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# The Magic of Christmas



THIS ONE'S FOR ME!...... Shea Rose anxiously awaits Christmas morning, as she sits under the tree, surrounded by presents and Christmas goodies. Shea is the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rose of Matador.

Happy Holidays

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#### Jim Meador Announces **Candidacy For Sheriff**



**Jim Meador** 

#### James "Jim" Meador has authorized the Tribune to announce his candidacy for Motley County Sheriff in the March Primary Election.

Mr. Meador stated, "I would like to announce my candidacy for Motley County Sheriff, in the Democratic March tions. Primary Election. I am looking forward

to visiting with the voters of Motley County. I was born and raised in Motley County, and I have a desire to serve this county as Sheriff. If elected I promise to do the job to the very best of my ability.

do not believe that my age is a factor in this race, but the main factor is willingness to do the job in the best way for Motley County and its citizens. I will appreciate your support."

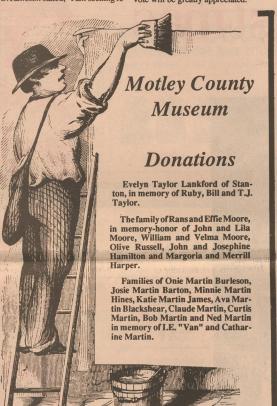
## Franklin Jameson Announces

Motley County Tribune to announce for

I am 30 years old an I know that I am younger than the other candidates, but I

### **Candidacy For Re-Election**

Franklin Jameson has authorized the- election for Motley County Commis-Motley County Tribune to announce for his re-election in the March Democratic Primary Election. Mr. Jeneses attack "I am acaking m Mr. Jameson stated, "I am seeking re- vote will be greatly appreciated.



### 9-1-1 Now Official For Motley County 9-1-1 was made official for Motley

County December 19, 1991. Representatives from Motley County and Floyd County and Mayors from Lockney and Matador were presented plaques from SPAG, at the Dedication in the Floyd County Courthouse. A reception was held following the presenta-

Motley County Judge, Boyce Hart, read the following thank you, which was prepared by James Gillespie, Motley County 9-1-1 Coordinator, who was unable to attend:

"As a Representative of Motley County and the people of Motley County, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks not only to the professionals at

SPAG but especially to the people of Floyd County and Floydada for allowing us to become a part of their 911 system. Without the generosity of Floyd County, the 911 system for Motley County would have been a long time in coming, if indeed at all. We have enjoyed working with Floyd County officials througout the development of the 911 system and

look forward to a continued good working relationship after the implementation of 911. We know how much 911 will benefit your county and with your assistance the people of Motley County can also benefit.

Again, just let me say thanks for being a good neighbor." Those attending from Motley County, other than Judge Hart, were Tony Rose, Rodney Williams, Greta Smallwood and Barbara Armstrong.

### **Christmas Program Theme Is** "The Manger And The Cross"

15, at First Bapust Church, by children of Mother Sinaiwood and Sabrina Osborn; the church and community. Direction Kaci Risser, John LaVar and Dakota was by Kelli (Mrs. Donnie) Jackson and Bettye (Mrs. Steve) Stevens. Special music was by Carolyn (Mrs. Don) Ewing and Sharon (Mrs. Dick) Van Hoose. The Story of Christmas' was pre-sented with Laurie Hoyle as Narrator, was by Carolyn (Mrs. Don) Ewing

The theme "The Manger and The Cross" was introduced by Tonya Hoyle, narrator for a montage formed by children bearing placates spelling the word "Manger". In this group were Leslie Taylor and Jake Johannes, Brenda Gillespie and Brittany Moore, Tommy Hurt and Mont Darsey, Brandon Moore and Brett Wallace, Sherri Thomas and Amanda Hurt, and Chantry Meyer and Trex Smallwood Trey Smallwood.

Ceasar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment,

when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his

own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the City of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be en-

rolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and

wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and

laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

and the following cast in costume: Joseph, Dusty Jackson, Mary, Samanha Osborn; Star, Ashley Stevens; Shepherd, Brant Donaldson; Wise Men, Robert Gillespie, Matthew Cox and Sean Rose; and Tanya Barkley gave a closing narra-tion

Frances (Mrs. Stuart) Dixon accompanied Mmes. Ewing and Van Hoose as they sang "It Came Upon A Midnight

happy Birthday Jesus!

**The Reason For Christmas** 

The life of Jesus from His birth when He was placed in a manger, to His death when He was crucified on a cross was effectively told in a program December 15, at First Baptist Church, by children of the church and community. Direction was by Kelli (Mrs. Donnie) Jackson and Bettye (Mrs. Steve) Stevens, Special Concluding presentation, "My Grifs," by Llan Barkley, Rachelle Renfro, Leigha Burns, Rachel Smith, Leandra Wallace, Mark Cox, Latisha LaVar, Lou Ann Taylor, Brittany Donaldson, Doyle At-kinson and Jill Stanley. The vocalists, accompanied by Mrs. Dixon, sang "Little Drummer Boy," and concluded with "One Night A Year." Rev. Gaylon Cox, pastor, welcomed the congregation, and also propounced

the congregation, and also pronounced the benediction at the conclusion of the program, after inviting everyone to a fellowship hour of refreshments and visi-

tation downstairs. A large crowd of friends and relatives attended the production and enjoyed the excellent performance of the children and the always pleasurable sing-ing of Carolyn Ewing and Sharon Van Hoose.

**County Court** News **Judge Boyce Hart** 

Making alcohol available to a minor. Pleaded guilty, \$100 fine plus \$88 Court cost.

> and a start First

Christmas Carol

The first Christmas carol composed in America was written in the Huron Indian written in the Huron Indian languag<sup>1</sup>, by a Frenchman. The lyrics were written in 1641 by a native of France, Father Jean de Brebfeuf, for his Christian converts. He set the words to a popular French tune, "Une Jeune Puceile." In his writing the French

In his writing, the French priest described the Hurons' reverence for Christmas: "They built a small chapel of cedar and small chapel of cedar and fir branches in honor of the Infant Jesus...Even those who were at a distance of more than two days' journey met at a given place to sing hymns in honor of the newborn Child " Child.

After the Hurons were defeated by the Iroquois, they resettled near Quebec, preserving the Christmas among their carol traditions.

#### Ber and a series

25 through January 3. Stockman's, December 25 and Janu-Kountry Kitchen Cafe, December 24, 25 and January

Don's Tire, December 25 and January





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#### And in that region there were shepherds out in the held, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of Lord appeared to them, and the gody of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, and January 1.

who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a man-ger." And suddenly there was with the

AFTER

Dorothy's

In those days a decree went out from angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God and Say manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!' heard it wondered at what the shepherds When the angels went away from them told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the

whether angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us," And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a

**Businesses Announce** 

#### **Holiday Hours**

Thacker Jewelry, December 25 and 26 and January 1. Lawrence Farm Store, half-day De-cember 24, all day December 25 and

shepherds returned, glorifying and prais-ing God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2 . 1-20

Alexander Fuel, December 25 and Farm Bureau, December 25 and Janu-

First State Bank, December 25 and

Pay-N-Save, will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24 and will be closed on December 25 only. Stanley Pharmacy, December 25, 26 and 28 and January 1. SCS Office, December 25 and Janu-The Windmill, December 25, 26 and

ary 1. Billie Dean's, December 25 and Janu-

and January 1. Motley County Tribune, December

CHRISTMAS SALE Come in now for lots of good buys! Gabriel Shopping Center — Plainview Elsie Thacker \* Dora Watson \* Lottie Stotts

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> > Dean Stotts



**Cowboy Boot Shop** 

and January 1. ASCS Office, December 25 and January 1. Matador V&S Variety, December 25 and 26 and January 1. SC Taylor's Pizza Box, December 24 after unch and all day December 25. Th Janua

Local businesses would like to an nounce their holiday hours. Businesses in Roaring Springs and Matador will be closed for Christmas holidays, as fol-January 1.

Motley County Courthouse, Decem-ber 23, 24 and 25 and January 1. Matador Post Office, December 25 January

Roaring Springs Post Office, Decem-ber 25 and January 1. Higginbotham-Bartlett, December 25 and January 1 January 1

### January 1. Texas T's, December 25, 26 and Janu-

ary 1. Thacker Supply, December 25, 26

AN INVITATION Three dear friends from Matador By all who know them are adored They are as sweet as can be And we all agree .. To know them's a blessing.

So we won't keep you guessing. **IT'S THEIR BIRTHDAYS!** Come from near.....come from far

Let's honor the lives Of these three stars

What fun to commemorate! **Come! Let's celebrate!** 

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A Christmas Reminder

#### Memories Christmas

#### by Mary Meason

As time keeps running down hill to Christmas and I realize that this year I won't have any family with me, I find myself drowning in a pool of self pity! Butafter talking to several of my "widow friends" I found out that I am not the only person who will not be with family. We have nut our heads together and have have put our heads together and have decided we will make our own Christ-mas. What would we do without friends!

There are a number of Christmases that stand out in my lifetime. When our house was being built in 1917 and 1918 we were living in our big 1917 and 1918 we were living in our big two story barn until our house was fin-ished. My two brothers and I loved that barn. The loft was our play room and we enjoyed every minute that we spent there. We were in the barn for one Christmas and that was a special Christmas. Santa brought me a "lady doll" made out of papier mache' and she was dressed just like a grown up lady! But that beautiful doll didn't last long because I left her in my father's chair, he sat on her and she was mashed flat as a pancake! That same Christmas Santa Claus brought me doll dishes, a white doll bed with a blue matdishes, a white doll bed with a blue mat-tress and a real trunk. The tray didn't last long, because my younger stepped in it and broke the bottom out. He said he did it accidentally, but I have always doubted that statement. My dad made a doll table for me - it was made out of an old bread-

board and I thought it was beautiful! It seemed I always got everything that I wanted for Christmas, but one time I was disappointed. Teddy Bears had just come on the market and I asked for a bear. But it wasn't on the tree. My dad teld me that they were so expressive that told me that they were so expensive that even Santa couldn't afford them. Those first Teddy Bears were not soft, by Earlyne Jameson

furry huggable bears that they are now. Their fur was real short and very stiff and the bodies were stuffed with excelsior which is wood shavings and those bears had the hardest bodies. I finally got my bear, though, - my husband gave me a big brown, soft, loveable bear for my birth-

day only a few years before he died. Another Christmas, I remember clearly.My brothers hung their stockings in my bedroom beside my stocking. On Christmas morning, our stockings were full of fruit, nuts and candy, and my younger brother, John, had a handfull of switches in his, but under his stocking there was a pair of boots - and my brother, Howard, had a saddle blanket under his stocking. I was very puzzled and couldn't understand how Santa knew the size boot that would fit John. My brothers con-That year Santa brought me a doll, a toy stove and a doll buggy. I could never understand how Santa Claus could come in my room, leave all those presents in my room and never awaken me. I guess I was a really dumb kid. It's embarrassing to a really dumb kid. It's embarrassing to admit that I was in the 6th grade before I found out that Santa was the spirit of

loving, giving, and caring. But my broth-

ers kept me believing in St. Nick by all the wonderful things they told me about him! The way I was convinced that there really was no live Santa was rather sneaky on my part. One Christmas Eve our parents sent us upstairs to bed early telling us that the earlier we went to bed the sooner Santa would arrive.

Like all children on the night before Like all children on the night before Christmas I couldn't go to sleep. I kept hearing Mom and Dad talking down-stairs in low tones. I slipped out of bed and tiptoed to the top of the stairs and peeked down into the living room, and Mom and Dad were putting presents on the tree. I could see a big baby doll and a set of white furs - a mulf and a fur scarf. Dad was putting a little box under the tree

and I heard Mom say, "I wish you would take that back, she is getting too much." Dad said, "No, I want her to have it." I slipped quietly back to bed and felt so guilty for having been so sneaky. I never told my parents what I had done. The next norring Loudd't wait to open the little morning I couldn't wait to open that little

box. It was my first wrist watch! That day I grew up a lot. The furs and watch made me feel grown up, but the doll made me cling to childhood a little longer.I still have the watch, but it doesn't run. One day my brother John and I got into an ar-gument that was rather physical and my

watch flew off my arm, hit the wall on the other side of the room, it stopped to never

Christmas time - but some of them have been filled with lonliness and sadness. During World War II my husband was in the Army for almost four years. Three of those years were spent overseas in North Africa, England, Belguim and France and for three years my Christmas holidays were filled with lonliness and worry. But there were several "war wid-ows" who were friends of mine and every war time Christmas we all got together at my house, had a Christmas Tree, ex-changed gifts, ate and played bridge.

Sometimes we played bridge all night. Friends are one of the most wonderful gifts we can receive. In spite of the lonliness and worry we had a lot of fun together

I'll never forget the first war time Christmas that my husband was overseas. He sent me a picture of him standing by a Christmas tree. The soldiers had decorated that tree with wads of cotton, the only decorations on the tree and no gifts under it. I can still look at that picture and cry!

Christmas was always a big event at our house. My father was Santa Claus at the Church and one time he dressed as Santa Claus at home. My two oldest nephews were at our home for Christmas

one year and they were very small at the time. Dad came in dressed in his Santa Claus suit and all of us were telling him

ppearance at our house. The younger ooy looked Santa over carefully and said, "Huh, he looks like grandpa to me." Dad never wore his Santa suit at home

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again The Church Christmas tree was always a big event. The men would go out and cut the biggest native cedar tree they could find, put it up in the church and the women and children did the decorating. By Christmas Eve that tree was loaded with all kinds of gifts. The Church would always be full, and every child there would get a red net bag of fruit, candy and

There was always a Christmas play. The The little boys wore their bathrobes, towels for turbans, and crown's made of asteboard and covered with tin foil. Little girls were angels with their halos quiver-ing over their heads and their little wings all askew, and my big baby doll was the Baby Jesus for many years. I have long since given that doll to my great niece. Maybe it is still portraying the Baby Mayoe it is suit portraying the Baby Jesus. I've always missed having the big tree at the church, with the church tuil of people, and the sparkling eyes and eager faces of the children. But times have

The saddest Christmas of my life was

the year our son, our only child, died. Christmas has never been the same since. But Christmas is always a joyful happy time if we will just keep the meaning of Christmas in our hearts, and remember that Jesus was born to save us all from our I've always had happy holidays at hello and making a big thing out of his sins if we'll only believe and accept him.

# A Christmas Journey

Please allow me to share something with you that is worth sharing. A long time friend of our family, the late J.L. Woodruff sent on Christmas a letter containing a sentiment expressed a few years ago by a Dallas clergyman, the Rev.

John Anderson. The sentiment is I have held and have The sentiment is I have held and have : expressed numerous times when teach-ing a Sunday School class, though never so eloquently as the Rev. Anderson. Those who are away from home or traveling during the holiday season know how it tugs at their hearts to hear the old song, "I'll Be Home For Christmas." Whether the journey is to Bethlehem or to the Land of Oz, you long to get there, says the Rev. Anderson.

says the Rev. Anderson. He portrayed images of the meaning of Christmas by drawing a parallel be-tween Dorothy's journey in the beloved children's classic The Wizard Of Oz and the Christmas journey of Christmas to Bethlehem.

Dorothy is caught in the vortex of a cyclone. She is whisked out of Kansas and lands in a magic kingdom where there is a yellow brick road. "She doesn't know what to do, but she

#### A Cowboy's Christmas Prayer

#### by S. Omar Barker

I ain't much good at prayin', and You may not know me, Lord--I ain't much seen in churches where they preach Thy Holy Word, But You may have observed me out here on the lonely plains A-lookin' after cattle, feelin' thankful when it rains, Admirin' Thy great handiwork, the miracle of grass Aware of Thy kind spirit in the way it comes to pass That hired men on horseback and the livestock that we tend Can look up at the stars at night and know we've got a Friend

So here's ol' Christmas comin' on, remindin' us again Of Him whose coming brought good will into the hearts of men. A cowboy ain't no preacher, Lord, but if You'll hear my prayer, I'll ask as good as we have got for all men everywhere Don't let no hearts be bitter, Lord; don't let no child be cold. Make easy beds for them that's sick, and them that's weak and old. Let kindness bless the trail we ride, no matter what we're after, And sorter keep up on Your side, in tears as well as laughter.

I've seen old cows a starvin', and it ain't no happy sight: Please don't leave no one hungry, Lord on Thy good Christmas night --No man, no child, no woman, and no critter on four feet --I'll aim to do my best to help You find 'em chuck to eat.

I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord, -- ain't got no business pravin' --But still I hope You'll ketch a word or two of what I'm sayin': WE speak of Merry Christmas, Lord -- I reckon You'll agree There ain't no Merry Christmas for nobody that ain't free. So one thing more I'll ask You, Lord: just help us what You can To save some seeds of freedom for the future sons of man 

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wants to get home," said Dr. Anderson. As Dorothy begins her journey she picks up three delightful characters who also are looking for something...a scare-crow looking for a brian, a tin woodsman who says he needs a heart, and a cowardly lion seeking courage. The uncommon little group trekked

down the yellow brick road in search of the Wizard of Oz, who, they were told, would tell them how to realize their dreams

dreams. According to the Scriptures, it also was an unlikely group that make the journey to Bethlehem to witness the newborn Jesus. In the New Testament book of Luke, the writer tells about the down and out shepherds and peasants who visit the manger. And Matthew writes that the up and in... three wise me were led by the stars to the birth home of the savior, Dr. Anderson said. As fi in a parable, Dr. Anderson said, Christians today are on a journey to that little town of Bethlehem.

"Some of us are never going to get there," he said. "Some of us are so in-trigued with tinsel and glitter that we miss the starlight and stable straw. We want to go to Bethlehem, but we don't want to lose the map."

Dr. Anderson, remembers that in Oz, on his way to visit the wizard, the scarecrow his way to visit the wizard, the scarecrow came up against all sorts of problems, and solved each one. Every time the tin woodsman saw people in trouble he cried, and the group had to keep stopping and oiling him to keep him from rusting. Whenever danger struck along the way, it was the lion who "leaped ahead to help his friends and protect them," the minis-ter recounted. Finally they reached the wizard, only

Finally they reached the wizard, only

to find that he wasn't a great king on a throne, but a wizened little shrimp of a

man Something always happens on a jour-ney, Dr. Anderson said, and the wizard tells the little group what happened to them. The scarecrow had a brain, he said, them. The scarcerow had a brain, he said, but didn't use it. The tim man had a heart, but didn't know it and the lion was so humble he didn't realize he had courage. "That's what life does to you," Dr. Anderson said. "You don't just see it at the end. You gather it as you make the journey "

journey The three wise men, he said, started The three wise men, he said, started out wealthy and arrogant; they knew the stars. They had a lot to live with, "but little to live for." They thought they knew it all, but all they had was a general direction

direction. direction. "Not until they found God's word, only in the word of God, can the final revelation come," said Dr. Anderson. Dorothy took a journey, he said, and she would never be the same again. She would never forget what she learned. If Christians walk with Jesus ... not inst to Bethelbem but the cross.

just to Bethlehem, but the cross .... they will discover "that going home is the best part of the journey." "That's why we celebrate and care about each other and sing joyous songs," he said. "It's Christmas Day. It's a journey we cannot miss.

God Bless You

#### **Holiday Wishes**

I would like to use this as a means to express to our readers our appre-ciation for the fine way in which you as a community have received us. My family and myself are blessed beyond our expectations. As we have grown to know each of you, our sincere appreciation for the thought-fulness shown to us has grown also. I can say with conviction that we are

Our family wishes the very best to you in this holiday season. We know the d whom we serve will bless all those who diligently seek after Him. In the Bible the expression "worthy of God" is found concerning the care for those who preach. My family and I have been well cared for by the congregations which we serve in Motley County. It is not surprising, fine people do fine things That is a principle which has withstood the test of time. You folks do fine things I thank God for each of you.

This time of the year, most of our communities' thoughts are to some degree turned toward God. It is you people and our work together that keeps our family's thoughts turned toward God all the year Long. We are blessed among men. It is with gratitude and love we serve among you in the Kingdom of God.

Allow us, the Crowley's, to thank you for your kindness and Christian love shown for us. May your holiday season be rich toward the God whom we serve

**MATADOR CHURCH OF CHRIST** 

The shepherds' fields can still be seen northeast of Bethlehem where David kept his father's sheep. Hence Bethlehem was known as "The City of David." Located in Judea, in the hill country on the main In Judea, in the hill country on the main highway to Hebron and Egypt, it is 2550 ft. above sea level. Modern Bethlehem's slopes still abound in almonds, olives and figs. Still considered a village, it has a population of under 10,000. After the conquest of Canaan, it was called Bethlehem-Judah to distinguish it from a town in Zebulum also known as Dathlehem areas still a ber

by H. Soltwisch (1982)

Bethlchem, now a village of Beit Lahm, seven miles northwest of Nazareth.

Bethlehem was the burial place of Rachel and the home of Ibzan the 10th judge; of Ruth's father-in-law, Elime-lech, as well as her husband, Boaz. David as the great-grandson of Ruth and Boaz.

In Jeremiah's time there was an Inn near Bethlehem that was the usual starting place for travelers going to Egypt and it is believed to be the place of our Mes-siah's birth. So the town that was "little among the thousands of Judah" became quite famous - even to this day.

Much has been said and written and sung about Bethlehem, but we should be reminded that because of Jesus it is re-membered. Jesus made the difference then, as He still makes the difference now. Without him in our daily lives, a "Sunday" religion is worthless.Without

Him in our hearts, our words are empty when we speak of Him. Without his anointing, a prayer, a song, a sermon is lifeless. A church service without the presence of the Holy Spirit is little more than a social gathering. Where there is

absence of the Lord, there is harred, envy, jealousy, greed, gossip, back-biting, all the things He hates; but where His pres-ence is welcomed and acknowledged, there is peace and joy, forgiveness, com-passion, love, understanding and a sin-earch that compact he microkened but these cerety that cannot be mistakened by those that see our daily lives.

s service. James Knox was the father of Rev

Bob Jameson, Luther, Lem, Tom, Ed, John, Charlie and Almus. Many descendants still live in Motley

Your letter received good to hear from you again. This arrives as well. J.D. Lem

and Jim have just returned from Foard Co. They were four days getting from Foard home and Tom and Bob went out and met them just this side of Tongue River and they then put 6 head to the wagon and had a team still for the Hack too Boys were worn out and Tom and

too. Boys were worn out and Tom and Bob told them to take Hack and come on

and they would bring wagon. J.D. and boys got here at 8 in night. Tom and Bob

at 10, so you see they (too) had it the hardest. So each think well that has ever been the case. Each know that there's have been a little bit worse that any others

have been a little bit worse that any others ever experienced. Well this brings me to a little synopis of my boyhood days. In the latter part of Civil War when times were rough and wolley my people were all or nearly all Southerners and I had grown up in size to the stature of a man. The Federals were and had been in possession of our Country for quite a while. So word came that General Price, a rebel general, was coming again too route the Yankees. So orders from the Federals was to enrole every man into the

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Federals was to enrole every man into the Militia. So I did not wish to take up arms against my own people and to avoid bearing arms and fighting my people I hired to the Federal Government to whack a 6 mule Team. So I left home early in September and the night following, word

september and the light howing, word came early in the night to string out fellow on double quick (string out, a word for hitchup). So we did, then began a race for Rolla, Missouri which was 100 miles distant. My recollection is the sec-ond unhitching we were in Rolla. May

have stopped twice on the Road and partook of a little sow belly (or bacon) and crackers. 100 six mule teams going at

break neck speed and one awful rain fell on us and some pretty deep Rivers to cross and in the night, but we got there all

the same. Then Fort building was in order and every soldier and every Teamster was put to work.

Well it would take so much time and

well it would take so fund that all all and space to describe a Ford and the building thereof but I worked in the trenches, night after night. We worked by relays. Then news came that Price was passing north of us and aiming to capture Jeffer-son City the Capital of MO. Orders string out once more and preced to the Com-

out once more and proceed to the Com-misary Department and load on double quick and it was pouring down rain. We

loaded and then the march began for the

Christmas Greetings

Matador, TX 12/20/13

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Almus & Linnins

My dear children,

Many admonitions are made to people to confess, repent, ask forgiveness and receive Jesus into their hearts, but what receive Jesus into their hearts, but what we believers' seem to forget from time to time is that he also calls us to pray, humble ourselves and turn from our wicked ways? God says we do! We create our own problems sometimes because we leave God out of our lives or try to solve problems without seeking His wis-dom and help. If the latest news depresses you; if you are letting your circumstances you; if you are letting your circumstances make you nervous or upset; if your job seems to be going nowhere; if you are just about without hope, there is something you can do. Listen to this - "If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I com-mand the locusts to devour the land, or if

mand the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will 1 hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (II Chronicles 7: 10, 11) So, don't depend on others to do your praying; to seek His face in your place; to cause you to humble yourself; to cause you to turn from your wicked ways! Yes, we should pray one for another, but we stand or fall on our own in the final analy sis; no one can - or will - drag you through sis; no one can - or will - drag you through the gates of heaven. It is our own free will that determines our eternal destiny.

In that manger in Bethlehem, our rea-son for being was born; our hope of eternity came as a man but yet God. He grew in wisdom and knowledge. He at times was hungry and cold and was tempted as all men are; but He resisted temptation and fulfilled his purpose for being one earth. He dici no ur place. And being on earth - He died in our place. And He is coming back to receive us unto himself!

May this Christmas season be the most joyful you have ever known, because you have a new awareness of the reason we celebrate and may the Holy Spirit de-scend on each one that doesn't know the Lord in all his fullness and glory. Happy Holidays!

### A Christmas Letter From Long Ago

NOTE: This letter was submitted by Nona Kingery Williams. It was written by James Knox Jameson. The letter was written to his youngest son, Almus, as a Christmas Greeting. He then writes his memories of his service in the Civil War. The family lived in the state of Missouri at the time of and in the night and it rained all the time and was cold. Rivers so deep I had to draw feet away up on the saddle to keep out of water and I was riding a 16 hand

out of water and I was riding a 16 hand mule (at that). A torch was on the opposide side for us to drive too. Well we went into that in the front wagon at dark and at 2 o'clock next morning we had all pulled the oppo-site bank. Had been three days with noth-ing to eat except one little piece of bread and a little piece of meat. So we camped without orders in a flat bottom covered with water. I was fevering and chilling. I piled up some fence rails to keep me out of the water and lav down to get some

of the water and lay down to get some much needed rest. Was worn out, sick, , lonely and yet thousands of men. One old General was scared out of his wits all the way; we jumped stumps and scattered things but this we did not dread; the worst that lay unon our minds was the worst that lay upon our minds was Oh who is after McNeil

### Someone is I know Surely is General Price For I heard the Cannon roar.

So on we went pell mell for Jefferson which was then distant 12 miles. So we made it and on we went through the city to the Missouri River before we unhitched we were ordered right back the road we we were ordered right back the road we had come, and out to Fair Grounds 4 miles from City, and everything was confusion so much, so they let us pass through all but one of the Federal lines. Which were all in battle array and the Rebels coming up a long hill fighting as they came. Then a courrier came with orders to get back to City with those wagons. Think of it kids, hundreds of wagons to turn and run, you ought to have wagons to turn and run, you ought to have witnessed that maneuver. Then run, my, all the reason we did not fly we did not

have wings. Now this is my story of a continuous rainy and stormy trip and sleepless trip more days than you kidies without no one to look up into my face and call me sweetheart or give me a crust of bread. No hankets to keen me warm or dry. As they blankets to keep me warm or dry. As they had stolen my bedding. We remained 9 days in he Capital. Witnessed the battle around the City. As Price had never thought of taking the City he moved around and marched on leaving a detachment of soldiers to keep up the fight till his main army was up the country. Then witnessed 16,000 men land from Steam Boats all Infantry all to pursue Price. I was then detailed as a Regimental Team-ster then came one of the hardest and longest marches and a starvation and freezing for weeks. I can't give any more of that memorable trip as am out of paper. But am sure it was equal to your trip from Ovalla

Well Christmas is over and we will never be all together again. I am sad. Small Pox is all over Paducah; more than 100 cases yellow flags up everywhere.

Love and Prayers for you my children, J.K. Jameson

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\*\* A man killed last Monday at Roaring Springs, out hunting accident.



among the finest people on the face of this earth.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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#### **Home Economically** Speaking by Beverly Thomas,

Home Extension Agent - Home Economics reserveses **COOKING NUTRITOUS AND** 

DELICIOUS FOR THE HOLIDAYS to increase flavor. Nowadays, most people know to cook with less fat, but a few guidelines are needed. Cooking nutritious and delicious meals requires leaning small, but signifi-cant changes in food selection and prepa-

ration. Misconceptions are that delicious foods cannot be low in fat, cholesterol, sodium, sugar or calories. However, tasty, family meals that are low in calories and fat and high in nutrition can be prepared. Plus, good eating habits and better health are the results.

Learn to recognize rich and heavy foods and to modify and balance the meal with lighter ones. Reducing fat doesn't have to involve abrupt changes in eating patterns. These simple cooking tips can help you modify your favorite recipes: —Whenever nossible, cook with little Whenever possible, cook with little or no added fat.
When roasting or broiling, use a

rack in the pan to drain off excess fat. — Avoid high fat cream sauces, mayonnaise and dressings. Fat can be educed by a third in gravies, sauces, puddings and quick breads. — Cut back on fatty meat products. Always choose the leanest cuts of meat.

Remove skin from poultry. — Trim off excess fat from fatty meat

products - Use skim milk or low-fat milk in

soups and gravies. Substitute low-fat yogurt when recipes call for cream.

—Use whipped low-fat cottage cheese in place of sour cream or mayonnaise. Yogurt or cottage cheese maybe substituted for sour cream in some recipes for sauces, dips, dressings and main dishes. Substitute vinegar, wine or broth

for oil-based marinades. Try lemon juice

on salads instead of heavy dressings. can mal — Avoid adding salt or reduce it by present.

### Motley County School News

Amy's Anecdotes

#### by Amy Woolsey

The noticed that when you get at-tached to something or someone, it makes is so much harder to let go. There were these twins in second grade that were absolutely precious. One look and I was attached. They didn't live here for very long, but the time they were here but love them to pieces. They had tooth-less grins and laughing eyes. They were the cutest little boys were. They always make messile and feel so good inside. Every

#### CORRECTION

The tenth and eleventh grade Honor Roll students were mistakenly placed under the Distinguished List in last week's paper. We apologize for this mistake. It should have read as follows:

#### HONOR ROLL

(all grades 80 and above) TENTH GRADE: Jennifer Beshirs, Kara Boykin, Brooke Brandon, Sheryl Davis, Mindy Dodson, Jeromy Jameson, Frankie Ortiz, Christie Pierce, Scott Sailsbury, Eva Saldana, Keri Shorter.

**ELEVENTH GRADE:** Daniel Alexander, Shonda Barton, Brandy Blanch, Roegan Cruse, Shawn Elliott, Bradley Jameson, Robin Long, Lacey Parks, Andy Renfro, Marvina Smoak.

#### Lady Mavericks Defeated by Lorenzo

#### by Amy Woolsey

High Lady Mavericks traveled to Lorenzo

The full grade Lady Mavericks broke their winning streak with a 20-23 loss. These girls played an exciting game. Lorenzo and were deteated 30-20, Eacty Parks scored 20 points. Their record is now 8-7. You're doing great girls! The Lady Mats next ballgame is Friday, here, with Value Particity I will be their These girls played an exciting game. Lady Mats next ballgame is Friday, here, Kasey Parks scored 11 points and Leah Cruse scored 8. Their next game is Janu-last game until after Christmas. Go Lady

ary 11 at the Valley Tournament. The 8th grade girls were defeated 16-24. Mandi Carson scored 8 points. These girls played an exceptional game as well. Their next game is also January 11 at next game is also January 11 at the Valley Tournament.



half. Instead, add more herbs and spices

Substitute two egg whites for one whole egg when recipes call for eggs. Avoid deep-fat frying. Skim off fat from soups, sauces and stores

 Use generous amounts of fresh vegetables and fruits. Fruits and berries can replace desserts and can satisfy your need for sweets.

need for sweets. — Omit sugar and other sweet prod-ucts as much as possible. Sugar can be reduced by a third in many holidays des-serts. If a recipe calls for I cup sugar, for example, use two-thirds cup. This works best in fruit-based recipes and in making puddings and custards. The sugar in colleting end cales are also be avdred. cookies and cakes can also be reduced, but requires some experimenting to find

- To increase fiber intake, substitute whole grain flour for one-fourth to one-half of the refined flour in holiday bak-ing. If a recipe calls for 3 cups of all-purpose flour, use three-fourths whole rrain flour and 2 1/4 cups of hurghest grain flour and 2 1/4 cups all-purpose

- Read labels when buying canned and packaged food products. Look for ingredients that add fat, sodium and calo-

Now is a good time to try modifying favorite holiday recipes for healthier al-ternatives to hand down as part of your family tradition.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are for people of all ages regardless of Socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

The nice thing about Christmas is you can make people forget the past with a

Dear Santa. I am training to be good this year. I want a cheerleader suit for Christmas. I want a Christmas tree. I want to see you and Mrs. Claus. I want a game call happy face. I want a barbie doll. I'm glad to see you. I want a new pair of shoes

From

Lupe Mendoza

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa

How are your elves and your reindeer and Mrs. Claus. Would you like to get me a computer? If you can would you bring me a tape for the computer.

#### Love, Bradley Baxter

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you are doing well. I want a hover-craft for Christmas. How is everything on Kris Kringle street? Have a Merry Christmas!

Love, Mark Cox

I have been good this year. We are having a Christmas play in Matador, Tx. at the school at 7:00 o'clock. Will you come? What I want for Christmas is a IBM compatable computer. And this year will it snow?

years old. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a Game Boy, legos, bean bag chair and anything else you think I would like. My brother and I will leave you a snack under the tree. Thank you for everything.

How are you doing? I am fine. My name is Dakota and I am 4 years old. For



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**HOLIDAY HOURS** 

Tuesday, December 24: Closed

Friday, December 27: 9-12 and

Wednesday, December 25: Closed Thursday, December 26: 9-12 and

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Monday, December 23: 2-5 p.m. (open

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Wednesday, Jan. 1: Closed Thursday, Jan. 2: 9-12 and 1-6 Friday, Jan. 3: 9-12 and 1-6 Saturday, Jan. 4: 1-4 p.m. (open by

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#### Annual Christmas Silver Tea Held By Matador Garden Club

Matador Garden Club met December as did ceremonies in which kisses be-Matador Garden Club met December 16 in the home of Mrs. Robert Darsey for a Christmas Silver Tea, an annual project for State Headquarters of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., in Fort Worth. A program on "Creating for Christmas," was given by Mrs. J.D. Craven. Mrs. W.N. Pipkin, president, called the meeting to order for a business ses-sion which included minutes of the No-vember meeting by secretary, Mrs.

\*\*\* son which included initiates of the No-vember meeting by secretary. Mrs. Douglas Meador, and a committee report in place by Mrs. Edgar Lee and Mrs. Ted bring them in and not have to pay a fine. \*\*\* MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY Patton

Patton. In her talk, Mrs. Craven reminded the members that "December 25th always comes before you know it and you will be in the middle of all the scurry and bustle of Christmas shopping, cooking and the many varied activities that come once a year." Regarding decorations, she referred to old traditions and customs. "The Christmas customs. The Christmas customs of today came

"The Christmas customs of today came from myths, legends, folklore and reli-gous ceremonies dating as far back as the first century and before," she pointed out, citing mistletoe as an example. "Since the time of recorded history, man has be-lieved in the special powers of mistletoe. It was holy to ancient Celtic priests (Druids) and it was thought to be the most sacred when grown on the oak trees, and the two growing together made a powerthe two growing together made a power-ful medicine." The custom of suspending mistletoe

over the door as a token of peace and good will to all visitors, finally evolved,

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neath the mistletoe symbolized a binding friendshp and the ending of old griev-"Because of this early kissing cere-mony, we have the "kissing ball." Mrs. Craven explained, describing the oma-

enables of the second s

In concluding the program, Mrs. Pip-kin read reports from the Lone Star Gardener and the National Gardener.

Mrs. Darsey served refreshments of Mrs. Darsey served refreshments of oriental sausages in chafing dish, dips and chips, peanut butter candy, chocolate fudge and Exquisite Pie with coffee and hot punch. The table was beautifully decorated with a white ceramic Christ-mas tree illuminated with red lights, flanked by white ceramic angels for the centerpiece. Red flower lights reflected a silver service on the buffet and myraid multi-colored lights and ornaments adorned a Christmas tree in the living adorned a Christmas tree in the living area, providing a festive background for the occasion.

Mrs. Frank Pohl, a guest, played Christmas music on the piano and her casio keyboard, to the enjoyment of members: Callie (Mrs. R.C.) Giesecke, who also contriuted musical latent, Winifred (Mrs. Edgar) Lee, Artie (Mrs. Bill) Wason, Bailey (Mrs. Bed) Elliott, Vena, (Mrs. W.D.) Lipscomb, Rhea (Mrs. Ed) Law-rence, Lila (Mrs. Douglas) Meador, and those mentioned.

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\$1.19 **69**¢ 59¢ BREAKFAST BURRITO WILSON Hot links **99**¢ **99**¢ BURRITO BEEF & SALSA SAUSAGE \$1.19 \$1.59 SAUSAGE & BISCUIT SAUSAGE, EGG & BISCUIT SAUTEEYA SAUSAGE BEEF & SALSA DELICIOUS CHEESEBURGER 79¢ 79¢ **ALLSUP'S** CHICKEN FRIED STEAK \$1.59 \$1.09 BURRITOS EACH COUNT HICKEN STRIPS \$1.09 \$1.49 W/POTATO WEDGES/ CHICKEN (2 PCS) BISCUIT \$1.99 4 COUNT STEAK FINGERS \$1.00 SAUSAGE & CHECK OUR WEEKLY CALL-IN ORDERS WELCOME SPECIALS BISCUIT EACH DUBUQUE HARABARARARARA

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Your friend, Chantry Meyer

Dear Santa,

Christmas I would like a guitar, Ninja Turtle II Movie, Bean Bag Chair and anything else you would like to bring. Thank you for being so nice. I love you.

Your friend, Dakota Meyer



Your friend, Brent Speed

On December 12, 13 and 14, the Var-sity Lady Mats traveled to Idalou to par-ticipate in their tournament. Their first game was against Shallowater and were defeated 54-33. Lacey Parks scored 15 points and Heather Hobbs, 8. They then played Idalou and beat them 39-33. Lacey Parks scored 25 points Their 3rd and last game was against Lorenzo and were defeated 35-28. Lacey

On Saturday, December 14, the JV Basketball teams held a tournament here Basketball teams held a tournament here at Motley County. The JV Lady Mats played Lockney in their 1st game and were defeated 39-26. Brooke Brandon scored 8 points and Kobbi Risser scored 7. They then played Valley and blasted them 60-16! Kerri Shorter scored 12 points; Whitney Jameson, 11; Brooke Brandon, 8; and Jennifer Beshirs, 8. These girls did an excellent job. They placed 3rd in the tournament. Great job girls! \*\*\*

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On December 12, 13 and 14, the Var-

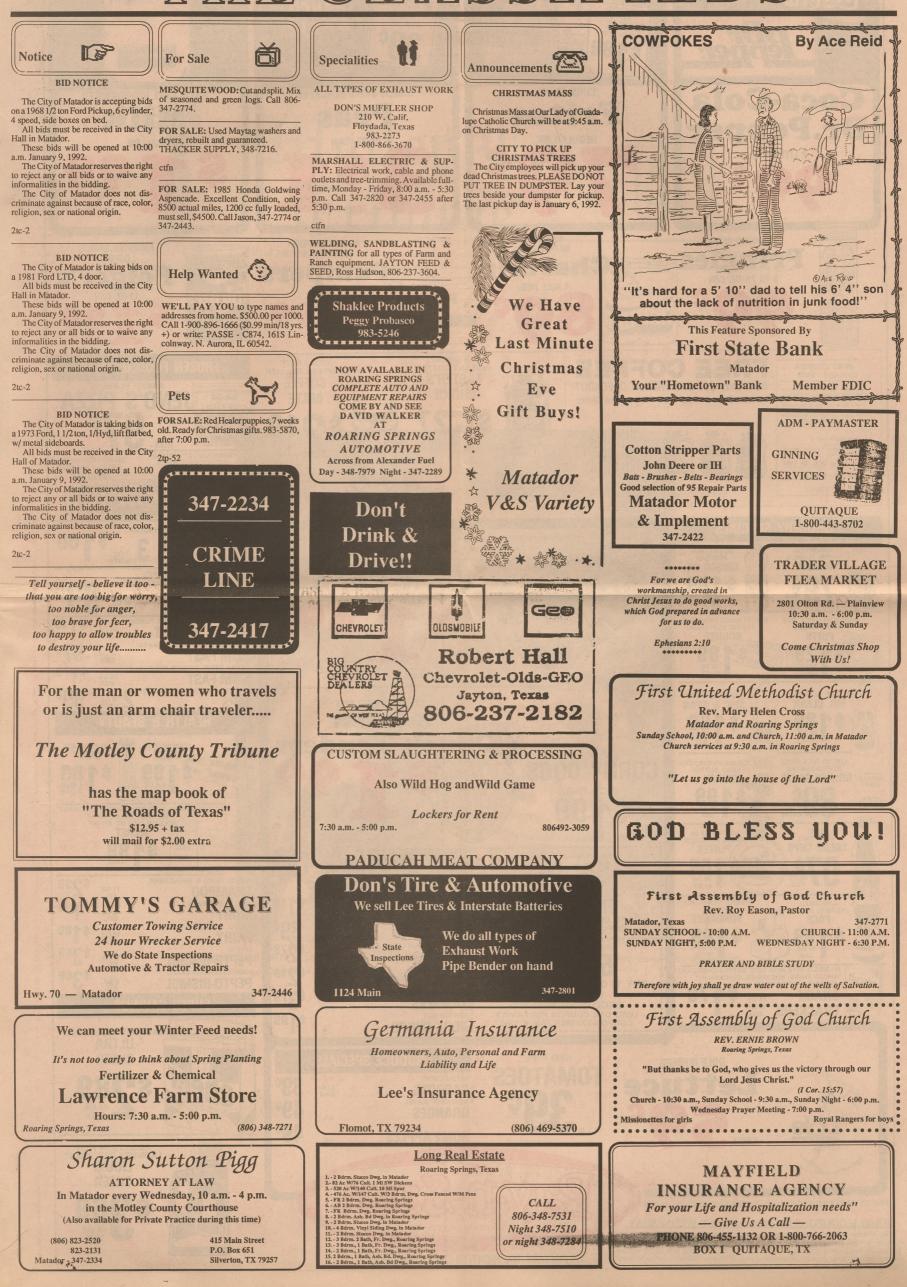
by Amy Woolsey

Lady Matadors Dear Santa,



Dear Santa. Hi! My name is Chantry and I am 7

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