape. I want a horse.
Love,
Stacy Borders

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a basketball set and a pet hamster and a dodge ball set and a toad.
Love,
Chris Watts

Dear Santa,
I want Reeboks, Henry Electronic Game, Jumanji game, Headphones, 5 game table and Twister movie.
Micah Haynes

Dear Santa,
I want an American girl doll, Kirsten. My size Barbie. Baby sip 'n slurp, Baby go bye bye. A watch, some skates and knee and elbow pads.
Katelyn,
VanDeaver

Santa dear,
Beneath the tree, please put these special gifts for me: Baby Tumbles surprise, Baby Headstand surprise, Baby Wigggles and giggles, take care of me twins, candy, baby sisters, little sister, books a TV, a VCR, a bike, a Lauren Corbell Doll, my playhouse to be finished, $21.86, a trampoline, new shoes, school crayon, checkers, Guess Who and Monopoly.
Love,
Ashley Alana Shew

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a VCR to go with my TV? and I want a trampoline and a dress and a chalk board and a real telephone.
Your friend,
Cortney Merchant

Dear Santa,
I want a hamster and some jewelry because I want to be pretty and I want a puppy and Haley stickers to put on my door, a locker to hang my backpacks in, a radio that has a CD player on it, a computer and that's about all.
Your friend,
Haley Hawkins

Dear Santa,
I want high hills that are 3 feet long and a bike that is 4 feet long and big, big, presents too. Oh, and something else a long dress all the way to my feet and high heel boots and you and The Hunchback of Notre Dame.
I love you Santa.
Love,
Alejandra

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a puppy, new skates and the Barbie doll that is as big as me. I would also like a new bike, one like Britney's but a different color, so we can tell them apart. I'll leave you lots of cookies and milk.
Love,
Adrienne Passano

Dear Santa,
I would like an electric guitar and a a chemistry set and a nintendo 64 with the game, Mario and for my 3 wheeler to be fixed.
Thank you,
Jake

Dear Santa,
I don't want much for Christmas. I just want some new skates, size 7, a weiner dog, kinda reddish brownish a four wheeler and a computer, plus some new earrings.
Sincerely,
Morgan Meredith

Dear Santa,
This is what I want you to bring me for Christmas. A TV, cowboy shoes, stuff for my desk, sand art, pink ice ring, a watch and clothes.
Sincerely,
Katie Mankins

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would like some exercise equipment with a weight bench. Also, some football equipment and a L.A. Raiders football suit. My brother, Micah, and I want a game table to share. I would also like a jambox and a punching bag. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring my big brother Micah some neat stuff and my baby brother, Mason, some toys, too.
Thank you.
Love,
Matthew Haynes

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year so I would like a few things. I would like a CD player, CD's trampoline and maybe a puppy. I would take good care of the puppy. I also want a new four wheeler, . I want lots of toys. Well, that might be all for now.
Your friend,
Koren

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control motorcycle. I want a new 22 gun with a bunch of bullets. I can use. I want a new sega game. I have been a good boy this year.
Your friend,
R.C. Pitts

Dear Santa,
I want a TV, a little TV that is colored and a super nintendo with model 12 and 3 and I will play with it all the time after I get home from school.
Your friend,
Chris Cannon

Dear Santa,
I want my very own bedroom so I will not have to pick up after Teresa. I want some braces for my teeth. I really have wanted some braces for my teeth.
Candice Little

Dear Santa,
I am going to name a few things I would like for Christmas. I would like a few clothes, some dolls, and stuffed animals, roller skates or roller blades, hair barrettes and maybe a new bedroom set, some more books, a necklace, new earrings, braceleis and rings. I think that is all, Santa.
Love,
Kerri Simmons

Season's Greetings



Wishing you peace and joy at this most magical time of year.
Kenneth, Ruth Ann, Kim, Brad Allen and Micheal & Kenda Blackburn



All Good Things on Christmas

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS
Wishing you a season filled with great joy!
Many thanks for your friendship!
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Thursday at 7:00 P.M.. is "42" time and every Saturday at 1:30 is Bingo playing time.

The VFW and its Auxiliary meets every second and fourth Monday at 7 P.M.

*Fifth Wheel Band will play good dance music Saturday night, December 21 for our Christmas dance from 8:30 until 12:30. Admission is $3.00 each. Must be 21 to attend.

*Also plan to come out and enjoy your New Year's eve with us. We will have black-eyed peas to start your year off right. The Broadway Junction band will provide Dance music. Admission will be $5.00 each for this special dance.

*We send sympathy to Jo Hester and family.

*Happy birthday to Iva Carr, Geri Knowles, Wootie Harville and Bobbie Hervey.

*All of us from Post 8187 wish everyone the best Christmas and New Year ever.

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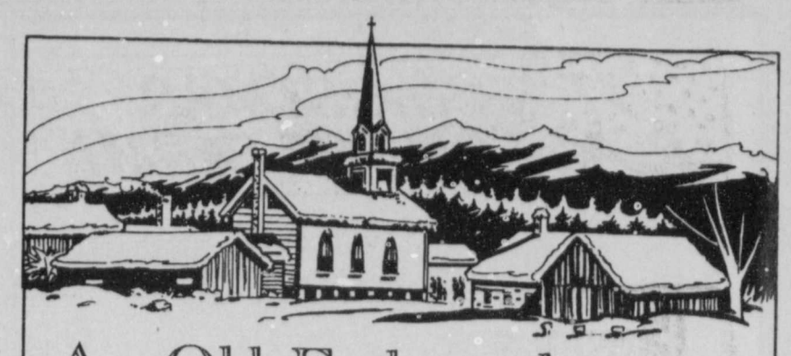
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To the Mauldin Kids from Mom and Dad

To Kath

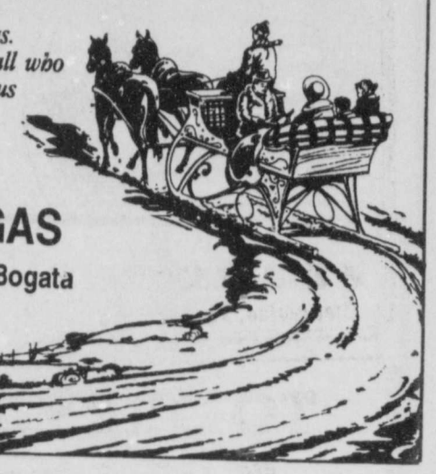
To Sherry Rolen from William and Becky Rolen

To Donna Herriage and Kathy Belcher from Nancy Mauldin



An Old-Fashioned Christmas Wish

Christmas has always meant reflecting upon one's blessings. We wish much happiness to all who bestowed good fortune upon us this year. God bless you all!



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Merry Christmas

More Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want some skates and bike. I want an easy bake oven. I would like some socks and some house shoes. I would like a new house but you can't get it for me. I want a bed by myself. I want my parents to have a lot of money. I want some new shoes. I have been good. I'll hope you bring these things.

Your friend,
Love,
Nichole

Dear Santa,

Will you get me a R.C. Magee racer, and will you get me a pump gun shotgun, and a double barrel shotgun and a twelve gauge shotgun and an R.C. stunt racer and a hamster, and will you get me a blue dog and a half dollar and a Scooby Doo movie, and will you get me a master alley. And a go cart.

Your friend,
Brantly Morris

Dear Santa,

I want a bike. I want a doll house. I want shoes. I want two Barbie Dolls, I want a doll. I want a boy and girl doll.

Have a good Christmas Day.
From,
Lyssette

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. Please give me a bicycle and a computer. I have a little brother and little sister too. I guess they have been good too. My sister wants a bicycle and patty cake doll and my brother wants a big truck. Could you also leave me a baby doll. I love you Santa.

Love,
Kayla Brooke Whitney, age 5
P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a 4 wheeler, train and a tractor and anything else you think I would like.

I love you, be careful on your trip.
Love,
Colby Horn

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a trampoline, a name necklace, a doodle bear, a butterfly Barbie and a shaving Ken. Please! No Clothes.

Cheyenne Williams

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a new backpack, a diary, a Barbie Jeep a my size Barbie, 101 Dalmations movie, new socks, new piano, a new book, a fan, an Angel figurine, a doll that smells good, a cat figurine, a fishing pole, a new lamp, a new hairdo, a new VCR a new bookcase, a new jacket, a new Barbie House, new clothes for school, hunted highway, creepy Crawlers, baby born, night, the Barbie Dream house, Cross fire, Cyber shot, pound puppies. Twirling Ballerina Barbie.

Cindy Livingston

Season's Greetings



With happy faces
and hearts full of cheer
let us embrace
a brand new year--
let's ponder the good times
its promise may bring;
a world of good tidings,
a reason to sing.
So, enter with joy,
unburden your care
a fresh new start
with blessings to spare.

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Reunion held in Bogata

The Keith Family and Friends reunion was held November 30 at the Community Center in Bogata.

Those attending were: Hester Lee Keith and daughter, Beverly Babb from Houston, Don Nolen from Bogata, Neva Crump from Mount Pleasant, Aubrey and Elaine Marie Keith from Winnsboro, Patricia Heird from Paris, Lester and Margaret Carder from Krum, Eddie and Deann Boctre and daughter Meslie from Krum, Jerry and Sue Thomson and son, John Winnie Thomson from Arlington, Jerry, Junioir and Ann Marie Thomson and sons, Zachary and Christopher from Arizona, Heather Lee Longoria and daughter, Sarjah Aubree, Bradley Kitsen from Arlington, Boyd and Myra Johnson and daughter, Holly, Roger and Christy Johnson and daughter, Charettie, from Malvern, Ar. John Nolen and daughter, Katilian from Krum, Larrya and Fay Nolen, Shyene and Shanon Nelson from Paris, Kent and Kay Haddock and son, Chris, from Spring Hill, Dylan Haddock, Stevie and Sonya Drew and Daughter, Morgan, from Clarksville, Patricia Hubbard and granddaughter, Alexia Ward from Ft. Towson, Oklahoma. Jan Burgess, Robert Smith, Eddie and Ann Lejune and daughter Dana, son William Keith from Arlington, Billie Nolen, Robert Wayne Nolen, Mark Lee Nolen, Mark Sean Nolen, Jennifer Nolen, Leanna Lejune and William Earl Clark from Clarksville.

After lunch pictures were taken.



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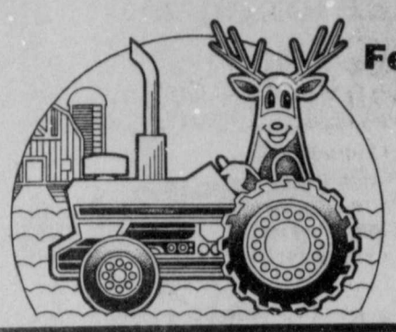
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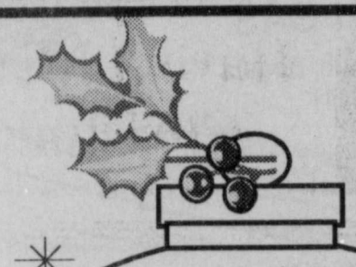
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To all our farm families, we offer our best wishes for a joyous season and a prosperous new year. Thank you for your hard work and dedication and for helping us grow along with you.

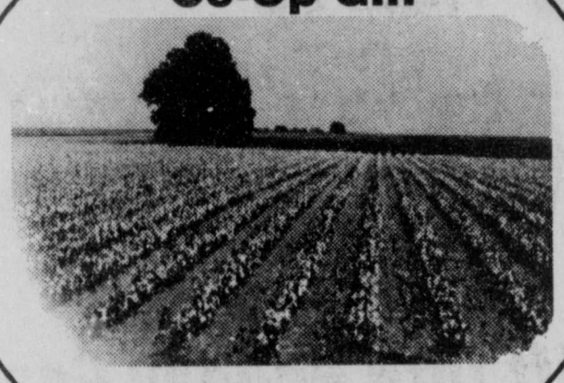


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Talco Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a moving terradactile, a bat and a bird costume, a toy for my brother and a bow for my sister and anew bottle for my other sister. I'll hire you a new elf!
Thanks Ty Crump

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a barbie doll, Ken doll, barbie shoes, a baby doll and a baby shoe, baby bottle, cabbage patch and I want some new shoes. I want some socks too. I want Make-a-face doll. This is the toys I want for Christmas.
Yours truly
Victoria Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I want some dishes, phone, barbie and a bear.
Dawn

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a pistol, motorcycle, nintendo 64 and roller blades. Would yu bring something for my family.
Drew Godwin

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a baby toy horse, Doodle Bear, baby barbie, jeep, phone, roller skates, dalmatian puppy, rubber boots, diary and a pocket knife. I'll leave milk and cookies.
Love Angie Kay White

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo 64 and a wave race 64. I want a pistol , a sega saturn, a nomad, a swimming pool and a super nintendo. I want a pocket knife for my dad. I'll leave you some cookies.
Andrew Cole Deaton

Dear Santa,
I have been very good girl. Will you bring me a horse-not toy, a real dalmatian puppy. I love you Santa. I would like it if you would help the Rebels win. Give my mom a vase and my dad a new truck.
Virginia Camill Wright

Dear Santa,
I want a pocket knife, a kitten, a Christmas Barbie, Baby Tumbles, a bike, play jeep, rubber boots, mom and dad would like some things too. I want a dog that is black.
Torrie Grissom

Dear Santa,
Can you give me a bigger Barbie house pink and white? I would like a diary. Pleae give me a TV to go in my room. May I have a Barbie jeep and Barbie phone. I've been very good so can I have a dalmatian and 2 pairs of roller blades. Can you bring my family something? I'll leave you out some milk and cookies.
Your friend Carissa Carrol

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a Morsicko. I have been good.
Gabriel Flores

Dear Santa,
I want a diary, barbie phone, trampoline, swimming pool, dalmatian puppy, Doodle bear and a baby Tumbles. I have been good too. I will leave you a good snack to eat.
Love Demetrice Fulbright

Dear Santa,
I want a talk boy, remote control airplance, real puppy, some roller blades, a nintendo 64 and a new cd tape. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Jeremy Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike, motorcycle, walkie talkie, pistol and roller blades. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I have been a good boy.
Josh Stephens

Dear Santa,
I want a gocart for Christmas, a doodle bear, real horse, Barbie teacher, Barbie doctor, motorcycle, secret diary, dalmatian puppy. Please bring my mom and dad, sister and brother something. I'll leave a snack. You're the best Santa! I have been a real good girl.
Love Kelsey Reshell Clark

Dear Santa,
I would like a b-b gun and pocket knife. I would also like a remote control car, walkie talkie and roller blades. Finally I would like some coveralls and some boots to wear.
Destry Nolen

Dear Santa,
I want to have a Baby Tumbler, pink bike, play jeep that goes fast, 101 dalmatians tent, b-b-gun swim suit and a Doodle. I have been good this year
Melanie Smith

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a bike.
Jeffrey Brooks

Dear Santa,
I will leave milk and cookies. You are the best. I want a horse for myself, Doodle bear for my sister, a jeep for my other sister and a dump truck for my brother. I love you. Your friend.
Taylor Phillip

Dear Santa,
I have been good boy this year. I want a walkie talkie, swimming pool, new shoes and a super nintendo. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love Dewayne Sanders

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of roller blades, a tv for my room, jambox, basketball, Doodle Bear, Toy Story, pair of boots, heavy coat and a baby rabbit. I'll put you some milk and cookies for you.
Kayla B. Clemmons

Dear Santa,
I want a Doodle Bear, Barbie, tv, Barbie phone, pocket knife, roller skates and a dalmatian puppy. Will you give my sister a Barbie and some rubber boots. I will give you some milk and cookies.
Rachel Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll, a Doodle Bear, Barbie, roller skates, Baby Tumbles and a dalmatian tent. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Jessica Expinoza

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a 4-wheeler and ago cart and a man butterfly and scissors and chalkboard.
B.J. Webb

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have Nike and a book and a ring and a pup and a Red Bow for my hair. I have been good.
Megan Savage

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a horse. I have been good.
Kayla Morgan

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a truck kand tv. I have been good.
Blake

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a go cart and jeep. I have been good.
Brian Jones

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a butterfly Barbie, Barbie house, crayons, puzzle, chalkboard, eraser and scissors.
Heather Gable

Dear Santa,
I would like Power Wheels, Playstation and Talking Bubb.
Aaron

Dear Santa,
I want Diablo back, rabbit, b-b gun and knife.
Dakota

Dear Santa,
I want tv, horse, saddle, reins, fence, blanket, trailer, some feed, cd player, some tapes, Nike shoes, Nike jacket, red or white turtleneck, Space Jam the movie, Space Jam jersey, Troy Aikman jersey, Reeboks, Nike waterbottle, lock for my locker, guinea pig,, for Nanook to get well and a new big hunter green bike.
Love Danica Jade Easterling

Dear Santa,
I want trumbone, criss cross crash, tape player, b-b gun, three packs of b-b's and I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love Jeremy Hopson

Dear Santa,
THis Christmas I want a walkie talkie, a barbie doll, shiny stars. My sister wants a Barbie dollhouse. I want lipstick for my lips, new chairs, snowflakes and a flag and a new TV.
Love your friend
Jennifer Livingston

Dear Santa,
This year I want a black bicycle that looks like a motorcycle and yellow remote control car. This year I will leave you milk and cookies.
Your pal Aaron Haley

Der Santa,
I would like a barbie for Christmas. I would like a play phone, bike with training wheels. Will you please get my mom a new car for Christmas. Would you please get my dad a new truck. I would also like you to get me a new bed. Please and a new fan and rocking chair. I really want to say thank you for all the toys over the years.
Your best friend
Hailey Sarsus

Dear Santa,
I want a Doodle Bear. I will leave you some milk and cookies and sandwich. I am good and I need a little bit of jewelry.
Love Danielle FulbrightDear

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a My Size Barbie, bike, Newborn baby and some clothes.
Love Brittany Guth

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I want break your heart anymore. I want a reote control car, Power Ranger, Speed Deamon and Cowboy jersey.
Love Derek Morris

Dear Santa,
I wish for a Barbie car, playhouse and a puppy. I love pups. But I don't have one. We have a big dog. Good-bye and have a happy, happy, merry Christmas.
Love Nallely Jimenez

Dear Santa,
I wish I had another brother. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I wish I had a My-siz Gorilla, my-size King Kong and a my-size man that shoots webs and Space Jam movie.
Love Robert Rhoades

Dear Santa,
How are you doing ? Fine here. What I want for Christmas is a toy like Marcy has, a baby alive and things for my barbies. Like a car or jeep and barbie cloths. I don't know what J.D. and Marcy whant or Deanna. I know what my dad whants. He whants his car running before playday. Whell I geuse that's all I have to say.
Love, Jessica Sulsar
P.S. I allso want a CD player and two CD's. The first one I want Callico and the second I want is T.L.C. Have a Merry Christmas.

Talco Times Gift Subscriptions

To Hoyt and Jean Taylor from David and Teresa Taylor.

To Nita Widemon from William and Juanita Aston.

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To Lenora Hearron from Marlin and Nellie Hearron.

To James H. Gray from the James R. Gray family.

To Terry L. Jones, Randy W. Jones and Stanley R. Jones from Imogene Lewis.



To Bill Dixon, Annette Swaim, Dean and Carol Leake and Kenneth and Mandie Kelley from Ois and Edith Swaim

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Here's hoping that love and joy continue to thrive in the holiday season and beyond!

Leslie Nix & Staff
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May you be blessed with peace and understanding throughout this holy season.

J.A. & Juanita Sparks

Talco Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,
I want for a bicycle, go-cart, dirt bike, football helmet, Nike shoes, computer and Merry Christmas.
Laramie

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I wish for a dalmatian puppy, Nike shoes, chalk, chalk board, white marker board, My Size Barbie and Merry Christmas.
Love Emily

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I wish for a bibycle, computer, go-cart and dump truck and Merry Christmas!
Love William

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I wish for a go-cart, four-wheeler, motorcycle, b-b gun, nintendo game, skateboard, dirt bike and Merry Christmas!
Love Chaz

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I wish for Nike shoes, swimming pool, payday game, dirt bike, nintendo game and Merry Christmas!
Alex Savage

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I wish for money and a skateboard and a 4-wheeler. Merry Christmas!
Antonio

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I wish for a bicycle, swimming pool, go-cart, money, jack-in-the-box, My Size Barbie and Merry Christmas!
Aaron Watson

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I wish for a dalmatian puppy, dirt bike, money, skateboard, 4-wheeler and Merry Christmas!
Cody

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I wish for money, football, go cart, telephone, goldfish tank, crayons, chalk, jack in the box and Merry Christmas!
Justain Norman

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I wish for a teddy bear, computer, goldfish tank, jack in the box, kitten, horse, kite, yo-yo, mouse, pie, bunny, markers, vegetables and Merry Christmas!
Jessica

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I wish for a My Size Barbie and a dalmatian puppy, money, kitten, chalk, chalk board, swimming pool and horse.
Samantha

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I wish for a Merry Christmas and money, kitten, brown horse and computer.
Malorie W.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I wish for a computer, money, baby twins that bolly will be nice and sweet and Merry Christmas!
Laura Susanne Bevill

Dear Santa,
I want a recliner, barbie doll, belt, unicorn and a key. Thank you for the toys.
Your friend Kaitlyn Cox

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gun, The movie Space Jam, and a toy race car. I want my mom to have more makeup. I want my dad to have a new truck and I want my sister to have new clotes. I want my brother to have a toy race car.
P.S. Thank you for the toys last year.
Your friend Troy Brook

Dear Santa,
Would you get me these things such as a cd player, a doll, a necklace. I would like some earings for my mom. I want an angel suit for Bianca. Would you get my sister a bear and some new clothes for my brother. Thank you for all they toys you gave me last year.
Your friend Ashley Savage

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a 4-wheeler.
Your friend Lacey Bryan

Dear Santa,
THank you for all the toys last year. I would like some very special presents. I want a present with a Doodle Bear in it, a dres chest and a bicycle with training wheels. I hope you can bring these presents to me.
Your angel Amber Brown

Dear Santa,
I would like a saddle, hot wheels and skydancer. I'll be at my house Christmas Day. I would like to see you Rudolph. I would also like to see you, Santa. Thank you for the toys last year. I would like to leave you some milk and cookies.
Your angel Lance Henley

Dear Santa,
I would like these things for Christmas. A Power Ranger and a race car and a criss cross crash and a 4-wheeler. Please bring a bicycle for my brother.
Mickael Horton

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would like a barbie doll. I also want a Barbie Jeep to go with the barbie. I want a puppy dog also. Please bring my brother some toy trucks. Don't worry I'll give you some milk and cookies.
Your little Elf Sarah Tolliver

Dear Santa,
THis year for CHristmas I would like a slide, a swimming pool, a rope, a 3-wheeler and a play car. I want my brother to have a bike.
Cody Brown

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a gun, money and a go-cart. For my brother Dwayne a b-b gun. For my mom a jewelry set. For my dad a shot gun. For my brothre Tyrone a play gun. For Misti a ring, necklace and a bracelet. For Santa I will leave you milk and cookies.
Your friend Decota Sanders

Dear Santa,
I want a Beach Patrol Jeep, a pair of pink shoes, a bike, a pink dress, a white dress, a pair of earrings and a pink ring.
Your friend Ashley Stinson

Dear Santa,
Will you get my mom anddad a teddy bear with a heart. My sister a baby doll. I want a Barbie Doll house. I want to get Mrs. Brown some chalk and an apple for Mrs. Kelly. Thank you for all the presents. I will give you some milk and cookies so you can go on your way.
Nicole Graves

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a creepy spider. P.S. I'm going to leave you milk and cookies.
Your friend Dillan

Dear Santa,
I fyou would, please bring me a pretty new dress, toy guitar and a pretty yellow bed with a top on it. Please bring my mommy a big pretty dress. Pleae bring my Nannie some pants. Thank you for my toys last year, Santa.
Your little angel
Kaitlan Perkins

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a billfold, $5 bill and I would like some makeup. Please bring my friend a radio.
Your helper Loulla Buess

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This Christmas I want a go cart and $1,000. I want a cat and dog.
Your friend Fernando Gomez

Dear Santa,
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Your friend Jesus Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a racecar track for Christmas. I also want a new pair of shoes and a new pair for D.J.(blue and red). I want a new necktie for Mrs. Brown.
Your friend Dustin Gentry

Dear Santa,
I want a ball, a dumptruck, skates, my sister wants skates too and a pair of Levis. My brother would like some roller blades. I love you
Caleb Haltom.

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger tape, a motorcycle and a guitar.
Love Deondray Patt

Dear Santa,
I want Santa Claus to bring me a snowman and a bucket.
Love Dee Rodgers

Dear Santa,
I want a walking dog that has a bone and achewing baby and that is all.
Lov Krista Yarbrough

Dear Santa,
I want an Easy Make and some candy canes so I can bring them to school and everybody can eat them.
Love Brandon Akers

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll and a swimming barbie doll and a dalmation puppy and clothes and playhouse and a plant to go in the playhouse. Thank you for everything, Santa.
Erika Blackwell



GINGERBREAD HOUSES-Teresa Torres and Katie Connell display the gingerbread houses made by Mrs. Bonnye Gage's Consumer Education classes. Each period were inventive in creatng their houses using cookie, marshmellows, candies and lots of seven minute icing. The fifth period classes house was chosen as the best. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Merry Christmas

Red River County Roots

A very fragile clipping of a tribute to Jane Latimer was discovered inthe Red River County Society files recently.

Jane Hamilton Latimer was born October 1, 1784 at Guilford, N.C. and her husband James Latimer was born Oct. 15, 1783 in Conn. He came to Texas in 1833.

The clipping was very lengthy and of tiny print. It stated she died at the residence of her husband and that she was loved in her community. The tribute to her life was signed J.W. R. Who was J.W.R. and was he a close relative?

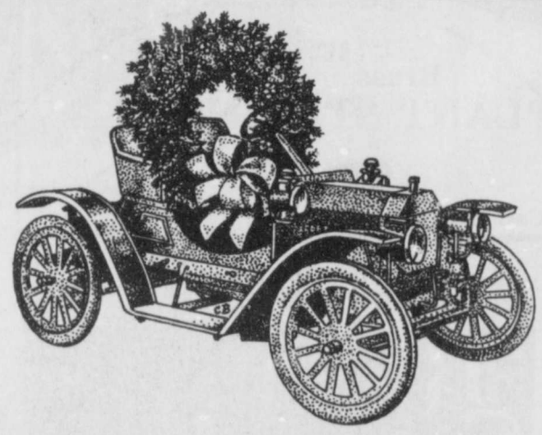
There is a Jane Latimer buried near Detroit, Texas with death occuring in the 1850's.

Who are her descendants?

If you have further knowledge about Jane Latier please address your response to the address listed below.

To have a query placed in this column, please write to: Red River Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, TX 75426.

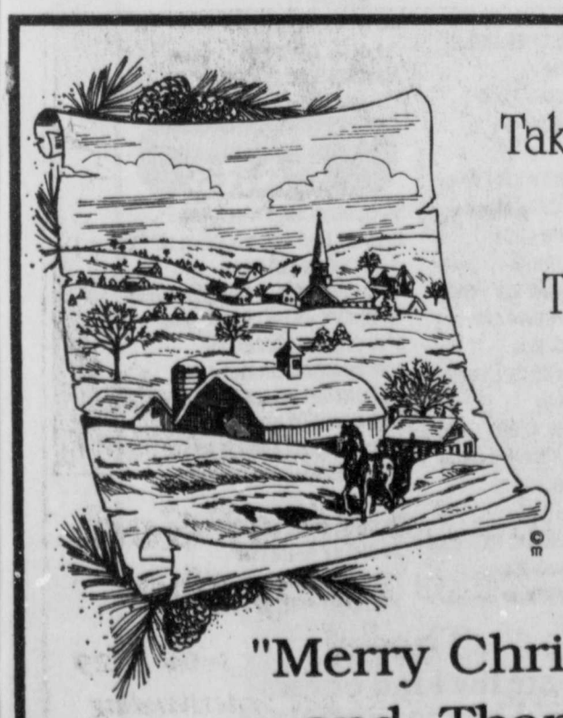
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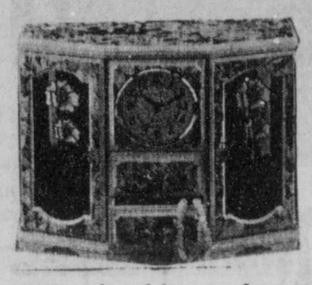
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John Denison nominated for award

John Denison, drafting instructor at Paris Junior College, has been nominated by the faculty for the Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award that recognizes teaching excellence in Texas colleges and universities.

Denison's nomination will be entered in competition with other nominees across the state. When the final selection is made in May, 10 individuals will be selected to receive the "Piper Professor" award, which carries with ti a $2,500 stipend.

Denison said he was surprised and delighted to be chosen by his faculty peers as the nominee for the Piper Award.

"I appreciate my fellow faculty members recognizing me," he said. "PJC has many outstanding instructors who are deserving of this award. I am pleased they saw fit to nominate me."

Denison has been a member of the faculty at PJC for 25 years, coming to Paris after spending a year at Jasper High School.

A native of Deport, Denison attended Paris Junior College before transferring to East Texas State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree. He earned his masters degree at Texas A & M University in College Station.

Denison, his wife, Larann and son, Dru, reside in Rosalie. Larann is a teacher at Rivercrest High School where Dru is a senior

Happy Holiday

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Red River County GenealogicalSociety meets

Red River County Genealogical Society met at the Blossom Museum for the December meeting.

Mr. Tom Watson spoke to the group about construction of the museum and cost involved. During construction a great deal of volunteer labor helped to hold down the cost. Mrs. Watson told of the history of Blossom. At one time Blossom could boast of tourists who came for the healing water from numerous well. After a question and answer session the society viewed the various displays.

Dub Mowery from Talco voiced prayer before a buffet of finger foods was served to the large crowd in attendance. Everyone agreed this was a very informative and delightful program.

Lone Star Church presents program

The Case of the Missing Christmas, a musical for young voices, will be presented by the Lone Star Church located on Highway 37 South of Detroit. The program will be presented on December 22, 1996 at 6:30.

The book and lyrics are by Nan Allen with music by Dennis Allen. Scene I opens with the interlude and a real-live Christmas. Scene II begins with an investigation on the missing baby.

Scene II somes with good news about the investigation. Scene IV is asking the question, "What is Christmas Without Jesus?" Scene V reveals a real live Christmas song with "O Come, All Ye Faithful". Scene VI is the finale.

Cast and crew consist of Don Shovan as Mr. Morgan, Lauren Beers and Bethany, Cory Owens as Ryan, Ashley Beers as Christy, Kyle Shovan as George, Brian Hays as Brad, Jennifer Hays as Miss Marion and Callie Stafford as Sgt. Stacy Thursday. Also portrayed is Kelly as Jordan Stafford, the elderly lady is Jennifer Hays, and the jogger is Brian Hays.

Choir members are Sarena Owens, Pam Hays, Karen Beers and Suzann Shovan. Scotty Coleman is in charge of the lighting. The program will be directed by Jill Owens.

Blessings Of The Season

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

RED RIVER COUNTY AUDITOR
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Rebel eighth grade boys defeat Crockett

by Sherry Cheatwood

The cold weather outside did not damper the red hot Rivercrest eighth grade boys as they racked up another win over the Crockett Junior High team from Paris Monday night. The Rebs took the lead in the first few seconds of the game with an easy two points from Kyle Stansell on the tip off. Crockett soon had their own two on the board but the Rebels soon had their excellent team work come together and began accumulating points on their side of the scoreboard. Clinton Cheatwood stole a Crockett pass for an easy two and Keith Hines took the next rebound off the Crockett backboard the length of the court for another two. The end of the first quarter saw the young Rebs on top 18-10.

Second quarter action began with cold shooting on both ends of the court. Finally after two minutes ticked off the clock, the Rebs put two on the board. Crockett began to battle back with back to back baskets and at three minutes the score was a close Rebels 20 Crockett 14. Cold shooting resulted in misses on two easy lay-ups for the Rebs. The Rebels finally started sinking their shots and went to the dressing room at the half time up 30-14.

Keith Hines began third quarter action with an easy two. Crockett dropped in their next shot but Clinton Cheatwood found Chase Collins on an excellent pass play for another Rebel score. The Rebels turned up their defensive press and soon had Crockett handing them the ball on turnovers. Michael Ray Galloway, Myron Ellis and Colby Guest excellent defensive effort limited Crockett to only six points in the third quarter and at the end of the third it was Rebels 45-Crockett-20.

The fourth quarter had the Rebel defense overpowering their opponent. The Rebels continued to use their outstanding teamwork to control the ball and keep play on the Rebel end of the court. Final score Rebels 57-Crockett-31.

Keith Hines was high scorer for the night with 22 points, Clinton Cheatwood had a season high night with 12 points, Chase Collins netted 8, Michael Galloway had 7, Kyle Stansell had 6 and Myron Ellis added 2.

The season looks bright again for these young men and you are encouraged to come out and support them.



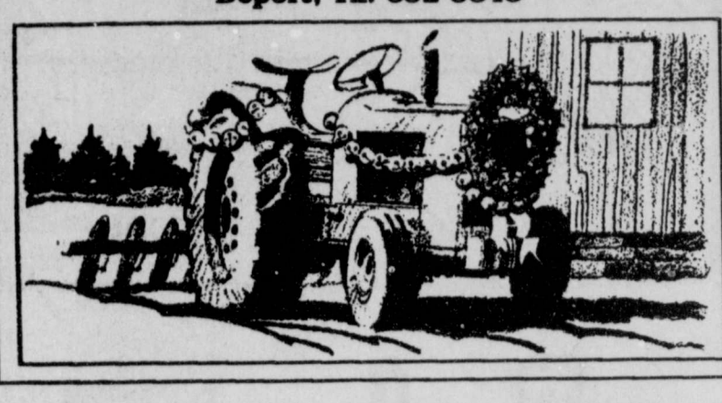
THIS FOUR FOOT Santa is dressed in white brocade and embellished in gold and fur. One of many in the Winkley display in Detroit. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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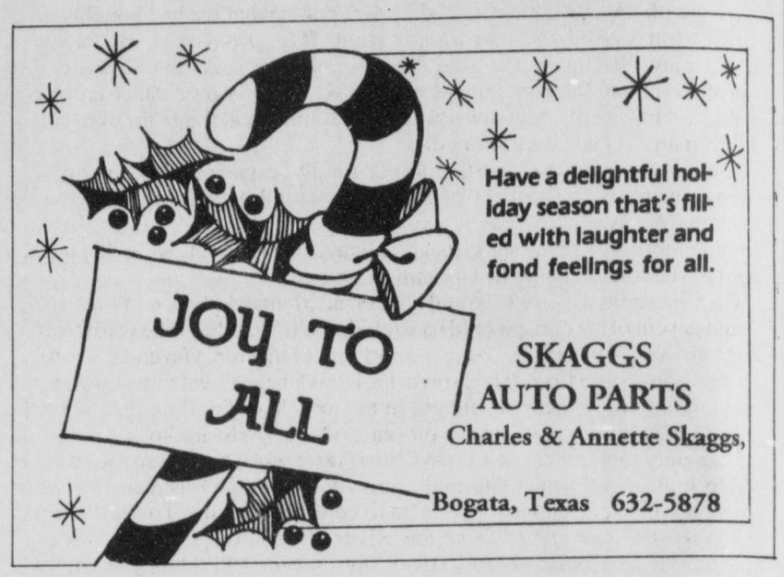


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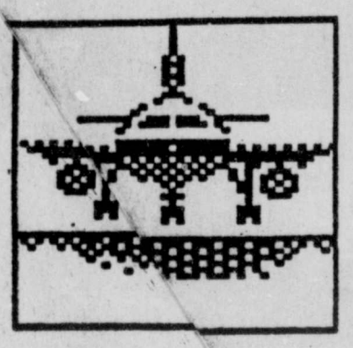


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Honorable Mention-Memories of Christmas

By Vickey Robertson

This Christmas will be very different for our family. Mamaw and Papaw died just nine weeks apart this past summer, and they were a very big part of our Christmas. Mamaw and I were the only ones in the family who would start Christmas shopping on Labor Day, finding just the "perfect" gift for everyone. I am going to miss Mamaw calling me repeatedly to verify sizes and to confer about what we have purchased.

I remember the Christmas parade downtown each year. They used to have it on a weekday afternoon. It seems like the weather was colder than, or maybe they just had the parade later in December. Mamaw and Papaw would park downtown early in the afternoon to be sure we had a good spot from which to watch the parade. Some years my brother and I would march in the parade as a Girl Scout or Boy Scout. I remember one year I had the mumps on both sides of my neck and had to miss school a whole week. I was so upset about missing the parade, that my mother bundled me up so tightly that I could hardly move and made me sit in the car, but at least I got to see the parade.

One of my oldest and fondest Christmas memories is all of the family piling into the car to drive around town and look at Christmas lights. We had certain streets and houses that we had to drive by each year. I remember one year, Papaw couldn't go with us because of the shift he was working (so they said). I recall my brother and I being so excited because we actually saw Rudolph's red nose blinking as he led Santa's sleigh through the sky. While we were gone, Santa came and left our presents. I got the "Baby Peaches" doll I had picked out of the worn out Christmas catalog and my brother got the varoom motor he had asked for.

Mother and Daddy would go to their office Christmas parties and my brother and I would stay with Mamaw and Papaw. Mamaw was personal friends with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and she would call them on the telephone and let us talk to them. That was just amazing to us that Mamaw knew Santa's phone number and she could just call him up. While we were staying with them, Mamaw would always guess what we had bought her for Christmas. And she was usually right. Boy, was she good! Papaw would play "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer" and the Chipmunk Christmas album for us as loud as we wanted, and he would dance around and say, "Ho,ho,ho!" Mamaw always had divinity and fudge for us to eat, and as many cokes as we wanted.

Church was always important to our family, especially at Christmas. Mamaw would help direct and make costumes for the children's Christmas program. We were usually a shepherd, or angel or an animal. Although our family enjoyed exchanging gifts and always went all out, we didn't lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

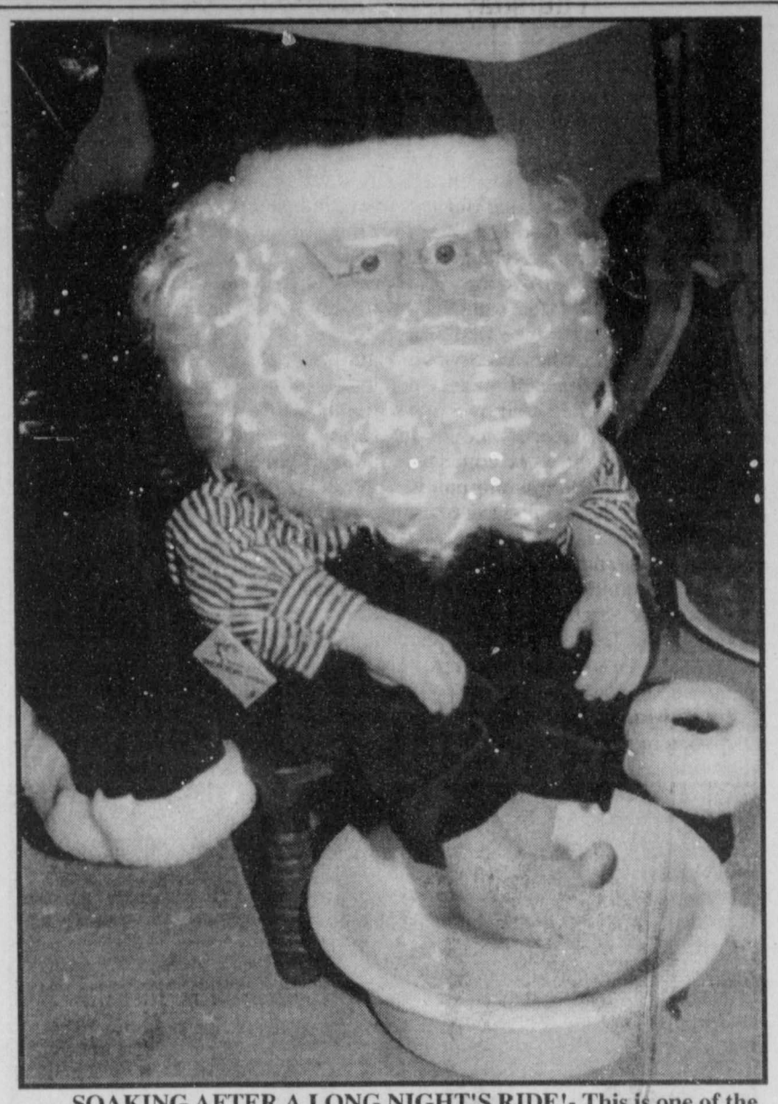
On Christmas Eve, we would gather at Mamaw's house. When we would get out of the car, it would be so cold, and it "smelled" like Christmas in the air. When we got all of the presents under the tree, you could hardly see the living room floor. The grown ups would make us eat first before we could open gifts. Papaw would get in the middle of the floor and let the grandkids help him pass out the presents, while he Ho-ho-ho'd.

I can only remember one or two Christmases when we had snow, so we had to build d snowman and make snow ice cream. Christmas Day we would travel to my Granny Pat's who lived in the country. To me the trip was truly like the song "Over the River and Through the Woods to Grandmother's House we go." All of our cousins and aunts and uncles would be there. There sure was a bunch of us.

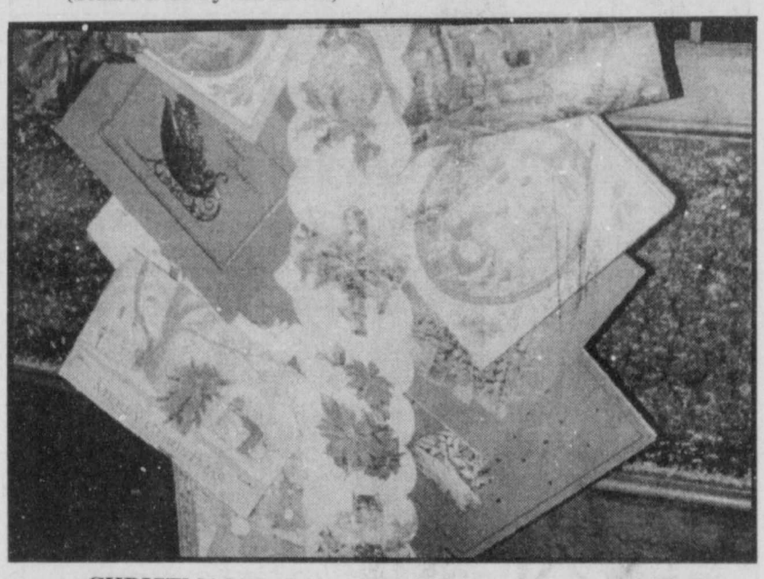
I remember one Christmas I heard "Santa" bringing our new bicycles from the storage room into the house. I think my brother and I got our parents out of bed at 3:30 A.M. that Christmas. They had just barely laid down.

No, Christmas won't ever be the same. But, I'm so glad I have these wonderful memories on which to reflect and tell my grandchildren. Christmas is still my favorite time of the year. I try to make it as special for my children as it was for me growing up. I catch myself this year picking up the phone to call Mamaw and confer with her about what to purchase for someone. I see something in the store and think," That would be perfect to get for Mamaw," And then reality sets in.

This Christmas will be different- - it won't be easy, but it will still be Christmas, and it will always be Jesus' birthday no matter what happens.

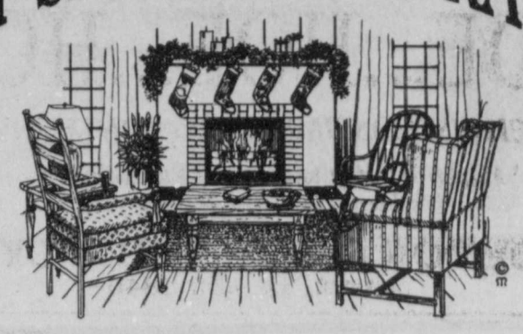


SOAKING AFTER A LONG NIGHT'S RIDE!- This is one of the many animated Santa's on display in David Winkley's workshop. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



CHRISTMAS CARDS-simple and homemade, expensive and gilt edged, and everything in between, Christmas cards are one of the nicest signs of the Christmas season. Religious or funny, beautiful or homey, they bring a smile to almost anyone's face. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols).

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By Harley and Brenda Scoggins

A few months ago we spent a lovely afternoon with two precious ladies -- our mothers, Mrs. Lola Beatrice Fry Poindexter (age 94) and Mrs. Mary Magdalene Furgerson Scoggins (age 85). They came for lunch and after enjoying a nice meal together, Harley set up the video camera and we spent a very memorable time with them sharing life experiences with us.

The memories they shared were both exciting and frightening. We heard stories of a winter spent in a tent while a home was being built by the father, of times when food was scarce, illnesses and accidents that took family members, but their most memorable moments were of Christmases past.

Both women agreed that the gifts and treats they received were very similar. Usually they received a doll that had a cloth saw dust filled body with a porcelain head and hands. Sometimes it even had porcelain feet. Each received a stocking containing one orange, one apple, a few nuts, a few pieces of hard candy and sometimes a banana. This was the only time during the year that they had fruit that was not home grown.

Mother Poindexter shared special memories of Christmas Eve when all the families gathered at the grandparents' home. The most exciting time was when her grandfather would pop a very large dishpan full of popcorn , as all the grandchildren watched. He would fill a wire basket with the corn and pop it over the fireplace coals. One basket at a time was dumped into the dishpan as wide-eyed children watched. Grandfather would not let anyone have a bite until the pan was running over. During this time her grandmother would be parching peanuts. The delicious aromas filled the house and eager hungry children could hardly wait! When permission was finally given to eat, they devoured the treats with joy!

Mom Scoggins described a typical Christmas dinner- A turkey with all the trimmings was the centerpiece. Sometimes a baked ham would also grace the table. The vegetables would all be home grown and home canned. Homemade delicacies such as pies and cakes were also on the menu. this special menu was a far cry from their everyday meals consisting primarily of beans and potatoes.

The childhood of these ladies was spent during a time when there were virtually no cars. There also was no radio, no TV, no telephone, no electricity. Can you imagine!

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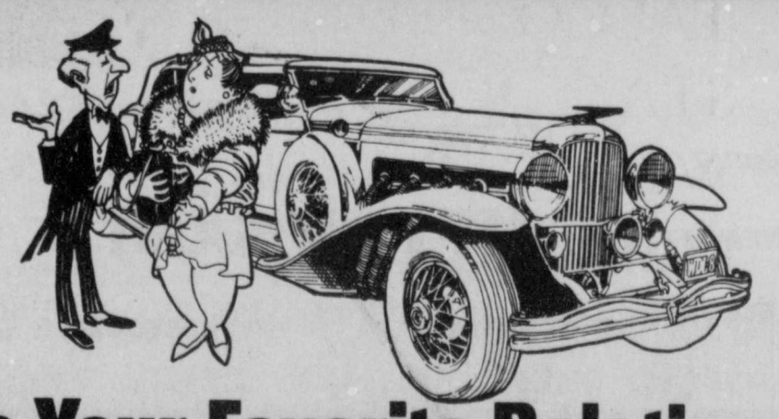
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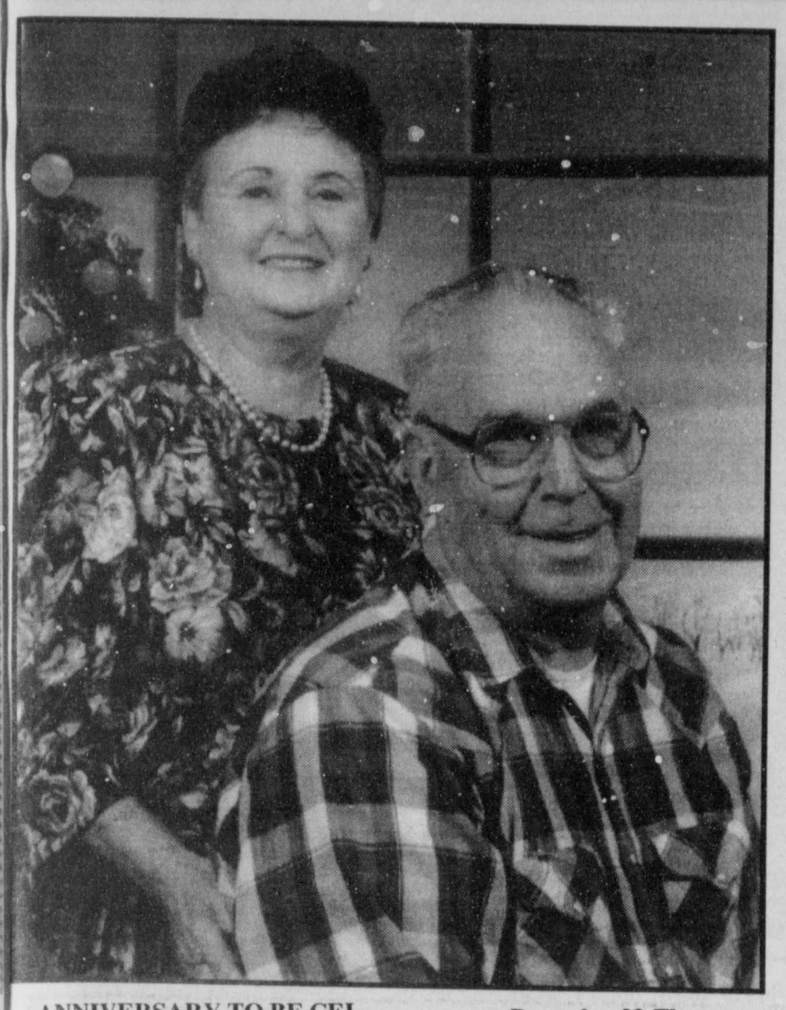
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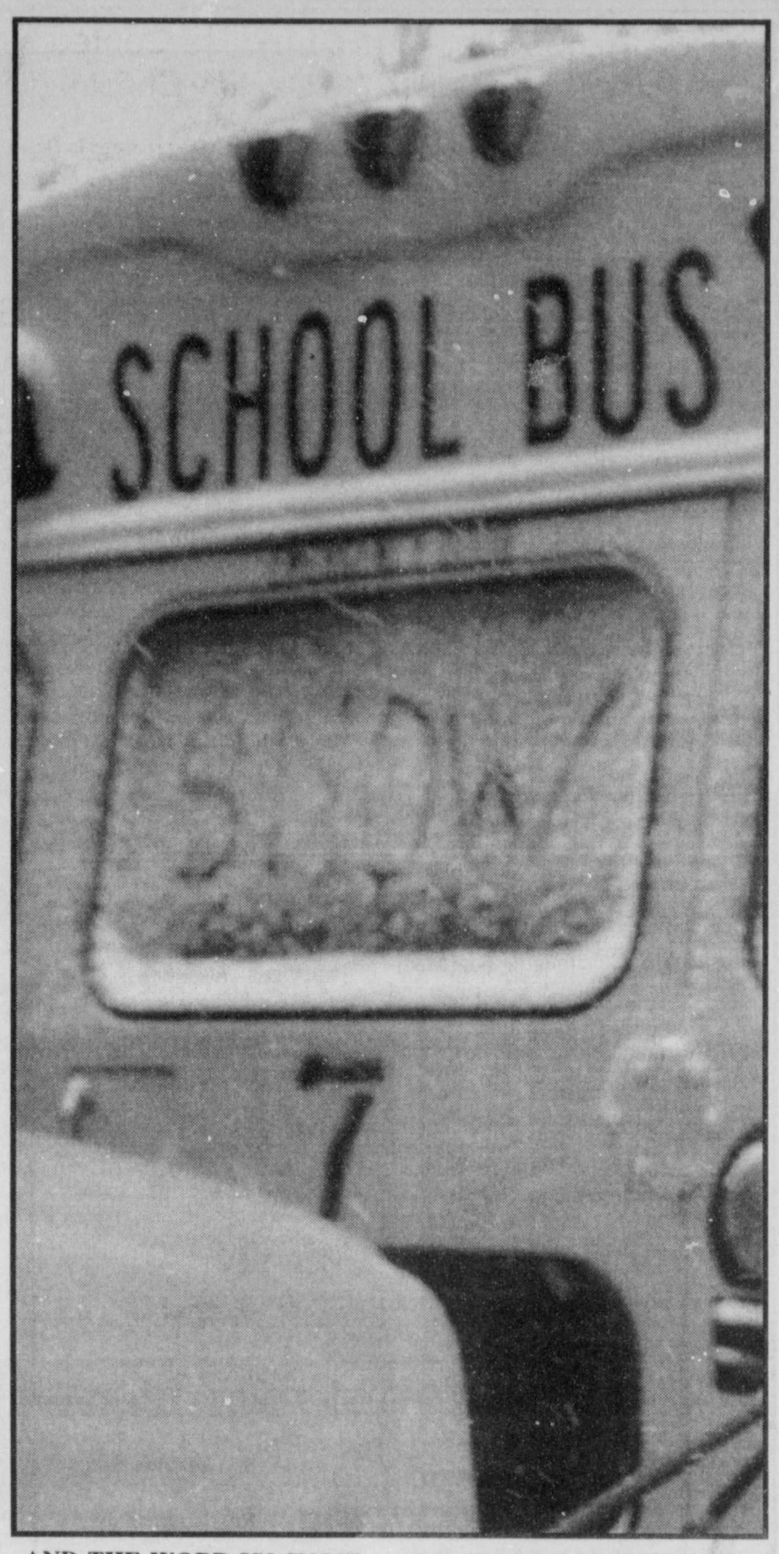


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ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED-Tommy and Dorothy Mauldin of Bogata will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary December 23. They were married December 23, 1951. Congratulations.



AND THE WORD IS?-SNOW, a snow flurry Tuesday afternoon delighted the young and the young at heart as cold weather and some white stuff moved into the area. The word was scribbled on the back window of this school bus. (Staff Photo)

"Lights On For Life" day is Friday

From the Panhandle to the Valley, and points in between, citizens across the Lone Star State will join others around the nation in participating in "Lights on for Life", a one day event, designed to remember and honor those individuals who hav ebeen killed or injured in alcohol-related accidents during the past year.

Lights on for Life is part of National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention month which is celebrated every December.

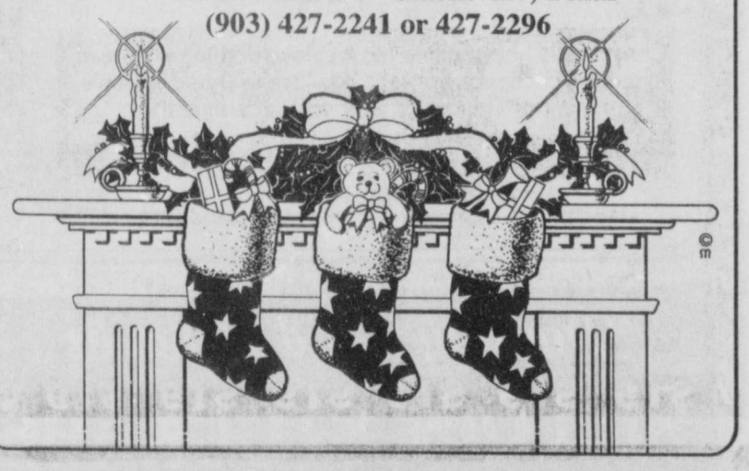
Last year, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported that 1,138 Texans were killed and someone was injured every 16 minutes in alcohol-related crashes. The economic cost of crashes in Texas was an estimated $7.94 billion in 1995.

Driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs is a crime that affects the whole community, and is going to take everyone to end its devastating consequences.

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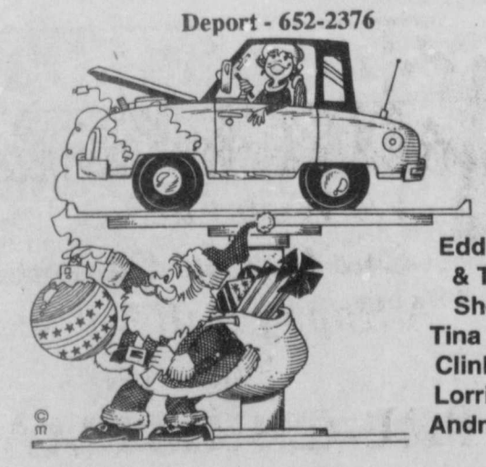
Have A Merry Christmas



MEET JASON GLEN DYESS-He is Band Student of the week at Rivercrest High School. Jason lives in Talco. His mother is Lisa Dyess and his grandmother is Jeani Dyess of Hughes Springs.

Jason who is a tenth grader at Rivercrest, enjoys playing his guitar. He is in the Band, FFA and and a member of the Texas Opry Circuit.(Staff photo by Nancy Brown)

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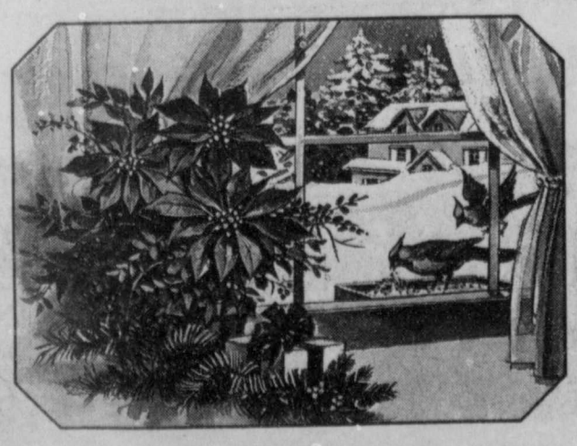
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MEET KASEY SHAWN EASLEY-Kasey is a member of the Rebel Band at Rivercrest High School. He is the son of Kent Easley and Renee Wisinger of Sugarhill. His Grandparents are Vera and Rayford Pittman of Sugarhill. He is in the sixth grade at Talco Junior High School. He enjoys golfing and being in the band.(Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

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English family has dinner

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FOOD DRIVE-Rivercrest members of the Student Countil display food collected for the needy from the groups food drive held this past week. Over 100 items were brought in. The Senior class won the drive by bringing in the most items. Pictured are; (left to right front) student council member, Jennifer Roberts, President, Amber Spencer andVice President, Marla Williams. (seated,back) Secretary-Treasurer, Dru Denison and Parliamentarian, Erric Martin. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

TABCC selects officers

The North Star Chapter of the Texas Association of Business has announced its new board members for 1997. These include Gary Conwell, Director of Planning and Development for McCuistion Regional Medical Center as Chapter Chairman and Director; Michael Malone, City Manager for the City of Paris as Chapter Vice Chairman and Employment Relations Chairperson; Melanie Fountain, Director of Human Resources for WePack Warehousing and Distribution Inc. as Chapter Secretary/Treasurer; Jim Roberts, President of Digitec Information Systems in Sulphur Springs as Governmental Affairs Chairperson; Don Tiegiser, Sales Manager for Digitec Informatin Systems in Sulphur Springs as BACPAC Chair and Lisa Jones, President, Hiring Partners, Inc. as Public Relations Chairperson.

All board members recently completed an Officers Orientation and Training Program held in Paris.

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By Carol Jean Williams & Lou Hatfield 652-6792

Cortney Currin of Powderly visited John and Claudia Whitney Thursday through Sunday. Friday Debra Currin, Tonya and Travis Hunter, Christian and Jeromie had supper with John and Claudia Whitney.

Saturday John and Claudia Whitney and Courtney Currin met in Mt. Vernon with Belinda, Bill Dickie, Jacklyn, Bryan and Darrell Lynn Johnson of Sulphur Springs to enjoy supper together.

Marie Watson has not been feeling well. Among those visiting her Sunday were Billy Lindsey, Pam O'Neal, Geneva Norwood, Jarvis and Renea Watson, Nelta Musgrove, Brenda, Brad, Bradley and Bret Watson.

Jarvis and Renea Watson had a cookout Sataurday. Present were her mom and dad from Texarkana, J.D. and Jane Poke and Brenda Watson from Paris, Brad Watson, Bradley and Brent, Bruce Watson and Vicki Davis, also Bro. Joe Merrill, his family and their visitors.

Norman and Rachel Sain's guests Monday were Ollie Ruth, Carl Buford and Jane Guthrie of Talco. Tuesday Norman's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Nance of Stockton visited, spending Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Dorothy Green, Francis Thomas and Deloris Potter of Johntown visited Tuesday.

Wednesday afternoon guests were Mrs. Mary Brisco, Thursday Dorothy Green, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Nance visited. Larry Bell visited Saturday then Sunday Larry and Virginia Bell visited.

Linda, Stoney, Charity Musgrove, Zarinska and Shane Morton had dinner with Nelta and Johnnie Musgrove Sunday. Pam O'Neal visited Sunday afternoon.

James and Pat Norwood, Buddy Taylor, C.D., Jane and Ben Glass were guests for a meal prepared by pastor Chad and Jennifer Barnes Sunday. Guests for lunch with James and Pat Norwood were Rodney Norwood, Ted and Mendy Cole, Lacie and Kelby.

James and Pat Norwood, Darrell and Ida Mae Norwood, Buddy Taylor, Chad Barnes, Lucy Fowler, Lorette Pynes and Susie Webster went to Marshall to see the Christmas lights.

Carol and Jennifer Dorsey visited Lucy Fowler a while Sunday.

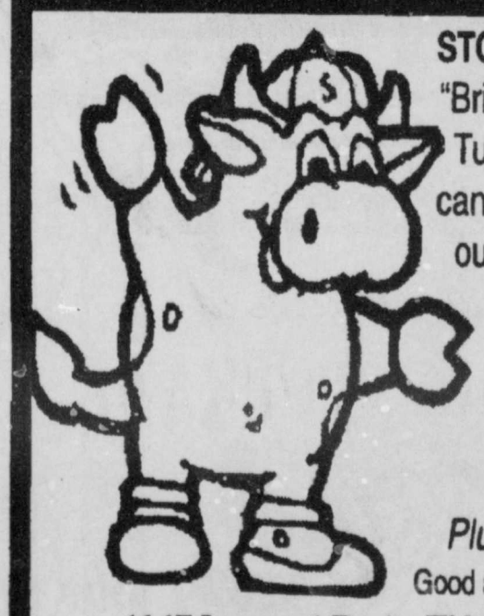
Geneva Norwoods guest Sunday were Scotty and Treda Norwood, Amber and Trevor, Frankie and Julie Norwood, Logan, Layton and Caleb, Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Brandon Oats, Amanda Durok and Georjeana Oats. Georgeana has completed schooling in Houston and is home. She will intern in Commerce and Paris.

Heath and Laytner Kennedy ate lunch with Bobby and Shelby Kennedy Sunday.

Tommy and Evelyn Presley visited Ricky and Linda Anderson Sunday night and they enjoyed playing dominoes.

Darrell and Ida Mae Norwood visited Billie and Marlin Foster in Deport Saturday night.

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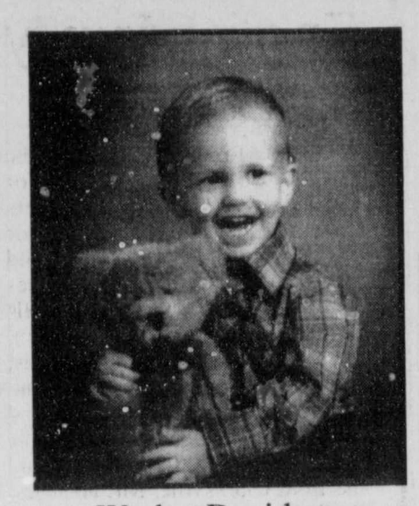
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Wesley Davidson Birthday celebrated

Wesley Davidson, son of Gary Paul and Julie Davidson, celebrated his second birthday, Thursday, December 12.

Wesley enjoyed cookies and apple juice with hie friends at Little Dudes and Darlins' in Deport Thursday afternoon. Thursday night he had a Bar B Que dinner and Winnie The Pooh cake with hes big brother Jarod and his family.

He received many nice gifts from his friends and family.



Thank You, Friends

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Rivercrest Rebels participate at North Hopkins

The Rivercrest Rebels traveled to North Hopkins for tournament action Dec. 12-14. In the Rebels first game of the tourney, they defeated the Clarksville Junior Varsity team with a score of 61-39, running their record up to 10-0 and setting up a tough contest for Friday morning vs the Quitman Bulldogs in the second round. Post, Broderick Fulbright was the brightest spot in the win with 25 points.

The Quitman Bulldogs used their inside muscle and strong shooting to upset the undefeated Rivercrest Rebels in the second round of the North Hopkins tournament. The loss was the first of the season for the state ranked Rebels.

Quitman, a strong 3A school jumped out to an early first quarter lead which the Rebels could not overcome. The Bulldogs were 5 of 5 outside the three point strip the first half.

Coach Wood said,"We were just not mentally in it from the very start of the game. We had just heard about our # 2 state ranking (the highest ever for the Rebels) and we were undefeated. We were ripe for an upset and it did happen. Maybe this will serve as a wake up call for us and cause us to be mentally ready every time we take the court."

The Rebels bounced back from a heartbreaking loss earlier in the day to Quitman and defeated Harleton by a score of 69-35.

The Rebels came out with their famed full court press and fast break and blew Harleton out of the game early. The Rebels had five players in double figures in scoring and several players with high stats in other categories. The win moved the Rebels to a 10-1 record. Coach Wood said, " I was very pleased to see the boys come back after our poor performance earlier in the day."

On Saturday the Rebels faced Bland.

Bland entered the contest sporting a 14-1 season record compared to the Rebels 11-1.

The Rebels quickly pinned loss number two on Bland, which is a state ranked and one of the strongest class A teams around.

Bland jumped out to an early 5-0 lead, but the Rebels got their fast break going and their press forced many Bland turnovers which enabled Rivercrest to take a commanding 46-21 half time lead. Bland came back hard and played a well controlled game. Final 81-49 Rebels.

The Rebels had Dru Denison scoring 20 points, his season high, Erric Martin, 18 points, Alvin Savage, 15 points, Broderick Fulbright, 14 points and Jeff Savage had 7 points and 9 assists to lead the Rebel fast break.

The win moved the Rebels to 12-1 for the season and showed why the Rebels are number two ranked in class AA in state.

Coach Wood said, "I'm very proud of our team's record and our state ranking. This is an honor to our school and communities. Our players must keep this ranking in it's proper perspective. We must be confident, but not over confident. We must be mentally ready to play every time we take the floor. I'm very confident in our team now. We are much better than we were a week ago. I'm really looking forward to our games this week with Mt. Vernon and DeKalb."

Lady Rebels compete

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels traveled to North Hopkins for tournament play on Dec. 12-14.

The Lady Rebel faced Trenton in the first game of the tourney. At the half the Lady Rebs held a five point lead.

The Trenton team was not to give up easily and the two teams were tied at 32-32 after the third quarter.

The Lady Rebels kept the pace and behind the free throw shooting of Kristi Hines the team took a four point win. Final 49-45. Posting high score for the team was Jana Weatherall with 18 points. Also scoring were; Kristi Hines-16, Candias Nickerson-6, Deidre Brown-5 and Sara Stanley-4.

On Friday the Lady Rebels returned to play DeKalb.

At the half the Lady Rebels trailed by four points being out scored 18 points to 10 points in the second quarter.

The third quarter saw the Lady Rebel net 15 points to DeKalb's 12 which left the Lady Rebels trailing by one. Score 43-42.

In the final quarter the Lady Rebels came alive hitting the hoop for 21 scores and holding DeKalb to 11 scores. Jana Weatherall ripped the net for two three pointers and Kristi Hines added one three pointer. Also adding points in the final quarter were Candias Nickerson and Deidre Brown. Final Lady Rebels-61, DeKalb-54. Kristi Hines was high point for the Lady Rebels with 20 points.

On Saturday, the Lady Rebels met Quilan. Following the first quarter the Lady Rebels trailed by 5.

At the half the Lady Rebels had not closed the small gap. Score 36-29.

Although the Lady Rebels stayed close they simply could not overcome the strong Quilan team. Final 56-50 Quilan. Quilan netted a total of 5 three pointers which the Lady Rebel topped by one. Kristi Hines had four of the treys and Jana Weatherall added two. Hines was high point for the team followed closely by Weatherall and Candias Nickerson. Also scoring were Deidre Brown, Amber Spencer and Sara Stanley.

In the final game of the tourney for the Lady Rebels they faced Paris.

The Lady Rebels obviously did not come to play in the first quarter as Paris took a 14-4 lead leaving the Lady Rebels in shock. At the half the Lady Rebs still had not come around and trailed by a score of 27-8.

A half time speech from Coach Debbie Williams brought the Lady Rebels around and a different team returned to the court.

In the third quarter the Lady Rebels went to the board. Kristi Hines netted three treys, Jana Weatherall added two treys, Kembre Baker, Candias Nickerson, Sara Stanley and Amber Spencer all added two points each to bring the score to 45-31 Paris.

In final actions the fire Coach Williams built continued to burn. The Lady Rebels drove hard and fast to try and take the game. Hines and Weatherall netted treys, Nickerson, Stanley and Spencer also added points. At the buzzer the Lady Rebels trailed by one point to take a heart breaking loss. Score 59-58 Paris. Kristi Hines was high point for the team with 20 points, followed closely by Jana Weatherall. Also scoring were Deidre Brown, Candias Nickerson, Amber Spencer and Sara Stanley.

Coach Williams said, " The North Hopkins tournament was exactly what we needed. We played tough, aggressive teams and this in turn made us come out and play tough and smart. The Lady Rebels are on the move. They are meeting the challenges and pushing themselves. We still have room for improvement on the charity line and in other areas, but the Lady Rebels are working hard. District play begins this week at Alba-Golden and we must be focused and prepared for every game. Our district is strong and the Lady Rebels have become one of the reasons it is. Come watch us run and gun."

Christmas Memories

As we experience the warmth and wonder of this festive season, may all that is Christmas embrace you and yours.



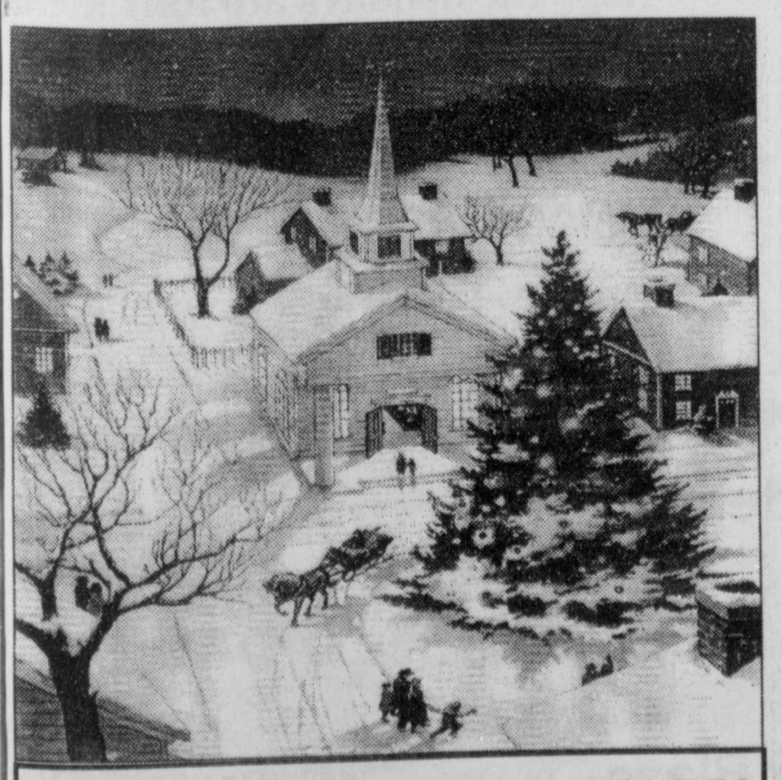
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Stories On The Bogata Telephone Exchange

By Mary Kathryn (Davis) Cotten

This time you are going to be taken back to many years ago and get a view of the way the telephone system was then. One reason this is a prominent memory of persons who were teenagers in the 40's, is many of our homes did not have a telephone. That's right, no phone, no car phone, no cellular phone and no cordless phone. If you were fortunate enough to have a phone, it was probably on a party line, and that was definitely not private!

The Bogata Exchange was privately owned by Guy Smelser. His first wife, Cattie, who died in 1947, was an aunt of mine ant that gave me the privilege of being around the working part of the business. My friends and I would play operator out in the old storage house. Two operators I remember most were Pansy Bonds and Fayette King (Clifton). There was an old switchboard and a lot of old telephones there.

My mother was Thelma Harper Davis, a sister of Cattie's. When cleaning out some of her things we found this picture of Guy and Cattie when they first married, about 1917, at the switchboard. We believe this was at the Talco office, which was where he was in 1917. Guy had on his climbing gear, as he did his own installations and repairs. Era Smelser still owns the Talco lot. The telephone office had a single bed for the night operator to use, as there were not a lot of night calls. The operator who most will remember is Myrtle Speir. She was the night operator. I can still remember her answering, "Num Plz." You might ask for John Doe and she would tell you he had just gone to town. Or, you might ask for a number and she would tell you that they were out in the garden. If you were on a party line, all numbers on the line would ring when you got a call. There would be one, two, three or more rings for each number and when it rang three rings you would know who was getting the call. There was one person who was on a party line that I called frequently who would pick up the phone to listen. You could always tell when she was listening because you could hear her ticking clock. When a person who did not have a phone got a long distance call, there would be a charge for a messenger. If I was available I would get on my bike and go tell the party there would be a call back at a certain time, and I would get the messenger fee. Myrtle Speir would go around and collect for the telephone service. She did this by walking around town. One source of information says she remembers Myrtle going to Cattie's funeral and walking back to the office to work afterward. This was in January and the funeral was at the Church of Christ (old location) and the office in the same location it is now.

The numbers were not seven digits for a long time. The Smelser number was 25, and some of the locals can probably recall their old numbers. One of the early employees, Kenneth Jeffery, recalled that the system went to dial (from Operator assisted calls) in 1957, and the numbers were four digits. He said there were no phones in the Pine Branch area when he went to work in 1955. Earlier employees were Byrd Davis and Billy Whiskers. Earlier operators including Myrtle Speir were Louella Chesshir (Swaim), Nina Ward Chesshir (Hudson), Ruth King and Lois Barns (McRae). Several young men got their start in the telephone business here in Bogata and some are already retired. The old Bogata Telephone Company was sold to Continental Telephone of Texas and memories are all that remain of the old style. GTE still has their operations from the same corner lot on 271.

More Telephone History
By Frances Mayes Rozell

The first telephone service in Bogata was installed in 1903. It consisted of one small switchboard. The first telephone operator was Maude Cofield. She only worked during the day. The office was closed at six o'clock. It is not known who put in this switchboard. A few years later John Farris installed a large switchboard in his home on the corner of Howison and 3rd. Street across the street from the Pike house. It was later moved to downtown. It was located upstairs in the old Bank Building along with Charley Rodger's business office and Dr. Roach's office. Myrtle Speir was the operator. Mr. C.P. Pearson owned the business many years. He lived on the corner of Main and 5th Streets. Mr. Pearson sold to a Mr. Ledbetter who later sold to Guy Smelser. Guy built a new office on the corner of 271 and Howison Street.

Myrtle had worked as an operator in Rosalie for four or five years. Her father, William B. Speir, operated a blacksmith shop there. Myrtle had around 300 customers when she moved to the Bogata office, however the number declined steadily until World War II. The number of telephones increased to 430 by the year 1965 when Myrtle retired after 35 years from her manual switchboard. Taken from a newspaper article written about Myrtle at the time of her retiring: a co-worker patiently explained how to dial a number to several inquiring customers-Myrtle said,"You'll never learn it." They all laughed.

Guy Smelser was born December 23, 1898. He and Cattie moved to Bogata in the early 30's. Guy's mother, from Cookville, Texas, came to live in a little house just behind them. After her death, Guy moved the house up on the street front between his house and the telephone office. Irene Humphrey Garrett later had her beauty shop there. Irene's husband, Gene Garrett, was Guy's nephew. He lived with Guy and Cattie awhile and coached with Dixon Hatcher, the Bogata Football Team.(that's another story). Irene now lives in Carthage.

Sam Barnard's mother was Maggie Harper Barnard. She was a sister of Cattie's. Sam and his sister, Sally, stayed with Guy and Cattie a lot. Sam stayed six months at one time and went to school here while his parents were away. Even though they had no children of their own, Guy and Cattie always had children around. They were good friends of William and Frances Rozell. Neil remembers, when he was a little boy, he was with Guy and Cattie a lot and that Cattie gave him a pair of her lace up cowboy boots.

Cattie died in 1947 and is buried in the Bogata Cemetery.

Tommy Smelser's mother, Martha, married Guy and he and his brother, Teddy, and sister, Elizabeth (Ibby) came to live in Bogata. Tommy had had a very successful career in the telephone business also. He has been at the last two Homecomings and enjoyed his Bogata friends. He said he'll never miss another one. We hope he doesn't. Martha worked at the switchboard some. People didn't use their numbers much, even though this was early 50's. Everyone just rang Myrtle - told her who they wanted. Mary Margaret Barnard Vaughan worked one summer about this time. She remembers Martha being at the switchboard when a lady rang and asked rang and asked for the store. Martha thought, "Who is this-what store?" Myrtle would have known. She didn't need numbers.

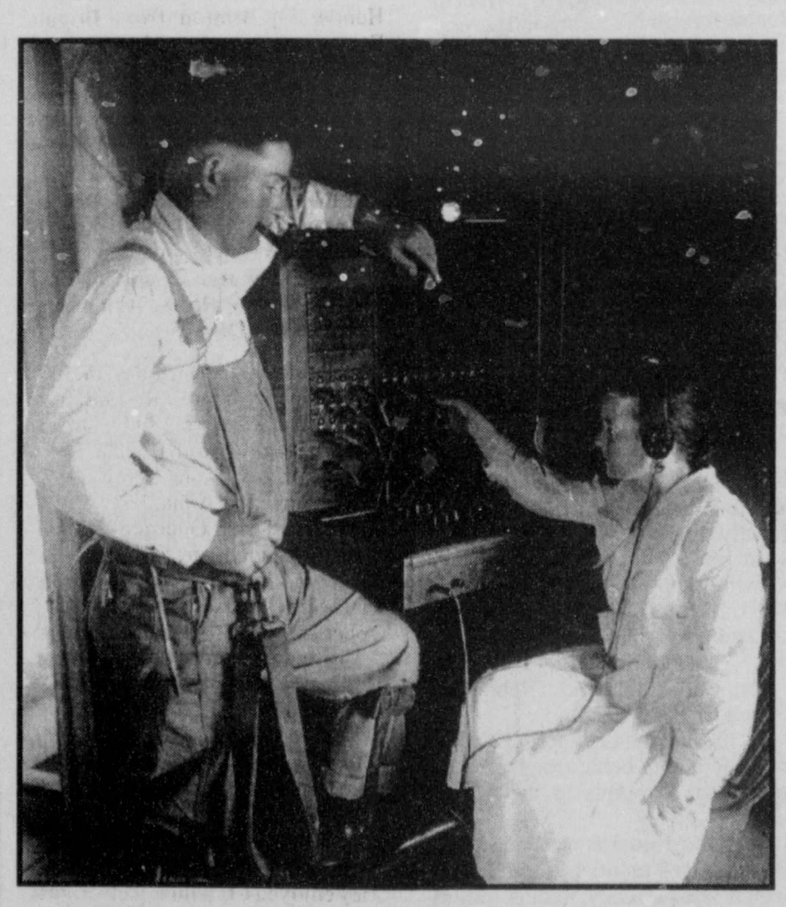
Mary Margaret worked the following summer two weeks at night so Myrtle could take a vacation. She of course got to sleep on Myrtle's ;famous cot. She remembers answering a call and realizing a little later she had not been good and awake-she said she guesses she connected to the right party-they started talking. She said Myrtle probably did calls in her sleep automatically all the time. Mary Margaret remembers different people would ring her at the switchboard and say," I'm going over to visit so and so for a while. If I get any important calls". This was the time of the crank phone of course. You just turned the crank on the side of the telephone and it rang the office.

Molee Huddleston came to work about this time and became operator and manager, after Myrtle Speir retired. Some others who worked for Guy's telephone business were: Charlie Lewis, Donnie Strain, Billy Edwards, Booker T. Williams, Junior Blair, Whoopie Randolph and Tommy Smelser. Guy married Era Screws Patterson in 1968. He died in 1980.

Era still lives in the same home. She is active in the Church of Christ and feels lucky to have her family around her.

Guy was a wonderful friend and he served Bogata every way he could.

The 1997 Homecoming Committee is June Stanley, Sue Huffman, Mary Jo Porterfield, Patsy Ward and Neil Rozell address Box 21 Bogata.



Bogata Telephone Exchange was privately owned by Guy Smelser and his wife Cattie.

Second Place
Christmas Memory Contest *My Last Christmas With Grandma*
By Melanie Fowler-Moore

The year was 1981 in the month of December. For about the first two weeks of that month my time after schol was spent at McCuistion Hospital. Because of cancer my Grandma Salter was isolated there to battle this disease. Everyday, my mother and I spent long dreadful hours with Grandma...I doning my homework and she sitting with her.

On one of these visites the realization came to me of the rapidly approaching Christmas Holidays. I loved Christmas shopping, which reminded me of the gift I had yet to purchase for Grandma. I bought Grandaddy's gift the week before with mother. Mother must have accidentally forgotten about Grandma.

I fantasized about Grandma coming home and haivng another wonderful Christmas with us. This year's gift would be the best one yet! I began making a list of things, in my mind, that I could buy her. After fifteen minutes of pondering I decided that clothes would be wonderful since Grandma had spent the past month in a gown. I couldn't wait to go shopping at Wal Mart!

As my mother stepped off the elevator I rant towards her and excitedly told her that we needed to buy Grandma a present. For some reason, maybe because of my excitement, mother's swollen red eyes or her withdrawn look was oblivious to me. I was too focused on buying Grandma a gift, which she would open at our family Christmas. Mother apprently saw the determination on my face, so she weakly smiled and said "okay".

Excitement filled my heart as we travelled to Wal-mart. When we arrived, I told Momma that I wanted to buy Grandma some clothes. Mother, in the nicest way she could, told me no. I quickly rattled off thing s from my "mental" list...a gown or maybe perfume. All of these suggetions were not suitable. My mother explained that Grandma could only wear hospital gowns and a perfume scent would make Grandma vomit.

However, I was determined to purchase some type of gift. Looking back as an adult, I can see the love Mother had for me that day. She was so tiered and she couldn't force herself to tell me the truth about Grandma. Finally, I chose a tall white bottle of Aviance lotion. The lotion contained no scent; therefore my mother agreed to buy it.

When we returned home I immediately wrapped the lotion and placed it under the tree beside Grandaddy's. I couldn't wait for Christmas.

The next day, which was Decembr 18, I was sent to my Granny Fowler's to spend the night. Grandma's condition had worsened. I never worried, because I would see her Christmas Eve. I'm my Granny Fowler knew Grandma's fate, but like my mother, she couldn't tell me.

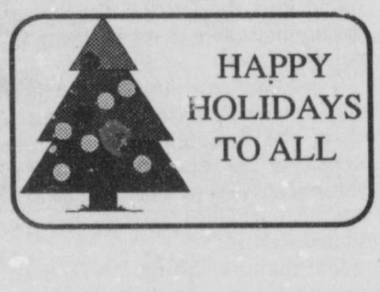
On Sunday, December 20, 1981, Zetta Marie Salter, my Grandma, passed away. When Daddy came to pick me up at Granny Fowler's he didn't have to tell me...I read his fce and burst into tears. Grandma was gone.

I'll never forget her funeral and all of her family and friends who came to honor her. I'll never forget unwrapping the bottle of Aviance lotion for her two days before Christmas (I kept the bottle for three years). I'll never forget seeing my Grandaddy cry for the first time in my eleven years of life.

Howeve,r on Christmas Eve, something strange happened. As a tradition, my cousins Kent and Susan and myself passed out all the Christmas presents. When I sat down to open my presents I noticed the name tag: To Melanie From Grandma. The writing was written in her beautiful handwriting with no signs of illness, just like the previous Christmas.

To this day, I don't remember the material inside the rectangular box. All I remember is her prescence with me that Christmas. Later I asked Mother about the name tag. Mother smiled with tears in her eyes and replied "I think Grandma wanted to spend one more Christmas with you.".

Through the holidays, especially around Christmas, my mind travels back to that moment. Now, as an adult, I realize the pain Grandma went through just to write a simple name tag. The memory she implanted in my heart is one which will live forevr. Grandma's determination allowed me one more Christmas with her, and I hope she knows that I will love her forever.









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Third Place, Christmas Memory Contest, 1996

A Christmas Parade Entry

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One of my most vivid Christmas memories was about 1951 or 52. Buddy Berry and I decided to enter a float in the Christmas Parade to collect the great prize money ($2 -$3).

We tried for several days to catch a raccoon or opossum to no avail. We had the bright idea that a cat just might work. We talked to Mrs. Jim Short and she gave us an old Tom Cat that she thought would work for us. My grandfather, Sam Reed, loaned us his old flat bed truck, I think. We may have forgotten to ask him but we used his truck anyway.

We cut a small tree and mounted it on the back of the truck, and I tied the tom cat in the tree so it couldn't jump out.

When the parade started Buddy got his two coon dogs on the truck and had them "tree" the cat. Boy, could they bay a cat! Everything went fine on the first pass through town, but on the second round the fire truck stopped in front of the old theater and we were trapped on Main Street.

Well, Mrs. Georgia Nobles didn't think it was funny and she gave us you know what! Boy, it's a good thing Sonny Davis wasn't with us!

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THIS IS one of the Old World Santas encircled by a wreath of greenery on display in the Winkley workshop in Detroit. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Here's hoping you sew up a fabulous season of cheer!

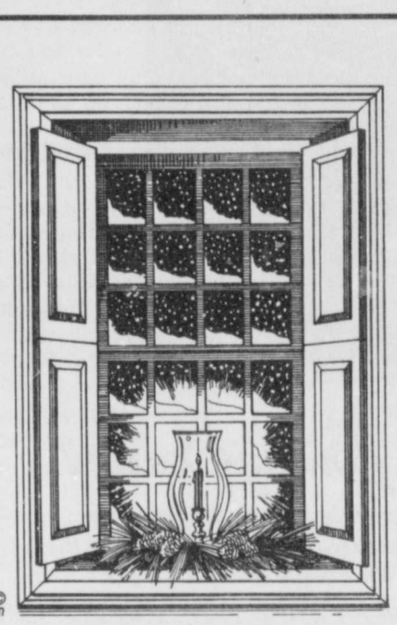


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By Judy Screws

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Frances Rozell and Helen Williams shopped in Texarkana Saturday.

Billie Bishop, Dorothy Gill, Frances Rozell and Helen Williams lunched at TaMolly's in Paris Tuesday.

The Cheatham family had an early Christmas Get together Sunday. Attending were Faye Riggs form Nashville, Arkansas, Dorothy Betterton from New Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Skidmore from Mesquite, Robert Westbrook from Mesquite and Henderson Bratton from Bogata. Everyone enjoyed visiting in the afternoon.

Visiting Jimmy Crow in Huntsville on Sunday were his mother, Ressie Crow, his daughter, Jim Ann, granddaughter, Brittany and grandson, Rob.

Enjoying a fish fry in the home of Jerry and Gerlyn Gray Sunday were Judy, Heather and Heath Holt, Jessica and Danny Hines, Willie Gray and Margaret Davis.

Celebrating the birthday of Judy Screws at LaFamilia Restaurant in Paris on Saturday were Judy, Donald and Tana Screws from Bogata, Mike, Lila, Bren and Kara Screws from Deport and Chris Anna, Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

Sunday lunch guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana were ChrisAnn and Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

Visiting Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana were Mr. and Mrs. Murl Roach of Deport.

Bo and Peggy Yale of Fort Worth and Carol Baker of Athens visited Chrystine Baker and they all visited their mother, Ruby Corbell at Regency Nursing Center in Clarksville. They enjoyed Christmas Celebration with Mrs. Corbell and went on to Paris to have lunch at TaMolly's.

Visiting Era Smelser on Monday was Raynard Screws from Ardmore,Oklahoma. His daughter and granddaughter were with him.

As we join in the festivities of Christmas, we extend our hearty thanks to the customers who have been so good to us during the past year. To all, a very merry holiday season and the happiest of New Years!!

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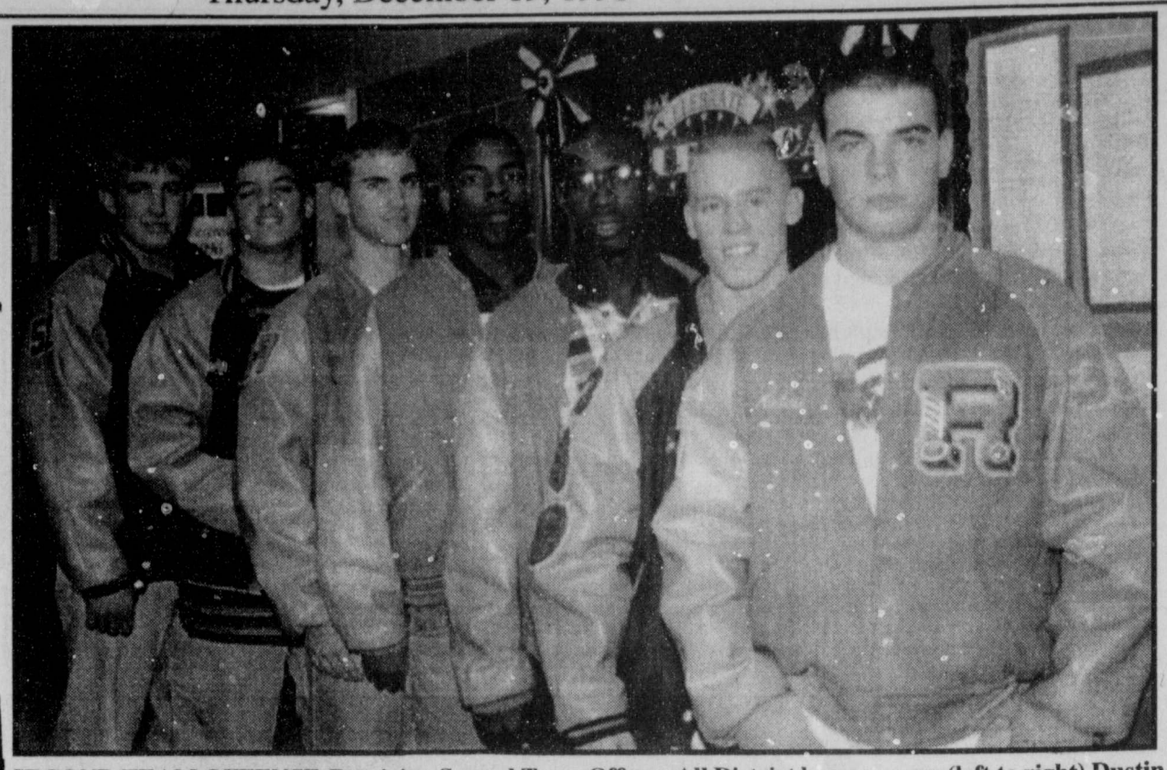
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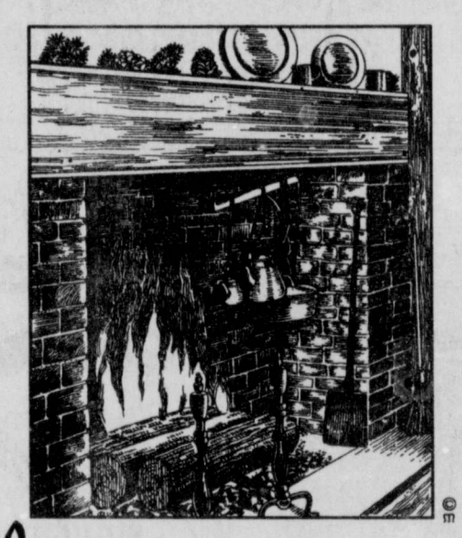
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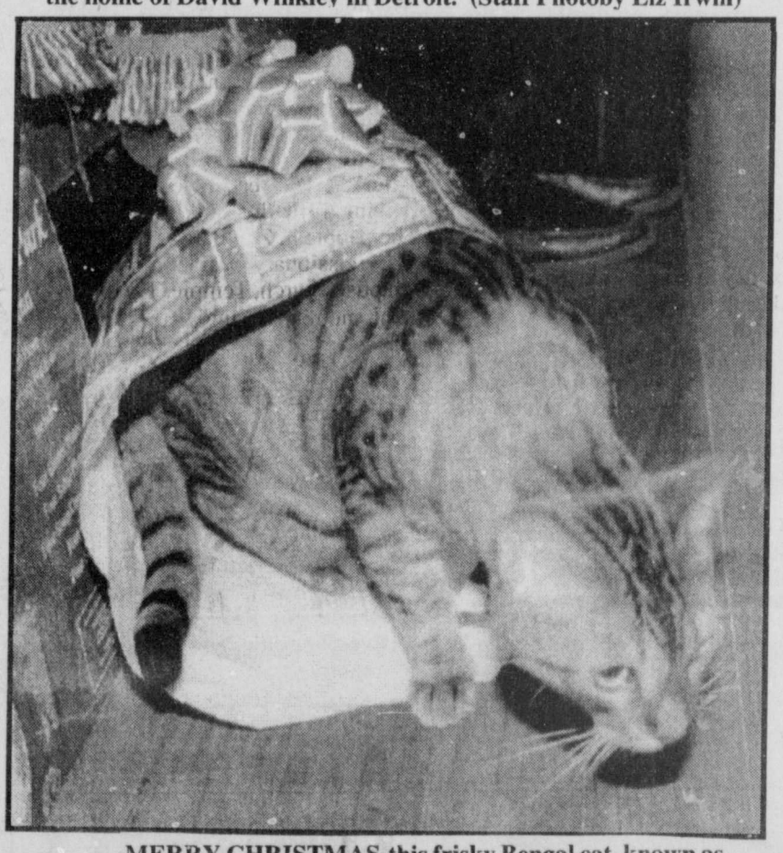


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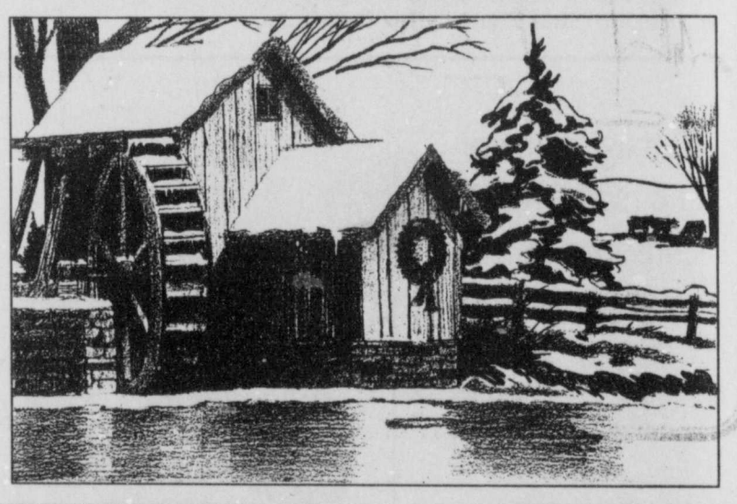


MERRY CHRISTMAS-this frisky Bengal cat, known as Gunner Gem, was quick to inspect Christmas wrapping paper....and just as quick to leave it. He's one of many pets and children who will enjoy holiday wrapping paper as the "big day" approaches. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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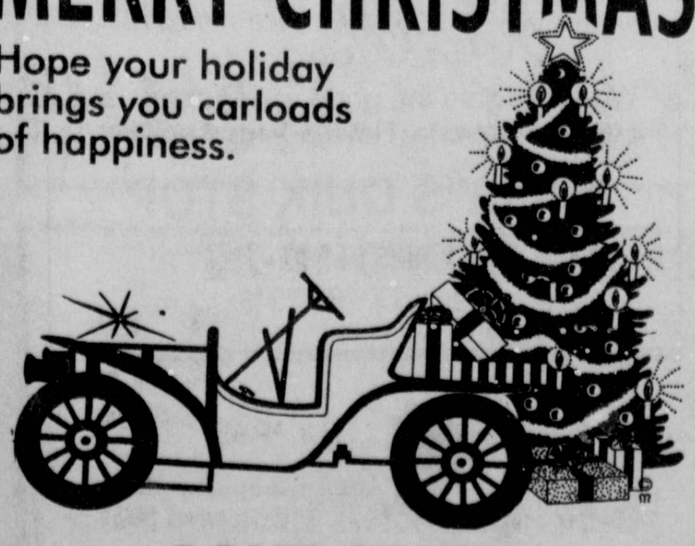
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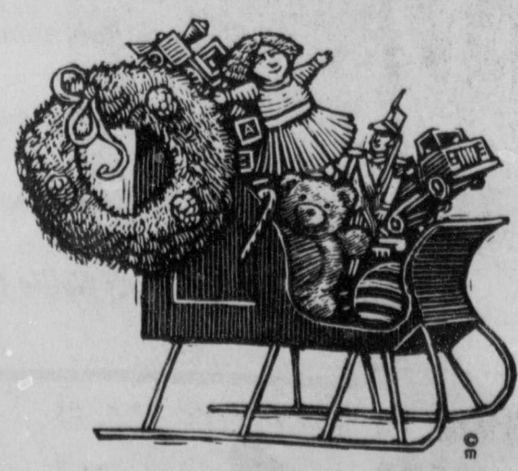
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I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS-More of the animated collection from the Winkley collection in Detroit. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

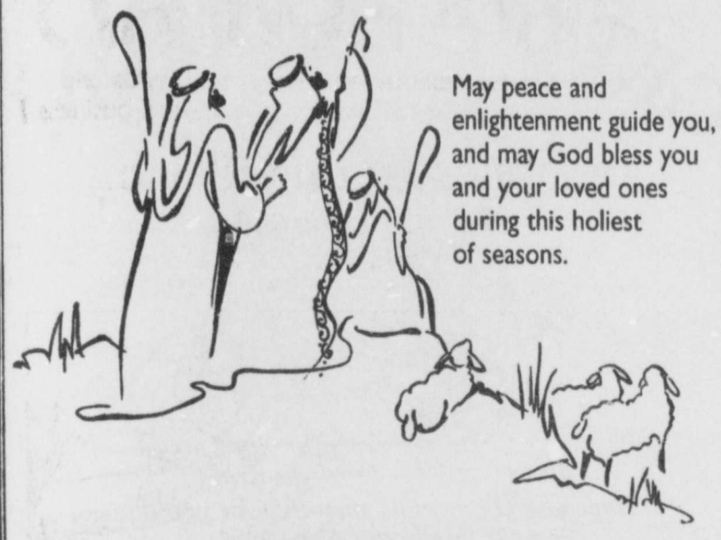
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Allen's 1996 Christmas newsletter

"This is the new Baptist Church building." were the words spoken by Headman Imenda of Ngandowe Village to Fred and a team of Baptist volunteers from Florida and local Baptist leaders in July 1996. One day earlier the combined team had led bible studies and worship services there when 51 people accepted Christ as Savior. We learned that they were very eager to have their own church and agreed to begin Bible studies and worship services that week, but said they had no Bibles nor materials to guide them. Fred agreed to return the next day to bring Bibles, study materials and hymnals.

When we returned the next day, Imenda asked if we would like to see inside the new church building. We agreed and went inside with about 30 villagers. As we stood there admiring the neat work with the poles, grass and mud, we were impressed. Then, Imenda said, "This is the new Baptist Church building." We were overwhelmed and asked how this could be. He explained that for 10 long years they had been promised by another denomination that their leaders would come and help them to start their own church. Finally, in desperation, the villagers decided to build a building, hoping that God would lead someone to come and help them. The, he said, "We feel God ha sent you here."

The above story represents many wonderful and exciting things that the Lord is doing here. We now have 10 Baptist churches and nine fellowships. More than 600 have been saved this year including the 328 who came to the Lord during the ministry of the Volunteer Team from Gainesville, FL. Now, our greatest challenge is to help our churches to train and nurture those new members. Please pray for them.

Joy enjoys a Children's Bible Club which meets in our home each Monday afternoon. About 12 boys and girls are singing songs about Jesus, learning Bible stories and that God loves each of them. Before they leave they like to have a glass of ice-cold water before starting their 1/2 mile walk home in this hot weather.

With only 11 months remaining before we say good bye to Zambia after 27 1/2 years, we are already having difficulty thinking of leaving the people in Zambia. We will be in the missionary residence of First Baptist Church, Temple, TX for several months beginning in October 1997.



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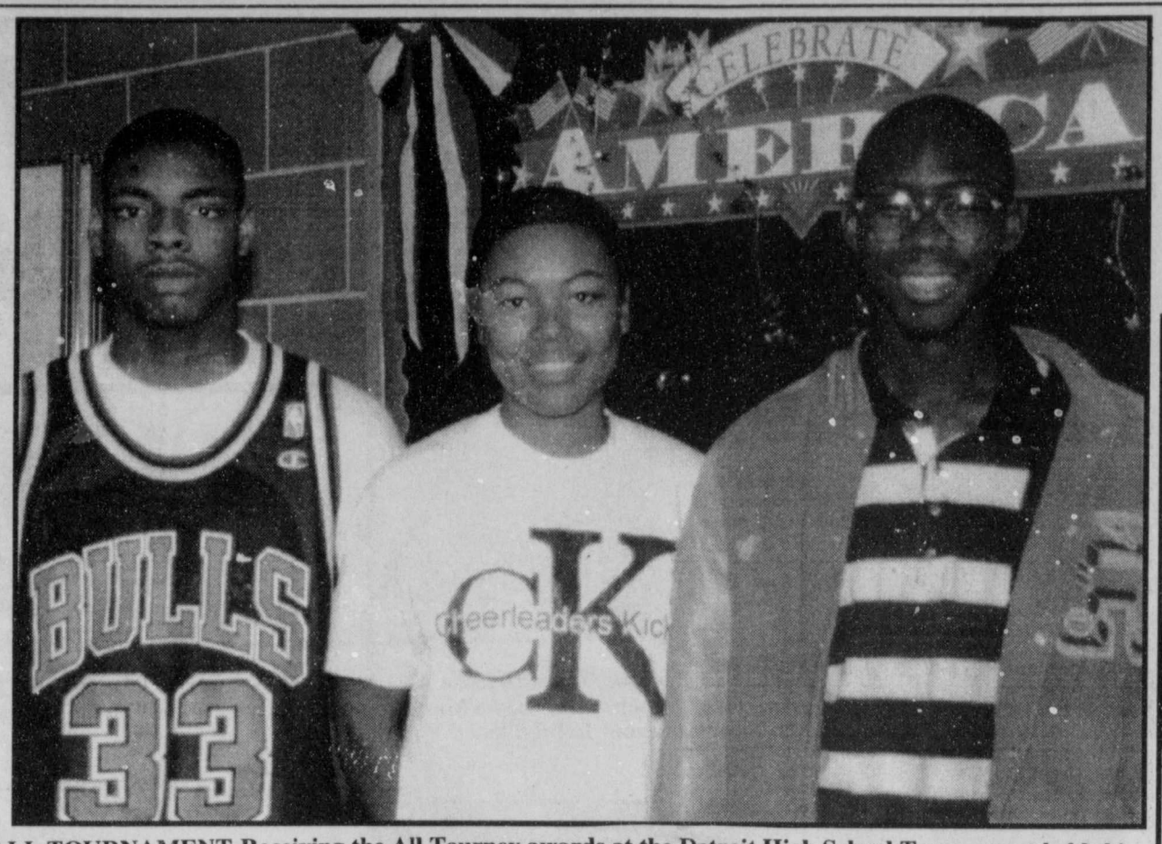
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ALL TOURNAMENT-Receiving the All Tourney awards at the Detroit High School Tournament held this past weekend were; (left to right) Alvin Savage, Kristi Hines and Jeff Savage. Alvin and Jeff are Seniors at RHS and Kristi is a Junior student. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Red River County Sheriff's Report

December 8-14

December 8: Report of welfare concern in Annona; domestic disturbance on FM 114; criminal mischief in Avery; male arrested on warrants for violation of probation; report of stolen vehicle in Bogata.

December 9: Minor accident on FM196 in Bogata; male arrested on charge of possession of controlled substance; criminal mischief in Avery; burglary of habitation in Bogata; forgery in Boxelder; welfare concern on FM114; phone harassment in English; domestic disturbance in Detroit.

December 10: Inmate released for time served; male arrested on charge of disorderly conduct; inmate released with arrangements to pay fine; female arrested on capias violation of probation; burglary in Dimple; phone harassment in Bogata; welfare concern in Boxelder; family disturbance in Bogata.

December 11: Inmate transported to TDCJ; theft on FM911; female arrested on bench warrant; suspicious person in Negley; inmate transported on warrant for revocation of probation; criminal mischief in Detroit; prowler in Detroit.

December 12: Prowler in Detroit; report of structure fire; burglary of habitation; report of theft in Bogata; major accident on Loop 37 north; animal complaint in Annona; male arrested on warrant for revocation of probation; domestic disturbance in Bagwell; male arrested on DPS warrants from Johnson County.

December 13: Spotlighting near Manchester; male arrested on fleeing from a peace officer, hunting from public road, hunting with artificial light and hunting in closed season; male arrested on charge of hunting on public road and hunting in closed season; minor accident in Annona; inmate released after paying fines; phone harassment in Avery; male arrested on warrant for violation of probation.

December 14: Medic 50 request north of Avery; animal complaint on FM909; male transported to county jail on charge of DWI, second offense.

GET SET FOR FUN!



Hope everything runs smoothly for you and your family this Christmas.
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From Your Red River County Attorney



Jack Herrington

Kathy Susan Johnson was sentenced to 42 years in prison for the aggravated sexual assault of her daughter. Judge John F. Miller pronounced sentence Wednesday, December 4, 1996. County Attorney, Jack Herrington reported that Ms. Johnson was a participant in the rape of her 13 year old daughter. This is the first case of its kind where a mother was convicted of aiding in a rape. Eapthern Smith is also charged with aggravated sexual assault and his case will be tried sometime after the first of the year.

Ms. Johnson will have to spend at least 21 years of her sentence day for day before she can ever be considered for parole.

Herrington said that these kinds of offenses must be punished severely. Lives of children are permanently damaged by these acts.

We will continue to take a hard line against sex offenders. This past year has seen a rise in sexual offenses against children filed in our office. I think public awareness has helped in getting people to come forward and report these crimes.

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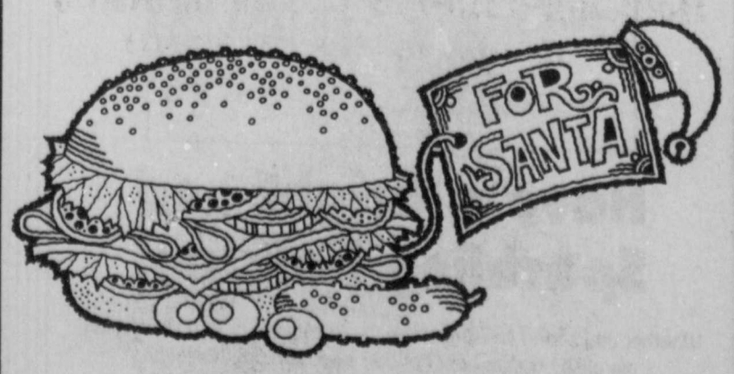
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SECOND TEAM DEFENSE-Receiving Second Team Defense All District honors were; (left to right) Jeff Brown-defensive line, Jerad Guest-inside linebacker, Aaron Martin-outside linebacker, Jeff Savage-secondary and Mitch Ellis-secondary. Congratulations Rebels! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)





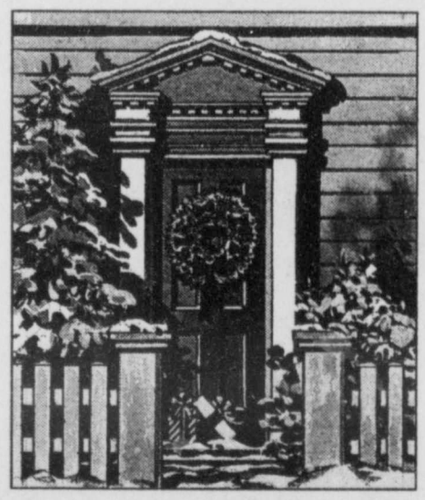
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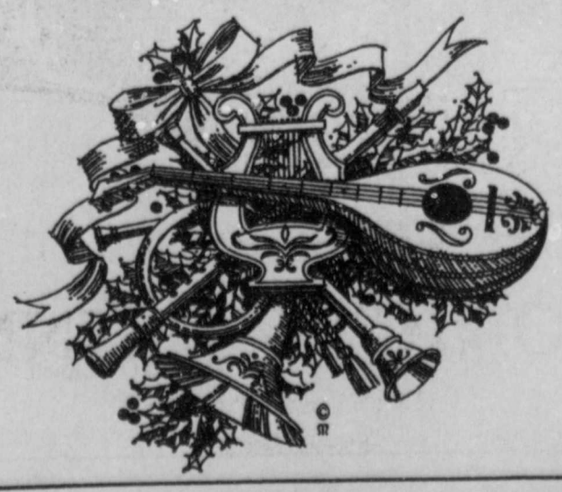


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BOGATA SCHOOL LIBRARIAN-Linda Gray visits with author, David Cannon on Tuesday, December 10 before he spoke with the students about his new books.(Staff Photo by Judy Screws)

Author reviews books for students

Students of Bogata School enjoyed a visit from author, David Cannon on Tuesday, December 10. Mr. Cannon reviewed the four books he has written, one of which is about the summers he spent in Deport as a child visiting his grandparents.

David Cannon is a former probation officer a founded CJFT, a non profit group which sponsors community projects and scholarship. It's main focus has been the publication of Appleseed Books, a series for children which teaches basic values such as honesty and respect for people and property.

Mr. Cannon's books were donated to the library by Mr. Morris Foster who was acquainted with him from the summers spent in Deport. The books have had tests entered on the computer for the Accelerated Reading program also.



THIS ACCIDENT Occurred at the intersection of Hwy. 37 and Hwy. 271 in Bogata Tuesday afternoon during the snow that coated Lamar, Titus and Franklin and Red River Counties. No injuries were reported. A Texas Department of Public Safety Report was not available at press time. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Book Club celebrates Christmas

The Bogata Book Club celebrated Christmas on December 12 at the home of Zona Parrish, with Margie Meyers as co-hostess.

Fifteen members enjoyed a covered dish dinner, games, stories, singing and a gift exchange.

Life Tabernacle to have Children's Christmas Play

The Life Tabernalce Church o Cunningham will hold a Children' Christmas Play and Salad Supper thi Saturday, December 21st beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Whites entertain Sunday School Class

The Gleaners and Adult I Men's Sunday School classes from First Baptist Church Bogata enjoyed their annual Christmas Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen White Friday, December 13.

Those enjoying the delicious meal and visiting were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, Reverend and Mr. Park Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ragsdill, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Holeman, Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coffin, Bill White, Doris Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. White.

Teachers of the two classes are Jane Strawn, Gleaners, and Ronny Ross, Adult I Men.

Grogans send Christmas greetings

1996 has been another good year for us. As senior citizens we give some scheduling priority to medical appointments to maintain our health.

Again, we enjoyed some travel. In June, we drove to Madison, Wisconsin and visited Wayne, Jr., Connie and our three grandchildren. In July we drove to Texas and visited Wayne's mother in Bogata and other relatives and friends in that area. From there we drove to Los Angeles and visited Allen Ray, Virginia and our two grandchildren there. Then back to Texas for a visit with Wayne's aunt in Lubbock and more visitation with his mother and other people, and then back home. Wayne's mother passed away September 15, so we drove back to Texas for her funeral. She was age 91 and had been completely incapacitated and unresponsive for the last few years, so in a real sense it was a blessing that she passed to her greater reward. By our rotation schedule we would have spent Thanksgiving with Wayne, Jr. and family. However, they bought another home recently and moved the week before Thanksgiving, so it was no time for them to have visitors. We spent Thanksgiving at our home for the first time in about 16 years, and Alice prepared an excellent turkey feast. We will fly to Los Angeles for Christmas with Allen Ray and family. As usual, in our travels, and in local activities here, we spend much time in genealogy research and documentation on both sides of our family. We are active in a local computer genealogy organization, the Roots User Group of Arlington, Virginia and we write some articles for its newsletter.

Have a Merry Christmas 1996 and a Happy New Year 1997!!
Wayne and Alice Grogan

84 Club meets

Members of the 84 club had their annual Christmas dinner Thursday evening at the home of Willie Mae Gray. Each guest brought a covered dish and a meal of Chicken dressing and all the trimmings was enjoyed by the following: Faye Conine, Bertha MCCall, Jimmie King, Helen Williams, Maggie Lee, Willie Clark, Ruby Sistrunk, Ethel Epps, Georgia Hudson and the hostess. Games of 42 and 84 were enjoyed.

Fist meeting of the new year will be a the home of Helen Williams January 9.

Young Adult II Class has party

The Young Adult II Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church of Bogata enjoyed a Christmas supper at Two Senoritas in Mount Pleasant Monday, December 16. Those attending were Brenda Scoggins, Mary Joplin, Gary and Pam VanDeaver, Pat Williams, Bill and Joan Mabry, Debbie and Mark Hare, Betty Sue Brown, Tana Guest, Brother Park and Vickie and Lindsey Robertson, Rick and Salena Holman, David and Toni Anderson, Ross and Linda Eilers, Kay Ross, Brad and Teresa Allison and Linda Gray.

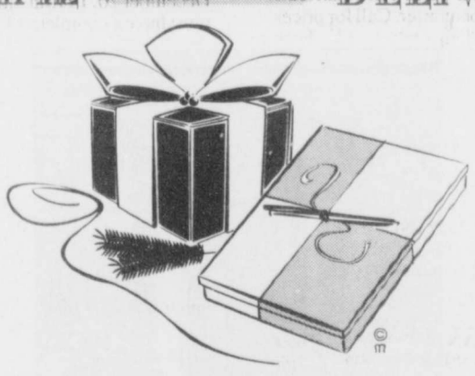


100YEARS OLD-Rosa Spear, redident of RedRiver Healthcare Center will be 100 years old on Christmas Day. She likes to tell people that she has the same birthday as Jesus.

Mrs. Spear remembers coming from Alabama in a covered wagon at the age of 5. They had to cross Red River and the children were all scared. She has a big sinsc of humor, loves to laugh and joke with everyone. They built their home in Rosalie when she was a teenager. Even though she can't see or hear very well, she loves company and talks about old times. Mrs. Spear has 3 children, 12 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren. (Staff photo by Judy Screws)

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Bogata Methodist Women meet

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Judy Marshall gave the opening prayer. Frances Rozell presented the program reading a Christmas Story by Pearl Buck from the book, Second Chicken Soup for the Soul. She also read the Christmas Legend, Why the Chimes Rang. These stories illustrated the true meaning of Christmas. Betty Puckett presided at the business session. Gail Hervey read the minutes and Eleanor McCluer gave the treasurer's report.

Reports were given by members who participated in the fall bazaar, College ministries, and other church projects.

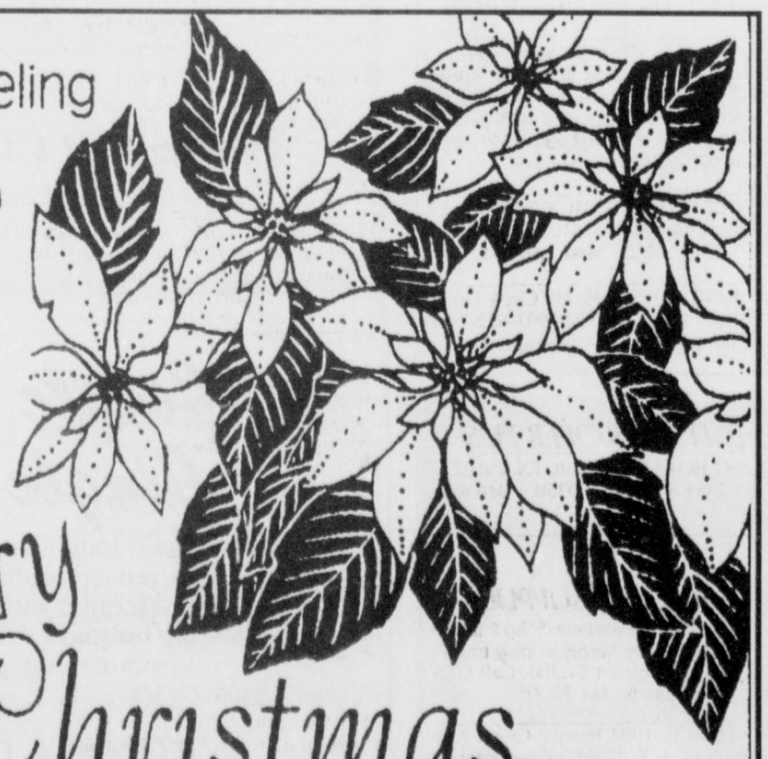
Refreshments were injoyed by the following: Judy Marshall, Gertie Choate, Frances Rozell, Roberta Anderson, Anna Bell Patton, Eleanor McCluer, Allie Swafford, Anita Stubblefield, Edith Ruth Swaim, Mary Kathryn Cotten, Jan Riney, Betty Puckett and Gail Hervey.

The meeting was closed with the dismissal prayer.

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The Federal Government has given Blossom Housing Authority the authority to revise or eliminate Federal Preferences. Currently Blossom Housing Authority Preferences for housing assistance are given to families who are involuntarily displaced, sub-standard homes or pay more than 50% of their income for rent.

Blossom Housing Authority is proposing to eliminate all preferences for housing assistance and base selection for housing assistance only on date and time of application. Individual comments may be sent in writing to: Blossom Housing Authority, P.O. Box 174, Blossom, Texas 75416. The elimination of preference is proposed to go into effect January 10, 1997.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Talco-Bogata CISD Board of Trustees hereby announces the finalist for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the 1997-98 school year. Name: Dr. Gary VanDeaver-High School Principal at Rivercrest.

The public is invited to make comments concerning the listed candidate if they choose. The comments are to be directed to Eddy Brown, President of the Board of Trustees, by telephone 379-4445 or in writing to Rt. 1, Box 18AA, Talco, TX 75487.

This notice will be posted for a 21 day period from December 12, 1996 before the candidate can be officially hired for the position.
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Bogata (TX) Housing Authority is seeking qualified applicants for the Executive Director trainee position. Training period will be sixty (60) to ninety (90) daus. After the training period the trainee will probably be hired as Executive Director. The Authority administers 41 public housing units. This person is responsible for all aspects of the Authority's planning, personnel, finance and maintenance. The Executive Director trainee should have the capacity to deal knowledgeably and sensitively with residents and commnity relations. Applications are available upon request (phone 632-5574) at the Bogata Housing Authority and application, resumes and references must be received by January 3, 1997. Deliver in person to Bogata Housing Authority office located off Grayson Street.
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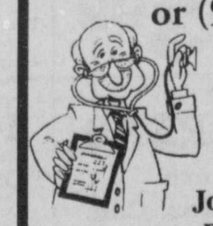
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HOUSE FOR SALE: 232 Circle Drive, Bogata. 2BR, 1B. Call 903-632-4820 for information, leave message. *MA 1-9*

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LOST: Mother's ring, seven stones. Lost between home and church in Deport around November 24. If found, please call 652-6511. *nc*

LOST, POSSIBLY STOLEN west of Talco on NE2110. Siberian Husky, black & white large dog, 10 months old, answers to Nanook. Anyone with information, please contact Eric or Teri Cabell. Reward. 903-379-3841. 1-9

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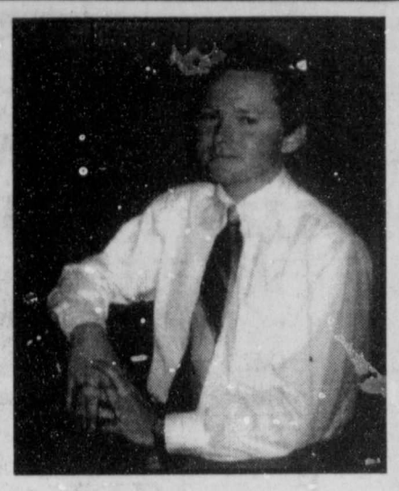
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NOTICE

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Randy Joe Corbell

Corbell receives degree

Randy Joe Corbell, son of Tommie and Glenda Corbell of Bogata, received his Master of Arts Degree in Journalism on December 14 from Texas A & M University at Commerce. Previously, he has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism with a minor in Business Administration from TAMU-Commerce, then known as East Texas State University and an Associate in Science degree from Paris Junior College.

Randy is a 1983 graduate of Rivercrest High School.





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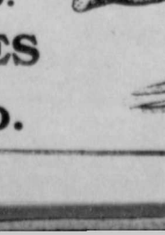
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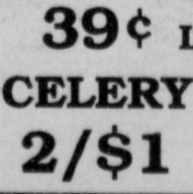
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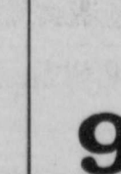
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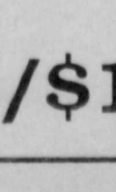
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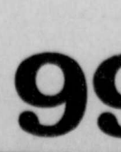
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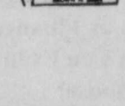
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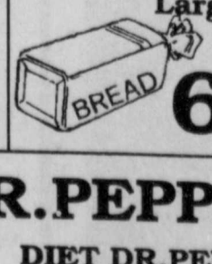
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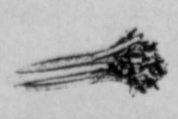
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