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“Peace on earth, good will to men
From Heaven’s all gracious King.”

—Edmund Hamilton Sears

THESE GIFTS WE BRING

NOTE: This article is from the December 24, 1942 Christmas issue of the Matador Tribune, by Willis Thornton.

THEY were wise men, St. Matthew tells us in his Gospel, who came to Jerusalem on that first Christmas. They had seen His star in the East, they said, and were come to worship Him.

And the star, they had seen in the east, went before them until it stood above the place where lay the Child Jesus. Then, recounts St. Matthew, they "fell down, and worshiped Him; and when they had opened their treasurers, they presented unto Him gifts: gold and frankincense, and myrrh."

It is a long way from that simple story, told and retold in every tongue and every land in the world for two thousand years, to the hectic rush of the Christmas-time of 1942. The custom of exchanging presents at this season is an amiable one, and is productive of a certain amount

of goodwill.

Surely there must be a greater lesson, however, in this story of St. Matthew, which has gripped and held humanity for so many centuries. Surely there are other gifts than the coveted gold, the precious and fragrant resins that the wise men of old laid at the feet of the Master.

It lies in the fact that at this very outset of the Christian era there was an unselfish act of giving; the very advent of Christianity on earth was marked by a desire on the part of three wise men to give and to serve. Was it not this very spirit that Christianity was to try to bring to a selfish earth? How better to usher in a religion one of whose leading ethical tenets is that it is better to give than to receive?

The physical presentation of the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh we fairly reproduce today in giving to one another similar material gifts, even though they be but greeting cards and handkerchiefs and toys. But the gifts to the Savior were a symbolism, meant to print

indelibly on the soul of man a spirit of giving.

Are there no gifts to be given today that are more than material gifts of man to man and woman to woman? Are there no gifts to be given to God on the birthday of His Son?

Is not a gift of love amid a world of hatred more precious than gold? Is not a gift of kindness sweeter than frankincense, and cheerful word more healing than myrrh?

There are gifts we can give today, though the purse be lean and the heart be heavy.

As the wise men who came to that first Christmas came not empty-handed, but came prepared to give rather than to get, so we ought to approach this Christmas of today ready to give not only material gifts, which are symbols, but more precious gifts of faith and courage and love.



MERRY CHRISTMAS — The snowmen are all smiles in the window of Thacker Supply in downtown Roaring Springs.



ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH — This beautiful painting is on the window of The Windmill in downtown Matador. The beautiful scene was painted by Mrs. Betty Bostick, owner of the business.

Tribune to be closed next week

As in the year's past the Motley County Tribune will be closed next week for Christmas holidays. There will be no paper printed that week.

However, our office will remain open this Saturday, December 21, for last minute Christmas shoppers, as we offer a nice selection of books and as always our gift subscriptions - the gift that keeps on giving week after week.

We will return to our regular schedule the next week, except for an early deadline, due to the New Year's holiday. The paper will be printed on Tuesday, December 31, so we must ask that all news and ad copy be brought into our office no later than noon Monday, December 30 for the January 2 issue.

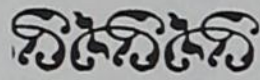
We know that this must seem confusing, and we do apologize for this inconvenience, but please know that we appreciate your cooperation so much.

Our wish is that you and yours will have a wonderfully happy and blessed Christmas season.

Roaring Springs First Baptist Church To Present Christmas Musical Sunday Morning

The First Baptist Church of Roaring Springs will present a musical ensemble, "Celebrating Christmas" this Sunday morning, December 22 at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Don Jones would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend this very special service which will give worship to the Lord in song and music.



Matador City Council Meets

Possibility Of Natural Gas In Matador Discussed

The Matador City Council met Thursday, December 12 at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall.

The invocation was given and the meeting was called to order. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and bills were paid.

One bid was received for the 1985 Chevrolet S-10 pickup from Alton Marshall. Mr. Marshall was awarded the bid.

A discussion was held on Landfill expansion. Council members agreed that expansion does need to be done at the Landfill.

Councilman Boyce Hart was approved to check into the possibility of a Natural Gas Utility in Matador.

Waterworks, wastewater, and sanitation reports were given by City Water manager, Steve Barton.

Meeting adjourned.

District Attorney Becky McPherson To Serve As First Woman President Of Attorney's Association

Austin -- 110th Judicial District Attorney Becky McPherson of Floydada will serve as the 1997 President of the Texas District & County Attorneys Association. Her tenure will mark the first time in the association's 95-year history that a woman has served as president. The Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA) is the statewide professional association serving Texas' 4000 prosecutors, investigators and support personnel.

McPherson has served as district attorney for Floyd, Briscoe, Dickens and Motley Counties since January 1989. Prior to her election, she worked as an assistant district attorney in Plainview. Her law degree is from the Texas

Tech University School of Law. She is also a cum laude graduate of West Texas State University (now known as West Texas A&M University). A resident of Lockney, she is married with two sons.

"I am honored and excited to be the first of many females to serve as president of TDCAA," McPherson said. "The association currently provides inestimable services to our members, and I hope to continue that tradition."

Out of the 323 state prosecutorial districts, 37 women currently serve as elected prosecutors for an 11 percent representation. The president of the association must be an elected official. However, 46 percent of the assistant district and county attorneys are

women, while 25 percent of the attorneys in the state are female. According to the State Bar, the number of women attorneys in Texas has more than tripled in the last 15 years.

The association provides educational and technical assistance to prosecutors and their staff members through regular training seminars and conferences. It hosts the largest annual gathering of prosecutors in the nation, provides technical assistance to the law enforcement community and serves as a legislative resource in criminal law matters.

Motley County Hospital Board Meets

The Motley County Hospital Board of Directors held their regular meeting, Tuesday, December 10, 1996 at 6:30 a.m. at the Motley County Clinic.

Items on the agenda included the discussion coordinating working accidents with EMT and the Fire Department.

Minutes from the previous meeting

were read and bills were paid. Meeting adjourned.



How Christmas Has Changed

by Mary Meason

Every year as Christmas draws near my thoughts return to the Christmases of my childhood and I am amazed how the celebrations have changed.

The church used to be the very center of the celebration in every town and city. At that time the church had a big Christmas tree, a native cedar tree, and that tree would be covered and loaded with gifts for children and adults.

As I write this I am retelling the childhood memories I have about Christmas in my church which at that was the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The prejudice still had a hold on many of the people in the South, but later the "South" was finally dropped and it was Methodist Episcopal Church and finally became the United Meth-

odist Church.

When I was quite small our church was a small wooden structure with a steeple and a big bell that was rung every Sunday morning to remind people to "come to church". My first memory of a church Christmas was in that little church. The Christmas trees we had in that little church were truly a child's perfect dream. It was always weighed down with gifts for the children as well as the adults. Some of the church families put all the family gifts on the Church tree. We always had just one gift each on the Church tree and Santa Claus always brought our gifts to our home.

The Church tree always had the prettiest dolls on it and my sister-in-law to be, many years later, always got the prettiest doll and more presents off the tree than anyone.

I'm almost ashamed to tell how old I was when I found out that Santa Claus was the spirit of Christmas, but I was in the 6th grade. My two older brothers helped keep me enchanted with the wonderful ideas of Santa Claus by telling me of all the wonderful things Santa Claus could do and how he could deliver toys all over the world in one night. They had many wonderful stories about Santa Claus and I believed everything they told me!

Christmas programs at the church were always given by the children. After our brick church was built everyone was invited to our Christmas program and every child present was given a red net bag of fruit, candy and nuts regardless of their church affiliation. The Church was always full.

First came the nativity scene portrayed by the children, then a short worship program, then Santa Claus came and the gifts were distributed.

My big baby doll was the baby Jesus in the Manger for several years. Finally, I gave the doll to my great niece and every Christmas that doll appears with other Christmas decorations in the Carter home. The doll is now 79 years old. It has been to the doll hospital twice to have its eyes, arms and legs put back on the body.

The crowd at the annual Church Christmas tree began to dwindle and the big heavily loaded tree was a thing of the past.

We still had a Christmas tree for several years, but it was a white Christmas occasion and everyone brought some food item to put under the tree to be delivered to the needy of town.

Attendance grew smaller and the old fashioned Christmas seemed to have been forgotten. Several Christmases were celebrated with a Communion Service just before Christmas and this year the young people of the Church are going Christmas caroling for the Christmas celebration.

The Atheist are now telling us we can't decorate public places with any religious symbols and prayers are banned from our schools. Our all-knowing, wise and "unjust" Supreme Court uphold this demand by the Atheist, in spite of the fact that our country was organized on the basis of religion freedom.

We are going to have to keep fighting for and demanding our rights of religious freedom and praying that our nation will survive and return to teachings and requirements of our right to

worship and pray anywhere without the dictates from the Atheist.

Have a wonderful and Christian Christmas!



First Christmas Carol

The first Christmas carol composed in America was written in the Huron Indian language, 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 priest described the Hurons' reverence for Christmas: "They built a 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."

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



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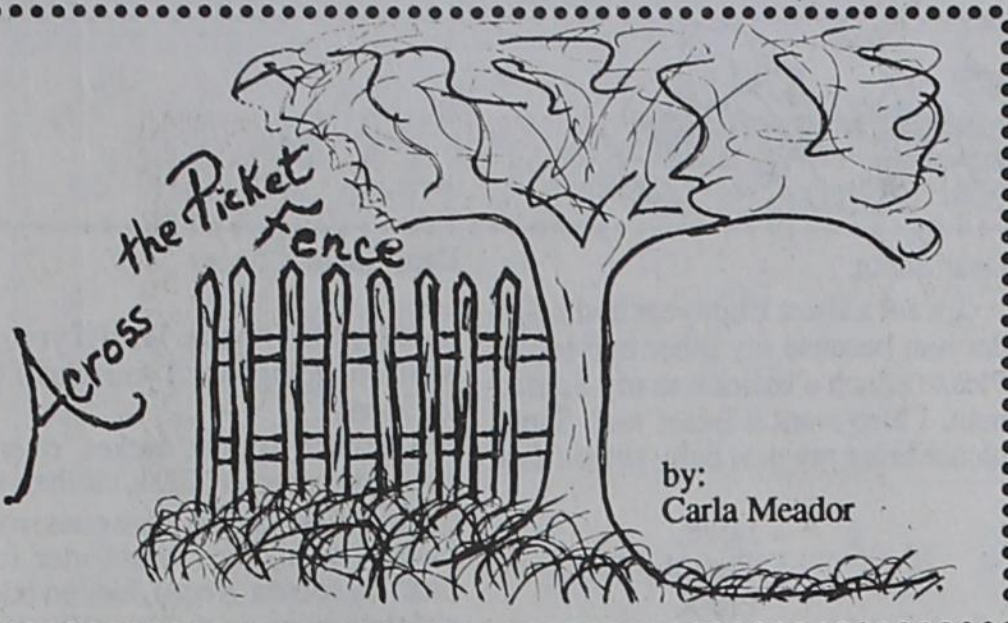
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Symbols of Christmas



I have so many Christmas memories, but the one that comes to mind so many times is the Christmases spent with my Granny. Every year when school would let out for the holidays, I would go to my Granny and Granddaddy's, which was only on the other side of town, but staying at their house seemed like a real treat for me.

As I have mentioned before, my Granny was very ill with arthritis, and was limited to the things she could do. I would help her decorate her house, bake, wrap gifts, and all the things associated with the holiday season. Those memories will stay with me forever, and when I pause and picture the memories in my mind, it seems like I'm there again.

At this time of the year I always want to help those less fortunate, as I'm sure so many of you do, also. It's nice to hear stories of good samaritans. I'm sure everyone read or saw on the news the story of the young man who paid a woman \$450 for a Tickle Me Elmo Doll, and let the woman keep the doll for her children. This doll seems to be the hot item, which cannot be found, this Christmas. What a wonderful thing for this young man to do for that single mom, who desperately needed money.

Don't you wish there were more people like this in the world?

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas. May God bless you with his love and joy.

Let us be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas and enchanted by the creativity we offer in expressing our love through the symbols of Christmas.

Symbols - Object which stands for an intangible quality or idea representation.

Tradition - Customs and practices passed down from generation to generation.

Fill your home with the loving symbols of Christmas as we remember the gift God gave to us so many years ago! Share the joy of Christmas past with your children and open your heart to hear their precious thoughts. As this is how new traditions begin!

Candles signify the light that Jesus shed on our world when he was born. Matthew 5:16 says we are to let our light shine.

* Share a smile. A helping hand or an encouraging word with someone today.

Wreaths are one expression of love and faith. The circular shape is a symbol of God's neverending love for us.

* Place an old photo in the center of a tiny wreath and use as a gift tag.

Bells were used by Christians to call believers to worship. At midnight on Christmas Eve, bells would ring to announce the Savior's birth.

* Use musical bells around your front door to welcome guests.

Poinsettias, also known as the "Flower of the Holy Night" or "Flame Leaf" were first used in warm weather countries such as Mexico for decoration, instead of evergreen.

* Fill your home with poinsettias, paperwhites, amaryllis and other fresh flowers during the holidays. Nothing makes a home more festive!

Holly, Ivy, & Evergreen - The crown of thorns was wrapped with Holly and the white berries turned red after the Crucifixion. Holly was hung over the door to show that Christ resided within. In many yuletide songs, the Holly was spoken of as the male & Ivy as the female. The one brought into the house first indicated which sex would rule the house that year! Evergreen branches were given as a symbol of continuous good health and strength.

* Attach evergreens to the bows on your package offering good health and strength to the receiver.

Dove symbolizes Peace, Love, and Friendship.

* Buy two turtledove ornaments. Keep one for yourself and give the other to a very special person. "As long as each of you have your turtle dove, you'll be friends forever."

Stockings - Legends are told that St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra provided gold for three daughters of a poor nobleman, who were wishing to be wed. One of the bags of gold dropped down the chimney, landed in a stocking hung by the fire to dry. This started the tradition of hanging stockings.

* Hang a stocking for Baby Jesus and fill it with written promises and commitments: A check for your favorite charity, thoughts on how to make the world a better place, promises of

kindness to one another, etc.

The Yule Log was chosen carefully, trimmed and dragged home to be burned through Christmas. It was considered to be good luck to keep an unburned part of the log to light the next year's Yule Log. In Christian tradition, the log was from an Ash tree because the infant Jesus was first washed and dressed alongside an Ash fire. Yule means Christmas.

* Enjoy a family picnic by the fire, singing Christmas carols, playing cards, working a puzzle and top the evening off roasting marshmallows and making smores.

Gifts reminds us of the Birth of Christ. God's gift to mankind. We think instantly of The Three Wisemen who brought gifts of Gold, Frankincense &

Myrrh, but there were others who brought gifts as well. One story tells of a little boy who was so poor that he owned nothing at all except a small drum. But his dream to see Baby Jesus was so strong that he went to Bethlehem empty handed, except for his drum. When he saw the infant and all the light and joy that surrounded Him, the little boy realized that he did have a gift after all. So he played a gentle tapping rhythm on his drum and the

Baby Jesus turned his tiny head and smiled at him. The little boy's gift of no material value was offered in the spirit of love.

* Be a Spendthrift in Love Love is the one treasure that multiplies by division;

It is the one gift that grows bigger the more you take from it.

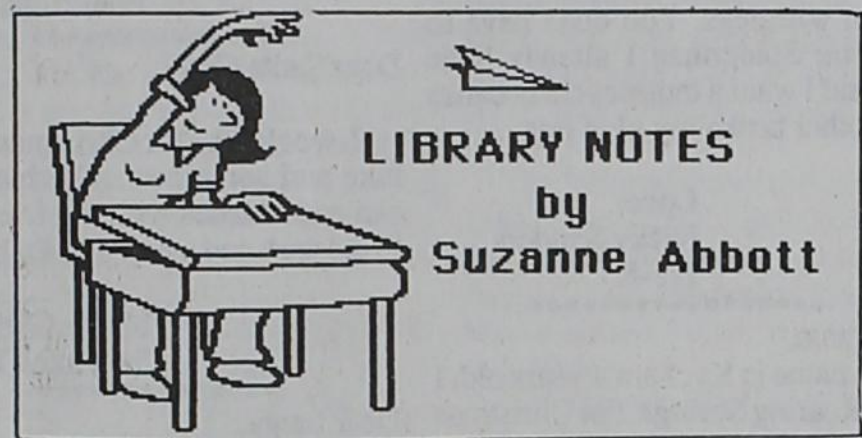
It is the one business in which it pays to be an absolute spendthrift.

Give it away, throw it away, splash it over. Empty your pockets. Shake the basket.

Turn the glass upside down and tomorrow you will have more than ever!



CHRISTMAS CARRIAGE — These children enjoyed riding the Christmas Carriage, a trailer pulled by a horse, driven by Harold Campbell, during Late Night Shopping in Matador, December 4. For a quarter you could get a tour of downtown Matador, and some of these kids spent every quarter they could find, riding over and over. What a night of fun!



Many thanks to all those who signed the Christmas Card in the library, thereby supporting the library and sending greetings to your friends and relatives at the same time. Thanks to Carla Meador for designing the card and getting it ready for us. Look for this special Christmas greeting in today's *Motley County Tribune*.

The library will be closed during Christmas Week, December 23-27. Better come in today or tomorrow and stock up on reading materials for the holidays. We will open again on Monday, December 30, at 2:00 p.m.

The Motley County Library is now on-line to the Internet and the World Wide Web. (That's the WWW that you see so often in ads and other places.) We offer drop-in service as well as the opportunity for you to sign up in advance for a time slot to use the Internet.

Both Georgia Witcher and I have attended day-long workshops on how to use the Internet so we will be able to help you if you have never browsed the "Net". The Motley County Library does have an Internet User Policy

which includes the fees that we charge for Internet use.

If you use the Internet for thirty minutes or any portion thereof, the on-line charge is \$1.50. If you are on-line for an hour, or any part of an hour, the charge is \$2.75 per hour. If you wish to print something that you find on the "Net", the charge is .25¢ a page. We plan to have some free Internet group sessions at the Library after Christmas. More information later.

One of the many new books in the Library is the latest addition to the great Juvenile series about the horse, *Misty of Chincoteague*. (I just searched the Internet for "Chincoteague" and learned all about the wild ponies of that island off the coast of Virginia.) This new book, *Misty's Twilight*, is by Marguerite Henry. We know that Misty fans will enjoy reading about Twilight, a direct descendant of the great Misty.

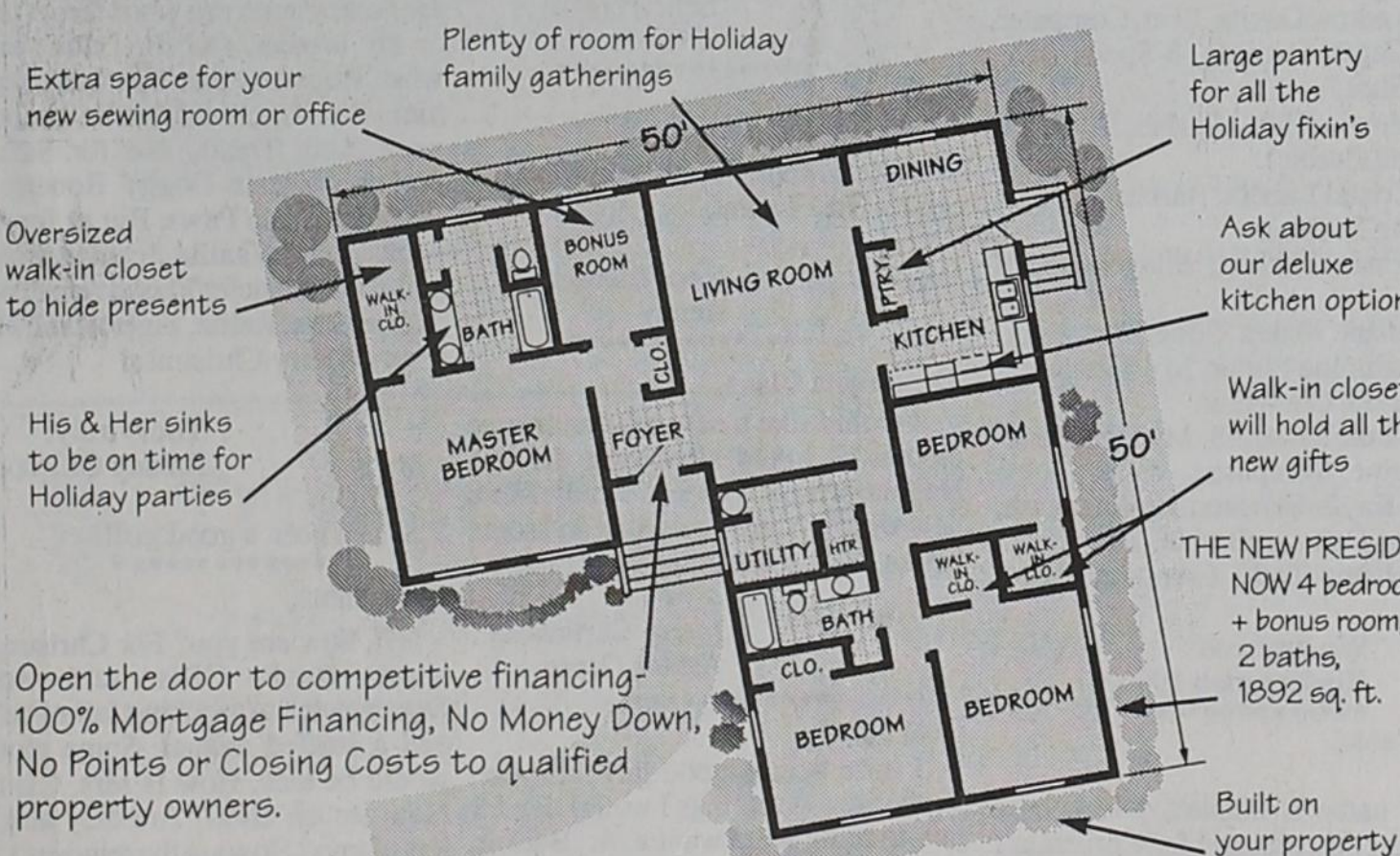
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Look Who's New

Allison Irene McCoy

Ray and Grace Zabielski would like to announce the arrival of their first great-grandchild, Allison Irene McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy of Mansfield, Texas. She was born in the Harris Methodist Hospital, Ft. Worth, Texas, December 14, 1996 at 1:08 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. Allison was born with thick black hair.

Grandparents are Beverly and Louis Shorter of Mansfield; Jim and Liz Lawler of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCoy of Ft. Worth.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. Don Lawler of Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson of Ft. Worth.

Grace Laura Zabielski

Ray and Grace Zabielski would like to announce a new member to the Zabielski family, Grace Laura Zabielski, daughter of Steve and Nancy Zabielski of Gates, NY. She was born December 12, 1996 at 4:00 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grace Laura has one sister, Stevie Lynn.

Ray and Grace are grandparents for the sixteenth time.

The baby's other grandparents are Mrs. Laura Morrow of Buffalo, NY.



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Perhaps one of the more difficult things in life is learning how to relate to other people and to develop a good relationship. Friendship is truly a blessing. We ought to cherish our friendships far above our possessions.

Sometimes the circumstances of life or demands made by others requires that friends be separated for a time. But this should not alter the relationship nor make them any less friends. Friendship is not an

exclusive possession. While our friends may do something with someone else, that does not reflect on our relationship or diminish our worth.

True friendships display trust in all circumstances. Friendships have open lines of communication at all times. Friendships enjoy a common goal. Friends ought to support one another in all wholesome activities. Enjoy doing things together. Friends learn that they can count on one

another despite flaws and failures. They can do this because of their unspoken agreement of mutual concern. This is Biblical. The principles found in I Corinthians 13 are at work in friendship. "Self is lost in love."

**Roaring Springs
Church of Christ**

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Dear Santa



Dear Santa,
I would like to have a sega, game boy, new T.V. How is Mrs. Clause?

Your friend,
Brett Wallace

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you and Mrs. Claus? I am fine. I have been very good this year, so I would like a talkgirl F.K. plus pen, games for my Sega genesis, a computer, and software for my computer like Microsoft Windows and Groliers Encyclopedia. That is what I want for Christmas.

Yours truly,
Aleda Ross

Dear Santa,
Hi. I want a stero, bike, tapes, C.D.'s, clothes. But most of all for my Granny to get better. Tell Mrs. Claus to have a Merry Christmas and don't work too hard! That goes for you Santa. Tell the Elves to stay cool ok! Well bye Santa. See you at Christmas.

Your friend,
Amanda Hurt

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? I am 11 years old. This year for Christmas I want a stack of money, a karaoke machine, some clothes. I do not want very much this year. I am going to leave you some cookies and milk on a table. Have a safe trip back to the North Pole.

Your friend,
Shea Rose

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a racing suit including the shirt, the pants, the knee and shin guards, foot souls and boots. I want a digital CD player, a pair of new pants and shirts. Are any of the rain deer sick?

Your friend,
Luke Taylor

P.S. If there is smoke coming out of the chimney don't go down it or you will catch on fire.

Dear Santa,
I want John Madden 97 and Game day 97. I want NBA Live 97. All this on super Nes. I want a computer and some computer games.

P.S. Don't come down the chimney if there is smoke coming out.

Your friend,
Brady

Dear Santa Clause,
Hi! My name is Delia. I am wrighting to see how it's going in the North Pole. In Matador just fine. Here's what I want for Christmas. First a bead set, second clothes, third Nike shoes. Well that's all for Christmas. Have a safe ride. And don't forget it's almost Christmas. Tell Mrs. Clause and the elves and of course you Merry Christmas and a happy new year's eve. Merry Christmas!

Yours truly,
Signature
Delia Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want my dad to get well. Then I want a race car track. Then a nintendo with two games. Hows Mrs Claus and the elves doing.

P.S. I will leave you a coke and two cookies. If you want cookies and milk write back please!

P.S.S. Watch your step!

Yours truly,
Quinten

Dear Santa,
I think you are nice and funny and jolly. I hope you have a safe trip and tell Mrs. Santa hi for me. I would like a sega, toys, clothes, and more friends. I would also like a computer. I like you because your so jolly and your cheeks are so red like an apple.

Yours truly,
Sammy Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I think you are nice. I like your rosy cheeks. I want to win the lottery, a pair of tennis shoes, a barbie, barbie clothes a computer, some new clothes, a kitty that is white with black spots, and a new bed.

Yours truly,
Sandra Torres

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a dalmation puppy, my own computer, some new clothes, the game paday, sorry, a new stereo set with lot of cd's, some new books, lots of Lisa Frank stuff, some stickers, a mopad, some porcelin collector dolls, a new bike, some makeup, some fingernail polish, a new swimsuit, some new basketball shoes, a new holiday barbie collectors item, a stocking full of candy, some stuffed animals, and anything else you can think of to get me!

Yours truly,
Angela Marvel

Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope she is doing fine. Because she's going to have to help make my toys. The toys that I want are two super nintendo tapes called donkey kong 2 and 3. And then an Murry bike thats good for jumping so I won't worp the tire real bad. Then I want to see Comet.

Your friend,
Brandon Martin

P.S. Just worry about getting the Murry bike.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me what I want this year. I want Independence Day, Braveheart, Dragonheart, a bike, and new shoes. Again please bring me what I want.

Yours truly,
Dakota Meyer

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy and a dirt bike for Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas, Santa.

Sincerely,
Thomas Rice

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new suit of clothes, and new shoes. I would like to get a new radio. I want a TV for me. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Ben Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are your eight tiny reindeer? This year for Christmas I want a Leatherman tool, some BBs, a rope, and a lot of good food.

Sincerely,
Clay Cooper

Dear Santa,
I want a 20 speed and a car and the car is a viper and the color is blue and white that is the car I want and a Dirt bike motorcycle and it is called Kasickey and the color is green and its number is called 34 and 32.

Sincerely,
Timothy Morgan Bowman

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? If you could please let me have a remote control fighter helicopter for Christmas. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
John Stevens.

Dear Santa,
I think I've been good. I'm going to list some things I want for Christmas. Nike hat, stereo, bee bee gun and a manicur set. That's not all. I have more but I'm not going to list all.

Truly yours,
Emily Hurt

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? This is what I want for Christmas. I want a leatherman tool, a russian cap, and a cordaroy cap. I also want Nerf Arrows for my Nerf Bow and arrow.

Love,
Cody Cooper

Dear Santa,
I would like a few things.

- 1. Jambox
- 2. Strawberry wine
- 3. light 3
- 4. lights out
- 5. Nike socks
- 6. Nike shoes
- 7. Nike clothes
- 8. Nice clothes

Love,
Amy

Dear Santa,
I want a 10 speed. And I do not want anything else. You can give me anything else you want to give me. Well I am going to go.

Love,
Stacey

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Here are my three wishes. I wish for a remote control car, powerful BB gun and a telephone. Well I got to go.

Your friend,
Matt

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year! This year I want a Sega genesis and some new clothes. I also want the game channel surfing. So how is Mrs. Santa? Well that's what I really want for Christmas this year Santa! Bye!

Yours truly,
Annie Green

Dear Santa Clause,
I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a real 1997 car. I also want a long dress. Like if I was going out with someone. I want everything there is of Nike. A computer with windows for me. A radio with a CD player, a cassette player, and the part for hearing news. And a card from Marc Henzler please. Bye By.

Your friend,
Veronica Mendoza
4th grade

P.S. Have a good Christmas

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I'm doing fine. Santa this is what I want for Christmas. I want a new bicycle, stereo, vcr, clothing, puppy, kitty, magazines, teddy bear, computers, cds, stocking full of candy, type writer, boots, the movie named twister, books, pencils, pens, log pack. Santa this is what I want for Christmas. I hope you will get it for me.

Yours truly,
Susana Mendoza

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I'm fine. I would like a new binder, school supplies, Ganster's Paradise CD, Mary Lou Prom Night 1 & 2, hairbows, and \$50.00.

Yours truly,
Stachia Baxter

P.S. Have a safe trip home!!

Dear Santa Clause,
For Christmas I would like to have a video painter. How is Mrs. Clause? Is Comet doing alright? Are the elves happy, and are they almost done? Have a good time!

Merry Christmas,
Dumont Darsey

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want twins that one sneezes and the other burps. I want another doll that it drinks milk and eats a cookie.

From,
Chicagra Brown

Dear Santa,
How are you and your Reindeer? Please bring me a remote control car, a 5 speed bike and a Nintendo 64. want a big truck. I want an Emmit Smith jersey and his helmet and a motorcycle.

Love,
John Martin

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Please send me a computer. I also would like My-size Barbie. I would like some new clothes too. I've been a good girl. I've helped my Mother all year.

Your friend,
Angelica Mendoza

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers doing? Please can I have a new T-Rex Dinosaur? Please can I have some clothes? Please can I have a Turbo Man? I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Your friend,
Gene Salazar

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I've been a good boy this year. By the way, how are Rudolph and Frosty? I'd like to have Pyramidas or football cards. I'll leave you milk and cookies.

Truly yours,
Michael Robert Arneel

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer now? Please bring me a Zord called Pyarmids. I'd like a new Nintendo 64. I'd like a new toy called a dinosaur. I've been a good boy.

From,
Ryan Langer

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause? I want a Powermines. I would also like a car.

Love,
Michael Brown

Dear Santa,
We have been very good this year and hope you think so too. Isiah and Stacy want mini bikes and Danielle also wants a bike. Magdiel and Jacob want Hackey. The Gold Ranger is Hilario's choice and Brady and Bradley want remote control cars.

Most of the girls want dolls: Baby Twins for Mylissa, Baby Alive for Karrie, Krista for Makayla, Baby Born for Savannah and Doctor Barbie for Gracie, Christy wants an Easy Bake Oven for her gift.

We will all leave milk and cookies for you.

Thanks Santa,
First Grade

Dear Santa,
We are in Kindergarten. We have been working hard to look, listen and learn. We have tried to be good! Here is our wish list:

- 1. Tamra Ashley, Bicycle, My Size Dancing Barbie.
- 2. Andrew Davila, Bear, Computer.
- 3. Cagen Denison, 5 Speed Bike, Sling Shot.
- 4. Annie Hurt, Barbie (My Size Dancing Barbie).
- 5. Cristal Landin, Barbie (My Size Dancing Barbie).
- 6. Cade Luckett, SlingShot, BB Gun.
- 7. Shane Makrs, Sling Shot, Bike.
- 8. Jasimine Porter, My Size Dancing Barbie, Computer.
- 9. Shane'a Russell, My Size Dancing Barbie, Computer.
- 10. Kayla Simpson Hollinsworth, My Size Dancing Barbie, Slinky.
- 11. Justin Todd, Computer, Sling Shot.

We love you
Kindergarten 1996-97

Dear Santa,
My name is Shane'a. I've been a good girl this year and for Christmas I would like to have a My Size Barbie doll.

Thank you Santa.
And would you bring my brother, Colton, a Bike.

Love,
Shane'a

Dear Santa,
I want a Buzz Lightyear and a Spiderman because my other one broke. Please attach a balloon to my Spiderman. I also want a Beast war. Santa, please bring my new baby sitter a doll.

Love,
Timothy Ward
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll and a basketball so I can play with Bubba.

Love,
Ruby Haney
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Bring me a toy go-cart and bring my baby brother a Santa toy. My sister wants a special doll.

Love,
Andrew Martin
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a race car and a batman with legs. You don't have to bring me Spiderman I already have one. And I want a motorcycle because my brother broke my blue one.

Love,
Nicky Sanders
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
My name is Ky. I am 4 years old. I live in Roaring Springs. For Christmas I want a Beetle Bore Comic Book and a Big Motorcycle. Please bring my brother and sister something, too.

Love,
Ky

Dear Santa,
I want a bunch of stuff for Christmas. I would like a new cd player, a million collars, a new brother, a mustang convertible, a kite, four dogs, a bike, for my grandmother and aunt to feel better and not be sick, a swing set, hand held sega genesis with games.

Sincerely,
Brittany Moore

Dear Santa Clause,
Will you bring me all I want this year such as a bike, Braveheart, Dragonheart, Independence Day, some board games, a computer and much, much more.

Sincerely,
Dakota Meyer

Dear Santa,
I think I've been pretty good and these are my Christmas wishes. Some Nike shoes and a Nike hat, a Nike shirt, and some Nike shorts, a Nike ring and a Nike watch and some Nike socks. That's what I want for Christmas.

Yours truly,
Sabrina O.

P.S. I hope you give me my Christmas wishes.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a game boy and dirt bike. I hope you have a good Christmas Santa.

Sencerly,
Thomas

Dear Santa,
I want money for Christmas so I can by what I want.

Your friend,
Kenny

Dear Santa Clause,
I would like a new bike and some clothes. I would also want the 101 Dalmations the movie. I would like a new watch. And a new game and some books. And some other things too.

Merry Christmas,
Ashlee Green

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. There are a few things I would like for you to bring me. I want a Mr. Bucket, Farnyard Barn, Bouncing Horse, Baby Go Bye Bye, Cabbage Patch Bath Baby, Boots, and a toy Grocery Store. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

Love,
Kyla Simpson

Dear Santa,
Long time no see. Well if you don't mind I'm going to tell you what I want for X-mas.

I want a starter, jacket, overalls, spacejam sweater, CD's, clothes, more CD's, curler iron the huge ones, roller-blades, scrunchies, comfoter (color black or Forrest green), hidden talents, girls talk more, more CD's. (What kinda CD's) Space Jam, Coolie, AC/DC, Strawberry Wine, Alan Jackson, Alanis Morissette, Mariah Carey, Korn, Sammy Kershaw, Shania Twian, Kevin Sharp.

Sincerely yours,
Lacey Annette Carson

P.S. Tell Mrs. Clause hi and Rudolph.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like Santa cles es ta vienvo nito es tavien vo nito misingo mealludo.

Merr Price
Mrs. Mingo

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for Christmas is a new bike and some new rollerblades so I can rollerblades with my friend or go to the park and a new 101 Dalmations.

Merry Christmas,
Samantha Davila

Dear Santa,
I would like a power ranger toy and I would like snowmobile and bat man toy and basketball and a baseball and watergun and bebe gun.

Merry Christmas,
Your friend,
Joe

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a roping saddle and a breast collar and a back strap. And maybe a five speed bike, and if you have time, a Sega.

Merry Christmas,
Colton Russell

Dear Santa Clause,
How are you doing? Fine I hope. I am writing you because I have to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a remote control Rebound and I also want a remote control gas powered extra big helicopter ovea. How is Mrs. Claus doing. Fine I hope. Well back to the Christmas list. I also want some Nike air pumps and a Deion Sanders jersey and a pair of nine size cleats and a Dion Sanders football helmet and a Nike black or brown leather berrett. Do you know what I've been good this whole year. When you come to my house this year there will be a glass of milk and some cookies on the table for you. Well goodbye.

Sincerely yours,
Timothy Mangram

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I'm great!! How is Mrs. Clause? How are the reindeer? How are the elves. My animals are great. Tiger is now called "The Christmas Cat" as my Mom says cause he sleeps under the tree. Sam and Kellie are great. I hope you won't forget them, or my brother, Robert. I don't know what Robert wants but don't forget him. But Tiger and Kellie probably want Kitty Treats, and for Sam he probably wants Doggy Bones. But that's for Santa Paws. But as for me I want some Vanilla Scented Lotion, and a Dreamsicle. Please don't forget Robert Sam, Kellie, Tiger, and I. Have a very Merry Christmas!

Yours truly,
Brenda Gillespie

P.S. I've been a good girl!!

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you? For Christmas I want some CD's and some Dreamsicles. A stocking full of candy and a stuffed animal. Some clothes would be nice. How is Mrs. Clause? How are the elves? Are they making lots of toys? How are the reindeer? Are they ready to fly high? My dogs Skeeter and Freckles want a stocking full of bone and some new toys? I have been a good girl. Have a Merry Christmas.

Yours truly,
Brittany Donaldson

A Merry and Bright Christmas to All!

Motley County Comings & Goings

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

DELAYED

Visiting Mrs. Cleo Watson over the weekend was her grandson, Chris Lefevre and family of Plainview.

The Roaring Springs Senior Citizens enjoyed their Christmas meal and fellowship Thursday of last week.

Coming to bring early Christmas to Mrs. Roxie Lewis last Saturday were her sister, Mrs. Mabel Stephenson, her son Lynn and his wife Sue and a niece of the sisters, Charline Reynolds, all of Amarillo, and another niece, Jo Ann Brown of Clarendon. The young women prepared the delicious lunch. Mrs. Lewis' gift from the Stephensons was a painting of the Springs the younger Mrs. Stephenson did from a postcard picture. Mrs. Lewis sent to her sister. It is prominently displayed in Mrs. Lewis' living room.

Mrs. Odessa Mullins left Sunday afternoon for Plainview to join her son, Bobby to go to Amarillo to be with her older son, Lester, scheduled for surgery there Monday. No report had been received at news writing time.

Paul Hallford and daughter of Lubbock, here to check the grave of his late wife in the cemetery, visited a schoolmate,

Mrs. Cleo Watson.

Mrs. Doroth Lee received news that her grandson in Muleshoe had been awarded the Golden Star in 4-H. He is the son of of her son, Albert.

Billy Ray Martin was taken by ambulance to Lubbock suspected of having heart trouble, but it was not his heart and he is back home at news time.

Kim Woolsey Christmas shopped in Lubbock Tuesday.

Cold weather is the order of the day here and nights are colder still. We hope this kind of weather won't prevail all winter.

Kenneth Ashley and daughter, Marilyn Ashley of Costa Mesa, California visited his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith Monday through Thursday of last week. They traveled to Ruidoso, N.M. from Roaring Springs, where they visited his other sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Smith.

Christmas is in the air; Christmas symbols are everywhere. We tend to forget the reason we celebrate at this holy season. Let us honor the Christ.

People are shopping, wrapping packages, decorating their homes, planning menus, and talking of places they plan to go or whom they expect to have as visitors.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CHURCH SERVICES

The First Baptist Church in Flomot held Christmas Candlelight services, Sunday night, Dec. 15 with pastor, the Rev. Nathan Mulder conducting the services. The congregation joined in singing Christmas hymns.

In the darken sanctuary, a large candle in the center of the altar reflecting God's guiding light for those attending to light a candle. When returning to the pews with the candles glowing, it was shown and related how God's light and the birth of Jesus Christ illuminated a world of darkness.

Sunday afternoon, member of the church delivered baskets of fruit as an expression of holiday cheer to those living alone and ill in the community and to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond in Turkey.

HOLIDAY TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin enjoyed a holiday trip to Branson, Missouri, Dec. 2-7. They attended the Osmond's Theater, the drama presentation, "The Promise", the Christmas and gospel singing of the Blackwood Family, Branson Magic Mansion, Doug Kershaw Show and the entertaining performances of Country Tonight and Mickey Gilley.

They toured the Stonehill Winery in Branson and in Oklahoma City they browsed through the Basket Market. Highlight of the trip was the Christmas light decorations at Rhema Bible College in Tulsa.

Guest in the home of Mr and Mrs. Joe Edd Helms, Sunday were Robert Helms and children, Hayley and Zane of Memphis, Mrs. Jean Lewis of Vernon and Art Green of Flomot.

Visiting overnight Friday with Aleda Elaine and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were her friends, Annie Green of Matador and Susanna Mendoza of Flo-

mot. Weekend guests in the Ross home were Stan and Dave Wigley of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited in Wellington, Sunday with Mrs. Twanna Starkey, Jackie and Tanya. They celebrated the birthday of Jackie who was eight years old.

Mrs. Nova Turner of Matador and her mother, Mrs. Suyvia Lee Martin enjoyed the day in Lubbock, Monday. Mrs. Turner accompanied Mrs. Martin to Paducah, Tuesday for a dental appointment.

Christi and Dwain Milam of Petersburg visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. They attended the Candlelight services at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey visited from Thursday until Saturday in Lockney with daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert. She received out-patient treatment at Mangold Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were in Lubbock, Tuesday for Howard medical tests. Their daughter, Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary visited them Wednesday.

Mrs. Bob Lane of Lockney visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Wednesday.

Aleda Elaine Ross is scheduled to perform at the Plainview Jamboree and Talent Show Saturday night, Dec. 21st. She was in Lubbock, Thursday for a dental appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brummett Saturday afternoon held at the Community Center in Quitaque. Sunday, they visited in Midland with David, Rhonda, and Craig Hunter and est Mrs. Carrie Dickerson of Silverton. Sunday evening they attended the Christmas Fantasia at the Crestview Baptist Church presented by Worship Choir and members of the Midland-Odessa Symphony directed by Ty Morris Jr. Enroute home Monday they visited in Lubbock with Anita and Brad Carter and in Floydada with John and Joyce Speer.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A Christmas card is a lucky sprite,
Going where I wish I might,
Traveling over hill and lea
Seeing all that I would see.
Past busy farmers, open plains
Through city streets, down country lanes
And finally at journey's end
Greeting a deer relative or friend.
Merry, Merry Christmas!

Enjoying Thanksgiving day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stockton were family members, Mrs. E.S. Stockton, Mr. and

Mrs. Fred Stockton, Billy Hughes, Matt and Paige of Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Miller and L'Ann of Littlefield; Mr. and Mrs. Joel Dean Spray, Mrs. Lyndee Jameson, Leanne and Jamie, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Williams, Lindsey and Kristi of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Bo Bennett of Ballinger.

Jack Samford of Afton and Mrs. Juanita Cooper attended a banquet at the Community Center in Spur Thursday night given for personnel of the Correctional Unit. Gospel singers of Allen were the featured entertainers. Mr. Samford is a counselor at the Unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bevers of Amarillo were in Matador and Whiteflat, Wednesday attending to business.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock Wednesday and Thursday for Wilda medical tests and to attend to business.

Heather Turner, Texas Tech student, arrived home Wednesday to spend the holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner and Cobe.

Mrs. Loys Campbell of Matador and Mrs. Juanita Cooper attended a baby shower for Mrs. Campbell's great grandson, Jacob Brandon Oliver, held Saturday afternoon in Paducah in the home of Mrs. Charlotte Parsons.



Obituaries

Arch Montgomery

Turkey (Special) -- Services for Arch Montgomery, 86, of Turkey were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 17, 1996 at Turkey Church of Christ with Stuart Smith, minister, officiating. The Rev. Melvin Clinton, pastor of First Baptist Church of Turkey, assisted.

Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Turkey. Montgomery died Sunday, Dec. 15,

1996 at his home. He was born Jan. 30, 1919, in Rotan. He married June Dickey on July 8, 1944, in Hugo, Okla. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and he was a member of the Turkey Church of Christ. He played with Bob Wills band in 1928.

He farmed until retiring in 1975.

Survivors include his wife and a brother, Frank of Matador.

Minnie Smartt

Minnie K.L. Smartt, 95, of Lubbock died Friday, Dec. 13, 1996, at Carillon Health Care Center. Services will be later.

She was born May 11, 1901 in Motley County. She married Hughwood Smartt, and he preceded her in death. she moved to Lubbock

from South Africa in 1992. She was a member of First Christian Church in Floydada.

Survivors include a daughter, K. Hughetta S. Martin of Lubbock; a granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

Melvin Titus

Plainview (Special) -- Services for Melvin Titus, 85, of Plainview were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Wood-Dunning Funeral Home Colonial Chapel in Plainview with Rev. Travis Hart, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Parklawn Memorial Gardens.

Titus died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996, at his home.

He was born July 30, 1911, in Flomot. He married Nannie Alma Pritchett on Jan. 2, 1937, in Glenwood, Ark. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He owned farms near Plainview, Kress, and Lockney. He retired in 1976.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Sandra Crawford of Floydada; a son, Leroy of Grapevine; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Matador News

Willard McCress is a patient in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following heart attack six weeks ago. His wife, Mary Jo had recent hip surgery in Lubbock and is doing just fine.

Mrs. W.N. Pipkin recently returned from a trip to Branson, MO on a bus tour with Envoye' Travel with Grace McDowell and other Motley County friends. Later she traveled to Mesa, AZ to visit her son, Neal Pipkin and family for ten days, returning home Dec. 3.

KEITH THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS A BLESSING

During the Thanksgiving holidays, the Keith Clan gathered to count their blessings. Staying in the home of Viola and Charlie were their granddaughter Merrie Goguen and her husband Scott, and their two children, Joshua and Jonathan, all from Newport, North Carolina. Charles and Joan had as their guests daughter Liz Schmalstieg (Merrie's sister) and her husband, John and their two children, Jack and Ben, all from Georgetown, Texas. Joining in the festivities was Julia Halff Keith of Woodland Hills, California.

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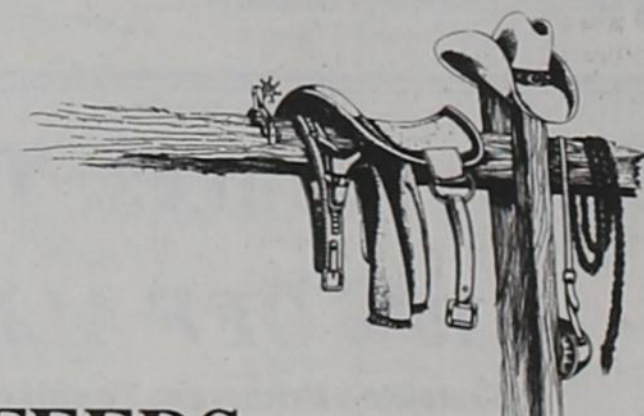
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A GIFT OF LOVE IS A CHRISTMAS TONIC

by Earlyne L. Jameson

"Bless the little stable boy, whose only gift was love."

This time of year, like nearly everyone else, I can never figure out what gifts to give my loved ones. I admit that some people enjoy Christmas shopping. However, as the rest of us secretly suspect, all those cheerful, smiling shoppers trundling down Main Street shouting, "Merry Christmas" at total strangers and carrying tons of gaily wrapped packages are in desperate need of therapy.

I have diligently perused every catalog that has turned up in our rural mailbox since the Christmas season began on July 5th. I really should have found something! Have you noticed the sheer number of catalogs has doubled this year? Besides the old standards, you wouldn't believe the number of catalogs I have received, even a soap opera magazine. The clothes companies.... some of the outfits they are making should only be worn in the privacy of your own closet!

Nothing jumped off the pages and yelled, "Hey, here's the perfect gift for you know who."

I remember when my Dad first gave me some money for Christmas shopping. It was so exciting! The lights, gifts, the Christmas music in the background. I took my time, because parting with my money was not easy. I bought my Mother a box of bath powder in a pink box and a large fluffy puff...all for a quarter! I bought my Dad an ashtray, (my Mother sure complained when he left a cigar in it!), games for my brother and embroidered handkerchiefs for my Sunday School teacher. (I wonder if Lila Meador remembers these handkerchiefs?) I will always remember my first shopping spree.

As every Mother knows, it is the homemade labors of love from our children and grandchildren that are most treasured. Some of these items may be hard to find useful. It was probably a wise parent that coined the phrase, "it's the thought that counts."

Even in the midst of our hurried lives we are reminded the whole mean-

ing of Christmas is rooted in Christ's dream of a world in which hope, faith and love would be the motivating forces of which people act. Therefore, we

have the presentation of gifts, the expression of goodwill and prayers for world peace. It is a Christmas tonic we need for jaded spirits.

South Plains College to offer Classes in Floydada

South Plains College courses in government, history and economics will be offered during the spring semester at Floydada High School.

Registration will be at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. weekdays at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, located in the Floydada City Hall at 114 W. Virginia. The office will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1. Late registration will be 5-6:30 p.m. Jan. 8. Classes begin Jan. 13.

SPC courses will be offered in American Government, Functions (Gov. 232-70), which meets 6-9 p.m. Mondays; History of the United States Since 1876 (Hst 232-70), which meets 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, and Principles of Macroeconomics (Eco 231-70) which meets 6-9 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information, contact Angie Lipham, manager at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, 806-983-3434.

TxDOT Recognizes Vaden Hays for 25 Years of Service



HONORED FOR 25 YEARS — Pictured from left are Jack Leeper, Donley County maintenance facility, Clarendon, and Vaden Hays, Matador, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently held their annual service awards banquet at the Childress Auditorium to recognize their employees dedicated service to the traveling public and the state trans-

portation system. Local resident Monty Vaden Hays, Motley County Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, was among those recognized for 25 years service. Hays works out of the Motley County Maintenance facility in Matador.

Thank You

Dear Santa,

I just wanted you to know that I appreciate the early Christmas gift, a lot. God Bless you!

Thank you again,
Sheila

We would like to say thank you to everyone who sent flowers, cards, or made phone calls at the time of the loss of our beloved Donna. A special thank you for your prayers. May God bless you in your time of need.

Larry Dunn and family

We would like to thank everyone for the loving concerns shown to our family during the loss of our loved one. The beautiful cards, the phone calls and visits were all so special. Thank you for the prayers for Ruth and for our family. Matador is still a special place.

Jack McCallie & family
The families of:
Carlene Colwell
Lonnie Lynn
Alvin Lynn
Joyce Morton
Daphene Edwards
Glenda Martin
Gail Noland

NOTE: Ruth McCallie was the former Ruth Lynn. She graduated from high school in 1965. She was preceded in death by one sister, Virginia and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Lynn. This poem was written by her niece Becky Cox of Andrews.

AN ANGEL ON EARTH
Mary Ruth McCallie
Oct. 25, 1946 - Dec. 6, 1996

Beloved Wife, Mother, Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Daughter-in-law, Sister-in-law, Teacher, and Friend.
You can't be many more things in life than she and do it so well.
Anyone who has known her has had a very special blessing in their life. She is loved and respected by all.
She has healed many hearts and touched many souls.
She is a great example for all of us to follow.
I know that if I find half of the love and faith she had I will be lucky. She leaves a lasting impression on all of our lives and a part of her will always be here with us in our hearts.
As always she thought of others before herself.
She fought to hold on to life so that we might have her here as long as we could.
As she goes before us she leaves a loving husband, three proud sons, a beautiful daughter-in-law, an incredibly strong family, faithful students and a wealth of friends.
If she could talk to us today I know she would probably say "Please don't cry but if you do let them be tears of joy for where I am there is no more pain and suffering. There is only happiness and beauty."
When I got here our Heavenly Father met me at the gate, and Mom and Dad stood beside Him.
Just please remember I love you and will always be with you."
So tonight when you look up at the stars they will be shining a little brighter because an Angel on Earth made it to Heaven.
She is walking on streets of gold hand in hand with our Lord and her Mother and Father.
She will always be watching over us from above.
So today we must not say Goodbye, only farewell and that we will love and miss her until we meet again.

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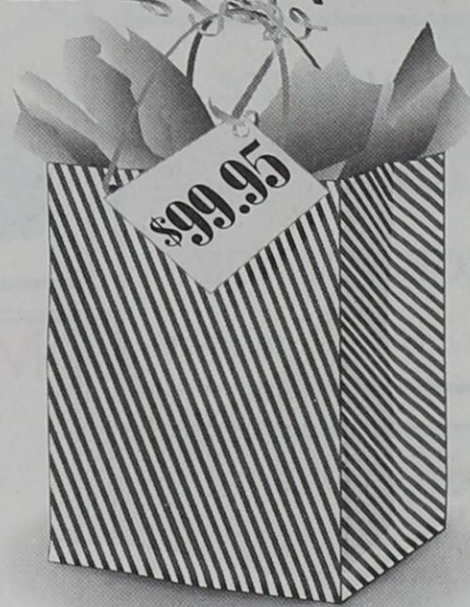
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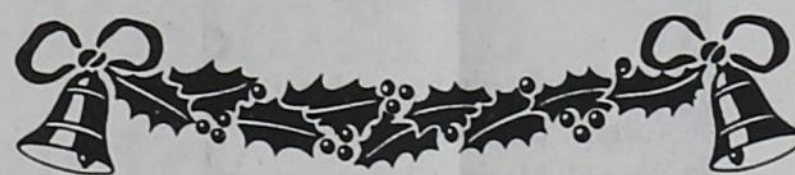
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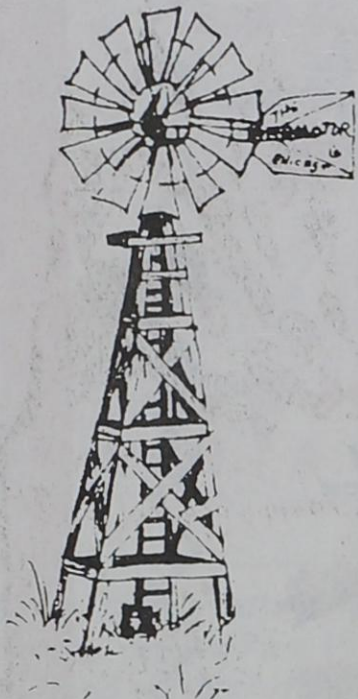
Joy, beauty, inspiration, renewal in the hearts of men. This is the everlasting heritage of the Christmas Season.



THE GREETINGS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE FROM MOTLEY COUNTY BUSINESSES, AND FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FROM NEAR AND FAR. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ EACH ONE, AS THIS SECTION IS ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!

'Tis the Season

May you know the pleasure of holiday giving and the joy of friendship. Merry Christmas and many thanks.



The Windmill

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Merry Christmas

May your holiday be joyous in every way.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Share The Spirit!

Hoping you experience all the love and joy that is Christmas.



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Merry Christmas

We're tuning up to wish all our many customers and friends a Christmas that's perfect in every way!



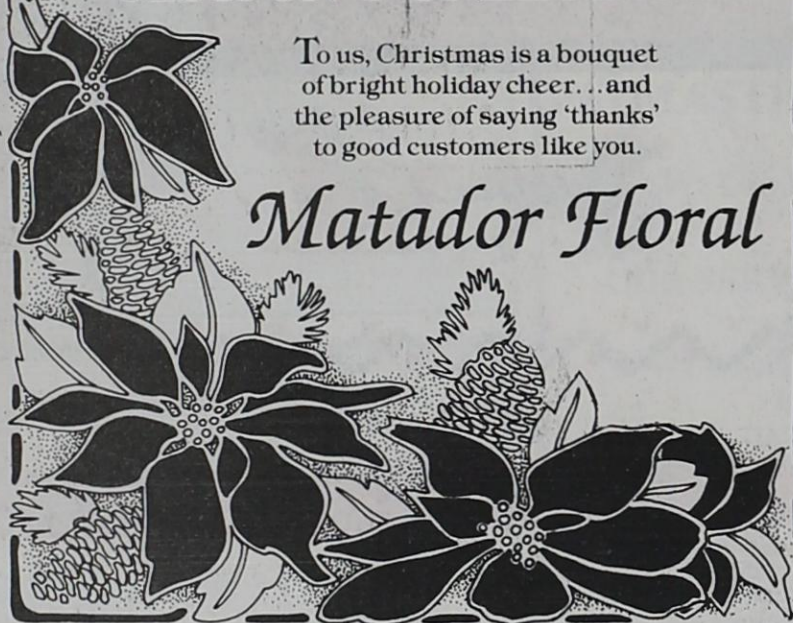
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

To us, Christmas is a bouquet of bright holiday cheer... and the pleasure of saying 'thanks' to good customers like you.

Matador Floral



CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN

May your holiday be filled with the blessings of His faith and love.

Seigler Funeral Home

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In the true spirit of the Christmas season, may goodness and peace prevail for all on this precious Earth.

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Christmas Blessings

Rekindle old friendships; light the way for the new! Merry Christmas!

Country Spice Matador



GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING

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*Joyful
And
Triumphant!*

Christ the King
has arrived to bring
His blessing to us.
His gift has been a
certainty that love
will find us one and all.

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*Capture the Sparkle...
Capture the Joy!*



Happy holidays to all!

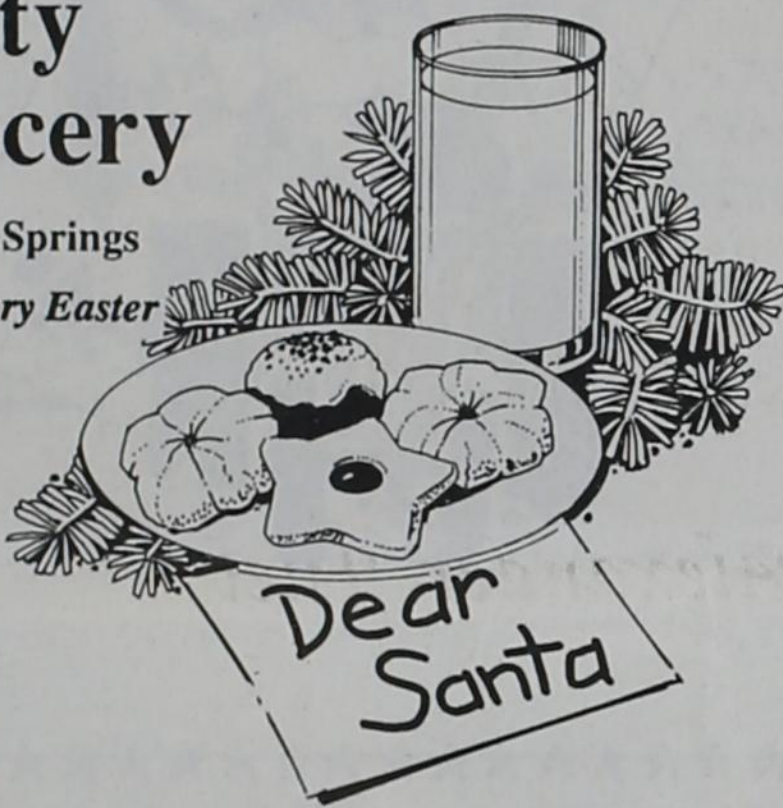
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**In the
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**City
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Roaring Springs
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Hallelujah

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Downtown Matador

It's A Handyman's Holiday Season

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Meredith Construction



*Yuletide
Greetings*

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our customers.*

Vickie's Floral
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**There's Nothing In The
World Like Christmas In
The Country**

And we couldn't be happier than to share it with such wonderful people. To all of you we wish a season filled with warm fires, good friends, and dreams come true.

FLOMOT GIN

Share the Joy!

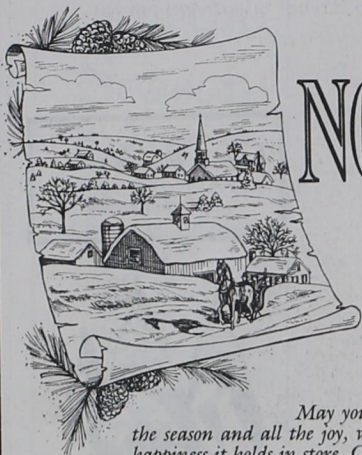
We're happy to supply our warmest Yuletide wishes to you and yours. Many thanks, friends.



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May you experience the season and all the joy, warmth and happiness it holds in store. Our warmest thoughts are with you on this holiday occasion, along with our thanks for your valued business.


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Bill & Barbara Armstrong




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Joy!



Happy Holidays


May Christmas and all the joy it brings be yours throughout the coming year.



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Jolly Christmas Wishes

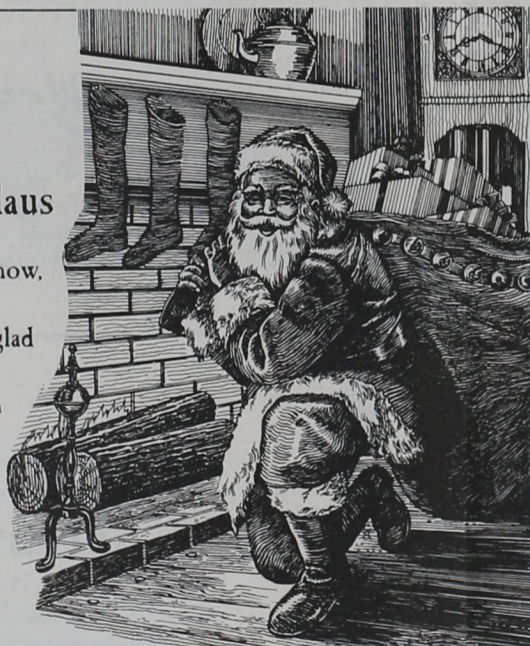
To old friends and new, we happily extend our good thoughts for a season of abounding good cheer and good times.



Tommy's Garage
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Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

"... a thousand years from now, Virginia... He will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."
 — Francis Pharcellus Church



One of the joys of Christmas is expressing our gratitude and appreciation to good friends like you.


Dickens Electric
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Merry Christmas

Old fashioned greetings for a fun and festive season. Thank you one and all!

Matador Thrifty Shop





May you enjoy all the "fruits" of the season, and all the naturally sweet moments that make Christmas the most loved and looked-forward-to holiday of the year. We're so very glad to have you as our customers and friends. Thanks for showing us such loyal support.

Pay-N-Save Grocery
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
 May your season be merry and bright.
Motley County Clerk
 Lucretia Campbell



Joy
 To The World
 Have a beautiful Christmas.
Motley County Judge
 Laverna Price

Your friendship has brightened our lives.
 Have a very, merry Christmas!



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To relatives & friends —
Happy Holidays!
 from Harriett

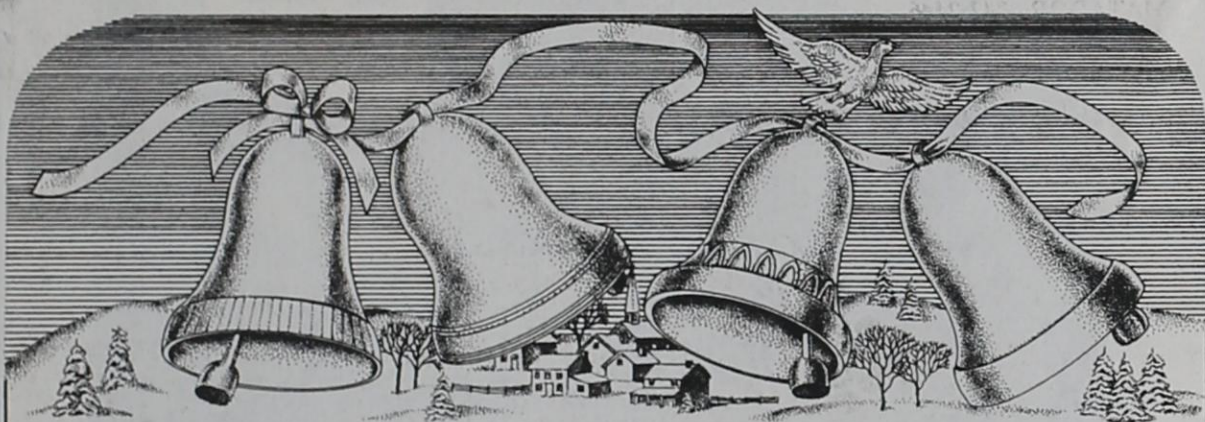


Holiday Dining Delights



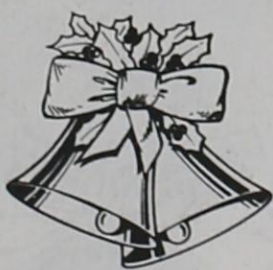
May good fun and good tidings be your specialty of the season.
 Your friendship means a lot.

RS Cafe
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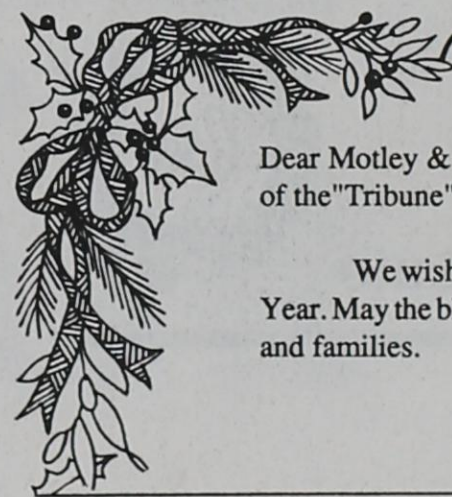
JOYOUS TIDINGS

As the Yuletide bells resound, joy and laughter all around,
 Filling every heart and home with merriment and cheer.
 What better time for us to say, "Thanks to you in every way.
 May this Christmas holiday be the start of a great year."



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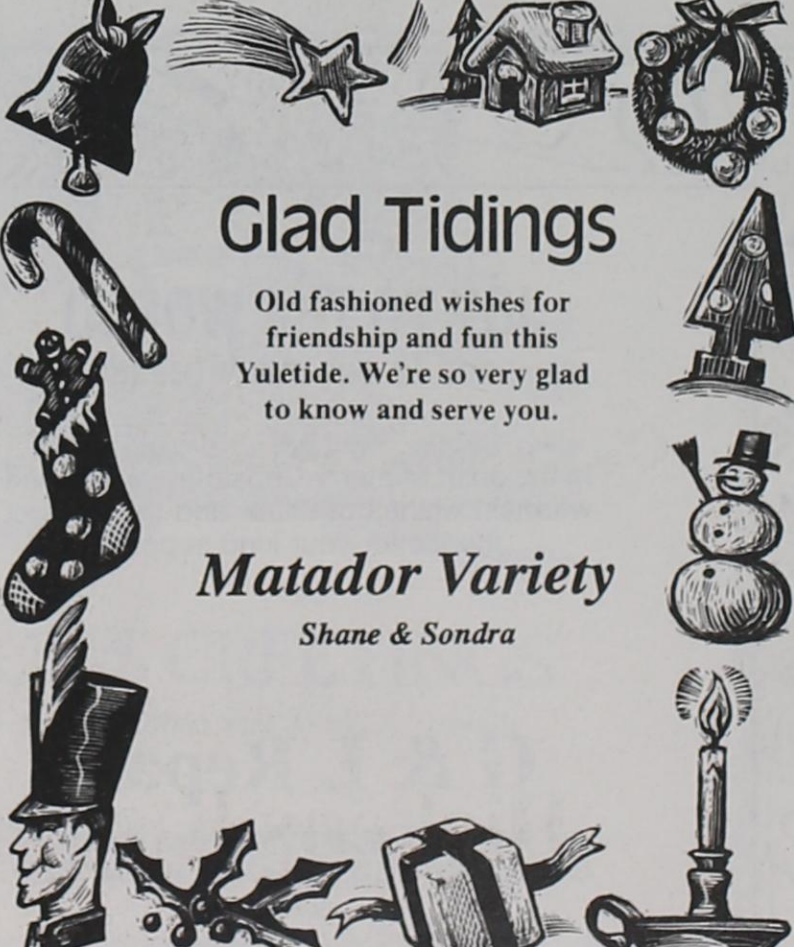
Matador 347-2661



Dear Motley & Dickens County Friends of the "Tribune" area,

We wish for you Health and Joy now and in the New Year. May the blessings from our Savior rest on your homes and families.

Algie & Rita Groves



Glad Tidings
 Old fashioned wishes for friendship and fun this Yuletide. We're so very glad to know and serve you.

Matador Variety
 Shane & Sondra

GLAD TIDINGS to everyone!

Have a fine, fine Christmas and keep the joy a-going
all the year through.
We greatly appreciate your
patronage.



Higginbotham-Bartlett

'Twas the night before Christmas, when
all through the house not a creature
was stirring...not even a mouse...

— Clement Clarke Moore



Many
thanks for
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Roaring Springs

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In the tradition of a festive, feasting season,
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Thanks for your kind patronage.

**Billie Dean's
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Here's hoping your
holidays are fun-
filled and delightful!



Motley County Auto



Hoping your efforts are rewarding and that
your Christmas be blessed with joy.

Motley County Sheriff's Department

Jim Meador - Sheriff

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JOY TO THE WORLD
...and to our many friends!

In the spirit of merry Christmas, we extend
warmest wishes of cheer and thoughts of
thanks for your kind support.

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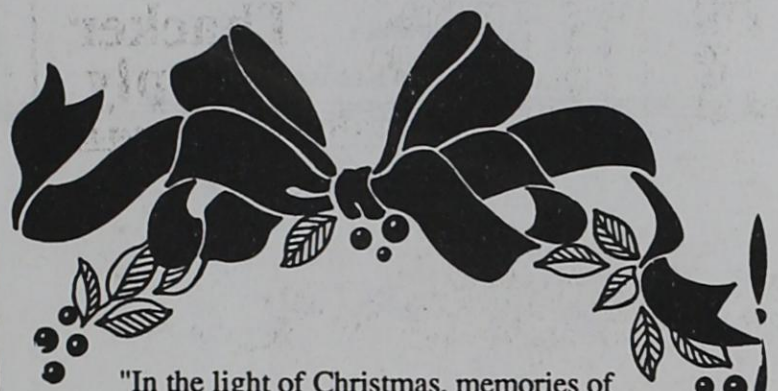
Have a Glittering Holiday

May the gladness and the glory of this magical time abide with you throughout the coming year.



Thacker Jewelry

Downtown Roaring Springs



"In the light of Christmas, memories of families and friends glow with a spiritual splendor that reveals the Heritage of Love."

Trail Dust by Douglas Meador



The Warmth with which you greet me at every return visit "home" makes me appreciate anew my ties to friends and relatives in Motley County.

As one poet expressed it -
"Christmas is remembering"

May you each be surrounded with peace and happiness this special season -

Lila Meador



Joy and Prosperity to All!

May the promise of Christmas come true for you. Many thanks.

Feed Trough Steakhouse

downtown Roaring Springs



It's the perfect opportunity for us to send you all our holiday best... along with our thanks.

Matador Post Office

Freddie Morren
Postmaster

Merry Christmas, Friends

Deck The Halls!

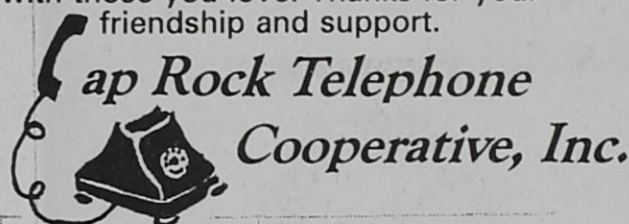
Happiness is... sharing a special holiday with good friends like you.

Matador Implement



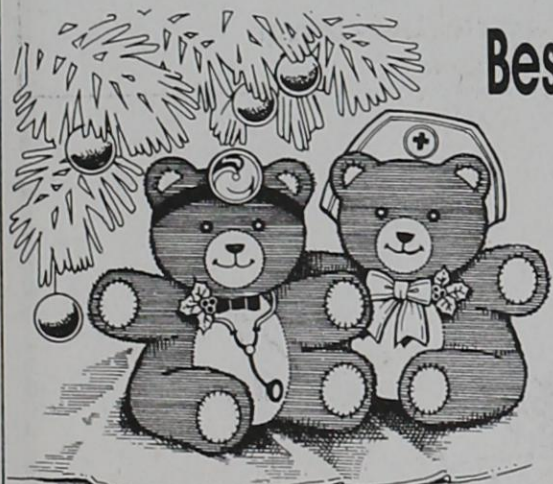
Season's Greetings

It's our pleasure to keep you in touch with those you love. Thanks for your friendship and support.



Merry Christmas!

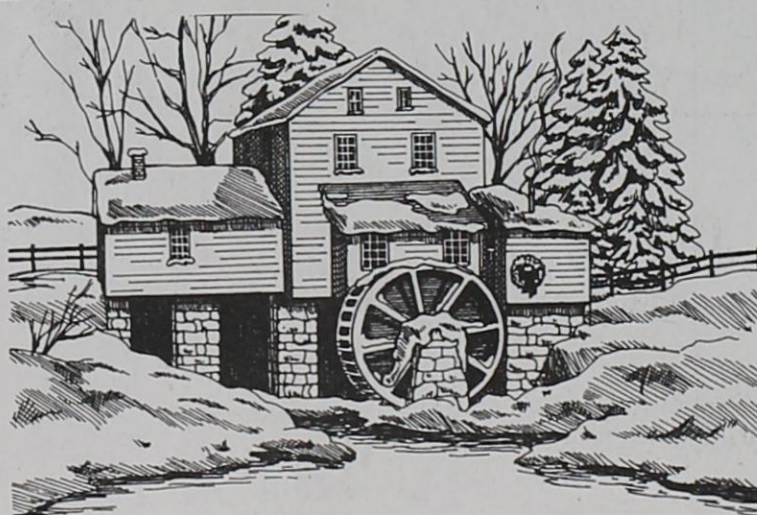
Best Wishes For A Healthy, Happy Holiday



Our entire staff is pleased to be here for all of you.

Motley County Clinic

Matador, Texas



SEASON'S GREETINGS

An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.

Paymaster Gin

Quitague

'Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.'

Isaiah 7:14



MAY YOUR FAITH ABIDE AT CHRISTMASTIDE AND THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR.

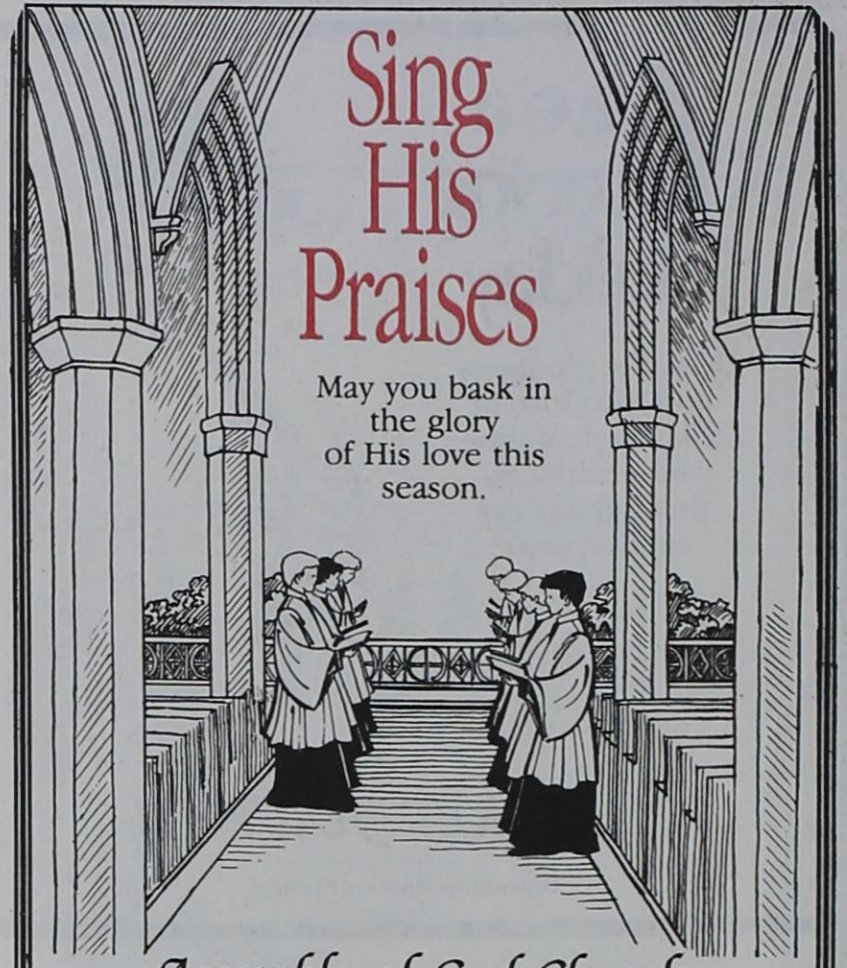
First Baptist Church

Roaring Springs

Rev. Don Jones

Sing His Praises

May you bask in the glory of His love this season.



Assembly of God Church

Matador

Rev. Rex Kreusel



The Angels Sing

We wish everyone a Christmas holiday of peace and harmony.

The celebration of His birth and the spirit of giving make Christmas the most special time of the year.

First Baptist Church

Matador

Rev. Felton Gilmore



Blessings Of The Season

May the warmth of his everlasting love inspire you during this happy, holy season, as you experience a peaceful, joy-filled Christmas.

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Rev. Rickey Lawrence

To our brothers and sisters in Christ ... we send the message this Christmas that all our hearts be reborn and our love be rekindled.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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REJOICE



To one and all go our hopes for peace on earth and joy in your hearts.

First United Methodist Church

Roaring Springs

PAX



The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

— Edmund Hamilton Sears

First United Methodist Church

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Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven and glory in the highest. (Luke 19:38)

With song and prayer we celebrate His birth. And with joy in our hearts we give thanks to all of you for your kind support.

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